

# TOWN CRITER

## Wayne Davis appointed City Manager



Wayne Davis

Wayne Davis was appointed July 10 as City Manager by Centerville City Council. Davis has just a few days at the City under his belt, having started his new position on August 21. He will serve as the chief administrative officer for the City, responsible for its overall operations including municipal activities, the Police Department, Public Works, Benham's Grove and The Golf Club at Yankee Trace.

Davis brings more than 20 years of public sector finance and government experience. For the past five years, he served as City Manager in Montgomery, Ohio, where he previously held the positions of assistant city manager and finance director. Mayor Brooks Compton said Davis was selected after an extensive national search.

"We are pleased to bring Mr. Davis on board as our City Manager. A proven leader with a wealth of management experience, he will build upon Centerville's outstanding services and strong residential and business foundation to further improve our community."

"I am honored and humbled to be appointed as the City Manager," said Davis. "I have lived in the community for more than 20 years, and am very fortunate to now live and work... *Davis continued on page 2*

## City Charter amendments to appear on Nov. ballot

*Proposed changes include updating and clarifying language*

Centerville voters will decide November 7 whether to approve eight City Charter amendments. The amendments, recommended by the Centerville Charter Commission, an appointed volunteer committee, and approved in July by City Council include: **Removing references to a particular county; Addressing vacancies in the office of both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor; Clarifying notice requirements for special meetings; Clarifying the use of Resolutions; Modifying requirements for publishing ordinances; Eliminating the expiration of emergency ordinances; Replacing the term "competitive exams" for hiring with "competitive processes"; Establishing a new section enabling Council to make non-substantive changes i.e., punctuation and/or grammar to the Charter.**

The Centerville Charter is reviewed by a Charter Commission every eight years. This is the first time since 1992 that revisions have been recommended for voter consideration. For more information, call 433-7151.

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With gratitude and honor, the City of Centerville proudly salutes all those who have protected and served.

## New developments, expansions throughout City

Construction projects in various stages of development can be found all over our City including:

- ▶ Cornerstone of Centerville continues to grow with the opening of Kroger Marketplace and Firehouse Subs. Mod Pizza is set to open soon. CoreLife Eatery, offering healthier food choices, is expected to open later this year. In addition, The Village, a pedestrian-friendly mix of retail and restaurants located north of Costco, will be breaking ground in a few weeks, however, no tenants have been announced. Home2 by Hilton, a 96-room hotel by Scarlet and Gray Hospitality, is under construction with an anticipated opening in late summer 2018.
- ▶ The Allure of Centerville, a \$30 million upscale multi-family project by Synergy Building Systems and Hills Development behind Cross Pointe Shopping Center, is under construction. Once completed, it will offer 312 units.
- ▶ Bethany Village Crescent Crossing, a four-story, 74-unit assisted living facility will replace the west wing of the Linden House. This \$42 million expansion broke ground in June, and is expected to open in Dec. 2018.
- ▶ Savannah Place at Yankee Trace, a \$15 million luxury home development by Charles Simms Development within Yankee Trace featuring 44 duplex units, will break ground in spring.
- ▶ Woodbourne Library's 10,000 square foot renovation and expansion includes new meeting spaces, larger children and teen areas, and new parking and green spaces. The \$5 million project is expected to open next summer.

## Task force assists businesses

The Mayor's Business Task Force, headed by Deputy Mayor Belinda Kenley, works to improve communication between Centerville City Offices and our business community. The committee, comprising business leaders and members of City Council and staff, meets quarterly to identify ways Centerville can assist our more than 700 businesses. For more information, contact Deputy Mayor Kenley at 433-7151 or bkenley@centervilleohio.gov.

*A warm and cheerful welcome to these businesses  
new to Centerville*

**RS Link** 1740 Thomas Paine Parkway

**Top Tier Storage Products** 6501 Centerville Business Parkway

**Iron Hogz Powersports** 103 Westpark Road

**Premier Independent Quality** 6485 Centerville Business Parkway

**Bath Fitter** 85 Westpark Road

**Boutique Fitness Center** 175 #272 E. Alex Bell Road

**Salon Ltd.** 84 N. Main Street

**Horwitz & Horwitz, LLC** 201 C W. Franklin Street

*Davis continued from page 1* ...in a community that is of the highest quality due to the outstanding and visionary leaders on City Council, the professional staff members who comprise the City of Centerville team, and the residents, businesses and institutions who are the community. I am looking forward to the opportunity and privilege to serve the entire community."

Davis has a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Vermont and a master's degree in public administration from Wright State University. He is a graduate of the Leading, Educating and Development Program from the University of Virginia's Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service and president of the Ohio City/County Management Association.

Davis fills the position left vacant when Greg Horn retired July 5. Jennifer Wilder, Human Resources manager, was appointed to serve as Acting City Manager during the interim.

## Centerville board presents preservation award

Centerville's Board of Architectural Review presented the 2017 Preservation Award to Jerry and Hylda Strange, 650 E. Alex-Bell Road. The award recognizes property owners who consistently maintain the historic character



Preservation award winners Hylda and Jerry Strange with Mayor Compton

of their homes. There are three award categories: Good Stewardship, Quality Restoration Project and Quality Rehabilitation Project.

Mr. and Mrs. Strange accepted the award, a framed ink drawing of their home, from Ed Ross, chair of the Board of Architectural Review, at the June Council meeting.

## Downtown experiencing a revival

Several property owners in the Architectural Preservation District are rehabbing the exterior and interior of their homes, bringing a refreshed look to the neighborhood. Here are two recent transformations:



Top: 39 W. Franklin Street, owned by Todd and Andrea Burkhardt  
Bottom: 18-22 S. Main Street, owned by Sol and Angie Gomez



## CITY BIDS FAREWELL TO HORN

Greg Horn, Centerville City Manager since 1992, retired in July. In recognition of his public service, a reception was held in his honor at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace. Horn was instrumental in several projects around the City, changing its landscape, including The Golf Club at Yankee Trace, Cornerstone of Centerville, Miami Valley Hospital South and Kroger Marketplace. Under Horn's leadership,

in addition to Yankee Trace, the City built a new Police headquarters and Public Works Center, both of which opened debt-free. The debt for The Golf Club at Yankee Trace, now a catalyst for development near the Social Row Road and Yankee Street area, will be paid off by the end of this year, several years ahead of schedule.

## When the lights go up in the City



Before you know it, the holiday season will be upon us. Join us in the celebration as City Beautiful members start looking Nov. 27 for those 'oh so special' lighting displays. Make a nomination by Dec. 7 by calling 428-4782 or emailing [publicworks@centervilleohio.gov](mailto:publicworks@centervilleohio.gov). Awards will be announced at the Dec. 18 City Council meeting.



## Pond features lighted fountain

The City's Stubbs Park continues to see improvements. A lighted fountain was recently added to the Veterans Memorial Pond, further enhancing the area and providing aeration. The pond outlet structure will be repaired due to a failure that surfaced in late May.

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## KEEPING IT NEAT *and green*

The City Beautiful Commission's landscape award season is wrapping up. The Commission receives numerous nominations July through early September and each is considered as CBC members scout their zone for the award-worthy landscape that features curb appeal with well-maintained structure and hardscape; neatly trimmed grass, bushes, and trees; healthy plant material; and possibly, but not necessarily, a lovely display of flowers. To make a nomination, contact [publicworks@centervilleohio.gov](mailto:publicworks@centervilleohio.gov) or 428-4782. Recipients of the August and September awards will be included in the next Town Crier.



The Samborsky home on Forest Bend Drive

City Beautiful encourages all residents to help keep Centerville looking good. Collect any blowing trash in your neighborhood, especially on refuse collection day. Please do your part to keep Centerville beautiful.

### Get ready for falling leaves

Leaves and grass clippings are terrific compost that will enrich your soil over time.

The commission offers the following tips to winterizing your landscape:

- 🍃 Place leaves around trees and beds to breakdown as compost.
- 🍃 Allow leaves in vegetable gardens to decompose over the winter for use in your garden in spring.
- 🍃 If your leaf cover is fairly light, consider mowing over it and leave as compost on your lawn. This may require more frequent mowing however; it is environmentally friendly.

### July Residential winners:

- Marilyn Marx  
1921 Dovecrest Court
- Kelly and Brian Samborsky  
5559 Forest Bend Drive
- Gary and Patricia Ware  
5009 Alpine Rose Court
- Tom Conway and Joann Spangler  
212 Prague Court
- Lois Mitchell  
216 Blackstone Drive
- Kelly and Connie Malcolm  
9117 Mary Haynes Drive
- Carol Farquhar-Nugent  
850 Vintage Lake Court
- Community Pride:**  
King Orthodontics  
6460 Far Hills Avenue



## Hold your special events at Benham's Grove

Fall is the perfect time to host an event at Benham's Grove, celebrating its 25th year of providing outstanding service in a beautiful park-like setting. While summer is coming to an end, good weather typically continues through October, and the grounds of Benham's Grove are vibrant with fall colors. The holiday season will be here soon, and there's no more festive place than Benham's Grove. With three charming facilities, a gazebo and large covered brick area, the community gathering place offers many options. For more information or to schedule a tour, call 433-1913 or visit [benhamsgrove.com](http://benhamsgrove.com).

## Friends group hosts Hosta party

The Friends of Benham's Grove celebrated its annual fundraiser in June with "Hosta la Vista," a tour of the extensive Hosta gardens of Mike and Lynn Utz, which concluded with a surprise "bonus" tour of their historic residence. Then it was back to Benham's Grove for lunch along with with a presentation on hostas by OSU Horticulturist Bob Iiams. Funds are used to support the grounds of Benham's Grove.



The "Friends" was established in 1995 as a volunteer organization promoting the continued beautification of the grounds at the Grove, the City's community gathering place. New members are welcome, contact Benham's Grove, 433-1913.

## City offers services for homebound

The City offers a service resource list for older and disabled residents who are unable to rake leaves or shovel snow from their walks and driveways. The list is maintained by City staff and available to residents. The City also maintains a list of individuals and companies that perform those services for a fee. Once residents receive the resource information, it is their responsibility to contact someone from the list to make the necessary arrangements. This is a perfect service project for groups, families and individuals. To volunteer, list a business or receive the resource list, call City Offices, 433-7151.



## Leaf collection service starts Oct. 9

The City's annual leaf collection service begins October 9 when our Public Works crews collect leaves that residents have raked to the curb. The City is divided into seven collection areas, with leaves scheduled to be collected four times from each area. This program is provided to all residents who live adjacent to a public roadway within Centerville and is a separate service from waste collection. Funding for the leaf collection program comes from the Public Works Streets' Operating Budget. After collection, leaves are transported to one of several private vendors where they are turned into compost material—natural recycling. Crews will be out in full force during leaf pick-up with refuse trucks outfitted with leaf loaders, vac-trucks with leaf boxes and a leaf collection machine. See next page for the collection schedule and map.

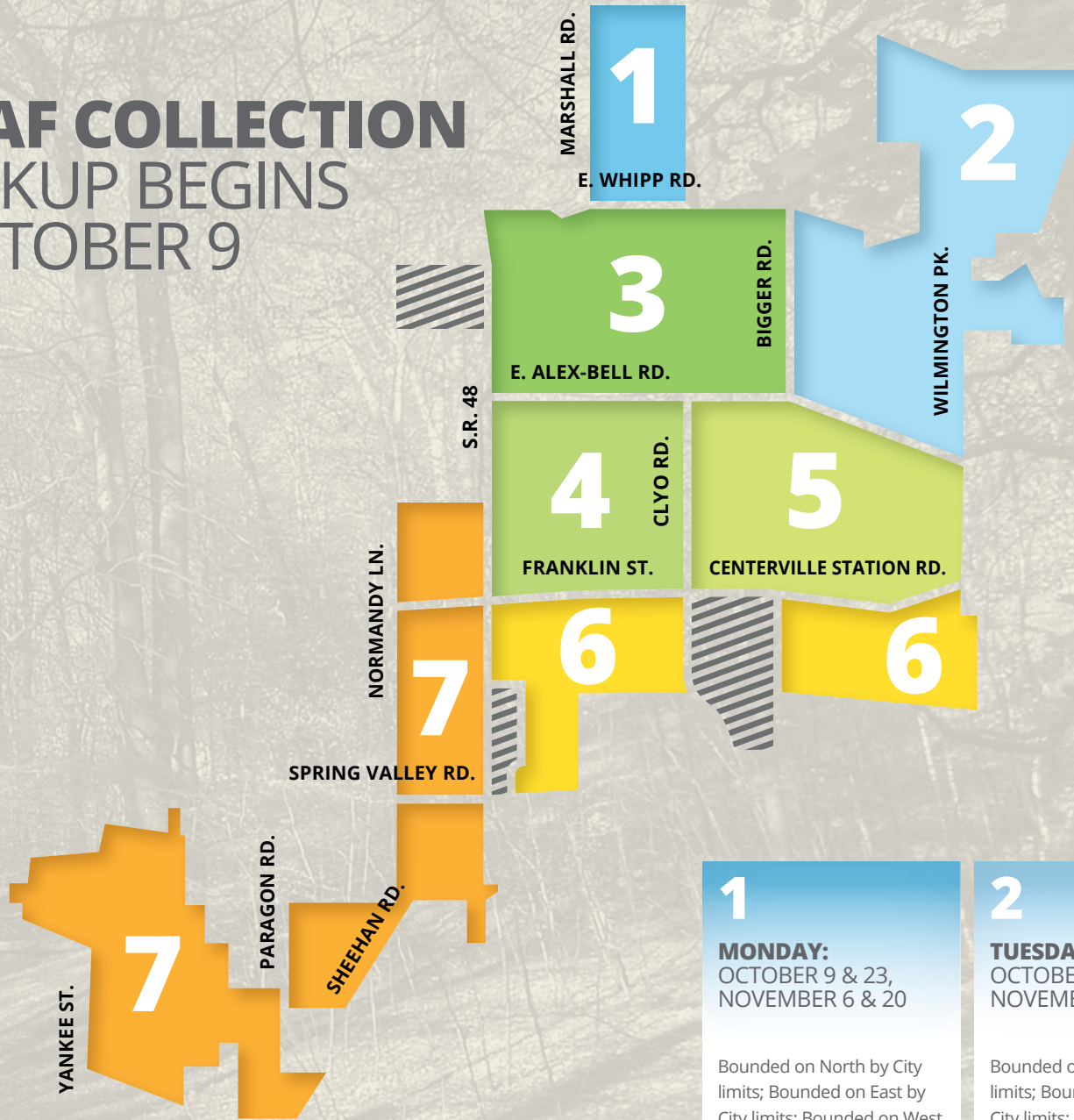


### Residents should use the following guidelines when placing leaves for collection:

- Do not bag leaves. Bags will not be picked up by the leaf collection crews. Bagged leaves will only be collected as a special pickup and charged accordingly.
- Do not rake ANYTHING except leaves to the curb for pickup. Branches, sticks, grass, and other yard waste can clog machinery and throw the crews off schedule. Leaf piles containing branches, grass, etc. will not be collected.
- Rake leaves into a row along the curb or edge of pavement, not into the street where they block traffic and storm water flow. Keep leaves away from catch basins so they do not clog the storm system.
- Leaves are not collected from private streets or other non-public areas.
- All areas will be serviced FOUR times. Rake leaves to the curb at least two days before crews are scheduled—check the map. Depending on weather, equipment problems and volume of leaves, crews may be running two days early or two days late. Every effort will be made to come back and collect leaves from your street on the scheduled day.
- Leaf equipment is converted to de-icing equipment at the end of the leaf collection effort, therefore, leaves raked to the curb following the last scheduled collection day will be collected on a special pick-up basis and charged accordingly.
- Stay safe! Children should NEVER play in piles of leaves raked along the roadway. Crews cannot see your child—and neither can motorists.

Visit [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov) or call Public Works, 428-4782, with questions.

# LEAF COLLECTION PICKUP BEGINS OCTOBER 9



**THURSDAY: OCT. 19, NOV. 2 & 16**  
Pickup missed areas and make schedule adjustments

 PRIVATE DRIVE  
NO COLLECTION

**1**  
**MONDAY:**  
OCTOBER 9 & 23,  
NOVEMBER 6 & 20

Bounded on North by City limits; Bounded on East by City limits; Bounded on West by Marshall Rd.; Bounded on South by Whipp Rd.

**2**  
**TUESDAY:**  
OCTOBER 10 & 24,  
NOVEMBER 7 & 21

Bounded on North by City limits; Bounded on East by City limits; Bounded on West by City limits and Bigger Rd.; Bounded on South by Alex-Bell Rd.

**3**  
**WEDNESDAY:**  
OCTOBER 11 & 25,  
NOVEMBER 8 &  
MONDAY, NOV. 27

Bounded on North by Whipp Rd. and Hewitt Ave.; Bounded on East by Bigger Rd.; Bounded on West by S.R. 48; Bounded on South by Alex-Bell Rd.

**4**  
**THURSDAY:**  
OCTOBER 12 & 26,  
NOVEMBER 9 &  
TUESDAY, NOV. 28

Bounded on North by Alex-Bell Rd.; Bounded on East by Cloy Rd.; Bounded on West by S.R. 48; Bounded on South by Franklin St.

**5**  
**MONDAY:**  
OCTOBER 16 & 30,  
NOVEMBER 13 &  
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 29

Bounded on North by Alex-Bell Rd.; Bounded on East by City limits; Bounded on West by Cloy Rd.; Bounded on South by Centerville Station Rd.

**6**  
**TUESDAY:**  
OCTOBER 17 & 31,  
NOVEMBER 14 &  
THURSDAY, NOV. 30

Bounded on North by E. Franklin St. and Centerville Station Rd.; Bounded on East by City limits; Bounded on West by Main St.; Bounded on South by Spring Valley Rd. and City limits.

**7**  
**WEDNESDAY:**  
OCTOBER 18,  
NOVEMBER 1 & 15;  
MONDAY, DEC. 4

Bounded on North by City limits; Bounded on East by Main St.; Bounded on West by City limits; Bounded on South by Sheehan Rd. and City limits; includes Yankee Trace residential areas.



## Civic Club celebrates 60 years of service

In 1957 a group of civic-minded women, led by Marjorie Houston, banded together to form the Centerville Women's Civic Club (CWCC), whose mission is to encourage and promote civic betterment in the community. CWCC celebrated its 60th anniversary by volunteering 22,876 hours of service to the community during the past year.

The club has a long history of public service. A few early projects include encouraging the State of Ohio to install a traffic light at the corner of Far Hills Avenue and Whipp Road, and widen Far Hills from the Kettering corp. line to Centerville. Members also lobbied the Dayton Postmaster for door-to-door delivery, and the list of successful projects goes on.

Starting with a small group, membership has grown to 126 women who raise money for community non-profits like Food2Go, Americana Festival, the Castle and the Alzheimer's Association. Over the years, the club has awarded \$125,000 in scholarships to 75 community residents attending Wright State University, including \$6,600 to five residents in 2017. For membership information, contact Donna Berner, 350-7191.

## City volunteers recognized for service

Municipal volunteers were honored in May at the City's annual Volunteer Salute held at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace. The event recognizes more than 300 volunteers serving on council-appointed boards and commissions including the Business Task Force, Storm Water Review Committee, Board of Architectural Review, Board of Tax Appeals, Arts Commission, Property Review Commission, Charter Review Commission, Records Commission, City Beautiful Commission, Planning Commission, CRA Housing Committee, Personnel Appeals Board, Sister City Committee, Friends of Benham's Grove Board and Centerville City School District Personnel Appeals Board.

CIVIC municipal volunteers work in each of the City's five sites: Police Department, City Building, Public Works Center, Benham's Grove and Yankee Trace, providing outstanding services to the community while saving the City and taxpayers thousands of dollars by their efforts, contributing almost 15,000 hours in 2016.

During the event, Mayor Brooks Compton and City Council acknowledged those volunteers reaching service milestones. Five-year pins were presented to Tom Bankston, Bob Forth, Fran Groleski, Mary Scott and Richard Stevens. Receiving ten-year service pins were Linda



Suzie Holloway, Cindy Clay and Berneta Daley enjoy the event.



Jim Durham receives the Mayor's Award for Community Service.

Brewster, Amy Korenyi Both, Dan Lynch and Gary Martindale. Paul Clark, Pam Anglin and Mindy Tompkins were honored for 15 years of service. Carolyn Meininger and Mary Pizza were recognized with 25-year awards, while Charlie Graham received a 30-year award.

Meininger, Pizza and Graham also received certificates of appreciation. Meininger, a volunteer since 1991, has served on numerous commissions

including Arts, Planning and Records. Pizza was appointed to the Sister City Committee in 1992, serving several terms as chair. Graham, who served on the Board of Architectural Review since 1987, recently resigned from the appointment. He received the Mayor's Award for Community Service in 2012.

Compton presented the Mayor's Award for Community Service to

Jim Durham, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the City. A member of the Planning Commission since 1989, Durham has been involved in the development and plan review of countless major projects including The Golf Club at Yankee Trace, Miami Valley Hospital South, Kroger Marketplace and Cornerstone of Centerville. City projects including new facilities for the Police Department and Public Works and many residential and commercial projects have also been under his review. Durham is a professor of law at the University of Dayton Law School, where he has been voted Professor of the Year five times by law students.

## City backs up commitment to maintain infrastructure

Centerville Council continues to honor its promise to invest in City streets, thanks to voter support of Issue 3 last November. This year, the City plans to pave almost 18 lane miles, three times as many as in 2015. 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.

Centerville has about 248 total lane miles, which includes thoroughfares and both asphalt and concrete residential streets. According to Centerville Public Works director Doug Spitler, thoroughfares should be paved every 15 years and residential streets every 20 years—and with extra funding from Issue 3, the City is now back on track, meeting those standards. Funding for the Streets program comes from local funding as well as state and federal monies. See page 11 for more information on street repair.

## Sally Beals to receive Founders award



Sally Beals

Sally Beals, former Centerville mayor and a founding member of the Centerville-Washington Foundation, will receive the foundation's Community Founders Award at a reception at 5:30 p.m. September 28 at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace. She is the 13th recipient of the award presented annually by the Foundation in recognition of outstanding service to the community.

Well-known for her 16 years of public service, Beals said she feels very fortunate to have served with many dedicated public servants, including Shirley Heintz and JV Stone. It was because of Heintz's encouragement that Beals first ran for Council in 1988. Beals found herself in a leadership position during a critical growth period for the City. She won another council term in 1992 before being elected mayor in 1996 and reelected in 2000. Beals counts the rehabilitation of Benham's Grove and the development of both Stubbs Park and The Golf Club at Yankee Trace as highlights during her tenure.

While on Council, she saw firsthand unmet financial needs

from local organizations and began discussions on how those needs might be met without the use of public funds. She convened a meeting with representatives from the City, Township, and School District and the idea for a community foundation was born. With her support and leadership, the Centerville-Washington Foundation was established in 1998. The foundation now awards close to \$20,000 in grants annually to support community needs.

Originally from Tipp City, Sally met her husband, John Beals, at Ohio State University, where she was a home economics major. A job change for John brought them to Centerville in 1965. The couple, who recently celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary, have three children: John, a CPA in Columbus where he lives with his wife Lori and son Peter; Nancy, who works in drug awareness and prevention in Indianapolis; and Jennifer, who along with children Gavin and Ella, and fiancé Todd, resides in Florida.

The Centerville-Washington Foundation helps people through grants and helps donors find the best ways of contributing to worthy causes. For more information or to register for the event, visit [centervillewashingtonfoundation.org](http://centervillewashingtonfoundation.org) or email [cwfoundation45@gmail.com](mailto:cwfoundation45@gmail.com).

## STAY AWAY FROM STRAY CATS

Residents' concerns about the growing number of cats roaming Centerville neighborhoods and the public nuisance issues created by colonies of strays led City Council to pass an ordinance in 2013 banning unattended feeding of stray cats. The ordinance also requires that a resident who continues to feed a stray cat becomes responsible for it, thereby taking ownership. The cat cannot remain an animal at-large. Allowing cats to roam at-large is not only dangerous for the felines, but it can also create a public nuisance for humans.

According to the Humane Society of Greater Dayton, one female cat and her offspring can be responsible for the birth of 4,200 kittens over a seven-year period. Help control roaming cats by not leaving cat food outside unattended—it will attract other animals. If you choose to feed a cat, be responsible for its care and well-being. Residents found leaving unattended food for stray cats may be cited.

Keep your cat indoors if it hasn't been spayed/neutered. To safely catch a stray cat, use a live trap, available at no charge from the Public Works Center, 7970 S. Suburban Road. There is a \$25 deposit.

For information about cat foster programs and intake facilities, contact SICSA, 294-6505, [sicsa.org](http://sicsa.org) or [HSdayton.org](http://HSdayton.org), 268-7387. For information about the feeding ban, call the City, 433-7151.



Sen. Rob and Jane Portman visit the Americana Festival, escorted by Ruth and Brooks Compton, Centerville mayor.

## Americana Festival crowds continue to grow

More than 90,000 people visited downtown Centerville on July 4 for the Americana Festival, enjoying the 5K run, parade, car show, children's activities, entertainment and lots of food. The street fair was highlighted by a surprise visit by Sen. Rob Portman, and the



More than 120 units participated in the parade, including the Centerville Co-ed Elkettes.

fireworks show welcomed thousands more to the high school and surrounding areas. Get involved in Ohio's largest one-day festival and join

a great team of volunteers or sign-on as a sponsor by contacting the Americana Festival Office, 433-5898, or email [americanafestival@sbcglobal.net](mailto:americanafestival@sbcglobal.net).

# KEEPIN' IT FRESH

## Abundance of delicious foods at Farmers Market

When you shop local, you're not only getting freshly picked produce, you also have the opportunity to talk directly with the growers. Our vendors share information about their products as well as cooking tips and recipes. Bring your shopping list to the Farmers Market, 2:30-6:30 p.m. each Thursday through October 26. Located near the intersection of St. Rt. 48 and Spring Valley Road, pick up local products like fresh vegetables and fruits, organic meats, soaps, farm fresh eggs, fresh-baked breads and cookies, fall produce and décor, fresh-cut flowers and other homemade goodies.

Just in time for holiday shopping, the market moves indoors November 16 and December 21 to the Benham's Grove Barn, 166 N. Main Street. Winter market hours are 2-4 p.m. Visit [centervillefarmersmarket.com](http://centervillefarmersmarket.com) for more about vendors and become a fan on Facebook.



## Children's concert on band's agenda

The Centerville Community Band's annual Children's Concert is set for Sunday, Oct. 8 at Benham's Grove. The band will entertain with kid-approved music and other favorite tunes. Pre-show activities include games at 2 p.m. and the concert at 3 p.m. The concert is free. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. Visit [centervilleohio.gov/ccb](http://centervilleohio.gov/ccb) for membership and performance schedule.



## Sing, sing, sing!

The Centerville Community Chorus, an all-volunteer group, is accepting new members. Sponsored by the City of Centerville and the Centerville Arts Commission, this talented group performs a variety of popular, patriotic and holiday tunes

at events all over the community.

For more information, visit [cchorus.org](http://cchorus.org) or email [ourchorusmail@cchorus.org](mailto:ourchorusmail@cchorus.org).

## GALLERY SHOWCASES AWARD-WINNING ARTISTS

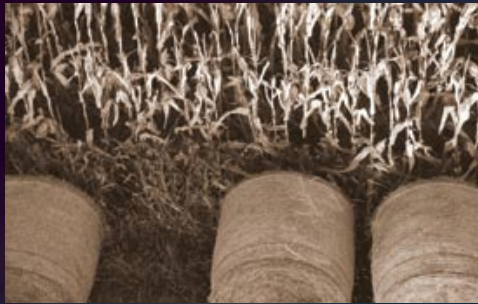
The Centerville Arts Commission has an eclectic lineup for the fall scheduled for the Art Gallery at the Centerville Police Department, 155 W. Spring Valley

Road. Staffed 24 hours per day, exhibits may be viewed anytime, day or night. All exhibits are free and open to the public.

The work of award-winning artist Amy Mitchell will be on display in September. Mitchell has a B.F.A. in Studio Art, with a concentration in painting, from Miami University and specializes in oil and watercolor, photography and mixed media.

The October exhibit will highlight the paintings of Kurt Doll, who specializes in oil paint and nero pencil. Several of his works have been awarded prizes in shows throughout Ohio and many pieces are in private collections worldwide. Doll has a B.F.A. from Miami University.

The November show will feature the work of Steve Wohler, who expresses the nostalgia, beauty and adventure of the automotive lifestyle through oil on canvas. Bringing to canvas the essence of what it means to drive a muscle car, wrench on a roadster or tinker with an old truck, Wohler has won several awards including "Best of Show" for his automotive and portrait work.



Art showcased in the gallery include work by: Top: Amy Mitchell; Middle: Kurt Doll; Bottom: Steve Wohler



## Bike it!

Take advantage of newly installed secure bike racks while taking care of business or enjoying stops throughout the City. Earlier this summer, bike racks were installed around City sites at Municipal Offices, Police headquarters, Public Works Center, Benham's Grove and The Golf Club at Yankee Trace, in addition to five locations in downtown Centerville including the north side of the Graeter's/ City BBQ, Town Hall Theatre, West Franklin Street across from Virginia Avenue, Bill's Donuts and the Centerville-Washington Park District entrance on North Main Street. Bike racks have been in place at Stubbs Park for several years.



# Ring in the holidays with Holiday Walk and Tree Lighting

Let the holidays begin! Downtown Centerville welcomes the season with the Hometown Holiday Walk, 1-5 p.m. Sunday, November 19, sponsored by the Heart of Centerville merchants and Centerville-Washington History. Participants have the opportunity to win a gift basket valued at more than \$1,000. Step back in time with visits to the Historical Society's Asahel Wright House, School Museum and Walton House Museum. Other events include children's activities, live nativity, animal attractions, horse and carriage rides, visits with Santa, shopping, special discounts and food trucks.

Centerville's Tree Lighting Ceremony follows at 5:30 p.m. at Benham's Grove, 166 N. Main Street. Enjoy the sounds of the season with musical entertainment from the Cline Elementary School Chorus and the Centerville Community Band. Santa Claus will make a special appearance.

Both of these community events are free. For more information, call the City of Centerville, 433-7151, or visit [centervillewashingtonhistory.org](http://centervillewashingtonhistory.org), [hocwt.com](http://hocwt.com), [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov) or respective Facebook pages.

## Come for gorgeous views, stay for delicious food Dine at Yankee Trace

Whether it's lunch, brunch, or a Friday night fish fry, Yankee Trace restaurant offers delicious fare for your family with a variety of entrees, sides and desserts served in a friendly atmosphere. And, with Thanksgiving just a couple months away, your family dinner plans are only a reservation away. For more information, call 438-3585 or visit [yankeetrace.org](http://yankeetrace.org).

### YANKEE TRACE RESTAURANT

#### Menu Service

#### September 1-December 31

Mon.-Fri., 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

#### Counter Service only

Daily after 2 p.m.

#### Sunday Brunch

10 a.m.-2 p.m.

#### Fridays September 1 - November 17

Fish Fry and Full Dinner Service, 5-9 p.m. Enjoy all you can eat beer-battered Haddock with French fries and Yankee Trace's famous coleslaw for \$14.99. Full menu also available. Reservations recommended, call 438-3585.

#### Thanksgiving Buffet

#### Thursday, November 23

Two seatings: 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. \$28.95 for adults, \$13.95 for children 6-12, children five and under eat free. Reservations required, call 438-3585.



EXPERIENCE  
THE BEST OF  
CENTERVILLE

Sample food from almost 20 local restaurants at Centerville-Washington History's A Sense of Taste, offered 5-8 p.m. Sept. 7 at Benham's Grove. This culinary tasting event also includes entertainment and a cash bar. Tickets must be purchased in advance by calling 433-0123.

## Friends of WCPL host book sale

Hundreds of books, movies, music, games and more will be on sale at the Centerville Library October 26-28, during the Friends of WCPL Fall Book Sale. Prices range from \$1-\$5.

- ▶ **5-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26:** Member Preview Night open to Friends members only. Membership can be purchased at the door.
- ▶ **10 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27:** Open to all
- ▶ **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28:** Bag Sale! Movies and music at half-price. Fill a bag with books for \$5.

## Speaker Series to highlight Hamilton and presidents

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 the program at 7 p.m., the programs are free and open to the public. Visit [centervillewashingtonhistory.org](http://centervillewashingtonhistory.org) for more information.

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#### Who Was Hamilton?

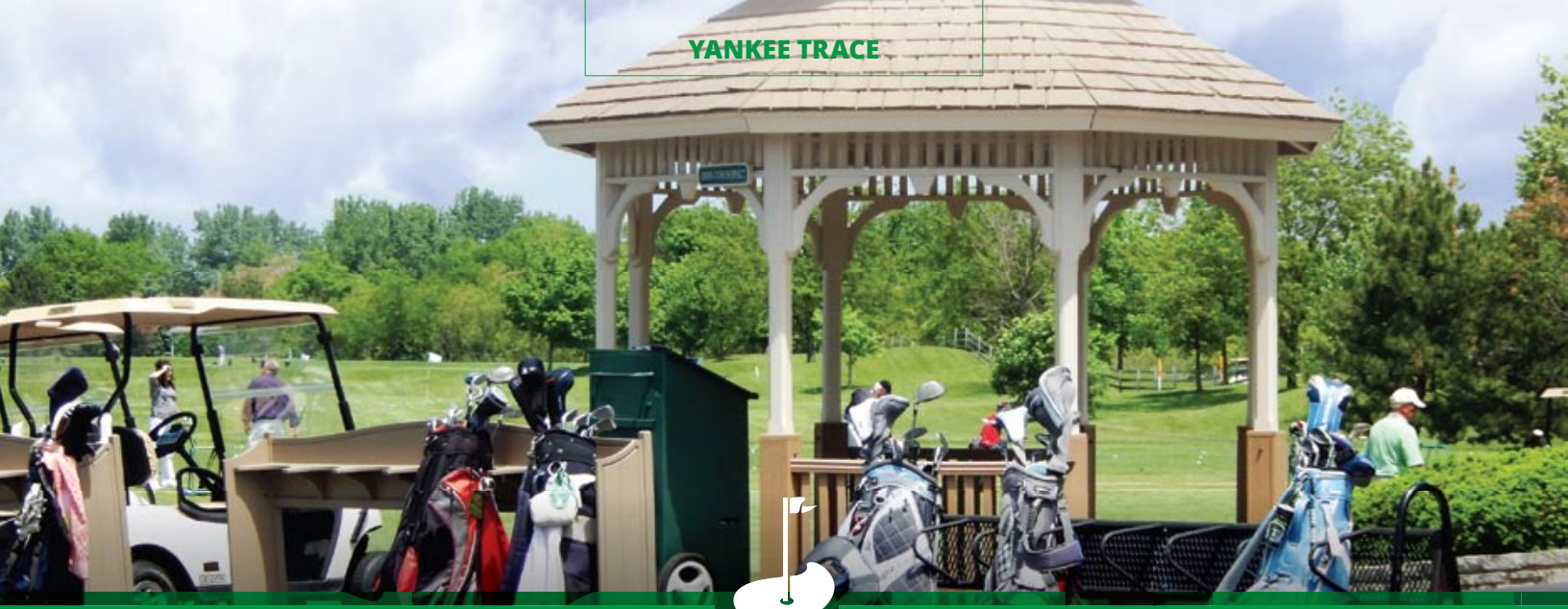
Presented by Paul D. Lockhart, Ph.D.

### November 21, 2017

#### The Ten Best Presidents

Presented by James Sayer, Ph.D.





# More than recreation, it's a lifestyle

Since 2004, The Golf Club at Yankee Trace has been named "Best Course" in the region by the Dayton Daily News and Dayton Business Journal. Offering the finest amenities, the 27-hole championship course provides a variety of playing options on well-maintained greens. With a golf shop recognized by the PGA of America as one of the finest in Ohio, a dual-sided practice facility perfect to hone your golfing skills and several dining options, for the latest information on leagues, outings, rates, lessons, specials or to book a tee time, visit us during regular business hours or online anytime at yankeetrace.org.

## Seasonal Rates, resident discounts

Green fees fluctuate throughout the year, for current rates visit yankeetrace.org. Centerville residents receive 10% off non-discounted green fees, just show your ID. Reserve a tee time online, up to ten days in advance, and save an additional 5%! Reservations may be made up to seven days in advance by calling the golf shop, 438-GOLF (4653).

## The Yankee Trace Tournament Series

Don't miss out on these monthly tournaments that extend the golfing season into the scenic autumn landscape.

- **Chili Challenge / Friday, October 27 / \$50 per person**

Four person scramble: Brave the chilly conditions then warm-up with our Yankee Chili dinner! 12 p.m. Shotgun start. Includes 18-holes, golf car, practice balls, Chili Dinner, awards and optional skins game. Registration deadline: Monday, Oct. 23.

- **Yankee Turkey Shoot / Friday, November 17 / \$50 per person**

Two person scramble: Don't chicken out of the last tournament of the year! 12 p.m. Shotgun start. Includes 18-holes, golf car, practice balls, Turkey Dinner, awards and optional skins game. Registration deadline: Monday, Nov. 13.

## Driving range under construction

Look for our upgraded driving range to be completed by Dec. 1. We're installing artificial all-weather turf that will supplement the natural turf on the range, creating about 30 stations for golfers to practice their long ball.

## Yankee Trace Gift Cards

These popular gift cards make for the perfect gift for any occasion and may be redeemed for golf lessons, green fees, golf merchandise and food and beverages. Stop by the Golf Shop or save time and order a Yankee Trace gift card online at yankeetrace.org.

## Golf Instruction Special 4 Private Lessons for \$140

Get a full game analysis so you can come out swinging next spring. Professional instruction is given outdoors or indoors during inclement weather. Video analysis and game improvement drills included. Junior specials are also available throughout the fall and winter, call 438-GOLF for additional info. Great gift idea!

## Volunteer at Yankee Trace

Join our volunteer family! Many dedicated citizens contribute to the success of the golf course by donating a portion of their valuable time. This unique program includes greeters, player assistants, shuttle drivers and on-course beautification. Benefits include complimentary golf, range balls and merchandise discounts. Limited applications are now available for the 2018 season. Call 438-GOLF for program details.

## The Clubs, Carry, Caps and Cleats Sale

ALL REMAINING 2017 STOCK

CLUBS  
BAGS  
SHOES

**20%  
OFF**

HATS

**25%  
OFF**

## LET THE WATER RUN

All properties have drainage paths to carry surface water and water from downspouts. These drainage paths may be slight swales between properties that carry water downstream to the street or storm sewer or a larger open drainage ditch that carries water all the time. Newer developments have stormwater ponds designed to store water for a set period of time. All of these stormwater features—swales, open ditches and ponds—are the property owner's responsibility to maintain. In general, ponds are part of a development's open space and maintenance responsibility falls to the homeowner's association.

Individual property owners with an open drainage ditch on your property are responsible to keep the drainage ditch clear by mowing or trimming the path and removing debris including trash, leaves, brush and trees that may grow or fall into and along the ditch. Water must be allowed a clear path to flow. Failure to keep the drainage ditch clear may result in altering the water's path enough to cause damage to your property or your neighbors'. The City's ditch policy states, "Private property owners will continue to be responsible for inspecting and maintaining drainage ways situated on their property and adjoining public right-of-way."

Similarly, if a tree falls across a drainageway on your property, you must remove the tree or branches so it does not block water flowing in the ditch and back up on upstream properties. Grass clippings, yard debris, paint, oil, etc.—should never be dumped in an open drainageway or storm sewer. Laws prohibit dumping or blocking open drainageways and violators may be prosecuted. If you observe someone illegally dumping into a storm sewer or a water body, please notify the City. The City's ditch policy and referenced section of our Property Maintenance Code may be found at [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov) or by contacting [publicworks@centervilleohio.gov](mailto:publicworks@centervilleohio.gov) or 428-4782. The Ohio EPA has established guidelines regarding illegal dumping in stormwater drainage systems, visit [epa.state.oh.us](http://epa.state.oh.us).

## Streets get repaired, paved

Thanks to voter approval of the income tax levy in November, the City is able to significantly expand the annual street program. Street program funds come from the City's general fund and at times are supplemented with outside funding. This year, 17.82 of the City's 248.26 lane miles of streets will receive some sort of work. The annual street program is well underway with a substantial number of streets already completed, and the following projects expected to be completed by late October:

**Paving:** Annette Drive, Anton Court, Coachman Drive, Dale Ridge Drive and Prague Court

**Concrete street repair:** Hyde Park Drive and Rambler Drive

**Clyo Road from Bigger Road to Alex-Bell Road:** Repair and resurfacing. The project estimate is \$681,360 of which Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) is providing \$170,340 and the City funding the remaining \$511,020. Traffic will be maintained during the work; however, delays are expected as repairs will require closure of the curb lane. Motorists are encouraged to use Bigger and Alex-Bell roads to avoid the project area and alleviate congestion.

**Bethel Road, from the north intersection of Bethel and Boyce to the cul-de-sac end:** Replacement of deteriorated curb and catch basins and installation of underdrain before milling and resurfacing the roadway. This project received funding from the Community Development Block Grant program and carries a mid-November 2017 completion date. Traffic is being maintained during the work.

**Concrete repair work** continues on streets scheduled to be asphalt paved in 2018. See the Town Crier summer issue for this complete list. Questions regarding these improvement projects may be directed to Public Works, 428-4782, or check [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov) under Newsletters, Centerville Construction Update.



## Use caution when signals aren't operating

A "dark signal" is when power is out at a traffic signal and there are no red, yellow or green indications to direct motorists. According to the Ohio Revised Code Section 4511.132, when a signal is malfunctioning and "fails to clearly indicate the assignment of right-of-way"—traffic in all directions must STOP before entering the intersection. Treat the intersection as a multi-way STOP and yield the right-of-way to other motorists in the intersection. In the case of a malfunctioning signal, local law enforcement and/or Public Works officials are likely aware of the issue and have already alerted the power company. In the meantime, motorists should travel with caution through the intersection and treat the malfunctioning signal as a multi-way STOP. Failure to do so may result in a citation or accident.

The City is working toward installing uninterruptable power supply (UPS) systems, which would serve as a battery back-up at many of Centerville's traffic signals. These UPS systems will keep the traffic signal functioning during a power outage for a number of hours.



## Call before you dig

Before you dig into the ground, call 811 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](http://oups.org).

## Police officers recognized

Several Police Officers have recently been recognized for exceptional commitment to police excellence.

During the June City Council meeting, Lt. Matt Brown received the Police Department's Distinguished Service award for his outstanding leadership during the expansion of the communications center and upgrade of the 911 system.

At that same meeting, Police Officer Scott Thomas and Sgt. Jim Shanesy received Medal of Valor awards—the highest honor for an officer—in recognition of their courageous and heroic actions during a life-threatening situation.

Officer James Stephenson is the Centerville Noon Optimist Club 2017 recipient of the John P. Kalamán Respect for Law Award, named in memory of Centerville Police Officer John Kalamán, whose parents, John and Paula, attended the ceremony. Stephenson began his career with Centerville as a Police Officer in 1996. During the past twenty years, Officer Stephenson has served in a variety of positions such as an Emergency Vehicle Operations Instructor, Officer in Charge, Traffic Enforcement Officer, Special Weapons and Tactics team member and Crash Reconstructionist. He presently serves as School Resource Officer at the high school and had previously been assigned to the middle and elementary schools. Officer Stephenson is known for maintaining a strong partnership with school principals and working with school staff to address issues while providing exceptional safety and security.



Top Left: Lt. Matt Brown and Mayor Compton; Top Right: Officer Scott Thomas and family; Above Left: Officer Jim Stephenson, surrounded by Lt. Matt Brown, Paula and John Kalamán and Sgt. Mike Yoder; Above: Officer Jim Shanesy and family

## TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT IS OCTOBER 31

Look for ghosts and goblins to come knocking at your door trick-or-treating 6–8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31. The Centerville Police Department reminds youngsters and parents of the following precautions:

### DO:

- Carry a flashlight.
- Go in groups with at least one adult.
- Only go to houses with the lights on.
- Make sure shoes fit and costumes are short enough to prevent tripping.
- Use common sense. If something feels wrong, it probably is.
- Dress for the weather. October brings cooler weather and sometimes windy and rainy conditions.

### DON'T:

- Wear masks or any costume that would interfere with vision or walking.
- Go into a home of someone you do not know.
- Eat any candy or other items until it has been checked over by an adult.

Children may stop at any Centerville Police cruiser or Washington Township Fire truck for a special treat, courtesy of Bill's Donuts. As always, it is the parents' decision as to whether children should participate in the activity.

Most area communities have agreed to hold the event on Oct. 31 for the next several years. For more information call 433-7151.

## Disasters don't plan ahead, but you can

September is National Preparedness Month. We can all take action to prepare for an emergency situation. Sponsored by the Ready Campaign, prepare in the event of an emergency to be self-reliant for three days without utilities and electricity, water service, access to a grocery store or local services, or maybe even without response from police, fire or rescue.



- Make a family emergency communication plan and include your pets.
- Identify an out of town emergency contact to coordinate information with family/friends.
- Check on neighbors.
- Keep an emergency kit wherever you spend time: home, car, work, etc.
- Download the FEMA App and set up local alerts.
- Listen to local officials by radio, TV, or social media and take action.
- Practice your preparedness plans with a drill or exercise.
- Take a first-aid class so you can help until first responders arrive.

Emergency preparedness information is available at [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov) and [ready.gov](http://ready.gov).

# SAFETY

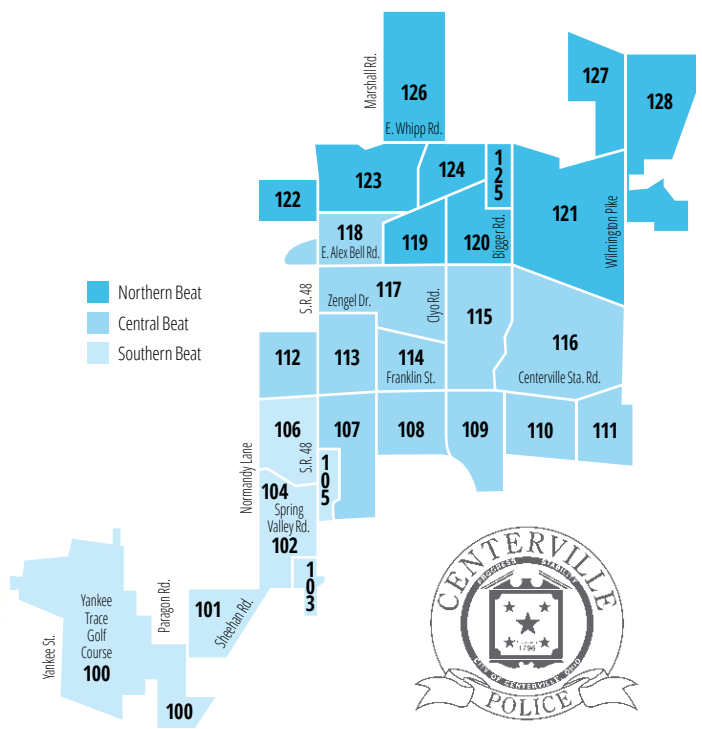
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	RESIDENTIAL & BUSINESS BURGLARIES					
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## Residential and Business crime statistics

Statistic totals: May-July 2017



### BE PREPARED FOR EMERGENCIES

Preparing can start with four important steps:

- 1** Be informed about emergencies that could happen in our community, and identify local sources of information that will be helpful before, during and after an emergency
- 2** Make a plan for what to do in an emergency
- 3** Build an emergency supply kit
- 4** Get involved

Visit [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov) or [ready.gov](http://ready.gov) for more emergency preparedness information.



## May 15, 2017

Lauren Rousch, Alter High School graduate, was recognized for achieving the Gold Award, Girl Scouts' highest honor.

Danielle Meyer, Centerville High School student, was recognized for winning the "It Can Wait/Safer Ohio" AT&T challenge for her video about the dangers of texting and driving.



Heather Price, Paige Myers, Hannah Ligon and Molly Fleming with Mayor Compton

along with contest coordinator, Heather Price, gifted intervention specialist, were recognized for their achievements.

Council thanked Joe Kronenberger and Jennifer Bozue of WesBanco Bank, for the bank's donation of framed prints of historic buildings to the City of Centerville.

David Blum and Donald Stewart were reappointed to the Board of Tax Appeals (Pre 2016 Taxes).

## June 19, 2017

Mayor Compton welcomed Caleb Ingram, executive director, Declare Centerville, to give the invocation. Ingram also gave an update on the Declare event scheduled at Stubbs Park on June 30.

Council accepted the resignation of Ginny Strausburg from the Arts Commission, thanking her for her leadership and volunteer efforts.

Council proclaimed June as Scleroderma Awareness Month. Demeshia Montgomery, Scleroderma Awareness representative, spoke about the disease and the group's upcoming events.

The Tower Heights Middle School Science Olympiad team and coaches were recognized for being named 2017 Science Olympiad state champions and placing 17th in the national competition.



The Tower Heights Science Olympiad team and advisors with Mayor Compton

Winners of the Modern Woodmen Speech contest from Driscoll Elementary School including first place, Hannah Ligon; second place, Molly Fleming; and third place, Paige Myers,

Council recognized and thanked Centerville's City Manager, Greg Horn, who was attending his final council meeting before retirement in July. In addition to comments from Council, former mayors Sally Beals and Mark Kingseed, former deputy mayor Doug Cline and former council member Paul Gresham, also made remarks. Mr. Horn has served as City Manager in Centerville since 1992. He has more than 40 years in public service.

Several police officers received commendations. Two newly retired officers were recognized: Det. Dan Osterfeld was thanked for his 36 years of service, and Sgt. Steve Maynard for his 25 years of service. Lt. Matt Brown received the Police Department's Distinguished Service award. Officer Scott Thomas and Sgt. Jim Shanesy received Medal of Valor awards. Officer Jim Stephenson was honored for receiving the 2017 John P. Kalamian Respect for Law award from the Centerville Noon Optimist club. (See page 12.)

Ed Ross, Board of Architectural Review chair, presented Hylde and Jerry Strange with the 2017 Preservation Award for their property on E. Alex-Bell Road. (See page 2.)

Frank Holloway was reappointed to the Board of Architectural Review.

Michelle VanHuss and Allen Ely were sworn-in as members of the Centerville Arts Commission.

## July 17, 2017

Mayor Compton introduced Centerville's recently appointed City Manager Wayne Davis. Davis will start his new position on August 21.

Luke Woods and Kyle Westhaus, from Boy Scout Troop 516, were recognized for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Sue Jessee, City Beautiful Commission chair, recognized the Residential City Beautiful award winners for the month of July. King Orthodontics, 6400 Far Hills Avenue received the Community Pride award. (See list on page 3.)

### The following reappointments were made:

- Cindy Clay, Marilyn Hoback and Michael Vacchiano to the Sister City Committee
- Paul Clark as Chair of the Planning Commission

*Council meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. the third Monday of each month in Council Chambers, 100 W. Spring Valley Road.*

### New name for street near Yankee Trace

Yankee Commons Trail is the new name for the street formerly known as Bethany Commons Trail. Located just off Yankee Street, residents successfully petitioned City Council to change the name of the street because of confusion with Bethany Village, located on Far Hills Avenue. The name change will go into effect by the first of September.



*From the desk of  
Brooks Compton*

What a great summer in Centerville!

Centerville Arts Commission's Summer Concert Series was a resounding success as thousands visited Stubbs Park to hear their favorite local entertainers: Soul Pocket, the Centerville Community Band and Chorus, Phil Dirt, Elvis, The Fries and many others. Great work, Centerville Arts Commission.

The Americana Festival and beautiful weather brought tens of thousands to Centerville to enjoy the celebration festivities starting with the morning 5K, mid-morning parade, afternoon street fair, evening concert at the stadium and ending with spectacular fire-works. Thanks for the year-round hard work by the many Americana volunteers who give us this outstanding July 4 celebration.

The Centerville Police Department brought back a summer favorite with its Mystery Night Out. Hundreds of Centerville residents participated in this fun night of visiting our local businesses for clues to solve the Mystery, while at Stubbs Park, our CPD provided safety tips and emergency planning tools. Thanks again to Centerville's finest.

Summer also saw road and infrastructure improvement throughout the City. This is thanks to you! The additional revenue generated through your support of Issue 3 last fall has gone right where City Council promised; improving neighborhood roads, sidewalks and bikeways throughout your City. City Council has made the commitment to get our roads, sidewalks and bikeways where they need to be and will continue to budget to meet that goal. Please be patient regarding your neighborhood improvements as Public Works evaluates and works to get the most out of your tax dollars. Thanks to our Public Works staff for moving so quickly

on this commitment.

Summer 2017 was the end of one chapter and the start of another in Centerville government as Greg Horn's 25-year tenure as City Manager ended with his retirement in July. We greatly appreciate Greg's service as he set the highest standard in public service. He will be missed.

The search for Greg's replacement to start our next chapter generated qualified applicants from across the nation for Centerville's consideration. City Council is extremely pleased that Wayne Davis accepted the offer to be our new City Manager. Mr. Davis has 20 years of public sector service, the last five years serving as the City Manager of Montgomery, Ohio, where he had previously been Assistant City Manager and Finance Director. Welcome, Wayne!

Congratulations to former mayor Sally Beals as she will be recognized by the Centerville-Washington Foundation with its Founders Award. Sally was the driving force behind the formation of the Foundation and her recognition is well deserved, not solely for its success, but, for her many other accomplishments on behalf of the City.

The second summer of Food Truck Fridays was more successful and fun than the first. Heart of Centerville, great job again this summer.

The fall brings elections and the City has on the November ballot, Charter Amendments. It has been over 24 years since our charter has been amended, and Council, after a review by Centerville's Charter Review Commission led by Doug Cline and Paul Gresham, felt a few changes needed to be made to bring the City's Charter into the 21st century. We encourage your support of these minor amendments to the City Charter on November 7.

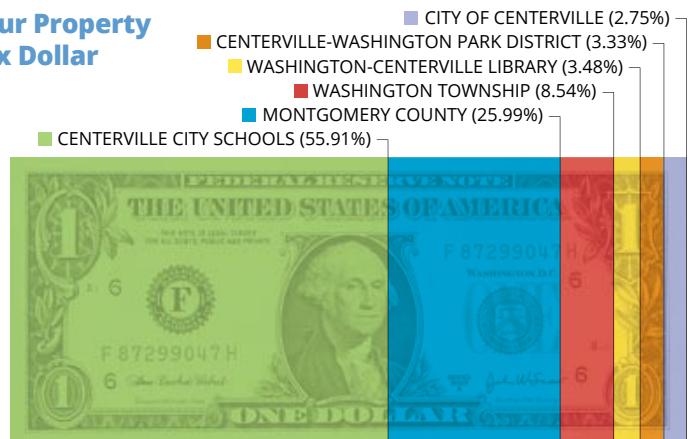
Enjoy this beautiful season. We are glad you are here and appreciate all you do to support and improve our City.

## Auditor's Office reevaluates all properties in Montgomery County

As part of the tax valuation process, the Montgomery County Auditor's Office analyzes the value of every property located within the county every three years. According to the Auditor's Office, on average, the valuation for residential properties in Centerville has increased 7.21 percent since 2014.

All properties affected by the change in valuation will receive notification from the Montgomery County Auditor's Office. For more information, call the Auditor's Office, 225-5096, or visit [www.mcrealestate.org](http://www.mcrealestate.org).

## Your Property Tax Dollar



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 Fire Non-Emergency ..... 433-3083  
 Public Works Center ..... 428-4782  
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 Yankee Trace Golf Shop ..... 438-GOLF  
[yankeetrace.org](http://yankeetrace.org)

Yankee Trace Restaurant ..... 438-3585  
 Benham's Grove ..... 433-1913  
[benhamsgrove.com](http://benhamsgrove.com)

Centerville-Washington History ..... 433-0123



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City Manager ..... Wayne Davis

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

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## City holiday schedule

City Offices will close on Monday, Sept. 4 in observance of Labor Day. Waste collection will run one day behind schedule that week. City offices and waste collection will maintain a regular schedule on Columbus Day, Oct. 9.

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, City offices will be closed Nov. 23 and 24. Waste collection for the Nov. 23 route will occur on Friday, Nov. 24. For more information, visit [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov) or call 433-7151.

## Veterans Day ceremony set for Nov. 11

In commemoration of Veterans Day, the City of Centerville and Centerville Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 9550 are saluting the men and women who have helped protect, preserve and maintain our freedom. A ceremony is scheduled for 11 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Veterans Memorial at Stubbs Park, 255 W. Spring Valley Road.

The service will include color guard presentations from Centerville VFW Post 9550 and the Centerville Police and Washington Township Fire departments' honor guards. In addition to remarks by Mayor Brooks Compton and a keynote speaker, there will be musical performances by the Cline 4th grade chorus and Centerville Community Band along with a presentation from Cub Scout Pack 148. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the Centerville Police Building, 155 W. Spring Valley Road. Call 433-7151 or visit [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov) for more information.

The Centerville Library and Centerville-Washington History will hold an exhibit featuring the 150th anniversary of the Dayton VA Medical Center November 9-12 and an Open House on Veterans Day, during library hours. For more information visit [wclibrary.info](http://wclibrary.info).



## SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER CITY CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER

**18** City Council meeting, 7:30 p.m.

### OCTOBER

**9** Leaf Collection begins, runs eight weeks

**16** City Council meeting, 7:30 p.m.

**31** Trick or Treat Night, 6-8 p.m.

### NOVEMBER

**11** Veterans Day Ceremony, 11 a.m., Stubbs Park

**17** Farmers Market, 2-4 p.m.

**19** Hometown Holiday Walk, 1-5 p.m.

**19** Tree Lighting Ceremony, 5:30 p.m.

**20** City Council meeting, 7:30 p.m.

### WEEKLY

**Brush Drop-off**, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday, Public Works Center

**Farmers Market**, 2:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday through Oct. 26

### MONTHLY

**Brush drop-off**, 9-noon, 3rd Saturday of each month, Public Works

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