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Finance Director named

Jonathan Hudson has been named Centerville's Finance Director. He had been serving as Assistant Finance Director since 2012 and fills the post vacated by Dr. Steven Hinshaw, who accepted a position with a private school. In addition to managing the Finance Department, Mr. Hudson, a licensed CPA, will be responsible for preparing the City's annual budget and financial report as well as supervising the Income Tax and Information Technology offices. Prior to his employment with Centerville, Mr. Hudson was employed by the Ohio Auditor of State's Office. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting and Finance, as well as an MBA from Wright State University.



Digital photography contest accepting submissions

Enter your best photos in the Beyond Point & Shoot Photo Contest now through August 31. Take part in the online voting for People's Choice Award, too. The programs and contests are sponsored by the Centerville Arts Commission and Centerville Library. Visit www.wclibrary.info for more information.

Concert series Continues

The Centerville Arts Commission continues the summer concert series with some fun upcoming shows at Stubbs Park.

Sunday, Aug. 21, 7 p.m. Centerville Community Band The concerts are free and concessions are available. Please bring your own seating. Visit www.centervilleohio.gov for the complete schedule.

Farmers' Market offers local products

Buy fresh, buy local! Pick up farm fresh fruits and vegetables, breads, herbs cut flowers, honey and more at the Centerville Farmers Market every Thursday in front of Auto Zone on St. Rt. 48 and Spring Valley Road. Market hours are 2:30 - 6:30 p.m. Visit www.centervillefarmersmarket.com or the market's Facebook page for more information.



Construction Updates Available

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.

Art Gallery showcases local work



Enjoy beautiful, lively artwork, conveniently located in the Centerville Police Department lobby, 155 W. Spring Valley Road. All exhibits are free and may be viewed anytime, day or night. Coordinated by the Centerville Arts Commission, the August exhibit features the works of Tony Lee.

Nominations accepted for City Beautiful awards

Have a neighbor with a lovely front yard? Nominate the home for a City Beautiful award by calling 433-7151. A City Beautiful Commission member will drive by to check out the landscaping. Awards are given monthly throughout the summer. The commission is looking for members! You don't need a green thumb, only an interest in keeping your community beautiful! Visit www.centervilleohio.gov and click Boards and Commissions or call 433-7151 for application information.

Modest Income Tax Increase to Appear on November ballot

City asking for 0.5 percent increase

Centerville City Council has approved placing 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. If passed, the tax increase would bring in an estimated \$2 million to the City each year. That amount would help the City maintain Police, road and other City services.

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. While Centerville continues to tighten its belt by delaying road improvements, cutting positions and stretching budgets, State legislature cuts have slashed funding to the point that immediate action is needed.

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 another \$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.

