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Construction season busy in City

Businesses building and redeveloping sites

Orange barrels and signs of construction are all over Centerville as businesses build and expand throughout the City. As of press time, the latest additions announced by Cornerstone Developers to the Cornerstone of Centerville include Bagger Dave's Burger Tavern and Archer's Tavern. This will be the second Centerville location for Archer's. The restaurants join already announced Kroger, Cabela's outfitters and Chick-fil-A to the growing development on Wilmington Pike and Feedwire Road. A multi-tenant center with three shops yet to be named is also in the plans. See road construction stories on page 11 and 16.

The Grove at Yankee Trace, located between Yankee Trace Drive and Paragon Road, will feature 27 new single-family homes. Construction is expected soon.

Randall Residence, Phase I of the planned development at Sheehan, Social Row and Paragon roads, will feature a 150,000 sq. ft. facility offering independent and assisted living along with 21 four-unit villas. The project is expected to break ground in summer.

Loop Road is experiencing revitalization as Mills Development, owner of the former Showcase Cinemas site, has shared preliminary concept plans for the 15 acres with Centerville Council and Planning Commission. Formal submittal is expected by summer for a four-story *Construction continued on page 3.*

Centerville to provide dispatch services for West Carrollton

Proposed mayor's court set aside

Centerville Police Communications Center will provide public safety dispatch services for the city of West Carrollton beginning no later than May 1. West Carrollton officials said increasing costs, budget cuts and aging equipment led to discussions with Centerville about providing those services for its city. Centerville has a state-of-the-art communications center located in its Police Building at 155 W. Spring Valley Road.

According to Centerville Police Chief Bruce Robertson, upgrades to the communications center's 911 system and radio consoles were already planned for 2015. However, four new Records/Communications positions will be added to handle the increase in calls. Advances in technology have made consolidated dispatching increasingly more common throughout the region and nation. Emergency and non-emergency police and fire calls from West Carrollton will be routed directly to the Centerville dispatch center. Neither Centerville nor West Carrollton residents should see a change in service. "We'll continue to provide immediate and efficient service to all callers to our dispatch center," says Robertson. *Dispatch continued on page 3.*

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Council sets upcoming neighborhood meeting dates

Centerville City Council has set the date for two more Neighborhood Meetings. The meetings serve as a forum for residents to ask questions or voice concerns about issues specific to their neighborhood. The first meeting was held at Bethany Village 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.

Upcoming meetings:

► March 23, 7 p.m. at Miami Valley Hospital South for residents living north of E. Alex Bell Road and east of St. Rt. 48 to Wilmington Pike and includes the Chardon 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. The meeting will be held in the first floor conference room, near the Valley Café. Residents may enter through the Bed Tower Entrance or Main Entrance. Directional signs will be posted.

► May 4, 7 p.m. at the Public Works Center, 7970 S. Suburban Drive. For residents living north of Centerville Station Road, east of Clio Road and south of Alex-Bell Road (St. Rt. 725), and includes the Black Oak, Black Oak Forest, Forest Walk, Franklin East, Countryside, Plymouth Notch, Springstone Lea, Park Estates, Pelbrook Farm, Spring Brook Commons and La Chappelle neighborhoods.

No registration is needed. Neighborhood Meetings will continue throughout the year. For more information, call Centerville Offices, 433-7151, or visit centervilleohio.gov.

A step back in time, 1995



The Golf Club at Yankee Trace officially opens on Yankee Street and Social Row Road. The course and housing would become a catalyst for future development in the area.

Setting the record straight on Cornerstone Fire/EMS services

By Mark Kingseed, Centerville Mayor

One of the most frustrating things I deal with is innocently perusing the morning paper with my coffee and then reading inaccurate negative comments from someone complaining about horrible things the City has supposedly done. The recent "Speak up" commentary in the DDN about the Centerville/Sugarcreek Township dispute on how to provide fire and EMS support for the Cornerstone development is a case in point.

Hopefully by the time you read this, the controversy will have been resolved through court-ordered mediation. But just to set the record straight, I wanted to lay out the facts.

The Cornerstone property owners asked to be annexed into Centerville in 2006, and the City agreed to do so. All parties involved understood that Fire/EMS support would come from Sugarcreek Township, because the City does not have its own fire department. Similarly, the City and Sugarcreek Township always understood that the money to pay for this service should come from property tax levies which would be generated when the land was developed with commercial, retail and housing projects. The Cornerstone project will create thousands of jobs, increase property values by millions of dollars and generate millions of dollars in tax revenue for Sugarcreek Township, Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Schools, Greene County and the City of Centerville.

The City of Centerville, the Cornerstone developer, Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Schools and the Sugarcreek Township Trustees all agreed last June on how property taxes would be fairly shared going forward. Under the Agreement, the Township Fire Department would be getting approximately \$130,000 per year once the project was fully built out. Once the bonds used to pay for roads and other infrastructure were paid off, the Township Fire Department would receive around \$250,000 annually forever. This was a fair deal which more than covered any additional costs the Fire Department would face due to Cornerstone.

In November, at the last minute, and just as the new Costco opened, the Township informed the City that they were not willing to honor their agreement. The Township in essence said it had changed its mind and instead threatened to withhold public safety services unless the City accepted much higher financial demands and also agreed not to annex any additional land in the Township for ten years.

The Cornerstone developer filed suit seeking a court order requiring the Township to live up to its previous commitment. The Greene County Common Pleas Court then issued an order requiring the Township to continue providing fire and EMS service pending the final resolution of the lawsuit.

The bottom line from my perspective is that the health and safety of residents, visitors and travelers to the new Cornerstone development should not be jeopardized. It is irresponsible to withhold safety services. The June tax-sharing agreement was fair and reasonable and should be implemented.

2014 Holiday LIGHTING AWARDS

Residential winners:

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pemberton
5156 Crispy Drive

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Moore
6121 Parkridge Drive

Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Hawley
7725 Glenbrier Place

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Smith
260 Bethel Road

Those recognized for their outstanding outdoor displays:

Ms. Marsha Greene
135 E. Ridgeway Drive

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Heigel
9207 Shawhan Drive

Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Tismo
1061 Kenworthy Place

Business Pride Award winner:

Mary Ellen Lee, Pieces of Style,
18 W. Franklin Street

Two City employees retire



Joyce Humphreville

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Joyce Humphreville, food service office manager at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace, has retired. In addition to welcoming hundreds of guests to the dining and banquet facilities during her nine years at the front desk, her responsibilities included preparing financial reports, invoices, payroll records and purchase orders; taking lunch, dinner and special event reservations; answering phones and handling the paperwork for all new employees.



Officer Donna Peacock

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Centerville Police Officer Donna Peacock retired in January after 32 years of service to the City of Centerville. Over her career, Officer Peacock served as a dispatcher, crime prevention officer, polygraphist and road officer. For more than six years she worked in the Centerville schools as D.A.R.E. officer, juvenile officer and school resource officer, fostering long-term relationships with students and staff. She created the award-winning community clue search event, Mystery Night Out, and "Summer Fun Days," a Police Department outreach program. In 1997 she was awarded the Ohio Outstanding Crime Prevention Officer of the Year from the Ohio Crime Prevention Association. The Centerville Police Awards committee honored her that same year with a Distinguished Service Award for her commitment to the community. Officer Peacock also received a Life Saving recognition letter for reviving a citizen suffering cardiac arrest by performing CPR.

(Construction continued from page 1) class-A apartment complex. Superior Auto Group purchased the Hidy Acura and Hyundai dealerships and is now operating the Acura and used car dealerships at St. Rt. 48 and Loop Road. Walker Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram has opened its doors at the former Saab location on Loop and Alex Bell roads. The decorative fencing project on St. Rt. 48 near Bob Ross Mercedes should be completed soon. The project was financed with a federal grant covering 80 percent and Bob Ross Motors paying the remaining 20 percent of the total cost.

Some new businesses are refurbishing older sites. Dayton Dental Solutions will open at the corner of S. Main and E. Franklin streets. Nida Thai is serving lunch and dinner in the former Cassano's, in the retail center at E. Franklin Street and Westpark. The former Montessori School on Elmwood Avenue will soon open as All State Insurance, and Nelly's Chicken will open in the former Savona site on S. Main Street.

CITY EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZED FOR YEARS OF SERVICE

The City of Centerville honored 18 employees for their years of service at the annual recognition luncheon held in December at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace. Police Sgt. Jim Shanesy was recognized for 30 years of service. Public Works employee Tim Heinlein, Public Works Operations Manager Mary Lou Pence and Police Officer Jeff Williams all received 25-year awards. Police Sgt. James Myers along with two employees from the Golf Club at Yankee Trace, Terry Taylor, golf course superintendent, and Stephen Shaw, food service director, were recognized with 20-year service awards. Shaw retired in December. "The City is pleased and honored to have employees who have dedicated their careers to serving the residents of Centerville," says City Manager Greg Horn. "We appreciate the efforts and talents all of our employees bring to their respective positions."

Other honorees included:

15 Years of Service

Brad Eshler
Police Department

Debbie Jones
Clerk of Council

Kathy Ryan
The Golf Club at Yankee Trace

Tracy Sommers
Police Department



Mary Lou Pence, 25-year recipient, and Sgt. Jim Shanesy, 30-year recipient, were recognized for their years of service.

10 Years of Service

Sue Noe
Tax Superintendent

Jennifer Wilder
Assistant to the City Manager



Steve Shaw, Terry Taylor and James Myers received awards for 20 years of service.

5 Years of Service

Holly Bricker
City Manager's Office

Anthony Green
Police Department

Virginia Greer
Public Works

Steven Hinshaw
Finance Director

Lindsey Slack
Police Department

(Dispatch continued from page 1) The five-year contract includes a first-year base cost of \$244,495, with inflationary increases in the remaining years, and additional cost reimbursement for any West Carrollton dispatcher hired by Centerville.

The proposed Mayor's Court, set to start in spring and also to be housed in the Police facility, has been set aside. "From a timing standpoint, our priority is to get the expanded dispatch center up and running," said City Manager Greg Horn. "With the additional responsibility of dispatching for the city of West Carrollton, we're taking on four new dispatchers and increasing our operations in the Police Building," he continued. "We expect a smooth transition, and we're concentrating our efforts and focusing our full attention on that project." Kettering Municipal Court will continue to provide court services to Centerville.

Centerville coordinates garage sale

Register your sale through April 17

One of the most popular spring events is the annual Citywide Garage Sale. Set for Thursday, April 30 through Saturday, May 2, the sales take place 8 a.m.–5 p.m. in neighborhoods throughout Centerville. The City will provide one sign and advertising in a local newspaper for each participating address. A list of all addresses along with a brief description of items for sale will be available on the City's website.

Residents may begin registering March 9 at centervilleohio.gov or using the form on page 20 of this publication, and return it to City Municipal Office, 100 W. Spring Valley Road. Fax registrations to 428-4763. Registration closes at 9 a.m., Friday, April 17.

Following the garage sale is the City's annual bulk item pickup, May 4–7, free for all Centerville waste collection customers. All items should be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. on your regular waste collection day. For more information call 433-7151 or email information@centervilleohio.gov.

Free bulk item pickup offered May 4-7

Centerville waste collection customers may put out unlimited refuse for pickup at no extra charge during Clean Sweep Week, May 4–7. All items must be at the curb by 7 a.m. on your regular collection day. Hazardous items (chemicals, paint, oil, propane) concrete, rock, dirt, tree stumps, root balls or vehicle parts including batteries and tires will not be collected. Large items such as carpet, wood and countertops must be no larger than four foot in length. Mattresses and box springs must be sealed in plastic. Mattress bags are available for \$3 at the Public Works Center or purchased at local home improvement stores. Bundled brush will be collected; however it must be bound in no larger than ten-inch diameter bundles that are less than four feet long. Contact Public Works, 428-4782 or publicworks@centervilleohio.gov for more information.



All items should be placed at the curb by 7 a.m.

During Clean Sweep Week, the entire Refuse/Recycling and Street division staffs are assigned to this event. Several different trucks will be picking up items at various times throughout each day. A regular trash truck and recycling truck will make normal rounds. Several other trucks will collect metal, brush, and/or other bulk items.

Be good stewards of the environment and recycle as much as possible. Orange recycling stickers to place on a container of your choice, but no larger than 32 gallons, are available at City Hall and the Public Works Center or by calling Public Works, 428-4782. Some items you are disposing of may have useful life for others. McMRF, the Montgomery County Material Re-use Facility, accepts a variety of items including wood furniture, paint, cabinets, appliances and lumber. For details, go to mcoho.org or call 496-6639 for details.

Sirens warn to seek shelter

As part of an ongoing effort to be prepared for emergency situations, Centerville and Washington Township staffs train annually and review emergency operations procedures. Each month, the Fire Department sounds alarms in Centerville and Washington Township. Sirens are sounded to give warning that those outside should seek immediate shelter. There are 13 strategically-located sirens throughout the Centerville and Washington Township area to provide coverage for those who are outdoors. The sirens are not meant to warn those who are already indoors. As newer homes have been designed with better insulation and typically include several-paned windows to keep out sound, 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

It is also recommended that you remain inside your home and stay away from windows and doors. In case of a citywide emergency, tune your radio to WCWT 107.3 FM for information.

Drug drop-off box available in Police building

Safely dispose of unwanted pharmaceuticals in the locked box in the Police Department lobby, 155 W. Spring Valley Road. Pills, tablets, and capsules should be removed from the bottle and placed securely in a Ziploc bag. All foil packaging and unopened pill bottles should be emptied and placed in a Ziploc bag. Liquids, needles and packages with leaks are not accepted. The Police Department lobby is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Law enforcement is the only entity legally permitted to accept medications. The Police Department destroys the drugs on a regular basis as part of normal operations.



A warm and cheerful welcome to these businesses

~ new to Centerville ~

- The Little Clinic** 1095 S. Main St.
- SpringCreek Fertility** 7095 Clyo Road
- Kidz Watch** 101 E. Alex Bell Road, Suite 110
- Dayton Dental Solutions** 2 E. Franklin St.
- Allstate Insurance, Tony Peh, Agent** 16 E. Elmwood
- Nida Thai** 853 E. Franklin St.
- Medix Urgent Care** 4433 Feedwire Road
- Centerville Smoke Shop** 869 E. Franklin St.
- Nelly's Chicken** 79 S. Main St.
- Paddy's Irish Pub** 953 S. Main St.
- Franklin Street Psychic & Tarot** 175 W. Franklin St.
- Tokyo Restaurant** 4431 Feedwire Road
- The Wicked 'Wich of Dayton** 20 Compark
- Hearing Health Pros** 19 IronGate Park

HOME IMPROVEMENT GUIDE

Check to ensure you have all permits before starting work

As the weather turns to spring, folks are eager to make improvements to their homes and properties. Whether it's an annual cleaning or more substantial improvements, spring is a great time to take stock of the interior and exterior of your home.

Check downspouts and gutters to make sure they are clear of debris—leaves, pine needles, and roof grit. Check the drain pipes or splash blocks at the ends of your downspouts—are they open and able to run unobstructed? Do they adequately direct water away from the house? Look to correct any deficiencies you may find.

If planned improvements include work in the public right of way, such work requires a right of way permit. This includes any plan to connect yard drains to the storm sewer system or replace a drive approach with concrete, asphalt or pavers.

Use the guide below to help determine whether your work will require a permit. Note the list is not all-inclusive. The permit triggers an inspection to ensure your work is done properly and in accordance with current City standards. Property owners are encouraged to hire contractors familiar with City requirements. Contractors working in the public right of way are required to be bonded. Electrical, gas piping, HVAC and plumbing contractors are required to be state licensed and registered with the City. All contractors must provide proof of insurance.

Anything you place in the public right of way—a pet fence, an irrigation system or landscaping—may be subject to removal at the owner's expense—when a public improvement project comes along. If in doubt—check it out!

RESIDENTIAL PROJECT	DEPARTMENT REVIEW REQUIRED	TYPE OF PERMIT REQUIRED
ADDITION TO HOUSE (including decks)	Building, Planning	Zoning, Building, Elec., HVAC, Plumbing
APPLIANCE REPLACEMENT (hard-wired)	Building	Electrical
DETACHED STRUCTURES (smaller than 200 sq. ft.)	Planning	Zoning
DETACHED STRUCTURES (larger than 200 sq. ft.)	Building, Planning	Building, Zoning
DRIVEWAY APPROACH (new or replacement)	Public Works	Right of Way
ELECTRICAL PANELS, CIRCUIT OR REPAIRS	Building	Electrical
FENCES	Planning	Zoning
FIREPLACES (wood, gas, insert)	Building	Building
GARAGE OR GARAGE CONVERSION	Building, Planning	Building, Zoning
GAS LINES (new or replacement)	Building, Public Works	Gas Piping, Right of Way
HEATING OR AIR CONDITIONING REPLACEMENT	Building	HVAC
KITCHEN/BATH REMODEL (with wall modification)	Building	Building, Electrical, Plumbing
KITCHEN/BATH REMODEL (cabinets only)	No	None
LANDSCAPING/DRAINAGE/IRRIGATION SYSTEM	Planning, Public Works	Zoning, Right of Way
OUTDOOR BARBEQUES (permanently installed)	Building	Electrical, Gas Piping
PAINTING (required for APD* only)	Planning	None
PORTABLE SPA	Building, Planning	Electrical, Zoning
RE-ROOF (required for APD* only)	Planning	Zoning
RETAINING WALLS LARGER THAN 4 FT.	Building, Planning	Building, Zoning
ROOF RE-PITCH	Building, Planning (in APD*)	Building, Zoning
SANITARY SEWER OUTSIDE (new or replacement)	Public Works, MCWS**	Right of Way, Plumbing
SIDEWALK—PUBLIC (new or replacement)	Public Works	Right of Way
SOLAR PANELS	Building, Planning	Building, Zoning, Misc.
SUMP PUMP	Building	Plumbing
SUMP PUMP OUTLET PIPE (if in right of way)	Public Works	Right of Way
SWIMMING POOL (above- or in-ground)	Building, Planning	Electrical, Zoning
WATER HEATER	Building	Plumbing
WATER LINES INSIDE (new or replacement)	Building	Plumbing
WATER LINES OUTSIDE (new or replacement)	Public Works, MCWS**	Right of Way, Plumbing
WATER SOFTENER	Building	Plumbing

For more information, contact:

Building Inspection Office:
428-4786
buildinginspection@centervilleohio.gov
Municipal Building rear entrance
100 W. Spring Valley Road

Planning Office:
428-4760
planning@centervilleohio.gov
Municipal Building
100 W. Spring Valley Road

Engineering and Public Works:
428-4782
publicworks@centervilleohio.gov
Public Works Center
7970 S. Suburban Road

Montgomery Co. Water Services:
781-2500

Call Ohio Utility Protection Services (OUPS) at 811 to have utility lines located BEFORE starting your project. This is for your safety and it is the law!

*Architectural Preservation District
**Montgomery County Water Services

Grow your own garden

A limited number of garden plots are available at Stubbs Park, 255 W. Spring Valley Road. The plots are 20' x 20' and rent for \$25 for the season, May-October. Over the years, local folks have planted tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, cucumbers, summer squash, onions, sweet potatoes and more. Gardeners must supply your own water. For more information, call 433-7151, or stop by the Municipal Offices, 100 W. Spring Valley Road.

Beekeeping, livestock not permitted in residential areas

With the growing interest in keeping bees, chickens and other livestock in residential areas, the City reminds residents that the production, keeping or maintenance of such is not permitted. Horses, chickens, goats and other grazing animals must be on property that is zoned agricultural. For more information about Centerville's ordinance, call the Planning Office, 433-7151, or visit centervilleohio.gov and click Zoning.

Scholarships available to local students

Three local education scholarships are targeted specifically for Centerville and Washington Township students.

The John P. Kalaman Scholarship Fund, established in 1998 in memory of Centerville Police Officer John Kalaman, offers three scholarships totaling \$22,500. To date, more than \$175,000 has been awarded to 40 local students. Applications are available at daytonfoundation.org, click on Scholarship Connect, or call 225-9955. Application deadline is March 13.

The Americana Festival scholarships ranging in value from \$400 to \$1,600, offer three scholarships each for middle school and high school students, one scholarship for college students and one community service scholarship for either high school or college students. Application information is at americanafestival.org or call 438-3585.

The Centerville Women's Civic Club offers scholarships to students attending Wright State University. Since 1964, the club, whose mission is to encourage and promote betterment in the community, has awarded more than \$111,000 in scholarships to 70 students. Information is available through the Raider Connect website under Financial Aid, Scholarships. For additional information call Florence Krahlung, 433-1724.

★ REMEMBER ★ OUR COUNTRY'S HEROES

Memorial Day ceremony is May 25

The City of Centerville's annual Memorial Day ceremony is 9 a.m., Monday, May 25 at the Veterans Memorial in Stubbs Park, 255 W. Spring Valley Road. In case of rain, the event will move to the Centerville Police Department, 155 W. Spring Valley Road.

The program includes the Centerville VFW Post 9550 Color Guard, the Washington Township Fire Department and Centerville Police Department honor guards and remarks from Centerville Mayor Mark Kingseed. The keynote speaker had not been announced by press time. For more information call 433-7151.

Cub Scouts lead the Pledge of Allegiance during the 2014 ceremony at the Veterans Memorial at Stubbs Park.



Tree planting to celebrate Arbor Day

The City's annual tree planting in celebration of Arbor Day is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 15 on Iron Gate Park Drive, near Fire Station 41 and Robert O'Toole Way. Nine trees representing each of the nine elementary schools serving Centerville—will be planted. Third grade students will help Mayor Kingseed and members of City Council plant the trees. This event commemorates Centerville's recognition as a Tree City USA. The City has received this designation for 28 consecutive years. The public is invited.

Celebrate Volunteers

April is National Volunteer Month



CIVIC volunteers, Scott and Mary Graham, along with Jacki and Gary Martindale attend the Volunteer Salute.

Centerville is known as a community of volunteers. More than 300 citizens volunteer on Council-appointed Boards and Commissions and as CIVIC Municipal Volunteers. Boards and Commissions include the Storm

Water Drainage Task Force, Board of Architectural Review, Board of Tax Appeals, Arts Commission, Property Review Commission, City Township Relations Committee, City Beautiful Commission, Planning Commission, CRA Housing Committee, Personnel Appeals Board, Sister City Committee, Friends of Benham's Grove Board, Business Task Force and Centerville City School District Personnel Appeals Board. CIVIC (Citizens InVolved In Centerville) Municipal Volunteers give their time to Benham's Grove, Building Inspection, Engineering, Public Works, The Golf Club at Yankee Trace, Police Department, and the City Clerk, Zoning and City Manager's offices.

Among their many contributions, our volunteers...

- ▶ Celebrate Arbor Day by planting trees
- ▶ Organize exhibits in the Police Department Art Gallery
- ▶ Provide clerical and courier support to all City offices
- ▶ Recognize homes, businesses and entrance ways for landscaping and lighting displays
- ▶ Maintain the Four Corners garden
- ▶ Honor businesses for architectural preservation
- ▶ Coordinate special events like Art at the Trace
- ▶ Provide customer service, maintenance and department support
- ▶ Offer services to Yankee Trace guests and keep the course in top condition
- ▶ Arrange bands for concerts and coordinate fine arts performances
- ▶ Offer gardening seminars and workshops
- ▶ Photograph City and community events
- ▶ Greet visitors, direct traffic and staff booths for City events and festivals
- ▶ Maintain the look of downtown
- ▶ Review plans and new development
- ▶ Host Sister City guests from Bad Zwischenahn, Germany

We appreciate their service.

Benham's Grove

2015 RENTAL RATES

FACILITY/SEATING CAPACITY	WEEKDAY RATES (6 HR. BLOCK)	EACH ADDL. HOUR	WEEKEND & HOLIDAYS	EACH ADDL. HOUR
ENTIRE COMPLEX 200 GUESTS				
<i>Non-Peak: Nov 1-Mar 31; Peak: Apr 1-October 31</i>				
Non-Peak:	\$650	\$110	\$1,500	\$250
Peak:	\$1,000	\$150	\$2,000	\$300
GERBER HOUSE 70/120 GUESTS				
<i>Add as dressing room - \$150</i>				
Non-Peak:	\$450	\$75	\$900	\$150
Peak:	\$600	\$100	\$1,300	\$200
EAST MEETING ROOM - 20 GUESTS	\$200	\$30	N/A	N/A
BARN 80 GUESTS				
Non-Peak:	\$400	\$50	\$750	\$130
Peak:	\$500	\$75	\$900	\$150
COTTAGE 24 GUESTS	\$225	\$35	\$425	\$75
<i>Add as dressing room - \$150</i>				
GAZEBO	<i>Limited availability with rental of one or more facilities.</i>			
BRICK PLAZA	<i>\$1,400 for each client renting the Complex who uses the brick plaza, tent is provided.</i>			
April 1-October 31				
For Ceremony (Rain Plan) \$300				

City of Centerville residents and businesses receive a 20% discount off the facility rental fee. Additional hours and tent fee are charged at the regular rate.

SERVICE DISCOUNT: Groups with 501(c)(3) classification are eligible for a 10% discount.

BEREAVEMENT RATE: Groups needing a place to gather on short notice during a bereavement period are eligible for a 15% discount.

WEEKDAY BUSINESS RATE: Special weekday rates are available for two-hour, four-hour and all-day meetings, seminars, etc.

RENTAL FEES: Rental fees are subject to annual adjustment. More than one discount will not be permitted, the highest discount available will be applied. Benham's Grove is owned and operated by the City of Centerville. For additional information or to make reservations, contact Benham's Grove, 433-1913.

Rental fees include the use of the selected facility for six hours. Arrangements for catering and decorations are not included in the rental fee and are the responsibility of the renter.

BENHAM'S GROVE IS PERFECT CHOICE FOR EVENTS

Party planning is underway at Benham's Grove. The community gathering place at 166 N. Main Street is the perfect spot for weddings, receptions, meetings and company picnics as well as birthday, anniversary and family parties. With three facilities there are plenty of party options. For more information or to schedule a tour, call 433-1913 or visit benhamsgrove.com.

FRIENDS OF BENHAM'S GROVE CELEBRATES 20TH ANNIVERSARY Luncheon and garden tour planned for July 23

The Friends of Benham's Grove will celebrate its 20th anniversary with a garden tour and luncheon on Thursday, July 23 at the community gathering place, 166 N. Main Street. Tours begin at 10 a.m. followed by lunch and special presentations. The public is invited, look for ticket information soon.

Established in April 1995, the Friends of Benham's Grove was formed to promote and preserve the gardens and grounds of Benham's Grove and to develop special projects that further the cause of the facility and the organization. The Board of Directors including President Sherry Leighty, Vice-President Sandi Rachal, Recording Secretary Jan Prettyman, Treasurer Cate Renner and Corresponding Secretary Patricia Fleissner along with the general membership invite individuals and groups to join this volunteer organization. For membership information contact Bev Reno at brr44@aol.com or call Benham's Grove, 433-1913.

Save your trees!

Discover "What's Eating Our Trees" at the City Beautiful Commission workshop at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 14 at Centerville High School Central Theater. This informative seminar features Joe Boggs, commercial horticulture educator at The Ohio State University. Discussion topics include how to address problems

with your trees and the non-native tree killers in Ohio. Admission is free and open to the public, and door prizes will be awarded.

The City Beautiful Commission, a city volunteer board, is open to any Centerville resident interested in keeping Centerville beautiful. Applications may be downloaded at centervilleohio.gov or call 433-7151.

Americana Festival looking for volunteers and sponsors

The Centerville-Washington Township Americana Festival is one of the highlights of the summer for those in the Miami Valley and beyond. Set for July 4 in downtown Centerville, this year's theme is "Our Youth...America's Future." The festival was nationally recognized last year by Fox News as one of the best places to celebrate Independence Day. And it's all made possible because of the dedicated work of volunteers and generous donations from individuals and corporate sponsors. If you or your business want to contribute time or financial support to this hometown tradition, contact the Americana Office, americanafestival@sbcglobal.net, or 433-5898. For festival information, visit americanafestival.org.

Speaker Series highlights historical people and places



Carillon Brewing Company

The Centerville Washington Township Historical Society offers its monthly speaker series at Hithergreen Center, 5900 Hithergreen Drive. With a reception at 6:30 p.m. and the program at 7 p.m., the programs are free and open to the public.

March 17, 2015

Centerville-Washington Township Historical Society and the Washington Centerville Library present "Centerville in the 1960s"

April 21, 2015

Hope Taft presents "Heritage Gardens at the Governor's Residence"

May 19, 2015

Brady Kress presents "The building of the Carillon Brewing Company"

June 16, 2015

Ed Ross presents "Ida Weller and her Farm"

Library hosts upcoming events

Peanuts... Naturally Comes to the Library!

A traveling exhibit of the beloved Peanuts characters will visit both the Woodbourne and Centerville libraries this summer through August 30.

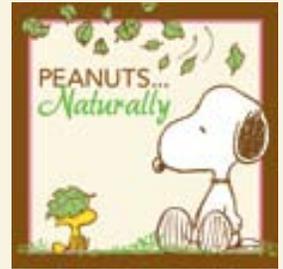
The exhibit has been funded by the Dorothy R. Yeck Woodbourne Library Arts Endowment, and is organized by the Charles M. Schulz Museum in Santa Rosa, Calif.

Opening events scheduled for May include:

► Charles M. Schulz and the Peanuts Gang: 7 p.m., May 5, Centerville Library.

Learn about the creative genius of Schulz who launched the world-famous comic strip in 1950.

► Exhibit Opening Receptions: May 30, 10:30 a.m., Woodbourne Library and 12 p.m., Centerville Library.



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Friends of WCPL Spring Book Sale

Support the Library's Friends group and shop for bargains at the same time. Hundreds of books, movies, music, games and more will be on sale for \$1-\$5 April 23-25 at the Centerville Library. Visit wcpl.info for details.

Tee up for Hithergreen outing

Hithergreen Center's 7th Annual Golf Outing, a major fundraiser that helps provide programs for older adults in the community, will be held Monday, May 18 at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace. The \$100 entry fee includes green fees, golf cart and lunch buffet in addition to a silent auction of golf, entertainment and

restaurant packages. Proceeds from the outing benefit the center that helps seniors live longer, happier and healthier lives. Over the past six years, the outing has raised \$100,000. This year's goal is \$20,000. For more information or a registration form, call Bob Daley, 433-0811.



Bob Daley at last year's outing

TAKE THE FAMILY TO YANKEE TRACE RESTAURANT

Whether it's lunch, brunch, or a Friday night fish fry, Yankee Trace restaurant offers delicious fare for your family, featuring a variety of entrees, sides and desserts served in a warm and inviting atmosphere. And, with two special event buffets, your upcoming holiday meals just got planned. Visit yankeetrace.org or call 438-3585 for more information.

Lunch: Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

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

*Excluding holidays. Adult: \$18.95, Children: \$8.95

Friday Night Fish Fry: (through April 3)

Adults: \$14.99, Children: \$5.95

Easter Buffet, Sunday, April 5

Mother's Day Buffet, Sunday, May 10

Enjoy a buffet feast including roast leg of lamb and Prime Rib (Easter only), oven-roasted turkey (Mother's Day only), baked Virginia ham, Seafood Newburg, vegetables, potato, salads, desserts and more. Three seatings available: 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 4 p.m. Prices are \$26.95 for adults, \$12.95 for ages 12 and under. Kids five and under eat free. Reservations required, call 438-3585.

Arts Commission seeking sponsors

Get your lawn chairs and blankets ready for a summer of musical entertainment. Sponsored by the Centerville Arts Commission, almost 11,000 people attended last year's 15 free concerts at Stubbs Park, 255 W. Spring Valley Road. This summer, look for a great mix of oldies, big band, country, Motown and rock. We'll have the complete schedule in the next Town Crier.

The Arts Commission is offering businesses, groups and individuals the opportunity to provide sponsorship support for the series. Sponsorships are offered at five levels: Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze and Patron. For sponsorship information, contact Kristen Gopman, 433-7151 or visit centervilleohio.gov. Sponsorship deadline is March 31.

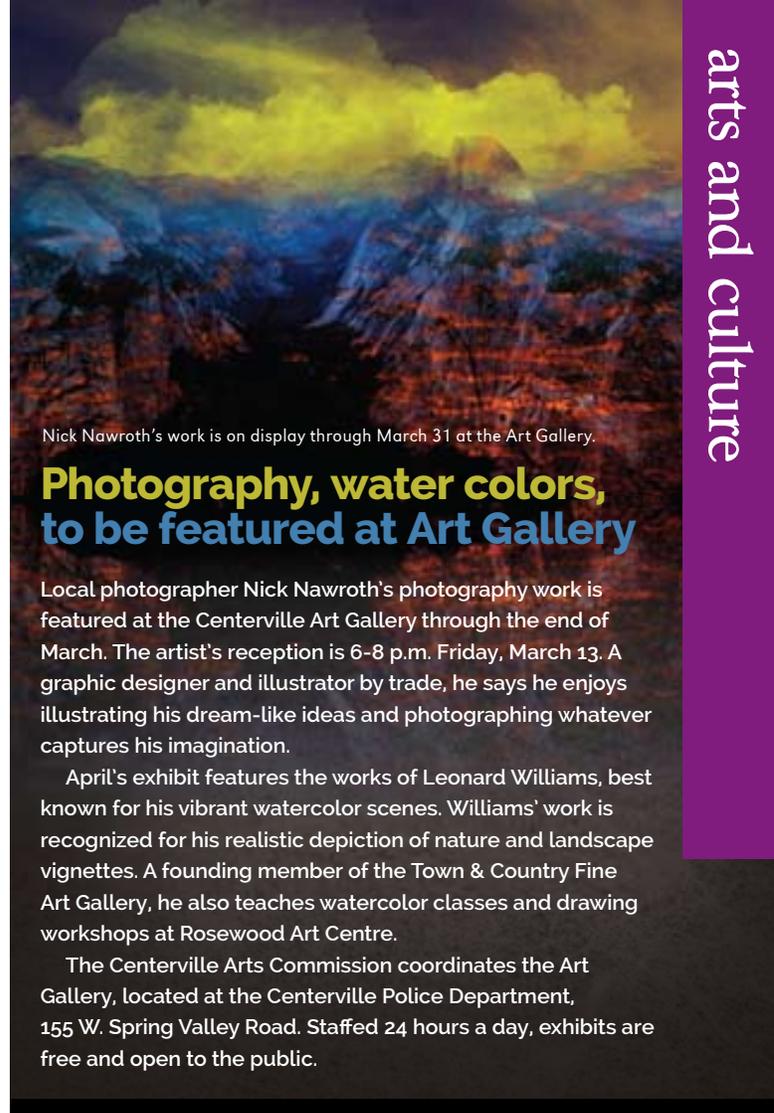


Band members prepare for a performance at Benham's Grove.

Community band celebrates 30th anniversary

Celebrating its third decade, the Centerville Community Band has several shows already on its schedule, including a joint concert with the University of Dayton New Horizons Band at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at Temple Beth Or on Marshall Road and a concert at Warren County Career Center on Saturday, May 2. Retired Centerville High School band director Wayne Markworth will guest conduct a few selections at the July 3 Americana concert at Stubbs Park. For the complete schedule, visit centervilleohio.gov/ccb/, or the Centerville Community Band Facebook page.

The band is open to anyone who plays or has played an instrument and is out of high school. There are no auditions. For more information, call Jay Finley, 433-8423, or email jotaito@aol.com.



Nick Nawroth's work is on display through March 31 at the Art Gallery.

Photography, water colors, to be featured at Art Gallery

Local photographer Nick Nawroth's photography work is featured at the Centerville Art Gallery through the end of March. The artist's reception is 6-8 p.m. Friday, March 13. A graphic designer and illustrator by trade, he says he enjoys illustrating his dream-like ideas and photographing whatever captures his imagination.

April's exhibit features the works of Leonard Williams, best known for his vibrant watercolor scenes. Williams' work is recognized for his realistic depiction of nature and landscape vignettes. A founding member of the Town & Country Fine Art Gallery, he also teaches watercolor classes and drawing workshops at Rosewood Art Centre.

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.

Mayor to host annual Interfaith Breakfast

Centerville Mayor Mark Kingseed hosts the annual interfaith breakfast with area religious leaders at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 14 at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace, 10000 Yankee Street. Kingseed says the event provides an opportunity to discuss ways local government and faith-based organizations can work together to meet community needs. Representatives from houses of worship in Centerville and Washington Township area are invited. For more information call Centerville Municipal Offices, 433-7151.

Farmers Market opens in May

Bring your shopping list to the Farmers Market, near the intersection of St. Rt. 48 and Spring Valley Road. Area farmers arrive each Thursday beginning May 14, 2:30-6:30 p.m., with fresh vegetables, fruit, bread, herbs, organic meat and eggs, jams, jellies, soap, kettle corn, cut flowers, bedding plants, honey and more. All produce is locally grown; some is certified organic. Visit centervillefarmersmarket.com and visit the Facebook page for updates.



Lovely landscaping to be lauded

Throughout the summer, the City Beautiful Commission recognizes beautifully landscaped yards. Members of the Commission canvas the City as well as review nominations for colorful landscapes and well-manicured lawns. Awards are given in July, August and September to properties along public roadways. Nominate a contender by calling 428-4782 or emailing publicworks@centervilleohio.gov.

The City Beautiful Commission, a city volunteer board, is looking for members. The Commission is open to any Centerville resident interested in keeping Centerville beautiful. Applications may be downloaded at centervilleohio.gov or call 433-7151.

The Golf Club at Yankee Trace celebrates 20 years

In celebration of its 20th anniversary, The Golf Club at Yankee Trace will offer specials and events throughout the year. Since 1995, the city-owned 27-hole championship golf course has garnered numerous awards and accolades. With more than 850,000 rounds of golf played, Yankee Trace is consistently voted "Best Golf Course in Dayton" by golfers and non-golfers in the Miami Valley and beyond. The outstanding staff, dedicated volunteers, beautifully manicured grounds and delicious food have been a part of making—and keeping—The Golf Club at Yankee Trace a truly special place. Visit yankeetrace.org for the latest news and announcements.

VOLUNTEER AT YANKEE TRACE

The Golf Club at 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.

SEVERAL OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR LEAGUE PLAY

Get into the swing and join a league at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace. Offering the most comprehensive schedule of league play in the Miami Valley, Yankee Trace also hosts company and private leagues. For more information, contact Steven Marino, head golf professional, 438-GOLF or golf@yankeetrace.org, or visit yankeetrace.org.

Men's Leagues: 9-holes, four 9-week sessions. Includes 9-holes, prize fund, optional skins game, emailed results and awards banquet. Play days are Tuesday and Thursdays. First two sessions begin mid-April.

Senior Men's League: (Age 50+) 18-holes, weekly Tuesday morning game begins in May. Fee includes 18-holes, prize fund, emailed results, optional skins game and awards banquet.

Women's Leagues: Three options: 1) 9-hole Tuesday morning league, 2) 18-hole Wednesday morning league, 3) 9-hole Wednesday evening league. Each league is pay-as-you-go format. Tee times may be reserved one week in advance. Fees include golf, prize fund, emailed results, awards banquet and more.

Couple's Leagues: Monthly weekend events: Two playing partners of any skill level compete in a fun format followed by an awards ceremony and dinner. Begins in May.

MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Yankee Player Development Program: (YPD Membership) includes unlimited access to the dual-ended driving range, comprehensive short game area (including three putting greens, pitching and chipping stations, fairway and green-side bunkers) and indoor netted range for year-round practice for a one-time fee. In addition, all YPD members qualify for greatly reduced greens fees and/or cart fees during selected times and other savings specials. Call the Golf Shop for fees and additional details. Limited memberships offered.

VIP Membership: (Age 50+) Annual membership fee is \$35 and benefits include \$30 greens and cart fees Monday thru Thursday anytime, \$32 greens and cart fees Fridays anytime, and Saturdays and Sundays after 12 p.m. Other perks are complimentary range balls and coffee with every round. 2015 Bonus: FREE gift for every member.

Annual Midday Membership: Unlimited golf seven days a week between the hours of noon and 4 p.m. for a one-time low price. Benefits include 14-day advance reservations, complimentary bag storage, locker, USGA handicap service and merchandise discounts throughout the year.

GET AHEAD OF THE GAME WITH YOUTH PROGRAMS

Summer Youth Leagues: ages 10-17, for intermediate skill level and above, offers playing experience with an introduction to competitive golf, including on-course matches for junior golfers getting ready for high school golf.

Youth Camps: Ideal for ages 6-12, offers five days of instruction and ends with an on-course tournament. Each junior receives complimentary Nike golf shoes, glove, sleeve of golf balls and more.

Youth Players Camp: for golfers ages 11-16, geared toward the intermediate and advanced golfer. These comprehensive classes combine practice sessions with on-course instruction. Fee includes video analysis, Nike golf balls, daily prizes and more.

*Camps offered in June and July.

Public Works ready for construction season

The Public Works Department is gearing up for the construction season. Projects on tap this year include the annual street program and concrete sidewalk repair program that provides repair and resurfacing work on various local streets.

Improvements to Feedwire Road and Wilmington Pike resume in the spring. A portion of the funding for the Feedwire Road construction is provided by the Ohio Public Works Commission. With anticipated traffic growth stemming from development in the area, improvements include widening the roadway and installing curb, storm sewer and sidewalk. In the northeast part of the City, Sugarcreek Township is widening Clyo Road from east of Wilmington Pike to Feedwire Road. The City is sharing in a portion of this project as a small segment is within the City corporation limit.

Vectren is replacing the old gas main along Franklin Street from near Hampton Road to Cemetery Drive. Neighboring streets affected include Weidner Lane, Virginia Avenue, Westerfield Drive and several public alleys. Work includes abandoning an old low pressure main and replacing it with a plastic main that can handle higher pressure. In many locations the main will be removed from roadway pavement areas and the new main placed in utility easements across rear property lines. Many gas meters will be relocated from inside to the outside rear of the buildings. As work progresses, traffic along Franklin Street will be impacted. This project is expected to be complete by late June 2015. For information contact Vectren or visit vectren.com. Click on 'public safety' and then 'pipeline replacement.' Go to 'Active Projects.'



Public Works crews have a busy season ahead.

Following the Vectren project on Franklin Street, Montgomery County Environmental Services (MCES) will be replacing a water main on East Franklin Street in front of Centerville High School. Construction will start in early 2016. Once both utility projects are complete, the City will resurface East Franklin Street in 2016.

Call before you dig

April is 'Safe Digging' month. Protecting buried utility lines is a safety consideration. Digging into a live electric or gas line may cause injury or worse. Utility locations are needed when planting a shrub or tree, setting posts to build a deck, installing an irrigation system or sinking swing set supports. Call 811 (or 1-800-362-2764) for utility locations before digging—it's the law! Ohio Utility Protection Service (OUPS) is a free service. After you call and provide the location of your work, OUPS will contact utility companies to visit your property to mark their respective underground lines. Then you'll know where to dig to avoid hitting a buried utility line. For more information, visit oups.org.

THREE CHEERS FOR PUBLIC WORKS

National Public Works Week educates the public on the importance of the contribution of public works to their daily lives: planning, building, managing and operating the heart of our local communities and building the quality of life. This year's theme "Community Begins Here" speaks to the essential nature of Public Works services in support of everyday quality of life. For more than 50 years, Public Works Week, this year May 17-23, has celebrated the contributions of the hard-working folks who take care of many of the amenities and services that make our community so special. In Centerville, Public Works staff take care of over 110 miles of streets, 60 miles of sidewalk, over 3,000 storm drains, more than 3,600 traffic signs, 28 traffic signals, several hundred street lights, hundreds of acres of grass and landscaped areas, and collect trash and recyclables from over 6,000 customers. Centerville's Public Works crew also includes mechanics who maintain and repair over 100 different vehicles and pieces of equipment needed to do our work. PW staff also work special events at Stubbs Park, the Americana Festival and other various holidays. They help keep our city clean, safe and in tip-top condition.



Don't move firewood

Tree-killing insects and diseases can lurk in firewood. They can't move far on their own, but when people move firewood, the insects and diseases can jump hundreds of miles. Unlike native trees that have defenses against these insects and diseases, non-native insects and diseases have no predators in their new homes, and the trees have no natural defenses against them. New infestations destroy our forests, property values and cost huge sums of money to control. For more information, visit dontmovefirewood.org.

Officer graduates from FBI program



Sgt. Steven Maynard

Centerville Police Sgt. Steven Maynard graduated recently from the FBI National Academy program at Quantico, Virginia. The highly selective program, internationally known for its academic excellence, offers 11 weeks of advanced investigative, management and fitness training for selected officers having proven records as professionals within their respective agencies.

Sgt. Maynard joined the Centerville Police Department in 1992. Over his career, he has served as road officer, firearms instructor, patrol sergeant, field training officer, school resource officer, D.A.R.E. officer and public information officer. He was assigned full-time to the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force from 2004 through 2007 and still serves part-time. Assigned as the detective sergeant, he joins current Centerville Police Department staff members Chief Bruce Robertson and Capt. Mark Casey as alumni of this elite program.

New officers in training



Officer Nichole Wells



Officer Marcus Loel

The Centerville Police Department has two new officers. Nichole Wells has a degree in criminal justice from Indiana University. She was previously employed as an investigator with the Montgomery County Division of Jobs and Family Services. Marcus Loel, a former member of the U.S. Air National Guard, holds a degree in criminal

justice from Wright State University. Both officers are attending an 18-week training course at the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy. Following graduation, they will continue training with Centerville officers.



Officer Tracy Sommers works with a student during CSI Camp.

Retrieve and analyze evidence, gather fingerprints, collect simulated blood and use digital mug shots to help solve a "crime." These are just a few of the activities offered by the Centerville Police Department's Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) camp offered 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m. on two dates: June 12 and July 17, at the Centerville Police Department, 155 W. Spring Valley Road. Students just completing 6th, 7th or 8th grades are eligible to register for this free one-day class.

Registration forms are available in the Police Department lobby and will be distributed by email through Centerville Schools. Early registration is encouraged as class size is limited.

round up for the BICYCLE RODEO



A bike patrol officer leads the bicycle parade during the rodeo.

The Centerville Police Department and Centerville Noon Optimists are partnering with Miami Valley Hospital South to host the Bicycle Rodeo 9 a.m.–noon, Saturday, May 16.

- ★ Test cycling skills
- ★ Check bicycle helmet fit
- ★ Register bicycles against theft
- ★ Inspect bike maintenance
- ★ Meet McGruff the Crime Dog
- ★ Receive a new bicycle helmet if needed
- ★ Participate in health and safety activities, giveaways and more

Children taking part in skills testing must bring a safe operational bicycle and wear a bicycle helmet. Prizes—including several bicycles—will be given away throughout the morning.

Call 433-7661 for further information.

Have coffee
with a cop

Stop by The Golf Club at Yankee Trace 9–11 a.m. Friday, April 3, to sit down for a cup of coffee with Centerville Police Officers. Spend the morning meeting officers, learning how the department operates and how you can get involved in Neighborhood Watch programs. No reservations needed.

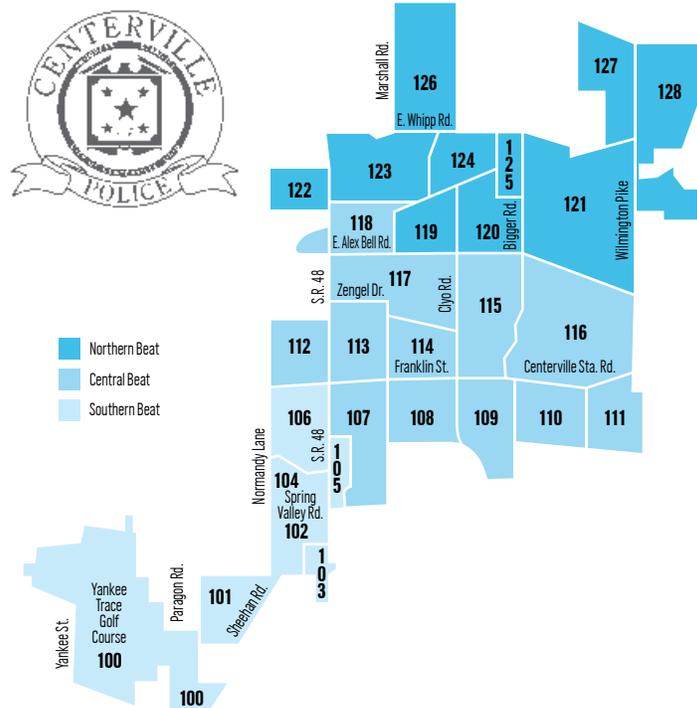
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Residential and Business crime statistics

Statistic Totals: November 2014-January 2015



PUT A LID ON IT! BIKE HELMETS SAVE LIVES

Estimates indicate that 80-90 percent of children DO NOT wear bike helmets...do yours? In Centerville, cyclists under the age of 18 are required to wear a helmet, it's the law. The Ohio chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics has provided the Centerville Police Department with more than 200 helmets to give away. Helmets can significantly reduce the risk of head injury. Parents who set the example and wear helmets increase the likelihood of their children wearing their helmets. So next time you go on a bike ride...put a lid on it. Ohio's Bike Helmet Awareness week is May 2-10.

November 17, 2014

Following an invocation by Pastor Dwight Ford, Centerville Community Church, Council accepted the resignations of Patty Kraft and Bonnie Sekely from the City Beautiful Commission and Merrill Durig from the Stormwater Drainage Task Force. Mayor Kingseed thanked these volunteers for their dedicated service.

Pastor Dwight Ford and Marty Lipscomb from Centerville Community Church were recognized for the church members' community service including clean-up projects at Stubbs Park during CSI (Consider Serving Instead) Day.



The CHS Girls Cross Country team and coaches receive Council recognition for winning the state championship.

Council recognized the members of the 2014 Centerville High School Girls Cross Country team, who won the Division I state championship.



Kathy Jablinski takes the oath of office as an Arts Commission member.

Mayor Kingseed administered the oath of office to Michael Vacchiano as a member of the Sister City Committee and Kathleen Jablinski as a member of the Arts Commission. Paul Clark was reappointed to the Planning Commission. Jamie Garrett was reappointed to the Board of Architectural Review. Betty Lou Carney was reappointed to the Arts Commission.

December 15, 2014

Mayor Kingseed welcomed Pastor Tony Miltenberger, Centerville United Methodist Church, to give the invocation.

Dr. Steven Hinshaw received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Reporting and the Outstanding Achievement in Popular Financial Reporting award from the Government Finance Officer Association.

Council member John Beals announced that the Stormwater Drainage Task Force will continue to meet annually, and starting in 2015, be called the Stormwater Review Committee.

Council unanimously approved the Final Development Plan, Phase II for the NW quadrant at Sheehan, Social Row and Paragon roads.

In housekeeping measures, Council:

- Approved the 2015-2019 Capital Improvement Program
- Reappointed Cindy Monter Clay as Chair and Mary Pizza as Vice Chair of the Sister City Committee, and James Collins to the Arts Commission.

January 12, 2015

A special Council meeting was called. Council tabled the Final Development Plan for Cornerstone Phase II, approved Cornerstone Section Three and tabled Section Four.

January 26, 2015

Pastor Tony Miltenberger, Centerville United Methodist Church, gave the invocation.

Larry Fouty, president, Food 2 Go, gave an update on the program, which started serving 35 students a few years ago and now provides weekend food packs to 197 students in Centerville City Schools.

Council appointments to committees, liaisons and representations were approved.

City Manager Greg Horn along with Dr. Steven Hinshaw, finance director, presented the City's 2015 revenue projections and expense appropriations. See the Annual Report beginning on page 15.

In housekeeping measures, Council:

- Council approved the annexation of property owned by Centerville Development Group, LLC and Yankee Development Group.
- Passed a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement to provide public safety dispatch services for the city of West Carrollton.

Community events

In addition to our regular services, throughout the year Centerville offered or partnered with other entities on special events and activities that continue to make Centerville a great place to live and work including:



- Citizens Police Academy
- Art at the Trace
- Business Breakfast
- Community A'Fair
- Arbor Day Ceremony
- Youth in Government Day
- Citywide Garage Sale
- Free Bulk Item Pickup
- Architectural Preservation awards
- Interfaith Breakfast
- Farmers Market
- Gardening Seminars
- Bicycle Rodeo
- Americana Festival participation
- Diversity Council participation
- Memorial Day Ceremony
- Jazz on the Green
- Youth CSI Camps
- Summer Concert Series
- Volunteer appreciation events
- Police Department Open House
- Kalamian Memorial Golf Outing
- Leaf Collection Season
- Veterans Day Ceremony
- Tree Lighting Ceremony

2014 Annual Report

From City Manager Greg Horn

Our City continues to make every effort to provide quality services in a way that brings value to our 24,000 residents. 2014 was a year filled with a glimmer that better economic days are ahead. Business inquiries and new development projects that had been shelved during the recession are starting to move forward. Unfortunately, this note of optimism has been countered by the ongoing loss of revenue that our City is realizing due to the continued policies emanating from Columbus. Just as we have been battling to offset the \$2 million+ loss of revenue by the Legislature's elimination of the Estate Tax, the 50% cut in the Local Government Fund, and the elimination of the Tangible Personal Property Tax, now we have House Bill 5 to overcome. The Ohio Legislature recently passed House Bill 5 during a lame duck session after last November's election. Our Finance Director, Dr. Hinshaw, estimates it to be up to another \$1 million annual loss to our City. House Bill 5 provides a 20-day "tax holiday" for non-residents working within and utilizing the services of our community. It takes away a local City's rights in establishing net operating loss carryforward guidelines and creates a number of specific tax loopholes for highly compensated individuals in our State. We will not feel the full effect of the passage of House Bill 5 until the beginning of 2016. This measure, coupled with the other aforementioned cuts, will result in an over \$3 million annual loss to our City, which is more than a 20% reduction of our General Fund.

Centerville has long prided itself in providing a nationally accredited Police Department, 24-hour dispatch services, high-quality road maintenance, and an array of quality-of-life features that truly makes our community unique. These offerings have been provided, while maintaining a 1.75% income tax rate that has been unchanged since 1981 and also maintaining the second lowest municipal property tax rate of any community in Montgomery County. Additionally, Centerville is one of only a handful of communities that does not assess property owners for curb, gutter, and sidewalk repairs, street lighting or storm sewer utility fees. The challenge now before us, greater than ever, is how we will continue to maintain such high services with low local tax rates and drastically reduced State assistance.

The 2015 budget, which was recently adopted, provides for approximately 35 fewer full-time equivalent employees than what our City employed just 15 years ago. We are attempting to reinvest in our street paving programs and curb, gutter and sidewalk repair programs,

while doing all within reason to keep the high standards our community has come to expect. We are hopeful that the continued growth in projects such as the Cornerstone of Centerville, Miami Valley Hospital South, and our other commercial corridors will help us overcome at least a portion of our fiscal challenges. Realistically, City Council and staff, with strong community input, will need to start looking at other financial options in the coming months and years. Some tough questions are going to have to be asked and the electorate of our community will ultimately decide what our best financial approach will be going forward.

We pledge to all of our residents that we will continue to make every effort to give you the best value for your tax dollar. We will continue to scrutinize every project we undertake from a cost-effective standpoint and eliminate unnecessary purchases. We also pledge to continue to closely monitor and right-size our staffing needs as we have done over the past decade. The goal as Mayor Kingseed has stated on numerous occasions is certainly to "grow our way out of this financial challenge." Our continued emphasis on economic development expansion will definitely soften any fee or future tax increase needs. We hope each of our residents will take the time and opportunity to review this year's financial report along with the graphs and charts included. Our entire 2015 Budget and Five-Year Capital Improvement Program are available on-line at www.centervilleohio.gov for those with an appetite for even more financial information. As always, should any resident have individual questions or concerns, we are available to answer your calls or emails.

Regardless of our challenges, we are confident that Centerville will remain a truly premiere community serving our residents, our businesses, and our visitors in the high-quality manner you have come to expect.

Costco Wholesale makes impact in Centerville

Since it opened in November 2014 at the Cornerstone of Centerville, Costco Wholesale has welcomed thousands of shoppers to our community. The only Costco in the area, it is a catalyst for current and future development at Wilmington Pike and Feedwire Road.

Construction Value: \$18.8 million
Employs: 185 people*
Average salary:** \$71,000+/-
Average Store Sales: \$170 million annually*

*Source: Dayton Daily News **Source: Salarylist.com

YANKEE TRACE A \$266 MILLION DEVELOPMENT

Yankee Trace has been a huge asset to the community. The Property Tax revenue generates millions of dollars annually.

Centerville Schools	\$4,497,648
Montgomery County	\$1,587,405
Washington Township	\$684,708
Sinclair Community College	\$298,104
Washington-Centerville Library	\$279,473
Centerville-Washington Park District	\$267,362
City of Centerville	\$218,920
Total	\$7,833,620

THE GOLF CLUB AT YANKEE TRACE DEBT REDUCED AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

Yankee Trace Outstanding Debt



Communication efforts

Centerville strives to offer interaction and communication between our citizens and local government officials. In addition to community and city-sponsored events where Council and City staff are in attendance, Centerville offers the following communication efforts:

Neighborhood Meetings, offered quarterly in neighborhoods throughout Centerville

Publications, available via U.S. mail or online delivery:

- Town Crier, City's quarterly newsletter, distributed to every home
- Commerce News, distributed to Centerville's 700 businesses

MVCC programming, available on Time Warner Channel 5, AT&T U-Verse 99, Centerville website, City Facebook page and YouTube channel:

- Council Meetings
- "Centerville Business Today," hosted by Mayor Kingseed
- "Centerville Reports Today": features City news, events and businesses
- "Let's Talk Centerville": features City news, events and businesses
- "Centerville Datebook": 5-minute calendar of City events
- "Centerville Reports On-Location": features special events and topics

Website www.centervilleohio.gov

- Updated daily with latest news and information

Social Media

- Facebook, Twitter, mobile app and YouTube

Emergency Messaging

- CodeRED: message sent via phone call from City
- WCWT 107.3 FM, high school radio station

Centerville continues to invest in infrastructure

Our staff works to receive federal and state funds to help cover the costs of improvements. In addition to the annual street and sidewalk repair program, five major projects are currently underway in various stages.

Federal Grant projects

- ▶ **Wilmington Pike Traffic Signal Upgrade:** from Alex Bell Road to Dille Drive, includes upgrading communication between 11 traffic signals and rebuilding or upgrading equipment at individual intersections to improve operations and safety. Total cost \$1.9 million: includes \$1.3 million grant with remaining funding from Greene County and City of Centerville.
- ▶ **I-675/Wilmington Pike Interchange:** extends northbound and southbound turn lanes on Wilmington Pike. Total cost \$840,000: \$672,000 grant and \$168,000 City funding.

Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) grant-assisted projects:

- ▶ **Feedwire Road Improvements** from Wilmington Pike to the I-675 overpass: includes road widening, traffic signals, sidewalk, storm sewer and landscaped medians. Total cost \$2.3 million: \$800,000 from OPWC, remaining funding covered by Tax Increment Financing.

Local Funds

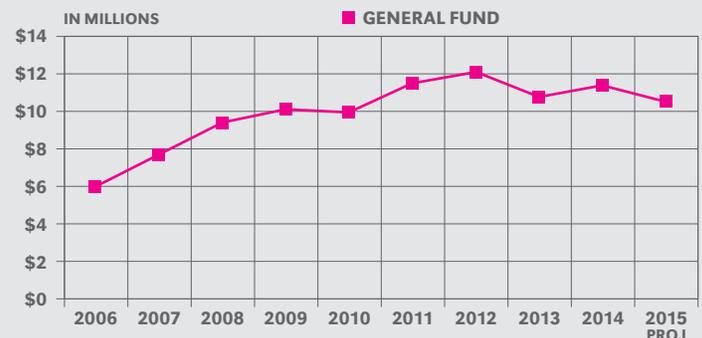
- ▶ **Wilmington Pike Widening:** from Cracker Barrel to Dille Drive, includes new traffic signal, widening on east side of road, storm sewer and sidewalk extension. Total cost: \$1 million.
- ▶ **Cornerstone Phase I On-site Public Improvements:** includes streets, utilities, water lines, curb, gutter and street signs for Dille Drive, North Cornerstone Blvd. and Charles Drive. Total cost \$2.6 million: \$1.8 million from TIF funds.

ENDING FUND BALANCE: ALL FUNDS

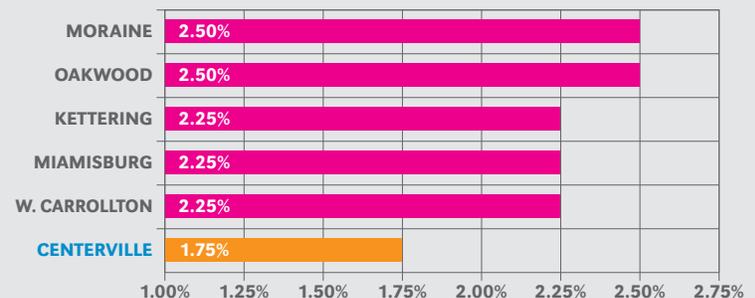


ENDING FUND BALANCE: GENERAL FUND

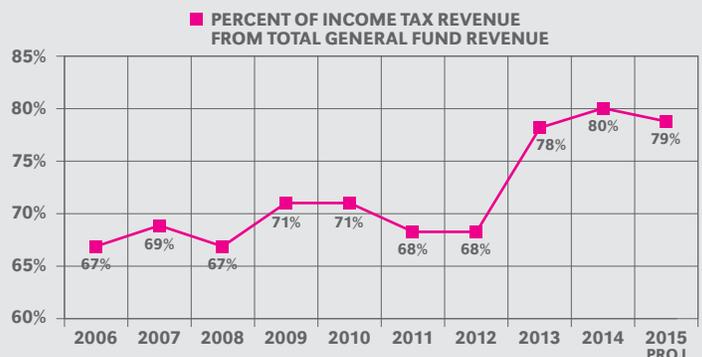
LOSS OF \$2 MILLION ESTATE TAX 2013; HB 5 TAX LOSSES IN 2016



INCOME TAX RATE FOR SOUTH SUBURBAN CITIES



INCOME TAX REVENUE



2014

A LOOK BACK

Financial Review

- The municipal earnings tax rate of 1.75 percent has not increased since 1981.
- At 2.35 mills, Centerville's municipal property tax rate remains one of the lowest rates in the Dayton area.
- Centerville ended 2014 with a reduced cash balance of \$17,097,587 as compared to \$18,038,783 at the end of 2013.

Milestones

- Two newly elected Council members, John Palcher and Joanne Rau, along with Brooks Compton who was reelected, began their four-year terms.
- Former Council member Jim Singer passed away in February.

City Improvements and Services

- Public Works continued the free brush drop-off program each Wednesday and every third Saturday at its facility on S. Suburban Road.
- Neighborhood Meetings started in 2014 and will continue through 2015, offering residents the opportunity to meet with City Council and staff about concerns specific to their neighborhoods.
- Organizations throughout the community, including faith groups, scouts and families, volunteer to rake leaves, clear snow and perform home repairs for elderly residents.
- Catch basins were rebuilt by City crews. Following in-house instruction sessions and managed by a city engineer, six employees removed and reconstructed more than 30 catch basins.
- Hundreds of trees throughout the City were removed because of Emerald Ash Borer infestation. These trees are being replaced with other species.
- Despite a snow season that started in November and continued well into March, Public Works crews kept Centerville streets safe and clear.
- In cooperation with Montgomery County, Centerville sponsored a free Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. More than 700 area residents dropped off materials for disposal.
- More than 250 citizens served on Council-appointed Boards and Commissions and as CIVIC Municipal Volunteers.
- Another wooden footbridge was replaced at Stubbs Park, bringing the total to 15 over the last nine years. This project was partially funded by a Community Development Block Grant.
- The Golf Club at Yankee Trace completed the second phase of the cart path resurfacing program.
- The popular Centerville Farmers Market offers local products throughout the summer to shoppers.
- Centerville expanded its use of social media, adding a YouTube channel to our growing communications efforts which now include Twitter, a mobile app, and Facebook pages for the Centerville Farmers Market, Benham's Grove, The Golf Club at Yankee Trace and the City of Centerville.
- Police Open House showcased the department's facilities, services and 24-hour dispatch services.
- More than 11,000 people attended the Summer Concert Series at Stubbs Park.
- Centerville supported green efforts by expanding its recycling program and offering two electric vehicle charging stations in the City.
- The city posted an interactive zoning map allowing for quick mapping and data access to improve customer service.
- Zoning Code updates have been made to create a more business- and resident-friendly environment

Business News

- The City welcomed almost 50 new businesses in 2014.
- Costco Warehouse, the first tenant of Cornerstone of Centerville, opened in November.
- New construction and redevelopment occurred throughout the City.
- Mayor Mark Kingseed continued working with businesses, hosting the annual Business Breakfast and "Centerville Business Today," a cable television program featuring local businesses and owners.
- Council created a Business Task Force to work with City staff.

Construction Projects

- Cornerstone Developers announced several tenants to build at Cornerstone of Centerville.
- The Grove at Yankee Trace, located between Yankee Trace Drive and Paragon Road, will feature 27 new single-family homes. Construction is expected later this year.
- The Woodbourne connector, a Centerville Library project (coordinated by Centerville's Engineering staff), began construction.
- In anticipation of increased traffic near Wilmington Pike and Feedwire Road, several projects including road widening and upgrades started construction.
- The Randall Residence, a lifestyle community on Social, Sheehan and Paragon roads, continues working its way through the planning process.

Awards and Recognition

- The Centerville Police Department, nationally accredited by CALEA, the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, offered community programs such as Citizens Police Academy, Youth CSI Camp and National Night Out Against Crime.
- The Police Department graduated classes 24 and 25 of the Citizens Police Academy bringing the total number of citizens who have participated in that program to more than 500.
- Community Relations Officer John Davis received the Ohio Crime Prevention Practitioner of the Year award and was presented with an Award of Merit from the Dayton Police Department for his work on the International Problem-oriented Police Conference.
- Police Sergeant Steve Maynard graduated from the FBI Academy.
- Police Officer Nadia Dexter was the recipient of the 2014 Kalamon Employee of the Year Award.
- The city received national coverage as Fox News chose to highlight the Americana Festival as the best hometown Fourth of July event. Benham's Grove hosted "Fox and Friends" cohost and author Brian Kilmeade, who gave a speech and signed his latest book for hundreds of fans. Record crowds attended the day-long event which also featured an appearance by Gov. John Kasich in the parade.
- Benham's Grove celebrated a banner year hosting 188 events including the tree lighting ceremony, a gardening workshop and the Americana Festival.
- The Planning Department facilitated the adoption of Centerville City Schools Safe Routes to School Travel Plan and received a Grant award of \$76,500 from ODOT to update school zone flashers.
- The City Beautiful Commission recognized more than 35 homes and businesses for outstanding landscaping and lighting displays.
- The Golf Club at Yankee Trace was again voted "Best of Dayton" by Dayton Magazine readers. The course recorded 50,000 rounds, up 2.4 percent from 2013.
- Justin Cron received Assistant of the Year award from the Miami Valley Golf Course Superintendents Association
- Yankee Trace's Junior Golf camp welcomed a record number of youths to the course.
- Public Works took second place honors in the "How to Build a Better Mousetrap" competition, sponsored by Ohio Department of Transportation Training Center. The City's "water fill station" on trailers was designed and built by Larry Sewell and retired Group Leader Tom Imwalle.
- Finance Director Dr. Steven Hinshaw, was recognized with the Auditor of State Award with Distinction.
- Mark Yandrick, GIS specialist, accepted the Best Practice award for GIS Excellence by the Ohio Geographically Referenced Information Program.
- For the fifth year, the Finance Department achieved the Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association.
- For the 14th year, the City earned the Certificate of Achievement of Excellence in Financial Reporting (CAFRA) from the Government Finance Officers Association.
- Centerville received designation as a "Tree City USA" by the National Arbor Day Foundation for the 27th consecutive year.
- The Board of Architectural Review presented the Preservation Award to Dr. Ellinger, for his business on E. Franklin Street.
- In recognition of safety practices and good management, both Yankee Trace and the Police Department were recognized by the Miami Valley Risk Management Agency for 0 losses.
- Centerville participated in the Bureau of Workers' Compensation Drug Free Safety Program with 100 percent training compliance, saving seven percent (over \$14,000) on BWC costs.

Financial Overview

Cities, townships and villages throughout the state have been hit hard by the Ohio legislature's decisions to continue to cut funding. In the last three years, Centerville has lost almost \$3 million dollars in state funding, including:

- ▶ Elimination of the Estate Tax in 2013 (received \$2 million in 2012)
- ▶ 50 percent reduction of Local Government Fund (\$.4 million reduction in 2013)
- ▶ Passage of HB 5, estimated \$1 million loss (see sidebar next column)

Centerville received more than 76 percent of its income from three sources: taxes (income, property and estate taxes), Yankee Trace fees and waste collection fees. Total revenue (excluding internal transfers) for 2014 was \$24,973,948.

Our municipal property tax rate remained at 2.35 mills, the second lowest in the county. The Centerville municipal government realized less than three cents from every property tax dollar collected. (See graph next page.) Of the balance, 57 cents supported the school district, 20 cents were allocated to Montgomery County, and the remainder was allocated to the park district, the public library and Washington Township. Most Centerville residents pay more taxes for libraries or parks than for police and roads. 2014 expenditures (excluding internal transfers) totaled \$25,926,160.

Income tax, the largest single source of revenue for the city, was up 0.4 percent from 2013. Income tax revenue was generated from employee withholdings, taxes on the earnings of Centerville businesses and taxes paid by individuals. The City's increasing reliance upon income tax revenue, which has been flat for the past four years, has led City Council to consider new revenue options, including:

- ▶ Increasing the property tax
- ▶ Establishing a storm water utility fee
- ▶ Increasing the earnings tax
- ▶ Discontinuing the practice of full reciprocity of earning tax revenue to other cities

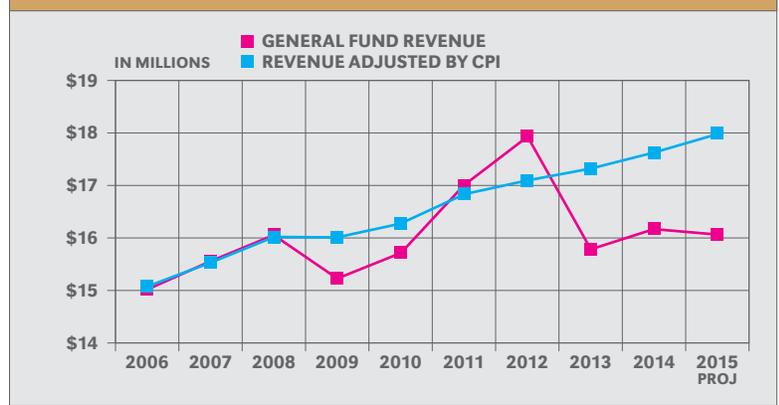
Council will continue to explore and research ways to recoup the nearly \$3 million lost in state funding.

Council approves 2015 budget

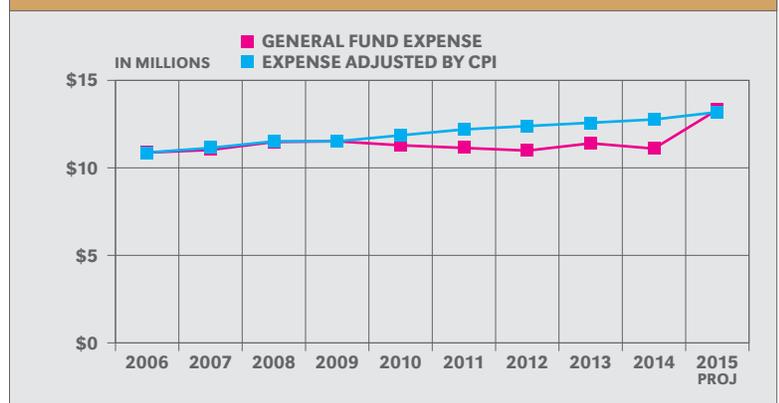
On January 26, 2015, Centerville City Council unanimously adopted the 2015 Municipal Budget. Total projected resources are \$51,949,170 which includes a 2014 carry-over of \$17,097,587. Expenditures for 2015 are budgeted at \$35,966,514, leaving a projected year-end balance of \$15,982,656. These figures include \$8.8 million related to public improvements for the Cornerstone development.

In 2015, Centerville plans to invest \$13.9 million in capital improvements throughout the City, of which \$7.3 million (or 52 percent) is being funded from other sources, such as grants. Projects include \$10.8 million for street and sidewalk repairs and \$1.8 million for police, street and refuse vehicles and equipment.

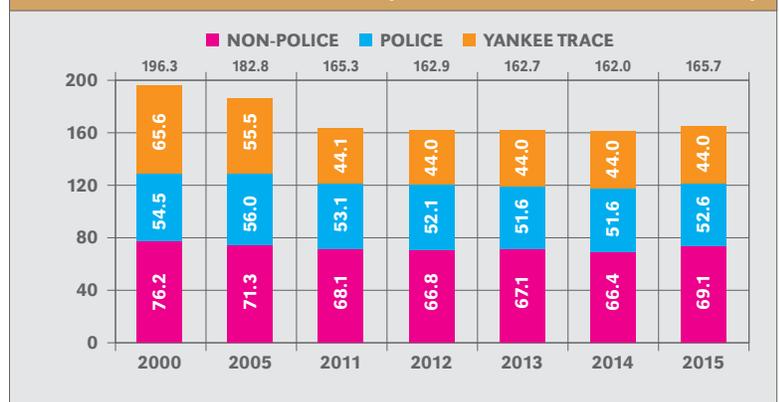
GENERAL FUND REVENUE VERSUS CPI



GENERAL FUND EXPENSES VERSUS CPI



STAFFING COMPARISON (FULL-TIME EQUIVALENTS)

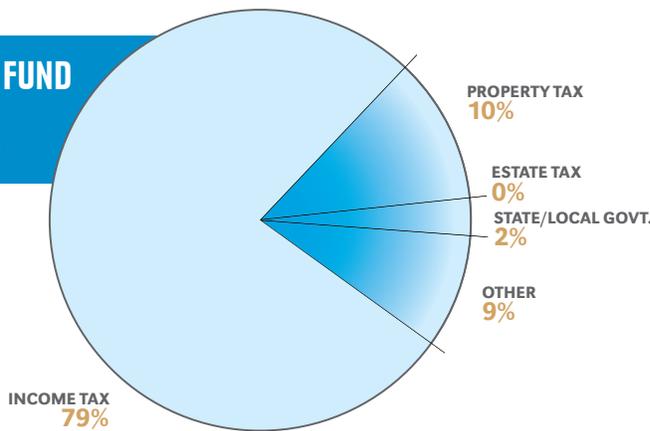


House Bill 5 to create local income tax loss for cities

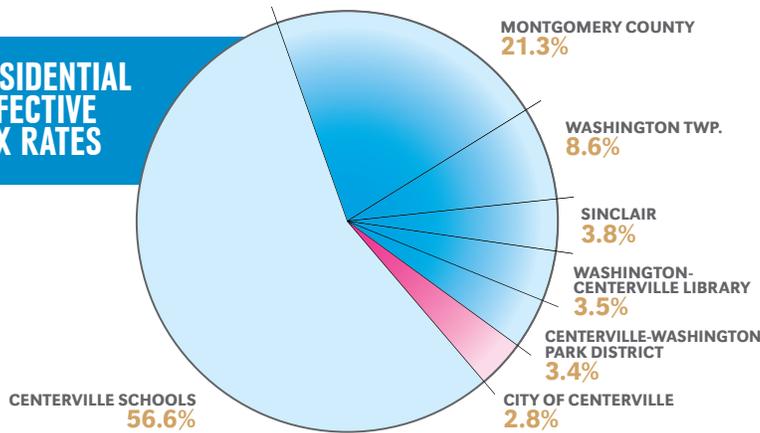
Centerville estimates annual loss of \$1 million

The Ohio legislature passed House Bill 5, allowing decreased business taxes under the guise of uniformity. Beginning in 2016, businesses can carry forward net operating losses (NOL) for five years to offset taxes on future profits. Centerville has not allowed NOL offsets. This practice will lead to an estimated annual loss of \$700,000. The law also prohibits taxing supplemental retirement benefits given to company executives, and allows non-resident taxpayers to receive 20 "free" days before paying taxes, an increase from the previous policy of 12 days. The City estimates this will create an annual loss of \$300,000+.

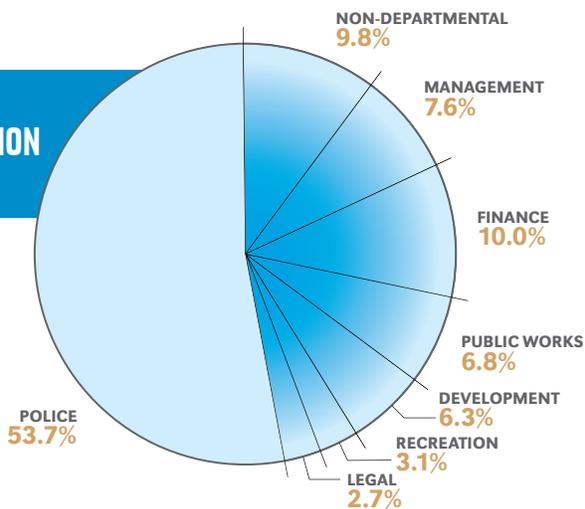
GENERAL FUND REVENUE SERVICES



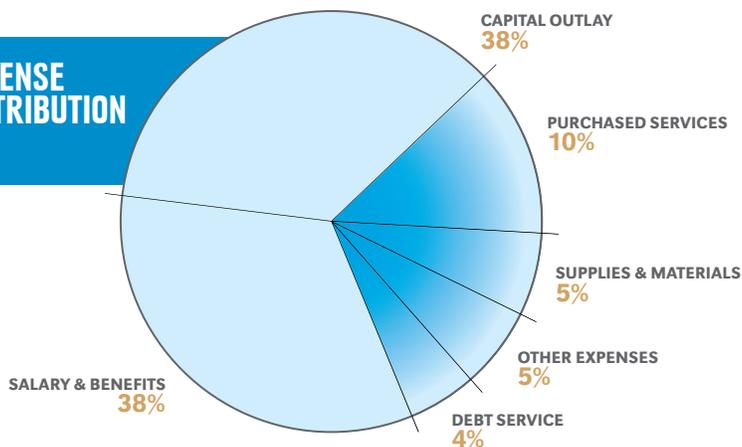
RESIDENTIAL EFFECTIVE TAX RATES



EXPENSE DISTRIBUTION BY DEPARTMENT (GENERAL FUND)



EXPENSE DISTRIBUTION



PROPERTY TAX RATE

FOR SOUTH SUBURBAN CITIES IN MILLS

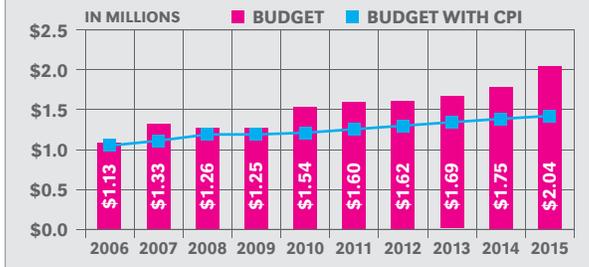
CENTERVILLE	2.35
MORAINÉ	2.50
W. CARROLLTON	6.25
KETTERING	6.79
MIAMISBURG	7.03
OAKWOOD	10.05

PROVIDING VALUE

LOW TAX RATES ATTRACT BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTS

	INCOME TAX RATE	PROPERTY TAX RATE	ASSESSED SIDEWALK	ASSESSED CURB/GUTTER
CENTERVILLE	1.75%	2.35%	NO	NO
MORAINÉ	2.25%	2.50%	NO	NO
OAKWOOD	2.50%	10.05%	YES	NO
KETTERING	2.25%	6.79%	YES	YES
MIAMISBURG	2.25%	7.03%	YES	YES
W. CARROLLTON	2.25%	6.25%	YES	YES

STREETS: REPAIR PROGRAM



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS	\$10,823,978
TRAFFIC CONTROL	\$273,500
LAND ACQUISITION	\$150,000
BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS	\$548,440
VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT	\$2,086,822
TOTAL	\$13,882,740
FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	(\$7,259,404)
NET COST TO CITY	\$6,623,336

STREETS: MAJOR PROGRAMS

CORNERSTONE DEVELOPMENT	\$5,954,053
STREET AND SIDEWALK REPAIR	\$2,041,169
YANKEE STREET	\$1,150,589
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PROJECTS	\$702,171
NORTH VILLAGE DRIVE ACCESS ROAD	\$451,399
STORMWATER DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS	\$130,000
TOTAL	\$10,823,978
FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	(\$7,019,524)
NET COST TO CITY	\$3,804,454

OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS

POLICE EQUIPMENT & VEHICLES	\$719,460
STREET & REFUSE VEHICLES	\$606,000
YANKEE TRACE IMPROVEMENTS	\$232,450
WILMINGTON PIKE SIGNAL SYSTEM	\$150,000
STREET EQUIPMENT	\$137,270

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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

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Sister City Committee.....7 p.m., first Tuesday monthly

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CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE REGISTRATION

REGISTER BY 9 A.M., APRIL 17

Garage Sale: Apr. 30–May 2, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

- The City will advertise your sale and provide you with one sign for **FREE**. (*Sign must remain on your property.*)
- Return form to: City of Centerville, 100 W. Spring Valley Road, Centerville, Ohio 45458 or fax to 428-4763.
- Register online at centervilleohio.gov. Call 433-7151 or email information@centervilleohio.gov for more information.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Neighborhood: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Items for Sale: (*No more than 100 characters*)

