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State of the City address will preview Council goals

Centerville Mayor Brooks Compton will give the annual State of the City address at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 20 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 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.

Centerville City Manager announces retirement



Greg Horn

Centerville City Manager Gregory B. Horn announced his retirement effective July 5, 2017, marking 25 years with the City. In addition to being responsible for day-to-day City operations, Horn was hired in 1992, soon after Centerville began plans for what would become The Golf Club at Yankee Trace. Under his leadership, the golf course and club house opened in 1995, and the course expanded to 27 holes in 2003. Consistently named Best Golf Course in the area, Yankee Trace hosted the PGA Tour's Dayton Open, and the residential area is now home to almost 900 families. Other projects that have developed during his tenure include miles of major road improvements, a new Police facility and new Public Works Center, Kroger Marketplace, Miami Valley Hospital South and Cornerstone of Centerville.

"Greg Horn's outstanding professional contribution to Centerville is measured by the many and varied infrastructure improvements he has overseen, the steady investment in services, equipment and buildings; his commitment to providing excellent efficiency and service for Centerville residents, and the numerous high-quality Centerville developments added during his tenure as city manager," said Centerville Mayor Brooks Compton. "Starting with Shirley Heintz, Greg has led the City with four mayors and over 20 council members during his 25 years as Centerville's city manager. His leadership and guidance have left the City well-positioned for the future."

Horn has worked in government for almost 41 years, having also served as city manager in Tipp City and village manager in Minerva, Ohio. *Horn continued on page 2*

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Business Breakfast set for May 17

Mayor Brooks Compton hosts the 20th annual Business Appreciation Breakfast 7:30–9:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 17 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 as well as elected officials and City staff members. All Centerville businesses are invited to attend this free event which celebrates the City's strong business community. Registration opens April 1, call 433-7151 or visit centervilleohio.gov and click on the Mayor's Business Appreciation Breakfast story on the homepage. Registrations accepted until May 5.



Registration for the Business Breakfast opens April 1.

(Horn continued from page 1) He started his career in 1978 as city administrator in Hermann, Missouri, where at the age of 24, he was the state's youngest city manager. He holds a BA in Political Science from Bowling Green State University and master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Missouri. A past president of the Ohio City/County Management Association, the Dayton Area Manager's Association and the Centerville Rotary Club, Horn serves on numerous area boards and commissions.

City Council has initiated the search process and expects to have a new city manager on board by July.

New business development continues

Miami Valley Hospital South is planning a \$60 million expansion that includes a spine and joint center, with sports medicine and pain center services. In addition, emergency, cardiology and primary care services will also expand making room for a cardiac catheterization lab, dozens of additional physicians and six operating rooms. Completion is expected by fall of 2018.

Mike's Nashville Hot Chicken is now open on Far Hills Avenue near N. Village Drive. Just south on Far Hills, Mike's Car Wash is under construction, with another location on S. Main Street near Spring Valley Road also being built.

First Watch, Firehouse Subs, Zoup! and the area's first MOD Pizza are all under construction at Cornerstone of Centerville. Kroger Marketplace and fuel station will open there in June as construction continues on buildings and infrastructure at the development on Wilmington Pike and Feedwire Road.



Top: Mike's Nashville Hot Chicken is now open on Far Hills Avenue. Above: Construction at Cornerstone of Centerville continues.

Tax Office offers assistance

The City offers a free, online tax preparation tool for residents. The secure system is available 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 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 2016 tax return and the first quarter 2017 estimated tax payments are due April 18, 2017. The other quarterly estimate payments are due June 15, September 15 and December 15. We do not send quarterly reminder notices, however, vouchers for estimated 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.

A warm and cheerful welcome to these businesses

new to Centerville

SINCE NOVEMBER 1, 2016

Country Club Landscaping 133-C Westpark Road

Farmers Insurance 175-B W. Franklin Street

Mike's Nashville Hot Chicken 6228 Far Hills Avenue

Studio 48 Hair Salon 881 S. Main Street

Style Encore 101 E. Alex-Bell Road Suite 154

Unmanned Solutions 1784 South Metro Parkway

Zengel Group 85 Compark Road

Gem City Chiropractic 5812 Wilmington Pike

Fix A Phone 5816 Wilmington Pike

Lazar Motorsports 34 Compark Road

Centerville voters approve Issue 3

Centerville voters in November approved a 0.5 percent earned income tax increase, raising the Centerville income tax rate from 1.75 percent to 2.25 percent. The increase went into effect in January 2017.

Council cited ongoing steep State funding cuts as the primary need for the increase. Over the past five years, Centerville has lost close to \$3 million each year; an 89 percent reduction in State funding. These cuts have led to a 20 percent reduction in the City's General Fund and a reduction of 30 staff positions. In 2017, the City will begin to realize additional state cuts with the implementation of House Bill 5, estimated to result in another \$1 million annual loss.

This was the first income tax increase for Centerville taxpayers since 1981. For more information, contact the Tax Office, 433-7151.

Council approves 2017 budget

On January 23, 2017, Centerville City Council unanimously adopted the 2017 Municipal Budget. Total projected resources are \$59,036,956 which includes a carry-over of \$23,309,473. Expenditures for 2017 are budgeted at \$43,167,532 leaving a projected year-end balance of \$19,737,698. These figures include \$3 million related to public improvements for the Cornerstone development. The City plans to invest \$12.4 million in capital improvements, of which \$6.1 million (or 49 percent) is being funded from other sources, such as grants. Projects include \$8.5 million for street and sidewalk repairs and \$1.9 million for police, street and refuse vehicles and equipment.

City makes good on promise

Additional funding supports road projects

Following the passage of the income tax levy last fall, the City has, as promised, added funding to the annual street program budget. Funding for the 2017 Street Repair program has increased 57 percent from the 2016 budget, with the City spending a little over \$4 million this year. Multiple projects are on tap including the annual street resurfacing, concrete repair, and concrete sidewalk repair programs.

The following streets are included in the first round of streets to be milled and asphalt resurfaced: Gershwin Drive, Freyn Drive (Gershwin to west end), Tipton Court, Gerber Court, Bristol Drive, Virginia Avenue (Bristol to south end), Concept Court, Tuxworth Road (Bellingham to north end), Benzell Drive, East Drive, Shawhan Drive, Mary Haynes Drive, North Johanna Drive, Davis Drive (West Ridgeway to Lyons), and Lyons Drive (West Ridgeway to north of Sheldon). A second round of streets to be milled and resurfaced will be listed in the next Town Crier.

Streets to receive concrete repair work in preparation for future milling and asphalt resurfacing are scattered among various neighborhoods and will include curb and sidewalk repair as well as storm sewer repairs. There will also be concrete panel reconstruction work on select concrete streets. We'll have more details in our next issue.

Another residential street improvement project is Bethel Road, from the north end to the north-most intersection of Boyce Road. The City received Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for this work. The improvements will be similar



City Council increased funding for the 2017 Street Repair program by 57 percent.

to those completed last fall on South Johanna Drive and include new curb and underdrain, storm structure repair, and milling and asphalt resurfacing of the road. Work on South Johanna was also a CDBG project.

To finish up various utility projects that started in 2016, several of the roads involved will be milled and asphalt-resurfaced this year. The Montgomery County Environmental Services (MCES) project to replace the aged water main on West Ridgeway Road from North Main to Normandy is nearing completion. Vectren is replacing an aging gas main in that same area, with work to be wrapped up by early spring. West Ridgeway will then be milled and resurfaced over the summer as part of the City's annual asphalt resurfacing program.

Similarly, East Franklin Street, the portion in front of Centerville High School which received new water main in 2016, will be milled and resurfaced from Main Street/St. Rt. 48 to Cloy Road. Both of the MCES projects are joint efforts with the County, the City and the Ohio Public Works Commission financing the improvements. The remainder of the East Franklin Street resurfacing includes federal funding from the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission through the Surface Transportation Program.

Cloy Road from Alex-Bell to Bigger Road will be repaired and resurfaced later this year. The City received Ohio Public Works Commission funding to supplement local funding to complete this project. Deteriorating curb and storm structures will be repaired prior to the roadway being milled and resurfaced. Watch for more details, including a project schedule, in a future Town Crier.



The Citywide Garage Sale is April 27-29 in neighborhoods throughout Centerville.

Registration open for Citywide Garage Sale

Register through April 14

One of the most popular spring events is the annual Citywide Garage Sale. Set for Thursday, April 27 through Saturday, April 29, sales take place 8 a.m. to 5 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.

Residents may begin registering March 3 at centervilleohio.gov or by completing the form on page 20 of this publication and returning it to City Municipal Office, 100 W. Spring Valley Road. Fax registrations to 428-4763. Registration closes at noon, Friday, April 14.

Following the garage sale is the City's annual bulk item pickup, May 1-4, free for all Centerville waste collection customers. All items should be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. on your regular waste collection day. For more information, call 433-7151 or email information@centervilleohio.gov.

FARMERS MARKET OPENS IN MAY

Bring your shopping list to the Farmers Market, near the intersection of St. Rt. 48 and Spring Valley Road. Beginning Thursday May 18, area farmers are on site 2:30-6:30 p.m. with fresh vegetables, fruit, bread, herbs, organic meat and eggs, cut flowers, bedding plants, honey and more. All produce is locally grown; some is certified organic. Visit centervillefarmersmarket.com and the Centerville Farmers Market Facebook page for updates.



REDUCE, REUSE AND RECYCLE



Some Centerville waste collection customers will soon be receiving a 96 or 64 gallon container for recyclable items. The program is being phased-in, and our Public Works Department will be delivering the new containers, which includes a label detailing accepted recyclable items. If you are not in the initial phase, continue to place your items in a container 32-gallons or less, and label it with the orange recycling sticker available at the Public Works Center or Centerville Municipal Offices. Rinse all containers and remove caps and lids from recyclable items.

CENTERVILLE TRUCKS WILL PICK UP FOR RECYCLING:

- **GLASS:** bottles and jars
- **PLASTIC:** bottles and jugs
- **CARTONS:** food and beverage
- **PAPER, NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES**
- **CARDBOARD** (broken down)
- **METALS:** aluminum and tin cans
- **AEROSOL CANS**

For a complete list call 428-4782 or visit centervilleohio.gov.



Some items may be useful to someone else. McMRF, the Montgomery County Material Re-use Facility, accepts a variety of items including wood furniture, paint, cabinets, appliances and lumber. Go to mcoho.org or call 781-3075.

Free bulk item pickup offered May 1-4

Centerville waste collection customers may put out unlimited refuse for pickup at no extra charge during Clean Sweep Week, May 1-4. All items must be at the curb by 7 a.m. on your regular collection day. Hazardous items—chemicals, paint, oil, propane and gas—concrete, rock, dirt, tree stumps, root balls or vehicle parts including batteries and tires will not be collected. Large items such as carpet, wood and countertops must be no larger than four foot in length. Mattresses and box springs must be sealed in plastic. Mattress bags are available for \$3 at the Public Works Center or purchased at local home improvement stores. Bundled brush will be collected; however, it must be bound in no larger than ten-inch diameter bundles that are less than four feet long.

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 during the week.

And as a reminder, the City urges residents to be good stewards of the environment and recycle as much as possible. Orange recycling stickers to place on containers of your choice, but no larger than 32 gallons, are available at City Hall and Public Works or by calling 428-4782.



CITY RECOGNIZES *employees* FOR SERVICE

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. Commission members drove the streets of Centerville looking for lighting, display and festive decorations that enhanced the property. The winners were announced at the December Council meeting. Receiving Residential Lighting awards were: *Dominic and Jennifer Gussler, 2706 Walford Drive; Valerie and David Senkowsi, 1107 Green Tree Drive; Philip Penrod, 2010 Mapleton Drive; William Ziegert, 293 Bellingham Drive; Nancy Freking, 324 Alston Woods; Mr. and Mrs. Eric Heigel, 9207 Shawhan Road and Dixie and Kathleen Dooley, 1318 Waters Edge Drive. Interior Images, 4 W. Franklin Street and owner, Jena Meyer, received the award for Community Pride.*

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

The 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.

The City of Centerville recently honored 28 employees for their years of service at the annual Employee Recognition Luncheon held in December at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace. Police Detective Dan Osterfeld was recognized for 35 years of service while Werner Boehm and CJ Thrower, both recently retired from Public Works, received 30-year awards. Police Officers Scott Thomas and Bryan Sears, along with Public Works group leader Brad Kavalunas, received 25-year awards. "Our City is pleased and honored to have employees who have dedicated their careers to serving the residents of Centerville," says City Manager Greg Horn. "We appreciate the efforts and talents all of our employees bring each day to their respective positions."

Receiving 20-year awards were Police Officers John Pridemore, Ed Skinner and Jim Stephenson, and Christine Smart, Police Staff Services coordinator. Honored for 15 years of service were Police Officer Adam Bennett and Police Sgt. Bill Osmanski; Julie Gerspacher, secretary to the Police Chief; Randy Bishop, Benham's Grove assistant administrator, and David Laird, Public Works equipment operator. Receiving 10-year awards were Bob Lindenschmidt, code enforcement officer; Scott Ontjes, IT manager; Kristen Gopman, assistant to the city manager; Nadia Dexter, police detective; Julie Weaver, assistant clerk of council; CT Houser, Tom Nugent, Chris Sharp and David Watts, all Public Works employees; and from The Golf Club at Yankee Trace, chef Pat O'Boyle, Food Service Director Jason Pajari and building attendant Ben Holmes. Jamie Feilen, secretary to the Public Works director, received a five-year award. The City also recognized the seven employees who retired in 2016.



Top Left:
Det. Dan Osterfeld

Top Right:
C.J. Thrower

Middle:
Officer Bryan Sears
and Brad Kavalunas

Right:
Officers Jim Stephenson,
Ed Skinner and
John Pridemore and
Christine Smart

LEARN LANDSCAPE DESIGN AT WORKSHOP

Landscape design is the topic for the City Beautiful Commission's spring education program. Jill Early, landscape designer for Kettering Medical Center, is the keynote presenter. The event is 10 a.m. Saturday, March 11, 2017 at the Centerville High School Theater, 500 E. Franklin Street.

Admission is free and open to the public. Door prizes will be awarded during the event. For more information, visit centervilleohio.gov.

MAKE A DATE FOR Yankee Trace restaurant

Whether it's lunch, brunch, or a Friday night fish fry, Yankee Trace restaurant offers delicious fare for your family, offering 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. Visit yankeetrace.org or call 438-3585 for more information.



Lunch:

Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Sunday Brunch: (excluding holidays below)
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

\$19.95 adults, \$9.95 children

Friday Night Fish Fry: (through April 14)

Adults: \$14.99, Children: \$5.95

Easter Buffet: Sunday, April 16

Mother's Day Buffet: Sunday, May 14

Enjoy a buffet feast including roast leg of lamb (Easter only), baked Virginia ham, carved Prime Rib, Seafood Newburg, vegetables, potato, salads, desserts and more. Three seatings available: 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 4 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.

Benham's Grove celebrates 25 years as community gathering place



In celebration of its 25th anniversary this year, commemorative signs were added to the Benham's Grove grounds at 166 N. Main Street. First opened in 1992, the community gathering place, located in the heart of Centerville, has hosted thousands of special events over the years.

The perfect spot for weddings, receptions, meetings and company picnics as well as birthday, anniversary and family parties, with three accommodating facilities, large tented area and gorgeous grounds, there are plenty of party options. It's a great choice for casual or formal events, offering flexibility, competitive pricing and professional staff to make each 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 which carry 501C(3) classification receive a 10 percent discount.
- Businesses looking for meeting space Monday-Thursday receive special rates.

For more information, rates or to schedule a tour, call 433-1913 or visit benhamsgrove.com.

Honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY IS MAY 29

The City of Centerville's annual Memorial Day ceremony is 9 a.m., Monday, May 29 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 a performance 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 the keynote address will be given by Col. Bradley McDonald, 88th Air Base Wing and Installation Commander at Wright-Patterson AFB. For more information, call 433-7151.



YOUTHS TO HELP PLANT TREES FOR ARBOR DAY

City celebrates
31 years as
Tree City USA

The City's annual tree planting in celebration of Arbor Day is set for 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 19 at Benham's Grove. Third grade students will join Mayor Compton and City Council to plant nine trees—representing each of the nine elementary schools serving Centerville. This event also commemorates Centerville's 31st year as a Tree City USA. The public is invited.

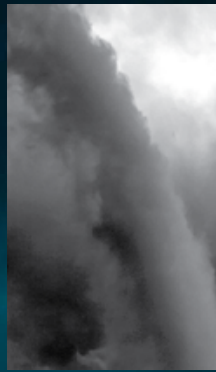


Students plant trees at Stubbs Park during last year's celebration

SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS DRILL

Statewide tornado drill set for 9:50 a.m. March 22

As part of Severe Weather Awareness Week, a statewide tornado drill will be conducted at 9:50 a.m. Wednesday, March 22. 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 NOAA 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 additional information, visit weathersafety.ohio.gov.

BE READY FOR WEATHER EMERGENCY



Severe weather can hit our community during any season. Make sure your family is prepared for an emergency situation. Review your plan, practice tornado and fire drills and refresh the supplies in your emergency kit. Follow the READY Plan as outlined on the FEMA website Ready.gov:

- 1**
BE INFORMED
- 2**
MAKE A PLAN
- 3**
GET A KIT

SAFETY ON WHEELS BICYCLE RODEO

The Centerville Police Department and Centerville Noon Optimists are partnering with Miami Valley Hospital South to host the Bicycle Rodeo 9–11 a.m. Saturday, May 20.



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

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

Performing arts programs offer variety

The Centerville Arts Commission sponsors two upcoming free programs at the Centerville High School Central Theater, 500 E. Franklin Street.

Artists from the Dayton Performing Alliance, featuring the Ballet, Opera and Philharmonic, present A Taste of the Arts at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 12. Following the program, the Alliance will host a Community Conversation about the arts in our community.

Original music is the theme of the 10th annual Original Night set for 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 7. 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. For more information on Centerville High School Orchestra and Band events, call 439-3500 or visit centervilleorchestra.org and centervilleband.org. For more information on either events, call City offices, 433-7151, or visit centervilleohio.gov.

New resource for seniors available

A new resource program for seniors has recently launched. SilverLink, a one-stop phone call to 2-1-1, provides free and confidential resource information to seniors. Facilitated by United Way of Greater Dayton, Centerville joins Dayton, Huber Heights and Kettering as pilot cities for the program, which included holding focus groups in each city to learn about senior needs. Results will be available soon.



Programs for seniors

The Centerville library is offering programs geared just for seniors.

- ▶ **Downsizing for Seniors:** 7-8:30 p.m. Tues., March 14
- ▶ **Know Your Rights!:** 1-2 p.m. Thurs. March 30
- ▶ **Senior Resource Fair:** 10:30-2 p.m. Sat., May 13
- ▶ **Senior Solutions:** 10:30 a.m.-Noon, Sat. June 10

Americana Festival

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS AND SPONSORS

The Centerville-Washington Township Americana Festival is a summer highlight for those in the Miami Valley and beyond. Set for July 4 in downtown Centerville, this year's theme is "The Best is Yet to Come."



Nationally recognized as one of the best places to celebrate Independence Day, this family event is made possible because of the dedicated work of volunteers and generous donations from individuals and corporate sponsors. Make a difference in your community and volunteer with the festival. Leadership and committee positions are available. Contact the Americana Office at americanafestival@sbcglobal.net or 433-5898. For festival information, visit americanafestival.org.

Visit Germany this summer

The Centerville Sister City Committee is coordinating a tour to Bad Zwischenahn, Germany this summer.

The itinerary includes flying to Amsterdam and traveling by bus to Germany, with a three-day homestay in Bad Zwischenahn. Then it's on to cruise the Elbe River from Berlin to Prague. Individuals participating are responsible for all expenses including travel.



Stops include this historic restaurant in Bad Z.

Citizens of Centerville's Sister City of Bad Zwischenahn were last here in 2014. The groups visit each other every three years.

The committee is accepting members. Visit centervilleohio.gov then Community for an application. For information, call City offices, 433-7151.

Bang on the drum all day

Join the community band



The Centerville Community Band is accepting new members—no audition necessary. In particular, the band needs percussionists and bassoon players. The recipient of a Centerville-Washington Foundation grant, the band is preparing for the spring and summer concert seasons. Visit centervilleohio.gov/ccb.

Speaker Series

HIGHLIGHTS
HISTORICAL PEOPLE
AND PLACES

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

March 21, 2017

Women Aviators, presented by Rick Esposito



April 18, 2017

The Old Barn Club and the Golden Age of Hills and Dales Park, presented by David Schmidt

How does your garden grow?

A limited number of garden plots are available at Stubbs Park, 255 W. Spring Valley Road. The plots are 20' x 20' and rent for \$25 for the season, May–October. Over the years, folks have planted tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, cucumbers, summer



squash, sweet potatoes, onions and more. Gardeners must supply their own water. For more information, call 433-7151, or stop by the Municipal Offices, 100 W. Spring Valley Road.

Tips on trees

Why does a newly planted tree flourish or struggle? What is the best way to prune a tree? The City Beautiful Commission has added a tab called 'Educational Information' to the City website, centervilleohio.gov, under Community. Articles will be posted periodically on topics to help with landscape questions. If you have a particular interest, email publicworks@centervilleohio.gov, and we'll post information as applicable.

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE for summer concerts

Get your lawn chairs and blankets ready for a summer of musical entertainment. Sponsored by the Centerville Arts Commission, more than 15,000 people attended last year's 14 free concerts at Stubbs Park, 255 W. Spring Valley Road. This summer, look for a great mix of oldies, big band, country, Motown and rock. We'll have the complete schedule in the next Town Crier.

The Arts Commission is offering businesses, groups and individuals the opportunity to provide sponsorship support for the series. For sponsorship information, call the City, 433-7151 or visit centervilleohio.gov to download a sponsorship application. Sponsorship deadline is March 31.

The Arts Commission was created by Centerville City Council to involve citizens in the visual and performing arts.



CENTERVILLE STUBBS PARK SUMMER CONCERT SERIES 2016 CHERIEEYNTS

ART GALLERY TO SHOWCASE VARIETY OF EXHIBITS

The Centerville Art Gallery features exciting exhibits for spring.

Linda Pecano-Cassette's paintings are featured through the end of March. She has a degree in art education and her interests have evolved into other facets of art and design, which led to further education in interior design.

April's exhibit features the works of Don Henry, who works primarily in oil and acrylics and features landscapes, seascapes, florals, animals, still life and people.

In recognition of National Police Officer Memorial Week, the exhibit in May will honor Police history and feature artifacts and materials from the Dayton Metropolitan

Police Museum. A special tribute to fallen Centerville Police Officer John Kalamian will be featured in the display case.

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.



Top: Work by Linda Pecano-Cassette
Above: Landscape by Don Henry

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 22 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 call Centerville Municipal Offices, 433-7151.

Women's Club to hold barn sale at Benham's Grove

The Centerville Women's Civic Club annual barn sale fundraiser is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thurs. April 20 at Benham's Grove, 166 N. Main Street. The barn will be loaded with household, décor and boutique items, jewelry, clothing, perennial plants and more.

Money raised supports Wright State scholarships for local students. Last year, the club awarded \$6,300 in scholarships and donated \$3,000 to local civic groups. The club has been awarding scholarships since 1965. Call 433-7374 for more information.

Friends of Library spring book sale

Hundreds of books, movies, music, games and more will be on sale at the Friends of WCPL Spring Book Sale April 20-22 at the Centerville Library. Prices range from \$1-\$5. Visit wclibrary.info for sale hours and specials.



City Board accepting nominations for preservation award

Centerville's Board of Architectural Review is accepting nominations for the 2017 Preservation Award. The award recognizes property owners in the historic downtown area known as the Architectural Preservation District, who consistently keep their homes or businesses in above-average condition and/or historically accurate. There are four categories: **Stewardship**, **Restoration**, **Rehabilitation**, or **New Construction**. Deadline for nominations is April 30. For more information or to nominate a home or business, contact Andrew Rodney, city planner, 433-7151, or email arodney@centervilleohio.gov.

YANKEE TRACE CONTINUES THE TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

The Golf Club at Yankee Trace includes 27 championship holes, a dual-ended practice facility and stunning 32,000 square foot clubhouse that present a variety of settings to entertain guests, family members and clients. Recognized as "The Best Golf Course" in Dayton by the Dayton Daily News, Dayton Business Journal and recently Dayton Magazine, treat yourself to a day of great golf, delicious food and gorgeous views. For pricing and other information, visit yankeetrace.org, email golf@yankeetrace.org or call 438-GOLF.

LEAGUES OFFER FLEXIBILITY

Offering the most comprehensive schedule of league play in the Miami Valley, it's no wonder Yankee Trace is consistently on the top of local "Best" lists.

Men's Leagues: 9-holes; four 9-week sessions. Includes 9-holes, prize fund, optional skins game, emailed results and awards banquet. Play days are Tuesday and Thursday. First two sessions begin mid-April.

Senior Men's League: 18 holes; (age 50+) Weekly Tuesday morning game. Fee includes 18-holes, prize fund, emailed results, optional skins game and awards banquet. Begins in May.

Women's Leagues: Three options: 1) 9-hole Tuesday morning league; 2) 18-hole Wednesday morning league; 3) 9-hole Wednesday evening league. Each league is pay-as-you-go format. Tee times may be reserved one week in advance. Fees include golf, prize fund, emailed results, awards banquet and more.

Couple's Leagues: Monthly weekend evenings. Two playing partners of any skill level compete in a fun format followed by an awards ceremony and dinner.

MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Yankee Player Development Program: (YPD Membership) includes unlimited access to the dual-ended driving range, comprehensive short game area and indoor netted range for year-round practice for a one-time fee. In addition, all YPD members qualify for greatly reduced greens fees and/or cart fees during selected times and other cost-saving specials. Call the Golf Shop for fees and additional details. Limited memberships offered.

VIP Membership: Available to adults ages 50 and over. Annual membership fee is only \$36 and benefits include \$31 greens fees with golf car any time Monday thru Thursday; \$32 greens fees any time Friday, and \$33 greens fees after 12 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Other perks are complimentary range balls and coffee with every round.

Annual Midday Membership: Unlimited golf seven days a week between the hours of 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. for a one-time low price. Benefits include 14 day advance reservations, complimentary locker, complimentary USGA handicap service and merchandise discounts throughout the year.

9 Online Membership: 9-holes of golf, seven days a week on any of our courses. Benefits include 10 day advance online reservations, complimentary locker, complimentary USGA handicap service and merchandise discounts throughout the year.

YOUTH PROGRAMS OFFER ON-COURSE EXPERIENCE AND INSTRUCTION



Summer Youth Leagues: For players ages 10-17 of all skill levels. This league offers playing experience with an introduction to competitive golf, including on-course golf matches for middle school golfers getting ready for high school golf.

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

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

Camps offered in June. Visit yankeetrace.org or call the Golf Shop, 438-GOLF.

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 2017 season. Call 438-GOLF for details.

Council adopts regulations for sheds, flagpoles and playhouses

In October 2016, City Council passed new regulations for sheds, flagpoles and playhouses. Adopted to afford residents and businesses the opportunity to place these structures on their property while also protecting the safety and general welfare of the community, the new regulations include:



- All sheds 200 square feet or less must include a metal or shingled pitched roof surface and exterior finish of wood, brick, stone, vinyl or any combination thereof. A permit is required.

- A flagpole shall be composed of steel, aluminum, or fiberglass and be no more than 30 feet in height. A flagpole may be located in any yard, but shall be setback from all property lines a distance equivalent to the height of the flagpole. There shall be no more than one (1) flagpole per single-family or duplex residence, and no more than three (3) for all other uses. A permit is required.

- A playhouse—stand alone or attached to a swingset—shall be located in a side or rear yard and shall not exceed 100 square feet in area or 12 feet in height. It must also be set back from all property lines a distance equivalent to the height of the playhouse. A permit is not required.

Please keep in mind other regulations may apply depending upon your specific situation. For additional information or a permit application, contact the Planning Department, 433-7151, or planning@centervilleohio.gov.

Spring improvements may require permits

Spring is a great time to take stock of the 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'll 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 generally 10 feet back of the curb.

The permit triggers an inspection to ensure the 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, irrigation system or landscaping—may be subject to removal at the owner's expense—when a public improvement project comes along. 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

Visit centervilleohio.gov, Forms,

Property Maintenance, Home Improvement Guide for more information.



Your Centerville Public Works Department

Kudos to Public Works

National Public Works Week, May 21–27, 2017, celebrates the contributions of the hard-working folks who take care of many of the amenities and services that make our community so special. Your Centerville Public Works crews:

- Maintain over 110 centerline miles of streets, 60 miles of sidewalk, over 3,000 storm drains, more than 3,600 traffic signs, 28 traffic signals, several hundred street lights, hundreds of acres of grass and landscaped areas
- Maintain over 100 different vehicles and pieces of equipment
- Collect trash and recyclables from over 6,000 customers
- Work special events including concerts at Stubbs Park, the Americana Festival and other various holidays
- Keep our city clean, safe and in tip-top condition.

LOOK OUT FOR BURIED LINES

April is 'Safe Digging' month. Play it safe! Digging into a live electric or gas line may cause injury or worse. Plan ahead. At least 48 hours before planting a shrub or tree, setting posts for a deck or installing an irrigation system, call 811 (or 1-800-362-2764) for utility locations—it's the law! Ohio Utility Protection Service (OUPS) is a free service that will contact utility companies to visit your property to mark their respective underground lines. Then you'll know where to dig to avoid hitting a buried utility line. For more information, visit oups.org.



Know what's below.
Call before you dig.

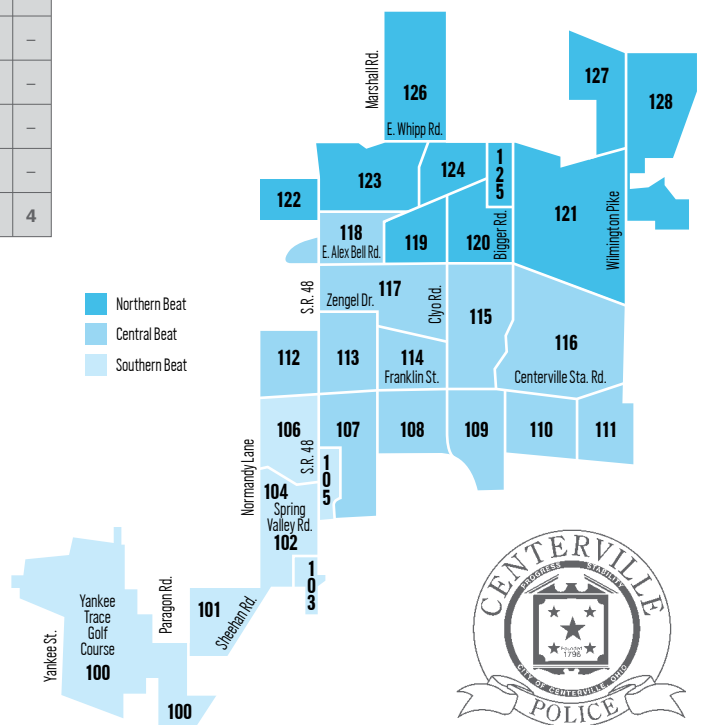
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DOOR	-	-	2	-	-	-
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GARAGE	1	1	-	-	-	1
UNDETERMINED	1	-	-	-	-	-
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Residential and Business crime statistics

Statistic Totals: October-December 2016



Pay attention to weather sirens

The Fire Department sounds test alarms at noon on the first Monday of each month in Centerville and Washington Township. There are 13 strategically-located sirens that given warning that those who are outdoors should seek immediate shelter. Sirens are not meant to alert those who are already indoors. For immediate weather-related news:

- ✓ Use a weather monitor or radio
- ✓ Download an emergency weather app on your cell phone
- ✓ Watch the news/listen to the radio for weather updates

If severe weather is approaching, remain inside your home and stay away from windows and doors. In case of a citywide emergency, listen to WCWT 107.3 FM for information.



October 17, 2016

Tom Maultsby, president and CEO of United Way of Greater Dayton, and Catherine Myers, community outreach counselor for SilverLink, presented information on SilverLink, a free, confidential resource connection service senior citizens may receive by calling 211.

Tom Wheeler, City Beautiful Commission member, presented the Summer Landscape award winners with stone markers. Ted and Jan Frederick received the Mayor's Award.

Council reappointed Charles Graham as chair of the Board of Architectural Review; Dan Carfagno as chair of the Property Review Commission, and Edward Ross to the Board of Architectural Review.

November 21, 2016

The invocation was given by Pastor Charlie Woodward, Epiphany Lutheran Church. Council accepted the resignation of Dick Welch from the Stormwater Review Committee. Mayor Compton thanked Mr. Welch for his years of volunteer service.

The Charter Review Commission was recognized for its work over the past year in reviewing and recommending changes for the City's charter.

Former mayor Sally Beals was recognized for her service to Centerville. Mayor Compton announced that a banquet room in The Golf Club at Yankee Trace would be named in her honor.



City Manager Greg Horn and Mayor Brooks Compton thank Sally Beals for her community service.

The Centerville High School Boys' Soccer team and coach, Jeff Monbeck, were recognized for their efforts in providing soccer shoes and other items to the Belmont High School Boys' Soccer team. Belmont coach Julie Raiff and several team members were also in attendance.

Mark Yandrick of the Planning Office was recognized for receiving two state awards for the Centerville City map design.

Martha Boice was recognized for her longtime commitment and service in preserving historic buildings in our community. She is the recent recipient of two state awards for historic preservation, education and leadership.

Sue Spiegel took the oath of office as a City Beautiful Commission member, and Rachel Selby was sworn in as a member of the Arts Commission.

December 19, 2016

Following his invocation, Pastor Tony Miltenberger of Centerville United Methodist Church, updated Council on CUMC's growing feeding program. The church is accepting food and monetary donations for the program, which provides a grocery shopping experience to those in need.

Members of the Centerville High School Girls Cross Country team and coach, Dave Dobson, were congratulated for winning the state title for the third consecutive year.

John Serr, volunteer chair of Centerville's Issue 3, was recognized for his successful coordination of the campaign.

Jan Prettyman, City Beautiful Commission chair, announced the winners of the Lighting Contest. See page 5.

In housekeeping measures, Council:

- Approved the 2017-2021 Capital Improvement Program
- Reappointed Carolyn Basford as Chair and Mike Vacchiano as Vice Chair of the Sister City Committee

January 23, 2017

Boy Scout Troop #299 from Epiphany Lutheran Church led the Pledge of Allegiance.



Police Chief Bruce Robertson presented the Centerville Police Department Life Saving Award to Lt. Matt Brown and Officer Bryan Sears along with citizens Tracy Reed-Trueblood and Beth Ann Brown, who because of their quick actions in administering CPR and AED, saved a car accident victim's life.

Mayor Compton gave the oath of office to Thomas Ovington as a member of the Board of Architectural Review.

In housekeeping measures, Council:

- Made the following reappointments: Louis Bordonaro to the Schools Personnel Appeals Board; Suzanne Holloway to the Sister City Committee and Dan Carfagno and John Lohbeck to the Property Review Committee.

City Manager Greg Horn and Jonathan Hudson, finance director, presented the City's 2017 revenue projections and expense appropriations. See the Annual Report beginning on page 15.

Council approves amendment to comprehensive plan

In January, Centerville City Council passed an amendment to the comprehensive plan, Create the Vision, which contemplates a new, mixed-use commercial and residential anchor development to replace the existing Centerville Place Shopping Center along South Main Street. The Centerville Place Planning Study, funded jointly by the City and the Montgomery County Land Bank, envisions up to 40,000 square feet of new commercial retail/restaurant space, 200+ apartment and townhome units and additional amenities such as a small bandshell stage, public art and community gardens. Rather than simply a local retail strip center, a reimagined Centerville Place could become a regional destination, home to unique businesses, events and hundreds of new residents. This plan will serve as a baseline of expectations to encourage an "outside the (big) box" development proposal adaptable to emerging market demands. This planning exercise could be a first step toward a new, brighter future for Centerville Place. For more information or a copy of the Centerville Place Planning Study, contact the Planning Department, 433-7151, or planning@centervilleohio.gov.



Mayor's Message from Brooks Compton

Spring is here and there is a lot of good and important news to report since our last Town Crier.

First, thank you, Centerville voters. Your overwhelming support of Issue 3 will allow your City Council and City staff to allocate the additional resources you have entrusted us to improve and invest in Centerville's neighborhoods, roads and pedestrian and bike pathways along with additional support of our outstanding Police Department. The passage of Issue 3 was critical to maintain the City's infrastructure, not just for today, but for Centerville's future. Your Council is grateful for the support and will make sure that the dollars are spent wisely.

Second, the longstanding Fire and EMS issue with Sugar-creek Township has been resolved in the manner proposed by Centerville all along. It took a lot of effort to get there, but, Sugar-creek Township will continue to provide Fire and EMS service to the Cornerstone area, along with other existing Centerville properties in Sugar-creek Township. Sugar-creek Township will be paid through the real property tax collection system for providing this service. Centerville's tax increment financing (TIF) will continue to provide the monies from the real property

owners to pay for the significant roadway improvements which have been made. The roadway improvements—completed on time and within budget—were imperative to address the long term needs of this entire area of Centerville—a gateway to our City.

Third, Miami Valley Hospital South is expanding. Not only will MVHS add \$60 million in new buildings and improvements, the expansion will add many new jobs in Centerville. MVH and Premier Health are great community partners, and we are proud that they have elected to locate and expand their campus here.

Fourth, it is with great appreciation for his service, that we as a city recognize our friend, Greg Horn, Centerville's city manager for the past 25 years. Greg announced that he will retire in July of 2017—exactly 25 years after landing in Centerville. For those who know Greg, (and who doesn't) Greg is not only our city manager, but also Centerville's number one asset. In 1992, then mayor, Shirley Heintz, along with council member (and future mayor) Sally Beals, encouraged Council (which also included future mayor Mark Kingseed and me) to hire this young man, who, at that time, was the city manager in Tipp City. Greg came on board when Yankee Trace was just a very big cornfield. Yankee Trace would not be the asset it is today without his outstanding leadership at a critical time in its development. There are many other accomplishments that will be covered more fully, but Greg and our entire community can take great pride that Yankee Trace is recognized throughout the area as a first-class golf course, clubhouse and residential development. Our City is much better because of Greg Horn, and our community thanks him for his dedication and service.

Have a great spring in Centerville!

Brooks A. Compton

2016 IN REVIEW

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

► Outreach Programs

Coffee with A Cop, Citizens Police Academy, Police Department Open House, Neighborhood Meetings, faith-based and community group clean-up efforts, leaf and snow removal resource lists

► Community Events

Art at the Trace, Summer Concert Series, Americana Festival, Farmers Market, Tree lighting, Jazz on the Green, Diversity Council programs, Kalamian Golf Outing, Arbor Day Tree Planting, Memorial Day, Veterans Day

► Community Recognition

Interfaith Breakfast, Residential and Business landscaping awards, Residential and Business lighting awards, Volunteer Appreciation events, Architectural Preservation awards, Council awards and certificates

► Special Services

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



Centerville High School students participate in Youth in Government Day.

► Programs for Kids

Bicycle Rodeo, CSI Camp for middle school students, Community Band concert at Benham's Grove, Cooking Up Opera, municipal tours, Youth in Government Day

► Business Outreach

Business Breakfast, Business Advisory Task Force, Business First participant, Centerville Commerce business e-newsletter, "Centerville Business Today" television program that highlights local businesses

2016 ANNUAL REPORT

From City Manager Greg Horn

2016 will be remembered as a time of change. As our country elected a new president, our City also saw leadership changes, as we welcomed a new mayor and two new council members. After ten years of litigation and negotiations, our City and Sugarcreek Township reached an agreement for Fire and EMS service. Council decided—after continued years of managing City finances through state cuts—to ask voters for a 0.5 percent income tax increase. Thanks to that approval, citizens will see road improvement projects start soon.

While we experienced change, there was also consistency. We improved major intersections, added to our tax base, hosted Neighborhood meetings and continued to support capital improvement projects. We protected citizens and property and provided a nationally accredited Police Department with 24-hour dispatch services, high-quality road maintenance and offered an array of quality-of-life features that truly makes our community unique.

Centerville still maintains the second lowest municipal property tax rate of any community in Montgomery County. Additionally, our City is one of only a handful of communities that does not assess property owners for curb, gutter and sidewalk repairs, street lighting or storm sewer utility fees.

We continue to face on-going cuts and loss of revenue because of the policies and decisions emanating from Columbus, losing approximately \$3 million each year, and are projecting another estimated \$700,000 annual loss with the phase-in of House Bill 5, which started in January of this year. However, there is also good news: 64 new businesses opened their doors, Miami Valley Hospital South will build a \$60 million expansion, Cornerstone of Centerville continues to develop and other commercial corridors continue to grow.

We are grateful to all those who continue to work tirelessly to make Centerville one of the Miami Valley's premiere communities. From those who are elected to represent you, to the professional staff who serves you, to the volunteers who help make this a great city, we are proud to play a role in our community's success. It has been my pleasure for the past 25 years to serve as your City Manager. We pledge to continue serving our residents, our businesses, and our visitors in a high-quality manner.

Financial overview

City relying more on income tax

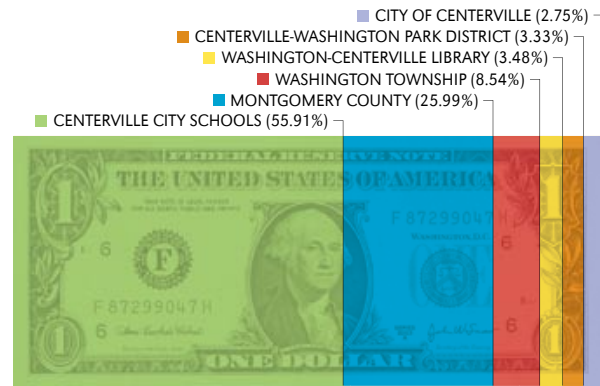
Income tax, generated from employee withholdings, taxes on the earnings of Centerville businesses and taxes paid by individuals, comprised 83 percent of the City's total revenue in 2016. As Columbus continues to cut funding to cities, Centerville has increased its reliance on income tax revenue. In November 2016, Centerville voters approved a 0.5 percent income tax increase.

Centerville received 70 percent of its income from three sources: taxes (income and property), Yankee Trace fees and waste collection fees.

Our municipal property tax rate remained at 2.35 mills, the second lowest in the region. The Centerville municipal government realized less than three cents from every property tax dollar collected. Of the balance, 56 cents supported the school district, 26 cents were allocated to Montgomery County, Washington Township received 9 cents and the remainder was allocated to the park district and library. Most Centerville residents pay more taxes for libraries or parks than for police and roads.

Total revenue (excluding internal transfers) for 2016 was \$28,922,566. 2016 expenditures (excluding internal transfers) totaled \$29,639,567.

YOUR PROPERTY TAX DOLLAR

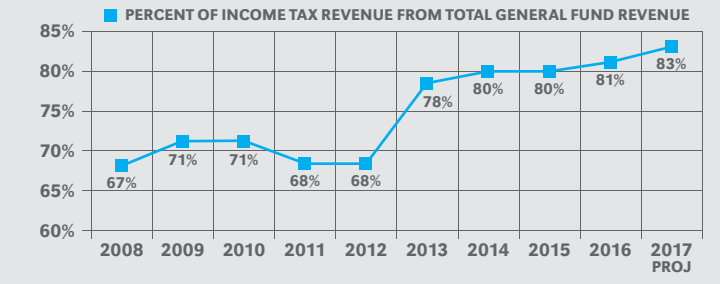


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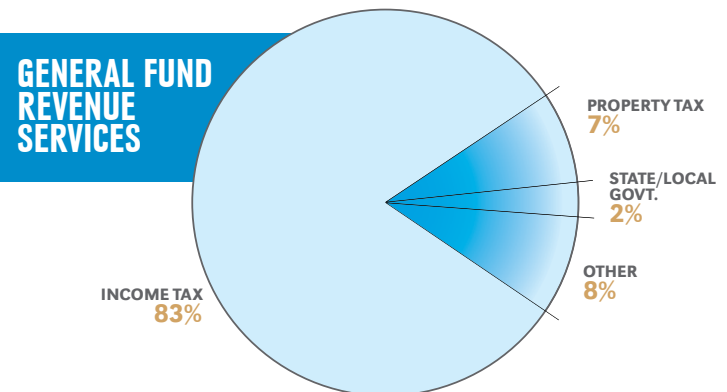
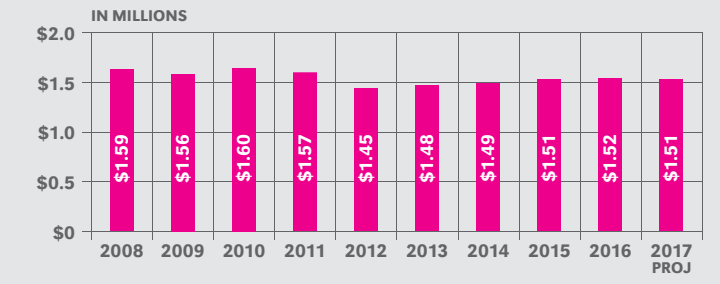
LOW TAX RATES ATTRACT BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTS

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MORAINE	2.50%	2.50%	NO	NO
OAKWOOD	2.50%	10.05%	YES	NO
KETTERING	2.25%	6.79%	YES	YES
MIAMISBURG	2.25%	7.03%	YES	YES
W. CARROLLTON	2.25%	6.25%	YES	YES
CENTERVILLE	2.25%	2.35%	NO	NO

INCOME TAX REVENUE



PROPERTY TAX REVENUE



2016

...a look back



Financial Review

- In November, voters approved a 0.5 percent increase in the City's income tax rate, raising the rate to 2.25 percent, the first municipal income tax increase in 35 years. The new rate went into effect in January 2017.
- At 2.35 mills, Centerville's municipal property tax rate remains one of the lowest rates in the Dayton area.
- Centerville ended 2016 with a total fund balance of \$23,304,473 as compared to \$24,026,473 at the end of 2015.

Milestones

- January brought a new mayor—Brooks Compton—and two new Council members: Mark Engert, who was elected in November, and Bill Serr, who was appointed by City Council to fill Brooks Compton's Council seat.
- Centerville and Sugarcreek Township reached an agreement for Fire and EMS service.
- Centerville Police K9 Boris, partner of Sgt. Michael Yoder, passed away after battling a debilitating disease. He was 14 years old.
- The Disc Golf Course held a grand opening at Stubbs Park.

City Improvements and Services

- Completed the Yankee Street widening project, administered by Montgomery County
- Completed Phase III Cornerstone, which includes Cornerstone North Blvd. and Village Center Drive, near Wilmington Pike and Feedwire Road
- Started a traffic counting program to collect data on roadway usage
- Planted 65 trees along E. Franklin Street and more in Stubbs Park funded by DP&L Foundation's 'Right Tree Right Place' grant program
- Hosted three neighborhood meetings with City Council
- Coordinated a summer Farmers Market and offered two winter markets
- Presented the Board of Architectural Review Preservation Award to Don and Edythe Aukerman for their home on S. Main Street
- Expanded communications efforts by adding two electronic City updates: Centerville Connections and Centerville Construction Update
- Supported green efforts by expanding our recycling program and offering the City's two electric vehicle charging stations free of charge
- Made Zoning Code updates to create a more business- and resident-friendly environment

Honors and Recognition

- Designated a "Tree City USA" by the National Arbor Day Foundation for the 30th year
- Awarded second place honors in the "How to Build a Better Mousetrap" competition, sponsored by Ohio Department of Transportation Training Center, for creating a hitch system
- Distributed 30 'Above and Beyond' awards to Public Works employees for being recognized for their efforts by a citizen
- Earned first place honors for the revised Centerville Street Map
- Earned the Pinnacle Award for the 100 percent rating for safety practices and investigation, training initiatives and orientation
- Achieved "Best Practices in Law Enforcement" award for 100% compliance from the Miami Valley Risk Management Association
- 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 Drug Free Safety Program with 100 percent training compliance
- Achieved the Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association, for the seventh year
- Earned the Certificate of Achievement of Excellence in Financial Reporting (CAFRA) from the Government Finance Officers Association, for the 16th year

Employees recognized in 2016 include:

- Police Staff Services Coordinator Christine Smart received the John P. Kalamian Respect for Law Award from the Centerville Noon Optimist Club
- Police Officers Doug Train, Ben Minch, Ed Skinner, Bryan Sears and Lt. Matt Brown received Life Saving awards
- Planner Mark Yandrick won first place for his City street map design

Volunteer Efforts/Community Outreach

- Coordinated community volunteers including faith groups, scouts and families to mow lawns, rake leaves, clear snow and perform home repairs for elderly residents

Joint emergency dispatch center readies for second year

Centerville and West Carrollton partnership offers outstanding service while maintaining costs

It's been almost two years since the cities of Centerville and West Carrollton finalized plans for the Centerville Police Communications Center to provide public safety dispatch services for West Carrollton. By all accounts, this collaborative effort has been successful, balancing advanced technology and state-of-the-art equipment with the personal touch and community knowledge of a local communications center. The partnership has also been cost effective for both communities.



Discussions first came about in 2014 when West Carrollton officials said increasing costs, budget cuts and aging equipment led officials to look for dispatching service alternatives. Centerville's state-of-the-art communications center, a Primary Safety Answering Point located inside its Police Building at 155 W. Spring Valley Road, was already planning for additional upgrades to the center's 9-1-1 system and radio consoles, offering West Carrollton additional communication opportunities including Centerville's CAD software. The center began providing both cities with full public safety dispatch services on April 30, 2015.

The transition for West Carrollton residents has been seamless, according to Doug Woodard, West Carrollton's Chief of Police, noting citizens continue to receive the same high-quality personal services they had come to expect from their own communications center.

All emergency and non-emergency police and fire calls—in Centerville or West Carrollton—are routed to Centerville's 24-hour communications center and answered within seconds by well-

trained, knowledgeable dispatchers familiar with both communities. Equipped to handle multiple lines, calls are not "stacked," and there is always a minimum of two dispatchers staffing the center.

In addition, because of the integration of records management systems and computer-aided dispatch, first responders in West Carrollton have greater access to information from their in-car computers, providing Police and Fire with vital information as they respond to emergencies.

According to West Carrollton Fire Chief Chris Barnett, Centerville's resources allow a specific person to handle fire and EMS calls, providing for more efficient service for the emergency situation and

increasing the level of safety for crews in the field. The partnership between the two cities shows how taxpayers benefit when merging certain services, he added.

Centerville Police Chief Bruce Robertson agrees that the collaboration has been positive for both cities in sharing information, cutting costs and providing outstanding service.

In September, the Centerville communications center added a new, upgraded 9-1-1 system that offers the latest technology in emergency dispatching and is compliant with next-generation standards. The Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (MARCS) allows both Centerville and West Carrollton to share one radio frequency, allowing for even more efficiency when dispatching calls. The digital radio system offers statewide radio coverage and complete interoperability with local and state agencies that will provide seamless emergency communications and services during a crisis.

Police Department highlights

- ▶ Attained meritorious accreditation status from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), meeting 100 percent of other-than-mandatory standards, for the ninth time. The process included a rigorous self-assessment, thorough review of standards and procedures, observation of department practices and interviews with citizens, school representatives, local business leaders, department employees and City staff and Council by a team of independent assessors with significant public safety experience. The assessors noted the positive relationships and support the Centerville Police Department has received from citizens, City staff and Council.

- ▶ Completed its first year of providing public safety dispatch services for West Carrollton (See story above)
- ▶ Trained officers to become 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 Benjamin Minch, Amanda Reyes and Colby Keller
- ▶ Graduated classes 28 and 29 of the Citizens Police Academy bringing the total number of citizens who have participated in that program to more than 600
- ▶ Raised funds and participated in the run for Special Olympics
- ▶ Offered community programs such as Citizens Police Academy, Youth CSI Camp and Bicycle Rodeo
- ▶ Hosted the annual Open House with displays, interactive exhibits, food and entertainment

Centerville continues to invest in infrastructure

Our staff works to receive federal and state funds to help cover the costs of improvements. In addition to the annual street and sidewalk repair program, multiple major projects are currently underway in various stages.

Federal Grant projects

- East Franklin Street Resurfacing: resurfacing with curb and sidewalk repair from Main Street to Clio Road; Total project cost \$519,420 with \$344,610 from a federal grant through the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) and \$174,810 local funds. Projected completion date is July 2017.
- School Zone Flasher Assembly Upgrades: includes replacing the school zone flasher assemblies on West Franklin Street at Magsig Middle School and adding flasher assemblies on Maple Avenue and Irongate Park Drive at Stingley Elementary; funding was received through the Ohio Department of Transportation Safe Routes to School program; 100% grant funding in the amount of \$85,000. Projected completion date is fall 2017.
- Wilmington Pike Traffic Signal Upgrade: from Alex Bell Road to Dille Drive, includes upgrading communication between 11 traffic signals and rebuilding or upgrading equipment at individual intersections to improve operations and safety. Total cost \$1.9 million: includes \$1.3 million grant with additional funding from Greene County and City of Centerville. This project is currently under design.

Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) grant-assisted projects:

- West Ridgeway Drive Resurfacing: includes resurfacing with minor storm sewer repair on West Ridgeway Drive from Normandy Lane to Main Street, total project cost \$206,000 with \$79,427 from OPWC. This project is under construction and should be completed by August 2017.
- Clio Road Resurfacing from Alex Bell to Bigger: \$170,340, should be completed by December 2017.
- East Franklin Street Resurfacing from SR 48 to Clio Road: over \$350,000 combined OPWC and federal grants, completion date is mid-summer 2017.

Local Funds

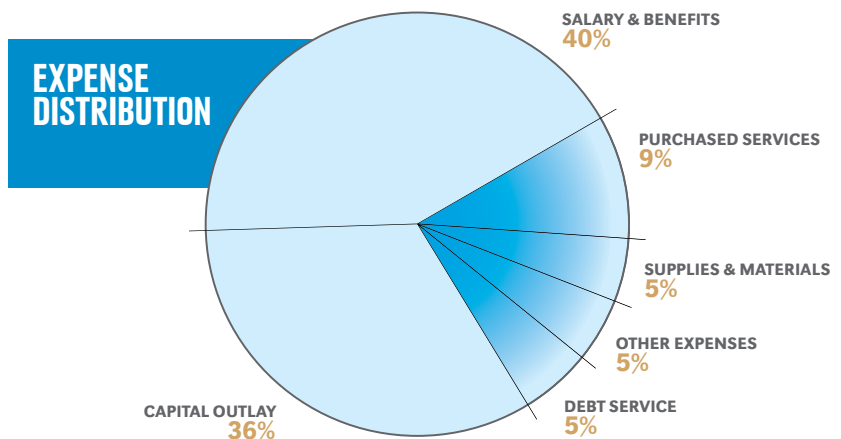
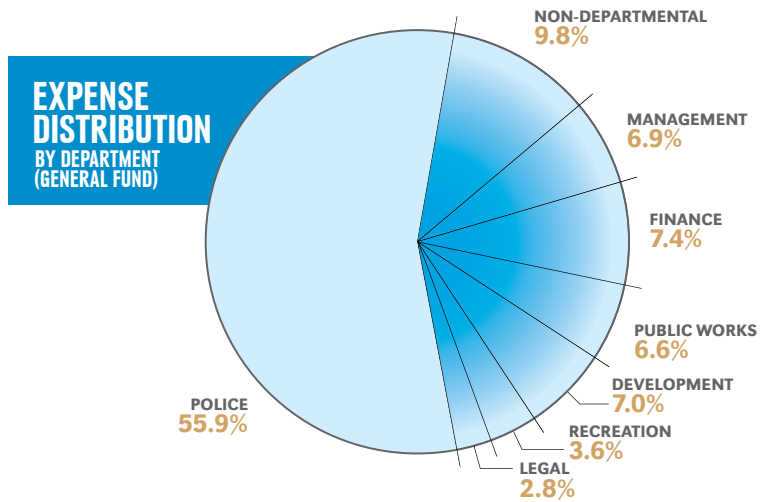
- Cornerstone Phase III On-site Public Improvements: includes streets, utilities, water lines, curb, gutter and street lighting for Cornerstone North Blvd. and Village Center Drive. Total cost is estimated at \$1.5 million funded from Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds. This project is under construction and should be completed by June 2017.
- Wilmington Pike Improvements Phase II: from I-675 to Brown Road; includes widening Wilmington Pike on the west side, north and south of Whipp Road, improvements on the east side of Wilmington Pike at Brown Road, and improvements on Whipp Road. Total estimated cost is \$3.2 million funded from Tax Increment Financing. This project is under construction and should be completed by March 2017.

Local Funds (cont.)

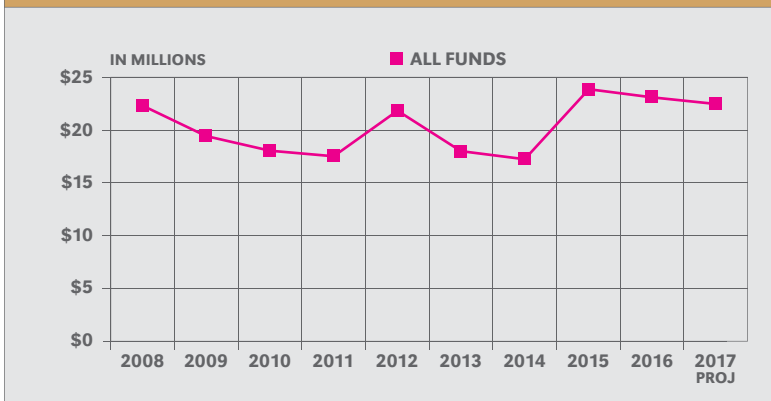
- Bethel Road Improvements: includes curb, sidewalk repair and resurfacing grant from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for \$75,000. Completion date is fall 2017.
- Municipal Building elevator upgrades include a \$50,000 grant from CDBG. Expected completion is December 2017.
- Improved Recycling Program: \$52,150 from Montgomery County Solid Waste District for the purchase of 1,400 recycling toter cans.

Completed projects in 2016:

- Yankee Street: widening from Social Row Road to Winding Green Way, in cooperation with the Montgomery County Engineer's Office. Construction cost is \$1.8 million with approximately \$1.2 million from federal grant funding through MVRPC.
- South Johanna Drive Improvements: curb replacement, isolated storm sewer repairs and resurfacing on South Johanna Drive from Tuxworth Drive to East Franklin Street. Total project cost \$291,600 with \$75,000 from federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.
- North Main Street Resurfacing: resurfacing North Main Street/Far Hills Avenue from Franklin Street to Alex Bell road; grant funding from OPWC and ODOT's Urban Paving program were received; total project cost \$650,000.
- 65 new trees were planted along E. Franklin Street and many more in other areas including Stubbs Park as part of a \$50,000 environmental grant from DP&L Foundation's 'Right Tree Right Place' program.



ENDING FUND BALANCE: ALL FUNDS



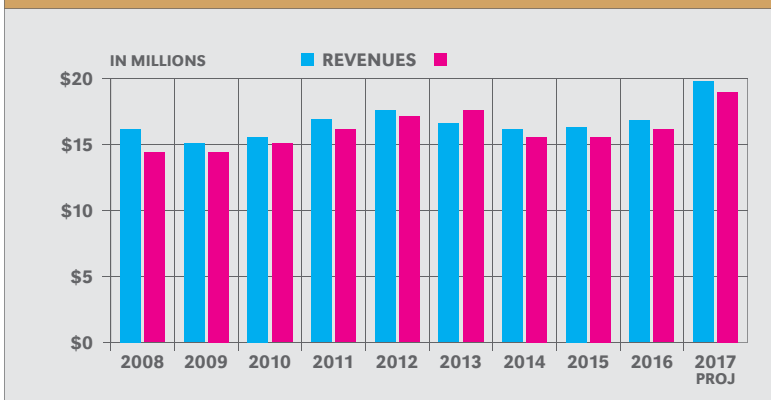
YANKEE TRACE

A \$266 MILLION DEVELOPMENT

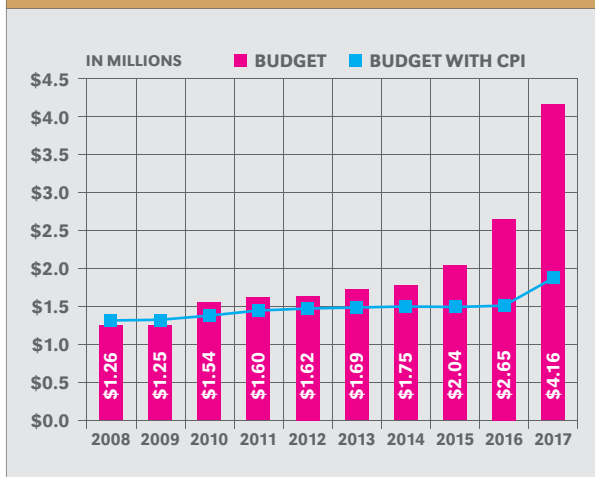
Yankee Trace continues to be a huge asset to the Centerville community. The property tax revenue generates millions of dollars each year.

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

GENERAL FUND: REVENUE AND EXPENSES



STREETS: REPAIR PROGRAM



Continued success at Yankee Trace

The Golf Club at Yankee Trace celebrated its 21st year in 2016 and continues to provide outstanding golf and dining. In January 2018—the course will be debt free—several years ahead of schedule.

Course improvements—all completed in-house—include:

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



2016 was a stellar year for the 27-hole championship level course:

- ▶ Over 54,000 rounds played for eighth consecutive year
- ▶ Sold out both junior camps
- ▶ Recorded most league rounds since opening
- ▶ Named Best Public Golf Course in Dayton, by two voting bodies: Dayton Magazine and Dayton.com
- ▶ Garnered award for Head Golf Professional Steve Marino, named 2016 Southern Ohio PGA Merchandiser of the Year

Yankee Trace Food Service also had a record year, enjoying its best January through November in the past 10 years and showing a profit of \$76,000.

And, the staff is passing along the good fortune with golfers. Several fees including membership, weekday and Friday rates have been reduced for 2017. Visit yankeetrace.org for more details.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS	\$8,482,620
TRAFFIC CONTROL	\$1,927,500
LAND ACQUISITION	\$25,000
BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS	\$534,630
VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT	\$1,432,700
TOTAL	\$12,402,450
FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	(\$6,285,446)
NET COST TO CITY	\$6,117,004

STREETS: MAJOR PROGRAMS

CORNERSTONE DEVELOPMENT (TIF FUNDS)	\$3,064,496
STREET AND SIDEWALK REPAIR	\$4,158,969
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PROJECTS	\$708,750
OTHER PROJECTS (APD, STREETScape)	\$385,405
STORMWATER DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS	\$165,000
TOTAL	\$8,482,620
FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	(\$4,338,196)
NET COST TO CITY	\$4,144,424

OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS

STREET & REFUSE VEHICLES	\$175,000
STREET EQUIPMENT	\$264,950
POLICE EQUIPMENT & VEHICLES	\$235,150
YANKEE TRACE IMPROVEMENTS	\$244,200
WILMINGTON PIKE SIGNAL SYSTEM	\$1,756,000

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City Council7:30 p.m., third MON. monthly
Board of Architectural Review..7:30 p.m., first TUE. monthly
City Planning Commission.....7 p.m., last TUE. monthly
Centerville Arts Commission.....7 p.m., first WED. monthly
Boards of Tax & Personnel Appeals & Property Review Commission.....At the call of chairperson

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7970 S. Suburban Road
City Beautiful Commission.....7 p.m., first TUE. monthly

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Sister City Committee.....7 p.m., first TUE. monthly

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City Offices closed on Memorial Day

Centerville City offices will be closed Monday, May 29, in commemoration of Memorial Day. Waste collection will be delayed one day that week.

MARCH-MAY CITY CALENDAR

MARCH

- 11** 10 a.m., Landscape Design workshop, CHS Central Theater
- 20** 6:30 p.m., State of the City address, Council Chambers
- 20** 7:30 p.m., City Council meeting, Council Chambers

APRIL

- 17** 7:30 p.m., City Council meeting, Council Chambers
- 19** 11 a.m., Arbor Day tree planting
- 27-29** Citywide Garage Sale

MAY

- 1-4** Free bulk item pick up for Centerville waste collection customers
- 15** 7:30 p.m., City Council meeting, Council Chambers

MAY (cont.)

- 17** 7:30 a.m., Mayor's Business Breakfast, Yankee Trace
- 18** 2:30-6:30 p.m., Farmers Market
- 20** 9-11 a.m., Bicycle Rodeo, MVHS
- 29** 9 a.m., Memorial Day Ceremony, Stubbs Park

WEEKLY

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

MONTHLY

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

For more information, visit centervilleohio.gov or call 433-7151.

CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE REGISTRATION

REGISTER BY NOON, APRIL 14

Garage Sale: April 27-29, 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.