



Join in the Centerville 50th Anniversary celebration

Immediately following the November 5, 1968 general election, Centerville’s Village Council received notification that the village had 5,063 registered electors—thus exceeding the State of Ohio threshold of 5,000 electors to earn city status. The village had 30 days to begin operating as a city. Flash forward 50 years, and the City of Centerville now operates six sites including the Municipal Building, Police Building, Public Works Center, Benham’s Grove, Stubbs Park and The Golf Club at Yankee Trace—in addition to other facilities. Please join us in celebrating Gold and Cheerful Centerville, as we mark this occasion with special community events throughout the year, including a 50th Anniversary signature Bill’s donut now available, tree planting ceremony on April 18, Centerville Day at the Dayton Dragons on June 10 and an anniversary party and concert at Stubbs Park on July 22. Visit centervilleohio.gov for our complete schedule. For more events and history, see pages 8 and 9.

City exhibit to debut at Asahel Wright House Museum on April 14

Where were you in 1968? If you were living in Centerville, you shopped at Elder-Beerman, picked up groceries at Imperial Foodtown and paid \$1.50 to see “The Graduate” and “The Odd Couple” at the cinema. Kids spent Saturday mornings watching classic comedy movies at Town Hall. A dinner out might be to Antonio’s or The Wishing Well, and everybody went to Bill’s for a donut and cup of coffee. (Some things never change!) The Beatles, Rolling Stones and Diana Ross and the Supremes topped the charts. Take a step back in time to enjoy Centerville-Washington History’s exhibit on Centerville’s 50th Anniversary at the Asahel Wright House, 26 N. Main Street. The exhibit is open noon–4:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday through the end of December.

State of the City address to preview Council goals

Centerville Mayor Brooks Compton will give the annual State of the City address at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 19 in Council Chambers, 100 W. Spring Valley Road. According to Mayor Compton, the presentation will give residents a preview of their government’s goals over the next year. Each City Council member will briefly address the audience as well.

Following the program, a question and answer period will be offered. The public is invited to attend. For further information, call 433-7151 or visit centervilleohio.gov.

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CITY RECOGNIZES EMPLOYEES FOR SERVICE

The City of Centerville recently held its annual Service Awards and Employee Recognition Luncheon at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace during which 31 employees were recognized for reaching a milestone in service. Receiving 25-year service awards were Community Relations officer John Davis and Records/Communications specialist Todd Rardon from the Police Department; Community Resources coordinator Maureen Russell Hodgson; maintenance workers Geoff Reddens and Sam Wright, along with mechanic Jim Robinson, all from Public Works, and two recent retirees, Sgt. Steve Maynard and Greg Horn, former city manager. "Our City is pleased and honored to have employees who have dedicated their careers to serving the residents of Centerville," said City Manager Wayne Davis. "We appreciate the efforts and talents all of our employees bring each day to their respective positions and their service delivery to the public."

Receiving 20-year awards were Records/Communications specialist Cathy Coleman and Officer Faupo Lauofo from the Police Department;

and Dan Doherty, maintenance worker, and Ricky Hawkins, equipment operator, from Public Works. Honored for 15 years of service were Records/Communications specialist Carol Salmon, Officer Jason Stamm and Sgt. Mike Yoder, all from the Police Department, and Mary Lynn Mogan, from The Golf Club at Yankee Trace, golf course operations. Receiving 10-year awards were Karen Leadman, Finance Clerk; Margot Pocisk, Building Inspection secretary; Andrew Beiring, Jr., food service, John Hornsby, Jr., maintenance, and Matt Dulli, assistant golf professional, all from The Golf Club at Yankee Trace; Gregg Sharkey, maintenance worker, Marty Tackett, supervisor, both from Public Works; and officers Nick Pauley, Tyler Wilson and Roger Rose, all of the Police Department. Tax Superintendent Emily Bair, Finance Director Jonathan Hudson, Municipal Building receptionist Julie Westwood, and The Golf Club at Yankee Trace employees Jill Wallace, secretary, and Jason Carter, food service, received five-year awards.

Congratulations and thanks to all of the City's Service Award recipients.



5-year award recipients:
Julie Westwood, Jason Carter and Jill Wallace

10-year award recipients:
Back row: John Hornsby, Jr., Margot Pocisk, Gregg Sharkey, Officer Nick Pauley and Marty Tackett; Front row: Andrew Beiring, Jr., Karen Leadman and Matt Dulli



15-year award recipients:
Sgt. Mike Yoder, Carol Salmon and Mary Lynn Mogan

20-year award recipients:
Officer Faupo Lauofo, Ricky Hawkins and Dan Doherty

25-year award recipients:
Jim Robinson, Officer John Davis, Maureen Russell Hodgson and Geoff Reddens

Tax Office offers assistance

The City offers a secure, free, online tax preparation tool at centervilleohio.gov. Print the completed form, attach W2's and any applicable federal schedules, and mail or bring it to the Tax Office. Our Tax Office offers free preparation of Centerville income tax returns, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. No appointment is required. You may also receive assistance by contacting the office, 433-7151, or tax@centervilleohio.gov. The 2017 tax return and the first quarter 2018 estimated tax payments are due April 17, 2018. The other quarterly estimate payments are due June 15, September 15 and January 15. The City does not send quarterly reminder notices, however, vouchers for estimate payments are available on our website. Tax returns and payments may be dropped in the box in the rear parking lot of the Municipal Building, 100 West Spring Valley Road.

Centerville police chief retires



Chief Bruce Robertson

Centerville Police Chief Bruce Robertson retired in February. Robertson had almost 40 years of service with the Police Department, starting as a cadet in 1978. Over the past four decades, he held the positions of Police Officer, Sergeant, Lieutenant and Captain before being named Chief in 2011. Robertson's leadership positions included Accreditation Manager for the Centerville Police Department and Team Leader with the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. A Distinguished Fellow in the Academy of Certified Polygraphists, he also held numerous leadership positions with the American Association of Police Polygraphists and the Ohio Association of Polygraph Examiners. He is a state-certified instructor through the Ohio Police Officer Training Academy and also served as a Hostage Negotiator. Centerville Police Lt. Matt Brown has been named interim Police Chief.

Registration open for Citywide Garage Sale

Register through April 13

Clear out your clutter and pick up new-to-you treasures during the annual Citywide Garage Sale. Set for Thursday, April 26 through Saturday, April 28, sales take place 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in neighborhoods throughout Centerville. The City will provide one sign and advertising for each participating address. A list of all registered addresses along with a brief description of items for sale will be available on the City's website. Last year more than 250 households registered their sales.



Residents may begin registering March 5 at centervilleohio.gov or by completing the form on page 24 of this publication and returning it to: City Offices, 100 W. Spring Valley Road. Fax registrations to 428-4763. Registration closes at noon, Friday, April 13.

Following the garage sale is the City's annual bulk item pickup, April 30–May 3, free for all Centerville waste collection customers. All items should be placed at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on your regular waste collection day. For more information, please call 433-7151 or email information@centervilleohio.gov.

Holiday lighting winners announced

City Beautiful Commission, a volunteer board with the City of Centerville, recognized seven Centerville homes and one business for showcasing spectacular lighting displays.

The winners were announced at the December 18, 2017 City Council meeting. Receiving Residential Lighting awards were: Sandra Budde, 1860 Weathered Wood Trail; Kim Weimer, 6005 Oak Hill Lane; Zoe and Kenneth Soucy, 1900 Chiradelli Circle; Derrick Hamm and Kelly Tierney, 235 Weller Avenue; Bryan and Denise Beismann, 185 Goldengate Drive; Michael Kraft, 9901 Redbarn Trail and Paolo Roncallo, 1722 Heritage Lake Drive. Fairhaven Church, 637 East Whipp Road, received the award for Community Pride.

In addition to the Lighting Awards, the commission recognizes outstanding yard maintenance and landscaping with summer beautification awards.

City Beautiful Commission is looking for members. Green thumbs are not required, only a desire to keep Centerville a beautiful place to live. Applications are available at centervilleohio.gov or by calling 433-7151.

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★ OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP ★

The City coordinates two events to assist our residents with spring cleaning: a **Citywide Garage Sale** and **Clean Sweep Week**. During Clean Sweep Week, we typically collect between 350 and 400 tons of refuse that includes couches, appliances, tables, toys, carpet and miscellaneous trash. The entire Refuse/Recycling and Street division staffs are assigned to this annual event. Several different trucks—including waste and recycling—will be collecting items at varying times each day.

CITY OFFERS FREE BULK ITEM PICKUP APRIL 30–MAY 3

Centerville waste collection customers may put out unlimited refuse for pickup at no extra charge. All items must be at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on your regular collection day.

BULK-ITEM PICKUP REQUIREMENTS:

- ★ Large items such as carpet, wood and countertops must be no larger than four-feet in length.
- ★ Mattresses and box springs must be sealed in plastic. Bags are available for \$3 at the Public Works Center or can be purchased at home improvement stores.
- ★ Bundled brush must be bound in no larger than ten-inch diameter bundles that are less than four-feet long.

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:

- ★ Hazardous items (chemicals, paint, oil, propane or gas)
- ★ Concrete, rock, dirt, loose brush, firewood, tree stumps, root balls
- ★ Vehicle parts including batteries and tires

Please contact Public Works, 428-4782, or publicworks@centervilleohio.gov for more information.

RECYCLING BENEFITS EVERYONE

Please be good stewards of our environment. Recycle and repurpose as much as possible.

Items you are disposing of may have some useful life for others. MCMRF, the Montgomery County Material Re-use Facility, accepts a variety of items including wood furniture, paint, cabinets, appliances and lumber. Visit mcoho.org or call 781-3075 for details.

Most of your daily trash is recyclable. For a complete list, visit centervilleohio.gov or call 428-4782. Rinse all containers and remove caps and lids from recyclable items. Orange recycling stickers to place on containers of your choice—but no larger than 32 gallons—are available at the Municipal Building and Public Works Centerville, or by calling 428-4782.

Business Breakfast set for May 16

Mayor Brooks Compton hosts the 21st annual Business Appreciation Breakfast 7:30 a.m.–9:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 16 at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace, 10000 Yankee Street. The event provides an opportunity for local

business owners and managers to network and socialize with each other along with elected officials and City staff members. All Centerville businesses are invited to attend this



Networking at the Business Breakfast

free event which celebrates the City's strong business community. To register, please call 433-7151 or visit centervilleohio.gov and click on the Mayor's Business Appreciation Breakfast story on the front page. Registrations accepted until May 4.

Severe Weather Awareness drill

Statewide tornado drill set for 9:50 a.m. March 21

As part of Severe Weather Awareness Week 2018, a statewide tornado drill will be conducted at 9:50 a.m. Wednesday, March 21. All Ohio counties will sound warning sirens and the Emergency Alert System will broadcast a test message. The Washington Township Fire Department will sound alarms in Centerville and Washington Township.

Families, schools and businesses are encouraged to review emergency preparedness plans, practice tornado and fire drills, refresh the supplies in emergency kits, and use a weather radio. Centerville City staff will take part in the drill as part of an ongoing effort to rehearse for potential disasters and critical incidents.

Centerville offers an Emergency Preparation Guide, available at centervilleohio.gov, under Quick Links, or by calling 433-7151. In case of a citywide emergency, residents are encouraged to listen to WCWT 107.3 FM for information.

For information, please visit weathersafety.ohio.gov.



A warm and cheerful welcome to these businesses

new to Centerville

Boston Stoker 215 N. Main Street

Flow Massage Centre 963 E. Franklin Street

Tri-Tech Engineering 1785 South Metro Parkway

Cycle Gear 5840 Wilmington Pike

Thank you for patronizing these and all Centerville businesses.



Miami Valley Hospital South



Home2 by Hilton

Under construction

With spring comes construction—and Centerville is bustling with activity. Numerous projects throughout the City are either under construction or ready to break ground.

Ready to break ground:

- ▶ Sinclair Community College: New satellite campus at the Far Hills Community Church site on Clio Road that includes the 100,000 square-foot building and 40 acres of land. Set for Centerville City Council hearing on March 19.
- ▶ La Pinata: New site at the corner of Sheehan Road and S. Main Street. Following the demolition of the Coldwell Banker building, new construction will begin. No opening date has been announced.

Under construction:

- ▶ Miami Valley Hospital South has two projects: \$60 million spine and joint center expansion, featuring sports medicine and emergency, cardiology and primary care services, set to open by the end of the year, and Pure Healthcare Center: A partnership with Ohio's Hospice of Dayton, serving patients with serious and chronic illness, set to open early 2019
- ▶ Randall Residence: 150,000 square-foot assisted living facility and 84 independent living cottage units at Social Row, Sheehan and Paragon roads
- ▶ Savannah Place at Yankee Trace: \$15 million luxury home development by Charles Simms Development featuring 44 duplex units
- ▶ The Allure of Centerville, near Cross Pointe Center: \$30 million upscale multi-family housing project offering 312 units by Synergy Building Systems and Hills Development, expected to open in the fall
- ▶ Woodbourne Library on Far Hills Avenue: \$5 million expansion includes new meeting spaces and parking, expected to open late summer
- ▶ Bethany Village Crescent Crossing on Far Hills Avenue: \$42 million four-story, 74-unit assisted-living facility replaces the west wing of the Linden House
- ▶ The Famous: A new restaurant from the owners of Doubleday's, in the former Beef O'Brady's location
- ▶ Home2 by Hilton: 96-room hotel by Scarlet and Gray Hospitality, expected to open late summer at Cornerstone of Centerville on Wilmington Pike

For more information, call City offices, 433-7151.

Q + A with City Manager Wayne Davis



Wayne Davis

You've just passed the six-month mark in Centerville. Any surprises?

Having lived in the Centerville community for a long time, I am amazed at how many people I already knew by face, just not by name. I am also surprised by how many people I have heard from whom I have lost touch with over the years. Just this morning, I heard someone call me from across the parking lot, and this was someone whom I had not seen in at least

15-16 years. It was great to reconnect. I have enjoyed attending events and meetings to represent the City while getting to know new names and faces daily. I am surprised and excited by the substantial number of economic development projects that are currently happening in Centerville as well as within the region. It has been a busy six months as City Manager, and I look forward to see what the next six months will bring, and certainly I look forward to gaining new acquaintances daily.

Last issue, you wrote about your immediate goals which included working with City Council to develop a five-year Strategic Plan. What's the status of the plan?

On October 14th, senior management staff met with City Council to begin the City's first strategic planning process. We will reconvene on March 3rd to present the initial draft of Goals and Strategies for the 2018-2023 Strategic Plan to City Council. Staff is handling this new process well with the development of six goals including strategies and implementation steps for each goal. The City has also developed a set of Mission, Vision and Values statement to go along with the strategic plan, which will become guiding documents into the future for City Council, staff and for our stakeholders and various partners within the community. The goal areas that the City will pursue are Planning, Economic Development, Core Services, Finance, Infrastructure/Housing and Technology. We are envisioning an April timeframe for adoption by City Council and then we will share the results with the community and get busy on the work to be completed in the next five years, connecting the Strategic Plan to our five-year financial plan while also incorporating the strategic plan work into Departmental Goals and the Individual Goals of our various staff members at all levels and across all functional areas within the organization.

It is an exciting time to be in Centerville, and I am happy to work with the professionals in the City and within our community to contribute to the overall growth and progress of our community.

City Council Legislation

November 2017-January 2018

City Council passed the following Resolutions during its November meeting, authorizing the City Manager to:

- 60-17:** Submit an ED/GE Grant for Aeroseal Expansion Project
- 61-17:** Request Advances Out Of Current Collection of Real Estate, Personal Property and Estate Taxes

City Council passed the following Resolutions during its December meeting, authorizing the City Manager to:

- 62-17:** Enter into Service Agreement with Montgomery County Public Defenders' Office for indigent persons
- 63-17:** Enter into a contract with Vision Technology for City website development
- 64-17:** Authorize a contract With Plattenburg and Associates for Professional Auditing Services
- 65-17:** Dispose of property no longer being used

City Council passed the following Resolutions during its January meeting, authorizing the City Manager to:

- 01-18:** Cooperate with ODOT Project PID No., 102981 State Route 725 and State Route 741
- 02-18:** Enter into a Yankee Trace Name and Logo Use Agreement for Savannah Place
- 03-18:** Enter into an ED/GE Agreement with Aeroseal, 2601 E. Alex-Bell Road
- 04-18:** Enter into an ED/GE Agreement with Montgomery County For Aeroseal 2601 E. Alex-Bell Road
- 05-18:** Enter into a Fifth Amendment Agreement for Electric Generation Supply
- 06-18:** Enter into a Right-of-Way Agreement with Centerville-Washington Park District for a sign at Forest Field Park
- 07-18:** Enter into Right-of-Way Agreement with Centerville Park District for a sign at Smith Farm
- 08-18:** Enter into Professional Human Resources Services agreement with Kathy Weisgarber

FARMERS MARKET OPENS MAY 17 • BUY FRESH, KEEP IT LOCAL

Bring your shopping list to the Centerville Farmers Market, near the intersection of St. Rt. 48 and Spring Valley Road. Beginning Thursday May 17, area farmers arrive with fresh vegetables, fruit, bread, herbs, organic meat and eggs, cut flowers, bedding plants, honey and more. Market hours are 2:30-6:30 p.m. each week. All produce is locally grown; some is certified organic. Please visit centervillefarmersmarket.com and our Facebook page for updates.



Together, we make Americana great

The Centerville-Washington Township Americana Festival hosted 75,000 visitors last year in downtown Centerville. It's no wonder. This community knows how to throw a birthday party. Nationally recognized as one of the best places to celebrate Independence Day, the Americana Festival is a family event saturated with spirit and overflowing with all things patriotic. It takes dedicated volunteers and support from individuals and corporate sponsors to pull it off. So, in keeping with this year's theme, "Working Together... Growing Together... Celebrating Together," why not join the 2018 Americana Festival as a volunteer. Together, we will make a difference. Leadership and committee positions are available. Contact the Americana office at americanafestival@sbcglobal.net or 433-5898. For festival information, please visit americanafestival.org.



The parade is always a festival highlight.

SPEAKER SERIES

highlights inventions and comedy

Centerville-Washington History presents its monthly speaker series at Rec West Enrichment Center, 965 Miamisburg-Centerville Road. With a reception at 6:30 p.m. and the program at 7:00 p.m., the programs are free and open to the public. Please visit centervillewashingtonhistory.org for more information.

March 20, 2018: Make 'em Laugh

A nostalgic profile of classic comedians including Dick Van Dyke and Carol Burnett presented by Debe Dockins, Centerville Library

April 17, 2018: Dayton Inventions

Hear about some of the best from the Birthplace of Invention, presented by Jim Charters, Dayton History

VFW POST 9550 SERVES LOCAL VETERANS



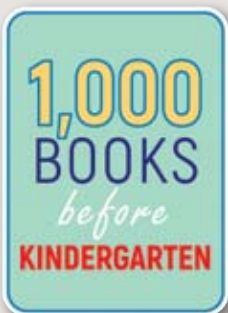
VFW Post 9550 (Centerville/Bellbrook) is active in the community, supporting and partnering on many school, City and other events. In addition, members visit other veterans in assisted living, nursing homes, hospitals and during hospice. The multi-generational membership spans military campaigns since WWII and includes all service branches. Led by Shawn McManamy, a US Army veteran, with assistance by Quartermaster, Robert Brewer, a US Navy veteran, meetings are 7:30-8:30 p.m. the first and third Thursday of each month at the Centerville Public Works Center, 7970 S. Suburban Road.

Band on the run

The Centerville Community Band is tuning up for the spring and summer concert seasons. Look for upcoming performances at the Centerville Memorial Day ceremony on May 28, the Americana Concert, July 3 and the Americana Parade on July 4. Other performances are scheduled as well. The band welcomes new members at any time during the year, and in particular is recruiting percussionists. Please visit centervilleohio.gov/ccb or the band's Facebook page.

Book program gets kids ready for school

Studies show reading to children is one of the best ways to prepare them for school. That's why Washington-Centerville Public Library has launched a new program that challenges parents and their children to make an official commitment to reading 1,000 books before the child starts kindergarten. The Children's Room at the Centerville Library offers a journal to track your reading, and at each 100 books read milestone, a puzzle piece. Please complete the challenge to become a member of the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Hall of Fame.



"Moving Expressions" will get you dancing!

DCDC2, the Dayton Contemporary Dance Company's training company, presents "Moving Expressions," a mix of modern/contemporary dance repertory that includes audience engagement at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, May 19 at the Centerville High School Central Theater, 500 E. Franklin Street. Sponsored by the Centerville Arts Commission, the event is free and open to the public.





Celebrate special occasions at BENHAM'S GROVE

The perfect spot for weddings, receptions, meetings and company picnics as well as birthday, anniversary and family parties, Benham's Grove, in the heart of Centerville, boasts three accommodating facilities, large tented area and gorgeous grounds. With so many options, Benham's Grove is a great choice for casual or formal events, offering flexibility, competitive pricing and professional staff to make your next event a memorable one.

In addition, a variety of special discounts are offered:

- Centerville residents and businesses receive a 20 percent discount on facility rental fees.
- Groups needing a place to gather on short-notice for bereavements receive a 15 percent discount.
- Groups who carry 501(c)(3) classification receive a 10 percent discount.
- Businesses looking for meeting space Monday–Thursday receive special rates.

For rates or a tour, please call 433-1913 or visit benhamsgrove.com.



Pretty maids all in a row

A limited number of garden plots are available at the City of Centerville's Stubbs Park, 255 W. Spring Valley Road. The plots are 20' x 20' and rent for \$25 for the season, May through October. Over the years, gardeners have planted tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, cucumbers, summer squash, sweet potatoes, onions and more. Gardeners must supply their own water. For more information, please call 433-7151, or stop by the Municipal Offices, 100 W. Spring Valley Road.

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Members of VFW Post 9550 gather at last year's ceremony.

Honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice

Memorial Day ceremony is May 28

The City of Centerville's annual Memorial Day ceremony is 9:00 a.m. Monday, May 28 at the Veterans Memorial in Stubbs Park, 255 W. Spring Valley Road. In case of rain, the event will move to the Centerville Police Department, 155 W. Spring Valley Road. The program includes performances by the Centerville Community Band along with Centerville VFW Post 9550 Color Guard and Centerville Police Department Honor Guard. Mayor Brooks Compton will give opening remarks, and Centerville resident Robert G. Thobaben, Professor Emeritus of Political Science at Wright State University, will deliver the keynote address. A World War II veteran, he was a soldier in the 111th Infantry in the Pacific Theater and participated in three campaigns: the Gilbert Islands, 1943; The Marshall Islands, 1944; and the Palau Islands, 1945. He holds the Combat Medic Badge and Bronze Star medal and is a member of Centerville VFW Post 9550.

SAFETY ON WHEELS bicycle rodeo

The Centerville Police Department and Centerville Noon Optimists partner with Miami Valley Hospital South to host the Bicycle Rodeo 9:00–11:00 a.m. Saturday, May 19 at MVHS.

- Test cycling skills
- Check bicycle helmet fit
- Register bicycles against theft
- Inspect bike maintenance
- Meet McGruff the Crime Dog
- Receive a new bicycle helmet, if needed
- Participate in health and safety activities, giveaways and more

Children taking part in skills testing must bring a safe, operating bicycle and wear a bicycle helmet. Prizes—including several bicycles—will be given away throughout the morning. Please call 433-7661 for further information.

Enjoy Coffee with a Cop

Sit down for a donut with Centerville Police Officers at Bill's Donuts, 9:00–11:00 a.m. Friday, March 9. Spend the morning meeting officers and learn how the department operates. No reservations are needed.



Centerville



Take a walk down Centerville History Lane with these photos circa 1972.

- 1 Pleasant Hill Swim Club
- 2 Main and Franklin streets
- 3 Commerce Park on East Franklin Street
- 4 Independence Square, South Main Street



2018 CITY OF CENTERVILLE 50th ANNIVERSARY EVENT CALENDAR

MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY
<p>1-31 Middle School Art Exhibit, "What I Love about Centerville", Police Dept.</p> <p>9 9:00 a.m. Coffee with a Cop</p> <p>17 10:00 a.m. City Beautiful Commission "Blades of Glory" seminar, CHS</p> <p>19 6:30 p.m. State of the City address, Council Chambers</p>	<p>14 History of Centerville Exhibit opens, Asahel Wright House, see page 1</p> <p>18 11:00 a.m. Arbor Day tree planting, Stubbs Park</p>	<p>12 10:00–noon, CWPD Big Rig Gig, Oak Grove Park</p> <p>16 7:30 a.m. Business Breakfast, The Golf Club at Yankee Trace</p> <p>19 9:00 a.m. Noon Optimist Bicycle Rodeo at MVHS</p> <p>28 9:00 a.m. Memorial Day Ceremony, Veterans Memorial at Stubbs Park</p>	<p>3 7:00 p.m. Summer Concert Series kicks-off</p> <p>10 Centerville Day at Dayton Dragons game</p> <p>20 6:00–8:00 p.m. Family Recess with Centerville Washington Park District at Iron Horse Park</p>	<p>3 7:00 p.m. Americana Concert, Stubbs Park</p> <p>4 Americana Festival, downtown Centerville</p> <p>22 6:00 p.m. Anniversary Party and Concert, Stubbs Park</p> <p>28 50th Anniversary Golf Outing, The Golf Club at Yankee Trace</p>

Youths to help plant City tree for Arbor Day

City celebrates 32 years as Tree City USA

The City's annual Arbor Day tree planting ceremony is set for 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 18 at Stubbs Park. In commemoration of Centerville's 50th anniversary of reaching city status, 50 third grade students representing each of the nine elementary schools serving Centerville will join Mayor Compton and City Council in planting our newly adopted City Tree: the Red Horse Chestnut. This event also commemorates Centerville's 32nd year as a Tree City USA. The public is invited.



Each year, area third grade students participate in Arbor Day.

Blades of Glory program to showcase lawn care tips

Amanda Bennett of the OSU Extension office in Miami County presents "Blades of Glory: Growing a Fabulous Lawn" at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, March 17 at Centerville High School Central Theater, 500 E. Franklin Street. Bennett is the Agriculture and Natural Resource Educator and Master Gardener Volunteer Coordinator. The seminar is sponsored by the City Beautiful Commission. Admission is free and open to the public. Door prizes will be awarded during the event. For more information, please visit centervilleohio.gov.



50th Anniversary sponsorship opportunities

We invite you to join us in making this yearlong celebration one to remember! Become a 50th Anniversary Celebration sponsor.

Whether you are a business, community partner or resident wanting to support the "warm and cheerful" City you love, there are many sponsorship options that will help make 2018 a year to demonstrate pride in the growth and success of our City over the past half century. Sponsorship funds will support special community events like the Summer Concert Series, 50th Anniversary Party and Concert, Fall Festival and Tree Lighting ceremony along with apparel, giveaways and more. Sponsorships are available at a variety of levels, from \$50 to \$5,000. Please call 433-7151 for more information.



Join us in this celebration!

You are cordially invited to be a part of our golden anniversary celebration! This year, we're making your favorite City events even better, partnering and participating with other organizations on their events, and creating new events that will soon become traditions. We look forward to seeing you throughout 2018 as we celebrate "Gold and Cheerful Centerville."

Get your Golden Ticket

Stop by our City table at each anniversary event to register for our prize packages to be awarded on December 2. Earn a ticket for every event you attend. The events calendar is below, however, for the latest information, please visit centervilleohio.gov.

AUGUST

- 7 Mystery Night Out, Stubbs Park, sponsored by Centerville Police Department
- 11 BoomerFest at St. Leonard

SEPTEMBER

- 14 City of Centerville Night at Centerville High School football game

OCTOBER

- Photography contest, sponsored by Arts Commission
- 4 & 11 Ghost Walk, sponsored by Heart of Centerville, Centerville Library and C-W History
- 7 2:00-5:00 p.m. Fall Family Festival, Stubbs Park

NOVEMBER

- 11 11:00 a.m. Veterans Day Ceremony, Stubbs Park

DECEMBER

- 2 1:00-5:00 p.m. Hometown Holiday Walk, downtown Centerville
- 2 5:00 p.m. Tree Lighting Ceremony, Benham's Grove



A look back at my old neighborhood

By Steve Feverston



In February 1961, my family moved to Centerville. I was three at the time and have vague memories of those early years; snapshots really, of our house and a small village. Dad and Mom were proud of their new home on Tuxworth Road. Concept was the name of our neighborhood. A fitting name for a place built in the early

1960s, with its three bedroom brick-ranch homes, pastel colors, contemporary furnishings and two to four children in every house—it captured the heady optimism of that time.

Back then, Tuxworth Road was on the edge of town. Two large signs marked the entrance into our neighborhood. With one on each side of South Main Street, they signaled the beginning of the Modern Era and suburban expansion in Centerville. A large farm with pastures for sheep was behind our house. The old two-story farmhouse stood a short distance away. Beyond the farm was a row of houses along Spring Valley Pike.

The old white farmhouse was occupied a short time after we moved in. Sometime about 1965, the farmhouse, barn and outbuildings were abandoned. The farmhouse became a playground for many neighborhood kids. I recall the barn was burned down. It was a huge blaze that blanketed Concept with smoke and ash.

In those days, it seemed like we were living in the middle of a construction site. Houses were being built all around us. I remember

the homes going up along Waterford Drive; the houses of Walter "Scooter" Preston and Marilee Price, a couple of kids who lived behind us. The homes along the north side of Waterford close to Main Street were the models for this new section of Concept. Work crews would leave piles of scrap lumber at each home site. Between late fall and early spring, the workers used this scrap for fires to warm themselves. These scrap piles plus a random 2x4 here and there were a great opportunity for many of the neighborhood kids. Go-carts for racing down the Martha Avenue hill and rafts for floating down the creek were some of the great adventures of the day.

Downtown Centerville always stood out in my memories. Town Hall was the place to go for Saturday afternoon matinees featuring horror movies, The Three Stooges shorts, cartoons and the like. My sisters Sharon, Debbie and Lori will best remember Town Hall as the place of their many dance recitals. The Red Cottage Antiques Shop on South Main was the place to go after you got your weekly allowance to buy the town's best penny candy. On the weekend, I would help my friend Steve Gabbard deliver his newspapers for the Dayton Journal Herald. Then we'd ride our bikes to Bill's Donut Shop, next to Town Hall. Panera Bread now stands there. A large two-story brick building anchored the southeast corner of Main and Franklin streets—the Stage Coach Inn. I was never inside. Even though it was a little worn, it majestically stood as an icon in the downtown that signaled you were home.

Steve Feverston, a lifelong resident, retired as Centerville's City Planner in 2014, after 33 years of service. He is president of Centerville-Washington History.

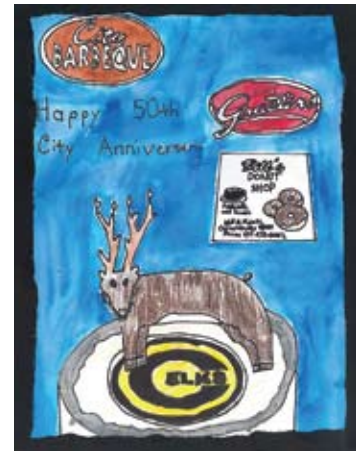
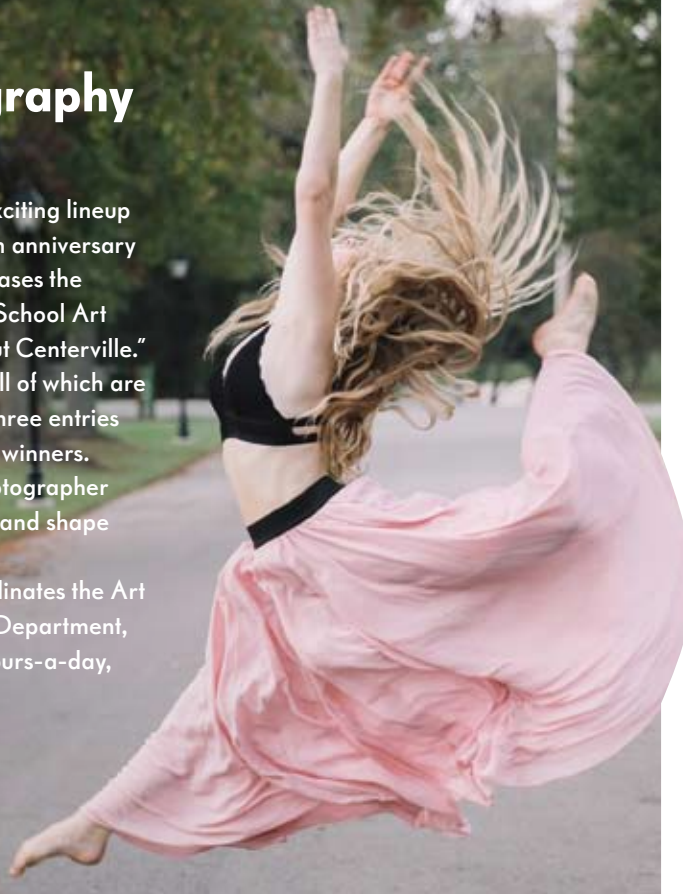
Art winners, photography at Police Gallery

The Centerville Art Gallery features an exciting lineup for spring. In celebration of the City's 50th anniversary of incorporation, the March exhibit showcases the winners of the City of Centerville Middle School Art Contest and the theme "What I Love About Centerville." The City received more than 50 entries, all of which are on exhibit throughout the month. The top three entries were framed and matted as prizes for the winners.

April's exhibit features the works of photographer Beth Phillips, which focuses on movement and shape of dance.

The Centerville Arts Commission coordinates the Art Gallery, located at the Centerville Police Department, 155 W. Spring Valley Road. Staffed 24-hours-a-day, exhibits are free and open to the public.

Right: Photograph by Beth Phillips; Far right: Award-winning posters celebrating Centerville, Top: First place winner, Caroline Milner Bottom: Second place winner, Ashley Carr



Merchants' group announces new leadership

The Heart of Centerville and Washington Township merchants' association announced its 2018 executive board: Emily Tith, president; Jesse Gaither, vice president; Cindy Hoffman, secretary and Kathy Jablinski, treasurer.

In addition, several other representatives are serving on a variety of committees. The group is planning community events including downtown Centerville gatherings, Ghost Walk and the Hometown Holiday Walk. For more information, please visit hocwt.com.



Members of the Heart of Centerville and Washington Township meet regularly to network.

Mayor to host annual Interfaith Breakfast

Centerville Mayor Brooks Compton hosts the annual Interfaith Breakfast with area religious leaders at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 21 at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace, 10000 Yankee Street. The event provides an opportunity to discuss ways local government and faith-based organizations can work together to meet community needs. Representatives from houses of worship in Centerville and Washington Township are invited. For more information, please call Centerville Municipal Offices, 433-7151.



Hunt for egg-citing prizes

The Centerville Noon Optimist Club's Easter Egg Hunt starts at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, March 31 at Forest Field Park on Centerville Station Road. This free event is for kids under ten, with candy and prizes awarded. Please visit centervillenoonoptimist.com for details.

Original music to be featured at concert

Original music is the theme of the 11th annual Original Night set for 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 6 at Centerville High School Central Theater, 500 E. Franklin Street. Sponsored by the Centerville Arts Commission, this student-run concert showcases original pieces composed and performed by Centerville High School students and features a variety of genres including jazz and classical. This event is free and open to the public. For more information on Centerville High School Orchestra or Band, please call 439-3500 or visit centervilleorchestra.org and centervilleband.org.



Street repair program underway

Additional income tax funding supports 26 lane miles of repair

Following the passage of the income tax levy in 2016, City Council has, as promised, added funding to the annual street program budget. Funding for the 2018 Street Repair program has increased 68 percent from the 2016 budget, with the City planning to spend over \$4.4 million this year. In 2018, over 26 lane miles of the City's 256 total lane miles, will be improved.

Streets scheduled to be milled and asphalt-resurfaced

To complete various projects that started in 2017, several roads, including Clyo from Bigger to Alex-Bell, will be milled and asphalt-resurfaced in 2018. The City received Ohio Public Work Commission (OPWC) funding to supplement local funding to complete this project. Two concrete streets—Hyde Park Drive and Rambler Drive—had extensive concrete work completed last fall and will be asphalt-surfaced in spring.

Following concrete curb and drainage repair work last year, the following streets are set to be milled and asphalt-resurfaced in 2018: Acreview Court, Ambridge Road (Bigger to Ridgefield Way), Bywood Court, Colechester Court, Deer Run Road (Clyo to Hartcrest Lane), Glenmina Drive, Gulfwood Court, Hartcrest Lane (Deer Run to Hartcrest Lane), LaFrance Place, Lodewood Drive, Ridgefield Way, Rockingham Drive, Shirecliff Court, South Village Drive, Taitwood Road (Bigger to terminus), Valley Vista Way, Weathered Wood Trail and Zengel Drive (Hartcrest Lane to terminus)

Concrete street repair

Streets scheduled for concrete repair work in preparation for future milling and asphalt resurfacing are scattered through neighborhoods and include curb or panel repair, sidewalk repair and storm sewer repairs. As of press time this list includes all or a portion of the following streets: Braewood Trail, Harewood Court, Streamside Drive, Blue Stream Court, Chipplegate Drive, Crispy



Drive, Crossbrook Drive, Edenhurst Drive, Freyn Drive, Glen Vista Court, Glenburn Court, Glenburn Drive, Glencroft Place, Green Ash Court, Griffon Place, Kings Row Avenue, Knollcrest Court, Lake Glen Court, Leeds Circle, Marscott Drive, Marwyck Drive, Rhine Way, Southlake Drive, Vista Oaks Trail and Weston Circle

Sidewalk repair

Black Oak neighborhood: eastern section, from Bigger Road toward Wilmington Pike

Road improvements

- Phase 2 of Bethel Road Improvements: Northern-most intersection of Boyce Road to the southern end including Judson Road, includes curb repair, installation of underdrain in select areas, storm structure repair, milling and asphalt resurfacing of the road. The City received Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for this work.

- West Spring Valley Road: South Main to the west Corporation line will be repaired and asphalt resurfaced as part of a joint project with Washington Township. The Township project will continue to the west.

- St. Rt. 725/Alex-Bell Road from St. Rt. 48 to Wilmington Pike: Resurfaced by ODOT as part of the Urban Resurfacing program.

Please call 427-4782 for more details.



Keep a very, very, very fine house

Spring is a great time to take stock of the interior and exterior of your home.

► **Check downspouts and gutters** to make sure they are clear of debris, leaves, pine needles and roof grit.

► **Check the drain pipes or splash blocks** at the ends of your downspouts. Are they

open and able to run unobstructed? Do they adequately direct water away from the house? Look to correct any deficiencies you may find.



If any of your improvements—including connecting yard drains to the storm sewer system or replacing a drive approach with concrete, asphalt or pavers—include work in the public right of way, you will need to get a right of way permit. Right of way on your property frontage includes the area to the back of the sidewalk or, in the instance of no sidewalk, to a point 10 feet beyond the curb.

A permit triggers an inspection to ensure work is done properly and in accordance with current City standards. Property owners are encouraged to hire contractors familiar with City requirements. Contractors working in the public right of way are required to be bonded. Electrical, gas piping, HVAC and plumbing contractors are required to be State-licensed and registered with the City. All contractors must provide proof of insurance.

Anything you place in the public right of way—a pet fence, an irrigation system or landscaping—may be subject to removal at the owner's expense—when a public improvement project is scheduled. If in doubt—check it out!

For more information, contact:

Building Inspection Office: 428-4786

Planning Office: 428-4760

Engineering and Public Works: 428-4782

Montgomery County Water Services: 781-2500

For information, please visit centervilleohio.gov, Forms, Property Maintenance, Home Improvement Guide.

Call **BEFORE** you dig!

April is Safe Digging Month. Call Ohio Utility Protection Services (OUPS), 811, to have utility lines located BEFORE starting your project. This is for your safety, and it's the law!

Yankee Trace: Top-notch municipal golf experience in country club atmosphere

The Golf Club at Yankee Trace showcases a 27-hole championship layout with a dual-ended practice facility and stunning 32,000 square foot clubhouse to entertain guests, family members and clients. We've just added a top-of-the-line all-weather surface that spans the south end of the range. A great option for outings and lessons, the artificial range surface is just the first phase of dedicated range improvement coming over the next few years. Consistently recognized as "The Best Golf Course" by Dayton Daily News, Dayton Business Journal and Dayton Magazine, treat yourself to a day of great golf, delicious food and gorgeous views. For pricing and other information, please visit yankeetrace.org, email golf@yankeetrace.org or call 438-GOLF.

MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

27-Hole Memberships

Our best value, 27-hole Membership allows unlimited access to all three 9-hole courses for the duration of the membership for a one-time fee. In other words, the more you play the better the value!

- **The Ultimate:** Unlimited golf on all three 9-hole courses every day of the week.
- **Early Bird Special:** Unlimited golf Monday–Friday and during the first hour of daylight on Saturday, Sunday and holidays.
- **Weekday Unlimited:** Unlimited golf Monday–Thursday except holidays. **2018 Bonus:** Unlimited golf on Friday.
- **Junior Unlimited:** Unlimited golf anytime Monday–Friday, and after 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

Senior VIP

Discounts for senior golfers anytime Monday–Friday, and after 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

18-Hole Memberships

New this year, the 18-hole Social Membership is the most comprehensive package we offer and is available at three levels of participation.

- **Social Golf Memberships:** By design, 18-hole Social Memberships are similar to corporate memberships that grant access to the golf course and other amenities for each member. But unlike corporate memberships that are limited to just a few designees of a company, social memberships are available to any number of persons and corporate affiliation is not required. Our social memberships are prepaid 18-hole rounds that can be purchased by one or many individuals and the rounds are transferable.

This membership is ideal for businesses interested in entertaining guests, clients and/or employees. Likewise, a social membership is a great opportunity for foursomes or other groups of players interested in playing the #1 Golf Course in Dayton at a greatly reduced price. Every round of a 18-hole Social Membership includes a golf cart and warm-up practice balls.

9-Hole Memberships

In the modern world, many golfers may not have time to play 18-holes on a regular basis. One of the unique characteristics of The Golf Club at Yankee Trace's 27-hole complex is three championship 9-hole courses. This feature allows us to reserve one of the courses, Vintage, for a 9-hole membership at a substantial savings. The Vintage membership is one of our most versatile packages. Ideal for business persons, couples, seniors and especially juniors who want to advance their skills on a daily basis with unlimited access to the Vintage course—sunrise to sunset. Want to spend quality time with the kids? Sign up today for our fastest growing package, the family membership!

All 9-hole memberships include unlimited access to the Vintage course for the duration of the membership for a one-time fee.

Vintage Unlimited

Unlimited golf on the Vintage 9-hole course every day of the week.

Practice Facility Memberships

The Golf Club at Yankee Trace is home to one of the best practice facilities in Southwest Ohio. Amenities include a dual-ended driving range, comprehensive short game and weather-proof indoor netted range offering unequaled year-round practice opportunities. In addition to unlimited range balls, all practice facility members qualify for discounts on green fees at select days and times. **Bonus:** A practice facility membership can be combined with a golf membership for substantial savings.

Practice Facility Memberships

Unlimited range balls until April 30, 2019 and green fees member discounts.

All of our specials are available on our website, and we offer exclusive deals via email. To receive our posts, please visit yankeetrace.org and join Yankee E-Club for FREE. This is your ticket for the best prices and advance notice of any and all specials throughout the year!



JUNIOR GOLF

The great game of golf is an ideal sport for juniors of any age. Golf teaches the importance of honesty, integrity, sportsmanship, respect, confidence, responsibility, perseverance, courtesy and judgment in a fun and welcoming environment. Best of all, it is a game that will last a lifetime. Bring the kids to Yankee Trace and start them swinging the golf clubs as soon as temperatures warm up. We offer great summer programs, too!

YOUTH CAMPS

(JUNE 4-8, JUNE 25-29):

Ideal for ages 6-12, five days of instruction ending with an on-course tournament. Each junior receives complimentary Nike golf shoes, glove, sleeve of golf balls and more.

PLAYERS' CAMP

(JUNE 11-15):

For golfers ages 11-16, and geared toward the intermediate and advanced golfer. These comprehensive classes combine practice sessions with on-course instruction. Fee includes video analysis, premium golf balls, daily prizes and more.

Please visit yankeetrace.org or call 438-GOLF.



Centerville's 50th Anniversary Tournament Series

Each event is \$50 per person

The Golf Club at Yankee Trace is dedicating the entire Tournament Series to the City of Centerville's 50th Anniversary. Each event includes a shotgun start, four-person scramble, 18-holes, golf car, range balls, lunch or dinner and a Super Raffle and more. Last year, over \$18,000 in awards and prizes were distributed.

- St. Patrick's Pot O' Gold – Friday, March 16
- Spring Swing – Friday, April 13
- May Day! May Day! – Monday, May 14



For registration deadlines and other information, please visit yankeetrace.org. Sign up online or in the Golf Shop.

GOLF LEAGUES

Yankee Trace hosts over 30 golf leagues every summer for men, women, seniors and couples. You can even create your own! We've listed a few of most popular for you to consider. A complete list is available at yankeetrace.org.

Men's Leagues: Begin as early as mid-April and include 9-holes, prize fund, optional skins game, emailed results each week and end-of-season awards banquet. Play days are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Senior Men's League: 18-hole extravaganza every Tuesday for men ages 50 and over. Fees include prize fund, emailed results, optional skins game and end-of-season awards banquet. Play begins in May.

EXPLORE ONLINE @ centervilleohio.gov

MAKE IT A DATE AT YANKEE TRACE RESTAURANT

Whether it's lunch, brunch, or a Friday night fish fry, Yankee Trace restaurant offers a variety of entrees, sides and desserts served in a warm and inviting atmosphere. And, with two special event buffets, your upcoming holiday meals just got planned. For information, please visit yankeetrace.org or call 438-3585.

Lunch:

Tuesday-Friday
11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Friday Night Fish Fry:

5:00-9:00 p.m. (through March 30)
Adults: \$14.99, Children: \$5.95
Reservations recommended

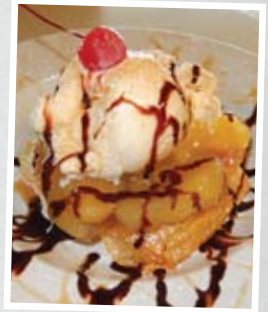
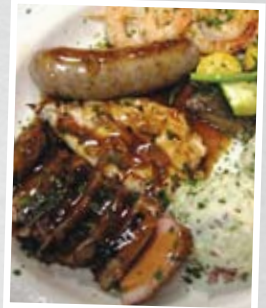
Sunday Brunch:

(excluding holidays below)
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
\$19.95 adults, \$9.95 children

Easter Buffet, Sunday, April 1

Mother's Day Buffet, Sunday, May 13

Enjoy a buffet feast including roast leg of lamb (Easter only), baked Virginia ham, carved Prime Rib, Seafood Newburg, vegetables, salads, desserts and more. Three seatings available: 11:00 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 4:00 p.m. Prices are \$28.95 for adults, \$13.95 for ages 12 and under. Kids five and under eat free. Reservations required, call 438-3585.



VOLUNTEER AT YANKEE TRACE

This unique program includes greeters, player assistants, shuttle drivers and on-course beautification. Benefits include complimentary golf, range balls and merchandise discounts. Applications are now available for the 2018 season. Call 438-GOLF for details.

Women's Leagues: Three unique options: Tuesday morning 9-hole league; Wednesday morning 18-hole league and a 9-hole Wednesday twilight league.

Couple's League: Always popular, stay tuned for dates and times. These events take place on weekend evenings with two playing partners of any skill level followed by an awards ceremony and dinner.

SAFETY

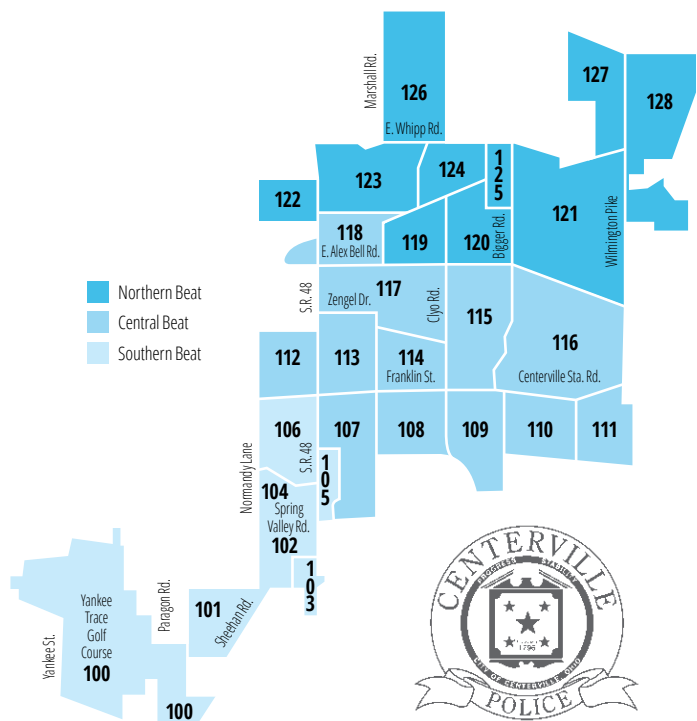
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Residential and Business crime statistics

Statistic totals: November 2017-January 2018



CARS AND BIKES CAN SHARE THE ROAD

The Centerville Police Department reminds bicyclists and motorists to keep an eye out for each other and share the roads safely. Bicyclists share in the same responsibilities and should obey all traffic laws just as the drivers of vehicles do. **Set a good example:** Regardless of your age, always wear a protective helmet when riding a bicycle to help prevent often avoidable head injuries.

Follow these guidelines:

- Always wear a helmet—it's the law in Centerville
- Look twice and signal before changing lanes and turning at intersections
- Obey traffic signs
- Ride a properly fitted bicycle
- Keep a safe distance between vehicles and bicycles

November 20, 2017

Following an invocation by Alden Hilton from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Cub Scouts from Troop 516, John Hole Elementary School, and Troop 299, Driscoll Elementary School, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Council recognized Aimee Besl, a 7-year-old home-schooled student, for the brochure she created to promote the City and its services.

City Council accepted the resignation of Dean Christolear from the Storm Water Review Committee, and thanked him for his service.

Centerville High School (CHS) Senior Class Officers along with their advisor, Mike Dalton, were recognized for leading the fundraising efforts for Spirit Chain, the annual competition between Centerville and Fairmont high schools. Also recognized for their support were Centerville businesses By The Blade and Mike's Car Wash. Almost \$65,000 was raised by CHS and donated to Brigid's Path and Oak Tree Corner.

Montgomery County Administrator Joe Tuss and Pat Turnbull, Environmental Services director, presented an update on water and sewer services.

Council reappointed James Collins to the Arts Commission.

December 18, 2017

Following an invocation by Pastor Matt Beyland of Centerville United Methodist Church, Brownie Troop 34282 with members from Cline and Weller elementary schools, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Council recognized Jim McCutcheon, "The Guitar Man", for receiving the 2017 Governor's Award for Arts Education. McCutcheon, a nationally recognized guitar player, is owner of McCutcheon Music Studio, a public radio host and former member of the Centerville Arts Commission.

Members and coaches of the Under 10 Dayton Impact Baseball team were thanked for participating in the City's volunteer leaf removal program. The team spent several hours clearing leaves for four elderly Centerville residents.

John Palcher, JoAnne Rau and Bill Serr were sworn-in as Council members for four-year terms. Palcher and Rau are returning for their second terms and Serr was appointed two years ago to fill a vacant seat.

City Beautiful Commission chair Sue Jessee recognized Holiday Lighting winners. Please see list on page 3.

City Council appointed Michael Vacchiano as chair of the Sister City Committee.

January 22, 2018

In recognition of Centerville's 50th anniversary of reaching City status, City Council proclaimed 2018 as the Year of Centerville. City Council designated the Red Horse Chestnut as the official Centerville tree.

Council member John Beals read a proclamation from Governor John Kasich congratulating Centerville on its many achievements over the past 50 years.

Council member Belinda Kenley was appointed deputy-mayor for a two-year term.

Council recognized Jennifer Wilder, the City's Human Resources manager, for her 13 years of service. Wilder accepted a position with the City of Oakwood.

Members of the CHS Girls Cross Country team and coach, Dave Dobson, were congratulated for winning the state title for the fourth consecutive year.



Police officers Doug Train, John Davis, Amanda Reyes, Anthony Green, Marcus Loel and Chad Eckenrode were recognized with awards for outstanding service.

Police Chief Bruce Robertson presented several awards to members of the Centerville Police Department including:

- Life-Saving awards to officers Doug Train and Chad Eckenrode for their immediate actions in assessing a car accident victim's medical status and stabilizing him.
- Distinguished Service awards—the second highest award presented by the Police Department—were presented to officers Marcus Loel, Anthony Green and Amanda Reyes for their immediate and life-saving actions in removing a victim from an apartment fire.

Washington Township Fire Department staff confirmed that had it not been for the actions of these officers during these two incidents, neither victim would have survived.

- Officer John Davis also received a Distinguished Service award. As Community Relations Officer since 2012, Davis has served several leadership positions in local, regional and state crime prevention organizations. He is nationally recognized as a speaker for the "Run, Hide, Fight" program.

Mayor Compton gave the Oath of Office to Jane Rodgers to become a member of the Arts Commission.

City Manager Wayne Davis and Jonathan Hudson, finance director, presented the City's 2018 revenue projections and expense appropriations. Please see the Annual Report beginning on page 17.

City Council meetings are held the third Monday of each month in Council Chambers, 100 W. Spring Valley Road.



*From the desk of
Brooks Compton*

2018. Fifty years as a City. An exciting year ahead for all of Centerville!

Much is on the City's agenda for 2018. And, thanks to your support and passage of Issue 3, you will again see Centerville Public Works in many neighborhoods making significant improvements to our infrastructure. The 2018 budget includes over \$4 million in neighborhood infrastructure, streets, sidewalk repair and replacement, bikeway investments and streetscape improvements. City Council recognizes that you provided the additional revenues so that our roads are properly and safely maintained and pedestrian and bike paths are improved and expanded to meet the needs and desires—not only for today—but also in the future of Centerville. Thank you for your support.

This year will see the continuation of steady development in Centerville. Miami Valley Hospital South is exceeding its commitment to provide first-class professional medical care with the expansion of its Centerville campus.

There is dirt moving and foundations going up at The Allure residential development on the former Showcase Cinema site, as well as new senior housing at the intersections of Paragon, Sheehan and Social Row roads. Graceworks has the framework up for its multi-million dollar expansion and improvement, and new owner-occupied residential developments are in the planning stages at several locations throughout the City. People want to reside in Centerville, and we are committed to maintaining the housing options that meet their needs.

Like 2017, this year will see a great deal of new business activity throughout the City. Centerville has always been a great place to do business—there are over 700 separate businesses calling Centerville home—with more coming this year. Centerville Place and Cross Pointe Center are providing growth in entertainment and restaurant options along with a number of other new businesses. The success of downtown's AP District and other business districts is very important to the City. Centerville's new five-year Strategic Plan will include the steps necessary to support these important areas as well as preserving the historic landmark center of town.

Cornerstone of Centerville continues to develop much faster than originally scheduled, with the new hotel site completed by the end of 2018, and more development planned surrounding the hotel and Village Center.

Two City of Centerville sites were recognized with "Best of" awards: The Golf Club at Yankee Trace had a banner year in 2017 and was again recognized as the Best Public Golf Course in the area.

At the end of this year, Yankee Trace will be paid off IN FULL, years ahead of schedule. Benham's Grove, the community's gathering place, was also again recognized as the Best Place to Have a Wedding.

2018 is the year to celebrate your success as a part of Centerville's 50 years as a City.

It started November 5, 1968, when 5,063 Village of Centerville voters went to the polls to elect a new President. Because there were more than 5,000 voters, by State law, Centerville reached city status. Richard Nixon was elected President of the United States and less than one month later on December 2, 1968, the Village of Centerville became the City of Centerville. Progress and Stability became Centerville's motto.

While we recognize our nation is vastly different from what it was in 1968, our core values and principles remain intact. Transitioning over the years from a lightly-populated farm community, to a small village, to the thriving city it is today, Centerville is also vastly different. However, some things never change. Centerville is still a great place to raise a family or locate a business. And we have never forgotten the importance of our historical beginnings.

Those of us who today call Centerville home owe a great deal to the thousands of citizens who guided our City along this journey. Early residents laid the foundation for an outstanding community with exceptional services by: establishing a Council/Manager form of government that has been responsible with its resources and dedicated to its residents; developing an excellent school district known for excellence; creating a park district committed to the entire community; establishing a library system that has met changes head-on; forming a Centerville Police Department admired and respected by its residents and supporting a dedicated, professional Fire Department. All these entities have worked together to make Centerville the great place it is today, and we thank them for advancing our City.

The journey does not stop here, but will continue toward this wonderful city's 100th anniversary in 2068! Thanks for being part of it today and in the future! I look forward to seeing you at many of our community celebrations!

Brooks A. Compton

Council approves 2018 Budget

On January 22, 2018, Centerville City Council unanimously adopted the 2018 Municipal Budget. Total projected resources are \$67,305,695 which includes a carry-over of \$28,125,360.

Expenditures for 2018 are budgeted at \$43,558,034 leaving a projected year-end balance of \$25,601,286. These figures include \$5.0 million related to public improvements for the Cornerstone development. The City plans to invest \$12.8 million in capital improvements, of which \$5.3 million (or 42 percent) is being funded from other sources, such as grants. Projects include \$9.7 million for street and sidewalk repairs and \$2.1 million for police, street and refuse vehicles and equipment. Of paramount importance to City Council and staff is the ability to deliver outstanding customer service and value in a financially responsible manner. We thank our community for your support.

2017 Annual Report

From City Manager Wayne Davis

The year 2017 will be remembered as a year of transition. As our country's new President took office, our City also saw a change in leadership when after 25 years of service as your city manager, Greg Horn, retired in July. I am humbled and honored to have been selected as your new city manager, and look forward to meeting you and serving you as we work together to continue the great traditions of Centerville and move forward to pursue new opportunities. The year also marked the City's first income tax increase in 35 years, thanks to voter approval. Those additional funds helped us to begin immediate work on roadway improvement projects, which continue today.

While we experienced change in 2017, there was also consistency. City staff continued to protect citizens and property and provided a nationally accredited Police Department with 24-hour dispatch services. We added to our tax base, continued to support capital improvement projects, provided high-quality street maintenance and offered an array of quality-of-life features that truly make our community unique.

The City continues to face potential funding cuts and/or changes in service delivery as a result of several State legislative initiatives. The phase-in of House Bill 5, which started in January 2017, as well as the outcome of House Bill 49, could severely alter local income tax collection and administration. In addition other legislative initiatives such as Senate Bill 331 (Small Cell Antenna), Medical Marijuana and reductions in the Local Government Fund could continue to influence municipal operations.

While we continue to work in partnership with our local legislators on various matters, there is positive news to deliver. In 2017, almost 70 new businesses opened their doors. Cornerstone of Centerville continued its steady growth and progress, Miami Valley Hospital South is undergoing a \$60 million expansion, several new large-scale housing options have broken ground, and our commercial corridors continue to grow. Additionally, the City joined its neighbors in the South Dayton Suburbs applying for funds to finance a 19.2 mile fiber optic ring which will enhance access to technology for the governments, corporations and institutions along its circumference. Overall, I am pleased to report we had \$250 million in new construction and reconstruction underway or approved in 2017. Centerville continues to set the pace for growth in the Miami Valley as well as in Southwest Ohio.

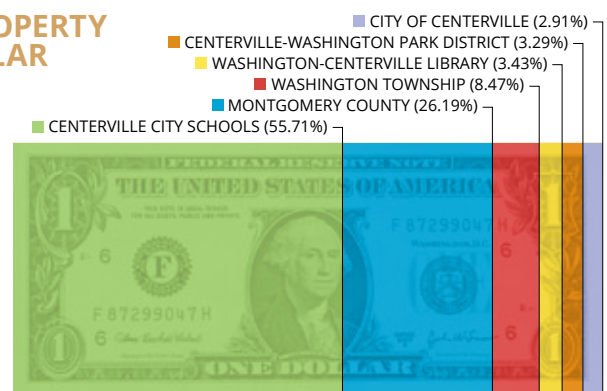
We have much to look forward to in 2018, as City Council will be adopting its first strategic plan, which will provide our City's direction over the next five years. We will be implementing an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system to enhance interaction with internal and external customers. We plan a thorough review of financial policies to ensure they are current with operational practices to further enable our City to deliver efficient and value-added transactions. We will also launch a new website-not only in redesign but also in content

management system capabilities. The City's work product will also ensure that its 2018–2023 Strategic Plan will connect with its Five-Year Financial Plan, to allow for a matching of resources with City Council's short- and long-term vision for the community. We will celebrate our 50th anniversary of incorporation as a city, and invite you to join us as we commemorate "Gold and Cheerful Centerville" with special events, concerts and more throughout the year.

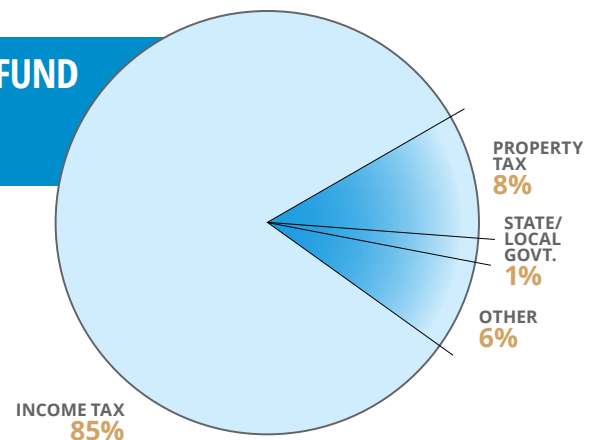
From those who are elected to represent you, to the professional staff who serve you, to the volunteers who help make this a great city and a special place to all of us, we are proud to play a role in our community's success, and pledge to continue serving our residents, our businesses, and our visitors in a value-added and customer-focused manner.

Please contact me at 433-7151 or wdavis@centervilleohio.gov with your questions or comments. I look forward to meeting many of you and serving all of you throughout the year.

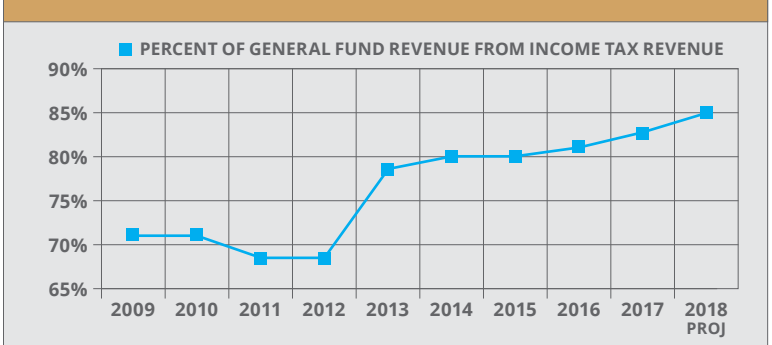
YOUR PROPERTY TAX DOLLAR



GENERAL FUND REVENUE SERVICES



INCOME TAX REVENUE



2017

a look back

Financial Review

- In January, the City began realizing the increase from the income tax levy, Issue 3, which passed in November 2016. This was the first income tax increase in 35 years. These additional funds were immediately used for roadway improvements, as City Council had committed to deliver to voters. More than 17 lane miles have already been upgraded.
- At 2.35 mills, Centerville's municipal property tax rate remains one of the lowest rates in the Dayton area.
- Centerville ended 2017 with a cash balance of \$28,125,360 as compared to \$23,309,473 at the end of 2016.

Milestones

- In July, Greg Horn retired after serving as city manager for 25 years, and Wayne Davis was hired in August to manage the City.
- Two longtime Police Officers retired: Sergeant Steve Maynard with 25 years of service and Detective Dan Osterfeld, who served 36 years.
- Darryl Kenning, Centerville's City Manager from 1974 until 1992, passed away in March. Kenning guided Centerville through a tremendous period of growth and change, laying a strong foundation for our community.
- Benham's Grove, our community gathering place, celebrated its 25th anniversary.

City Services and Improvements

- Planned, designed and administered the annual asphalt and concrete repair programs that included more than 17 lane miles of roadways
- Improved Bethel Road
- Phased in the recycling toter program with 1,400 toters as a result of the \$52,150 grant from the Montgomery County Solid Waste District
- Completed two storm water system projects and the annual sidewalk repair program
- Adopted Centerville Place Master Plan for the potential redevelopment of the former Kroger store and associated shopping plaza
- Installed school flashers at Magsig Middle School and Stingley Elementary School
- Added 10 bike racks throughout the City
- Welcomed 17,000 people to 15 concerts as part of the Summer Series
- Completed the multi-year removal of over 1,000 dead and dying ash trees in Stubbs Park due to emerald ash borer disease
- Coordinated the weekly Farmers Market with 17 vendors offering local products throughout the summer, and offered two winter markets at Benham's Grove
- Presented the Board of Architectural Review Preservation Award to Sol and Angie Gomez, for their properties at 18 and 22 S. Main Street
- Updated the City's Zoning Code to create a more business- and resident-friendly environment for improvements to private property
- Started in-house commercial plan review of electrical, HVAC and fire systems

Development...By the Numbers

- 2,000 Building department inspections conducted
- 1,000 building permits issued
- 700 rental units inspected
- 500 zoning permits issued
- 70 new businesses opened
- 40 cases reviewed by Planning Commission and the Board of Architectural Review
- \$250 million in new construction

Honors and Recognition

- Received national attention from National Public Radio during a segment regarding use of large trucks as blockades for public safety during large events
- Designated a "Tree City USA" by the National Arbor Day Foundation for the 31st year
- Distributed 40 'Above and Beyond' awards to Public Works employees for being recognized for their efforts by a citizen
- Named Best of Dayton by Dayton Magazine in two categories:
 - "Best Place to have a Wedding": Benham's Grove
 - "Best Golf Course": The Golf Club at Yankee Trace
- Participated in the Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) Drug Free Safety Program with 100 percent training compliance, saving



seven percent (over \$14,000) on BWC costs

- Achieved the Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association, for the eighth year

- Earned the Certificate of Achievement of Excellence in Financial Reporting (CAFR) from the Government Finance Officers Association, for the 16th consecutive year
- Received the Auditor of State Award with Distinction
- Employees recognized in 2017 include:
 - Police Officer Jim Stephenson received the John P. Kalaman Respect for Law Award from the Centerville Noon Optimist Club
 - Police Officer Scott Thomas and Sgt. Jim Shaneshy received the Medal of Valor award—the highest honor for an officer—in recognition of their courageous and heroic actions during a life-threatening event
 - Police Lt. Matt Brown received the Police Department's Distinguished Service Award for outstanding leadership during the communications center expansion
 - Building Inspector Derek Spurling was elected President of the Miami Valley Building Officials Council
 - Chief Building Official Dan Sammon was reelected as Secretary of the Miami Valley Building Officials Council
 - City Manager Wayne Davis served as President of the Ohio City/County Management Association

Community Outreach/Volunteer Efforts

- Sponsored community forum to provide education and information on the opioid crisis
- Coordinated community volunteers including faith groups, scouts and families to mow lawns, rake leaves, clear snow and perform home repairs for elderly residents
- Joined with the community to donate needed supplies at the Bill's Donuts collection point for delivery to victims of Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Maria
- Coordinated focus groups with United Way on senior needs and shared findings at a community meeting
- Joined with Dayton, Kettering and Huber Heights to pilot SilverLink 211 program, offering free referral services for seniors through United Way of Greater Dayton

Special Events/Programs

The City offers and partners with other organizations to provide special events and activities to help make Centerville a great place to live and work including:

OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Coffee with A Cop, Citizens Police Academy, faith-based and community group clean-up efforts, leaf and snow removal resource lists, Community Forum on the opioid crisis, SilverLink 211 Referral Service

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Art at the Trace, Summer Concert Series, Americana Festival, Farmers Market, Tree lighting ceremony, Mystery Night Out, Jazz on the Green, Diversity Council programs, Kalaman Golf Outing, Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremony, Memorial Day Ceremony, Veterans Day Ceremony, Hometown Holiday Walk

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION

Interfaith Appreciation Breakfast, Residential and Community Pride Landscaping and Lighting awards, Volunteer Appreciation events, Architectural Preservation awards, City Council awards and certificates

PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH

Bicycle Rodeo, Crime Scene Investigation Camp, Community Band concert at Benham's Grove, Original Night at Centerville High School, Introduction to the Performing Arts concert, Youth in Government Day, Municipal tours

SPECIAL SERVICES

Garden plot rentals, Citywide Garage Sale, free bulk item pickup week, leaf pickup, recycling program, brush drop-off

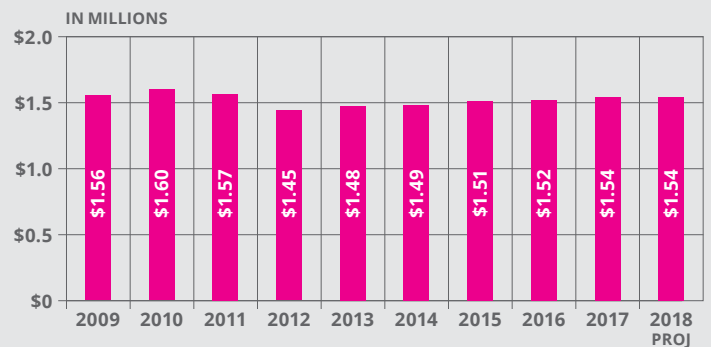
BUSINESS OUTREACH

Business Appreciation Breakfast, Business Advisory Task Force, ribbon-cutting and Business Welcome program, Business First participant, two monthly programs available on Spectrum Channel 5, City website, YouTube and Facebook: "Centerville Business Today" and "Centerville Business Update"

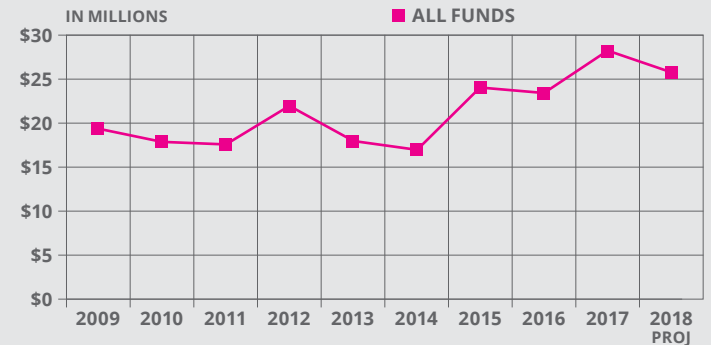


Mayor Compton tapes a segment of "Centerville Business Today" with Mike Craddock of Mike's Nashville Hot.

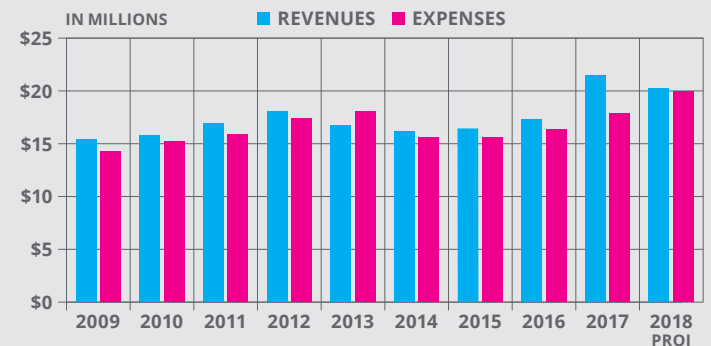
PROPERTY TAX REVENUE



ENDING FUND BALANCE: ALL FUNDS



GENERAL FUND: REVENUE AND EXPENSES



2018 infrastructure investments

City staff works to receive Federal, State and local funding to help cover costs of infrastructure improvements. In addition to the annual street and sidewalk repair program, multiple major projects are currently underway in various stages.

Federal Grant

- Wilmington Pike Traffic Signal Upgrade, from St. Rt. 725/Alex Bell Road to Dille Drive, and on Feedwire Road from Wilmington Pike to Clio Road: Upgrading communication between 12 traffic signals and rebuilding or upgrading equipment at individual intersections to improve operations and safety. Total cost: \$1.9 million includes a \$1.3 million grant with additional funding from Greene County and City of Centerville. This project is currently under design.

State Funds

- Alex-Bell Road (St. Rt. 725) resurfacing from St. Rt. 48 eastward to Wilmington Pike (9.75 lane miles) as part of an Urban Resurfacing project. ODOT will fund 80 percent of the \$992,500 project with the City picking up the remainder. Concrete repair work will be completed prior to the resurfacing under a separate City contract.

Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)

- Clio Road resurfacing (3.26 lane miles) from Alex Bell to Bigger Road: being done with a \$170,340 OPWC grant. Concrete work was completed last fall with resurfacing planned for this spring.

Local Funds

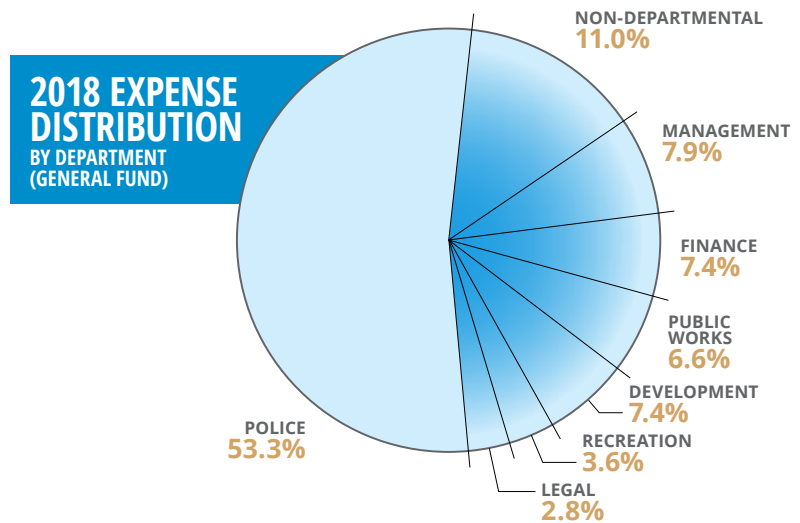
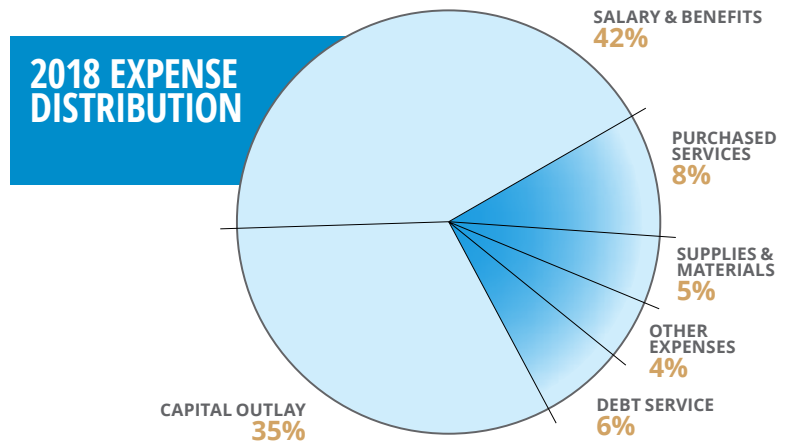
- Bethel Road Phase 2 Improvements (.34 lane miles): Curb and sidewalk repair prior to resurfacing the roadway using \$50,000 grant from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Estimated project cost: \$292,895, with a late summer completion date.
- New Recycling Program: \$52,150 from Montgomery County Solid Waste District for the purchase of 1,400 recycling Toter® cans to be distributed this year.
- West Spring Valley Road (2.15 lane miles): Resurfacing from South Main Street to Washington Church Road as a joint project with Washington Township. The City will have concrete repair work completed under separate contract prior to the joint paving project with the Township. The City is projected to spend about \$550,000.

Projects completed in 2017

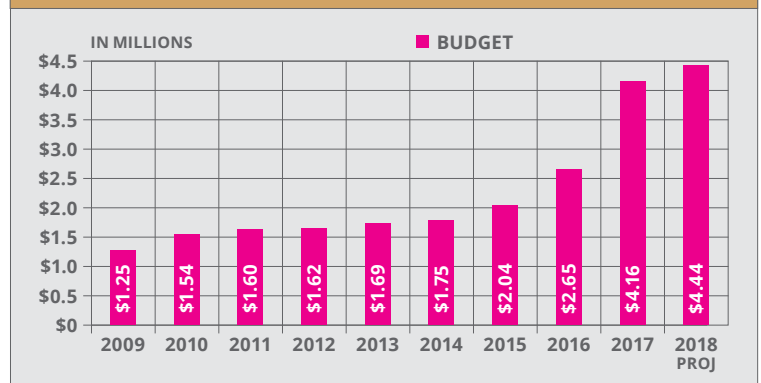
- East Franklin Street (2.73 lane miles): Resurfaced from St. Rt. 48 to Clio Road using over \$350,000 combined with OPWC and Federal grants.
- Bethel Road Phase 1 Improvements: Curb replacement, isolated storm sewer repairs and resurfacing on Bethel Road from the north end of Boyce Road to the north terminus of Bethel. Total project cost was \$226,754.79 with \$75,000 from Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.
- Wilmington Pike Improvements Phase II from I-675 to Brown Road: Widening on the west side of Wilmington Pike, north and south of Whipp Road, improvements on the east side of Wilmington Pike at Brown Road, and improvements on Whipp Road. Total construction cost: \$2,364,628.10, funded by Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds.

- Cornerstone Phase III On-site Public Improvements: Streets, utilities, water lines, curb, gutter and street lighting for Cornerstone North Blvd. and Village Center Drive. Total construction cost: \$1,225,137.29, funded by TIF funds.

- West Ridgeway Drive (1.04 lane miles): Resurfacing with minor storm sewer repair on West Ridgeway Drive from Normandy Lane to St. Rt. 48/North Main Street. Total project cost: \$202,884 with a \$74,999 grant from OPWC. The resurfacing followed gas main replacement by Vectren and water main replacement by Montgomery County Environmental Services.



2018 STREETS: REPAIR PROGRAM



Centerville Police: Providing Exceptional Service

Our nationally accredited Police Department offers many services and programs to residents. From vacation house checks to Neighborhood Watch to the Citizens Police Academy, the Centerville Police Department is always there when needed. Below are just a few services and programs offered by the department. For more information, please visit the Police Department webpage at centervilleohio.gov or call 433-7661.

Drug Drop-off Box

Safely dispose of unwanted pharmaceuticals in the locked box in the Police Department lobby, 155 W. Spring Valley Road. Pills, tablets and capsules should be removed from the bottle and placed securely in a Ziploc bag. All foil packaging and unopened pill bottles should be emptied and placed in a Ziploc bag. Liquids, needles and packages with leaks will not be accepted. The Police Department lobby is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Law enforcement is the only entity legally permitted to accept medications. The Police Department destroys the drugs on a regular basis as part of regular operations.

Vacation House Check

Centerville residents may submit a vacation house check to request a police officer check the security of your residence while you are away for an extended period of time. 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 identified or your residence is found unsecured, the officer will attempt to contact you or a keyholder at the phone numbers you provide. The form may be downloaded at centervilleohio.gov, Departments, Police.

Senior Programs

Well-Being Program

The Police Department offers two programs for residents who live alone and do not have any local contacts. To participate in these programs, please call 433-7661.

Daily Call-In: for residents who live alone and have a medical issue requiring daily contact. Residents enrolled in the program must call our Police dispatch center each morning. If contact has not been received by the agreed upon time, a police officer will be dispatched to check on the individual. Residents must maintain a neighbor or friend as a key holder or participate in the **Knox Box House Key Program:** a steel locked box that is secured to your house door. In the event of an emergency and/or to check on the resident, access is made to the home to ensure the resident's safety.

Well-Being Registration: for residents who have no local contacts in case of emergency. Residents complete a form listing medications and medical conditions, pets, garage codes and other information. Completed forms are kept in the department's records, in case of an emergency for the registered resident.

Project Lifesaver

Project Lifesaver, an electronic tracking system, assists police locate wandering citizens before they fall victim to the elements, accidents or predators. The program is for those with Alzheimer's or related disease, autism or Down syndrome who may wander from their home and become lost or disoriented. To learn more about the program, please contact the Centerville Police Department, 433-7661 or the Washington Township Fire Department, 433-3083.



Police Department highlights

- Attained meritorious accreditation status for the ninth time in 2016 from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), meeting 100 percent of other-than-mandatory standards. Certification is valid for three years.
- Continued successful partnership in providing public safety dispatch services for West Carrollton
- Sponsored Community Forum on Opioid Abuse
- Trained and provided all Police Officers with Narcan
- Provided Run, Hide, Fight training for active shooter situations to churches, community organizations and other groups
- Offered special services like Vacation House Checks, Well-Being Call-in and other safety programs
- Trained officers as certified first-responders, giving them the training to start medical care immediately, as they are typically the first to arrive on an incident scene
- Welcomed new officers Domenico Fumarola and Zachary Parker along with Records/Communications Specialists Brooke Cornett and Katy Hogg
- Graduated classes 30 and 31 of the Citizens Police Academy bringing the total number of citizens who have participated in that program to more than 700
- Raised funds and participated in the run for Special Olympics
- Provided tours of the Police facility to school students and other groups
- Offered community programs such as Citizens Police Academy, Youth CSI Camp and Bicycle Rodeo
- Brought back Mystery Night Out—a community favorite event—featuring a clue search, exhibits, food and entertainment at Stubbs Park



Top: Police National Memorial Service; Above: Mystery Night Out

YANKEE TRACE

A \$266 MILLION DEVELOPMENT

Yankee Trace continues to be a huge asset to the Centerville community. The property tax revenue generates millions of dollars each year.

Centerville Schools	\$4,497,648
Montgomery County	\$1,587,405
Washington Township	\$684,708
Sinclair Community College	\$298,104
Centerville-Washington Park District	\$279,473
City of Centerville	\$267,362
Washington-Centerville Library	\$218,920
Total	\$7,833,620

The Golf Club at Yankee Trace celebrated its 22nd year in 2017 and continues to provide outstanding golf and dining experiences. In November 2018—because of sound fiscal management—the course will be debt free—several years ahead of schedule.

2017 was a stellar year for the 27-hole championship level course:

- Recorded over 54,000 rounds played for ninth consecutive year
- Sold out both junior camps
- Recorded most league rounds since opening
- Re-decked and refurbished two bridges on the Heritage Course
- Named Best Public Golf Course in Dayton, by two voting bodies:
 - Dayton Magazine and Dayton.com

The Yankee Trace golf course maintenance crew welcomed a new four-legged helper, Thorn. She came on board in mid-March and has been very successful in keeping the geese away from the golf course.



The restaurant and banquet facilities at Yankee Trace remain a favorite for:

- **Signature events:** Jazz on the Green, Friday Fish Fry and Sunday Brunch
- Special brunch and dining events
- Service club meetings
- Weddings and Receptions
- Family gatherings
- Business meetings

Course improvements—all completed in-house—include:

- Rebuilding and reducing bunkers
- Replacing ash trees
- Replacing drainage tiles to improve ratings, playability and customer satisfaction

Centerville: a community of volunteers

More than 300 citizens serve on City Council-appointed Boards and Commissions and as CIVIC Municipal Volunteers, donating thousands of hours of their time, sharing their expertise and keeping Centerville a great place to live, visit and do business. City Boards and Commissions include the Storm Water Drainage Review Board, Board of Architectural Review, Board of Tax Appeals, Arts Commission, Property Review Commission, Records Commission, City Beautiful Commission, Planning Commission, Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council, Personnel Appeals Board, Sister City Committee, Friends of Benham's Grove Board, Business Task Force and Centerville City School District Personnel Appeals Board.

CIVIC (Citizens InVolved In Centerville) Municipal Volunteers give their time to Benham's Grove, Building Inspection, Engineering, Public Works, The Golf Club at Yankee Trace, Police Department, and the City Clerk and City Manager offices. On behalf of our City Council, staff and community members, we thank you for your outstanding efforts.

City relying more on income tax, additional revenue from Issue 3 helps stabilize budget

The largest single source of revenue for the City is income tax. In 2017, income tax provided 83 percent of the City's revenue, and our Finance office projects that reliance will increase to 85 percent in 2018. Generated from employee withholdings, taxes on the earnings of Centerville businesses and taxes paid by individuals, as Columbus continues to cut funding to cities, Centerville has increased its reliance on income tax revenue, which had been flat for several years, until

the passage of Issue 3, in 2016. Thanks to voter approval, Centerville's income tax rate increased in January 2017 from 1.75 percent to 2.25 percent, helping to stabilize the City's budget.

With those tax dollars, your City protects its citizens and property, provides a nationally accredited Police Department, 24-hour dispatch services, quality road maintenance and offers an array of quality-of-life features which truly make our community unique. As Centerville's landscape has expanded and changed, our residents and businesses can continue to expect quality services delivered in a professional manner.

Looking ahead

As we close the chapter on 2017, 2018 promises to be an exciting year in Centerville. Celebrating its 50th Anniversary as a City, a yearlong celebration is planned with community events and special activities. Please visit our website, centervilleohio.gov, for the latest information.

City Council is reviewing and will soon adopt Goals and Strategies for the 2018-2023 Strategic Plan. The plan will be the framework for new projects and programs going forward. Goal areas include Planning, Economic Development, Core Services, Finance, Infrastructure/Housing and Technology. In addition, the City developed a Mission, Vision and Values statement.

Centerville is making significant improvements to the City's

financial software, last upgraded in 1998. A vendor will soon be selected to assist in implementing an ERP, enterprise resource planning system. The ERP will allow information coordination between departments and streamline paperwork, allowing for better efficiency. Full implementation is expected to take about two years.

Look for our new and upgraded City website to launch in the fall. Not only will the City unveil a new design, but in addition to complementing the new ERP, the website will boast improved content management system capabilities.

Please contact the City, 433-7151 or information@centervilleohio.gov for more information about any of these projects.

Communication efforts

Centerville strives to offer interaction and communication between our citizens and local government officials. In addition to community and City-sponsored events where City Council and staff are in attendance, Centerville offers the following communication efforts:

Publications:

- Town Crier, quarterly newsletter, distributed to every home

E-Newsletters:

- Arts News
- Centerville Connections
- Centerville Construction Update

MVCC programming, available on Spectrum Channel 5, AT&T U-Verse 99, City website, Facebook page, Twitter, YouTube channel and mvcc.viebit.com:

- City Council monthly meetings
- "Centerville Business Today": Business owners and managers
- "Centerville Business Update": Business news and information
- "Centerville Reports Today": City news, events and businesses
- "Let's Talk Centerville": City news, events and businesses
- "Centerville Datebook": 5-minute monthly calendar of City events
- "Centerville Reports On-Location": Special events and topics
- "City Council Wrap-Up": Highlights of City Council meeting

Websites:

- City of Centerville: centervilleohio.gov
- Benham's Grove: benhamsgrove.com
- Farmers Market: centervillefarmersmarket.com
- The Golf Club at Yankee Trace: yankeetrace.org

Social Media:

- Facebook: four pages: City of Centerville, The Golf Club at Yankee Trace, Benham's Grove, Centerville Farmers Market
- Twitter: @CentervilleOH
- YouTube: City of Centerville, Ohio

Emergency Messaging:

- Code Red: message sent via phone call from City
- WCWT 107.3 FM, high school radio station

2018 STREETS: MAJOR PROGRAMS

CORNERSTONE DEVELOPMENT (TIF FUNDS)	\$5,031,552
STREET AND SIDEWALK REPAIR	\$3,687,895
OTHER PROJECTS (APD, STREETScape)	\$899,123
STORMWATER DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS	\$165,000
TOTAL	\$9,783,570
FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	(\$5,339,972)
NET COST TO CITY	\$4,443,598

2018 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS	\$9,783,570
TRAFFIC CONTROL	\$140,000
LAND ACQUISITION	\$25,000
BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS	\$707,900
VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT	\$2,192,708
TOTAL	\$12,849,178
FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	(\$5,343,972)
NET COST TO CITY	\$7,505,206

2018 OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS

STREET AND REFUSE VEHICLES	\$385,000
STREET EQUIPMENT	\$218,000
POLICE EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES	\$251,100
YANKEE TRACE IMPROVEMENTS	\$754,458
STUBBS PARK IMPROVEMENTS	\$125,000
TECHNOLOGY / CONNECTIVITY IMPROVEMENTS	\$715,000

PROVIDING EXCEPTIONAL VALUE

LOW TAX RATES ATTRACT BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTS

	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%	6.28%	YES	YES
W. CARROLLTON	2.25%	6.25%	YES	YES
CENTERVILLE	2.25%	2.35%	NO	NO

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 Police Non-Emergency 433-7661
 Fire Non-Emergency 433-3083
 Public Works Center 428-4782
 Drug Hotline 433-6590
 Yankee Trace Golf Shop 438-GOLF
yankeetrace.org

Yankee Trace Restaurant 438-3585
 Benham's Grove 433-1913
benhamsgrove.com

Centerville-Washington History 433-0123



100 W. Spring Valley Road,
Centerville, OH 45458

City Manager Wayne Davis

The Centerville Town Crier is a continuing effort to improve communication between you and your City officials. Comments or suggestions for future issues are welcome and should be directed to the Office of the City Manager. Council members welcome your calls and emails.

Editor Maureen Russell Hodgson
 Production Red Wagon Workshop
 Printing Promotional Spring

Public Meetings at the Municipal Building

City Council 7:30 p.m., third MON. monthly
 Board of Architectural Review 7 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
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City Offices closed on Memorial Day

Centerville City offices will be closed Monday, May 28, in commemoration of Memorial Day. Waste collection will be delayed one day that week.

CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE REGISTRATION

REGISTER BY NOON, APRIL 13

Garage Sale: April 26-28, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Neighborhood: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Items for Sale: (No more than 100 characters) _____

- The City will advertise your sale and provide you with one sign for **FREE**. (Sign must remain on your property.)
- Return form to: City of Centerville, 100 W. Spring Valley Road, Centerville, OH 45458 or fax to 428-4763.
- Register online at centervilleohio.gov.

For more information call 433-7151 or email information@centervilleohio.gov.

MARCH-MAY CITY CALENDAR

MARCH

- 1-31** Middle School Art Exhibit at Police Department
- 9** 9:00 a.m. Coffee with a Cop
- 17** 10:00 a.m. City Beautiful workshop, CHS Central Theater
- 19** 6:30 p.m. State of City address, Council Chambers
- 19** 7:30 p.m. City Council meeting, Council Chambers
- 21** 8:30 a.m. Mayor's Faith Leaders' Breakfast

APRIL

- 14** Centerville History Exhibit opens, Asahel Wright House
- 17** 7:30 p.m. City Council meeting, Council Chambers
- 18** 11:00 a.m. Arbor Day tree planting at Stubbs Park
- 26-28** Citywide Garage Sale
- April 30-May 3** Free Bulk item pickup for Centerville waste collection customers

MAY

- 16** 7:30 a.m. Mayor's Business Breakfast, Yankee Trace
- 19** 9:00-11:00 a.m. Bicycle Rodeo, MVHS
- 21** 7:30 p.m. City Council meeting, Council Chambers
- 28** 9:00 a.m. Memorial Day Ceremony, Veterans Memorial at Stubbs Park

WEEKLY

Brush drop-off, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Wednesday, Public Works

MONTHLY

Brush drop-off, 9:00 a.m.-noon, 3rd Saturday of each month, Public Works

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