



TOWN CRITER



From Brooks Compton, Mayor

Our community suffered the loss of a great man in October—Council Member John Beals. The Beals Family has served Centerville for decades, and I considered John a personal friend. He suffered a medical condition at our golf outing for volunteers. John was serving people and working for the City right up to the end. It is in large part thanks to John Beals' hard work and diligence that the City accomplished so much in 2019 and is set up for such great success in the future. We will continue to honor John's legacy.

Thanks to those of you as well from City Staff, Centerville's volunteers and all of you Centerville residents who made it a great year. Without all of you, it would not have been possible.

If you were one of the more than 5,000 who visited Stubbs Park for Centerville's Fall Festival, you had a chance to make s'mores, decorate pumpkins, delight the little ones at the petting zoo and go on a hay ride. It was fun for the entire family. This is an annual event, so please do not miss out next year!

More than 15,000 people attended the Summer Concert Series between June and August. Live theater performances returned to Stubbs Park through *Shakespeare in the Park* and *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*. Stubbs is a great venue for the arts and 2020 will see more.

The City has continued to invest in Uptown, the Architectural Preservation District at Main and Franklin Streets. City Council officially adopted the Uptown Action Plan in August, and City Staff is working hard to solicit feedback from property owners as we make plans for short-, medium- and long-term goals. We see great things ahead and are excited about potential becoming reality in Uptown.

Centerville officially became a Purple Heart City in July, a designation that reflects how welcoming and respectful we are of veterans. We honor our veterans every day and highlight them specifically at our Memorial Day and Veterans' Day ceremonies.

What a year for Centerville Public Works crews! Through their hard work in 2019 alone, they will have resurfaced 10 percent of the City's 250 lane miles. This tremendous accomplishment would not have been possible without your support of the 2016 income tax levy and the efficient and dedicated men and women of Centerville's Public Works. Great job, CPW! **Continued on page 3**

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Warmest wishes
for a healthy and happy
holiday season!



COUNCIL MEMBER

John Beals

1936 - 2019



John Beals loved the City of Centerville. He lived in this great City since 1965 and held a seat on City Council since 2008. He was Chair of the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission, chaired the Storm Water Drainage Review Committee and sat on the Centerville Business Development Committee and Sister City Committee. Mr. Beals also previously served on the Kalamam Memorial Scholarship Committee, the Americana Festival Committee and several others.

“He was an absolute perfect citizen representative. He was a friend to the City and a friend to so many of us on council. He will be greatly missed by many people, and I am proud to have known him,” Mayor Brooks Compton said.

Mr. Beals was a graduate of the civil engineering program at The Ohio State University and remained a lifelong fan of the school. He spent years working as an engineer at the Ohio Department of Transportation and went on to found the engineering firm LJB Incorporated.

“John was a great family man and citizen of Centerville as well as the Miami Valley region. John brought a unique skill-set to City Council including the leadership and vision of a CEO, the precision and problem-solving of a civil engineer and a real zest for life. I, like others in our community, will miss John’s energy, leadership and friendship,” Centerville City Manager Wayne Davis said.

John and his wife, former Centerville Mayor Sally Beals, were married for 60 years. They share three children and three grandchildren. The couple also maintained one of the most beautiful home gardens in the City. Mr. Beals loved gardening, tennis, traveling and Rotary Club.



Continued from page 1 Cornerstone continues to expand its offerings to Centerville through careful planning. This year the State of Ohio awarded the City a \$1 million grant to develop Cornerstone Park, which will allow the City to conserve 11 acres in its natural setting in the passive area of the park. The active area of the park will be developed as well to complement the surrounding commercial and soon-to-be residential communities. Kudos to the hard work of City Staff and the Planning Commission in making this an asset for the City of Centerville.

We were extremely honored to be selected to work with Montgomery County Environmental Services on a grant-funded summer-long initiative to reduce our recycling contamination rate. Centerville has been a leader in recycling and you, the Centerville resident, responded. In only three months, sampling showed you dropped our contamination rate by a full 8 percent. This is not only a benefit for our environment, but saves you, Centerville taxpayers, by reducing our costs. Keep up the great work!

As you already know, Centerville Police officers were busy all summer keeping the city safe and participating in numerous events. Hundreds of people came to Mystery Night Out, a fun night to learn about CPD—the finest police department around—and meet many of the officers who help make this a great place to be. Thanks, CPD.

And of course, we were proud to announce Centerville Place: a more than \$130 million investment on Main Street between Sheehan and Spring Valley Roads. This project has the power to bring new energy and economic opportunities to Centerville and to become a shining gateway to this great community.

On behalf of your City Council, we are honored and grateful for the opportunity to serve you.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and best wishes for the New Year!

Brooke A. Compton

2020 Census

The public can begin responding to the 2020 Census online in March 2020.

The census is much more than just a head count. It provides a picture of our nation that helps determine where to build new schools, hospitals and businesses; how federal funding is distributed; and how congressional seats are apportioned. It also helps us see how our communities have changed over time. That is why an accurate count is so important.

Remember, the Census Bureau will never ask for your Social Security number, bank or credit card account numbers, money or donations, or anything on behalf of a political party.

See a sample census form online at centervilleohio.gov.

WHERE ARE YOU READING YOUR TOWN CRIER?



At the kids' baseball games? The beach? Out of the country?

Whether it's near or far, we want to know where your Town Crier travels. Snap a picture and send it to us on Facebook or at information@centervilleohio.gov and you could be featured in the next edition! Make sure you give us your name and location.

FAST FACTS about

Centerville, Ohio

- Founded: 1796
- Incorporated as a City: 1968
- Size: 11.0 square miles
- City tree: Red Horse-Chestnut
- City flower: Daylily
- City motto: "Progress and Stability"
- Population: 24,000+
- Biggest employer: Centerville City Schools (approx. 1900)



CENTERVILLE PLACE



Creating communities of uniquely-connected spaces—energized with a program of events—is what brings neighborhoods to life. That is the vision for Centerville Place.

Dillin, LLC is planning a more than \$130 million redevelopment plan for a large portion of the shopping center at State Route 48 between Sheehan and Spring Valley Roads, including the former Kroger location. The project will bring new energy and economy opportunities for Centerville and become a shining gateway to our great community.

“This type of investment is a game-changer; it does not happen every day. When we were approached by Mr. Dillin on behalf of investors, we were overwhelmed with excitement regarding the possibilities for Centerville Place,” Centerville City Manager Wayne Davis said. “Larry and his team are meticulous in their approach. They clearly understand the concept plan that was approved by City Council in 2017 as well as the City’s economic development philosophy and our 2018–2023 Strategic Plan.”



“Centerville Place will enhance our community by improving the economy, quality of life and overall attractiveness to those who choose Centerville in the near and long-term future.”

—Council Member Mark Engert

Centerville Place will be a great example of bold concepts guided by a strategic plan. A tenant has already committed to a 60,000 square foot professional office building.

“Centerville Place will be an opportunity to stretch this vision beyond just redevelop-

ment and will truly change the way people view Centerville,” Dillin LLC President Larry Dillin said. “This ‘Gateway Community Project’ will be a vibrant showcase on the southern border of Centerville.”

Current tenants at Centerville Place will continue their leases and will be offered the opportunity to occupy space in the newly-created property alongside a collection of new tenants and services. Concept plans for Phase 1 include 200 residential units. Phase 2 will add approximately 140 more, including brownstone townhomes.

“Creating communities of uniquely connected spaces, energized with a program of events, is what brings neighborhoods to life... and that’s what Dillin projects are all about,” Dillin said.

The City looks forward to engaging citizens, hearing their feedback and sharing more information as it becomes available.

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Construction Updates

- **Allure:** 312-unit apartment complex on Loop Rd near I-675. Allure has opened some buildings while continuing to work on the site.
- **Gateway Lofts:** 256 one-bedroom units and 104 two-bedroom units between Alex-Bell Road and I-675 near Loop Road
- **The Grove At Yankee Trace:** 27 single-family lots between Paragon Road and Yankee Trace Drive



Gateway Lofts

- **Cornerstone Apartments:** 240-unit complex with modern Mediterranean architecture which will begin construction soon at the intersection of Cornerstone North Boulevard and the future Park Place
- **Savannah Place:** 44 duplex lots east of Yankee Street (entrance off the roundabout at Yankee Trace Drive)
- **Randall Residence:** now renting 84 quadplex condo-style apartments, 60 independent living apartments, 56 assisting-living apartments and 42 memory-support apartments at Social Row, Sheehan and Paragon Roads
- **Dogwood Commons:** 110-unit senior living apartment complex at Cornerstone Development at the end of Cornerstone North Blvd.

Business Spotlight

Why businesses choose Centerville for their home

■ **Reliable Electric**, 94 Compark Road, is a third-generation full-service electrical contracting company for commercial construction, commercial service and residential service.

Why Centerville?

Owner Joe Ryan: Reliable has been located in four separate locations in Centerville since the 1960s all within a block of each other. When I purchased the building we occupy now in 2003, it was the perfect building for us to grow into and it kept me "on the block". Now, we're expanding here with more outdoor storage and we have plans to grow to about 120 employees.



■ **Pieces of Style**, 18 West Franklin Street, is a unique women's boutique specializing in classic styles with an updated flair for women of all ages.

Why Centerville?

Owner Mary Ellen Lee: After graduating from UD, my husband and I settled in Centerville because it is a beautiful community with great schools for our two children. So when I started a business, there was no question but to open my shop in the Uptown area where there is a quaint and vibrant feel. On a daily basis, I get to see and meet my neighbors. We also moved to Yankee Trace, another close community, after our kids went out on their own. So I live, work and play in this great place!



A warm and cheerful welcome to these businesses

new to Centerville



Patrons fill AR Workshop during their grand opening.

- Natural Health Edge** / 5820 Wilmington Pike
- Dayton Custom Cabinets** / 24 Compark Road
- Woodman Automotive** / 7985 South Suburban Road
- Decorating Den** / 96 East Franklin Street
- Inventure Civil** / 201 West Franklin Street #B
- Balanced IYOK Wellness** / 103 South Main Street
- Covenant Animal Clinic** / 6405 Clio Road
- Allstate Insurance** / 235 West Franklin Street
- Hugh Lillie Salon** / 967 South Main Street
- Freedom Family Chiropractic**
175 East Alex Bell Road, #200
- Solitude Day Spa** / 131 South Main Street
- AR Workshop** / 101 East Alex Bell Road, #162
- Fishers / KOI Auto Parts** / 203 North Main Street

Thank you for supporting all of our Centerville businesses.

FLASHBACK

Do you remember these popular Centerville spots from the 1970s?

We would love to see your old photos! Please scan and send them to information@centervilleohio.gov.

Centerville East Plaza on Compark Road



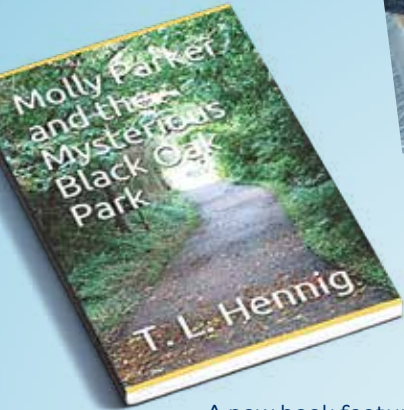
Swango Black Homes sits in the spot where the City of Centerville Public Works building stands now.



Gas tax

The City of Centerville will generate an additional \$500,000-\$540,000 in additional revenue from the rise in the state gas tax. The increase from 10.5 to 38.5 cents per gallon was part of Ohio's two-year transportation bill signed in the spring. The tax on diesel fuel rose from 19 cents to 47 cents per gallon. The additional revenue must be spent on building and maintaining infrastructure like roads and bridges. Though the state allows it, Centerville City Council decided not to charge an additional Permissive Tax.

Five Things We're Talking About Now



1

As many as 5,000 people came to the second annual Fall Festival to decorate pumpkins, enjoy a hayride and learn to make a s'more as a family.



2

New water and ice refreshment stations at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace are very popular—both for their convenient locations and the small ice pellets they produce. They sit on Heritage #5, Vintage #5 and Legend #6.



3

A new book features a Centerville park! TL Hennig now lives in Texas, but "Molly Parker and the Mysterious Black Oak Park" stems from the author's imagination growing up in the 70s and 80s with Black Oak Park in her backyard.

4

We launched a new video series called Centerville in :60, a weekly calendar in about a minute. We have so many great events in our community—we want to make sure people know about them! You can catch the videos on Facebook, Twitter and MVCC Channel 5.



5

City Council and Staff handed out 500 gold t-shirts at the City of Centerville GOLDOUT at the high school varsity football game as we all cheered the Elks on to a victory.



Book your next event at Benham's Grove

Benham's Grove is the perfect spot for your next business meeting or event. In December, the complex features twinkling lights, holiday decorations and cozy fires at the Gerber House, cottage, house and gazebo. Believe it or not, booking for 2021 starts in January 2020! Please visit benhamsgrove.com or call 433-1913.



Register your pooch!

Ohio law requires owners to register dogs older than three months. Centerville residents may purchase a 2020 Montgomery County dog license until the end of January at the Centerville Municipal Building at 100 West Spring Valley Road. Spay and neutered dog licenses are \$20; unaltered dog licenses are \$24. Multi-year licenses are available only through the Montgomery County Auditor's Office. For more information, please call 225-4314 or visit mcoho.org.

17TH ANNUAL HOMETOWN HOLIDAY WALK AND TREE LIGHTING

Sunday, December 1

Walk
1:00-5:00 p.m.
Uptown Centerville

Tree Lighting
5:30 p.m.
Benham's Grove



The City of Centerville, Centerville-Washington History and the Heart of Centerville and Washington Township are gearing up for the 17th annual Hometown Holiday Walk. It will be held along the streets and inside the shops in Uptown Centerville. This free family-friendly event will be filled with festivities including horse-drawn carriage rides, holiday caroling groups, cookie decorating, children's games and activities, shopping with seasonal discounts and a visit from Santa! The affair ends at Benham's Grove with a beautiful tree lighting at 5:30 p.m.! There will be free swag tote bags for visitors and a huge raffle basket packed with donations and gifts from local businesses to raise money for this year's deserving philanthropic group: the Centerville-Washington Foundation. This organization's mission is to make a positive impact on our district by supporting local non-profit groups. There is sure to be something for everyone at this entertaining and cheerful celebration, which is a wonderful way to connect with loved ones, local groups and the community.

We encourage you to ring in the holidays at the 17th Annual Hometown Holiday Walk! For more information, please visit HOCWT.com.



Optimist Club selling Christmas trees

The Centerville Noon Optimist Club is selling Christmas trees for its 52nd year. The sale of these trees will support many youth programs in 2020. Many families make it an annual tradition to pick out that special tree and take a family photo in the forest of Fraser Firs, White Pines, Scotch Pines, Blue Spruces and Douglas Firs. Wreaths and roping are also sold behind the Centerville Municipal Building on John Kalaman Way. Please come out and support our community in this annual tradition.

Centerville Community Band *Christmas Concert*

Tuesday, December 10
7:30 p.m.

Centerville High School
Center Auditorium

Come enjoy a mixture of classical and modern Christmas music!



Upcoming Centerville Community Chorus performances

December 2

Public performance at Woodbourne Library from 7:00-8:00 p.m. featuring a guest instrumental group

December 22

Christmas program titled "Season of Light" at Epiphany Lutheran Church, 6430 Far Hills Avenue in Centerville

Diversity Council's 20th Annual MLK Breakfast



Elfred Anthony Pinkard

Elfred Anthony Pinkard, president of Wilberforce University, will present the keynote address for the 20th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast hosted by the Centerville-Washington Diversity Council.

His topic on Monday, January 20 will be "King's Beloved Community Re-Imagined."

The breakfast takes place at 7:30 a.m. at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace. Please

register online at cwtdiversity.org. Printed registration forms are available at the Centerville Library. Tickets are \$20 each or \$200 for a table of ten.


Diversity Council Membership: The council is seeking new members who are interested in helping further its mission to celebrate and promote an inclusive, diverse and welcoming community. Membership is free and open to people who live, work or worship in Centerville/Washington Township. Contact Council Chair Sivaji Subramaniam at cwdchair@gmail.com or Carol Kennard, past chair, at cgkennard@woh.rr.com.

COMMUNITY CATS

The City of Centerville is partnering with SICS Pet Adoption Center on a Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) Program.


TNR is the most humane and effective method known for managing feral or community cat populations. Spaying and neutering eliminates reproduction, greatly reduces nuisance behavior including unaltered males spraying to mark territory, roaming, fighting and yowling and other noises associated with mating. The cats themselves are healthier and less likely to spread feline disease.


TNR appointments are expressly for those working on reducing the cat population in their community. TNR appointments are not for owned cats. All cats brought in for a TNR appointment will be:

 **Ear tipped for easy identification** in the community.

The ear tip lets others know this cat has been altered.

Note: There will be no exceptions to the ear tip being done for TNR cats.

 **Spayed or neutered.**

 **Vaccinated for rabies.**

Please call 433-7151 to learn more about getting involved in the City's TNR program.

Centerville Women's Civic Club awards grants

The Centerville Women's Civic Club (CWCC) recently awarded \$9,700 in grants to 20 students at Wright State University and Sinclair College. Grant recipients are residents of the Centerville-Washington Township community who are recognized for their community service as well as for high GPAs.

Wright State Students:

- ▶ **Taylor Caddie**, a Rehabilitation Services major, Marjorie Houston Memorial Scholarship
- ▶ **Kelli Chandler**, a Psychology major, received the Shirley Heintz Memorial Scholarship
- ▶ **Adrienne Freccero**, a Nursing major, received the Centerville Women's Civic Club Scholarship
- ▶ **Roy Villereal**, a Biological Sciences major, received the Janice Short Memorial Scholarship

Sinclair College students:

- ▶ **Dakota Clawson**, Computer Information Systems
- ▶ **Chyla Dunham**, Health Information Management
- ▶ **Sarah Evans**, Psychology
- ▶ **Reagan Galina**, Health Sciences
- ▶ **Owen Gonzalez**, Liberal Arts and Sciences
- ▶ **Gavin Gonzalez**, Liberal Arts and Sciences
- ▶ **Henry Grof**, Communication Studies
- ▶ **Gabriel Hrin**, Theater Technology
- ▶ **Kelli Hundley**, Nursing
- ▶ **Ian Keith**, Automotive Technology-GM ASEP
- ▶ **Faith Kemboi**, Health Sciences
- ▶ **Dominic Klein**, Engineering University Transfer
- ▶ **Madelin Leedy**, Liberal Arts and Sciences
- ▶ **Ryan Murphy**, Business Administration
- ▶ **Aston Waite**, Biology
- ▶ **Leslie Weiderhold**, Computer Information Systems

Women interested in joining the CWCC should contact Pat Bethel at 947-238-0082, email pat1dav306@att.net.

VOLUNTEER FOR SNOW REMOVAL

Willing to lend a hand? The City maintains a list of people and groups willing to volunteer to shovel snow for elderly or disabled Centerville residents. The City also keeps a list of people willing to provide these services for a fee. To volunteer, list a business or receive the resource list, please call 433-7151.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS FROM THE WASHINGTON-CENTERVILLE LIBRARY

TELLING A PEOPLE'S STORY EXHIBIT

December 4–January 24 – Woodbourne Library

Experience this museum-quality exhibit devoted to the art found within the pages of African-American children's picture books. The exhibit celebrates the African-American experience through a lens intended for young readers. The exhibit represents events and milestones in African-American history such as African origins, slavery, emancipation, segregation and the Civil Rights Movement. The selection of nearly 130 works includes paintings, pastels, drawings and mixed media.

CULTURE & RACE: WHAT DIVIDES UNITES US DISCUSSION SERIES

January 25, February 22, March 14 – 1:00–2:30 p.m.
Woodbourne Library

Join us for a 3-part discussion about culture and race in today's society. Based on the Tim Wise documentary "White Like Me", the Library is teaming up with the Weavers, a regional social action group, to host this series to explore the ways culture and race unite and divide us. All sessions will be led by trained presenters. Audience participation and experience sharing is encouraged.

ERMA BOMBECK WRITING COMPETITION TO OPEN DECEMBER 2, 2019

Writers from around the world are encouraged to capture the spirit of famed Dayton columnist Erma Bombeck 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's final judges are local author and newspaper columnist Sharon Short and New York Times Bestselling author Bill Bryson. The contest opens for online entries (\$15 entry fee) at 8:00 a.m. December 2 and closes at 7:30 a.m. on January 6. For entry rules, please visit wclibrary.info/erma/.



Vickie Bondi retires



Vickie Bondi

Centerville-Washington History Director Victoria Bondi will retire at the end of 2019. Vickie has led Centerville-Washington History through a period of growth and renovation over the last twenty years, fourteen of those as Executive Director. Continuous recruiting of new Board Members, volunteers and employees over the years has produced a cohesive group of people who reach out to the community, schools and visitors from across the country. Growing CW History membership, donations, and fundraising has been her priority and she has managed to accomplish all of these things by focusing on the talents and gifts of the people who make up the society. Vickie looks forward to retirement to enjoy her family, knowing that the board, staff, volunteers and members are dedicated to the continued success of Centerville-Washington History. Please visit the Asahel Wright House during the Holiday Walk on December 1 to wish Vickie well.

CENTERVILLE PHOTO CONTEST A SUCCESS

Our Best of Centerville photo contest was a huge success! Pictured here are a few of our favorites. All the winners will be on display 24 hours a day, seven days a week in the Centerville Art Gallery at the Centerville Police Department throughout the month of December. You can also see them at centervilleohio.gov.

Stephanie Militello



Carli Groven



Andrea Zavala



ART AT THE TRACE EVENT FEBRUARY 1

Celebrate the arts at the 15th annual Art at the Trace, 6:30–8:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 1 at the Golf Club at Yankee Trace. The Centerville Arts Commission organizes the event to feature hundreds of works of fine art including photography, painting, sculpture and jewelry. Everything on display is available for purchase. Ticket holders will be entered into a raffle to win artwork donated by several of the artists.

Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Advanced tickets can be purchased in early January at the Centerville Municipal Building and at The Golf Shop at Yankee Trace. Please visit centervilleohio.gov or call 433-7151 for more information.

Yankee Trace Celebrates

25 Years of Excellence!



Gift Ideas

Golf Merchandise Sale (Valid through December 24)

All in-stock golf clubs, fine men's and women's golf apparel and golf accessories will be marked down for our biggest sale of the year. Plus, you can buy gift cards in the Golf Shop or online. A Yankee Trace gift card is the ultimate gift!

Yankee Player Development Program (YPD): \$475

- Unlimited Range Balls through March, 31, 2021
- 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

Off Season Golf Instruction

Four thirty-minute lessons are \$140 to get your season ready. Regular price is \$60 per thirty-minute session. Lessons are available January through April in the indoor Virtual Golf Lounge or outside, weather permitting.

Senior VIP Membership: Only \$38

Instant green fee discounts for golfer's ages 50+ throughout the 2019 season. Includes 9- or 18-holes, electric golf car, warm-up practice balls and complimentary coffee with every round.

Opened in 1995, The Golf Club at Yankee Trace is recognized as the premier daily-fee golf course and banquet facility in southern Ohio. Best of all, it is located in warm and cheerful Centerville. Please join us throughout 2020 as we commemorate 25 years of excellence with special events, offers and giveaways! You can stay informed by visiting yankeetrace.org and by following us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Get ready for a momentous year of fun and festivities at your local golf course.



Golf Simulators: The future of golf!

Choose from over 80 worldwide championship golf courses in the warmth and comfort of the NEW Virtual Golf Lounge located in the lower level of the clubhouse, which is home to three indoor golf simulators.

Full Swing professional simulators are not video consoles or arcade games; they are high-end machines that can analyze golf swings and display computerized models of real courses. Using radar and light sensors and advanced technology, an indoor golf simulator tracks ball flight and provides valuable data points for game improvement. They are as close to the actual game of golf as you can get without having to go outside.

The simulators may be reserved for driving range practice and 9- and 18-hole rounds of golf. Weekly league schedules are posted online. Club fitting and off-season golf lessons are available by appointment. Please visit yankeetrace.org or call the golf shop at 438-GOLF (4653) for more information.



Facebook

Are you following the Golf Club at Yankee Trace's new Facebook page? LIKE us for news of the day, special promotions and insider peeks!

SANTA BRUNCH

Santa Claus is coming to the golf course! Saint Nick will join us for Santa Brunch on December 1 and December 8 from 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Santa's sleigh will stop by the restaurant between 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Adults are \$21.95 and children 12 and under are \$9.95. Reservations are recommended. Please call 438-3585.



Recycling contamination

After a grant-funded program to reduce recycling contamination, the City of Centerville successfully reduced its contamination rate from 19 to 11 percent. Contamination is anything that is incorrect or soiled, meaning those items cannot be accepted for recycling.



"We are very pleased with the results and eager to continue learning how to improve recycling in our community. This improvement is thanks to our community's commitment to this program," said Public Works Director Doug Spittler.

To see a list of which items can be recycled, please visit centervilleohio.gov.

Capital Improvement Program Update

Public Works has resurfaced 10-percent of the City's 250 lane miles in 2019 alone. That is thanks to the continuing commitment of City Council to invest in infrastructure and the community's passage of the 2016 tax levy.

2019 Road Resurfacing

25 lane miles complete

250 total lane miles



Resurfacing work on Glenburn Drive

Holiday schedule for refuse and recycling

Refuse and recycling collection schedules will be adjusted for the upcoming holiday season. If your pick-up falls on a Wednesday or Thursday, it will be delayed ONE DAY the weeks of December 23 and December 30. City offices will be closed Wednesday, December 25 and Wednesday, January 1.

In observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, collection will be delayed ONE DAY the week of January 20. This means if your regular collection day is Monday, your refuse and recyclables will be collected on Tuesday and so forth. Please remember to have your items out by 7:00 a.m. each week.

LIGHT UP THE HOLIDAYS

The City Beautiful Commission will travel Centerville roads in early December looking for festive holiday decorations. It may be a big 'WOW!' factor with lots of lights that catches the eye or it may just be a simple, elegant display. Please call the City at 433-7151 or e-mail publicworks@centervilleohio.gov if you would like to make a nomination. City Beautiful is always looking for people interested in 'keeping Centerville beautiful'. Green thumbs not required.



KEEP STORM SEWERS CLEAR

Please keep storm drain openings clear so as snow melts, the runoff can enter storm sewers and not cause ice build-up along the road. Please do not allow leaves or grass to lay in the street blocking storm drains. Over time, they can get into the storm system and cause water back-up, potentially flooding streets in heavy rain.

Never dump anything—grass clippings, leaves, yard debris, paint or oil—in an open drainageway or storm sewer. It is against the law and violators may be prosecuted. If you see someone illegally dumping into a storm sewer or body of water, notify the City. More information on the City's ditch policy and Property Maintenance Code may be found at centervilleohio.gov or by contacting 428-4782 or publicworks@centervilleohio.gov.

Christmas tree pick-up

Centerville Public Works crews will pick up Christmas trees through January 9. Please make sure the tree is at the curb free of decorations. Collection is done with a separate truck, and trees are chipped and turned into mulch for use on City properties.

GO SLOW WITH SNOW

Take it slow and easy when driving on icy 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 and maintain an adequate fuel level.
- 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.
- Do not 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 cannot see the plow's side mirrors, the driver cannot 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.



The Centerville Police Department has new uniforms!

CPD formed a Uniform Committee after the department's custom vendor stopped producing the uniforms our officers have worn since 1976.

The new uniform features a navy shirt with a black undershirt. The color and style of officers' pants stayed the same.

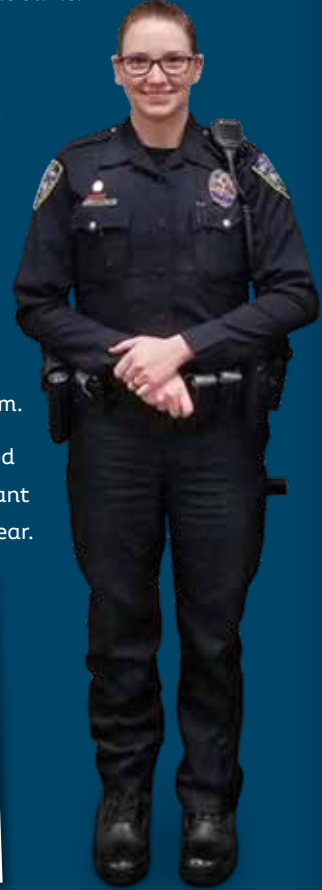
How did CPD choose the new uniform?

Availability The current French blue uniform shirt is hard to find, while the navy style is in alignment with industry standards and readily available.

Cost The shirts are not considered "custom fit" and are a fraction of the price.

Comfort The poly/wool blend shirt is lighter and more comfortable than the current uniform.

Durability The new uniform shirt is comprised of the same material as our current uniform pant and will be very durable to normal wear and tear.



The uniform will be different, but citizens can expect the same high caliber service provided by our professional staff.

Vacation Checks

Planning to leave town during the holidays? If you are a Centerville resident, you may submit a vacation house check request to have a police officer check the security of your home while you are away on an extended vacation. During routine patrols, as time allows, the police officer will check the exterior of your residence, including windows and doors, to make sure they are secure.

If forced entry is located or your residence is found unsecured, the officer will attempt to contact you or a keyholder at the phone numbers you provide.

Please fill out the form at centervilleohio.gov, print it and return it to the Centerville Police Department located at 155 West Spring Valley Road.

It is also important that you remember to contact the Police Department at 433-7661 to inform them that you have returned home from your trip.

SAFETY

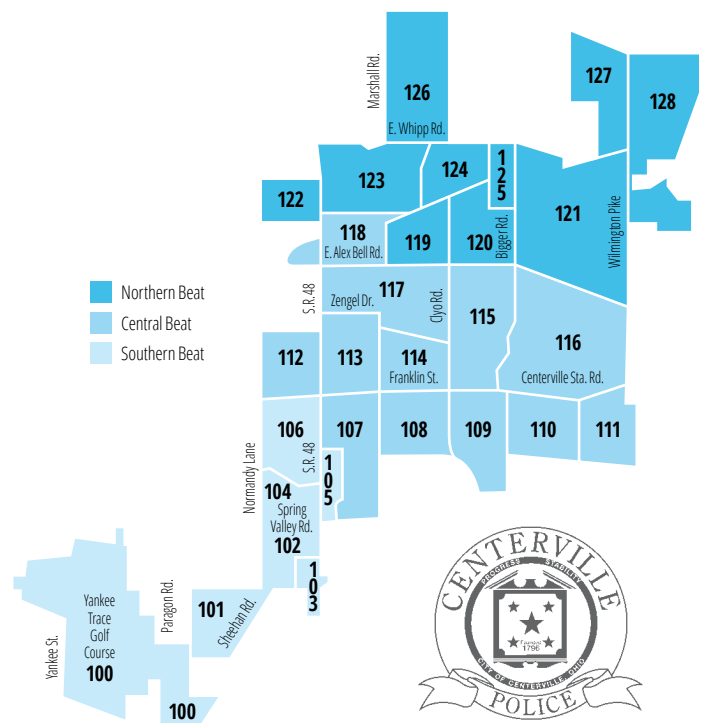
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	RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS BURGLARIES					
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FRIDAY-SUNDAY	1	-	1	-	1	1
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UNDETERMINED	1	-	-	-	-	-
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GARAGE	-	-	-	-	-	-
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OTHER	-	-	-	-	2	1

Residential and Business crime statistics

Statistic totals: August-October 2019



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

- ✓ Blanket
- ✓ Flares
- ✓ Small bag of sand
- ✓ Flashlight with fresh batteries
- ✓ Small shovel
- ✓ Boots
- ✓ First aid kit
- ✓ 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

City Council legislation August–October 2019

Passed Resolutions:

- 51-19** Accept Bid Wolverine Seal Coating of Jackson, Michigan for 2019 Crack Sealing Program.
- 52-19** Participation in the ODOT Bridge Inspection Program, PID No. 109334.
- 53-19** Authorizing City Manager to enter into cooperative agreement with Montgomery County Commissions for OPWC Grant for Sheldon Avenue Water Line Replacement Project.
- 54-19** Approve petition for special assessments for Special Energy Improvement Project (PACE) for Centerville Shopping Center.
- 55-19** Authorizing City Manager to enter into cooperative agreement with Montgomery County Commissioners for STP Federal Funding Grant for Social Row Road improvements.
- 56-19** Authorizing City Manager to executive documents to purchase real estate located at Cornerstone, commonly known as The Cornerstone Park (11.5 Acres).
- 57-19** Authorizing City Manager to enter into Economic Development (PIR) Grant Agreement with Premier Integrated Medical Associates.
- 58-19** Surplus property.
- 59-19** Amending Create the Vision Comprehensive Long Range Plan to All Uptown Action Plan.
- 60-19** Conflict Waiver Consent Form with Dismore & Shohl, LLP.
- 61-19** Engagement for municipal advisory services with Bradley Payne.
- 62-19** Economic Development (PIR) Grant Agreement with South Point Building Investment, LLC and CEI Vision Partners.
- 63-19** Intermunicipal waste services agreement between Montgomery County for disposal of solid waste through Montgomery County Waste District.
- 64-19** Projects management and financing agreement between Montgomery County Transportation Improvement District and the City of Centerville for I-675 and Wilmington Pike Interchange Project.
- 65-19** Accepting amounts and rates as determined by County Auditor.
- 66-19** Authorizing purchase of recycling containers from Best Equipment.
- 67-19** Authorizing City Manager to enter into agreement with Greentree Group for Back to Business I.T.
- 68-19** Authorizing the execution of an amended employment agreement specifying the conditions of the City Manager’s employment commencing August 21, 2019.
- 69-19** Authorizing declarations of official intent under U.S. Treasury regulations with respect to reimbursements from note and bond proceeds of temporary advances made for payments prior to issuance, and related matters.
- 70-19** Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a professional services agreement for Department of Finance Services with Jenna Whipp.
- 71-19** Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a professional services agreement for human resources services with Kathy Weisgarber.

- 72-19** Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement for professional consulting services with Donald J. Schonhardt & Associates to update automated fixed asset systems for the City of Centerville.
- 73-19** Accepting the bid submitted by L. J. DeWeese Co. Inc., of Tipp City, Ohio for the 2019 Pedestrian Railing Replacement Project (Project Ss-1) for removal and replacement of existing bridge and culvert railings and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract in connection therewith.
- 74-19** Ratifying the City Manager’s actions to make an application for Federal Fast Act funds through the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission for the resurfacing of Whipp Road from Far Hills Avenue (S.R. 48) to east of Red Coach Road (east corporation line) and to authorize the City Manager’s actions to enter into a cost participation agreement with Washington Township.
- 75-19** Authorizing the action of the City Manager, on behalf of the City of Centerville, in submitting an Economic Development/ Government Equity (ED/GE) application to Montgomery County for the Centerville Place Project.
- 76-19** Authorizing the action of the City Manager, on behalf of the City of Centerville, in submitting a Dayton Region Priority Development and Advocacy Committee (PDAC) application to the Dayton Development Coalition for the Stubbs Park Improvement Project.
- 77-19** Authorizing the action of the City Manager, on behalf of the City of Centerville, in submitting a Dayton Region Priority Development and Advocacy Committee (PDAC) application to the Dayton Development Coalition for the Wilmington Pike/I-675 Interchange Improvement Project.
- 78-19** Authorizing the City Manager on behalf of the City of Centerville in cooperation with the City of Dayton in signing an agreement to provide targeted enforcement according to the terms of a Montgomery County OVI Task Force grant.
- 79-19** Appointing Teresa Davis as Clerk of Council, as of October 14, 2019.

Passed Ordinances:

- 16-19** Emergency Ordinance—To proceed with acquisition, installation, equipment and improvement of certain public improvements for PACE for 809-896 South Main Street.
- 17-19** Emergency Ordinance—Levying special assessments for the purpose of installing, equipping, and improving for PACE for Centerville Shopping Center.
- 18-19** Emergency Ordinance—Approving assessments to certify the amounts to the County Auditor for collection of waste billing.
- 19-19** Amend Ordinance Number 23-18 to make appropriations for the current expenses and other expenditures during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019.
- 20-19** An Ordinance amending the Centerville Municipal Code, Section 1422.01 to adopt the residential code of Ohio for one-, two-, and three-family dwellings 2019 edition.

Uptown Action Plan

City Council officially adopted the Uptown Action Plan as part of its comprehensive Create the Vision plan for Centerville in August.

The Uptown Action Plan resulted from a comprehensive visioning process for the Architectural Preservation District (APD). This effort, which included input from neighboring political entities, residents and businesses, identified strategies to promote a sense of community and enhance the City’s unique and vibrant Uptown Centerville area.

With Council’s approval, Centerville City Staff is starting to discuss and evaluate implementing the strategies outlined by the plan. It highlights six focus areas the City will prioritize to advance



the vision for Uptown Centerville and provides a series of short-, medium- and long-term strategies.

- Improve walkability and reduce traffic congestion
- Add parking
- Schedule and organize new events
- Focus on business development
- Develop branding
- Increase greenspace

Most recently, the City purchased a vacant laundromat at 30 N. Main Street and will demolish the existing building and create a connection between the City-owned lot that serves City Barbeque and Graeter’s and a lot it leases from Cross Point Church. This connection will include a landscaped pedestrian walkway. Please visit centervilleohio.gov to read the complete Uptown Action Plan.



From the desk of City Manager Wayne Davis

City Council adopted its first five-year Strategic Plan in 2018, which includes strategies, implementation steps and a timeline for six major goal areas: **Economic Development, Planning, Finance, Housing/Infrastructure, Core Services**

and **Technology**. City Council is regularly updated on progress made toward those goals.

It is crucial to establish strong goals, and our staff has been working hard not only to achieve those goals—but to update taxpayers on the progress we are making. We are working hard to achieve dozens of objectives across our six key Strategic Plan goals. Here are three key areas City Staff will be focusing on this quarter:

► **Planning / Centerville Place:** City Council will likely hear development plans in January for the shopping center at State Route 48 between Sheehan and Spring Valley Roads. There are many aspects to this project that require careful work: planning, engineering, finance, legal and communications. More than 60 people attended the public Open House where the City and the developer shared information and answered questions about the project. You can read more about the concepts for Centerville Place on page 4.

► **Economic Development / Cornerstone:** The Cornerstone of Centerville Development will soon be home to many additions—as it has been a magnet for restaurant and retail businesses. Cooper's Hawk Restaurant and Winery opened in late summer, and new businesses like Bibibop are planning to open in early 2020. We must facilitate development in business districts like this one that attract, retain and support businesses with forward-thinking policy, planning and service delivery. Additionally, staff is working with the developer on plans for the Cornerstone park feature.

► **Technology / Upgrades:** The City is working to evaluate and upgrade our technology systems to ensure staff has reasonable resources to deliver services and perform duties. This year, we added Wi-Fi to better serve our customers at the Golf Club at Yankee Trace, and we are exploring similar improvements for the Municipal Building, the Police Department and Public Works. Centerville has been a leader in implementing a seven-city fiber optic ring through Miami Valley Communications Council, and we continue to facilitate business fiber connectivity.

I am proud of the core values we have internally in holding ourselves accountable and making sure we are consistent in service delivery to our customers. Each of you—our customers—is our reason for being. On behalf of the Centerville staff, thanks for being a part of our great City.

SHOUTOUTS

COMMENTS FROM CENTERVILLE'S SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES



Centerville Fall Festival responses

Thanks **Centerville!** We had fun.

E. MILLER - FACEBOOK

Great event! Love these opportunities for community connections. **Centerville** just keeps getting better and better!

A. TILLINGHAST - FACEBOOK



All of the gals at the **@cityofcentervilleoh** Fall Festival!

EMBGINGA - INSTAGRAM



So happy that **@Coopershawk Centerville** is open! What a wonderful event. We will return soon! **@CentervilleOH**

BELINDA KENLEY - TWITTER



We would like to celebrate another tremendous day here at Bob Ross Auto Group! The **@CentervilleOH** and **@cityofdayton** announced, October 4th, 2019, Jenell Ross Day! Help us by sharing, celebrating, and congratulating Jenell on her remarkably special day!

BOB ROSS AUTO GROUP - TWITTER



Good morning from Driscoll! Thank you officials from Washington Township and **City of Centerville, Ohio - Government** for starting our day with us. Great way to begin our Thursday for Start with Hello Week which is part of Sandy Hook Promise.

DRISCOLL ELEMENTARY PTO - FACEBOOK

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Yankee Trace Restaurant.....438-3585
yankeetrace.org

Benham's Grove433-1913
benhamsgrove.com



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City Manager Wayne Davis

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Editor Kate Bostdorff
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Public Meetings at the Municipal Building

City Council 7:30 p.m., first and third MON. monthly
Board of Architectural Review7:00 p.m., first TUE. monthly
City Planning Commission7:00 p.m., last TUE. monthly
Centerville Arts Commission..... 7:00 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..... 7:00 p.m., first TUE. monthly

Public Meetings at the Police Department

155 W. Spring Valley Road
Sister City Committee 7:00 p.m., first TUE. monthly

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COMING IN 2020: Improved waste billing

The City of Centerville is working toward the implementation of a new waste billing system to better serve our customers. Account numbers will change slightly but the cost for services will remain the same.

With the new online system, customers will be able to view their waste account, select billing preferences and make payments directly through centervilleohio.gov.

Residents will receive a bill insert alerting them to the format change before it happens.

Events Calendar DECEMBER 2019-FEBRUARY 2020

December

- 1** 1:00–5:00 p.m. Hometown Holiday Walk, Uptown Centerville
- 1** 5:30 p.m. Tree Lighting Ceremony, Benham's Grove
- 2** 7:30 p.m. City Council meeting, Council Chambers
- 16** 7:30 p.m. City Council meeting, Council Chambers
- 19** 2:00–4:00 p.m. Farmers' Market, Benham's Grove
- 24 and 25** City offices closed (Waste collection delayed one day.)

January

- 1** City offices closed (Waste collection delayed one day.)
- 6** 7:30 p.m. City Council meeting, Council Chambers
- 20** 7:30 a.m. MLK Breakfast, The Golf Club at Yankee Trace
- 20** Martin Luther King Jr. Day, City offices closed (Waste collection delayed one day.)
- 27** 7:30 p.m. City Council meeting, Council Chambers

February

- 1** 6:30–8:30 p.m. Art at the Trace, The Golf Club at Yankee Trace
- 3** 7:30 p.m. City Council meeting, Council Chambers
- 17** 7:30 p.m. City Council meeting, Council Chambers

For more information about any of these events, please visit centervilleohio.gov or call 433-7151.