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Election brings one new, two returning Council members

Incumbents John Beals and Belinda Kenley, along with Mark Engert, were elected to Centerville Council as a result of the Nov. 3 election. Brooks Compton ran unopposed for mayor. Each will serve a four-year term, beginning January 1, 2016. Engert will be a first-time Council member, while Beals and Kenley have both served eight years. Compton has 25 years of service on Council. They join Council members JoAnne Rau and John Palcher. In January, Council will appoint a citizen to fill Compton's council seat. Look for stories on the new Council members in our next issue.

Two members of Council retire from service

Longtime Council members Mark Kingseed and Paul Gresham will be giving up their seats on December 31, as neither sought reelection. Kingseed was first elected to Council in 1990 and has served the last 12 years as mayor. Dr. Gresham has been a Council member for 16 years. Council will celebrate each with receptions open to the public. Mayor Kingseed's dinner event is set for Jan. 28, and Dr. Gresham's event is Feb. 18, both at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace. For more information, call Centerville Offices, 433-7151.



Proud grandparents Joannie and Mark Kingseed with grandson Micah Hickman.

Mark Kingseed

When Mark Kingseed was first elected in 1990, Centerville City Council already had ambitious projects in the works: a new golf course, an addition to the City park and a renovation project that would become a rental facility. Involvement in those projects were just the start of a productive career that would bring success, challenge and progress—to the City and its now mayor.

Growing up on a 300-acre farm in Shelby County with two sisters and three brothers, Kingseed learned from his parents the value of hard work. He also found his love of reading, in particular, history books, which would serve as a resource throughout his life. See retirees on page 2.

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(Retirees continued from page 1) After graduating from Lehman High School, he attended Miami University and then Georgetown University School of Law, from which he graduated in 1979. After some time at a Chicago law firm, he and his growing family moved in 1985 to Centerville to take a position with NCR. He had always wanted to serve the public, and in 1989, after two years on the Property Review Commission, he decided to run for City Council. That started a 26-year commitment to the citizens of Centerville, serving the last 12 years as mayor. "I love working at the local level. That's where you can get a lot done."

In addition to Yankee Trace, Stubbs Park and Benham's Grove, Kingseed counts the growth of the homes and area around Yankee Trace, the establishment of Miami Valley Hospital South and the increase in the number of businesses and the business interaction he's had, as highlights in his career. He's proud of the progress the City has made in neighborhoods by maintaining infrastructure, offering Neighborhood meetings, protecting property values and requiring rental inspections, and delighted that the faith-based initiatives and cooperative efforts with local churches and organizations assisting those in need are thriving. He's also pleased that though it's been marred by legal battles, Cornerstone of Centerville, at Wilmington Pike and Feedwire Road, will be another gem in the City of Centerville.

Drawing inspiration from family and our country's former presidents, Kingseed says he never gives up when difficulties arise, a principle that applies to his position as an attorney, cancer survivor and City leader. Which is why he leaves office with the disappointment that he couldn't build better relationships with Washington or Sugarcreek townships. "I am disappointed I was unable to convince the Washington Township and Sugarcreek Township governments to work together in economic development efforts. This was a real lost opportunity which hurt the overall community."

Kingseed and wife Joannie recently celebrated their 18th anniversary. He has two children, Dan, who lives in Centerville, and Laura, who along with her husband Patrick and young son, Micah, live in Columbus. Mayor Kingseed plans to continue his law practice, travel with his wife, and spend more time with his family. He will also continue teaching history classes for the UD Lifelong Learning Institute. "Family, friends and making a difference using the talents God gave you," muses Kingseed, "that's happiness."

Bright lights, festive decorations to be recognized

City Beautiful Commission members are traveling Centerville roadways looking for festive holiday decorations. One winner will be recognized in each of their seven zones along with one Community Pride (commercial, business or multi-family complex) recipient. Commission members look for holiday displays that are visible from the road. It could be the big 'WOW!' factor with lots of lights or a simple, yet elegant display that captures the spirit of the season. To nominate a display, call City offices, 433-7151, by December 10. Each nomination will be reviewed by a commission member.

Council member Paul Gresham to retire

Paul Gresham had an active family life with his wife Debbie and two children along with a busy pediatric practice when in 1998 he was asked to undertake an advocacy project for the professional staff of the Dayton Children's Hospital. As a physician, children's health and well-being were always a priority, and he soon became an advocate for requiring children to wear helmets when riding a bicycle, skateboard or scooter. While gathering information about bicycle helmets and promoting children's safety, he attended Centerville Council meetings and work sessions, which led him to run for a council seat just a year later, in 1999. He became involved in local politics because of his desire to protect children, and since that time has been instrumental in getting not only the bicycle helmet ordinance passed in Centerville, but also the smoke-free workplace ordinance, which later became a state law. "There are children today who don't ever have to be around smoke," he says proudly.



Paul and Debbie Gresham attend Art at the Trace.

Now, after 16 years as a Council member, Dr. Gresham is stepping down. Reflecting on the changes Centerville has seen since 1999, Dr. Gresham points to the growth of The Golf Club at Yankee Trace, including the new nine holes and additional housing stock; the positive changes in the downtown business area; and the development in all corners of Centerville including Kroger Marketplace, Miami Valley Hospital South and Cornerstone of Centerville, as milestones in his Council career. As a Council member, he has represented Centerville locally on the MVCC Board and First Suburbs Council. Nationally, he has served on the National League of Cities Board of Directors and Advisory Council, Human Development Policy and Steering Committee, and Institute for Youth Education and Families. Through this service, he has helped influence policy that benefits children and families across the nation.

Dr. Gresham says it's been a privilege working with Centerville's Council and City staff. "They are all dedicated to keeping Centerville a great place to work and raise a family." He says Council has some big issues ahead, including finding ways to make up for the huge State budget cuts that cities across Ohio are facing. "In 16 years, we've never had to raise taxes, but I don't know how we can continue operating with these financial burdens from the State, something's got to give."

Although he is retiring from both City Council and his medical practice, Dr. Gresham says he'll be around town. He'd like to help find ways to keep and attract young professionals and their families to our community. He and Debbie will continue to travel, visit their children and grandchildren, and he hopes to get in a little golf.

City continues to feel budget cuts

Estimated \$3 million annual loss

Centerville City Council has a history of being fiscally conservative and cutting where practical, keeping our City in better financial shape than many area cities. However, over the past five years, Centerville has lost approximately \$3 million per year in State funding—a huge reduction and a major hit to our budget. These cuts include the elimination of the Estate Tax (which provided \$2 million in 2012) and an over 50 percent reduction in our Local Government Fund revenues, which created another \$300,000 annual loss to our City. And, more cuts are to come.

Beginning in 2016, recently passed changes in our State Income Tax law will allow businesses to carry forward net operating losses for five years in order to offset taxes on future profits. This change is estimated to cost Centerville over \$500,000 per year going forward. In addition, the new State tax law allows non-resident taxpayers 20 “free days” before having to pay any municipal income tax in a community where they may work. The new 20-consecutive day requirement before municipal income tax is effective for non-residents, as compared to our previous 12-day requirement throughout the entire year, will cost our City an additional \$300,000 per year. Other supplemental changes in the State law that provide specific benefits to highly compensated individuals will have additional negative financial impacts, which are yet to be determined. In total, this new tax law is anticipated to cost our City \$1 million per year going forward.

Centerville has some of the lowest tax rates in the area. At 1.75%, Centerville continues to have the lowest income tax rate of any municipality in southern Montgomery County and the second lowest municipal property tax rate within Montgomery County at 2.35 mills. In fact, most of our residents pay more in property taxes for libraries or parks than they do for police, roads and general City services. Our current municipal property tax rate was reduced in 1998, when a 20-year road levy expired, and our City chose not to ask the voters to renew or replace the levy because we were experiencing positive financial growth at that time.

During the past five years, Centerville has received an overall reduction in State assistance in excess of 80 percent. City Council continues to explore options to recoup this \$3 million annual loss.

City looking for volunteers to clear snow for elderly

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

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

City employees retire



Officer Tony Beran



Gary Sellars



Larry Rayle

Three City employees have recently retired: Larry Rayle, a 30-year employee of the Public Works Department, Gary Sellars, with 21 years at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace and Officer Tony Beran, who served 13 years with the Police Department. The City of Centerville thanks these dedicated employees for their service.

An advocate for children and their safety, Officer Beran is well-known in our community as he served on the bicycle patrol, performed child seat safety checks and served as the advisor for the department’s youth Explorer program. He started a program rewarding youths for wearing bicycle helmets and participated annually in the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run. Prior to serving with Centerville, Officer Beran was a police officer with the City of Miamisburg for more than 13 years. He plans to enjoy more time with his wife Donna and children, Anne and Michael, and his woodworking business.

In 1994, Gary Sellars was one of the first employees hired to work in the Golf Shop at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace. Already retired from a 35-year career at GM, Gary first worked out of a trailer before the clubhouse was built. He’s assisted thousands of golfers over the years, developing special friendships with the “regulars” who golf on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. An active volunteer with Normandy United Methodist Church, Gary plans to continue golfing and traveling. He and his wife, Mary Ellen, have visited Mexico, every province in Canada and each state in the U.S. with the exception of Alaska, which he hopes to travel to soon.

Larry Rayle started working for Centerville in 1985, serving as the City’s number one tailgunner, the person who rides on the back of a waste collection truck to dump the containers. During his 30 years, Larry has racked up some significant numbers: over 45,760 tons of refuse and 12,480 tons of recyclables for a total of more than 58,240 tons collected from Centerville waste collection customers. He took great pride in his work.

Sergeant promoted



Lt. Joe Lavigne

Centerville Police Sgt. Joe Lavigne has been promoted to Lieutenant. Lt. Lavigne started his career with the department in 1990 and has served as narcotics officer, detective, sergeant and most recently, detective sergeant. A graduate of Capital University, he is a certified firearms instructor and received a Distinguished Service award while assigned to the Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission.

Centerville's Fire/EMS offer to Sugarcreek Township rejected

Township turned down \$4.4 million over next 30 years for Cornerstone development

The City of Centerville's final offer for Fire/EMS service for the Cornerstone development area presented in October to the Sugarcreek Township Trustees was not only rejected, but the township responded by creating a fire district that will exclude the Cornerstone of Centerville. "Removing fire service is an amazingly irresponsible act," said Mayor Mark Kingseed. "The Sugarcreek Township government's threat to remove fire service from any property owner who exercises his legal right to annex is illegal and unethical," he continued. In the meantime, Centerville is proceeding with the development of Cornerstone, which will provide thousands of jobs and millions of dollars in tax revenue to the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek School District, Greene County Career Center, Greene County and the City.



After repeated attempts by the City to negotiate with the township trustees, and offering \$4.4 million over 30 years, the dollar amount that the two entities had agreed to for Fire/EMS service, the Sugarcreek Township Trustees made a last-minute new request for \$1.1 million of additional funding for road construction on Clyo Road—in an area that is not located within Centerville. Centerville Council offered to reimburse \$160,000 to the township for the construction costs on the small portion of Clyo Road that is adjacent to the Cornerstone development, but again, that offer was rejected by

township trustees. Instead of continuing discussions, the trustees opted in October to create a fire district to begin in March 2017. "The City has reluctantly decided that the township is simply not willing to work with us in good faith," said Mayor Kingseed. "The courts and the Sugarcreek Township voters will ultimately decide whether the township will provide fire service," he continued.

The City is—and will continue to be—responsible for all public roads within the Cornerstone development and has assumed full responsibility for Wilmington Pike and Feedwire Road, which also services many township businesses. However, the Mayor made it clear that Centerville tax dollars will not pay for general road construction outside the City limits that are not associated with the Cornerstone development. "Those expenses have nothing to do with Cornerstone, and frankly, have nothing to do with the cost of Fire/EMS service," said Kingseed.

Over the past 10 years, Sugarcreek Township has tried to stop, at great taxpayer expense, the efforts of the private owners of the Cornerstone development (formerly known as the Dille property) to develop a first-class commercial development in both Centerville and Sugarcreek Township. The Township spent more than \$600,000 of taxpayers' money in attorney fees to go all the way to the Ohio Supreme Court, which ruled 7-0 in favor of the City of Centerville and against Sugarcreek Township. Earlier this year, the Sugarcreek Township Trustees walked out of Greene County Court-ordered mediation for the second time when all parties were in front of the Court.

Mayor Kingseed expressed his disappointment that negotiations have failed. "I personally reached out to the individual trustees so we could conduct direct negotiations between the elected officials to solve this dispute. Arranging Fire/EMS service is a serious matter which should be dealt with professionally. We all owe that to the people who elected us. It is very easy to stir up animosity, but political theatrics don't help solve problems. Apparently, I misjudged the trustees. I had hoped they would try to solve the actual problem of funding Fire and EMS service and not just try to leverage unrelated money out of Centerville to solve their inability to manage within their own means."

Road improvements ease traffic on Wilmington Pike and Feedwire Road

Significant road improvements have been made to the Feedwire Road and Wilmington Pike area over the past several months including:

- Wilmington Pike: a new, northbound lane was added starting near the Home Depot entrance on Wilmington Pike and extending northward to Dille Drive, the main entrance to Cornerstone of Centerville.
- Left-turn lanes were lengthened to provide additional capacity for vehicles accessing I-675, both north and south, and left turn lanes under the I-675 overpass on Wilmington Pike were reconfigured. This was an ODOT project.
- Wilmington Pike Phase 2 improvements from Brown Road to I-675 will bid soon. Work is expected to start in the early spring with total project completion planned for late 2016.
- Feedwire Road: widening improvements include curb/gutter, sidewalks, pedestrian walkways and storm sewer. Raised landscaped medians have been added to improve access to existing and future development along the corridor.
- A new gazebo was constructed on Feedwire Road at Charles Drive to accommodate RTA patrons. Funding was provided by Greater Dayton RTA under its amenity grant program. RTA has updated its Route 16 to accommodate additional ridership to Miami Valley Hospital South and Cornerstone development.

- Two phases of internal surface streets are completed, with additional phases to follow in spring to serve additional commercial development.

Funding for these projects comes from a variety of sources including the City of Centerville, Ohio Public Works Commission, Greater Dayton RTA, the Federal Highway Administration and dollars provided via tax increment financing (TIF), generated by the new building values within the Cornerstone of Centerville.

These improvements will accommodate increased traffic along Wilmington Pike and Feedwire Road. Cornerstone of Centerville North, a 150-acre development, will provide our region with new shopping, dining and service options, professional offices and upscale apartments along with green space featuring a park and amphitheater. In addition to Costco Wholesale, Bagger Dave's Burger Tavern opened in early November, and Chick-fil-A is set to open very soon. Domino's will open by the end of the year. As of press time, the latest additions announced by Cornerstone Developers to the Cornerstone of Centerville include Kroger Marketplace, Cabela's outfitters, Panda Express, Cheddar's Casual Cafe, Mattress Firm and Wright-Patt Credit Union.

To receive an email update from the City of Centerville on current and upcoming road/utility improvements near the Cornerstone of Centerville development, visit centervilleohio.gov and click Cornerstone Connections. See page 11 for more construction news.

Legal battles, failed negotiations won't deter Cornerstone of Centerville

City continues to persevere while township makes threats to public safety

It's been a long road for the Cornerstone of Centerville, starting in 2006 when 100 percent of the owners of the Dille and adjacent property asked the City of Centerville to annex the 268 acres located at Feedwire Road and Wilmington Pike. The property would become a part of Centerville, but under Ohio law, still remain located within Sugarcreek Township. What should have been a straightforward annexation process became entangled in court battles as Sugarcreek Township immediately began legal proceedings against the City of Centerville.

Upon annexation, Centerville became responsible for all road improvements, infrastructure and safety services for the 268-acre property. However, since Centerville does not have a fire department, those services—under Ohio law—are still the responsibility of Sugarcreek Township.

After five years of legal battles, in 2012, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled in a 7-0 decision that the City of Centerville could utilize a tax-increment financing plan (TIF) to assist with the development of the property. Cornerstone Developers, who had taken over the development from Bear Creek Capital, immediately began working with potential retail stores and restaurants to build on the property, and the City began road improvements on Wilmington Pike. Throughout this time, although Centerville was paying for road improvements and infrastructure upgrades and providing police services, Sugarcreek Township made claims regarding the validity of the TIF and continued legal—and public opinion—battles.

In June of 2014, the City of Centerville, the Cornerstone developer, Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Schools and the Sugarcreek Township Trustees all agreed on how property taxes would be fairly shared going forward. At the last minute, the Sugarcreek Township officials informed the City that they were not willing to honor their agreement and instead threatened to end fire and EMS services unless the City accepted dramatically increased financial demands and unrelated anti-annexation restrictions.

Sugarcreek Township formally made its threat to halt fire and EMS services from the Cornerstone area in November of 2014, when it attempted to form a fire district. Once again, the two entities were in court, ending with a decision by the

Greene County Common Pleas Court which required Sugarcreek Township to continue providing fire and EMS service to those parts of the Township which are also in the City. In addition, the two entities were ordered to attend mediation. Centerville City Council and staff complied with that order, however, on three separate occasions, Sugarcreek Township trustees failed to attend the court-ordered meetings.

In February of 2015, Sugarcreek Township trustees rescinded their decision to create a fire district, but continued to make statements that Centerville wasn't offering enough money to pay for fire and EMS services when in fact, the City was offering three times more than the \$1 million the Sugarcreek Township Fire Chief estimated the costs would be to provide those services to the Cornerstone development.

In a continued attempt to work out an agreement, last spring, Centerville Mayor Mark Kingseed reached out personally to the township trustees and scheduled a series of face-to-face meetings between elected officials only. Mayor Kingseed and Council members Brooks Compton and Joanne Rau met with the three Sugarcreek Township trustees three times over the summer. During these negotiations, the parties came to an agreement that the City would pay \$4.4 million for fire and EMS services over the next 30 years.

After the City and Township agreed on the Fire/EMS numbers, City Council was hopeful these discussions would lead to a final agreement. However, just hours before a scheduled September meeting, the Sugarcreek Township trustees canceled the appointment, and instead raised a new demand: that the City pay \$1.1 million in Township road costs which were not related to the Cornerstone development. When Centerville refused that condition, the trustees went on to vote to form a fire district—excluding all parts of the Cornerstone of Centerville—to begin in spring 2017.

If the township's actions stand, Cornerstone will not provide any revenue to Sugarcreek Township. The township has walked away from \$4,400,000 in addition to thousands of dollars annually in EMS billings that would have gone into the Fire Department coffers and eliminated the Township's need to raise fire levies for many years.

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

Bagger Dave's 5299 Cornerstone North Boulevard
Lazio Nails 4429 Feedwire Road
Stone Rabbit Web Development 63-B S. Main Street
Trivium Tattoo 53 S. Main Street
Mattress Firm 5401 Cornerstone North Boulevard
Hollingsworth & Washington 6494 Centerville Business Parkway
Restoration Hardware 985 S. Main Street
Secure Transportation 1796 South Metro Parkway
Showroom Polishing Systems 38 Compark Road



Let it snow, City crews prepared

One of the primary services Centerville provides each winter is plowing snow and spreading salt to keep roadways safe. While salt supplies are not in the news this year, this doesn't mean Centerville won't be diligent and judicious in using salt while battling winter storm events. Crews will continue to provide quality services so motorists can safely travel our roadways.

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

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

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

Residents can help expedite snow and ice removal:

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

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

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



Disc golf course to open in March

An 18-hole disc golf course, located in the northern half of Stubbs Park, 255 W. Spring Valley Road, will open in March. Centerville received a NatureWorks grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources in addition to a grant from the Centerville-Washington Foundation for the course, designed with assistance from the Dayton Disc Golf Association. Intended for new to intermediate players, the course was designed to accommodate the walking paths and cricket field already at the park.



Community Band wraps up anniversary year

The Centerville Community Band celebrated its 30th anniversary all year long by entertaining folks with a variety of shows played throughout the community. With more than 80 members, the band has smaller groups, including a sax quartet and brass groups, which also perform. To schedule a performance, visit centervilleohio.gov/ccb/. The band welcomes new members 18 or older. Contact Jay Finley, 433-8423.



Benham's Grove is all dressed up for the holidays

December is the perfect month to host an event at Benham's Grove. Twinkling lights, gorgeous holiday decorations and cozy fires are just a few reasons to hold your party there. Off-peak rates are in effect through March 31. Booking for 2017 will start in January 2016. Throughout the year, this community gathering place is a great venue for business getaways, celebrations and gatherings. For more information, visit benhamsgrove.com or call 433-1913.

Volunteer at Yankee Trace

Come join our family! Many dedicated citizens contribute to the success of the golf course by volunteering. This unique program includes greeters, player assistants, shuttle drivers and on-course beautification. Benefits include complimentary golf, range balls and merchandise discounts. Limited applications are now available for the 2016 season. Call 438-GOLF for program details.

HOMEOWNERS RECOGNIZED for green thumbs

During the summer months, City Beautiful Commission members, a Centerville volunteer board, recognize homes showcasing outstanding front yard appearances, including landscaping, decorating and exterior maintenance. Congratulations to the following City Beautiful award winners:



The Wilson home on Atterbury Court was a City Beautiful award winner for August.



Sue Ann Haberstro's landscaping was recognized with a September beautification award.

AUGUST

Bill and Marly Wilson
6500 Atterbury Court

Patricia Malas
5385 Royalwood Drive

Mark and Anne Marie Romer
1310 Harewood Court

Ron and Leslie Newcomb
1123 Water's Edge Drive

Joann Spangler
212 Prague Court

David and Elizabeth Fischer
874 Deer Run Road

Stevie and Robert Hammons
9712 Stone Rock Court

Community Pride Award
Steeplechase Apartments, Clio Road

SEPTEMBER

Joseph and Natalie Staeuble
5067 Glenmina Drive

Diane Tieman
6411 Shirecliff Court

Caren and Richard Van Vleck
7790 Stanley Mill Drive

Dick and Jane Conrad
1133 Clubview Drive

Ed and Anita Blair
135 Bristol Drive

Herman Funk
990 Deer Run Road

Sue Ann Haberstro
278 Joy Elizabeth Drive

Community Pride Award
Carr Insurance, 255 N. Main Street

The Mayor's Award, presented to Connie and Don Monnin, is given to residents who have won the City Beautiful award more than three times.

Citizens are invited to nominate homes for award consideration. All nominations are reviewed by Commission members. The Commission is always looking for interested residents to join. Green thumbs are not required. For an application, call 433-7151 or visit centervilleohio.gov, Departments, Volunteer Opportunities.



Mayor's Award recipients, Connie and Don Monnin, 5384 Royalwood Drive, with Mayor Kingseed and Jan Prettyman, City Beautiful chair.

YANKEE TRACE RESTAURANT HOURS:

THROUGH DECEMBER 31

LUNCH MONDAY-FRIDAY

11 A.M.-2 P.M.

COUNTER SERVICE AVAILABLE AFTER 2 P.M.
AS WEATHER PERMITS.
CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY

SUNDAY BRUNCH

10 A.M.-2 P.M.

COUNTER SERVICE AVAILABLE AFTER 2 P.M.
AS WEATHER PERMITS.

JANUARY 1 THROUGH APRIL 1

LUNCH TUESDAY-FRIDAY

11 A.M.-2 P.M.

CLOSED NEW YEARS DAY

FISH FRY DINNER STARTS JANUARY 8

FRIDAY, REGULAR MENU AVAILABLE
5 P.M.-9 P.M.

SUNDAY BRUNCH

10 A.M.-2 P.M.

Seasonal items, baskets at Farmers Market

Bring your holiday shopping list to the Winter Farmers Market Thursday, Dec. 17. Located at the corner of St. Rt. 48 and Spring Valley Road, market hours are 2-5 p.m. Vendors will have just what you need for holiday meal preparations and gift baskets. You may pre-order fresh, locally raised turkey and other meats from the vendors' list available at centervillefarmersmarket.com. Following this event, the market will close for the season and open again in May.



Save the date for floral workshop

"WOW! Perennials Provide Pizzazz!" is the topic for the City Beautiful Commission's spring educational program. Scheduled for Saturday, April 2, 2016 at Centerville High School, more details will be available on the City website centervilleohio.gov after the first of the year.

PROGRAMS BRING HISTORY TO LIFE

Although the historical society has a new name—Centerville-Washington History—its mission, to connect the community to its heritage by collecting, preserving, interpreting, and promoting the history of our local area, remains the same. Centerville-Washington History invites you to learn more about the interesting places and fascinating people that have made our community so unique by attending the monthly programs at the Rec West Enrichment Center on Centerville-Miamisburg Road. Refreshments are served at 6:30 p.m. and the programs begin at 7 p.m. Call 433-0123 for more information.

JAN 19

Stone Houses of Centerville
Presented by Don Aukerman

FEB 16

Sunwatch Indian Village
Presented by Andrew Sawyer, Site Manager

MAR 15

Our Favorite Humorist, Erma Bombeck
Presented by Debe Dockins

Centerville-Washington Foundation awards fall grants

The Centerville-Washington Foundation awarded its fall cycle of grants to six local organizations. Bogg Ministries, a nonprofit organization that delivers food to neighborhoods in need, received a \$1,500 grant, and a \$500 grant went to Epiphany Lutheran Church Pantry to help provide items to 100 families for personal hygiene and home cleanliness. A third grant, in the amount of \$1,500, was given to the Special Elk Track Team, to help provide team uniforms for its 70 athletes. This new organization offers sports training and athletic competition for all people with disabilities from the age of 8 to 80. Other grants approved in the fall cycle include \$500 to the Centerville Citizens Police Academy Alumni for the purchase of 3,000 American flags to show respect to the men and women in the military service, \$550 to the City of Centerville for a park bench for the 18-hole disc golf course under construction in Stubbs Park and \$1,000 to Centerville-Washington History to assist with community outreach events planned in celebration of its 50th anniversary in 2016.

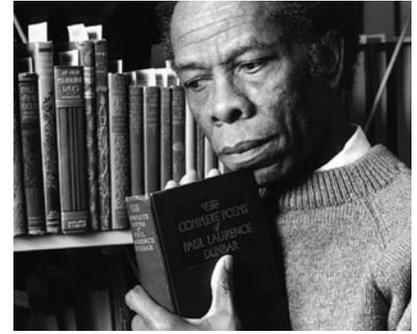
The Foundation reviews grant applications two times per year. Deadline for submitting grant applications for the spring cycle is March 1. Deadline for the fall cycle is September 1. Grant applications are available at centervillewashingtonfoundation.org. For more information, contact Bob Daley, 433-0811.

Volunteer for the Americana Festival

The Centerville Washington Township Americana Festival is looking for volunteers to help plan the daylong celebration to be held July 4, 2016. This nationally recognized event and hometown tradition welcomes more than 75,000 people to our community. Volunteers are needed for all aspects of this event. Contact the Americana Festival, 433-5898, or americanafestival@sbcglobal.net more information.

Paul Lawrence Dunbar scholar to give keynote address at MLK event

Dr. Herbert Woodward Martin, distinguished Paul Laurence Dunbar scholar, will speak at the Centerville-Washington Diversity Council's 16th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Breakfast on Monday, January 18, 2016 at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace.



Dr. Herbert Martin

A prize-winning poet, lecturer, actor, playwright, singer, opera librettist and narrator, he is perhaps best known for bringing to life the poet Paul Laurence Dunbar through performance of Dunbar's work. He will present "Unacknowledged Legislators: 18 Poetic Friendships," at the event.

Dr. Martin has published ten volumes of poetry and recently recorded and narrated four of Dunbar's poems to William Grant Still's Symphony No. 1 The Afro-American with The Dayton Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra. He is the poet-in-residence and a professor emeritus of English at the University of Dayton.

The breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. Tickets are \$20 each and tables of 10 may be reserved for \$200. For reservations visit cwtdiversity.org or call 634-6767.

The Diversity Council is seeking new members interested in helping further the mission of promoting an inclusive, diverse and welcoming community. Membership is free, call Carol Kennard, 581-6744.

Heart of Centerville reminds you to buy local



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

Library and Friends to host fundraiser

The Washington-Centerville Public Library and Friends of WCPL will again host A Tasting with Friends, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 10 at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace. Local authors will showcase their works, and a great sampling of beers, wines and food will be available. Proceeds benefit Friends of WCPL which makes grants to support Library projects. Tickets go on sale in February. Visit wclibrary.info/atastingwithfriends/ later in the year for details.

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Winners of the digital photography contest, sponsored by the Centerville Arts Commission and the Washington-Centerville Public Library, were recognized at a reception in November. Professional photographers Jerry Huffman, Gary Kunze and Ed Ponikwia selected the winning photos, while more than 250 people voted for their favorite photo for the People's Choice Award. The winning photos were framed, matted and displayed in November at the Centerville Police Department Gallery. View the winning photos at wclibrary.info/photocontest/winners_2015.asp.

People's Choice

Winner: Emma Nelson, Pleasant Thoughts

Adult Winners

Local Landmark Winner: Joseph Premanadan, Gazebo, Tulips & Mini Falls in Harmony

Local Landmark Runner Up: Ken McDowell, Grant Nature Trail

People Winner: Sue Combs, Tabitha

People Runner Up: Sharon Govender, Teenage Girl India

Places Winner: Lew Hann, Spiritual Splendor

Places Runner Up: Jeff Dysinger, Fall Classic

Nature Winner: Gail Larvenz, Jurassic Seedling

Nature Runner Up: Ken McDowell, Snowy Egret

B&W/Artistic Winner: Gary Mitchell, Queen of Decay

B&W/Artistic Runner Up: Jeff Dysinger, Lil Bit Country

Youth Winners

Local Landmark Winner: Ashley Mickens, Crystal Droplets

Local Landmark Runner Up: McKenna Myers, Blur of Spring

People Winner: Emma Thompson, Shine

People Runner Up: Emma Nelson, Pleasant Thoughts

Places Winner: Rupal Jindal, The Hidden Bifröst

Places Runner Up: Megan Kujawa, Cozumel

Nature Winner: Christiana Price, Sunbury Sunset

Nature Runner Up: Ashley Mickens, Resting Up

B&W/Artistic Winner: Rupal Jindal, 2 a.m.

B&W/Artistic Runner Up: Kai Mutter,

There's No Place Like Home (Missing Alaska)



Top: Award-winning photos include Grant Nature Trail, by Ken McDowell and above, St. Mary's Basilica, Krakow, Poland, by Lew Hann.



Photographer Don Patterson is the featured artist for two events.

Art at the Trace returns February 6

Exhibits on display at Police Art Gallery

Celebrate the arts at the 11th annual Art at the Trace, 6:30–9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6 at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace, 10000 Yankee Street. Sponsored by the Centerville Arts Commission, local artists offer a selection of work on display and available for purchase. Enjoy art, live music and hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Visit centervilleohio.gov after the first of the year for further details. Featured artist for the event is Dan Patterson, whose photographs feature aviation. The recipient of the National Aviation Hall of Fame Harry B. Combs Award for Excellence in the Preservation of Aviation History, Patterson's work will also be on exhibit during the month of January at the art gallery at the Police Department, 155 W. Spring Valley Road.

The art gallery's featured artist for February is Michael Bockoven. His specialty is graphite drawings.

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Free Sunday concerts welcome thousands to park

Last year, the Summer Concert Series welcomed almost 15,000 people to enjoy musical performances at Stubbs Park. The Arts Commission is offering individuals and businesses the opportunity to provide sponsorship support for this series. The 2016 schedule will have a great mix of oldies, classical, big band, country, Motown, and rock. For sponsorship information call the City of Centerville, 433-7151, or download a sponsorship application at centervilleohio.gov.

Painter's work featured at Art Gallery

Local artist Lucille Nagy Carroll's work will be featured at the Centerville Art Gallery during the month of December.

A member of the Fine Arts Center at Cross Pointe Center, she uses watercolor and pastel to create florals, still life, landscapes and portraits. Her work has been featured in galleries throughout the area.



Lucille Nagy Carroll's work is on exhibit through the end of December at the Police Department Art Gallery.

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.

Erma bombeck writing competition

Writers from around the world are encouraged to capture the spirit of a beloved former Centerville resident by submitting an entry in the Erma Bombeck Writing Competition, sponsored by Washington-Centerville Public Library in conjunction with the University of Dayton. The contest, held every two years, opens for online entries Jan. 4, 2016 and closes Feb. 15. There is a \$15 entry fee. For entry rules, visit www.wclibrary.info/erma.

THE GOLF CLUB AT YANKEE TRACE

Celebrating 20 years of excellence, Yankee Trace is consistently voted "Best Golf Course in Dayton" by Dayton Daily News and Dayton Business Journal readers. The course hit some milestone numbers during its anniversary year including its Best May and second Best September since opening in 1995. 2015 will be the sixth year the course has surpassed 50,000 rounds of golf, with 51,158 through October and counting. For memberships, leagues, outings, rates or golf lessons as well as club news and events, stop by the Golf Shop, 10000 Yankee Street, call 438-4653, or visit yankeetrace.org.



Play all three courses in 2016 Golf Leagues

The Golf Club at Yankee Trace is the #1 destination for new, existing and traveling golf leagues. Reserve a weekly game with friends and co-workers, you only need eight golfers to get started.

Yankee League Supreme*: Weekly 9-hole game; \$23 to walk or \$28 to ride; **Pre-pay Special: \$21 to walk or \$26 to ride**

Yankee League Xtreme*: Weekly 9-Hole game; Different format each week; Emailed weekly results, prize fund and end of season banquet; \$26 to Walk or \$31 to Ride; **Pre-pay Special: \$24 to walk or \$29 to ride**

Yankee Twilight League Supreme*: Weekly 9-hole game after 6 p.m.; \$23 to ride; **Pre-pay Special: \$21 to ride**

Yankee Twilight League Xtreme*: Weekly 9-hole game after 6 p.m.; Different format each week; Emailed weekly results, prize fund and end of season banquet; \$26 to ride; **Pre-pay Special: \$24 to ride**

***2016 Bonus:**
Pre-pay for 16 Weeks, receive extra week for FREE!

Have your outing at Yankee Trace

The Golf Club at Yankee Trace is the perfect venue to host a golf tournament or outing. We specialize in fundraisers, corporate events and traveling groups. All of your guests will receive 9 or 18 holes of championship golf, practice balls, prize fund and attention to every detail for a successful and memorable event. 2016 Special: Reserve a 2016 golf outing for at least 100 golfers, select the "Presidential Package" and receive a complimentary Annual Membership at Yankee Trace. See the golf professionals for more details.

Yankee Trace has great gift ideas for all the special occasions in your golfer's life!

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

GOLF INSTRUCTION: Four 30-minute lessons \$140 or eight 30-minute lessons \$240. Regular price is \$60 for a 30-minute session. Lessons available December-March in the indoor golf academy or outside, weather permitting.

SENIOR VIP MEMBERSHIP \$36: Instant green fee discounts for golfers age 50+ throughout the 2016 season, includes 18-holes or 9-Holes, electric golf car, warm-up practice balls and complimentary coffee with every round.

HOLIDAY FIVE PACK: Five Weekday Rounds of Golf \$175 or Five Weekend Rounds for \$225 valid during the 2016 golf season, includes 18-holes, golf car and practice balls. This is a \$75 savings off regular in-season fees.

THE ULTIMATE GIFT!

YANKEE PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (YPD) \$399:

- Unlimited range balls January 1, 2016-December 31, 2016
- Unlimited access to the south-end of the driving range (grass area is seasonal)
- Unlimited access to the 11,000 square foot practice putting green
- Unlimited access to the indoor golf academy during inclement weather
- Member's Only access to the north-end of the driving range (seasonal)
- Member's Only access to the short game performance area (seasonal)
- Eligible for exclusive YPD green fee rates at selected times
- 10% discount on all non-sale merchandise items
- USGA handicap service at Member's Only price

YANKEE INDOOR GOLF ACADEMY PRACTICE FACILITY:

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

GOLF MERCHANDISE SALE:

Valid through December 24
 All In-stock golf clubs, fine men's & women's golf apparel and golf accessories marked down for our BIGGEST SALE of the YEAR.



Upgrades continue on N. Main Street.

Improvements, upgrades seen throughout City

The water line replacement project on North Main Street from Alex-Bell to Franklin Street should be essentially complete before winter. Work to date included installing a new eight-inch water main and transferring each property's water service to the new main, replacing deteriorated concrete curb, reconstructing select storm catch basins and replacing sections of sidewalk. Next year, ODOT will mill and resurface the entire roadway. This project is a joint effort between Montgomery County Environmental Services (MCES), Centerville and ODOT, with each entity funding a portion of the work in concert with Ohio Public Works Commission funds.

MCES is also completing installation of new water main on Lakeview Drive, Cherry Drive and a portion of Martha Avenue. All water main and service work is complete and by press time all related pavement repair work, curb and storm structure repair should be finished. To wrap up the project, the streets will be milled and asphalt resurfaced next spring.

In 2016, MCES will replace a section of water main on East Franklin Street from Johanna to Lake Glen. Following this work, the affected section of roadway will be milled and resurfaced.

Vectren's work on East and West Franklin Street, a section of North Main Street and several surrounding streets is essentially complete. This work replaced aged bare steel or cast iron gas main with new plastic main. All properties along the project corridor were connected to the new main. A second project that involves replacing a six-inch high pressure gas main on a portion of East Whipp Road, Marshall Road and Rahn Road is also essentially complete. Both of these projects are part of Vectren's on-going commitment to maintain and upgrade their facilities to provide reliable and safe gas service for their customers.

The Montgomery County Engineer's office will take the lead on the Yankee Street improvements in 2016. The road from Winding Green Way to Social Row Road will be widened to a three-lane section.

Annual street repairs completed

The annual asphalt repair and resurfacing program and the annual concrete program are essentially complete with four streets or portions thereof receiving repair work on curb and drainage structures and then resurfaced. Another six streets received concrete repair work (curb and drainage structures). Plans are already underway for the 2016 program. Asphalt resurfacing is planned for streets that received concrete curb repair work in 2015. Additionally Community Development Block Grant funds will be used to repair and resurface South Johanna Drive in 2016. Watch for details of the 2016 street program related projects in an upcoming Town Crier.

In addition, several major (annual) maintenance projects have been completed including traffic signal and street light pole painting, APD brick walk repair work, and parking lot sealing and striping at various City-owned facilities.

Solar-powered refuse compactors installed around town

Centerville was awarded RTA amenity grant funding for three solar-powered refuse compactors, which have already been installed at bus stop gazebos on South Main Street—at Loganwood Drive; the shopping center north of Spring Valley Road; and the Kroger frontage north of Sheehan Road. These solar-powered containers replace smaller containers and send a message to City crews when they reach capacity.

Recycle gift boxes

Holiday time usually means an increase in recyclable items: boxes, wrapping paper and cardboard packaging. Centerville will pick up an unlimited amount of recyclable material. Your recycling container should be clearly marked and placed on the opposite side of the drive from your refuse container. This helps the driver readily distinguish refuse from recyclables.

Christmas tree pickup

Christmas trees will be collected through January 7. Place your undecorated tree at the curb. City crews will collect them with a separate truck. Christmas trees are chipped and turned into mulch for use on City properties. For more information, contact Public Works, 428-4782, or publicworks@centervilleohio.gov.

Important numbers to report an outage

Dayton Power and Light:

1-877-4OUTAGE (468-8243)

Vectren: 1-800-227-1376

Montgomery County Environmental Services: 937-781-2679

AT&T: 1-800-572-4545

Time Warner: 937-294-6800

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, creams and packages with leaks will not be 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 regular operations.



Citizens Police Academy Class #26, Winter 2015

Go behind the scenes at the Police Department

Applications are now available for the winter class of the Centerville Police Department's Citizens Police Academy. This 12-week program runs 6:30–9:30 p.m. every Wednesday, January 13 through March 30, 2016.

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



Take it easy on icy, wet roads

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

Know Before You Go

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

Take it Slow

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

Don't Crowd the Plow

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

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

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

If you have a history of heart problems, consult your doctor before any physical exertion including snow shoveling.

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

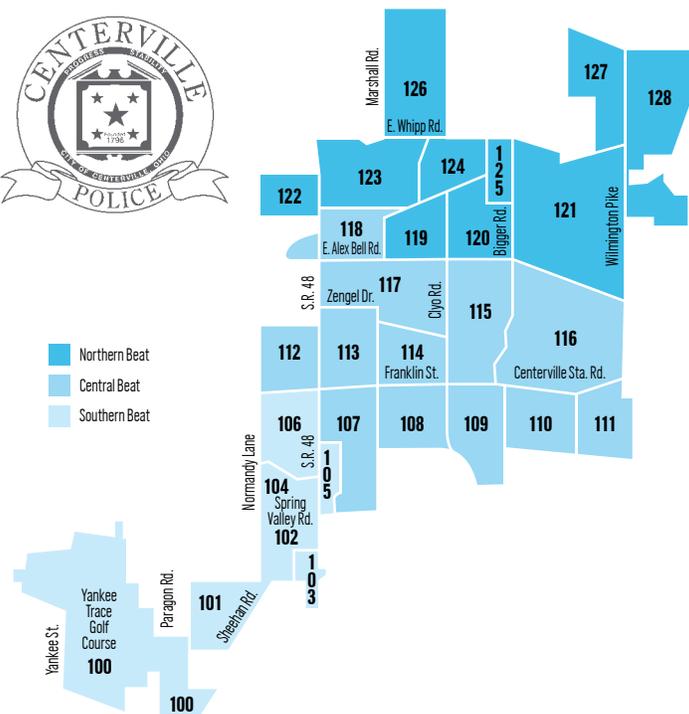
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PRIED	-	-	-	-	-	-
CUT LOCK	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Residential and Business crime statistics

Statistic Totals: August 2015–October 2015



Winter driving preparation

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

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



Before you leave for your destination...

- ▶ Check tires (tread/inflation)
- ▶ Check maintenance and keep your vehicle in good running condition
- ▶ Keep fuel tank full
- ▶ Know where to tune the radio or TV for road safety information

August 17, 2015

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

Gene O'Neil, longtime CIVIC Municipal Volunteer, was recognized for volunteer service with the City of Centerville. Mr. O'Neil volunteered in the Police Department, served as an officer with the Citizens Police Academy Alumni and worked as a courier, delivering mail to City offices as well as board, commission and council packets to members' homes. A volunteer since 2002, he recently "retired" from that position.

MorningStar Baptist Church representatives Pastor Mark Simpson and Outreach Director Gail Wise were thanked for their Day of Service efforts assisting an elderly resident by removing and replacing shutters, mulching the entrance and painting bridges at Stubbs Park and cleaning chairs at Benham's Grove.

Mayor Kingseed recognized the Magsig Destination Imagination team of Josephine Durst, Madeline Gruenberg, Leah Horan, Logan Matson, Abigail Torres, Veronica Torres and



Gene O'Neil (fourth from left) is surrounded by family and friends following Council recognition for his volunteer efforts.

Jack Trout, along with team managers Laura and Jose Torres for their Global Finals first place achievement.

Jan Prettyman, chair of the City Beautiful Commission, announced the winners of the August Summer

Landscape awards. See complete list of honorees on page 7.

Council designated the Month of September as Childhood Awareness Month in the City of Centerville.

Council made the following reappointments:

- Bill Abrams City Beautiful Commission, leave of absence.
- Marlene Orendorf to the Arts Commission
- Paul Clark as chair of the Planning Commission

September 21, 2015

Martha Boice, Patrick Hansford and Nathalie Wright were recognized for their efforts in getting the Erma Bombeck House listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Tom Wheeler, City Beautiful Commission member, recognized winners of the September Landscape awards. See list on page 7.

Council designated the Month of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Centerville.

Council made the following reappointments:

- Joyce Ray Brown to the Property Review Commission
- Jan Prettyman, City Beautiful Commission, leave of absence

In a 7-0 vote, Council denied the Preliminary Development Plan of Ryan Homes, 700 E. Alex Bell Road.

October 19, 2015

Mayor Kingseed welcomed Pastor Jon Gibson, Living Hope Church, to present the invocation.



Living Hope Pastor Jon Gibson and his children, Marlee and MacKenzie, are thanked for participating in the Day of Service.

Council then recognized Pastor Gibson and members of Living Hope Church, for the Day of Service event. In addition to assisting an elderly resident with exterior home maintenance, church members cleaned chairs at Benham's Grove, mulched the entrance of the Police Building and painted bridges at Stubbs Park.

Police Chief Bruce Robertson introduced new members of the department, hired since April of this year, including Police officers Nichole Wells and Marcus Loel; communications/records specialists Katherine Frey, Jamie Baker, Amanda Shotwell and Nicholle Reed; and secretary Jodie Kauflin.

Sean Elliott received an award for helping the Police capture two thieves who were in possession of stolen gift cards.

Lisa Elam Tucker, of Bill's Donuts, was recognized for her efforts at Chevy Chase Apartments. Over the summer, Ms. Tucker organized a weekly cookout, games and activities for the children there.



Josh Adams is recognized for his cleanup efforts along Clio Road.

Josh Adams was thanked for his daily efforts cleaning up trash along Clio Road.

Jan Prettyman, City Beautiful Commission chair, recognized each month's winners of the Summer Landscape awards. Each winner received a stone marker. The Commission hosted a reception for the winners and Council, immediately following the presentation. Donald and Connie Monnin received the Mayor's

Award for their residential beautification efforts. The Monnins have received a City Beautiful award for their landscaping on three occasions.

Council reappointed Charles Graham as chair of the Board of Architectural Review and Dan Carfagno as chair of the Property Review Commission.

Serve your community

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



Mayor's Message from Mark Kingseed



Laura and Dan Kingseed support their father's first run for Council in 1989.

This is my last Mayor's Message. Frankly, it's difficult to summarize my thoughts on 26 years of Council service in 700 words. But, I will try.

The People

My greatest emotion as I reflect back is one of gratitude for the people I have worked with and served. First, I deeply appreciate that the people of this great City elected me on seven separate occasions. In a democracy, the greatest honor community members can bestow on a citizen is to elect him/her to represent them. I am honored by the confidence in me your successive votes have shown.

I am also grateful for the chance to work with the incredible people in City government. Centerville has an extraordinarily talented City manager and staff and uniquely dedicated representatives serving on Council. It was a real pleasure to work with this team. Of course, given that two and a half decades have gone by, it is inevitable that some of the people I served with are no longer with us. I cherish the opportunity I had to serve with Shirley Heintz, J.V. Stone, Jim Singer, Marilyn McLaughlin and Bob Corbin. The example they gave of public service inspired me.

Finally, this community is filled with great people, and I had to chance to meet many of them. The business and faith leaders, community volunteers, and residents I have interacted with have absolutely enriched my life.

The Work

When I began my first term as mayor, my major goals were to preserve property values, enhance the unique features of Centerville life, and expand communication between City government and its citizens. Council worked with me to take the necessary steps, including toughening property maintenance standards, passing a rental inspection ordinance, fully funding infrastructure improvements (even in tough economic times) and holding regular town hall meetings. Council members also supported my quest to partner with local faith-based institutions to improve quality of life for City residents. We now routinely collaborate with local churches and community groups to solve problems—making the community stronger by meeting the basic needs of the people in it.

As a team, I think we have also made important progress with our economic development efforts. The Cornerstone development is a great example of how City planning and perseverance—even in the face of numerous obstacles—can make a difference. Hundreds of new jobs have been created in Cornerstone, with thousands more to come. Each new job creates opportunity for an individual and improves the vitality of the community.

The Disappointments

Of course you can't work anywhere for 26 years without encountering a few disappointments. Without a doubt, my greatest disappointment as Mayor has been that we were unable to convince Washington Township and Sugarcreek Township trustees to cooperate in joint economic development efforts. Cities and townships have different interests and will never see entirely eye to eye, but there were many missed opportunities to partner over the years; I believe the trustees' failure to pursue those opportunities thwarts the long-term best interests of the larger community. But, at the end of the day I gave it my very best.

The Current Issue

One issue has demanded a lot of attention in recent years—and will dominate discussion in the near future. The City's financial position has been severely compromised by State budget cuts, which slashed City revenue by more than \$3 million per year. In response, we reduced staff positions from approximately 190 to 160, and cut operational expenses across the board. While those efforts reduced overall spending by more than \$1 million per year, the City still faces a significant financial shortfall. To date, we have covered the gap by dipping into our rainy-day fund but, obviously, that practice cannot continue indefinitely. Council and citizens will have tough choices in the years ahead.

The Future (for me and you)

On a personal note, I am acutely conscious that God has been very good to me. As a cancer survivor, I've learned how precious life is. In the time I've been granted, I've had the opportunity to serve my community and to use what talents I possess for the greater good. This is my definition of happiness. I am now looking forward to dividing my new "free time" between my law practice and my beloved family (wife Joannie, children Laura and Dan, son-in-law Patrick and one-year-old grandson Micah).

I also look forward to watching my good friend Brooks Compton take the reins as Mayor in 2016. I know the new Mayor and Council will continue to lead us in the right direction. I hope you join me in giving them all the support they will need.

Mark Kingseed

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City offices to close for holidays
Waste collection remains on schedule

City offices will close on the following days in observance of the holidays: December 24, 25 and January 1. Offices will also close January 18 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

The regular City Council meeting, normally scheduled for the third Monday of each month, will be postponed until January 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Refuse and recycling collection schedules will require NO

adjustments during this holiday season. Refuse collection will remain ON SCHEDULE for the weeks of December 21st and 28th.

In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the week of January 18th, collection will be delayed one day, so Monday's pickup will occur Tuesday, and so on throughout the week. Please have your items at the curb by 7 a.m. on your collection day.

City Offices will be open Presidents' Day, February 15. Waste collection will be on the regular schedule. Call 433-7151 or visit centervilleohio.gov for more information.

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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 Commission7:30 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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December–February City Calendar

December

- 17** Farmers Market, 2-5 p.m.
- 21** City Council meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 24/25** City Offices closed

January

- 1** City Offices closed
- 18** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, City Offices closed, waste collection delayed one day
- 25** City Council meeting, 7:30 p.m.

February

- 6** Art at the Trace, 6:30-9 p.m., The Golf Club at Yankee Trace
- 15** Presidents' Day, City Offices open, waste collection on schedule
- 15** City Council meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Weekly

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

Monthly

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

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