



# TOWN CRIER

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## Veterans Day ceremony set for Nov. 11

In commemoration of Veterans Day, the City of Centerville and Centerville Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 9550 are saluting the men and women who have helped protect, preserve and maintain our freedom. A ceremony is scheduled for 11 a.m., Friday, Nov. 11, at the Veterans Memorial at Stubbs Park, 255 W. Spring Valley Road. The service will include color guard presentations from Centerville VFW Post 9550 and the Centerville Police and Washington Township Fire departments' honor guards. In addition to remarks by Mayor Brooks Compton and keynote speaker Col. Eric Oberfell, commander of the Defense Contract Management Agency at WPAFB, there will be musical performances by the Cline 5th grade chorus and Centerville Community Band along with a presentation from Cub Scout Pack 148. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the Centerville Police Building, 155 W. Spring Valley Road. Call 433-7151 or visit [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov) for more information.

The Centerville Library and Centerville-Washington History will hold an exhibit featuring the history of our nation's Army and Veterans Day Open House November 10-12 during library hours. For more information visit [wclibrary.info](http://wclibrary.info).

## Centerville voters to decide on earned income tax increase

In response to declining budgets and State-mandated cuts and to help defray increasing costs, Centerville voters will be asked on Nov. 8 to approve Issue 3, a modest 0.5 percent income tax increase, raising the 1.75 percent rate that was established in 1981 by voters to 2.25 percent.

If approved, the increase would take effect in January 2017, and mostly affect people who work in the City of Centerville, regardless of where they live as income tax funds the city where a person is employed. A majority of Centerville residents work outside the City limits and most already pay a 2.25 percent or higher income tax rate to another city. For more information, call 433-7151 or visit [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov).

### PROVIDING EXCEPTIONAL VALUE

Even with a modest income tax increase, Centerville would remain an outstanding value, with residents receiving more and paying less than neighboring cities.

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

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*Warmest wishes for a healthy and happy holiday season*



## City's cuts no longer enough to offset losses from state

Over the past five years, State funding cuts have hit cities like Centerville hard. In order to offset those losses, Centerville Council has stretched, reduced, delayed and cut the City's budget, staff and services. However, with an annual loss of \$3 million in state funding, Centerville Council says these reduction measures are no longer enough as the City continues to face even tougher financial decisions and looks for ways to stabilize funding.

The Centerville Police Department provides 24-hour dispatch service. Officers from our nationally accredited Police Department protect and serve citizens in a professional manner, offer several safety programs including Neighborhood Watch, vacation house check and a Citizens' Police Academy and respond within minutes to emergency calls, providing peace of mind for our residents, guests and motorists. Every Centerville Police Officer is a certified first-responder.

Our neighborhoods are the backbone of our City. Safe and well-maintained roads and sidewalks are important to our residents and businesses. Centerville's Economic Development office works to retain our 700 businesses while expanding that base with new businesses. Good, quality infrastructure is an asset to our neighborhoods and to strong and steady economic growth.

Right now, we're in a situation of this or that," said Brooks Compton, Centerville mayor. "We're taking care of immediate needs and holding off on others. Public safety and road maintenance are not services that should be delayed. However, the Ohio Statehouse has made it clear that it is up to local governments to support their local services," he continued. "Over the years, Council has been very conscientious about spending. Costs continue to rise and we've cut and reduced wherever possible. Now we're asking our citizens to support their city, by approving a modest earned income tax increase." Centerville hasn't sought an increase in earned income or real property tax in 35 years.

Determined to ask for only what is absolutely needed to maintain current and future police services, road resurfacing and other vital City services such as snow removal, leaf collection and curb and sidewalk repairs, City Council has placed a 0.5 percent increase on the Nov. 8 ballot, Issue 3, that would increase the earned income tax rate from 1.75 percent to 2.25 percent.

If Issue 3 is approved by Centerville voters, the increase in the earned income tax rate would primarily affect people who work in the City of Centerville, regardless of where they live, since income tax funds the city where a person is employed. A majority of Centerville residents work outside of the City limits and most already pay a 2.25 percent or higher earned income tax rate to another city. Issue 3 would not tax retirement, Social Security, interest, pensions or investment income. For more information on the City's budget, call 433-7151 or visit [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov) and click Financial Report.

## Zengel property purchased by park district

The 32-acre parcel of land located at the end of Zengel Drive has been acquired by the Centerville-Washington Park District. Ryan Homes had been interested in the property, seeking approval for residential development several times over the past two years from the Centerville Planning Commission and City Council without success. The Park District received an \$800,000 grant to cover 75 percent of the property's cost. The new park land will remain largely undeveloped.

## City and Township finalize Fire and EMS services agreement

As part of an agreement reached in September by Centerville City Council and the Sugarcreek Township Trustees, Sugarcreek Township will continue to provide Fire and EMS services to all areas of Centerville that are also located within Sugarcreek Township, including Cornerstone of Centerville, the annexed areas around Feedwire Road, Wilmington Pike and I-675. Centerville will continue to be responsible for all public road maintenance and Police services for the same areas, including the Cornerstone development. The agreement is now before the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek School District for its approval.

Under the terms of the agreement, Sugarcreek Township will amend its TIF resolution to exclude all present and future annexed areas, including the Cornerstone of Centerville and will transfer to Centerville \$542,000. The Centerville TIF will be approved for the Cornerstone of Centerville development and will generate an estimated \$4.4 million for the Sugarcreek Township Fire Department over the life of the TIF, based on the projected value of construction at the Cornerstone development. The City expects the development to increase property tax values by approximately \$140 million and create close to 2,000 jobs when fully built out.

Sugarcreek Township Trustees withdrew their proposed Fire District levy from the November ballot and Cornerstone Developers and Centerville have withdrawn their respective lawsuits ending a 10-year legal battle over the Cornerstone of Centerville and surrounding areas.

## Restaurants set to open

Two restaurants are making their first Dayton area appearance in Centerville: The Old Bag of Nails Pub, specializing in fish and chips, sandwiches and craft beers, will open soon at Cross



Pointe Center. Mike's Nashville Hot Chicken, featuring authentic Nashville-style hot chicken with varying degrees of spice and a variety of sides has a December opening date at its location on Far Hills Avenue, in the space next to Jimmie John's.

## New resource available for seniors

A new resource program for seniors has recently launched. SilverLink, a one-stop phone call to 2-1-1, provides free and confidential resource information to seniors. Facilitated by United Way of Greater Dayton, Centerville joins Dayton, Huber Heights and Kettering as pilot cities for the program. Call 2-1-1 or 225-3000 for senior information and referral services.



## City continues to feel budget cut burn, facing \$3+ million annual loss

Centerville City Council has a history of being fiscally conservative and cutting costs where practical, keeping our City in better financial shape than many other communities. However, over the past five years, Centerville has experienced an almost \$3 million loss each 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), elimination of the Tangible Personal Property tax (which provided \$80,000) and a 75 percent reduction in our Local Government Fund revenues, which created another \$425,000 annual loss to Centerville’s budget. All totaled, the City is dealing with an 89 percent reduction in State funding—over a 20 percent cut to our general fund, from which the City pays police and other services. And, more cuts are to come.

Beginning in January 2017, 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 \$700,000 each 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, is estimated to be at least an additional \$300,000 hit to the Centerville budget. In total, this new tax law is anticipated to cost our City \$1 million each year going forward. 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.

At 1.75 percent, Centerville has the lowest income tax rate of any municipality in southern Montgomery County and the second lowest municipal property tax rate—at 2.35 mills—within the county. 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.

### City using reserve funds to pay bills

Today, the City is facing a much different situation now than it did 18 years ago, which is why Council has placed a 0.5 percent earned income tax increase on the Nov. 8 ballot, Issue 3. The last time Council asked for an increase in the income tax rate was 1981; however, since 2011, Council has been tightening, stretching and cutting the budget to make ends meet—even utilizing the City’s reserves to pay the bills. The City has an immediate need to stabilize the funding needed for City services. This modest increase, if approved, would bring in an estimated \$2.2 million to the City each year which would help maintain current police, road and other vital services.

#### State funding cuts for Centerville:

- **\$80,000 Tangible Personal Property Tax reimbursements** (eliminated in 2011)
- **\$2,000,000 Estate Tax, amount received in 2012** (eliminated in 2013)
- **\$325,000 Local Government Fund** (50 percent reduction in 2013)
- **\$100,000 Local Government Fund** (additional 25 percent reduction in 2015)
- **\$1,000,000 HB 5** (annual estimated loss, beginning 2017)

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**Total: \$3,505,000 in budget cuts since 2011**

## ‘Tis the season Events kick-off the holidays

Let the holidays begin! Downtown Centerville welcomes the season with the Hometown Holiday Walk, 1–5 p.m., Sun., Nov. 20, sponsored by the Heart of Centerville merchants and Centerville-Washington History. Step back in time with visits to the historical society’s Asahel Wright House, School Museum and Walton House Museum. Other events include children’s activities, animal attractions, horse and carriage rides, visits with Santa, shopping, special discounts and food trucks. The Mistletoe Quartet, sponsored by the Centerville Arts Commission, will stroll downtown singing holiday favorites.

The 24th annual Tree Lighting Ceremony follows at 5:30 p.m., at Benham’s Grove, 166 N. Main Street. Enjoy the sounds of the season with musical entertainment from the Tower Heights Middle School Vocal Ensemble, Miami Valley Dance Company and the Centerville Community Band. Bring along your wish list, as Santa Claus will make a special appearance.

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



## Save the date for landscaping workshop

Landscape design is the topic for the City Beautiful Commission’s spring education program. Scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, March 11, 2017 at Centerville High School, more details will be available at [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov) after the first of the year.

## Winter Farmers Market at Benham’s Grove

Enjoy the rustic charm of the Barn at Benham’s Grove, 166 N. Main Street, while shopping at the Winter Farmers Market, offered on two dates: November 17 and December 15. With shopping hours of 2-4 p.m., you’ll find just what you need for holiday food preparations as well as one-of-a-kind gift baskets. Following this event, the market will close for the season and open again in May. For more information about the market and vendors, visit [centervillefarmersmarket.com](http://centervillefarmersmarket.com) or the Facebook page.



## City crews ready for ice and snow

Centerville's Public Works Department strives to be a leader in managing the effects of winter storms on our roadways. Crews work to provide quality services so motorists can safely travel our roadways.

**Pre-treatment:** Roads are pre-treated with brine, a liquid de-icer, to reduce the slick spots that form early, and help salt melt faster, improving roadway conditions more quickly. 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 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 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.

### You can help expedite snow and ice removal by:

- ▶ Removing parked vehicles from the streets to avoid being plowed in.
- ▶ Piling snow on the left side of your driveway (facing your house from the street) to lessen the amount of snow City crews deposit, as they can't avoid plowing snow across drive approaches.
- ▶ Keeping snow from your driveway off of public streets. This hampers the efforts of Public Works crews.

**Sidewalks:** Centerville's Municipal Code requires property owners to 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 a 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.

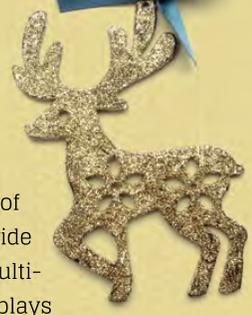
## All dressed up for the holidays

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 2018 will start in January 2017. Throughout the year, this community gathering place is a great venue for business getaways, celebrations and gatherings. For more information, visit [benhamsgrove.com](http://benhamsgrove.com) or call 433-1913.



## Haul out the holly, 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 the City's seven zones along with one Community Pride recipient representing a commercial, business or multi-family complex. Commission members look for displays visible from the road. It could be the big 'WOW!' showcasing lots of lights or a simple display that captures the spirit of the season. To nominate a display, call City offices, 433-7151, by December 5. Each nomination will be reviewed by a commission member.



## City employees retire

Two City employees with more than 61 years of combined service to the Public Works Department have retired. Bill Pennington started with the City in 1983 and has served as Group Leader for the past 22 years. Throughout his 33-year career, Bill worked extensively on the storm sewer system and most recently led the City's in-house catch basin rebuilding crew. He also helped repair and rebuild City equipment for routine maintenance and major overhauls. In addition, Bill was an experienced equipment operator, working on services such as leaf pickup and de-icing.



Bill Pennington

Steve Kelley served more than 28 years as an equipment operator. He has driven thousands of miles in the street sweeper and practically knew his location in the City by looking down at the adjacent curb and gutter. He also provided annual training on the leaf equipment and was the first operator picking up leaves throughout the City. An experienced operator, Steve spent many hours driving de-icing equipment and logged thousands of miles in the street sweeper and leaf truck.



Steve Kelley

The City of Centerville thanks these dedicated employees for their service.

## Art at the Trace returns February 25

Celebrate the arts at the 12th annual Art at the Trace, 6:30–9 p.m. Sat., Feb. 25, 2017 at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace, 10000 Yankee Street. Sponsored by the Centerville Arts Commission,



Enjoy an evening out at Art at the Trace.

the event features hundreds of works of fine art in a variety of mediums including photography, painting, sculpture, jewelry and mixed media on display and available for purchase. Painter/printmaker, Doug Fiely, featured artist, will donate a piece of artwork to be raffled at the event. Enjoy art, live music and hors d'oeuvres along with a cash bar. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Advance tickets may be purchased at the Centerville Municipal Building, 100 W. Spring Valley Road and the Golf Shop at Yankee Trace. Visit [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov) or call 433-7151 after the first of the year for further details.

## MLK Breakfast features survivor of Birmingham's 16th Street Baptist Church bombing



Barbara Cross

Barbara Cross, a survivor of the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing in Birmingham, Ala., will speak at the Centerville-Washington Diversity Council's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast on Mon., Jan. 16, 2017 at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace. The 17th annual breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. Tickets are \$20 each and registration is available at [cwtdiversity.org](http://cwtdiversity.org), or registration forms are available at the Centerville libraries.

In 1963, four members of the United Klans of America planted dynamite under the church steps where Barbara Cross's father, Rev. John Cross, served as pastor. At the time, Birmingham was a tense, violent and racially segregated city, and the church had become a rallying point for civil rights activities. The explosion killed four girls: Addie Mae Collins, Carole Robertson and Cynthia Wesley, all 14, and Carol Denise McNair, 11. Ms. Cross, then 13, was hurt in the explosion, which also injured 22 others.

In 2002, Ms. Cross testified as a prosecution witness at the trial of Bobby Frank Cherry, the last suspect to be convicted in the killing of the girls.

The mission of the CWDC is to celebrate and promote an inclusive, diverse and welcoming community for people who live, work and worship in Centerville and Washington Township. New members are welcomed, call 885-9530 or visit [cwtdiversity.org](http://cwtdiversity.org).

## PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST WINNERS' WORK TO BE DISPLAYED

Winners of the digital photography contest, sponsored by the Centerville Arts Commission and the Washington-Centerville Public Library, will be recognized at a reception 5:30-6:30 p.m. Nov. 2 at the Art Gallery in the Police Department, 155 W. Spring Valley Road. Professional photographers Jerry Huffman, Gary Kunze, and Ed Ponikwia selected the winning photos while more than 450 people voted for their favorite photo for the People's Choice Award. Winning photos will be framed, matted and displayed throughout November in the Gallery. View the winning photos at [wclibrary.info/photocontest/winners\\_2016.asp](http://wclibrary.info/photocontest/winners_2016.asp).

### PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD:

A Sunny Tea Party Before the Storm, *Angela Williams*

### ADULT:

Local Landmark Winner:

*Crossroads USA, Dan Hart*

Local Landmark Runner Up:

*Centerville Books at Night, Marcia Burns-Roark*

People Winner:

*Young Farmhand, James Stewart*

People Runner Up:

*Tabitha II, Sue Combs*

Place or Travel Winner:

*Surprise in the Sunset, Susan Willin*

Place or Travel Runner Up:

*Illuminated Village, James Stewart*

Nature Winner:

*Falling Waters, Edward Robbins*

Nature Runner Up:

*Sunrise at Low Tide, Lew Hann*

Black & White or Artistic Winner:

*Boats in Fog, Edward Robbins*

Black & White or Artistic Runner Up:

*Desert Plant in B&W, Matt Graham*

### YOUTH:

Local Landmark Winner:

*Down the Street, Luke Thompson*

Local Landmark Runner Up:

*White Showers, Rupal Jindal*

People Winner:

*Everyone is a Photographer, Rupal Jindal*

People Runner Up:

*Darkness, Megan Kujawa*

Place or Travel Winner:

*Below the Bridge, Luke Thompson*

Place or Travel Runner Up:

*Where To?, Julia Hahn*

Nature Winner:

*Strawberry, Luke Thompson*

Nature Runner Up:

*Rimmed Landing, Megan Meyer*

Black & White or Artistic Winner:

*Her Own Little World, Luke Thompson*

Black & White or Artistic Runner Up:

*Calle de Espana, Rupal Jindal*

## Get the family together at Yankee Trace

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

### Yankee Trace Restaurant

Menu Service through Dec. 31  
Monday–Friday: 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Closed New Year's Day  
Menu Service Jan. 2–April 1  
Tuesday–Friday: 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Counter Service only: Daily after 2 p.m.  
Sunday Brunch: 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

### Fish Fry and Full Dinner Service

Fridays through Nov. 18, and again starting Jan. 7, 5–9 p.m.

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

### Thanksgiving Buffet

Thursday, November 24

Two seatings: 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. \$27.95 for adults, \$13.95 for children 6–12, children five and under eat free. Reservations required, call 438-3585.

### Santa Brunch

The Golf Club at Yankee Trace is delighted to host Santa Claus for brunch, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. on two Sundays: December 4 and 11. Santa's sleigh will stop by the restaurant from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Adults \$19.95 and children 12 and under are \$9.95. Reservations strongly recommended, call 438-3585.



# THE GOLF CLUB AT YANKEE TRACE

Don't let a little bit of cold weather keep you away from your favorite pastime! Yankee Trace is open every day of the year with the exception of Dec. 25. Stop by the Golf Shop, 10000 Yankee Street, or call 438-4653 for information about memberships, leagues, outings, rates and golf lessons. For the latest club news and upcoming events visit yankeetrace.org.

## Give the gift of golf



### Gift Cards

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

### Golf Instruction

Four, 30-minute lessons, \$140; or eight, 30-minute lessons, \$240; regular fee is \$60 per 30-minute session. Lessons are available December through April in the indoor golf academy or outside, weather permitting.

### Senior VIP Membership: \$36

Instant green fee discounts for golfers 50+ throughout the 2017 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 2017 golf season. Includes 18-holes, golf car and practice balls. \$75 savings off regular in-season fees.

### Yankee Player Development Program (YPD) \$429

- Unlimited range balls January 1, 2017-December 31, 2017
- 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 percent 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 Dec. 24)

All in-stock golf clubs, fine men's and women's golf apparel and golf accessories marked down for our BIGGEST SALE of the YEAR.

## Volunteer with us

Come join our family! We have many dedicated citizens contributing to the success of the golf course by donating a portion of their valuable time. 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 2017 season. Call 438-GOLF for program details.

## Golf outings: Great prices and exceptional service

The Golf Club at Yankee Trace is the perfect venue to host a golf tournament or outing. We specialize in fundraisers, corporate events and traveling groups. All of your guests will receive 18 or 9 holes of championship golf, practice balls, prize fund and attention to detail for a successful and memorable event. 2017 Special: Reserve a Presidential Package golf outing for at least 100 golfers and receive a complimentary annual membership at Yankee Trace. See the golf professionals for details.

## 2017 Golf Leagues, play all three courses

Reserve a weekly game with friends and co-workers. Only eight golfers needed to get started. Two league options with multiple payment plans:

### League Supreme: Facilitate your own league

*Fees include tee times for 9-holes for 16 weeks*

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| <b>Before 6 p.m.</b> | \$23 to walk | \$28 to ride |
| <b>After 6 p.m.</b>  | \$20 to walk | \$23 to ride |

### League Xtreme: Full Service League

*Fees include tee times for 9-holes for 16 weeks, emailed results, prize fund and end of season awards banquet with food, beverages and prizes*

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| <b>Before 6 p.m.</b> | \$26 to walk | \$31 to ride |
| <b>After 6 p.m.</b>  | \$23 to walk | \$26 to ride |

You can also prepay in two installments and save \$2 per week plus free practice balls, (OR) prepay for entire season and save \$2 per week plus free practice balls and a free week



Public Works crews rebuilt almost 25 catch basins this year.

## Improvement projects near completion

*Over the 2016 construction season the following projects have been or are nearing completion:*

- Annual repair and resurfacing program that included milling and paving Joy Elizabeth Drive, Kalaman Way, Virginia Ave (south end), Alston Woods Court, Waterford Drive, Spring Ridge Court, Clareridge Lane (southern portion), Lakeview Drive, Cherry Drive and a portion of Martha Avenue
- Concrete repair including curb and storm system work in preparation for future resurfacing on Gershwin Drive, Tipton Court, Bristol Drive, and Concept Court
- Repair and resurfacing of South Johanna Drive using Community Development Block Grant funds
- Widening and improvements to Wilmington Pike and Whipp Road
- Repair and resurfacing of St. Rt. 48/Main from Franklin to Alex-Bell Road, a joint project with ODOT
- Widening and improvements of Yankee St. from Social Row Road to Winding Green Way, a joint project with Montgomery County
- Cornerstone Phase 3 public improvements

*2017 projects include:*

- Repair and resurfacing of East Franklin Street from St. Rt. 48 to Clio Road following the water line project by Montgomery County Environmental Services
- Repair and resurfacing of West Ridgeway Drive from St. Rt. 48 to Normandy Lane following the water line project by Montgomery County Environmental Services
- Milling and resurfacing of various residential streets based on annual street ratings. This list, developed each year, is based on a visual assessment of streets City-wide whereby the streets are rated and prioritized with respect to their condition. A project is then prepared and bid to address the streets with the worst distress while prioritizing them based on budgetary restraints.

Call Public Works, 428-4782, or sign up to receive the latest construction news at [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov), and click Construction Update.

## Call before you dig

Before starting any outdoor project, call 811 so that buried utility lines may be located and marked in the area you plan to dig. It's the law.

## Public Works helps keep City running

Every day Centerville's Public Works professionals work tirelessly to provide exceptional City services. Charged with taking care of City property—streets, sidewalks, storm systems, traffic signals, City buildings and Stubbs Park, these services are provided by your tax dollars and the value is unmatched. Some of the projects include:

- ▶ Leaf collection at your curb.
- ▶ Winter operations: clearing snow and ice from roads to allow safe travel.
- ▶ Street maintenance: crack sealing, major repair and resurfacing, dead animal pickup, storm system repair and maintenance, and traffic signal, street light and street sign supply and maintenance.



Crews work on the Municipal Building landscaping.

- ▶ Horticulture services: grass mowing, tree planting and maintenance, and flower and landscape bed maintenance at City properties and along City roadways.
- ▶ Plan review of development projects, engineering and construction administration of major road projects, and inspection services of all public improvements.
- ▶ Special event planning and staffing including Americana Festival, Memorial Day and Veterans' Day ceremonies, Arbor Day, Summer Concert series and the Holiday Walk.

## Recycle packaging, boxes, trees and more



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 trees will be collected through January 6.** 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](mailto:publicworks@centervilleohio.gov).

# Centerville Police earn advanced accreditation honors

The Centerville Police Department recently attained meritorious accreditation status from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), meeting 100 percent of other-than-mandatory standards. This marks the department's ninth time to achieve accreditation, a process that includes a rigorous self-assessment, thorough review of standards and procedures, observation of department practices and interviews with citizens, school representatives, local business leaders, department employees and City staff and Council by a team of independent assessors with significant public safety experience. The assessors noted the positive relationships and support the Centerville Police Department has received from citizens, City staff and Council. The decision to accredit is rendered by a governing body of 21 commissioners following a public hearing and review of all reporting documentation. Accreditation is valid for four years.

"This award confirms that our Police Department continues to exceed the standards set forth by an international law enforcement organization," said City Manager Greg Horn. "We have a professional department committed to protecting and serving our citizens. The Centerville Police Department continues to demonstrate excellence in management and service delivery."



As part of the accreditation process, assessors spend two days talking with police officers, staff, City Council and citizens. CALEA team leader Deputy Chief David Newlan, from the Cape Coral, Fla. Police Department and team member Nora Ackerley from the Bartlett, Ill. (center) are surrounded by the Centerville Police CALEA team: Lt. Joe Lavigne, Chief Bruce Robertson, Staff Services Coordinator Christine Smart and Lt. Matt Brown. The Centerville Police Department earned meritorious accreditation status.

## 24-hour dispatch center staffed with experience

When you're facing an emergency situation, Centerville's state-of-the-art 24-hour communications center offers peace of mind. Located within the Centerville Police Building, 155 W. Spring Valley Road, the center is known as a Primary Safety Answering Point (PSAP). The center's new, upgraded 911 system is IP-based and compliant with next generation standards. In addition, it is redundant with the Kettering Police dispatch center, so in the rare instance the high-tech system would go down, there is a backup. Sharing resources with Kettering also reduces costs for both cities. So in an emergency situation, your 911 call is answered within seconds by well-trained, knowledgeable dispatchers familiar with our community, and ready to send the assistance you need.

Equipped to handle multiple calls, emergency and non-emergency police and fire calls are routed directly to the center. Last year, the Centerville Police Communications Center began providing public safety dispatch services for the City of West Carrollton. Advances in technology have made consolidated dispatching increasingly more common throughout the region and nation. This successful collaborative effort between the two cities has also lowered costs and increased efficiency for both communities, while calls are still answered and transferred for the respective police, fire and medical response within 30 seconds.



Well-trained communications specialists answer 911 calls within seconds providing peace of mind to callers.

## Working together to keep our community safe

Centerville City Schools administration, principals and staff work with Centerville Police and its School Resource Officers to ensure our schools are secure and that all safety requirements are followed. Centerville Police Officers visit all schools within the City each day. The Police Department provides safety and security training to all public and private schools along with daycares and preschools in Centerville.

Officer Brad Eshler has been named the School Resource Officer for Centerville elementary and middle schools, meeting with students and teaching a variety of safety-related topics. He will serve three years in this position and joins Officer Jim Stephenson, the resource officer assigned to Centerville High School. The two officers also assist with school safety drills and other programs. However, most of their time is spent getting to know the students and talking with them on a regular basis. "We show kids that we're approachable and willing to talk and listen," said Officer Stephenson. "It's a great opportunity for students to meet police officers in a friendly and positive manner."



Michelle Doyle, Officer Ben Minch and Officer Doug Train receive Life Saving awards from Police Chief Bruce Robertson for their efforts in resuscitating a person who went into cardiac arrest.



School Resource Officers Jim Stephenson and Brad Eshler share a laugh with Centerville High School students Alyssa Kozee and Brianna Graham.

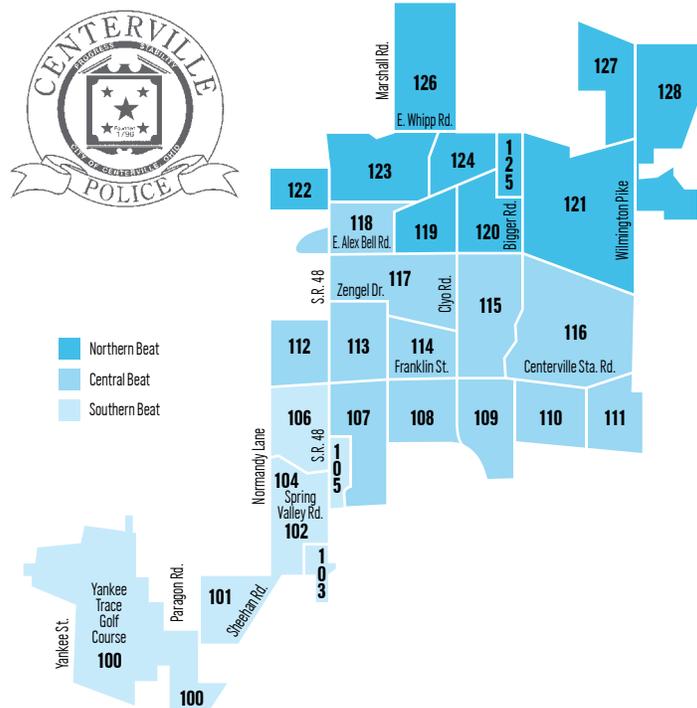
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\*August ^September

|                 | RESIDENTIAL & BUSINESS BURGLARIES |   |          |   |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---|----------|---|
|                 | RESIDENTIAL                       |   | BUSINESS |   |
|                 | A                                 | S | A        | S |
| MONDAY-THURSDAY | 1                                 | 1 | 1        | 1 |
| FRIDAY-SUNDAY   | -                                 | - | -        | - |
| UNDETERMINED    | -                                 | - | -        | - |
| 6 AM-6 PM       | -                                 | - | 1        | - |
| 6 PM-6 AM       | 1                                 | 1 | -        | 1 |
| UNDETERMINED    | -                                 | - | -        | - |
| FORCED          | -                                 | - | 1        | - |
| SHATTERED       | -                                 | - | -        | 1 |
| UNLOCKED        | 1                                 | - | -        | - |
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| GARAGE          | -                                 | - | -        | - |
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| OTHER           | -                                 | - | -        | - |

## Residential and Business crime statistics

Statistic Totals: August-September 2016



## SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING

Each day your Centerville Police Department strives to provide exceptional Police Service to our community. This can only be accomplished with your help. If you see something—or someone—in your neighborhood that looks out of place, report the activity to our dispatchers. Call 9-1-1 for crimes in progress, or 433-7661, the non-emergency number, to file a report.

**August 15, 2016**

Mayor Compton welcomed Pastor Mark Simpson of MorningStar Baptist Church to give the invocation. Pastor Simpson and Gail Wise, outreach coordinator for MorningStar Baptist Church, were thanked for their church's 5th annual Day of Service, which included mulching, clearing brush and clean up around the City and painting an elderly resident's home.

Chief Bruce Robertson introduced new Police staff including officers Amanda Reyes and Benjamin Minch and Records/Communication specialist Patty Fabrick. Chief Robertson also announced that the department had achieved the meritorious award from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., earning accreditation for the next four years. See story, page 8.

Mayor Compton administered the oath of office to Sue Jessee, as a member of the City Beautiful Commission.

Doug Spitler, public works director, presented



Mayor Compton swears in Sue Jessee.

the August Community Pride award for landscaping to Julie Servaites and Mary Rieck of Veterinary Alternatives, 21 E. Ridgeway Road, and announced the August Landscape award winners. See list on right.

**Council made the following reappointments:**

- Paul Clark as chair of the Planning Commission
- Sherry Leighty and Tom Wheeler to the City Beautiful Commission

**September 19, 2016**

Mayor Compton welcomed Pastor Tony Miltenberger of Centerville United Methodist Church to give the invocation.

Police Chief Bruce Robertson presented the Life Saving Award to Officers Doug Train and Ben Minch along with Michelle Doyle, a nurse at the Little Clinic located inside Kroger Marketplace on S. Main Street, for their efforts at the Little Clinic in resuscitating a person who went into cardiac arrest. The Washington Township Fire Department confirmed that had it not been for the officers' and nurse's immediate action and care, the patient would not have survived. The officers were also presented with Life Saving pins for their uniforms.

Council proclaimed Sept. 17–23 as Constitution Week and September as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

Council proclaimed Sept. 26–Oct. 2 as Diaper Need Awareness Week in Centerville. Sarah Williams, executive director of Hannah's Treasure Chest, gave an update on the organization's activities including the need for diapers and volunteers and the organization's recent building expansion on Westpark Road.

Jan Prettyman, City Beautiful Commission chair, announced the September Landscape award recipients. See list on right.

Ben and Sharon Forshee, of Centerville Service Station, accepted the Community Pride award for landscaping at their business on N. Main Street.

Tom Wheeler, City Beautiful Commission member, recognized Ted and Jan Frederick, who have received a Landscape award on five occasions. Mayor Compton presented the Fredericks with the Mayor's Award for their residential beautification efforts.

Steve Feverston, president of Centerville-Washington History, gave an update on the organization's activities and projects, including a new website, centervillewashingtonhistory.org.

**How does your garden grow?**

**RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS ANNOUNCED**

Over the summer months, the City Beautiful Commission recognized 21 residential properties and three businesses with landscape awards for outstanding front yard appearance, decorating and exterior maintenance.



The Fredericks' home on Island Lake Court

In addition, Ted and Jan Frederick of 430 Island Lake Court received the 2016 Mayor's Award. Over the past ten years, the Fredericks have been recognized with five residential awards.

**Congratulations to the following City Beautiful award winners:**

| AUGUST  | SEPTEMBER   |
|---|---|
| Cliff & Diana Thorstenson<br>6523 Atterbury Ct.                       | Marcia and Mike Albers<br>2413 Briggs Road                              |
| Carol and Clark Roberts<br>140 South Village Dr.                      | Rob & Connie Laumann<br>918 Thorndale Drive                             |
| Sue Spiegel and Lisa Hanauer<br>2267 Jaime Rose Way                   | John & Gayle Havert<br>8217 Station House Road                          |
| Ken and Coleen Nartker<br>214 Tuxworth Road                           | Jack Curtis<br>10 White Birch Road                                      |
| Susan and Terry Duffy<br>327 Silvertree Lane                          | Robert and Betty Ann Perkins<br>32 West Ridgeway Road                   |
| Sue Ann Haberstro<br>278 Joy Elizabeth                                | Beverly Cramer<br>496 Shirley Ann Drive                                 |
| Dallas and Janice Mathile<br>1263 Courtyard Place                     | Patricia & Bryce Nickel<br>985 Gardenwood Place                         |
| Community Pride:<br>Veterinary Alternatives<br>21 East Ridgeway Drive | Community Pride:<br>Centerville Service Center<br>140 North Main Street |

The Commission is looking for new members. Green thumbs are not required. For an application, call 433-7151 or visit [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov), Departments, Volunteer Opportunities.

To view City Council meetings, visit [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov) and click the video icon at the top of the page. Following each Council meeting, Mayor Brooks Compton tapes a summary of the meeting, available on Time Warner Channel 5 as well as the City's Facebook page and YouTube channel.



## Mayor's Message from Brooks Compton



Students from Incarnation School visited Centerville offices in September. In addition to meeting Mayor Compton, the students toured the Police Department and learned how the Public Works, Planning and Finance departments operate.

In response to drastic State action already implemented that has reduced revenue to Centerville by over \$3 million ANNUALLY, for the first time in 35 years, Centerville City Council unanimously agreed to ask Centerville voters to consider a modest 0.5 percent increase in the earned income tax, that would raise it from 1.75 percent to 2.25 percent.

Placing Issue 3 on the November ballot was not done without first being proactive to avoid asking for this increase. Over the past several years Centerville Council, working with city staff, reduced employee staffing by more than 15 percent, increased city employees' share of medical costs, and paid off debt early, saving \$1 million in debt service. Council and staff stayed within their conservative budget philosophy and delayed purchases of equipment, needed road repair and resurfacing projects and implemented belt-tightening initiatives, saving over \$1 million annually from the budget

But, these efforts were not enough to offset the drastic State cuts. Council felt it had to take the responsible step and not allow neighborhood road repairs and resurfacing to get behind, as it is simply too hard to catch up and not good for Centerville neighborhoods. Council, as does all of Centerville, recognizes the tremendous community asset we have with the men and women of the Centerville Police Department. A strategic community asset that must be maintained.

With the passage of Issue 3, the additional revenue (approximately \$2.2 million annually) will provide the necessary financial support for the Centerville Police Department, and its LOCAL 911 emergency dispatch and provide much needed funding for necessary repair and resurfacing of city and neighborhood streets, pedestrian walkways and bikeways as well as continuing the quality city services our residents expect.

What income would be taxed, and who would be impacted by Issue 3? There would be no tax on income from Social Security, interest, pension or retirement benefits. The City provides high quality services to not only those who live in Centerville, but also to those who work here.

The passage of Issue 3 would mean that Centerville's income tax rate would be equal to Kettering, Dayton, Miamisburg and West Carrollton and less than Oakwood and Moraine. Issue 3 does not increase property taxes, and Centerville would continue to be one of only two communities in southern Montgomery County that does not assess for curb and gutter repairs.

With voter approval, Issue 3 will help keep Centerville a great

place to live, work and raise a family now and in the future. I hope that you consider the importance of this modest increase when you enter the voting booth on November 8.

Each year at our October Council meeting, we call attention to the efforts of the numerous homeowners and businesses throughout Centerville who have been recognized with a beautification award by the City Beautiful Commission. Congratulations to all the award winners for keeping Centerville looking great. Great job, City Beautiful!

Leaf collection has started, as our Public Works Department adds another task to their already full plate. They do a great job handling this big project in a timely and efficient manner. Thank you to our Public Works crews! We appreciate your efforts during a very busy year.

Congratulations are also in order for our Centerville Police Department under Chief Robertson. Once again the CPD has been recognized as one of the nation's best (we already knew that) by receiving re-accreditation status, meeting the highest standards possible for a police department. We appreciate and are proud of our Police Department.

The leaves are changing, the air is crisp and activities are happening all around town. I look forward to seeing you at many of the upcoming holiday events.

Centerville. A great place to call home!

*Brooks A. Compton*

### City news and information at your fingertips

In our continuing effort to provide ways for our citizens to stay connected, the City offers Centerville Connections, a monthly e-newsletter that provides City news, events, Council activities and more, and Centerville Construction Update, an email on current and upcoming road/utility improvements throughout the City.

To register, go to [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov) and click Centerville Connections or Centerville Construction Update under quick links.

These electronic updates are the latest in the numerous communication efforts provided by our City including the website, Facebook and Twitter pages, YouTube channel and Time Warner Cable Channel 5 government access programs. For more information, call 433-7151 or visit [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov).

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Yankee Trace Restaurant.....438-3585  
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Centerville-Washington History.....433-0123



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**Public Meetings at the Municipal Building**  
City Council ..... 7:30 p.m., third MON. monthly  
Board of Architectural Review...7:30 p.m., first TUE. monthly  
City Planning Commission..... 7 p.m., last TUE. monthly  
Centerville Arts Commission..... 7 p.m., first WED. monthly  
Boards of Tax & Personnel Appeals  
& Property Review Commission.....At the call of chairperson

**Public Meetings at the Public Works Center**  
7970 S. Suburban Road  
City Beautiful Commission.....7 p.m., first TUE. monthly

**Public Meetings at the Police Department**  
155 W. Spring Valley Road  
Sister City Committee.....7 p.m., first TUE. monthly

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Please recycle this publication.



**City looking for volunteers to assist homebound**  
*Resource list available for leaf and snow removal*

The City of Centerville is again compiling a list of individuals, groups and organizations willing to volunteer to assist elderly and disabled Centerville residents with leaf and snow removal. The list will be maintained by City staff and available to residents. The City will also maintain a list of individuals and companies that perform those services for a fee. Once residents receive the resource information from the City, it is their responsibility to contact someone from the list and make the necessary arrangements. To volunteer, list a business or receive the resource list, call City offices, 433-7151.

**NOVEMBER–JANUARY  
CITY CALENDAR**

**NOVEMBER**

- 11** Veterans Day ceremony, 11 a.m. Stubbs Park
- 17** Farmers Market, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Barn at Benham's Grove
- 20** Hometown Holiday Walk, 1-5 p.m. downtown Centerville
- 20** Tree Lighting ceremony, 5:30 p.m. Benham's Grove
- 21** City Council meeting, 7:30 p.m. Council Chambers
- 24** (*Thanksgiving Day*) City offices closed, waste collection delayed until Friday

**DECEMBER**

- 15** Farmers Market, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Barn at Benham's Grove
- 19** City Council meeting, 7:30 p.m. Council Chambers
- 23 and 26** City offices closed, waste collection delayed

**JANUARY**

- 16** (*Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*) City offices closed, waste collection delayed one day
- 23** City Council meeting, 7:30 p.m. Council Chambers

**WEEKLY**

Leaf pick-up through Dec. 10, rake leaves to curb  
**Brush drop-off:** 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday, Public Works

**MONTHLY**

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

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

**City holiday schedule**

City offices will close on the following days in observance of these upcoming holidays: Nov. 24, Dec. 23 and 26 and Jan. 2. Offices will also close Jan. 16 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 Jan. 23 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers. Refuse and recycling collection schedules have the following adjustments. Please have your items at the curb by 7 a.m. on your collection day.

- ▶ Thursday, Nov. 24 pickup will occur on Friday, Nov. 25
- ▶ Week of Dec. 26, delayed one day, so Monday's pickup will occur Tuesday, and so on throughout the week.
- ▶ Week of Jan. 2, delayed one day. Same schedule as above.
- ▶ Week of Jan. 16, delayed one day. Same schedule as above.

City offices will be open Presidents' Day, February 13. Waste collection will be on the regular schedule. Call 433-7151 or visit [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov) for more information.