

# TOWN CRIER

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## Cornerstone of Centerville continues to grow

Cornerstone of Centerville North is a 150-acre development that will provide our region with new shopping, dining and service options, professional offices and upscale apartments along with green space featuring a park and amphitheater.

Located at Wilmington Pike and Feedwire Road, the list of retailers continues to grow as Cornerstone Developers have announced more businesses will join Costco, already open, and Cabela's, Chick-fil-A and Bagger Dave's Burger Tavern, all under construction. Kroger, Cheddar's, Panda Express, Domino's Pizza, Archer's, Wright-Patt Credit Union, Mattress Firm and Great Clips have all committed to the development.

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## Council sets upcoming neighborhood meeting date

Centerville City Council has set the date for another Neighborhood Meeting. These meetings serve as a forum for residents to ask questions or voice concerns about issues specific to their neighborhood. Council has already hosted three meetings since last fall. 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 is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. October 26 at Centerville Public Works Center, 7970 S. Suburban Road, for residents living north of Spring Valley Road, south of Franklin Street and east of Main to Wilmington Pike and includes the Concept East, Ashton Glen, Chevy Chase, St. Leonard, Black Oak South, Park Place, Station House Acres, Park Place East and Walnut Hills neighborhoods.

No registration is needed. For more information, call Centerville Municipal Offices, 433-7151, or visit [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov).

With gratitude and honor,  
the City of Centerville  
proudly salutes all  
those who have  
protected and served.

## City inspector retires



Doug Filaseta

Doug Filaseta retired in August following a 29-year career with Centerville's Building Inspection Office. Originally hired in 1986 as electrical inspector, he was named Chief Building Official in 1991. He retired in 2005, and since 2008 has been working part-time as the electrical inspector. When he started with Centerville, Doug spent much of his time inspecting new residential developments like Deer Run, Steeple Chase and Nestle Creek. In

the last ten years, the focus has been on business developments such as Miami Valley Hospital South and the new Kroger. Employed for more than 50 years, he plans to travel with his wife of 51 years, Joyce, and spend more time with his children and grandchildren.

## Stray cats cause nuisance

Because of residents' concerns about the growing number of cats roaming Centerville neighborhoods and the public nuisance issues created by colonies of strays, last year 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 is not only dangerous for the felines, but it can also create a public nuisance for humans.

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, available at no charge from the Public Works Center, 7970 S. Suburban Road. There is a \$25 deposit. For information about cat foster programs and intake facilities, contact SICSA, 294-6505, [sicsa.org](http://sicsa.org) or [HumaneSocietyDayton.org](http://HumaneSocietyDayton.org), 268-7387. For information about the feeding ban, call the City, 433-7151.

## Five citizens running for three council seats

Five Centerville residents will be vying for three Council seats on Election Day, November 3. Jim Briggs, Mark Engert and Steve Feverston join incumbents John Beals and Belinda Kenley on the ballot. Deputy Mayor Brooks Compton is running unopposed for the Mayor's post, as Mark Kingseed has decided not to seek reelection.

Council members are elected at-large and serve a four-year term. The three candidates with the highest number of votes will join Council members Joanne Rau and John Palcher. Early next year, Council will appoint a citizen to fill the seat vacated by Mr. Compton to fulfill that term.

Along with Mayor Kingseed, longtime council member Dr. Paul Gresham has decided to end his Council service. Mayor Kingseed was first elected to Centerville Council in 1990 and has served the last 12 years as mayor. Mayor Kingseed has loved serving the City and will stay active in local affairs. But after 26 years in public office, he wants to devote more time to his law practice, and to his wife Joannie and their family, including a new grandchild. Dr. Gresham, a Council member since 2000, said he enjoyed his years of service, but was ready to move on to other challenges. Look for more on both outgoing council members in our winter issue.

## Equipment design wins award

The Centerville Public Works Department received third place honors for its creative de-icing equipment storage system from the Ohio Local Technical Assistance's "Build A Better Mousetrap" competition. The competition provides opportunities for counties, cities, townships and villages across Ohio to share real world examples of best practices and exchange ideas.

Public Works employees Ben Ankeney and Larry Sewell used scrap steel from old picnic tables at Stubbs Park to create an individual storage system for each of the City's ten de-icing trucks, making storage safer and more efficient. They designed and built the units in-house saving thousands of dollars. Now, each de-icing truck's salt spreader, spinner and pre-wet tank are self-contained.



## The Golf Club at Yankee Trace celebrates 20 years

In honor of its 20th anniversary, former City Council, staff and contractors joined current Council and staff to recreate The Golf Club at Yankee Trace's ribbon-cutting ceremony during a celebration event held in June. Guests enjoyed hearing from some of the original development team including Mayor Kingseed, City Manager Greg Horn, golf course designer Gene Bates and home site developer Tom Humes, of Great Traditions. It was a reunion for all those associated with the development of Yankee Trace.

The Golf Club has earned great success, as Golf Digest named Yankee Trace a Top Ten Municipal Golf Course in the Country and regularly rates it 4.5 stars. The 27-hole championship course has welcomed thousands of golfers, and the course was home to the PGA Tour's Nationwide Tour (now Web.com Tour). The stately clubhouse hosts several hundred events each year. A catalyst for development in the area, Yankee Trace is now home to more than 900 families, with just a few home sites remaining. In January 2018, the golf course will be debt-free, two years ahead of schedule.



## Wilmington Pike improvements continue

Improvements on Feedwire Road and the first phase of Wilmington Pike were completed earlier this summer. The next phase of work on Wilmington Pike is underway and includes adding pavement to create additional left turn storage for traffic on Wilmington that is entering I-675. ODOT is managing this project and completion is expected by late fall 2015. Wilmington Pike Phase 2 improvements from Brown Road to I-675 will bid this fall. Some underground utility work is expected to start in the fall with total project completion planned for late 2016.



The ODOT widening project on Wilmington Pike includes outside lanes, curb, sidewalk and storm sewer under the I-675 overpass.

Two projects that received Greater Dayton RTA grant funding and should be completed by fall include a new gazebo bus stop on Feedwire Road at Charles Drive and a bus pad on southbound Clio north of Alex-Bell. This bus pad will provide a structurally enhanced roadway section to reduce pavement rutting caused by buses stopping on the downhill slope.

A project to construct the next phase of surface streets within the Cornerstone development is underway. These will serve additional commercial development including Cabela's and Kroger as well as several restaurants and shops.

To receive an email update from the City of Centerville on current and upcoming road/utility improvements near the Cornerstone of Centerville development at Wilmington Pike and Feedwire Road, visit [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov) and click Cornerstone Connections. See page 11 for more construction news.

## Centerville and Sugarcreek officials discuss fire/EMS service to Cornerstone

Centerville City Council members Brooks Compton and Joanne Rau along with Mayor Mark Kingseed have met twice since July with Sugarcreek Township Trustees to discuss fire service to the Cornerstone development. Mayor Kingseed called the meetings "fruitful and constructive." The two entities are scheduled to meet again September 8.

## School flashers promote safer driving

The City recently installed new school flashers on Sheehan Road at Weller Elementary School. Although the school is not within City limits, Council wanted to replace the aged system and provide enhanced visibility for motorists traveling through the school zone. The new flashers are solar-powered. Funding for the flashers and installation are provided by the City's general fund.

## Invasive species killing trees

In addition to wet springs, drought and Emerald Ash Borer disease, a new species is killing trees throughout southwest Ohio. The Asian Longhorned Beetle (ALB) is so destructive that it literally kills a tree from the inside out. The ALB feeds on the tree's nutrients and uses its water supply, eventually cutting off the tree's lifeline to water and nutrients thereby causing it to slowly wither and die. Harmless to humans and pets, the large, bullet-shaped beetle can be spotted by its shiny black body with white spots. It ranges from about 1 to 1.5 inches long and has exceptionally long antennae that are banded with black and white. Check once a month for the signs of this beetle, as it kills deciduous trees. It has not been sighted yet in Centerville.

Trees infested with EAB or ALB are not only unsightly, but also create dangerous situations as limbs may fall, injuring persons or property. The City continues to be aggressive in combatting EAB. More than 1,200 ash trees have been removed from Stubbs Park, The Golf Club at Yankee Trace and other City properties and have already been replaced by more than 300 trees including cherry, maple, elm and oak. The City continues to monitor and remove ash trees, along with any other trees that are dead, as needed.

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." 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 13.5 feet between the lowest branches and the street. For more information, contact City Offices, 433-7151.

A warm and cheerful welcome to these businesses  
*~ new to Centerville ~*

- ESP Reader & Advisor** 89 S. Main Street
- Buckingham and Company** #101 Loop Road
- Catchlight Studios & Gallery** 138 Westpark Road
- Dayton Dental Solutions** 2 E. Franklin Street
- Maui Whitening** #402 Alex-Bell Road
- Merle Norman** 963 S. Main Street
- Tri-State Insurance** 16 E. Elmwood Drive
- Gregory's Salon** 36 W. Franklin Street
- Crest Commercial Realty** #120 Centerville Business Parkway
- Luv Bug Pet Nanny** 27 W. Franklin Street
- Blitz Media Design** 175 W. Franklin Street

# Lovely landscaping LAUDED

Homeowners throughout Centerville keep their landscaping lush and green. The City Beautiful Commission awards landscapes that have that little something extra: curb appeal with a well-maintained structure and hardscape, neatly trimmed grass, bushes, trees, healthy plant material, and possibly, but not necessarily, a lovely display of flowers. Awards are given July through September. The Commission reviews all nominations from the public, so if you see a beautiful yard, email [publicworks@centervilleohio.gov](mailto:publicworks@centervilleohio.gov) or call 428-4782.

The Yahne (left) and Jeffries' landscaping were among those honored with July City Beautiful awards.



## AWARD-WINNING RESIDENTIAL LANDSCAPES FOR JULY:

Jon and Stacy Jeffries  
2415 Briggs Road

Heidi Miller  
59 Bradstreet Road

Mary Conroy  
992 Marycrest Lane

Jack and Charlotte McCarthy  
9710 Pawnee Pass

Rebecca Yahne  
7915 Brainard Woods Drive

Bruce and Sue Kirkham  
1178 Club View Drive

Vickie Miller  
62 Coachman Drive

**Community Pride winner:**  
Tifton Green Condominium  
Complex, Clyo Road

## Leaf collection to begin soon

The City's leaf collection service begins October 5 when Public Works crews pick up leaves that residents have raked to the curb. The City is divided into seven collection areas, and leaves are scheduled to be collected four times from each area. This program is provided to all residents who live adjacent to a public roadway within Centerville and is a separate service from waste collection. Leaves are not collected from private streets or other non-public areas. Funding for the leaf collection program comes from the Public Works Streets' Operating Budget.

After collection, leaves are transported to one of several private vendors where they are turned into compost material, which is natural recycling. Crews will be out in full force during leaf pickup with three refuse trucks with leaf loaders and two vac trucks with leaf boxes. See page 5 for the collection schedule and map.

## Residents should use the following guidelines:

- Do not bag leaves. Bags won't be picked up by the leaf collection crews. Bagged leaves will only be collected as a special pickup and charged accordingly.
- Do not rake ANYTHING except leaves to the curb for pickup. Branches, sticks, grass and other yard waste clog machinery and throw the crews off schedule. Leaf piles containing branches, grass, etc. will not be collected.
- Rake leaves into a row along the curb or edge of pavement, not into the street where they block traffic and storm water flow.
- Rake leaves to the curb at least two days before crews are scheduled—check the map. Depending on weather, equipment problems and volume of leaves, crews may be running two days early or two days late.
- All areas are serviced FOUR times. Every effort will be made to come back and collect leaves from your street on the scheduled day.
- Leaves raked for collection after the last scheduled day will be collected from the curbed areas only on a special pickup basis and charged accordingly.
- Children should NEVER play in piles of leaves raked along the roadway. Crews cannot see your child—and neither can motorists.

*Call the Public Works Center, 428-4782, or email [publicworks@centervilleohio.gov](mailto:publicworks@centervilleohio.gov) for more information.*

## Light up your home FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Start untangling your Christmas lights! The City Beautiful Commission sponsors a Holiday Lighting contest each year to recognize those homes showcasing spectacular lighting, display and other festive decorations that enhance the property. Judging takes place December 1-10. To nominate a display, call 433-7151.

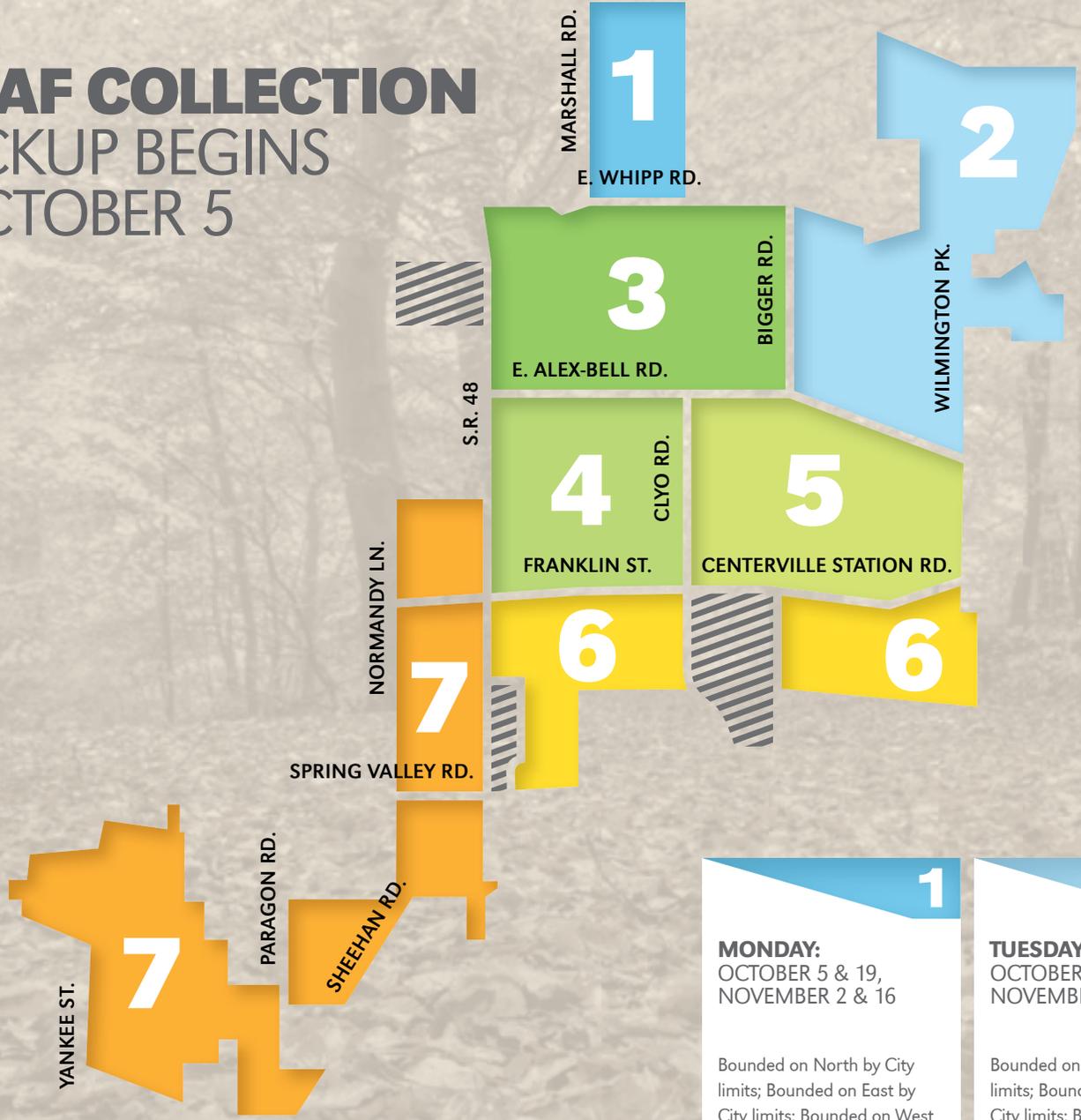
## Get ready to winterize your landscaping

Leaves and grass clipping are terrific compost that will enrich your soil over time. As summer winds down, the City Beautiful Commission offers these tips for winterizing your landscape. Check out [ohioline.osu.edu/lines/](http://ohioline.osu.edu/lines/), under the 'Yard and Garden' heading for additional information.

## PLACE YOUR RAKED LEAVES:

- around trees and beds to breakdown as compost
- in vegetable gardens to decompose over the winter to be worked into the garden next spring

# LEAF COLLECTION PICKUP BEGINS OCTOBER 5



**THURSDAY, OCT. 15 & 29; NOVEMBER 12**  
Pickup missed areas and make schedule adjustments

PRIVATE DRIVE  
NO COLLECTION

**1**

**MONDAY:**  
OCTOBER 5 & 19,  
NOVEMBER 2 & 16

Bounded on North by City limits; Bounded on East by City limits; Bounded on West by Marshall Rd.; Bounded on South by Whipp Rd.

**2**

**TUESDAY:**  
OCTOBER 6 & 20,  
NOVEMBER 3 & 17

Bounded on North by City limits; Bounded on East by City limits; Bounded on West by City limits and Bigger Rd.; Bounded on South by Alex-Bell Rd.

**3**

**WEDNESDAY:**  
OCTOBER 7 & 21,  
NOVEMBER 4 & 18

Bounded on North by Whipp Rd. and Hewitt Ave.; Bounded on East by Bigger Rd.; Bounded on West by S.R. 48; Bounded on South by Alex-Bell Rd.

**4**

**THURSDAY:**  
OCTOBER 8 & 22,  
NOVEMBER 5 & 19

Bounded on North by Alex-Bell Rd.; Bounded on East by Cloy Rd.; Bounded on West by S.R. 48; Bounded on South by Franklin St.

**5**

**MONDAY:**  
OCTOBER 12 & 26,  
NOVEMBER 9 & 23

Bounded on North by Alex-Bell Rd.; Bounded on East by City limits; Bounded on West by Cloy Rd.; Bounded on South by Centerville Station Rd.

**6**

**TUESDAY:**  
OCTOBER 13 & 27,  
NOVEMBER 10 & 24

Bounded on North by E. Franklin St. and Centerville Station Rd.; Bounded on East by City limits; Bounded on West by Main St.; Bounded on South by Spring Valley Rd. and City limits.

**7**

**WEDNESDAY:**  
OCTOBER 14 & 28,  
NOVEMBER 11 & 30

Bounded on North by City limits; Bounded on East by Main St.; Bounded on West by City limits; Bounded on South by Sheehan Rd. and City limits; includes Yankee Trace residential areas.

## Buy fresh, keep it local

Abundance of delicious foods  
at Farmers Market

Bring your shopping list to the Farmers Market, 2:30–6:30 p.m., each Thursday through the end of October. Located near the intersection of St. Rt. 48 and Spring Valley Road, pick up local products like fresh vegetables and fruits, organic meats including beef, pork, chicken, turkey and lamb, farm fresh eggs, kettle corn, fall produce and décor, bedding plants, fresh-cut flowers, fresh-baked bread, honey, soaps, granola and more. The Winter Market will be held at the same location on November 19 and December 17. Sign up to receive emails about the market at [centervillefarmersmarket.com](http://centervillefarmersmarket.com) and visit the Facebook page for updates.



## Benham's Grove is perfect choice for fall events

Fall is the perfect time to host an event at Benham's Grove. While summer is coming to an end, good weather typically continues through October, when the grounds of Benham's Grove are vibrant with fall colors. The holiday season will be here soon, so book your party now. With three charming facilities, a gazebo and large covered brick area, the community gathering place offers many options. For more information or to schedule a tour, call 433-1913 or visit [benhamsgrove.com](http://benhamsgrove.com).

## Friends of Benham's Grove celebrates 20 years

More than 125 people gathered in July to celebrate the Friends of Benham's Grove's 20th anniversary and honor the contributions of Shirley Heintz.

The event kicked off with tours of two gorgeous gardens. Both former mayor Sally Beals and renowned local gardener Mary Higgins opened their lush



Guests enjoy roaming the extensive gardens of Mary Higgins.

gardens to guests before everyone returned to Benham's Grove for a luncheon. Following remarks from Mayor Kingseed and Friends president Sherry Leighty, Mrs. Beals, who along with Shirley Heintz served on Council when the City purchased the property in 1991, shared the history of the property's renovations. Mrs. Heintz, who passed away last year, served as mayor at the time of the purchase. She was originally approached by the Gerber family about the 8-acre property in the heart of Centerville. After Council approved the purchase, Mayor Heintz charged Council member Sally Beals with leading the project development. Mrs. Heintz's husband Paul spoke about his late wife and her commitment to what would become a landmark in our community. The Heintz children were also in attendance.

The Friends of Benham's Grove was established in 1995 to promote and preserve the gardens and grounds and develop special projects. Improvements include the Rotary gazebo, tent plaza, pergola and Celebration Garden. For more information about the Friends of Benham's Grove, contact membership chair, Bev Reno, [brr44@aol.com](mailto:brr44@aol.com), email [benhamsgrove@benhamsgrove.com](mailto:benhamsgrove@benhamsgrove.com) or call Benham's Grove, 433-1913.

## Band to play children's concert

The Centerville Community Band continues its 30th anniversary celebration with a delightful show designed for kids. The annual Children's Concert is set for 7 p.m. Sept. 16 at Benham's Gove. Other performances include Walnut Creek Nursing Center, 5070 Lamme Rd. at 7 p.m. Sept. 21 and Bethany Village at 2 p.m. on Oct. 24.

The band welcomes new members. You must be 18 or older. Contact Jay Finley, 433-8423 or visit [centervilleohio.gov/ccb/](http://centervilleohio.gov/ccb/) for membership and performance schedule.

## VETERANS TO BE HONORED NOVEMBER 11

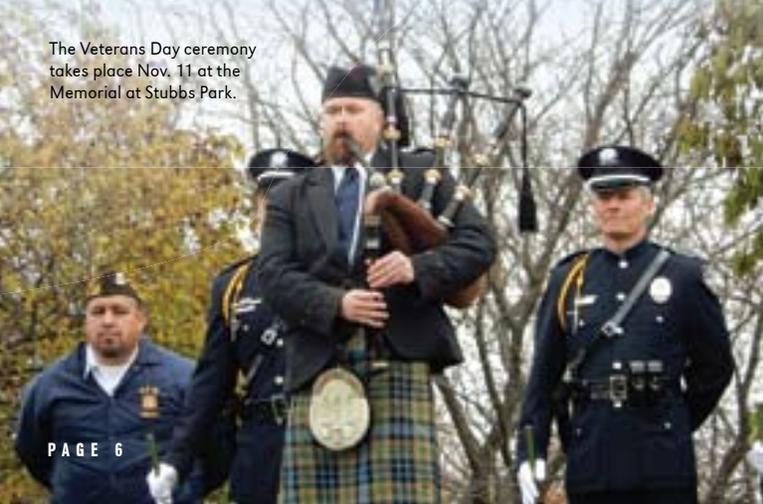


In commemoration of Veterans Day, the City of Centerville and Centerville Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 9550 are saluting the men and women who have helped protect, preserve and maintain our freedom. A ceremony is scheduled for 11 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 11, at the Veterans Memorial at Stubbs Park, 255 W. Spring Valley Road.

The service will include color guard presentations from Centerville VFW Post 9550 and the Centerville Police and Washington Township Fire departments' honor guards. In addition to remarks by Mayor Mark Kingseed and a keynote speaker, there will be musical performances and a presentation from Cub Scout Pack 148. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the Centerville Police Building, 155 W. Spring Valley Road. Call 433-7151 or visit [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov) for more information.

The Centerville Library and Centerville-Washington Township Historical Society will hold an exhibit and Veterans Day Open House November 10–12 during library hours. The exhibit will spotlight this year's 240th birthday of the US Marine Corps. For more information visit [wclibrary.info](http://wclibrary.info).

The Veterans Day ceremony takes place Nov. 11 at the Memorial at Stubbs Park.



## City looking for volunteers to assist homebound

The City of Centerville is again compiling a list of individuals, groups and organizations willing to volunteer to assist elderly and disabled Centerville residents with leaf and snow removal. The list will be maintained by City staff and available to residents. The City will also maintain a list of individuals and companies that perform those services for a fee. "We know there are many older or disabled residents who are unable to rake leaves or 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 information from the City, it is their responsibility to contact someone from the list and make the necessary arrangements.

To volunteer, list a business or receive the resource list, call City Offices, 433-7151.

## OPTIMISTS SCARE UP THE HAUNTED TRAIL

The Centerville Noon Optimist Club, in connection with the Centerville-Washington Park District, sponsors the Haunted Trail at Grant Park, 7-9 p.m. October 21 and 22. The event gives youths 8-16 a chance to walk the trail, encountering costumed characters along the way. Last year more than 1,500 kids and parents traveled the trail. Almost 30 club members participate each evening serving as trail guides and staffing a Fright Station. The event is free and open to the public. Visit [centervillenoonoptimist.com](http://centervillenoonoptimist.com) or [cwpc.org](http://cwpc.org) for more information.



Centerville Noon Optimists serve as guides through the Park District's Haunted Trail.

# TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT

OCTOBER 31

Look for ghosts and goblins to come knocking at your door trick-or-treating 6-8 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 31. The Centerville Police Department reminds youngsters and parents of the following precautions:



### DO:

- Carry a flashlight.
- Go in groups with at least one adult.
- Go to houses with the lights on.
- Make sure shoes fit and costumes are short enough to prevent tripping.
- Use common sense. If something feels wrong, it probably is.
- Dress for the weather. October brings cooler weather and sometimes windy and rainy conditions.

### DON'T:

- Wear masks or any costume that would interfere with vision or walking
- Go into a home of someone you do not know
- Eat any candy or other items until it has been checked over by an adult

As always, it is the parents' decision as to whether children should participate in the activity.

Some home maintenance reminders: have a clear path for visitors, trim low hanging branches, and move flowerpots or anything else that might cause someone to trip or fall.

Children may stop at any Centerville Police cruiser or Washington Township Fire truck for a special treat, courtesy of Bill's Donuts. Most area communities have agreed to hold the event on Oct. 31 for the next several years. For more information call Centerville City Offices, 433-7151.

## Volunteers recognized for service

Municipal volunteers were honored in May at the City's annual Volunteer Salute held at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace. The event recognizes more than 300 volunteers serving on council-appointed boards and commissions including the Storm Water Review Committee,



John Koonts (left), the Mayor's Award recipient, is congratulated by Terry Taylor, golf course superintendent.

Board of Architectural Review, Board of Tax Appeals, Arts Commission, Property Review Commission, Business Task Force, City and Township Relations Committee, City Beautiful Commission, Planning Commission, CRA Housing Committee, Personnel Appeals Board, Sister City Committee, Friends of Benham's Grove Board and Centerville City School District Personnel Appeals Board, and those serving as CIVIC Municipal volunteers, working with staff in the Police, Public Works, Benham's Grove, Yankee Trace and City offices.

Mayor Kingseed presented the Mayor's Award for Community Service to John Koonts in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the City. A 20-year volunteer at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace, Mr. Koonts has also volunteered in the Police and City Manager's departments.

For more on volunteer opportunities, visit [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov).

# Annual events to kick off holiday season

Holiday Walk, Tree Lighting set for Nov. 22



Santa greets guests at the Benham's Grove Tree Lighting ceremony.

Let the holidays begin! Downtown Centerville welcomes the season with the Hometown Holiday Walk, 1-5 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 22, sponsored by the Heart of Centerville merchants and the Centerville-Washington Township Historical

Society. Participants have the opportunity to win a gift basket valued at more than \$1,000. Step back in time with visits to the Historical Society's Asahel Wright House, School Museum and Walton House Museum. Other events include children's activities, animal attractions, horse and carriage rides, visits with Santa, shopping, special discounts and food trucks. Carolers from the Centerville High School music program, sponsored by the Centerville Arts Commission, will stroll downtown singing holiday favorites.

Centerville's Tree Lighting ceremony follows at 5:30 p.m., at Benham's Grove, 166 N. Main Street. Enjoy the sounds of the season with musical entertainment from local choirs and the Centerville Community Band along with a visit from Santa Claus.

Both of these community events are free. For more information, call the historical society, 291-2223, the City of Centerville, 433-7151, or visit [heartofcenterville.com](http://heartofcenterville.com), [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov) or respective Facebook pages.



## Art Gallery showcases variety of mediums

The Centerville Arts Commission has an eclectic fall lineup for the Art Gallery at the Centerville Police Department, 155 W. Spring Valley Road. The Gallery is staffed 24 hours a day and exhibits may be viewed anytime, day or night. All exhibits are free and open to the public.

Bonnie Kuntz's work will be featured in September. She enjoys painting horses, carousels, florals and landscapes while trying new media and subjects. "Life is just too wonderful to miss even the smallest detail," she says.

The October exhibit will highlight the works of local painter Anna Bargmeyer, and the November show will feature the work of the Beyond Point and Shoot photo contest winners. *See page 9.*



September's featured artist is Bonnie Kuntz.

## Historical Society announces Speaker Series

The Centerville-Washington Township Historical Society offers historical and insightful programs each month. All programs are free and will be held at a new location, the Rec West Enrichment Center, 895 Miamisburg-Centerville Road. Refreshments served at 6:30 p.m. and the programs begin at 7 p.m. Call the society, 433-0123, for more information.

**October 20, 2015**

**Toys Made In Dayton**

Presented By: Dick Cummings and Bill Gallagher

**November 17, 2015**

**Civil War Leaders' Final**

**Resting Places**

Presented By: Thomas Routsong

## YANKEE TRACE SERVES UP DELICIOUS DISHES

Whether it's lunch, brunch, or a Friday night fish fry, Yankee Trace restaurant offers delicious fare for your family with a variety of entrees, sides and desserts served in a friendly atmosphere. And, with Thanksgiving just a couple months away, your family dinner plans are only a reservation away. For more information, call 438-3585 or visit [yankeetrace.org](http://yankeetrace.org).

### YANKEE TRACE RESTAURANT HOURS MENU SERVICE

**SEPT. 1-DEC. 31**

**Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.**

**Sunday Brunch, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

Counter Service ONLY

Daily after 2 p.m.

**FRIDAYS**

Fish Fry and Full Dinner Service

September 11-November 20

**EVERY FRIDAY, 5-9 PM**

Enjoy all you can eat beer-battered Haddock along with French fries and Yankee Trace's famous coleslaw for \$14.99. Full menu also available. Reservations recommended, call 438-3585.

**THANKSGIVING BUFFET, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27**

Two seatings: 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. \$26.95 for adults, \$12.95 for children 6-12, children five and under eat free. Reservations required, call 438-3585.

## Executive Chef named at Yankee Trace

Patrick O'Boyle has been named executive chef at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace restaurant. O'Boyle was on staff when the Yankee Trace restaurant opened in 1995, later working at both J. Alexander's and Peerless Mill Inn. He returned to Yankee Trace in 2006 and has served as Sous Chef since 2007. Chef O'Boyle has extensive kitchen management experience and a history of providing quality food and service to the customers at Yankee Trace. He looks forward to bringing new ideas to the restaurant.



Patrick O'Boyle



## Celebrate a day in South Slavic Europe

Commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Dayton Peace Accords at the Centerville Library 11 a.m.–2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12 and learn about the culture of this European region with music, dancing, exhibits, activities and more. Presented by the South Slavic Club of Dayton and sponsored by the Library, Centerville Arts Commission and Centerville-Washington Diversity Council with support from several other organizations. Visit [wclibrary.info](http://wclibrary.info).

### Concert Series sponsors

The City of Centerville and the Centerville Arts Commission thank the following sponsors for their generosity and support of the 2015 Summer Concert Series:

#### PLATINUM LEVEL

Bethany Village and Graceworks at Home

#### GOLD LEVEL

Burke Orthodontics; Centerville Storage Inns; Centerville-Washington Foundation; Day Air Credit Union; Heartland of Centerville

#### SILVER LEVEL

Kroger Marketplace; MOOD: Miami Valley Audio Video; St. Leonard; Unique Celebrations

#### BRONZE LEVEL

David's Cemetery; Dorothy Lane Market; Environmental Doctor; FASTSIGNS; Murr, Compton, Claypoole & Macbeth; Phil McLaughlin Family; Raise Your Brush; Vannah E. Nantz, DDS

#### PATRON LEVEL

Centerville Women's Civic Club; Healing Hands Massage; Thomas Dineen, Attorney at Law; [www.stleonardfaithcommunity.org](http://www.stleonardfaithcommunity.org)

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## AWARD-WINNING PHOTOS TO BE ON EXHIBIT

### PEOPLE'S CHOICE VOTING OPEN SEPT. 16-22

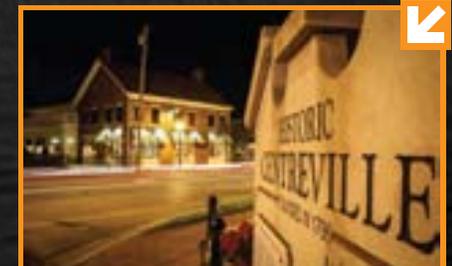
The Centerville Arts Commission and the Washington-Centerville Public Library teamed up in August for the seventh annual Beyond Point & Shoot digital photo contest. Photographs could be entered in one of five subject categories: People; Place or Travel; Local Landmark (within Centerville or Washington Township); Nature; and Black & White or Artistic, in two age groups: Youth (13 to 17) and Adult (18 and older).

Photographers Jerry Huffman, Gary Kunze and Ed Ponikwia judged the photos on use of lighting, use of color or contrast, visual impact and use of exposure/focus. In addition, the public may vote for their favorite photo during the People's Choice contest Sept. 16–22 at [wclibrary.info/photocontest](http://wclibrary.info/photocontest).

A winners' reception will be held 2:30–3:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1 at the Art Gallery at the Centerville Police Department, 155 W. Spring Valley Road. Awards will be given at 3 p.m. The photos will then be exhibited at the gallery through December 31. The winning photo in each category, including People's Choice, will be framed by Gary Kunze of Creation Source Images

and displayed on the walls of the Art Gallery. The second place photo in each category will be matted and placed in the gallery's display case. The Art Gallery is open 24 hours a day and exhibits may be viewed anytime day or night. All exhibits are free and open to the public.

Previous winners: ■ Ryan Braugher's photo, "Centerville Night," was a top Youth winner. ■ David Braugher's photo, "Historic Centerville," received a Runner-Up award.



### Americana Festival crowds continue to grow

The 2015 Americana Festival was one for the record books. More than 100,000 people visited downtown Centerville on July 4, enjoying the 5K run, parade, street fair, car show and other activities. The fireworks show welcomed thousands more to the high school and surrounding areas. Get involved in Ohio's largest one-day festival and join a great team of volunteers or sign-on as a sponsor by contacting the Americana Festival Office, 433-5898 or email [americanafestival@sbcglobal.net](mailto:americanafestival@sbcglobal.net).

### Library offers brown bag business series

Get valuable professional development and business information at this new Brown Bag Lunch & Learn series sponsored by the Washington-Centerville Public Library. Librarians and guest speakers will highlight a different business topic noon-1 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month beginning Sept. 2, at the Centerville Library. Bring a lunch and prepare to network and learn! Future presentations include social media for small business; general legal issues; PC security; SHOP Marketplace and crowdfunding/micro-financing. For more information, visit [wclibrary.info](http://wclibrary.info) or call 433-8091.



Your hometown golf resort has received multiple distinctions since its grand opening in 1995, including a 4.5 star rating from Golf Digest, "Top 10" municipal courses in the country, "Top 50 courses with green fees under \$50," and "Best Course in the Region" by the Dayton Daily News and Dayton Business Journal. Whether you're practicing, playing, dining or relaxing, our friendly and professional staff will make sure that you have an enjoyable experience. Visit [yankeetrace.org](http://yankeetrace.org) for the latest information on leagues, outings, rates, lessons and specials or to book a tee time.

# THE GOLF CLUB AT YANKEE TRACE CELEBRATES 20 YEARS

## 20th anniversary tournament series offers fun and challenge

Extend your golfing season with these monthly tournaments and enjoy the scenic autumn climate.

**The Yankee Cup:** 1 p.m. shotgun start, Friday, September 11, \$50 per person

Two-person teams: 6 holes best ball, 6 holes alternate shot, 6 holes scramble. 18 holes, golf car, practice balls, Fish Fry dinner, awards, optional skins game. Registration deadline: Sept. 7.

**Yankee Chili Challenge:** Noon shotgun start, Friday, October 23, \$45 per person

Four-person Scramble: Brave the chilly conditions then warm-up with our Yankee Chili dinner! 18 holes, golf car, practice balls. Chili served in a bread bowl, awards, optional skins game. Registration deadline: Oct. 9.

**Yankee Turkey Shoot:** Noon shotgun start, Friday, November 20, \$45 per person

Two-person Scramble: Don't chicken out of the last tournament of the year! 18 holes, golf car, practice balls, turkey dinner, awards, optional skins game. Registration deadline: Nov. 16.

## Golf instruction special

4 Private lessons for \$140

Get a full game analysis so you can come out swinging next spring. Professional instruction is given outdoors or indoors during inclement weather. Video analysis and game improvement drills included. Junior specials are also available throughout the fall and winter, call 438-GOLF for additional information. Great gift idea!

## Gift cards are always the perfect size

Yankee Trace gift cards are the perfect gift for any occasion and may be redeemed for golf lessons, greens fees, golf merchandise along with food and beverages. Stop by the golf shop or save time and order a Yankee Trace gift card online at [yankeetrace.org](http://yankeetrace.org).

## Seasonal Rates

Green fees are seasonal. For current rates visit [yankeetrace.org](http://yankeetrace.org). Centerville residents receive 10 percent off non-discounted green fees, just show your ID. Reserve your tee time online-up to ten days in advance—at [yankeetrace.org](http://yankeetrace.org) and save an additional 5 percent. Reservations may be made seven days in advance by calling the golf shop, 438-GOLF.



## Yankee Trace renovates bunkers

Crews at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace are renovating the municipal course's bunkers. First up are bunkers on the Vintage Course, where, after drainage issues were remedied, old sand was removed and replaced with Tour Grade sand. Already completed are bunkers on Vintage #1 and the green side of Vintage #9. Under renovation are bunkers on Vintage #2, #4 and #7. Look for more upgrades over the next several months.

## KEEP WATER DRAINAGE PATHS CLEAR

During spring and early summer, we experienced plenty of rain. You may have noticed new or recurring drainage problems in your yard—including water puddles. Address the problem now as many times it's only minor work to open up an overland drainage path. Water seeks the path of least resistance, so take a close look at your yard to determine whether the water has a clear path to drain away. Are tree roots blocking the path? Does a landscape bed impede overland water flow? Is there debris trapped against a fence that prohibits water from flowing under it? Inappropriately placed play sets, vegetable gardens and sheds can block the flow path water needs to drain from your yard. Most importantly, look at the downspouts on your house. Are they directed far enough out from your house so that the roof water they carry is directed AWAY from the house, and not down the wall and into your foundation drain system? Check local hardware stores for splash blocks and downspout extenders. It is individual property owners' responsibility to maintain drainage paths on your yard and not impede flow from other properties that needs to cross your yard. Only then can the runoff get to the City-maintained storm sewer system and on to creeks, streams, or ponds.

Never dump grass clippings, yard debris, paint, oil or anything else in an open drainageway or storm sewer. Laws prohibit this and violators may be prosecuted. If a tree falls across a drainageway on your property, you must remove the tree or branches so it does not block water flowing in the ditch and backup on upstream properties. The Ohio EPA has established guidelines regarding illegal dumping in storm water drainage systems. For more information on drainage, or to report illegal dumping, contact 428-4782 or [publicworks@centervilleohio.gov](mailto:publicworks@centervilleohio.gov).

## Resurfacing program falling behind

*Funds for repairs are tight*

We don't typically think about the upkeep of our City's roadways and streets—the paved paths that lead us to and from various destinations. Centerville has always been recognized for its continued investment in our infrastructure. In 2015, The City budgeted about \$1 million for various street repairs and improvements. Centerville Council is committed to maintaining the City's infrastructure because good, safe roadways are the backbone of our community.

Over the past several years, Centerville and all other cities have experienced a steady stream of state budget cuts that are forcing

communities to hold off on some basic repairs and improvements. In Centerville, the street repair program, which had been on a 20-year schedule, has been pushed back to a 25-year cycle. This five-

PROVIDING VALUE				
	INCOME TAX RATE	PROPERTY TAX RATE*	ASSESSED SIDEWALK	ASSESSED CURB/GUTTER
<b>CENTERVILLE</b>	<b>1.75%</b>	<b>2.35</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>MORAINE</b>	<b>2.25%</b>	<b>2.50</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>OAKWOOD</b>	<b>2.50%</b>	<b>10.05</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>KETTERING</b>	<b>2.25%</b>	<b>6.79</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>MIAMISBURG</b>	<b>2.25%</b>	<b>7.03</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>W. CARROLLTON</b>	<b>2.25%</b>	<b>6.25</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>

\*In mills  
Centerville has the second-lowest municipal property tax rate in Montgomery County.

year delay could cause road repair costs to be more extensive and costly. Unlike many other local cities, Centerville does not assess its residents for street, sidewalk and curb repair. Those improvement costs are paid for routinely from the general fund. As asphalt and other materials double and triple in cost, Centerville Council must look at ways to adequately fund these needed improvements so that repairs can still be done in a timely fashion to prolong good conditions and safer operations.

## Construction continues around town

Redevelopment abounds throughout Centerville. Downtown welcomes new businesses as Dayton Dental Solutions is remodeling the former dentist office at the corner of S. Main and W. Franklin streets, and Nelly's Chicken is soon set to open in the former Savona site on S. Main Street. Later this fall, new pedestrian signals with ADA upgrades will be in place at the Main and Franklin, and W. Franklin and Virginia intersections. The former Montessori School on Elmwood Avenue is now All State Insurance. A Montessori School is under construction on Wilmington Pike near White's Corner. The 16,000 sq. ft. building will house the school, gym and cafeteria.

## Street program underway

The annual street program is well underway with a few projects already completed. Asphalt paving work on select streets as well as work on Southbury Drive is completed. A third project that includes concrete repair work to replace deteriorated curb sections, catch basins and broken sidewalk panels is underway. The streets included for concrete curb work include Waterford Drive, Spring Ridge Place and Clareridge Lane from Spring Ridge to Spring Valley. This concrete curb and catch basin repair work is in preparation for future asphalt resurfacing of these streets. The area targeted for sidewalk repair is bounded by Marshall Road to the west, Whipp Road to the south and the City corp. line to the east and north. Residents along the newly repaired streets are asked to

help care for the newly planted grass and, in the future, avoid planting trees too close to the sidewalk as roots grow and can create trip hazards.

Montgomery County Environmental Service's (MCES) project to install a new water main on North Main Street from Alex-Bell to Franklin Street is well underway with the pipe work to be completed this fall. This project is a joint effort between MCES, ODOT and the City to upgrade the water line, replace deteriorated curb and resurface the street. Funding for the work is from ODOT, Ohio Public Works Commission, MCES, and the City. Following this year's pipe and concrete repair work, the entire roadway will be resurfaced in 2016.

Call Public Works, 428-4782, for more information.

# BE PREPARED FOR SEVERE WEATHER DON'T WING IT

Be prepared for an emergency situation. September is designated as National Preparedness Month. Sponsored by the Ready Campaign, prepare to be self-reliant for three days without utilities and electricity, water service, access to a supermarket or local services, or maybe 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

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](http://centervilleohio.gov) and at [ready.gov](http://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.”

## Officer recognized



Officer Tracy Sommers

Centerville Police Officer Tracy Sommers was recognized by the Centerville Evening Optimist Club with the Respect for Law award for her efforts with the Mark A. Kreusch Safetyville Square. For the past three years, Officer Sommers has helped coordinate the week-long educational program that teaches youngsters basic safety skills.

The Centerville Evening Optimist Club offers the program, conducted by professional instructors, local police and fire personnel, each summer. According to Brian Nicholas, club president, Officer Sommers was instrumental in organizing and providing hands-on training for the program. He said through her interactions, Officer Sommers has helped children develop a strong belief in abiding by the law and respecting law enforcement, an Optimist club core principle.

Officer Sommers started her career as a dispatcher with Centerville in 1999. She was soon promoted to officer and assigned to the Road Patrol division, where she served for ten years. In 2009, she was named Middle School/School Resource Officer before going back to Road Patrol last year.

## Centerville's 24-hour dispatch center staffed with experience

*Collaborative effort is cost-saver and efficient*

In May, the Centerville Police Communications Center took on additional responsibilities and staff, as the department began providing public safety dispatch services for the City of West Carrollton. This successful collaborative effort between the two cities has already lowered costs and increased efficiency for both communities, while calls are still answered and transferred for the respective police, fire and medical response within 30 seconds.

Emergency and non-emergency police and fire calls from West Carrollton are routed directly to the Centerville communications center and answered by well-trained, knowledgeable dispatchers. Advances in technology have made consolidated dispatching increasingly more common throughout the region and nation. In anticipation of the increase in calls, four experienced dispatchers were added, ensuring a successful transition. Located within the Centerville Police Building, 155 W. Spring Valley Road, the center is known as a Primary Safety Answering Point (PSAP). According to Centerville Police Chief Bruce Robertson, the state-of-the-art center is equipped to handle multiple calls, and the transition has been a smooth one. “We commend our communications staff along with the West Carrollton Police and Fire personnel for working together to make this a first-rate effort,” says Robertson.

The Centerville Police Department's records/communications specialists are assigned to the communications center. Dispatchers go through a 12-week training program with a communications training officer before being released to solo status.



Centerville dispatchers Diana Potter and Amanda Steele



Centerville dispatchers Kathy Frey and Jamie Baker

## Pay attention to weather sirens

As part of an ongoing effort to be prepared for emergency situations, Centerville and Washington Township staffs train annually and review emergency operation procedures. To test weather sirens, the Fire Department sounds alarms at noon on the first Monday of each month in Centerville and Washington Township. There are 13 strategically-located sirens throughout the Centerville and Washington Township area that given warning that those who are outdoors should seek immediate shelter. The sirens are not meant to alert those who are already indoors. Newer homes are designed for better insulation and typically include multi-paned windows to keep sound out. The Fire Department recommends several ways for you to be notified of weather-related news—at any time—while inside your home:

- ▶ Use a weather monitor or radio
- ▶ Download an emergency weather app on your cell phone
- ▶ Watch the news/listen to the radio for weather updates

When you are alerted of severe weather approaching, remain inside your home and stay away from windows and doors. In case of a citywide emergency, residents are encouraged to listen to WCWT 107.3 FM for information.



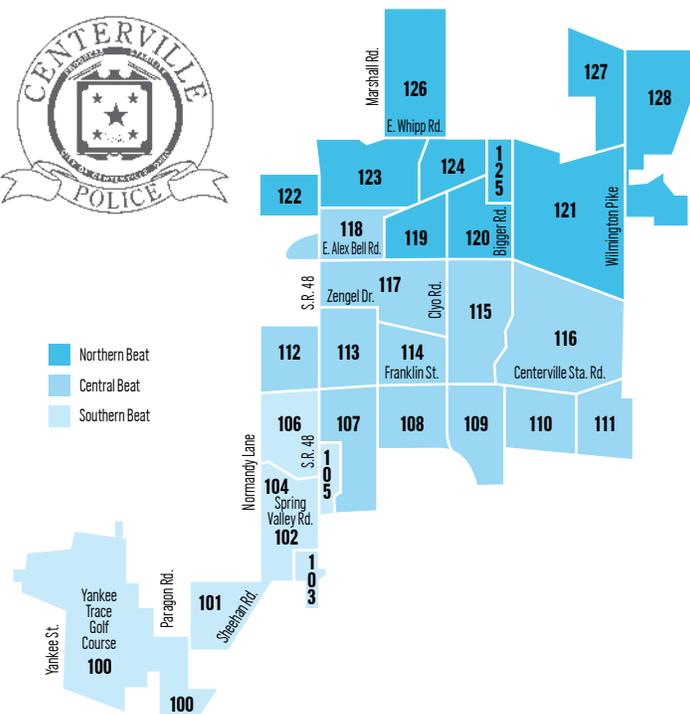
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FRIDAY-SUNDAY	2	-	2	-	1	-
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FORCED	6	2	2	-	1	-
SHATTERED	-	-	1	-	-	-
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## Residential and Business crime statistics

Statistic Totals: May 2015-July 2015



The Centerville Police Department welcomed more than 600 visitors to its Open House in August. This annual event provides an opportunity for citizens to meet our officers and learn more about what they do each day. Events included tours of the facility, demonstrations, inflatables, an obstacle course, exhibits and displays featuring CareFlight, SWAT and other agencies.

**May 4, 2015**

**Special Council Meeting**

Council approved several agreements with Cornerstone Developers.

**May 18, 2015**

A public hearing of the Preliminary Development Plan for 700 East Alex-Bell Road was cancelled as Ryan Homes withdrew its application for 87 duplexes.

Arnie Biondo, new director of the Centerville-Washington Park District, was introduced and updated Council on park district plans.

Ginny Strausburg was reappointed as chair to the Arts Commission.

**June 1, 2015**

**Special Council Meeting**

Council approved Phase II Interior Public Improvements with Cornerstone Developers.

**June 8, 2015**

**Special Council Meeting**

Council set for public hearing an ordinance for an additional \$5 Municipal Motor Vehicle License Tax under Ohio Revised Code.

**June 15, 2015**

Steve Feverston, Centerville-Washington Township Historical Society president, accepted the 2015 Board of Architectural Review Preservation Award for the society's continued commitment to preserving historic structures in downtown Centerville.

Council Proclaimed June as Scleroderma Awareness Month in the City of Centerville and heard presentations from Demeshia Trice and Wilma Will, from the Dayton Area support group. (Photo right)

Boy Scouts Ryan Di Misa and Drew Zimmer were recognized for achieving the Eagle Award, scouting's highest honor.

Tom Bankston was reappointed to the Arts Commission and Allen Nelson was reappointed to the City Beautiful Commission.



Eagle Scout Ryan Di Misa is congratulated by his parents and Mayor Kingseed.

A public hearing for pre-sale inspections was tabled until the July 20 meeting.

Council approved a \$5 Municipal Motor Vehicle License Tax under Ohio Revised Code.

**July 20, 2015**

Council recognized the volunteer contributions of Bob Daley. Mr. Daley has served on the cable production crew taping City Council meetings since 2004. He is stepping down from that position.

Lillian Friesinger, Madison Janky, MacKenzie Mayberry and Addy Messerly were congratulated for achieving the Girl Scout Silver Award.



Bob Daley, joined by wife Berneta, receives a certificate of recognition from Mayor Kingseed.

Jan Prettyman, City Beautiful Commission chair, recognized the Residential and Community Pride winners for the month of July. See list on page 4.

In a 6-1 vote, Council approved the Final Development Plan, Phase III, of the Cornerstone Development.



Mayor Kingseed reviews Madison Janky's Silver Award achievements.



Mr. and Mrs. Dave Huxtable accepted the July Community Pride award from Mayor Kingseed and City Beautiful Chair Jan Prettyman (far right) on behalf of Tifton Green Condos.

**Serve your community**

The City has openings on the following Council-appointed boards and commissions: City Beautiful Commission, Arts Commission, Property Review and Sister City Committee. Volunteer opportunities are also available in our City Offices including City Manager's Office, Public Works and The Golf Club at Yankee Trace. For application information, call 433-7151 or visit [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov), click Departments, then Volunteer Opportunities.



## Mayor's Message from Mark Kingseed



Mark and Joannie Kingseed greet citizens along the Americana Festival parade route.

It's very easy, if we focus on the daily problems which crop up on the national and local level, to become pessimistic. But, pessimism does not solve problems, and focusing on the negative is not a useful trait. I am optimistic by nature because I've always found in my law practice and in life generally, that most problems can be solved if one continues to work in good faith to a fair resolution. As I reflect on recent events, I have a great deal of optimism about our future.

Hopefully, you had an opportunity to enjoy some of the Americana festivities during the July 4 weekend. Ours is the largest Independence Day celebration in the state. And, due to the hard work of local volunteers, the Americana Festival was once again a huge success. The Fourth of July itself always makes me reflect on what makes the United States unique among nations. The principles upon which this country was founded, and which every generation has fought to enhance and maintain, still thrive. God has blessed this nation, and all of us are fortunate to bear the proud title of "American citizen." I do not have any doubt that our future as a nation will be positive, and we will continue to be the beacon of freedom and liberty in the world.

Our future locally is also something of which to be proud. We have a wide variety of wonderful events which make this City a great place to live. Whether it's enjoying Jazz on the Green at Yankee Trace, attending free Sunday summer concerts at Stubbs Park or attending the "Third Friday" events in downtown each summer month, Centerville is a marvelous place to enjoy family activities. And I know more exciting events are to come.

I'm also optimistic that new business activity will bring hundreds of new residents and thousands of new job opportunities into our City. The assisted-living and single-family-homes project between Paragon and Sheehan roads is on target to begin construction later this year. A smaller, single-family home development on Paragon Road is also proceeding. The City is awaiting receipt of plans to redevelop the former site of Centerville Cinemas off Loop Road and I-675; our hope is that the final plan will not only provide additional housing opportunities with high-end rentals, but will also be a natural adjunct to Cross Pointe Shopping Center. And lastly, the Cornerstone development in eastern Centerville is off to a rousing start. With Costco already open, construction is underway on Cabela's, Chick-fil-A and Bagger Dave's, and contracts have been signed for Domino's, Wright-Patt Credit Union, Great Clips, Mattress Firm, Archers, Panda Express, Cheddar's and Kroger. (See related stories, pages 1 and 3.)

Cornerstone will not only add almost 2,000 jobs but it will be a physically attractive addition to Centerville. Council has insisted that the development be screened with extensive mounding, that hundreds of quick-growing trees and shrubs be placed along the periphery and that the buildings in Cornerstone itself be designed in an aesthetically pleasing manner. I'm confident that once the development is completed, area residents will be pleased with how the site was developed.

An additional reason for optimism is that Centerville Council members and Sugarcreek Township Trustees are engaged in fruitful negotiations to resolve a long-standing dispute about provision of fire service to the Cornerstone development. Deputy Mayor Brooks Compton, Councilmember Joanne Rau and I have had two very constructive meetings with Sugarcreek Township trustees Mike Pittman, Scott Bryant and Nadine Daugherty, with another session scheduled for September 8. We have reached consensus on most of the outstanding issues. I am very hopeful that we will be able to put this contentious issue behind us.

In short, there are many reasons to be positive and optimistic about our future.

Let me end on a personal note. Since 1990, when I was 35 years old, I have had the great honor of serving for 14 years as a councilman and 12 years as your mayor. I was elected Mayor after running on a campaign ideal of making this great city even better. I leave it to others to judge whether I have succeeded in that goal. But after a great deal of thought, I decided not to run for re-election this year. My longtime colleague, Deputy Mayor Brooks Compton, is running unopposed to fill the Mayor's position, and I look forward to his leadership. I will lay out a number of final thoughts in my last Mayor's Message in the next Town Crier, but I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the opportunity to serve this wonderful city for the last 26 years.

*Mark Kingseed*

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**City Offices holiday schedule**

City Offices will close Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 7. Waste collection will occur one day following your regular pickup day. City Offices and waste collection will maintain a regular schedule on Columbus Day, Oct. 12 and Veterans Day, Nov. 11. In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, City offices will be closed Nov. 26 and 27. Waste collection for the Nov. 26 route will occur on Friday, Nov. 27.

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## Golf Merchandise Sale

<b>20% OFF</b> ALL 2015 golf clubs	<b>20% OFF</b> ALL 2015 golf bags	<b>20% OFF</b> ALL 2015 golf shoes	<b>40% OFF</b> ALL 2015 demo golf clubs
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City Council .....7:30 p.m., third Monday monthly  
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Centerville Arts Commission.....7 p.m., first Wednesday monthly  
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& 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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**September–November City Calendar**

**September**

- 3** Citizens Police Academy class begins
- 7** Labor Day, City Offices closed, waste collection is delayed one day
- 21** City Council meeting, 7:30 p.m.

**October**

- 5** Leaf Collection begins, runs eight weeks
- 19** City Council meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 26** Neighborhood Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Public Works, for residents north of Spring Valley Road, south of Franklin Street, east of Main Street to Wilmington Pike
- 31** Trick or Treat Night, 6-8 p.m.

**November**

- 11** Veterans Day Ceremony, 11 a.m., Stubbs Park
- 22** Hometown Holiday Walk, 1-5 p.m., downtown Centerville
- 22** Tree Lighting Ceremony, 5:30 p.m., Benham's Grove

**Weekly**

Brush Drop-off, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday, Public Works  
Farmers Market, 2:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday  
Fish Fry, 5-9 p.m. Friday, Yankee Trace

**Monthly**

Brush Drop-off, 9 a.m.-noon, 3rd Saturday, Public Works

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