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## Americana Festival to celebrate youth

The Americana Festival will celebrate July 4th with the theme "Our Youth... America's Future." As the largest one-day event of its kind in the state, the 42nd annual festival is expected to attract more than 75,000 visitors to downtown Centerville.



Jackie Harvey is the 2015 Americana Festival Grand Marshal. Ms. Harvey, a fourth grade teacher at Normandy Elementary School, is the Centerville School District nominee for Ohio Teacher of the Year.

The day starts with a 5K run at 7:30 a.m., followed at 10 a.m. by a parade along Franklin Street. More than 300 exhibitors and food vendors will line North Main Street for the eclectic street fair and car show. Displays start at Franklin Street and extend north to the Centerville-Washington Park District Activity Center, where carnival-style games and inflatables offer entertainment for kids. Along the way you'll find food, arts and crafts, and staged and strolling entertainers.

The event ends with a bang at Centerville High School. Entertainment starts at 8:30 p.m. followed by a fireworks extravaganza at 10 p.m. Premium track seating is available for the Grand Finale and Fireworks Show.

See full schedule on page 6. Event details are at [americanafestival.org](http://americanafestival.org). To volunteer or sponsor the event, call the Americana office, 433-5898.

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## The Golf Club at Yankee Trace celebrates 20 years

*If you build it, they will come*



Centerville City Council and staff officially open the course in June 1995 at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace.

Back in the early 1990s, cities across the country began adding a new amenity to their communities—municipal golf courses. In Centerville, City Council members Mark Beasley, Brooks Compton, Mark Kingseed, Jim Singer, J.V. Stone and Sally Beals, along with Mayor Shirley Heintz made the decision to start the process  
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FESTIVALS, CONCERTS,  
OUTINGS AND CELEBRATIONS...  
ENJOY SUMMER IN WARM  
AND CHEERFUL CENTERVILLE

# Erma Bombeck home on National Register of Historic Places



The Centerville home where Erma Bombeck wrote many of her early newspaper columns is now on the National Register of Historic Homes.

The Centerville home of beloved humorist Erma Bombeck recently was added to the National Register of Historic Places. Bill and Erma Bombeck built the ranch-style house on Cushwa Drive in 1959, and Mrs. Bombeck wrote many of her early newspaper columns, which often looked at the lighter side of life, from a desk in her bedroom. Her column would eventually be carried by more than 600 newspapers, and she would go on to achieve national success as an author, lecturer and television personality. “At Wit’s End,” her first book, was published in 1967. The Bombecks and their three children lived in the house until 1968, moving to Arizona three years later. They continued to stay in touch with friends and neighbors from Centerville, one of whom was Phil Donahue, who became a nationally known talk show host.



Erma Bombeck at home with her children Andy, Matt and Betsy. (Wright State University archives)

Martha Boice, a founder of the Landmarks Foundation of Centerville-Washington Township, led the designation effort and worked with the foundation, Bombeck family, Nathalie Wright, an historic preservation consultant, and the current homeowners to gain support for the recognition. The home remains a private residence. Boice says the designation is a dream come true. “Erma Bombeck is a treasure,” she says. Although Boice did not personally know Mrs. Bombeck, “I’ve always loved reading her columns and have shared and saved many of them over the years.”

Mrs. Bombeck passed away in 1996. Her husband and children have fond memories of their Centerville home and neighborhood. Son Andy says his mother would be surprised by the honor, but also proud of the designation. The time spent on Cushwa “were some of the best times of our lives,” he says.

A private nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, the Landmarks Foundation of Centerville-Washington Township promotes the preservation and renovation of historic structures in the area and encourages the appreciation of existing historic properties. For more information, contact Patrick Hansford, 438-9919.

Recycling never goes out of style

Increase the amount of recycling items you put out each week. Many household items are made from recycled materials and many more items are now able to be recycled. Rinse all containers and remove caps and lids from recyclable items. Place your items in a container 32-gallons or less, and label it with the orange recycling sticker available at the Public Works Center or Centerville Municipal Offices. There’s no additional charge for recycling, and you may put out an unlimited number of containers.

For a complete list of recyclables visit [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov) or call 428-4782.



Austin Edsall

## Student “Mayor” gains valuable experience

By Austin Edsall

While most people only encounter local government as they skip over channel 5 or in the Town Crier, I had the chance to participate in the 2015 Youth in Government Day. Having little prior experience with our city’s government, this experience really opened my eyes to potential service in local government.

As an avid follower of politics on the national and state scale, I had many questions for Mayor Kingseed during our meeting. He helped me through an apt comparison between the different levels of government. First, with only seven votes to come to a decision, our city deals with citizen concerns efficiently and effectively. Also, while the state and federal governments are plagued with partisanship and conflicting ideologies, our city government is non-partisan, which allows it to better find and reach decisions; in doing so, our local government is better equipped to serve its constituents. Thus, while its influence may not always be as large as the other levels, local government is much more accessible and responsive.

However, Youth in Government Day was not just limited to city offices; Centerville High School students spanned all areas of local government from the park district to the municipal courts. Despite the different departments, the message was the same across the board: compromise dominates local government, which helps our leaders address our problems more adequately.

Taking into account the mock council meeting, I would have to say my favorite part of the day was our lunch at Benham’s Grove. Not only did we receive food—which is like solid gold to high school students—but we also got a chance to sit down with our local representatives. This gave us an opportunity to talk about the issues that affect us directly and learn more about our local governance.

Ultimately, after a day such as this, I am definitely interested in service in local government. Likewise, I encourage anyone who wishes to affect change in their community, or someone who simply wants to be aware of events locally, to participate in local government. Lastly, I want to thank all of the representatives who helped us throughout the day, and I look forward to the next Youth in Government Day.

Austin Edsall is a senior at Centerville High School

Centerville recycling trucks will pick-up:

- Glass: bottles and jars
- Plastic: bottles
- Cartons: drink and juice boxes
- Paper, newspapers and magazines
- Cardboard (broken down)
- Metals: aluminum and tin cans

## Construction season continues throughout Centerville

### Road construction continues

Orange barrels continue to be a familiar sight throughout the City. The Feedwire Road Improvements are anticipated to be completed by early June. This project included widening the roadway from Wilmington Pike eastward to the I-675 overpass. Curb, sidewalk, storm sewer, and raised medians will improve access to the existing and planned developments along the corridor. Ohio Public Works Commission Funding and a grant from Greater Dayton RTA have been awarded to Centerville for the project.

Improvements on Wilmington Pike are also underway. The first project widens the northbound curb lane to create a new lane from Cracker Barrel north to the Dille Drive entrance at the Cornerstone development. A second Wilmington Pike project is anticipated to be under construction by July. This is a reconfiguration of the left turn lanes under the I-675 overpass on Wilmington Pike. The left turn lanes will be lengthened to provide additional storage for motorists waiting to enter

I-675—both north- and southbound. Federal funds plus local dollars via tax increment financing (TIF) will pay for this project.

These improvements are being made to accommodate the increased traffic

along Wilmington Pike and Feedwire Road. As of press time, the latest additions announced by Cornerstone Developers to the Cornerstone of Centerville include Bagger Dave's Burger Tavern, Kroger Marketplace, Cabela's outfitters and Chick-fil-A. A multi-tenant center with three shops yet to be named is also in the plans. See additional road construction story on page 11.

### New homesites and businesses are under construction

Other construction projects recently announced include The Allure, a high-end apartment complex to be located on Loop Road. Mills Development, owner of the former Showcase Cinemas site, is preparing development plans for submittal to the Centerville Planning Commission.

Construction is expected soon on a couple of projects near Yankee Trace: The Groves at Yankee Trace, located between Yankee Trace Drive and Paragon Road, will feature 27 new single-family homes. Randall Residence, Phase I, at Sheehan, Social Row and Paragon roads, will offer independent and assisted living along with 21 four-unit villas.

Some new businesses are refurbishing older sites. Dayton Dental Solutions will open at the corner of S. Main and W. Franklin streets. 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.

(Yankee Trace continued from page 1) to build what would become The Golf Club at Yankee Trace. Council selected the area at Yankee Street and Social Row Road—what was then farmland in an undeveloped area. Now, celebrating its 20th anniversary, Yankee Trace is home to almost 900 families with just a handful of home sites remaining. The stately clubhouse hosts several hundred events each year and the 27-hole championship course welcomes thousands of golfers to play on its lush greens. The course has been home to the PGA Tour's Nationwide Tour (now Web.com Tour) and hundreds of special events and outings. In addition, by January 2018, this ambitious project will be debt-free. Since its official opening in 1995, The Golf Club at Yankee Trace has become a signature landmark in Centerville, Ohio.

## Yankee Trace: a \$266 million development

### Generates Annual Property Tax Revenue to...

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,833,620</b>

### City makes construction updates available

Sign up online for 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. Register at [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov), click on "Cornerstone Connections," under Quick Links.



A warm and cheerful welcome to these businesses

~ new to Centerville ~

- Centerville Smoke Shop** 869 E. Franklin Street
- Hearing Health Professionals** 19 Iron Gate Park Drive
- Paddy's Irish Pub** 953 S. Main Street
- Heather Benner, LMT** 6346 Far Hills Ave.
- Precision Forensic Testing** 136 Westpark Road
- People's Bank** 50 W. Spring Valley Road
- TOPOS Studio** 7966 #B Cloy Road
- Lizard Apparel and Promotions** 7936 Cloy Road
- Superior Acura** 2 Loop Road and 60 Loop Road
- KRS Promotions Company** 6310 Far Hills Ave.
- Eagle Financial Services** 5808 Wilmington Pike
- Tab's Fitness** 40 Westpark Road
- Wilhelm Automotive** 76 Westpark Road

# PROTECT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD'S PROPERTY VALUES

## Fence

- Fences require a permit and must be maintained in good condition. Side and rear yard fences may not exceed 7' in height; front yard fences may not exceed 42".

## Yard

- Grass must be maintained less than 8" in height.
- Dead or diseased plant materials including trees and shrubs shall be removed or treated.
- Brush piles must be less than 2'x2'x4' and are limited to one per lot in the side or rear yard only.
- Firewood may be stacked neatly in rear or side yards and is limited to six cords.
- Items designed for indoor use including furniture, equipment, and other miscellaneous items cannot be stored outside for more than 15 days.
- Trash cans cannot be stored in the front yard; store in side and rear yards only, or indoors. Screening is recommended.

## Parking

- Driveways must have a hard-paved surface and be in good condition; gravel is not permitted.
- Cars shall not be parked in grass anywhere on the property.
- RVs may be temporarily parked in the driveway for three days in any 7-day period.

## Principal Structure

- House numbers are required and must be a minimum of 4".
- Exterior building surfaces must be structurally sound, adequately sealed, and in good repair.

## Accessory Uses\*

- RV's must be parked in the side yard on a hard-paved surface and be screened from neighboring views.
- Swimming pools greater than 24" in depth require a 5' fence with a self-latching gate.
- Sheds require a permit, must be a minimum of 5' off the property line and maintained in good condition.
- Decks and patios require a permit and shall be attached or contiguous to the house.

## Your home is your castle, treat it that way

Our city is filled with unique and charming neighborhoods with homes varying from starter to executive, making Centerville a desirable place to live. The City of Centerville helps maintain those neighborhoods by utilizing a Property Maintenance Code and Unified Development Ordinance that set acceptable standards for property owners and assure neighbors that all residents are expected to keep their property up to those standards. Take a few minutes to inspect the exterior of your home. Report property concerns by calling 428-4712. You may report anonymously.

## City offers resource assistance

The City of Centerville maintains several resource lists for residents needing assistance maintaining the exterior of their homes. Elderly or disabled residents may call City Offices for contact information for seasonal assistance including lawn mowing, leaf raking, snow removal and yard maintenance. Mayor Kingseed has established a partnership with local church volunteer groups to assist with outside home repair and yard clean up. For resource information, call 433-7151.

\*Other requirements apply. Call the Planning Office.



Call 8-1-1 before you dig.

### For more information, contact:

#### Code Enforcement Office

428-4712

information@centervilleohio.gov  
Municipal Building rear entrance  
100 W. Spring Valley Road

#### Building Inspection Office

428-4786

buildinginspection@centervilleohio.gov  
Municipal Building rear entrance  
100 W. Spring Valley Road

#### Planning Office

433-7151

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

## Council to review home presale inspection program

Centerville City Council will review a presale exterior home inspection program proposal at its June meeting. The program was developed to ensure that all property, buildings and structures are safe, sanitary and fit for occupation and use, consistent with the requirements of the City's Property Maintenance Code and Unified Development Ordinance, says Nathan Cahall, Centerville's economic development administrator.

As the City's housing stock ages, the inspection program would help set standards for home exteriors and assist in maintaining property values.

The exterior inspection would be in addition to a private home inspection and completed by a Centerville staff inspector for a \$100 fee. According to the proposal, the inspection would be valid for 12 months and must be performed before the sale is complete. Should a sale not take place within that time, there would be a \$50 re-inspection fee.

The City instituted a rental inspection program in 2006. Oakwood, Englewood and Huber Heights already require presale home inspections.

## City committee to recognize outstanding landscapes

Next time you visit downtown Centerville, stop and smell the flowers! The gorgeous flower beds at the Four Corners, the northeast corner of Main and Franklin streets, are planted and maintained by the City Beautiful Commission. The all-volunteer commission also recognizes exceptional front-yard landscaping with awards in July, August and September for both residential and non-residential landscapes. Eligible properties must front a public roadway. All nominated properties are reviewed by a CBC member, and one yard—in each of the seven areas of Centerville—is awarded with a landscape designation. Email [publicworks@centervilleohio.gov](mailto:publicworks@centervilleohio.gov) or call 433-7151 with nominations.

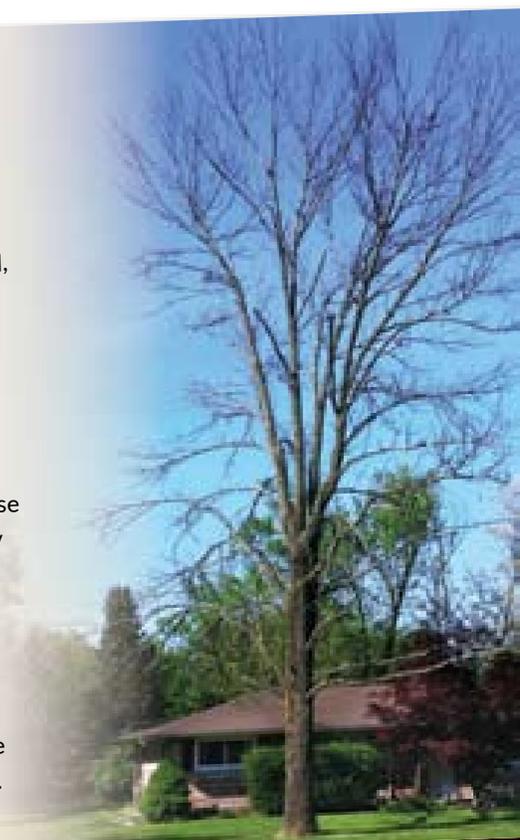
The Commission is looking for interested residents—green thumbs not necessarily required—who want to help keep Centerville looking beautiful. For application information, visit [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov) or call 433-7151.

## DEAD TREES CAUSE SAFETY CONCERNS

Wet springs, drought and disease—specifically emerald ash borer—have caused trees throughout southwest Ohio to decay—looking not only unsightly, but also creating a dangerous situation as limbs may fall, injuring persons or property. The City continues to be aggressive in combatting emerald ash borer (EAB), in both treating afflicted trees and removing them. Public Works has removed more than 800 of the 1,169 ash trees from Stubbs Park, while The Golf Club at Yankee Trace crews have removed more than 450 ash trees so far, with another 100 to be taken out in the next few years. The ash trees are being replaced with a variety of trees including cherry, maple, oak, sweetgum, elm and locust. Almost 300 trees have already been planted at Stubbs Park. Almost 50 ash trees within the City are being treated for EAB and responding

well. However, it is expected that all ash trees will eventually succumb to the disease. The City will continue to monitor and remove ash trees, along with any other trees that are dead, as needed.

For personal and property safety, property owners are also responsible to remove dead trees and trim low-hanging tree branches. Centerville Property Maintenance Code Section 302.16 requires all trees which are dead, afflicted with decay, disease or otherwise considered dangerous to persons or property be removed or appropriately treated. 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.



## Centerville Farmers Market open for business

Bring your shopping list to the Farmers Market each Thursday now through the end of October. Market hours are 2:30–6:30 p.m. Located near the intersection of St. Rt. 48 and Spring Valley Road, fresh local products like vegetables and fruits, organic meats including beef, pork, chicken, turkey and lamb, farm fresh eggs, bedding plants, garden plants, fresh cut flowers, fresh-baked bread, artisan breads, honey, soaps and much more are available! Sign up to receive emails about the market at [centervillefarmersmarket.com](http://centervillefarmersmarket.com) and visit the Facebook page for updates.



# AMERICANA FESTIVAL

## schedule of events

Celebrate our country's independence with a variety of activities for the entire family!

### JUNE 29:

**Americana Talent Show: 6 p.m.** Rec West, 965 Miamisburg-Centerville Road

### JULY 3:

**Centerville VFW Flag Ceremony and Centerville Arts Commission's Americana Holiday Concert: 7 p.m.** Featuring the Centerville Community Band and the Centerville Community Chorus at Stubbs Park, W. Spring Valley Road

### JULY 4:

**5K Run: 7:30 a.m.** Centerville High School Stadium, East Franklin Street

### Americana Parade: 10 a.m.

Begins at Centerville High School on E. Franklin St., and ends at Cline Elementary on Virginia Ave.

### Street Fair: 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Arts & Crafts, food, entertainment and more  
N. Main St. from Franklin St. north into Benham's Grove, and at the Park District Activity Center

### Entertainment: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Stage and strolling entertainment throughout Street Fair, Benham's Grove and the Activity Center

### Town Hall Theatre: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Live family entertainment

### Antique, Classic & Custom Car & Truck Show: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

N. Main St.

### Children's Activities: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Activity Center Park  
Activities, entertainment, inflatables, games, spray ground and more—all designed for kids!

### School Museum: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

26 N. Main St. - Experience life as a student in a one-room schoolhouse.

### Asahel Wright Museum: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

26 N. Main St. - Visit the former home of Orville and Wilbur Wright's great uncle Asahel.

### The Grand Finale: Entertainment & Fireworks, Centerville High School Stadium

Entertainment starts at 8:30 p.m. / Fireworks: 10 p.m.

Enjoy music synchronized to the fireworks on Fly 92.9.

*Rain date for Fireworks only, is July 5 at 10 p.m. at the CHS stadium.*

*Show your patriotism! Homes and businesses displaying patriotic decorations are eligible for the Spirit of Americana Patriot award.*

*For more information about the Festival or to register for events call 433-5898 or go to [AmericanaFestival.org](http://AmericanaFestival.org).*



## Take a day trip back in time

Travel back to the 1800's with the Centerville-Washington Township Historical Society's one-day workshops for children.

Registration forms available at the Walton House, the Asahel Wright House, the Aaron Nutt Cottage and local libraries. For more information, contact Amy Goldman, Education Coordinator, 291-2223, or [amycwths@sbcglobal.net](mailto:amycwths@sbcglobal.net).



Campers learn how to use a washboard.

For students entering grades 3-5. Workshops are 9 a.m.-noon.

**Write-On:** Make and keep a journal like a Civil War soldier and experience reporting, poetry and story writing. June 24 and 25. Cost: \$25.

**Old Tyme Woodworking:** Hand-build a wood project using old-fashioned tools. July 8 or July 9. Cost: \$20.

**Summer Day of Work and Play:** Churn butter, make a tin lantern, play games and other activities from long ago. July 15 or July 16. Cost: \$15.

**School Days-The Old Tyme Way:** Experience a one-room school house using slates and writing with ink quill pens. July 22 or July 23. Cost: \$15.

**Pioneer Cornhusk Dolls:** Create a one-of-a-kind cornhusk doll just like the pioneer children used to do. July 29. Cost: \$20.

## Spend Friday nights in the Heart of Centerville

Downtown Centerville is the destination for shoppers looking for great buys and a lovely evening stroll.

The Heart of Centerville business alliance is again offering Third Friday After Hours, when Heart of Centerville businesses and shops stay open late to serve up special buys. Each month, the Heart of Centerville partners with a local organization or charity to raise funds and awareness. Join us downtown on June 19, July 17 and August 21. For more information, visit [heartofcenterville.com](http://heartofcenterville.com).



### Centerville celebrates 29 years as Tree City USA

Tyler Stevenson, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, presents the Tree City USA award to City Beautiful Commission member Tom Wheeler, JoAnne Rau, Centerville City Council, and CBC members Bill Abrams, Allen Nelson and Sherry Leighty at the awards ceremony in April.

## Friends of Benham's Grove plans anniversary celebration

The Friends of Benham's Grove will celebrate its 20th anniversary with two special events at the community gathering place on July 23. This group was established in April 1995 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.

In 1991, with the support and direction of then mayor Shirley Heintz and Councilwoman Sally Beals, the City purchased the 8.6 acre property from the Gerber family for historic preservation and community use. Over the years, The Friends of Benham's Grove has supported and funded many major improvements that enhance the natural beauty of the grounds and buildings. The City made specific requests to the Friends for assistance with projects such as the Rotary Gazebo and tent plaza, while The Friends initiated projects like the pergola, Celebration Garden and the plaza adjacent to the barn.

To celebrate this special 20-year partnership, the Friends of Benham's



Grove will host a garden tour and luncheon on Thursday, July 23 to support the Grove. The event starts at 9:30 a.m. at Benham's Grove, 166 N. Main Street. Then it's off to visit two gorgeous gardens. Former mayor Sally Beals and renowned local gardener Mary Higgins are making their extraordinary gardens available for tours.

Carpooling to the gardens is encouraged. Following the garden visits, the Friends will honor Shirley Heintz, who passed away last year. A luncheon and raffle complete the day's memorable events.

Reservations are \$35 and available by calling Sandi Rachal, 830-5068, or sending her a check made payable to *Friends of Benham's Grove* at 7605 John Elwood Dr., Centerville, OH 45459-5130. Reservations must be paid by July 15. No admission will be available the day of the event.

## Benham's Grove is perfect for summer events

Summer is the perfect time to host an event at Benham's Grove. The grounds are in tip-top condition, the flowers are in bloom and with three charming facilities, gazebo and tent, 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).



The Library's Summer Reading Club theme is Read, Explore, Create! The club runs June 1-August 1. Babies, toddlers, children

and teens may participate. All clubs offer chances to win prizes along with more than 40 special events for different ages, including Totally Teen Tuesdays, Library Bake-Off for Teens & Children, a comic strip workshop, and Baby Boogie!

Learn more and register online at [wclibrary.info/src/](http://wclibrary.info/src/) or visit the library. Participation is not only free, it's fun!

## Centerville-Washington Foundation awards grants

Judy Budi, chair of the Centerville-Washington Foundation Grants Committee, announced the recipients of the spring grants awards which totaled \$7,450, the largest amount awarded in a single cycle by the Foundation.

### The spring cycle grant awards include:

- \$1,500 to Food2Go to feed hungry children in Centerville schools
- \$1,500 to Friends of the Castle for transportation costs
- \$1,500 to Hithergreen Center to purchase activity tables
- \$1,200 to Feeding Friends Food Pantry for equipment
- \$750 to Hannah's Treasure Chest's general assistance program
- \$500 to Therapeutic Riding Institute to assist disabled children and adults with equine assisted activities and therapies
- \$500 to Centerville Police Dept. to fund a new Explorer Training Program

The Foundation reviews grant applications two times per year. Deadline for the fall cycle is September 1. Grant applications are available at [centervillewashingtonfoundation.org](http://centervillewashingtonfoundation.org). For more information, contact Bob Daley, 433-0811.

## Women's Civic Club honors Mary Higgins

The Centerville Women's Civic Club honored Mary Smith Higgins, a nationally-recognized gardener, for her volunteerism at its 7th annual Celebrating Women luncheon. Recognized with the Mayor's Award for Community Service in 1996, Higgins served on the Centerville City Beautiful Commission and is a board member of the Friends of Benham's Grove. She has designed and maintained gardens at Benham's Grove and the Centerville Historical Society's Walton House Museum. "Her family's love of gardening and community service have brought recognition and beautification to the community," says Patricia Fleissner, CWCC committee chair.



Mary Higgins

A group of civic-minded women in Centerville and Washington Township, the club's mission is to encourage and promote betterment in the community. Since 1964, CWCC has awarded more than \$111,000 in scholarships to 70 students from the area and also provides grants to local non-profits.

# Picture perfect!

## Online photo contest opens in August

The Centerville Arts Commission and the Washington-Centerville Public Library are again hosting the "Beyond Point & Shoot" photography contest. Last year, more than 300 photos were submitted in the online contest. Entries may be submitted August 3–28 at [wclibrary.info/photocontest/](http://wclibrary.info/photocontest/). Complete contest details are on the website.

## Two optional workshops on Saturday, August 1

at Centerville Library will help aspiring photographers learn tricks of the trade:

- The Basics of Point & Shoot: 10 a.m.–noon
- Beyond Point & Shoot: 1:30–3:30 p.m.



## THE BAND PLAYS ON...

The Centerville Community Band continues its 30th anniversary celebration with a summer filled with musical performances. In addition to the July 3rd concert at Stubbs Park, look for the band in the Americana parade on July 4. The band takes the stage again at Stubbs Park on Aug. 16 and plays its annual Children's Concert on Sept. 16 at Benham's Grove. Visit [centervilleohio.gov/ccb/](http://centervilleohio.gov/ccb/) for the complete schedule.

# Summertime

## and the living is easy

Take a mini-vacation and enjoy the gorgeous outside patio view or dine inside the comfortable dining room at the restaurant at Yankee Trace, 10000 Yankee Street. Featuring lunch daily 11 a.m.–2 p.m. and special dining events, Yankee Trace offers a cool escape. Call 438-3585 or visit [yankeetrace.org](http://yankeetrace.org). Reservations are accepted for all of the events below:

## Jazz on the Green – every Wednesday evening

Smooth music, delicious food, refreshing drinks and unbeatable views are just the combination for an evening retreat. Yankee Trace hosts local jazz musicians on the patio every Wednesday evening. Offered 7–9:30 p.m. Wednesdays through August 26. Performers include Paul Caver, Brian Cashwell and Deron Bell.

## Neighborhood Dining Nights: June 11, July 9 & August 13

**OPEN FOR DINNER:** We're serving a delicious dinner special just for you—our neighbors! Join us for our Chef's Special Features, 5–8 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. Quench your thirst with \$1 draft beer specials. Our regular dinner menu is also available.

## Friday Night Special Dining Hours

Join us on *select* Fridays this summer for Special Dining Hours, 5–9 p.m. inside or on the patio for fresh fish specials and all your favorites from our regular menu. Visit [yankeetrace.org](http://yankeetrace.org) to view the calendar.

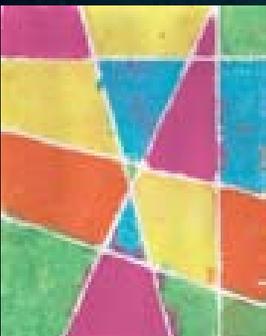
## Art Gallery showcases variety of mediums

The Centerville Arts Commission announced the summer exhibit schedule for the Art Gallery at the Centerville Police Department, 155 W. Spring Valley Road. The gallery is open 24 hours per day and exhibits may be viewed anytime, day or night. All exhibits are free and open to the public.

**June:** Alzheimer's Association Memory Resource Center creates opportunities for positive interactions to help families affected by memory loss or dementia to live the best lives possible. Located on the St. Leonard Campus, individuals can socialize with others with memory loss and their care partners through a wide range of activities, including art, music, volunteer projects, parties, education programs, intergenerational activities and more.

**July:** Two artists will share the gallery. Shirley Harbaugh is a retired art teacher, now teaching painting as part of Sinclair's Lifelong Learning Program. She is an award-winning artist and says animals, figures, faces and beautiful or unusual locations are her favorite subjects. Karen Benedetti is a member of the National Watercolor Society. She participates in three local galleries, teaches workshops and mentors emerging artists.

**August:** David Kelch has been actively involved in the development and scientific application of digital imaging systems for almost 40 years. With hundreds of publications to his credit in the digital imaging field, his images feature wildlife and nature. During his career, he pioneered technological developments in conventional photography and digital imagery processing software and holds several patents.



# 2015 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES



Shown clockwise from top: Phil Dirt & The Dözers, Forte, Ticket to Ride, and Soul Pocket

The 2015 Summer Concert Series, presented by the Centerville Arts Commission, kicks off June 7 at the Stubbs Park Amphitheater, 255 W. Spring Valley Road. Concerts begin at 7 p.m., except where otherwise noted. The amphitheater offers lawn seating only, so bring your blanket or chairs. All concerts are free and open to the public, donations are accepted. The September 16 concert will be held at Benham's Grove, 166 N. Main Street. Concessions are provided courtesy of Centerville Pizza & BBQ at Stubbs Park. The complete schedule is at [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov).

## JUNE 7

The versatile 9-piece **Bob Gray Orchestra** plays both the big band "swing sound" (including waltzes, cha-chas, and rhumbas) and rock with some vocals.

## JUNE 14

**Ticket to Ride** invites you "across the universe" on a "magical mystery tour" exploring the Beatles "revolution" in popular music and culture.

## JUNE 21

The **Termites** are a fun Dayton-based classic rock 'n' roll band.

## JUNE 28

Cincinnati's favorite party band, **Soul Pocket** brings a high energy mix of Soul, Motown, R&B, Rock and Funk.

## JULY 3 (Friday)

Kick off the patriotic holiday with our annual Americana Concert, courtesy of the **Centerville Community Band and Chorus** with a special canon performance by the **Fifth Ohio Light Artillery**.

## JULY 5

This pops style concert performed by the **Miami Valley Symphony Orchestra** will feature light classics, patriotic favorites, and a bit of Broadway.

## JULY 12

Dance to the music of **Corky's Old Time Rock and Roll** playing a variety of '50s, '60s and '70s.

## JULY 18 (Saturday)

The 15-member **Tom Daugherty "tribute" orchestra** recreates the sound and look of the original Tommy Dorsey Orchestra with the original music arrangements. Dancing is encouraged at the 5th annual Dance Night.

## JULY 19

**Berachah Valley** is a predominately female harmony bluegrass band, known for intricate, powerful, female trio harmonies and outstanding musicians.

## JULY 26

A Capella & More featuring performances by **Forte**, **Eleventh Hour** and **Voices of Ohio**.

## AUGUST 2

An Outdoor Evening of smooth jazz features the **Deron Bell Band**.

## AUGUST 9

Crowd favorites **Phil Dirt & The Dozers** perform vintage rock and roll hits from the '50s, '60s, and '70s.

## AUGUST 16

Our hometown **Centerville Community Band** plays every type of music from jazz to Broadway to beloved patriotic tunes.

## SEPTEMBER 13 (4-7 p.m.)

**Guitar Fest** features professional guitarists from the southwest Ohio region performing many guitar styles, including jazz, rock, classical, folk and fingerstyle.

## SEPTEMBER 16 (Benham's Grove)

**Centerville Community Band** performs a special concert for the whole family sure to excite the kid in all of us, at the City's community gathering place.

Special thanks to Platinum Sponsor Bethany Village and Graceworks at Home, and Gold Sponsors, Burke Orthodontics, Centerville Storage Inns, Centerville Washington Foundation, Day Air Credit Union and Heartland of Centerville.

# Yankee Trace celebrates 20 years as premier golf facility

Since its grand opening in 1995, The Golf Club at Yankee Trace has evolved into one of the leading facilities in the country—and it's right here in your hometown. Join in on some of the 20th anniversary celebratory events taking place this summer. This mini-vacation spot is the perfect place to relax, golf and dine. Call the Golf Shop, 438-GOLF, or visit [yankeetrace.org](http://yankeetrace.org) for additional information.

## 20th Anniversary Specials & Programs

In honor of our 20th anniversary, enjoy these specials available June 1 through August 31, 2015.

- ▶ **20% off all 20th Anniversary memorabilia in the Golf Shop:** Includes fine glassware, towels, tee packets, authentic golf flags and more!
- ▶ **Family Golf Night:** Every Saturday evening after 5 p.m. Each family member gets 9-holes, golf car, practice balls and Yankee Jumbo Dog Combo for \$15 per person.
- ▶ **20th Anniversary Golf Special:** Reserve an online tee time for one of our NEW 18-hole rotations and lunch is on us! Must book online at [yankeetrace.org/teetimes/](http://yankeetrace.org/teetimes/) and click "Specials."
- ▶ **Weekend Couples League:** Two playing partners, 9-holes, cart, practice balls, Chef's Select Buffet and awards for \$32 per person.
- ▶ **20th Anniversary Golf Special:** Reserve an online tee time before 8 a.m. Monday-Friday and receive a sleeve of TaylorMade® golf balls for each golfer. Go to [yankeetrace.org/teetimes/](http://yankeetrace.org/teetimes/) and click "Specials."
- ▶ **Q30 - Quality golf lessons for 30 days:** A complete instruction program for golfers of all levels. Take up to 12 one-hour lessons in one month, green fee specials and more! Limited space available.
- ▶ **Yankee Early Twilight:** Qualify for twilight rates before twilight. Must book online at [yankeetrace.org/teetimes/](http://yankeetrace.org/teetimes/) and click "Specials."

## 20th Anniversary Golf Tournaments

Hit the greens! Enjoy your summer with some golf!

**Monday Morning Scramble:** Monday, June 15, \$40 per person

Two Person Scramble: It's simple! Scrambled eggs & bacon followed by an 18-hole scramble. Yankee Breakfast Buffet at 7:30 a.m. and Shotgun Start at 8:30 a.m. Includes 18-holes, golf car, practice balls, awards and optional skins game. Registration Deadline: June 12.

**20th Anniversary Celebration:** Monday, July 13, \$75 per person

Four Person Scramble: 1 p.m. Shotgun Start includes 18-holes, golf car, practice balls, 20th Anniversary logo golf polo shirt, Chef's "Select" dinner, awards and option skins game. Registration Deadline: July 10.

**Birdies and Brunch:** Sunday, August 16, \$50 per person

Four Person Scramble: A winning combination—championship golf and Sunday brunch! 8 a.m. Shotgun Start includes 18-holes, golf car, practice balls, extravagant brunch, awards and optional skins game. Registration Deadline: August 14.

## 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. To apply, call 438-GOLF.

## Street resurfacing program underway

This year's street resurfacing program is underway. Street program funds come from the City's general fund. With continued budget cuts from the state and increased prices for construction labor and materials, City staff works diligently to judiciously select the streets to receive work; however, dollars don't go as far as they did in past years. So, staff has employed new methods to do more work with the funds available. Centerville is one of the few local communities that does not assess for curb and sidewalk repair work. Your city takes pride in its well-maintained streets, sidewalks and drainage systems. Residents are asked to report concerns such as potholes and trip hazards so our crews can address issues before they become a major problem.

### Streets included in the 2015 resurfacing program are:

- ▶ Willowhurst Street
- ▶ Forest Bend Drive
- ▶ Red Coach Road from Whipp to Royalwood
- ▶ Torreyson Ave. from Red Coach to King Arthur



Public Works crews have a busy season ahead.

Planned work varies on each street and may include curb replacement, storm structure repair, pavement base repair, milling, and asphalt resurfacing; however, most of the planned concrete work was completed last year in anticipation of the resurfacing this year. Work should be completed by July 31.

The final phase of the improvements in the Black Oak South neighborhood is underway on Southbury Drive. Work includes drainage improvements, curb reconstruction and pavement resurfacing. These improvements started ten years ago and targeted this neighborhood that has experienced pavement deterioration due to flat grades and poor drainage. This project should be completed by July 31.

A second project that includes concrete repairs is being planned. While the street list is not yet finalized, work may include any of the following items: concrete street panel replacement, sidewalk, storm, curb and driveways. The final portion of the concrete program includes sidewalk repair work in the Princewood and Red Coach neighborhoods—area bounded by Marshall Road, I-675 and the City's corporation lines to the north and the east. As always, residents are asked to work with and around the contractor as the improvements are done.

Last winter's harsh conditions created more pavement deterioration than a typical winter. If you see something suspect within a street, notify Public Works, 428-4782 or email [publicworks@centervilleohio.gov](mailto:publicworks@centervilleohio.gov).

## City to install school safety flashers

Centerville is installing new school flashers on Sheehan Road at Weller Elementary School. Although the school is not within City limits, for safety reasons, Council wanted to replace the aged system and provide enhanced visibility for motorists traveling through the school zone. The new flashers are solar-powered and will be in place prior to the start of the school year in August. Funding for the flashers and installation are provided by the City's general fund.

## Construction season goes full-speed

The Lakeview, Cherry and Martha water main replacement project is well underway with Montgomery County Environmental Services (MCES) replacing old water mains with a history of leaks. A joint effort between MCES and the City, the project includes replacing water mains, repairing concrete curb and storm structures and resurfacing streets. Ohio Public Works Commission funds were secured for the project with the county and the City each paying its share of the local match. Water main replacement and all concrete repair work will be completed by fall 2015. Milling and resurfacing will occur in the spring of 2016.

Following the Americana Festival, MCES will break ground on a major water main project on North Main Street/Far Hills Avenue/SR 48. The project includes replacing failing water main along the project corridor from Alex-Bell Road to Franklin Street. Funding for this joint effort is from Ohio Public Works Commission, the county, the City, and ODOT as following water main installation, concrete curb and storm drainage work will be completed in 2015, and ODOT will resurface the roadway in 2016 under its local resurfacing program. Traffic will be maintained during the project, and motorists are asked to be patient with the progress.

Vectren's work is progressing on Franklin Street as well as a number of side streets and alleys adjacent to Franklin. This 'bare steel/cast iron' (BS/CI) project will replace an old gas main that has a history of leaks. New plastic gas main will be installed and new gas services will be provided for over 150 properties along the project. For additional details, visit [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov) and [vectren.com](http://vectren.com).

The Enhancement project at I-675 and SR 48 adjacent to the Ross Mercedes frontage is essentially complete with private work by Ross Mercedes yet to be done. Improvements included landscaping and extending the stone pillars and black ornamental fencing northward from the I-675 southbound off-ramp to Loop Road. Federal funding through the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) supporting aesthetic enhancement projects was received for this work. The local match funding required by the grant is being paid by Ross Mercedes. *See additional construction story on page 3.*

## REPLACE OLD MAILBOXES

Over the winter, Public Works crews worked to keep Centerville's roadways safe for travel. One item of frustration for snow plow truck drivers can be an inappropriately placed mailbox. Take a look at your mailbox placement and update it according to the U.S. Postal Service guidelines:

- ✓ The mailbox should be at least 6 inches and the post at least 12 inches back of the curb.
- ✓ The box itself should be between 41" and 45" above the ground.
- ✓ The 4" x 4" wood post should be buried 2 feet deep to allow it to breakaway if it is struck. Remember to call for utility locates if you set a new post.

*See diagram at [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov).*

## Citizens Police Academy accepting applications

*27th academy class starts in September*

Here's your chance to learn what goes on behind the scenes at the Centerville Police Department. The fall Citizens Police Academy begins September 2 and runs through November 18. Classes are Wednesday evenings, 6:30-9:30 p.m. in the Centerville Police Department training room.

The 12-week course gives citizens the opportunity to learn more about the various functions of the department. Officers present information on topics such as laws of arrest, search and seizure, use of force continuum, firearms, asp & taser, criminal and drug investigations, OVI and crash investigations and crime scene investigations. Participants also go on the firing range and ride along with an officer. The class is free to the public. Registration forms are available in the lobby or online at [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov) under the Police tab. For more information, call Community Relations Officer John Davis, 433-7661.

## Kalamán Golf Tournament registration available

*Annual event supports scholarship fund*

The 18th annual Officer John P. Kalamán Memorial Golf Tournament is Monday, September 14, at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace. All proceeds raised during the four-player scramble go to the John P. Kalamán Scholarship Fund, which provides scholarships to graduating high school seniors and college students. The scholarship fund was established in 1998 in memory of Centerville Police Officer John Kalamán who was killed while attending to an accident scene. The tournament begins at 11 a.m. with a shotgun start. A silent auction follows at 4:30 p.m., with a pig roast at 5 p.m. The \$125 entry fee includes green fees, cart, range balls, prizes, box lunch and pig roast. If golf doesn't fit your schedule, come for the pig roast, open to the public at \$35 per person. Tournament registration forms are available at the Centerville Police Department, 155 W. Spring Valley Road and The Golf Club at Yankee Trace, 10000 Yankee St. For more information, or to support the event through sponsorship call 428-4776.

## Centerville officers recognized



Officer Jared Rhoten



Officer Chad Eckenrode

### Centerville Police Officer Jared Rhoten

is the 2015 recipient of the John P. Kalamán Respect for Law Award from the Centerville Noon Optimist Club. Named in memory of Centerville Police Officer John Kalamán, Officer Rhoten began his career with the Centerville Police Department in 2008. He has served as Evidence Technician and shift Officer-in-Charge and is training to become a Field Training Officer. Officer Rhoten received the department's Life-Saving Award in 2013 for his quick actions rendering medical aid to an accident victim suffering from a cardiac emergency. Last fall he was deployed with his Kentucky Air National Guard unit as part of Operation United Assistance in Dakar, Senegal in Africa, where he spent more than two months assisting local and federal agencies in the fight against the Ebola outbreak. Officer Rhoten is assigned to the road patrol division.

**Officer Chad Eckenrode** was presented the department's Life-Saving Award for his actions regarding a suicidal resident. After receiving information that the person had left his residence, Officer Eckenrode used a variety of investigative methods to track down the resident, who was located in another community and found unresponsive, in a suicide attempt. Because of Officer Eckenrode's determination and investigative skills, the citizen survived. Officer Eckenrode received the award at the April Centerville Council meeting.

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

### Police Open House to showcase services

Bring the family to the Centerville Police Department, 1-4 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 1 for games, activities, prizes, contests and interactive booths. Visitors can also tour the facility at the Police Building, 155 W. Spring Valley Road. With a focus on children's safety, the event celebrates National Night Out Against Crime.

## LOCK IT DON'T LEAVE IT

Each year, almost two million thefts from vehicles occur, with thieves stealing more than a billion dollars in personal items. Reduce the chances your vehicle will become a target with the following tips!



- Lock your doors:** Over 90 percent of LOCAL thefts from vehicles involved unlocked vehicles.
- Remove valuables:** Hide all valuables out of sight, or better yet, take them with you.
- Completely close windows and sunroofs:** Thieves may reach in through the gap and unlock your vehicle. Opened windows disable the pressure sensor in some car alarms, leaving the vehicle more vulnerable to break-ins and giving a thief more time before the alarm sounds.
- Park for visibility:** Park in a busy, well-lit area, away from larger vehicles, fences, signs or foliage that may hide your vehicle.



**March 2, 2015**

Special Council meeting called as the Feb.16 meeting was postponed because of inclement weather. Deputy Mayor Compton led the meeting.

Chris Hoffman, education specialist with Montgomery County Environmental Services, provided an update on programs and services.

Arlene Tansey took the oath of office as a member of the City Beautiful Commission.

Council approved the following: Cornerstone Section 4; Kroger Cornerstone, conditional use for drive-thru window and lanes for pharmacy, banking and pickup window and Cornerstone Section One, Replat of Lot 1A for Chick-Fil-A.

**March 16, 2015**

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

Centerville High School graduates Michael Bennett and Evan Lisle were recognized



Evan Lisle (left) and Michael Bennett receive awards of recognition from Mayor Kingseed.

for their outstanding contributions to The Ohio State football team, and congratulated on the Buckeyes' victory in the 2015 National Championship game.

Police Officer Jared Rhoten was congratulated for receiving the 2015 Kalamon Officer of the Year award. *See story page 12.*

Police Chief Bruce Robertson introduced Police Dispatchers Lori Robbins and Elizabeth Schneider. Another dispatcher, Nicole Reed, was unable to attend.

Kyly Borton was recognized for achieving Girl Scouts' highest honor, the Gold Award.

Eagle Scouts Colton Batner, David Lopez, Nicholas Mulay, Alex O'Neil, Nathan Phillips and Grant Williamson were recognized for their scouting achievements.

Council designated April 2015 as Fair Housing Month in Centerville.

April 15, 2015 was designated as Arbor Day in Centerville.

Council member Dr. Paul Gresham announced that he would not seek re-election in November. Mayor Kingseed thanked Dr. Gresham for his leadership over the past 16 years.

**Board/Commission Appointments:**

Judy Stang Budi was reappointed as a member of the Centerville City Schools Personnel Appeals Board.

Sierra Kelley and Mary Scott were reappointed as members of the Centerville Arts Commission.

**April 20, 2015**

Following an invocation by Mayor Kingseed, Centerville Public Works crews were recognized by City Manager Greg Horn for outstanding service during the harsh winter months.



Public Works staff receives recognition by City Council at the April meeting.

**Presentations:**

Dr. Steven Hinshaw, Centerville finance director, received the Auditor of State award with Distinction from Joe Braden and Tim Kraft of the State Auditor's Office.

Police Officer Chad Eckenrode was presented with the Life-Saving Award by Chief Bruce Robertson. Officer Eckenrode aided and assisted a suicidal person, directly saving his life. *See story page 12.*

Brian Humphress, newly appointed executive director of the Miami Valley Communications Council, was introduced.

Steve Wenstrup, chairman of the Americana Festival committee board, thanked Council for the City's financial, logistical and in-kind support.

Centerville High School students taking part in Youth in Government Day, which gives students an opportunity to meet with government officials, were introduced.



Centerville High School students participating in Youth in Government Day attend the April Council meeting. The event provides an opportunity for students to shadow City Council and staff, tour the Police Department and participate in a mock Council meeting.

Council proclaimed April as Safe Digging Month in Centerville.

May 4-7, 2015 was proclaimed as Clean Sweep Week in Centerville.

Jan Prettyman was reappointed as chair of the City Beautiful Commission.

**Serve your community**

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



## Mayor's Message from Mark Kingseed



Mayor Mark Kingseed presents John Koonts (holding plaque) with the Mayor's Award for Community Service during the City's Volunteer Salute appreciation event. Mr. Koonts has volunteered at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace since 1995. Congratulating John are his wife Pat, stepdaughter Jennifer Hauk, grandson Titus Hauk and Yankee Trace golf course superintendent Terry Taylor (far right).

Most Americans would agree with the old adage from Henry David Thoreau, "That government is best which governs least." Virtually everything a government does when it establishes rules, regulations or ordinances, places some restrictions on citizens' freedom.

Everyone understands that some rules are necessary to prevent chaos, to preserve the high standards for which Centerville is noted and to generally preserve property values. But a governing authority should always ask itself three questions when considering whether to adopt a new regulation:

- is the regulation necessary;
- is the proposed regulation drafted as narrowly as possible in clear, easily understandable language; and
- what is the best way best to communicate the regulation clearly so that citizens know what is required of them?

Centerville City Council tries very hard to make sure that our regulations are limited in scope, sensible in design and necessary to maintain consistency and proper standards. We don't pretend to get it right 100% of the time, but I believe we do a very good job on answering the first two questions outlined above.

Over the years, we haven't always communicated the rules as effectively as possible. There have been occasions when a citizen or business begins work on their home or business only to learn in midstream that they needed a permit or that the actual work being performed does not meet City standards. In addition, there have been instances in which local business people tell us that when they tried to interpret the rules themselves, they get it wrong. These situations put the City in the position of being the "bad guy" by requiring citizens to redo work which has already begun or to start over. No one is happy when this happens.

In order to prevent—or at least minimize—the risk of this type of occurrence, Council and city staff have been working to prepare easy-to-understand guidelines for commonly recurring situations.

For example, elsewhere in this Town Crier is a list of property maintenance requirements. Hopefully this will be a very useful guide. Similarly, staff has prepared an excellent set of brochures which describe in easy to understand details the requirements relating to Business Occupancy, Fences, Signs and Accessory Structures. The brochures are all available on the City's website at [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov).

The brochures and property maintenance guide are all part of our effort to simplify the rules and to communicate regulations in a clear and understandable manner. We fully understand

our obligation to maintain the proper standards while simultaneously minimizing the burden and the expense on citizens.

Of course, citizens and business owners also need to do their own due diligence before beginning a project. The brochures and guidelines are available and should be consulted. If there are any questions or doubts as to what is or is not permitted, a simple phone call to the City Planning Office at 433-7151 will clear up any confusion. The City does not want to be the "heavy"—with a little forethought and preparation, hopefully, the disputes which have come up from time to time will be a thing of the past.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

I am happy to report that there has been significant economic development in the City. The Cornerstone of Centerville project is going full blast with the recent groundbreaking of Cabela's and the announcement that a Kroger Marketplace is on the way. There are also a number of restaurants and retail shops which will be opening at Cornerstone within the next 12 to 18 months.

A 270-unit upscale apartment complex targeted to young professionals is planned for the old Centerville Cinemas site. This will be a great addition to the City and should also provide a significant economic boost to Cross Pointe Center.

Lastly, work will begin shortly on the development of the 65-acre parcel between Sheehan Road and Yankee Street just north of Social Row Road. This development will provide single-family housing and assisted living opportunities to Centerville residents.

Council will continue to push for responsible growth and economic development. This is the best way to keep the lid on taxes and maintain City services at the level you deserve.

Enjoy your summer, and as always, thanks for the opportunity you have given us to serve.

*Mark Kingseed*

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**Centerville still waiting on response from Sugarcreek Township**

In February, the Sugarcreek Township Trustees walked away from court-ordered mediation and from a proposed agreement jointly negotiated with Bellbrook-Sugarcreek School District, Cornerstone Developers, the City of Centerville and Sugarcreek Township. The agreement would have provided more than \$4 million for fire and EMS services to Sugarcreek Township. On two separate occasions, Sugarcreek Township officials stated that the cost to provide fire and EMS services to the Cornerstone Development would be approximately \$1 million. The proposed agreement would have provided more than four times the funding at a time when the Township needs it—a significant financial windfall for all of Sugarcreek Township, which currently is projecting nearly half a million dollar deficiency for its fire department in the coming years. Centerville Council continues to reach out to Sugarcreek Township with hopes the trustees will ratify the agreement previously negotiated.

**City of Centerville**

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**Public Meetings at the Municipal Building**

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

**Public Meetings at the Public Works Center**

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

**Public Meetings at the Police Department**

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

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**City Offices closed for holidays**

Centerville City Offices will close Friday, July 3, in observance of Independence Day. Offices will close Monday, Sept. 7, in commemoration of Labor Day. Waste collection that week will be delayed one day following your regular pickup day.

**June–August City Calendar**

**June**

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

**July**

**3** City Offices closed  
**3** Americana Concert, Stubbs Park, 7 p.m.  
**4** Americana Festival, downtown Centerville  
**20** City Council meeting, 7:30 p.m.  
**23** Friends of Benham's Grove luncheon and garden tour

**August**

**1** Police Department Open House, 1-4 p.m.  
**17** City Council meeting, 7:30 p.m.

**Weekly:**

Farmers Market: 2:30-6:30 p.m. every Thursday  
Jazz on the Green, 7-9:30 p.m. every Wednesday, Yankee Trace  
Concert Series: 7 p.m. every Sunday, Stubbs Park

**Monthly:**

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

For more information, visit [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov) or call 433-7151.

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