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Americana Festival

Kick off your Independence Day celebration at the July 3 patriotic concert featuring the Centerville Community Band and Centerville Community Chorus at Stubbs Park, 255. W. Spring Valley Road. Special events include a flag ceremony by the Centerville VFW Post 9550 and a cannon performance by the Fifth Ohio Light Artillery.



On July 4th, enjoy the 43rd annual festival featuring a 5K run, arts and crafts, food, entertainment, car show, kids' activities and more! Visit www.americanafestival.org. Stop by the City of Centerville booth, located near the Benham's Grove entrance. In addition to meeting City Council members and staff, we'll have City information and door prizes. The Police booth is located there, too. Have a happy and safe July 4 weekend!

City Council to place income tax increase on Nov. ballot

Centerville City Council voted at its June 20, 2016 meeting to place a 0.5 percent earned income tax levy on the November 8 ballot. Centerville voters will be asked to approve a modest increase that would raise the Centerville income tax rate from 1.75 percent to 2.25 percent. Council cites ongoing steep State funding cuts as the primary reason for the proposed increase. Over the past five years, Centerville has lost close to \$3 million each year, an 89 percent reduction in State funding—funding that the City will never regain. These cuts have led to a 20 percent reduction in the City's General Fund and a reduction of 30 staff positions. If passed, the tax increase would bring in an estimated \$2 million to the City each year, would help the City maintain Police, road and other City services. Centerville hasn't sought an increase in earned income or real property tax in 35 years. However, in 2017, the City will face additional state cuts with the implementation of House Bill 5, which is estimated to result in an additional \$1 million annual loss.

The increase in the earned income tax rate would primarily affect people who work in the City of Centerville, regardless of where they live. A majority of Centerville residents work outside of the City limits and are already paying a 2.25 percent or higher earned income tax rate to another city, as income tax funds the city where a person is employed.

One of only two cities in the south Dayton suburbs that does not

assess for sidewalk, curb or gutter replacement, Centerville provides outstanding value, also maintaining the second lowest municipal property tax rate of any city in Montgomery County. All financial reports are available at www.CentervilleOhio.gov.

Concert Series offers a variety of music



The Centerville Arts Commission continues its free Summer Concert Series with a great lineup this month including the Americana concert, The Menu, Elvis Presley Tribute show, Tom Daugherty Orchestra, Corky's Old Time Rock and Roll and Reload. All concerts are offered free throughout the summer at Stubbs Park, 255 W. Spring Valley Road.

Check the website www.centervilleohio.gov for show times. Please bring your own seating, concessions available.

Police Open house provides activities & displays

The Centerville Police Department annual Open House in recognition of National Night Out Against Crime is 1- 4 p.m., Saturday, July 30. Look for exhibits and safety displays at this free event.



Construction Update

Centerville Construction Update, is an email notification from the City of Centerville on current and upcoming road/utility improvements that may affect your travel throughout Centerville. To register, visit www.centervilleohio.gov and click Construction Update under the Quick Links.

Business Update

A warm and cheerful welcome to Cheddar's Casual Café, now open at Feedwire Road and Wilmington Pike, in the Cornerstone of Centerville. Just across the street, construction is underway on Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers, set to open in August. The fast-casual restaurant's menu includes steakburgers, hot dogs and shoestring fries, as well as an assortment of dessert treats prepared with a choice of freshly-churned chocolate or vanilla frozen custard.

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