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Businesses build and expand in City

Despite a stagnant national business economy, businesses continue to choose Centerville to build and expand. Costco, the first tenant of Cornerstone of Centerville, held its grand opening Nov. 13,



Costco Wholesale held its official grand opening on November 13. Mayor Mark Kingseed helps cut the ribbon.

with thousands of shoppers attending the festivities. The membership warehouse club, located at Wilmington Pike and Feedwire Road, also features a fuel center. The store is expected to employ 200 people and be a catalyst for additional development. Oberer Development has already announced two restaurants to be under construction soon: Chick-fil-A and Milano's, in addition to other businesses currently in talks to locate there. In anticipation of increased traffic, Feedwire Road is being widened, and Wilmington Pike *Businesses continued on page 3.*

Centerville to offer Mayor's Court

Beginning in March 2015, Centerville will offer a Mayor's Court to hear cases involving violations of local ordinances, traffic laws and minor misdemeanors. Centerville will hold court sessions at 155 W. Spring Valley Road. In the past, these services have been provided by the Kettering Municipal Court. However, a 2012 feasibility study showed that hosting a mayor's court would save Centerville tax dollars and be more efficient and convenient for its residents.

Defendants will have the ability to appeal decisions from the Mayor's Court to a Municipal Court and request jury trials at a Municipal Court. Kettering Municipal Court will also continue to hear cases such as domestic violence and assault and protection orders.

Last year, the Centerville Police Department sent more than 3,600 violations to the Kettering Court. Of those, 64 percent of the cases waived the option for a court appearance.

Centerville is in the process of hiring a full-time clerk of courts. A part-time assistant along with contractual employees such as a prosecutor and bailiff will also be added to the staff. Even with those expenses, Finance Director Dr. Steven Hinshaw estimates the annual cost savings will be \$100,000. Mayor's courts are not a "court of record," therefore proceedings are not recorded. Centerville joins several other area communities that already have mayor's courts including West Carrollton, Springboro and Moraine.

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Warmest wishes
for a **healthy & happy**
holiday season

DISPLAY *your best* for the HOLIDAYS

DEADLINE TO NOMINATE A DISPLAY IS DEC. 8

City Beautiful Commission members are traveling Centerville roadways looking for festive holiday decorations. One winner will be recognized in each of their seven zones along with one Community Pride (commercial, business or multi-family complex) recipient. Commission members look for holiday displays that are visible from the road. It could be the big 'WOW!' factor with lots of lights or a simple, yet elegant display that captures the spirit of the season. To nominate a display, call City offices, 433-7151, by December 8. Every home nominated will be reviewed by a commission member.

New business welcome

A warm and cheerful Centerville welcome to these businesses that have applied for occupancy permits since September 1:

Sweet P's

(Cross Pointe Ctr.)
175 E. Alex-Bell Road, Suite 224

Fine Arts Gallery

(Cross Pointe Ctr.)
101 E. Alex-Bell Road, Suite 156

Zounds

1001 S. Main St.

Mark Ryan Group

24 E. Franklin St.

Lynn Dehart Family Solutions

98A E. Franklin St.

Premier Plastic Surgeons

2300 Miami Valley Drive, Suite 380

Longtime Yankee Trace employee to retire

Steve Shaw, food service director at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace, is retiring Dec.31, after 20 years in that position. When Shaw was hired in 1994, the clubhouse at Yankee Trace was under construction, but the kitchen had yet to be designed. Under his leadership and utilizing his then more than 20 years of restaurant experience, he planned the layout of the food service operations. It's rare for someone in the restaurant business to stay at the same location for 20 years, but Shaw says when he accepted the position at Yankee Trace, he immediately took ownership of the City facility. He is responsible for the daily operations of the kitchen, restaurant, banquets, concessions and any events that occur at the clubhouse. He also writes and designs the menus and has set up computer programming for inventory and purchasing. "Steve is a unique talent," says City Manager Greg Horn. "He can do everything from developing recipes to building repair to creating ice sculptures. We wish him all the best. He will be missed."



Steve Shaw

Originally from Madison, Wis., a job with a hotel chain brought him to the Dayton area. He later was hired as executive chef at Sycamore Creek Country Club in Springboro before taking the position at Yankee Trace.

Steve and his wife Janet, a retired executive assistant, have four children and three grandchildren. The Shaws intend to spend winters in Florida, but keep their Middletown home, as he is active as a guitarist in his church band. Shaw says he'll keep busy with at least two hobbies: woodworking and cooking. After 42 years in the restaurant business, he still enjoys preparing a home-cooked meal.



2015 Golf Outings: Great prices, exceptional service

The Golf Club at Yankee Trace is the perfect venue to host a golf tournament or outing. We specialize in fundraisers, corporate events and traveling groups. All of your guests will receive 18 or 9 holes of championship golf, practice balls, prize fund and attention to detail for a successful and memorable event. **Special offer:** reserve a 2015 golf outing for at least 100 golfers, select the "Presidential Package" and receive a Complimentary Annual Membership at Yankee Trace. See the golf professionals for more details.

Volunteer at Yankee Trace

Yankee Trace is consistently named a top course in the region by local newspapers. This achievement is in large part because of the dedication of our volunteer staff. This unique program includes greeters, player assistants, shuttle drivers and on-course beautification. Benefits include complimentary golf, range balls and merchandise discounts. Applications are now available for the 2015 season. Call 438-GOLF for program details.

City prepared for snowfall, road salt is limited

The statewide shortage of road salt available for the winter season has been in the news over the past months. While many neighboring communities did not receive a bid for salt, Centerville did receive a bid to purchase. However, when delivered, the salt shipment was a reduced tonnage amount that came at a significantly higher price than last year—in fact, almost double. What that means is that while Centerville crews will continue to provide quality services, we'll also look for smarter ways to efficiently use the salt we have—without compromising safety. When the forecast predicts an impending weather event, crews will mobilize into action with the following plan:

Pre-treatment: Roads are pre-treated with brine, a salt water solution, to reduce the slick spots that form early. When placed on bare pavement ahead of a forecasted event, brine acts as a barrier between the road and the frozen precipitation and can alleviate plowing and/or salting needs in small storms, which can be events with less than one inch of snow. Centerville's plow trucks have tanks that carry brine and/or brine/Beet Heet combination that is sprayed on the rock salt as it leaves the bed of the truck and enters the spreader. Brine helps the salt melt faster, thereby improving roadway conditions more quickly. Brine/Beet Heet combinations are used when temperatures fall below 25 degrees. For events greater than one inch, plowing will be done with pre-wetted salt, used sparingly.

Plowing procedures: Centerville is divided into six areas. During a winter storm event where snow and/or ice are accumulating on roadways, trucks outfitted with plow blades and salt spreaders are dispatched to each of the areas.

- Priority streets—major roadways, hills, bridges and emergency routes—are cleared first.
- Collector streets within each area are the second priority. Once first and second priority streets are clear, crews begin clearing residential streets in each area. However, as long as it's still snowing, crews must focus on priority streets.
- Residential streets: While clearing residential areas, crews make one pass in and one pass out to provide for two-way traffic. After first and second priority roads are completely clear, crews will make a second pass through residential neighborhoods to clear streets more thoroughly. Depending on the severity of the storm, crews may leave residential areas at any time to concentrate on priority roadways. After this initial pass-through, it may be a day or longer before the crews get back to clear residential streets curb to curb.

Residents can help expedite snow and ice removal:

- Remove parked vehicles from the streets to avoid being plowed in.
- Pile snow on the left side of your driveway (facing your house from the street). This will lessen the amount of snow City crews deposit as they can't avoid plowing snow across drive approaches.
- Don't plow snow from driveways onto public streets. This hampers the efforts of Public Works crews.

Sidewalks: Centerville's Municipal Code requires property owners clear snow and ice accumulations from sidewalks "within a reasonable time, which will ordinarily not exceed 12 hours." Residents who live downtown or where children walk to and from school are asked to make special effort to clear sidewalks as soon as practical. City crews remove snow from sidewalks across City-owned properties and at gazebo bus stops.

For assistance with snow removal, call the City, 433-7151, for a snow removal resource list, including volunteers. For more information call Public Works, 428-4782.

(Businesses continued from page 1) is set for widening in the spring. (See story, page 11.)

Randall Residence, a lifestyle community, at Sheehan, Social Row and Paragon roads is set to break ground in the spring. Planned for the southern part of the 65-acre tract, the senior living development will have a similar look to the homes at Yankee Trace. The 35-acre campus will feature assisted living, independent living and a memory center, along with more than 20 four-unit patio homes.

A Montessori school development project is proposed for the west side of Wilmington Pike, just south of the Cheltenham neighborhood.

A medical building is under construction at Clio and Alex-Bell roads. This is the final phase of the Creekside Commons development. (See a list of new businesses, page 2.)

City looking for volunteers to clear snow for elderly

The City of Centerville maintains a list of individuals, groups and organizations willing to volunteer to assist elderly and disabled Centerville residents with snow removal. The City also maintains a list of individuals and companies that perform snow removal for a fee. "There are many older or disabled residents who are unable to shovel their walks," says Greg Horn, Centerville city manager. "Some residents can afford to pay for the service, but often do not know whom they can call. Others may not be able to afford the service, especially if it is an unusually bad winter."

Once residents receive the resource list from the City, it is their responsibility to make the necessary arrangements. To volunteer, list a business or receive the resource list, call City Offices, 433-7151.



Centerville supports green efforts with charging stations

Centerville's two public "level two" electric-vehicle charging stations are helping drivers save on gas. The stations are conveniently located at the Centerville Municipal Building, 100 W. Spring Valley Road, and in the downtown public parking area, off of W. Franklin Street. Although charge times vary, level two stations can fully charge a battery in as little as four hours. There is an introductory fee of \$.50 per hour and both stations accept credit cards. Each charging unit can accommodate one vehicle and customers can choose the length of charge time. The stations are available 24 hours a day.

Council passes ordinance against feeding stray cats

Because of resident concerns about the growing number of cats roaming Centerville neighborhoods and the public nuisance issues created by colonies of strays, in August the City Council passed an ordinance that bans unattended feeding of stray cats. The ordinance also requires that a resident who continues to feed a stray cat becomes responsible for it, thereby taking ownership. The cat cannot remain an animal-at-large. Allowing cats to roam at-large can create a public nuisance for humans, and it's dangerous for the cats, which can become injured, ill, or worse.

According to the Humane Society of Greater Dayton, one female cat and her offspring can be responsible for the birth of 4,200 kittens over a seven-year period. Help control roaming cats by not leaving cat food outside unattended—it will attract other animals. If you choose to feed a cat, be responsible for its care and well-being. Residents found leaving unattended food for stray cats may be cited.

Keep your cat indoors if it hasn't been spayed/neutered. To safely catch a stray cat, use a live trap. Live traps are available at no charge from the Public Works Center, 7970 S. Suburban Road. There is a \$25 deposit for the trap. Contact SICSA about its cat foster program or the Humane Society of Greater Dayton about its cat intake facility. Both organizations accept stray cats on a very limited basis and require a monetary donation, so call first. Contact SICSA, 294-6505, sicsa.org or HumaneSocietyDayton.org, 268-7387. For information about the feeding ban, call the City, 433-7151.



Pick up seasonal items at FARMERS MARKET

Bring your holiday shopping list to the final Winter Farmers Market Thursday, Dec. 18. Market hours are 2–5 p.m. Vendors will have just what you need for holiday meal preparations including one-of-a-kind gift baskets. Located near the intersection of St. Rt. 48 and Spring Valley Road, there's plenty of free parking. Pre-order fresh, locally raised turkeys and other meats from the vendors' list available at centervillefarmersmarket.com. Following this event, the market will close and open again in May.



Centerville Council sets neighborhood meeting date

In its ongoing effort to keep Centerville residents involved in their community, Centerville City Council is sponsoring a series of Neighborhood Meetings over the next year. The meetings serve as a forum for residents to ask questions or voice concerns about issues specific to their neighborhood. All residents, homeowners, renters, landlords and business owners and managers are encouraged to attend. City Council and City staff will be present to provide information and answer questions.

The next meeting will be held 7 p.m. March 23 at Miami Valley Hospital South for residents living north of E. Alex-Bell and east of St. Rt. 48 to Wilmington Pike and includes the Chardonay Valley, Steeple Chase, Hillside Court, Cedar Cove, Tifton Green, Greenbrier, Estates of Willow Creek, Villages of Willow Creek, The Woods, Lexington Meadows, Thomas Paine Condos, Cheltenham, Walnut Creek and Nestle Creek neighborhoods. No registration is needed.

The first meeting was held in October at Bethany Village for residents north of I-675 and east of St. Rt. 48. Almost 50 residents heard updates from Mayor Kingseed, City Manager Greg Horn and Council along with short presentations from the Police, Fire and Public Works departments. Following, Council and staff answered questions.

According to Mayor Kingseed, Neighborhood Meetings offer another way for City Council to meet with residents and provide information about Centerville programs and services. "We want to show our residents that local government is accessible and that their City is here to assist all citizens with questions or concerns." For more information, call Centerville Municipal Offices, 433-7151, or visit centervilleohio.gov.

Dead trees should be removed

Personal safety and property at risk

The City has been aggressive in combatting emerald ash borer (EAB), in both treating afflicted trees and removing them. City crews have already removed more than 1,000 ash trees from Stubbs Park and The Golf Club at Yankee Trace. The ash trees are being replaced with a variety of other trees. Almost 50 ash trees within the City are being treated for EAB and responding well. However, it is expected that all ash trees will eventually succumb to the disease. Decaying and dead trees create a dangerous situation as limbs may fall, injuring persons or property. The City will continue to monitor and remove ash trees, along with any other trees that are dead, as needed.

For personal and property safety, property owners are also responsible to remove dead trees and trim low-hanging tree branches. Centerville Property Maintenance Code Section 302.16 requires all trees which are dead, afflicted with decay, disease or otherwise considered dangerous to persons or property be removed or appropriately treated. Property owners not complying with this ordinance may be cited. If a dead tree falls on your house, your insurance company may not pay the claim. Municipal Code Section 1028 requires owners to trim trees to a clear height of 13 1/2 feet between the lowest branches and the street. For more information, contact City Offices, 433-7151.

Enjoy a walk with your dog

Keep Fido on a leash and bring a scooper

Dog walking can be an enjoyable experience for both you and your pet. Before you and Fido hit the neighborhood, the City reminds you that Centerville's law requires owners keep their dogs under control. Specifically, dogs should be on a leash when walked and in a fenced yard or other enclosure when at your home. They should not run at large in the road or in a yard without the homeowner's consent.

Carry a scooper and bag while on your walk to clean up after your dog. If it's your dog, it's your responsibility to scoop the neighbor's yard.

The Centerville Washington Park District has an off-leash dog park located at Oak Grove Park on Social Row Road. For more information, visit cwpd.org or call 433-5155.

For more information about Centerville City Ordinance 618.01, commonly known as the "leash law", go to centervilleohio.gov, click on Municipal Code under Quick Links.



Ohio law requires that dogs older than three months be licensed. Residents may purchase a 2015

Montgomery County dog license Dec. 1 through Jan. 31 at the Centerville Municipal Building, 100 W. Spring Valley Road. Spayed and neutered dog licenses are \$20, unaltered dog licenses are \$24. If you purchased tags last year, the county will mail the registration renewal to your home. Multi-year licenses are available only through the Montgomery County Auditor's Office. More information is available at 225-4314 or mcohio.org.

Reduce, Reuse and Recycle

Make it a goal to increase the amount of recycling items you put out each week. Many household items are made from recycled materials and many more items are now able to be recycled. Place your items in a container and label it with the orange recycling sticker available at the Public Works Center or City building. Rinse all containers and remove caps and lids from recyclable items. There's no additional charge for recycling, and it's just a little more effort to have two containers.

Centerville trucks will pick up these items for recycling:

- ▶ Beverage and food cans: including aluminum and bi-metal beverage cans, steel soup and food cans, aerosol cans
- ▶ Glass: bottles and jars
- ▶ Plastics: containers with the recycle logo and the number 1, 2 or 6 on the bottom
- ▶ Gable-top cartons, drink and juice boxes
- ▶ Paper: including newspapers, junk mail and magazines
- ▶ Cardboard: broken down and nested together

For a complete list visit centervilleohio.gov or call 428-4782.



Recycle trees and boxes

During the holiday season, waste collection and recyclables tend to be heavier than normal. Gift boxes, wrapping paper and cardboard packaging are all recyclable. Centerville trucks will pick up an unlimited amount of recyclable material. Your recycling container should be clearly marked and placed on the opposite side of the drive from your refuse container. This helps the driver readily identify refuse from recyclables.

Live Christmas trees will be collected through January 8. Remove all lights and ornaments before placing your tree at the curb. City crews will collect them in a separate truck. Christmas trees are chipped and turned into mulch for use on City properties. For more information on recycling visit centervilleohio.gov. For questions about waste collection, contact Public Works, 428-4782 or publicworks@centervilleohio.gov.

City has YouTube channel

Check out our latest videos, calendar of events and programming on the City of Centerville's YouTube channel. Accessible on the Centerville website front page, centervilleohio.gov, you may also search City of Centerville, Ohio on YouTube. The channel features City programs including "Centerville Reports Today," "Centerville Business Today" and "Let's Talk, Centerville" along with special event programming.

Get the news before it's delivered

Receive the Town Crier electronically. To sign up, go to centervilleohio.gov, look under Quick Links, then click Town Crier or call 433-7151. Each quarter, the publication will be sent automatically to your email in-box—at least ten days before it is delivered to your mailbox. Electronic delivery not only gets you the news earlier; it also reduces the City's paper consumption, as well as printing and mailing costs.



Homeowners recognized for green thumbs

During the summer months, City Beautiful Commission members, a Centerville volunteer board, recognized homes showcasing outstanding front yard appearances, including landscaping, decorating and exterior maintenance. These homeowners were recognized for August and September.



Far left: Micheline John of Hollowview Trail received an award in August. Left: The Corrs' home on Clareridge Lane was recognized in September.



The Mayor's Award is given to residents who have won a City Beautiful award more than three times. Congratulations to Bob and Jan Pangburn, 1325 Brainard Woods Drive (on left), who have been honored six times and accepted the Mayor's Award at the October Council meeting.

AUGUST

Micheline John
6582 Hollowview Trail

Jody and Jim McGrath
1296 Fernshire Drive

Sandee and Mike Kline
7415 Forest Creek Drive

Chris Gibson
65 Virginia Avenue

Julia Wheeler
7375 Whitetail Trail

Suzanne and Jim Finke
9753 Rose Arbor Drive

Kim and Dale Gemin
625 Yankee Trace Drive

SEPTEMBER

Wajiha Deek
6886 Late Autumn Court

Vivian and Earl Morris
725 East Whipp Road

Karen and Bob Collins
8289 Rhine Way

Theresa and David Corr
300 Clareridge Lane

Beverly Cole
170 Laurel Oak Drive

Stevie and Robert Hammons
9712 Stonerock Court

Diane and Terence Torbeck
1221 Club View Drive

COMMUNITY PRIDE AWARDS

Ashton Glen Luxury Apartments, 506 Stonington Circle
Cross Pointe Center, Far Hills and Alex-Bell Road



See your photos here

We're looking for photos of our favorite city... Centerville. Submit your pictures of our landscapes, parks, buildings, neighborhoods, and more. Selected photos will

appear on the City website centervilleohio.gov, our Facebook pages and in this publication, the Town Crier. Send photos along with your contact information to information@centervilleohio.gov or call 433-7151.

...as lovely as a tree

The City Beautiful Commission's spring education seminar is set for Sat., March 14, 2015. The speaker will present information on trees, the bugs that threaten them and ideas for recommended replacement trees. Stay tuned to the City's website, centervilleohio.gov, for more details.

Americana Festival looking for volunteers

The Centerville Washington Township Americana Festival is looking for volunteers to help plan the daylong celebration held July 4, 2015. This nationally recognized event and hometown tradition welcomes more than 75,000 people to our community. Volunteers are needed for all areas of the festival. Contact the Americana Festival, 433-5898, visit americanafestival.org for more information.



10 AM-2 PM
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 & 14
AT THE GOLF CLUB AT YANKEE TRACE

Santa Claus visits 11a.m.-1p.m.
Reservations strongly recommended
Adults \$18.95 / 12 and under \$8.95
438-3585 or yankeetrace.org



YANKEE TRACE RESTAURANT HOURS THROUGH DECEMBER 31

LUNCH
MONDAY - FRIDAY: 11 AM-2 PM
SUNDAY BRUNCH: 10 AM-2 PM
COUNTER SERVICE AVAILABLE AFTER 2 PM
AS WEATHER PERMITS.

JANUARY 1 THROUGH APRIL 1

LUNCH
TUESDAY - FRIDAY: 11 AM-2 PM
SUNDAY BRUNCH: 10 AM-2 PM

DINNER
FRIDAY FISH FRY: 5-9 PM, STARTING JANUARY 9

BENHAM'S GROVE



A perfect choice for winter events

December is the perfect month to host an event at Benham's Grove. Twinkling lights, gorgeous holiday decorations and cozy fires are just a few reasons to hold your party there. Throughout the year, this community gathering place is a great venue for business getaways, celebrations and gatherings. For information call 433-1913 or visit benhamsgrove.com.



The Gerber House is beautifully decorated for the holidays.

Friends of Benham's Grove to celebrate 20th anniversary

The Friends of Benham's Grove celebrates its 20th anniversary in 2015. Established in April 1995, the organization's goals are to promote and preserve the gardens and grounds of Benham's Grove and to develop special projects that support the community gathering place.

At the annual meeting in October, the all-volunteer board elected the following officers: President, Sherry Leighty; Vice-President, Sandi Rachal; Recording Secretary, Jan Prettyman; Treasurer, Cate Renner; and Corresponding Secretary, Patricia Fleissner.

The Friends are planning several special events to celebrate this platinum anniversary including a garden tour. New members are welcome. For more information email benhamsgrove@benhamsgrove.com or call Benham's Grove, 433-1913.



Friends of Benham's Grove member Mary Higgins talks about container gardens.

Centerville Community Band to play holiday concert



The Centerville Community Band plays its Christmas Concert at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 17 at Magsig Middle School on W. Franklin Street. You'll hear all of your holiday favorites. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information about this all-volunteer organization, visit centervilleohio.gov/ccb.

Library to host public meeting for Woodbourne site

The Washington-Centerville Public Library Board of Trustees selected LWC Incorporated to create the master architectural site plan for an expanded Woodbourne Library. Along with input from local citizens and library staff, LWC Inc. will provide guidance on how best to merge three adjacent library-owned properties into a single library 'campus'. Citizens are invited to a public meeting with the architect to give input and review master plan concepts, 5-6 p.m. January 7 at Woodbourne Library. The Library purchased the McDonald's property at 6004 Far Hills Avenue in November 2013. This land, along with the Library Cataloging Center and Woodbourne Library at 6010 and 6060 Far Hills Avenue respectively are the properties to be merged into a single-site plan. A one-way rear driveway to connect the Woodbourne Library parking lot to nearby North Village Drive is under construction and that project, along with additional parking, are part of the master site plan. For more information call 433-8091 or visit wclibrary.info.

TO DO IN 2015: JOIN HITHERGREEN CENTER

Hithergreen Center offers older residents opportunities for their "To Do" lists.

- ✓ Improve your health and fitness: Aerobics and dance classes, health screenings and seminars, plus a well-equipped fitness room are just a few examples of the many choices at Hithergreen.
- ✓ Expand your knowledge or develop your creativity: The center offers history and technology classes; discussion and writing groups, painting and handcrafted art sessions, to name a few.
- ✓ Have fun with friends: Entertainment, meals, games and trips are all part of the Hithergreen experience.

Annual membership dues paid by Dec. 31, 2014 are \$50 for residents of Centerville and Washington Township and \$75 for non-residents. After that, dues increase to \$60/\$90. Membership will cover all of 2015, first at the center's current location, 5900 Hithergreen Drive, and then at its new location at Rec West, 965 Miamisburg Centerville Road. Visit Hithergreen.org or call 435-2415.



Cecilia Brendel will be the featured artist at Art at the Trace. Her work will also be the featured exhibit at the Centerville Art Gallery, 155 W. Spring Valley Road, in January.

Art at the Trace returns February 7

Celebrate the arts at the 10th annual Art at the Trace, 6–9 p.m. Saturday, February 7, at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace, 10000 Yankee Street. Sponsored by the Centerville Arts Commission, local artists offer a selection of work on display and available for purchase. The event's featured artist is Cecilia Brendel. Enjoy art, live music and hors d'oeuvres. Visit centervilleohio.gov after the first of the year for further details.



"Pearl" by photographer Lloyd Greene

Photographer's work to be featured at Art Gallery

Local photographer Lloyd Greene's work will be featured at the Centerville Art Gallery during the month of February. A fine art photographer, his work includes themes such as social justice, Dayton Diners, abstracts and architecture. "My goal as a photographer is to provide a backdrop or partially finished fantasy," he says. "I want the viewer to be able to jump in the photograph and be part of it." Green's work has been accepted into art exhibitions in 17 states.

The Centerville Arts Commission coordinates the Art Gallery, located at the Centerville Police Department, 155 W. Spring Valley Road. Staffed 24 hours a day, exhibits are free and open to the public.

WINNING PHOTOS ON EXHIBIT

More than 20 photographs were recognized with awards in the seventh annual Beyond Point & Shoot digital photo contest, sponsored by the Centerville Arts Commission and the Washington-Centerville Public Library. Photographers Jerry Huffman, Gary Kunze, and Ed Ponikwia judged more than 200 submitted photos. The winning photographs are on exhibit through December 31 in the Art Gallery at the Centerville Police Department, 155 W. Spring Valley Road. The Gallery is open 24 hours a day and open to the public. View the winning photos at wclibrary.info/photocontest/winners_2014.asp

People's Choice

Winner: Mike Stahl, Last Snow

Adult Winners

Local Landmark Winner: Susan Willin, Before the Bloom
Local Landmark Runner Up: David Braughler, Historic Centerville
People Winner: Ajay Jindal, Yoga Couple
People Runner Up: Alana Brenner, Pure Joy
Places Winner: Ken McDowell, Blue Man
Places Runner Up: Deepika Reddivari, Reflections
Nature Winner: David Braughler, Where the Earth Meets the Sky
Nature Runner Up (TIE): Gail Larvenz, Slugs Are Beautiful!
Nature Runner Up (TIE): Deepika Reddivari, Hall of the Gods
B&W/Artistic Winner: Susan Willin, Air Force One
B&W/Artistic Runner Up: Jeffrey Hazlett, Lightning Strike

Youth Winners

Local Landmark Winner: Ryan Braughler, Centerville at Night
Local Landmark Runner Up: Megan Kujawa, Water Buckets
People Winner: McKenna Myers, Up in a Tree
People Runner Up: Ryan Braughler, Patience
Places Winner: Rupal Jindal, Eye Spy London
Places Runner Up: Andrew Blankenship, Peter's Cartridge Company
Nature Winner: Ryan Braughler, Mother Duck
Nature Runner Up: Andrew Blankenship, Burst of Light
B&W/Artistic Winner (TIE): Ryan Braughler, Horseshoe Falls
B&W/Artistic Winner (TIE): McKenna Myers, Narnia
B&W/Artistic Runner Up: Andrew Blankenship, Poverty & Destruction



Top: Ryan Braughler's photo, "Centerville at Night" was a top Youth winner; Above: David Braughler's photo, "Historic Centerville" received a Runner Up award

Heart of Centerville accepting members

The Heart of Centerville is a group of local businesses working together to do great things for the Centerville-Washington Township area. Members include a variety of retail and other business owners and managers who believe in supporting and giving back to the local community. Heart of Centerville members remind shoppers that by supporting local businesses you help ensure that your monies and tax dollars stay here, where they will do the most good for our community. Visit heartofcenterville.com for more information.



Arts Commission looking for sponsors

Free Sunday concerts welcome thousands to park

Last year, the Summer Concert Series welcomed almost 11,000 people to Stubbs Park. The Arts Commission is offering individuals and businesses the opportunity to provide sponsorship support for this series. The 2015 schedule will have a great mix of oldies, classical, big band, country, Motown and rock. For sponsorship information call the City of Centerville, 433-7151, or download a sponsorship application at centervilleohio.gov.

Centerville-Washington Foundation selects six organizations for grant awards

The Centerville-Washington Foundation celebrated a record year for the number of grant applications received and grants awarded. This fall, the foundation approved grants for six community organizations, totaling \$4,500, and awarded \$5,500 to four organizations last spring. The total of \$10,000 in grants is a record for the community foundation founded in 1998.

According to Judy Budi, grants committee chair, the foundation reached out to non-profits to make them aware of the grant programs. In the fall cycle, 14 grants were received, with six grants awarded:

- ▶ **\$1,000** to Friends of the Castle for transportation costs for the drop-in center serving diagnosed seriously mentally ill, disabled adults
- ▶ **\$1,000** to the Centerville Police Department for a new patrol bicycle to replace aging/obsolete equipment
- ▶ **\$750** to the Miami Valley Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association to serve local families affected by dementia
- ▶ **\$750** to the Americana Festival to develop a marketing plan
- ▶ **\$500** to Christ the King Lutheran Church to introduce the Hope4Us (Hopeful Outcomes through Prayerful Engagements) project to focus on mental illness disorders in the community
- ▶ **\$500** to the Centerville-Washington Park District to help bring Little Free Libraries, whose motto is "take a book, leave a book," to community parks and libraries

The foundation reviews grant applications two times per year. Deadline for submitting grant applications for the spring cycle is March 1. Grant applications are at centervillewashingtonfoundation.org.

Selma, Alabama's first black mayor to speak at MLK Breakfast

The first black mayor of Selma, Ala.—site of the civil rights march that turned into "Bloody Sunday"—will speak at the Centerville-Washington Diversity Council's 15th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. breakfast Monday, Jan. 19 at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace.



James Perkins, Jr.

James Perkins, Jr. was a 12-year-old participant in the 1965 march known as "Bloody Sunday" when state and local police attacked 600 marchers protesting the death of voting rights activist Jimmie Lee Jackson and the exclusion of blacks from the electoral process. It was the first of three marches that led to the passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, a landmark achievement of the Civil Rights Movement.

Perkins was elected mayor of Selma in 2000, marking a turning point in the city's history of racism, and served two terms.

The breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. Tickets are \$15 and a table can be reserved for \$150. Reservations may be made at cwtdiversity.org or by calling 428-5669.

The mission of the Diversity Council is to bring together governments, schools, businesses, media, faith and ethnic communities, organizations and individuals to promote multicultural relations and address issues of diversity. For membership information call Georgia Mergler, 610-4453 or visit cwtdiversity.org.

Historical Society sponsors monthly programs

The Centerville-Washington Township Historical Society offers historical and insightful programs each month. All programs are free and held at Hithergreen Center, 5900 Hithergreen Drive. Refreshments are served at 6:30 p.m. and the programs begin at 7 p.m. Call the society, 433-0123, for more information.

January 20, 2015

The Mound Builders
Presented by: Mark Risley,
Oakwood Historical Society
President

February 17, 2015

**Colonel Charles Young;
From Slavery to
West Point and Beyond**
Presented by: Hylda Strange,
C-WT Historical Society

Step back in time



Walton House will show off its finest during December.

Historical Society locations decorated for holidays

The Centerville-Washington Township Historical Society's Walton House Museum, 89 W. Franklin St., and Asahel Wright Museum, 26 N. Main St., are all dressed up and decorated for the holidays. Take a break from the hustle and bustle and stop in to enjoy traditional Christmas decorations in each room. The exhibits are open noon-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday until December 23. Admission is free, however donations are accepted. Call 433-0123.

Yankee Trace tops best course list

Named "Best Golf Course in Dayton" by the Dayton Daily News and Dayton Business Journal, The Golf Club at Yankee Trace is open seven days a week year-round, weather permitting. Stop by the Golf Shop, 10000 Yankee Street, or call 438-4653 for information about memberships, leagues, outings, rates and golf lessons. For up-to-the-minute club news and events visit yankeetrace.org.

Play all three courses in 2015 leagues

Yankee Trace is the #1 Destination for new, existing and traveling golf leagues. Reserve a weekly game with friends and/or co-workers. You only need eight golfers to get started!

Yankee League Supreme - Weekly 9-Hole Game

- ▶ \$22 to walk/\$27 to ride (*Pre-Pay Special: \$20 to walk/\$25 to ride*)
- ▶ **2015 Bonus: Pre-pay for 16 Weeks and receive extra week FREE!**

Yankee League Xtreme - Weekly 9-Hole Game

- ▶ Different format each week, emailed weekly results, prize fund and end of season banquet
- ▶ \$25 to walk/\$30 to ride (*Pre-Pay Special: \$23 to walk/\$28 to ride*)
- ▶ **2015 Bonus: Pre-pay for 16 weeks and receive extra week FREE!**

Yankee Twilight League - Weekly 9-Hole Game after 6 p.m.

- ▶ \$22 to ride (*Pre-Pay Special: \$20 to ride*)
- ▶ **2015 Bonus: Pre-pay for 16 weeks and receive extra week FREE!**

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Yankee Trace has great gift ideas— not only for the holidays but for all the special occasions in your golfer's life!

Gift Cards: for any dollar amount in the Golf Shop or online at yankeetrace.org. Gift cards may be redeemed for golf, merchandise, lessons, memberships, practice balls and food and beverages.

Golf Instruction: four 30-minute lessons \$120 or eight 30-minute lessons \$200; Lessons available December through April in the indoor golf academy.

"Club 55" Membership Card: \$35, instant discounts for seniors on golf throughout the 2015 season, includes 18-holes or 9-holes, electric golf car, warm-up practice balls and complimentary coffee with every round.

Five Pack - Weekday Rounds of Golf: \$175, includes 18-holes, golf car and practice balls. Valid Monday-Thursday excluding holidays; \$75 savings off 2015 Fees.

Five Pack - Weekend Rounds of Golf: \$225, includes 18-holes, golf car and practice balls. Valid Friday-Sunday including holidays; \$75 savings off 2015 Fees.

The Ultimate Gift!

Yankee Player Development Program (YPD) \$399

- Unlimited range balls January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015
- Unlimited access to the south-end of the driving range (seasonal)
- Unlimited access to the 11,000 square foot practice putting green
- Unlimited access to the indoor golf academy during inclement weather
- Member's Only access to the north-end of the driving range (seasonal)
- Member's Only access to the short game performance area (seasonal)
- Eligible for exclusive YPD green fee rates at selected times
- 10% discount on all non-sale merchandise items
- USGA handicap service at Member's Only price

Golf Merchandise Sale: Valid through December 24

All in-stock golf clubs, fine men's & women's golf apparel and golf accessories marked down for great savings. FREE gift wrapping while you wait!

Yankee Indoor Golf Academy Practice Facility

Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. everyday December-March
\$7 per day; \$45 per month;
\$85 for the entire off-season



Feedwire Road widening continues, Wilmington Pike widening to start

The widening and reconstruction of Feedwire Road is essentially complete, weather permitting, and includes additional travel lanes in each direction between Wilmington Pike and the I-675 overpass, sidewalk, storm sewer and an updated traffic signal at Feedwire Road and Charles Drive, the entrance into Cornerstone, located across from the existing shopping center.

As of press time, a project to widen northbound Wilmington Pike from just south of Feedwire to Dille Drive—the new entrance to the Cornerstone development—is under contract with some work to start yet this year, and the bulk of the construction to be performed in spring. This widening includes a dedicated right turn lane to Feedwire and to Dille Drive, storm sewer improvements and sidewalk.



Cars line up at the Public Works Center to drop off hazardous waste materials.

Hazardous Waste Collection Day a success

More than 700 Montgomery County residents took advantage of the free Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Oct. 11 at the Public Works Center, 7970 S. Suburban Drive. Montgomery County Environmental Services, in cooperation with the City of Centerville, sponsored the free event. Items collected included flammable liquids, fire extinguishers, household cleaners, pool chemicals, paints and batteries.

Crews complete projects before winter

Annual programs wrap up, improvements made

City crews were busy completing several annual projects before winter hits. The asphalt repair and resurfacing program and the concrete program are essentially complete with eight streets or portions thereof receiving repair work on curb and drainage structures and then being asphalt resurfaced.



This new bridge was installed at Stubbs Park.

An additional seven streets received concrete repair work (curb and drainage structures), some in preparation of future resurfacing work. Plans are already underway for the 2015 program.

In addition to the street program, several major annual maintenance projects were completed including traffic signal and street light pole painting; APD brick walk repair work, and parking lot sealing and striping at various City facilities.

At Stubbs Park one wooden footbridge was replaced, a second bridge removed and select sections of gravel path were asphalt paved to improve access for handicapped Park patrons. Community Development Block Grant funding was secured for this project. Since 2005, 15 bridges within the park have been replaced with many surrounding paths being asphalt paved to improve accessibility.

Keep mailboxes maintained

Save your mailbox from passing vehicles—especially snow plows. Proper placement and installation helps the mail carrier readily access your mailbox. The U.S. Postal Service has guidelines on proper placement of a mailbox at the curb or edge of the street. Mail carriers may not deliver mail to a box they are unable to access due to height, snow, leaves, a parked car or any other obstruction. See diagram on our website, centervilleohio.gov.



House numbers should be visible

Take a look at your posted house numbers. Highly visible numbers can save valuable time during an emergency response. House numbers should be visible—both day and night—from the street. If located on your mailbox post, they should be at least 4 inches tall and made of retro-reflective material. If you don't have a street-side mailbox, check the house numbers on the front of your house and make sure they are also visible at night from the street. If you live on a corner and your mailbox is on a different street from your address, add the street name to your mailbox.



TO REPORT AN OUTAGE

Dayton Power and Light:
1-877-4OUTAGE (468-8243)

Vectren: **1-800-227-1376**

Montgomery County Environmental Services:
937-781-2679

AT&T: **1-800-572-4545**

Time Warner: **937-294-6800**

Citizens Police Academy accepting applications for winter class

Applications are now available for the winter class of the Centerville Police Department's Citizens Police Academy. This 12-week program runs 6:30–9:30 p.m. every Wednesday, January 7 through March 25, 2015.

Participants learn about police operations as they hear from Centerville Police Officers discuss topics including Laws of Arrest, Use of Force Continuum, Firearms, Polygraph, Domestic Violence, Drug Enforcement, Professional Standards, Internal Affairs, Traffic Collision Investigation, OVI Enforcement, Crime Scene Investigations and S.W.A.T. Each student will have the opportunity to experience firing a weapon and participate in hands-on evidence collection scenarios. Students are given a rare opportunity to ride with a Centerville Officer. Applications are available in the Police Department lobby, 155 W. Spring Valley Rd., or at centervilleohio.gov, click Police tab. For more information, contact Officer John Davis, 433-7661.



Don't let a theft ruin your holidays Lock It, Don't Leave It

Theft from motor vehicles and homes continues to be a crime trend throughout the Miami Valley. The Centerville Police Department is stepping up efforts to remind citizens that leaving doors and vehicles unlocked can create a crime of opportunity that can often be prevented. Immediately report any unusual person, vehicle or activity in your neighborhood as it is occurring—don't wait.

- Lock your vehicle.
- Remove or hide your valuables in your vehicle.
- Remove your garage opener from vehicles left outside.
- Completely close home and vehicle windows and sunroofs.
- Park in a busy, well-lit area away from larger vehicles, fences, signs or foliage that may hide your vehicle.
- Keep your garage door closed. Police often investigate complaints about golf clubs, gardening tools and beer being stolen from the garage.
- Secure side doors and windows leading into your garage.
- Lock the door leading from your garage into your home.
- Park locked vehicles near the garage door and close to illumination.
- Take car keys with you—don't leave them in the ignition.
- Return bicycles, tools and other items to the garage. Don't leave them in the yard.

Be prepared for emergency situations

The City of Centerville reminds citizens to be prepared for an emergency situation. A good rule to follow is to prepare to be self-reliant for three days without utilities and electricity, water service, access to a supermarket or local services, or possibly even without response from police, fire or rescue.

Preparing can start with four important steps:

- 1 Be informed about emergencies that could happen in our community, and identify local sources of information that will be helpful before, during and after an emergency
- 2 Make a plan for what to do in an emergency
- 3 Build an emergency supply kit
- 4 Get involved



ICE AND SNOW... TAKE IT SLOW

Take it slow and easy when driving on snowy roads. Centerville and neighboring communities will have crews working to keep roads clear and safe. Motorists can help, too. Following these guidelines from the Ohio Department of Transportation:

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- ▶ Know the latest driving conditions. Visit Buckeyetraffic.org or sign up for ODOT Twitter updates for the Dayton area.
- ▶ Clear snow and ice from your vehicle's windows, lights and signals.
- ▶ Make sure tires, wiper blades, lights and other vehicle functions are working properly.
- ▶ Give yourself extra time to get to your destination.

TAKE IT SLOW

- ▶ Watch for black ice. Roads that seem dry may actually be slippery and dangerous. Use caution when approaching intersections, off-ramps, bridges or shady areas...all can be hot spots for black ice.
- ▶ Reduce speed and increase distance between vehicles. Remember a four-wheel drive vehicle can still slide on icy roads.
- ▶ Brake early, brake slowly, brake correctly and never slam on the brakes.
- ▶ Don't use cruise control and avoid abrupt steering maneuvers.

DON'T CROWD THE PLOW

- ▶ Snow plows travel well below the posted speed limit. Be patient and give them room to work. Avoid passing the plow. Watch for sudden stops or turns.
- ▶ Watch out for blind spots. The plow driver's field of vision is limited. If you can't see the plow's side mirrors, the driver can't see you. Stay two to three car lengths behind the plow.
- ▶ Beware of snow clouds. Snow plows often create clouds as they clear the roads, often reducing your ability to see.

BE SHOVEL-SMART

When it comes to snow, take aim at potential snow shoveling injuries by following these steps:

- ▶ Shovel early when the snow is lighter.
- ▶ Push snow instead of lifting it. If you have to lift, use your legs, not your back.
- ▶ Drink plenty of water. Take breaks, pace yourself.
- ▶ Dress in layers, keep head and hands covered.
- ▶ Know the warning signs of a heart attack: chest pain, arm pain, dizziness, fainting, nausea or shortness of breath.
- ▶ If you have a history of heart problems, consult your doctor before any physical exertion including snow shoveling.

The City of Centerville maintains a resource list of volunteers and others willing to shovel snow for residents. Call 433-7151 to either add your name to the service or to receive the list.

By taking these four steps—in particular having an emergency supply kit both at home and in the car—citizens can be prepared for hazards such as power outages and icy roads. Each kit should include basic necessities such as water, food and first aid supplies. Emergency preparedness information is available on the City website, centervilleohio.gov and at ready.gov.

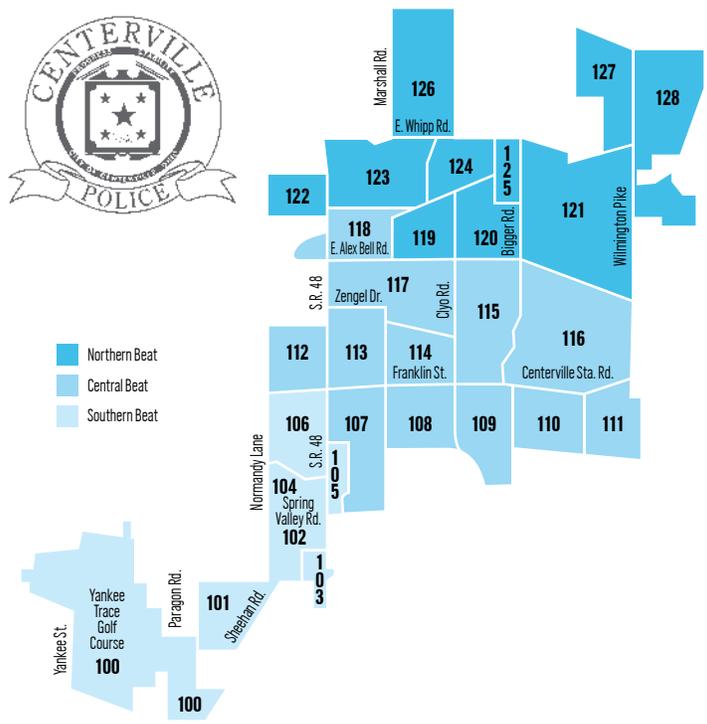
"Our community has experienced several weather-related events over the past few years," said City Manager Greg Horn. "Residents are very aware that a power outage, even in the most temperate weather, can bring a host of challenges."

AREA	ROBBERIES			RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES			BREAKING & ENTERING			THEFT OF/FROM VEHICLES			OTHER PROPERTY THEFTS			CRIMINAL MISCHIEF/DAMAGE		
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102	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	
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	RESIDENTIAL & BUSINESS BURGLARIES					
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SHATTERED	-	1	1	-	1	-
UNLOCKED	-	-	-	1	-	1
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Residential & Business Crime Statistics

Statistic Totals: August-October 2014



As winter weather approaches, the Centerville Police Department recommends motorists keep the following safety kit in your car:

- ▶ Blanket
- ▶ Flares
- ▶ Small bag of sand
- ▶ Flashlight with fresh batteries
- ▶ Small shovel
- ▶ Boots
- ▶ First Aid kit
- ▶ Jumper cables
- ▶ Ice scraper



- Before you leave for your destination...**
- ☑ Check tires (tread/inflation)
 - ☑ Check maintenance and keep your vehicle in good running condition
 - ☑ Know where to tune the radio or TV for road safety information
 - ☑ Check fuel tank full

August 18, 2014

Mayor Kingseed welcomed Rev. Dr. Michael Castle, Harmony Creek Church, to present the invocation.

Kevin Lavoie made a presentation regarding the Montgomery County Human Services Levy.

Eric Horstman, president of Flying to the Hoop, made a presentation regarding The Premier Health Backyard Blitz.

Ed Ross, president of the Centerville-Washington Township Historical Society, presented information about the Sense of Taste event.

Mayor Kingseed recognized Andrew Borneman, Andre Fedotwsky and Alexander Flesburg, from Troop 316 for achieving the Eagle award, Boy Scouts highest honor.

Boy Scout Troop 427, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, was recognized for the day of service, including helping an elderly resident and park clean-up.

Jennifer Zimmerman, Feed Ohio representative, presented information about the upcoming state-wide food drive.

Residential winners of the August Summer Landscape awards were recognized. See complete list of honorees on page 6.



These homeowners were recognized with August City Beautiful awards.

Council made the follow appointments:

- Michael Vacchiano to the Sister City Committee
- Ginny Strausburg reappointed to the Arts Commission
- Marilyn Hoback reappointed to the Sister City Committee

Council passed an ordinance prohibiting the outdoor feeding of animals.

September 15, 2014

Judge Dennis Adkins presented information about the Veterans Treatment Center.

Jason Johnston, executive director, The Bogg, presented information about its free food program.

Judy Budi, board trustee, Centerville-Washington Foundation, presented information about the 2014 honorees of the Community Founders Award and event.

Serve your community

The City has openings on the following Council-appointed boards and commissions: City Beautiful Commission, Arts Commission, Property Review Commission and Sister City Committee. For application information, contact Debbie James, 433-7151, or djames@centervilleohio.gov or visit centervilleohio.gov, click Departments, then Volunteer Opportunities.

Marilou Enslein, member of the City Beautiful Commission, recognized representatives from Ashton Glen Luxury Apartments, 506 Stonington Circle and Cross Pointe Center, Far Hills and Alex Bell Road, with the Centerville Community Pride award for September. Mrs. Enslein recognized each month's winners of the Summer Landscape awards. Each winner received a stone marker. The Commission hosted a reception for the winners and Council, immediately following the presentation.

Council made the following reappointments:

- Dan Carfagno as chair of the Property Review Commission
- Paul Clark as chair of the Planning Commission
- Charles Graham as chair of the Board of Architectural Review
- Mary Pizza to the Sister City Committee

Council approved the creation of a Mayor's Court.

October 20, 2014

Mayor Kingseed welcomed Pastor Kirk Lithander, Fairhaven Church, to present the invocation.

Cub Scout Pack 116, Den 2 from Weller Elementary School led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council unanimously accepted the resignation of Council member Paul Gresham. Mayor Kingseed explained that because of the way the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System policy is written, to be eligible for potential future retirement benefits, Dr. Gresham was required to have a break in service. He was later unanimously appointed to the Council position to serve Nov. 3, 2014 through Dec. 31, 2015.

Mark Yandrick, City of Centerville GIS Analyst, was presented with the 2014 Best Practice award from the Ohio Geographically Referenced Information Program.



Mark Yandrick receives the OGRIP Best Practice award from Mayor Kingseed.

Jan Prettyman, chair of the City Beautiful Commission, presented Bob and Jan Pangburn with the Mayor's Award for their residential beautification efforts. The Pangburns have received a City Beautiful award for their landscaping on six occasions.



Members of the City Beautiful Commission along with Mayor Kingseed present the Mayor's Award to the Pangburn family (on right).

Council reappointed Brad Thorp to the Board of Architectural Review Commission.



Mayor's Message from Mark Kingseed



Incarnation second graders visited Municipal Offices to learn about local government. They met with Mayor Kingseed, learned about the Planning, Tax and Public Works departments and toured the Police building.

Hopefully, you will be reading this in a more optimistic and uplifting time than I observe while I am composing this message. I typically use these Messages to deal with purely City issues, but I have been troubled by much of what occurred on the national scene lately, and I trust you will forgive me if I address broader matters.

I am writing this Message the weekend before the off-year elections and after a season of relentlessly negative political TV ads and overblown campaign rhetoric. We have experienced a long period of bad news which gives the impression that the national government can't do anything right, that everything is falling apart on both the national and the world stage, and that America's leadership is no longer possible or even desired. Reading the political pundits and listening to talking heads, it seems like the self-styled "leadership class" (columnists, academics, national office holders, national reporters, political advocates and former cabinet members) has lost faith in democracy itself and in America's ability to solve the problems we face.

I personally reject these prophets of doom. I spend much of my free time reading history and find this to be immensely informative and reassuring.

It is informative because the study of what has worked in the past (and even more importantly what did not work) gives great insight into what policies we should implement today. Human nature does not change. By examining the past as Lincoln said, "as philosophy to learn wisdom from," we can enlighten ourselves and avoid the mistakes of our predecessors.

The study of history is reassuring because it gives a proper perspective to interpret present problems. For example, it is customary for some to say that we have never faced such partisanship as we do now. No one who studies the debates over slavery in the 1850s, or the pre Pearl Harbor debates on whether the U.S. should enter World War II would make such a statement. Anyone reading what Jefferson and Hamilton and John Adams had to say about each other in the 1790s would be amazed at the vitriol and contempt which were expressed. Without minimizing our problems, our fellow citizens overcame much greater challenges in the past. Surely America's successful efforts to combat the depression, to win the World War and the Cold War and to enhance civil rights for all Americans should provide comfort that we can overcome any obstacles in our path.

History gives one an understanding of why America is unique, why it is a special place with special values which set us apart from the rest of the world. America, when it is at its best, is an optimistic

place. The optimism is justified because America does offer the greatest range for individual freedom, the greatest chance for individual success and the greatest protection against arbitrary actions from those who temporarily hold power.

Winston Churchill once said that "democracy is the worst form of government ever devised with the exception of every other form of government which has been tried." I believe he was correct. There are many potential dangers when the government is a democracy—there is always the risk that ordinary citizens will not be actively engaged and that power will flow to demagogues, career politicians looking out for their own interests or that lobbying groups, wealthy individuals or organizations will exercise undue influence. But none of these dangers need be permanent fixtures of our political system. America has shown itself to be an amazingly resilient place over the last 240 years. The remedy to all our real and perceived ills is greater citizen involvement in the government and the political system. History teaches that when people get sufficiently fed up with the system, they will elect representatives who will push through the changes which are needed to revitalize the government and move the country forward again. Active leadership which responds to actively involved citizens is the key—just as it has been in the past.

So I urge all of us to keep the faith. While we should always remedy the problems which exist, there is nothing fundamentally wrong with our country or our values. We should keep our heads up—be proud of what America stands for at home and around the world. Be proud of what we have accomplished and of what we have tried to accomplish. Temporary setbacks are inevitable, but they do not determine the ultimate outcome so long as we do not give up.

I close by thanking you for the opportunity to serve as your Mayor. I wish you all a wonderful Holiday season.

Mark Kingseed



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City offices and waste collection schedule set for holiday season

City Offices will close on the following days in observance of the holidays: December 24, 25 and January 1. Offices will also close January 19 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. The regular City Council meeting, normally scheduled for the third Monday of each month, will be postponed until January 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

City Offices will be open Presidents' Day, February 16. Waste collection will be on the regular schedule. Call 433-7151 or visit centervilleohio.gov for more information.

City of Centerville

100 W. Spring Valley Road, Centerville, OH 45458



City ManagerGregory B. Horn

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Public Meetings at the Municipal Building

City Council7:30 p.m., third Monday monthly
Board of Architectural Review ...7:30 p.m., first Tuesday monthly
City Planning Commission.....7:30 p.m., last Tuesday monthly
Centerville Arts Commission.....7 p.m., first Wednesday monthly
Boards of Tax & Personnel Appeals
& Property Review Commission..... At the call of the chairperson

Public Meetings at the Public Works Center

7970 S. Suburban Road
City Beautiful Commission.....7 p.m., first Tuesday monthly

Public Meetings at the Police Department

155 W. Spring Valley Road
Sister City Committee.....7 p.m., first Tuesday monthly

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Waste collection schedule

In observance of the Christmas and New Year's holidays, refuse and recycling collection schedules will be adjusted December 25 and January 1. The regular schedule will be in effect Monday through Wednesday. The regular Thursday collection will occur on Friday, Dec. 26 and Friday, Jan. 2. In observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, Jan. 19, collection will be delayed one day that week. Please have your items at the curb by 7 a.m. on your collection day. Visit centervilleohio.gov for more information.

December–February City Calendar

December

15 City Council meeting, 7:30 p.m.

January

19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, City Offices closed, waste collection delayed one day

26 City Council meeting, 7:30 p.m.

26 Citizens Police Academy Class begins

February

16 Presidents' Day, City Offices open, waste collection on schedule

16 City Council meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Weekly

Brush drop-off 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday, Public Works

Monthly

Brush drop-off: 9-noon, 3rd Saturday of each month, Public Works

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