



## Centerville to celebrate a big birthday in 2018



Founded in 1796, it wasn't until 1968 that the village of Centerville met the State of Ohio threshold of 5,000 population to earn city status. Now, 50 years later, Centerville is home to nearly 24,000 residents. City status is certainly a reason to celebrate! And that's just what we plan to do. Please join us throughout 2018 as your City commemorates its 50th year of incorporation—Gold and Cheerful Centerville! We'll offer special events throughout the year including a birthday party, oldies concert, fall festival and a bigger tree lighting ceremony on December 2—to celebrate the City's actual birthdate. Look for our calendar of events coming to you in January.

### Be a part of the celebration

Centerville is known for its rich history. Whether you've lived here more than 50 years or just a few, we'll have opportunities to tell favorite memories of your hometown by sharing photos and stories. For more information, call 433-7151, or email [information@centervilleohio.gov](mailto:information@centervilleohio.gov). Make sure to check out [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov) and our Facebook page for more details.

### Council members reelected



Council members John Palcher, JoAnne Rau and Bill Serr

John Palcher and JoAnne Rau were reelected and Bill Serr was elected to Centerville Council as a result of the Nov. 8 election. Each ran unopposed and will serve a four-year term, beginning January 1, 2018. Palcher and Rau are returning to serve their second terms, while Serr was appointed by Council in 2016 to fill the seat vacated when Brooks Compton was elected mayor.

While all three are pleased with the City's operations, each Council member has set goals for the next four years. *Reelected continued on page 3*

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Warmest wishes for  
a healthy and happy  
holiday season

A warm and cheerful welcome to these businesses

# new to Centerville

**Peel** 145-B W. Franklin Street

**The Wise Guys Tattoo Society** 39 W. Franklin Street

**Assistive Solutions** 93 Compark Road

**Viper Performance Detailing** 70-D Westpark Road

**Solitude** 131-B S. Main Street

**Premier Metabolic and Bariatric Associates** 6611-C Clyo Road

**Wash Your Dog** 199 E. Alex-Bell Road, Suite 402

**Charles Beatrice Storage** 134-C Westpark Road

**Aisle 9** 27 W. Franklin Street

**Beech Grove Holdings** 6818 Loop Road

**The Lake Doctors** 65 Westpark Road

**Turbo Zone Fitness** 7917 South Suburban Road

**9Round** 175 E. Alex-Bell Road, Suite 272

## Miami Valley Hospital South continues to expand

Miami Valley Hospital South continues its commitment to serving the needs of the south Dayton region. Under construction is a \$60 million spine and joint center expansion, scheduled to open in late 2018. The center will feature sports medicine and pain center services in addition to emergency, cardiology and primary care services, a cardiac catheterization lab, dozens of additional physicians and six operating rooms. In October, Premier announced Pure Healthcare Center will break ground soon at Miami Valley Hospital South. This new partnership with Ohio's Hospice of Dayton will serve those with serious and chronic illnesses in their own homes with a planned opening in early 2019.



## New businesses, redevelopment booming in City

Take a walk or drive around Centerville and you'll see numerous projects in various stages of development. For more information, call City offices, 433-7151.

### Around Cross Pointe Center on Alex-Bell Road

#### Under construction:

▶ The Allure of Centerville, \$30 million upscale multi-family housing offering 312 units by Synergy Building Systems and Hills Development, expected to open fall 2018



The Allure of Centerville is set to open in the fall.

#### Opening soon:

▶ El Rancho Grande restaurant

#### Recently opened:

- ▶ 9Round, a full-body workout in 30 minutes
- ▶ Great Miami Outfitters
- ▶ Performance Jeep Centerville on Loop Road, one of only two Jeep-only stores in the country
- ▶ Sneak Preview Ultrasound Inc., 6728 Loop Road, Building 5

### Far Hills Avenue near Whipp Road

#### Under construction:

- ▶ Woodbourne Library's \$5 million expansion includes new meeting spaces and parking, expected to open this summer
- ▶ Bethany Village Crescent Crossing, \$42 million four-story, 74-unit assisted living facility replaces the west wing of the Linden House

#### Recently opened:

▶ Mike's Car Wash, 6250 Far Hills Ave.

### Cornerstone of Centerville, Wilmington Pike and Feedwire Road

#### Under construction:

- ▶ The Village, a pedestrian-friendly mix of retail and restaurants located north of Costco. No tenants have been announced.
- ▶ Home2 by Hilton, a 96-room hotel by Scarlet and Gray Hospitality, expected to open late summer 2018

#### Recently opened:

- ▶ Mod Pizza
- ▶ CoreLife Eatery

### Central Centerville

#### Opening soon:

▶ Boston Stoker Coffee Co., in the former bank site on N. Main Street, across from Benham's Grove

#### Recently opened:

▶ Epic Dance Academy, 88 Westpark Drive



CoreLife Eatery

### South Centerville

#### Under Construction:

▶ Savannah Place at Yankee Trace, a \$15 million luxury home development by Charles Simms Development within Yankee Trace featuring 44 duplex units, set to break ground in spring

#### Under construction soon at Social Row, Sheehan and Paragon roads:

- ▶ Randall Residence, a 150,000 sq. ft. assisted living facility and 84 independent living cottage units
- ▶ Woodland Greens, featuring 65 patio homes geared toward the 55+ resident

#### Opening soon:

▶ The Famous, a new restaurant concept by the owners of Doubleday's, in the former Beef O'Brady's location

#### Recently opened:

▶ Mike's Car Wash, 915 South Main Street



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Palcher is looking forward to the implementation of the City's new enterprise resource planning system (ERP), which will integrate multiple department forms, databases and other functions into one system streamlining processes—and enabling the City to make more financial reports available to citizens.

Rau says the City must continue to invest in infrastructure, as Council promised to citizens in November 2016 with the passage of the income tax increase. She also wants the City to continue making investments in bike paths, lighting and right-of-way landscaping for aging neighborhoods, and work with residents to encourage revitalizing older properties. In addition, she says the City must ensure the Architectural Preservation District remains thriving by continuing to work with downtown businesses to find creative solutions in keeping buildings occupied.

Serr's goals include finalizing and implementing a new strategic plan that will focus on economic development—achieving a balance of commercial activity in the right places while attaining an appropriate blend of housing that will serve the needs of multiple generations.

Moreover, Palcher and Serr will continue to make delivery of City services—for both residents and businesses—centered on exceptional customer service.

City Council welcomes your comments and questions. Contact information is on page 16.

## Q & A with Wayne Davis, Centerville City Manager

Centerville's new city manager brings more than 20 years of public sector experience to this position. While you'll have many other opportunities, we're featuring a Q & A column with Davis each issue so that you can "Get to know your City Manager." To contact Davis, call City offices, 433-7151, or email [wdavis@centervilleohio.gov](mailto:wdavis@centervilleohio.gov).



Wayne Davis

### **You've been on the job in Centerville since August 21. How's it going so far?**

I have been warmly received by Centerville City Council, staff, citizens and businesses, and this has contributed substantially to the onboarding process. To everyone who has assisted in welcoming me to the City, I say "Thank you."

I do not know everyone, and therefore, I have been engaged in meeting new people in many areas of the community, and this has kept me busy over my first three months. Overall, I am very happy with the work we have completed to date, as there is always some uncertainty with the newness associated with transition and change. The good news for the community is that there are many things happening in the City ranging from economic development projects and business expansions to significant investment in capital improvement projects throughout the city, the resurgence of Centerville Elks football, and one of Yankee Trace's most successful years in history.

### **What is it about Centerville that prompted you to apply for the City Manager position?**

In my life, I have been fortunate to travel across our great country and visit many very nice communities. I have also had the good fortune to be able to live in the Centerville community, and what I have concluded is that Centerville is one of the finest communities in Ohio, and in America, bar none.

The community's leaders are active and engaged, the school system is high performing and outstanding, the people are "Warm and Cheerful," the economy is strong, amenities are great and the cost of living is very reasonable. When one looks at these characteristics of the community, it is quite simple to understand why Centerville is such an attractive place to live, work, play and call home. Recently, I spoke with a longtime and well-respected peer in County governance, and he stated that the job of city manager in Centerville is the best job in Ohio. While some people may argue or debate that point with him, I did not. I believe that he is correct, and the job I have with Centerville is the best job in our State. And, to top it off, for the first time in my life, I am able to live and work in the same community!

### **What are your immediate plans?**

The immediate plans are primarily to get to know people, both inside the City organization as well as within the community and region. Great relationships are critical to the success of any organization or enterprise, and it is my intent to get to know people and provide opportunities for people to get to know me. Additionally, it is necessary to complete task work that is on the agenda, including efforts on various economic development projects that are in process, such as the Cornerstone development as well as development and presentation of the City's 2018 Operating and Capital Budget. We will also be working at the staff level to define and refine our definition of customer service to ensure that we are delivering outstanding customer value and quality customer service in a sound financial manner. We are also investing in the professional development of our staff to ensure that we are developing our organizational capacity via our most valuable resource—our people. Finally, in the near term, we will be working with Centerville City Council to develop a five-year Strategic Plan for 2018–2023 that will focus on the following goal areas: Economic Development, Finances, Planning, Core Services, Infrastructure and Technology. Due to the vision of City Council, we will develop this plan that will lay out strategic, operational direction of the City for the next five years, aligning this with the City's five-year financial plan.

# GREEN GRASS OF HOME

## Residential and business beautification awards announced

Over the summer months, the City Beautiful Commission recognized 21 residential properties and three businesses with landscape awards for outstanding front yard appearance, decorating and exterior maintenance. In addition, Andy and Kristy Harmon received the 2017 Mayor's Award. Over the past few years, they have been recognized with three residential awards.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE CITY BEAUTIFUL AWARD WINNERS:



Landscapes are recognized monthly July through September. Each winner receives an engraved garden stone.

The Commission is looking for new members. Green thumbs are not required. For an application, call 433-7151 or visit [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov), Community, Volunteer Opportunities.

#### August:

**Marlis Wilson**  
6500 Atterbury Court

**Andria Chiodo**  
1235 Kentshire Drive

**Robert and Janet Carpenter**  
2212 E Alex-Bell Road

**Elaine and Ron Connelly**  
154 Martha Avenue

**Peter Petrusch**  
449 Blackstone Drive

**Brady Pees**  
9909 Red Barn Trail

**Patty and Spencer Romer**  
1253 Club View Drive

#### Community Pride:

**Dr. Kathy Platoni**  
50 South Main Street

#### September:

**John Gruenwald,  
Laura and Carson Franklin**  
6670 Leeds Circle

**Sherri and Steve Hayes**  
6310 Millbank Drive

**Debbie Clifton and  
Lori Blankenship**  
7780 Bigger Road

**Pam and Marshall  
Goodfellow**  
40 Peach Grove Avenue

**Joe Willhoite**  
225 Linden Drive

**Suzanne Finke**  
9753 Rose Arbor Drive

**Ken and Rosemary Justice**  
962 Gardenwood Place

#### Community Pride:

**Centerville Lock and Safe,  
Roger and Amy Krass**  
84 West Franklin Street

## Bright lights, big Wow!

City Beautiful Commission members are traveling Centerville roadways looking for festive holiday decorations. One winner will be recognized in each of the City's seven zones along with one Community Pride recipient representing a commercial, business or multi-family complex. Commission members look for displays visible from the road. It could be the big 'WOW!' showcasing lots of lights or a simple display that captures the spirit of the season. To nominate a display, call City offices, 433-7151, by December 7. Each nomination will be reviewed by a commission member.

## Plan your next event at Benham's Grove



December is the perfect month to host an event at Benham's Grove. Twinkling lights, gorgeous holiday decorations and cozy fires are just a few reasons to hold your party there. Off-peak rates are in effect through March 31. Booking for 2019, starts in January 2018. Throughout the year, this community gathering place is a great venue for business getaways, celebrations and gatherings. For more information, visit [benhamsgrove.com](http://benhamsgrove.com) or call 433-1913.

## WINTER FARMERS MARKET AT BENHAM'S GROVE

Here's your last opportunity to shop the Centerville Winter Farmers Market. Enjoy the rustic charm of the Barn at Benham's Grove, 166 N. Main Street, while shopping Thursday, December 21.

With shopping hours of 2-4 p.m., you'll find just what you need for holiday food preparations as well as one-of-a-kind gift baskets. Following this event, the market will close for the season and open again in May. For more information, visit [centervillefarmersmarket.com](http://centervillefarmersmarket.com), and the Facebook page.





## Increase in street funding pays off for neighborhood roads

Thanks to voter approval of the income tax levy last fall, as City Council promised, funding for the annual street program was increased 57 percent. This year, nearly 18 lane miles of Centerville streets were repaired and/or resurfaced at a total expenditure of nearly \$4 million. This included both local funding as well as grant funding and joint project work. During the 2017 construction season, the following projects have been or are nearing completion:

Annual repair and resurfacing program that included milling and paving numerous streets including all or portions of **Annette Drive, Anton Court, Benzell Drive, Bristol Drive, Coachman Drive, Concept Court, Dale Ridge Drive, Davis Drive East Drive, Freyn Drive-west stub, Gerber Drive, Gershwin Drive, Lyons Drive, Mary Haynes Drive, North Johanna Drive, Prague Court, Shawhan Drive, South Main access road (east and west), Tipton Court, Tuxworth Road and Virginia Avenue.**

Concrete repair including curb and storm system work in preparation for future resurfacing on **Acreview Court, Ambridge Road (Bigger to Ridgefield Way), Bywood Court, Colechester Court, Deer Run Road (Clyo to Hartcrest), Glenmina Drive, Gulfwood Court, Hartcrest Lane (Deer Run to terminus), LaFrance Place, Lodewood Drive, Ridgefield Way, Rockingham Drive (Red Coach to Red Coach), Shirecliff Court, South Village Drive, Taitwood Road (Bigger to terminus), Valley Vista Way,**

**Weathered Wood Trail and Zengel Drive (Hartcrest to terminus).**

**Bethel Road:** Repair and resurfacing, from the north terminus to the north-most intersection of Bethel with Boyce. This project included funding from a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

**West Ridgeway Drive:** Repair and resurfacing from **SR**



Thanks to voter approval of Issue 3 in 2016, City Council increased street funding by 57 percent.

**48 to Normandy Lane,** following the water line project by Montgomery County Environmental Services (MCES). This project was partially funded with Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) funding.

**East Franklin Street:** Repair and resurfacing from **Main Street to Clyo Road,** following MCES's water main project in 2016. This project was also partially funded by OPWC and federal Surface Transportation Program Funds through the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission.

**Hyde Park Drive and Rambler Drive:** Concrete pavement repair should be completed by press time, with asphalt paving in spring.

**Clyo Road** repair and resurfacing from **Alex-Bell Road to Bigger Road:** Catch basins and curb work will be completed yet this fall with paving planned for spring. The project cost is \$681,360 of which OPWC is providing \$170,340 and the City funding the remaining \$511,020.

## 2018 Street projects

About 21 lane miles of residential streets will receive concrete repair and/or milling and resurfacing in 2018. The repair list is developed over the winter—based on visual assessment of streets—which are rated and prioritized with respect to their condition. Projects are prepared and bid to address the streets with the worst distresses while prioritizing the streets based on budgetary restraints. The following streets are included in this project:

**SR 725/Alex-Bell Road from St. Rt. 48 to Wilmington Pike:** Urban paving by ODOT. This will bid in mid-2018 with construction in late summer to early fall.

**West Spring Valley Road from St. Rt. 48 to the west corporation line** will be repaired and resurfaced as part of a joint project with Washington Township.

**Bethel Road:** The next phase of the CDBG funded street project includes the street between the north and south intersection of Boyce Road.

The Wilmington Pike Traffic Signal Upgrade Project includes 13 traffic signals along **Wilmington Pike from Brown Road to St. Rt. 725.** Five of these signals will be completely rebuilt and all will be radio-connected to help provide coordination. This federally-funded project is a joint effort between ODOT, Greene County and Centerville.

Questions regarding any of these improvement projects may be directed to Public Works, 428-4782, or visit [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov), Newsletters, Centerville Construction Update.

## City news and information at your fingertips

In our continuing effort to provide ways for our citizens to stay connected, the City offers several opportunities to be in the Centerville-know! Centerville Connections, a monthly e-newsletter, provides City news, events, Council activities and more. Construction Update is an email on current and upcoming road/utility improvements throughout the City. You can also keep up on arts activities and business news through other e-newsletters. To register, go to [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov) and click the newsletter name under Quick Links.

These electronic updates are among the numerous communication efforts provided by the City including the website, Facebook and Twitter pages, YouTube channel and Spectrum channel 5 government access programs. For more information, call 433-7151 or visit [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov).







## CITY CREWS READY FOR WINTER

Centerville's Public Works Department works to provide quality services so motorists can safely travel our roadways.

**Pre-treatment:** When the forecast predicts an impending weather event, roads are pre-treated with brine. This salt-water product acts as a barrier between the road and the frozen precipitation, improving roadway conditions more quickly. The treatment can alleviate plowing and/or salting needs in events of less than one inch of snow.

**Treatment:** Brine or a liquid de-icer is sprayed on salt, helping its reaction time and reducing scatter which improves roadway conditions quicker. For events greater than one inch, plowing will be done and salt used judiciously.

**Plowing procedures:** Centerville is divided into six areas. During a winter storm event where snow and/or ice are accumulating on roadways, trucks outfitted with plow blades and salt spreaders are dispatched to each of the areas.

- ▶ Priority streets—major roadways, hills, bridges and emergency routes—are cleared first.
- ▶ Collector streets are the second priority. Once first and second priority streets are clear, crews begin clearing residential streets in each area. However, as long as it is still snowing, crews must focus on priority streets.
- ▶ Residential streets: While clearing residential areas, crews make one pass in and one pass out to provide for two-way traffic. After first and second priority roads are completely clear, crews will make a second pass through residential neighborhoods to clear streets more thoroughly. Depending on the severity of the storm, crews may leave residential areas at any time to concentrate on priority roadways. After this initial pass-through, it may be a day or longer before the crews get back to clear residential streets curb to curb.

### You can help expedite snow and ice removal by:

- ▶ Removing parked vehicles from the streets to avoid being plowed in.
- ▶ Piling snow on the left side of your driveway (facing your house from the street) to lessen the amount of snow City crews deposit, as they can't avoid plowing snow across driveway approaches.
- ▶ Keeping snow from your driveway off of public streets. This hampers the efforts of Public Works crews.

### Sidewalks

Residents who live downtown or where children walk to and from school are asked to make special effort to clear sidewalks as soon as practical. City crews remove snow from sidewalks across City-owned properties and at gazebo bus stops.

For assistance with snow removal, call the City, 433-7151, for a snow removal resource list, including volunteers. For more information call Public Works, 428-4782.

## RECYCLE PACKAGING AND BOXES

### CHRISTMAS TREES PICKED UP THROUGH JAN. 11

Holiday time usually means an increase in recyclable items: boxes, wrapping paper and cardboard packaging. Centerville trucks pick up an unlimited amount of recyclable material. Your recycling container should be clearly marked and placed on the opposite side of the drive from your refuse container. This helps the driver readily distinguish refuse from recyclables.

Christmas trees will be collected through January 11. Place your undecorated tree at the curb. Collection will be done with a separate truck, and the trees are chipped and turned into mulch for use on City properties. For more information, contact Public Works, 428-4782, or [publicworks@centervilleohio.gov](mailto:publicworks@centervilleohio.gov).



## City looking for volunteers to assist elderly

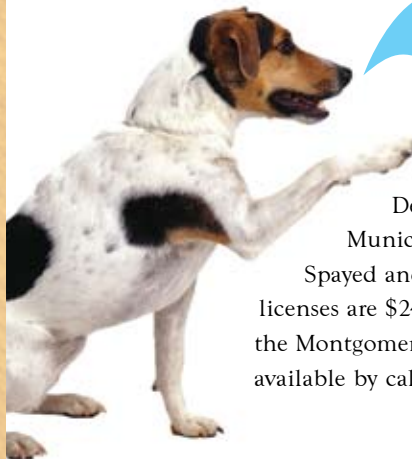
The City of Centerville is again compiling a list of individuals, groups and organizations willing to volunteer to assist elderly and disabled Centerville residents with snow removal. The list will be maintained by City staff and available to residents. The City will also maintain a list of individuals 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 and make the necessary arrangements. To volunteer, list a business or receive the resource list, call City Offices, 433-7151.

### REGISTER YOUR POOCH

Ohio law requires that dogs older than three months be licensed. Residents may purchase a 2018 Montgomery County dog license

December 1 through January 31 at the Centerville Municipal Building, 100 W. Spring Valley Road.

Spayed and neutered dog licenses are \$20, unaltered dog licenses are \$24. Multi-year licenses are available only through the Montgomery County Auditor's Office. More information is available by calling 225-4314 or visiting [mcohio.org](http://mcohio.org).





## Voters approve amendments to the City Charter

Centerville voters on Nov. 8 overwhelmingly approved Issue 5, which proposed updating the City Charter. 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 in 25 years that changes were submitted to the electors of the City.

The approved changes were effective in late November, upon certification of the vote by the Montgomery County Board of Elections. The Charter is available at [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov) or call 433-7151.



Rev. Dr. Joan B. Campbell

## Civil Rights pioneer to give keynote address at MLK Breakfast

Rev. Dr. Joan B. Campbell, Interfaith leader and Civil Rights pioneer, will give the keynote address at the Centerville-Washington Diversity Council’s Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast on Monday, Jan. 15 at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace.

At age 50, Ms. Campbell was ordained and has spent the last several decades traveling internationally, accumulating a long list of achievements. She was the first woman to hold several director positions including the Global Health Council, Alliance for Responsible Cuba Politics, Interfaith Alliance, and the World Council of Religious Leaders. A past member of the U.S. State Department advisory committee on Religious Freedom Abroad, she also served as a member of the Fund for Education in South Africa, advisory committee member for Americans for Humanitarian Trade with Cuba, and is a life member of the NAACP. Rev. Campbell has devoted herself to creating bridges between religions, races, and genders.

The 18th annual breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. Tickets are \$20 each and tables of ten are \$200. Tickets are available at [mlkdiversitycenterville.eventbrite.com](http://mlkdiversitycenterville.eventbrite.com), [cwtdiversity.org](http://cwtdiversity.org) or the Centerville Library.

The mission of the CWDC is to celebrate and promote an inclusive, diverse and welcoming community for people who live, work, and worship in Centerville and Washington Township. The council comprises representatives from community organizations as well as a cross-section of races, ages, sexual orientations and physical abilities. For more information visit [cwtdiversity.org](http://cwtdiversity.org).

## Community Chorus to perform a cappella tribute



Ring in the holidays with the Centerville Community Chorus show “A Cappella Music through the Ages”, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17 at Epiphany Lutheran Church on Far Hills Avenue. The chorus will showcase a cappella music from Gregorian Chant through music of today, with special guest Jim McCutcheon. Admission is free. Visit [ccchorus.com](http://ccchorus.com) for more information.

## Council recognizes service of Kingseed and Horn

Two longtime Centerville leaders were recognized by City Council for their dedication and service. Council has named a room in the Municipal Building for former mayor Mark Kingseed and an entrance drive to Yankee Trace for Greg Horn, former city manager. Their careers with Centerville started about the same time: Kingseed was first elected to Council in 1990, and Horn was hired as city manager two years later.

Mayor Brooks Compton announced during the Oct. 16, 2017 City Council meeting that the Municipal Building’s Law Library would be named for Kingseed. Council holds work sessions and other meetings in the library, located at 100 W. Spring Valley Road. Kingseed served on City Council for 13 years before being elected mayor in 2004 and serving three terms in that position, until 2015.

In recognition of his 25 years of leadership as city manager, City Council named the drive leading to The Golf Club at Yankee Trace clubhouse as Greg Horn Way. The honorary street sign was unveiled in September at the municipal course’s entrance at 10000 Yankee Street. Horn was instrumental in the development of Yankee Trace. Consistently named Best Golf Course in the region, the residential area is now home to almost 900 families. Horn retired in July.



Top: Joannie and Mark Kingseed; Above: Greg Horn (center) and City staff



## Art, music and food at Art at the Trace

Celebrate the arts at the 13th annual Art at the Trace, 6:30–9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24 at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace. Sponsored by the Centerville Arts Commission, the event features hundreds of works of fine art in a variety of mediums including photography, painting, sculpture, jewelry and mixed media on display and available for purchase. Ticket holders will be entered into a raffle drawing to win artwork donated by the displayed artists.

Local pen and ink artist Kathy Gross is the event's featured artist. Gross specializes in finely-detailed drawings of homes, businesses and historical buildings. Enjoy live music provided by the Deron Bell Duo along with gourmet appetizers and desserts and a cash bar offering fine wines, beers and cocktails. Tickets, payable by cash or check, are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Advance tickets may be purchased at the Centerville Municipal Building, 100 W. Spring Valley Road and the Golf Shop at Yankee Trace. Visit [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov) or call 433-7151 for more information.

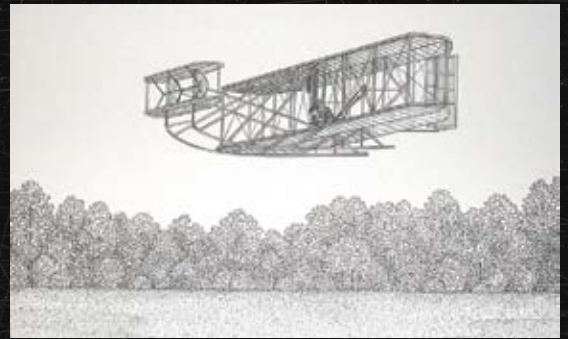
## VARIETY OF WORK FEATURED AT ART GALLERY

Ronald G. Levi's photographs will be featured at the Centerville Art Gallery during the month of December. Levi specializes in natural and scenic photography. His images have appeared in numerous magazines and books. Meet the artist at a reception 6:30–8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8 at the gallery.

Pen and ink artist Kathy Gross is the featured artist for January. Gross specializes in finely-detailed drawings of homes, businesses, historical buildings and colleges. She also produces limited-edition prints and note cards from her own original art.

Kim Ceccarelli, featured artist for February, paints portraits, landscapes and flowers in oils and pastels. Her work has been featured in several art shows and galleries, and her golf prints are sold in the Sparrows Nest Art Gallery in Homestead, VA.

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.



Art: Top: Ronald G Levi; Middle: Kathy Gross; Above: Kim Ceccarelli

## BAND TO PLAY *holiday concert*



Get in the holiday spirit at the Centerville Community Band's free concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3 at Epiphany Lutheran Church on Far Hills Avenue. The band is seeking new members, especially an oboe player and percussion section. Visit [centervilleohio.gov/ccb](http://centervilleohio.gov/ccb) for membership and performance schedule.

## Sponsorships available for summer concert series

*Free Sunday concerts welcome thousands to park*

Last year, the Summer Concert Series welcomed over 17,000 people to enjoy musical performances at Stubbs Park. The Arts Commission is offering individuals and businesses the opportunity to provide sponsorship support for this series. The 2018 schedule will have a great mix of oldies, classical, big band, country, Motown, and rock. For sponsorship information call the City of Centerville, 433-7151, or download a sponsorship application at [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov).





## Centerville visits Sister City in Germany

Several members of Centerville's Sister City Committee paid a visit in July to our Sister City of Bad Zwischenahn, Germany. In all 24 people participated in the Sister City exchange which included getting reacquainted with "Bad Z" friends during a four-day homestay with host families. This spa town is home to a beautiful lake and one of the largest nurseries in northern Europe.

In commemoration of the 35 years of exchange visits between the two cities, the Centerville group presented a Buckeye Tree to the Bad Zwischenahn city leadership and its host families. As part of the presentation, Mayor Brooks Compton sent a proclamation and greetings from Centerville that Sister City member Carolyn Basford read in English, while former Centerville mayor Sally Beals read the message in German.

Before visiting Bad Zwischenahn, the group spent three days in Amsterdam. Many wrapped up the trip with a tour of Munich and Viking River Cruise down the Elbe River to Prague. Individuals participating in the trip were responsible for all of their travel and other expenses.

The exchange will continue in 2020, when citizens of Bad Zwischenahn visit Centerville. The committee hopes the student exchanges will continue soon.

The Sister City Committee is accepting members. Call City offices, 433-7151, or download an application at [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov), Community, Volunteer.

## Library programs include writing and music

The Centerville library offers numerous programs. For more information, call 433-8091 or visit [wclibrary.info](http://wclibrary.info).



### Bombeck writing competition

Writers from around the world are encouraged to capture the spirit of beloved Centerville columnist Erma Bombeck by submitting an entry in the competition named for her. Sponsored by Washington-Centerville Public Library in conjunction with the University of Dayton, the Erma Bombeck Writing Competition, now held every two years, was established in 1997. The contest opens for online entries Dec. 4 and closes Jan. 3. There is a \$15 entry fee. For entry rules, visit [wclibrary.info/erma](http://wclibrary.info/erma).

### Making music on Mondays

Washington-Centerville Public Library's popular Monday Music Fest series returns in February for its 18th year. Enjoy a variety of music 6:30-8:30 p.m. every Monday at the Centerville Library. Anyone needing special accommodations should call the library in advance.

## Speaker Series to highlight Boss Kettering and Kossuth Colony

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.

**January 16, 2018**

*Charles Kettering,*  
*presented by Chuck Johnson*

**February 20, 2018**

*The Czar of Kossuth Colony,*  
*presented by Michael Williams*

## Yankee Trace Restaurant Hours

**Through Dec. 31**

### LUNCH

Monday-Friday  
11 a.m.-2 p.m.\*

### BRUNCH

Sunday  
10 a.m.-2 p.m.\*

\*Counter Service  
available after 2 p.m.  
as weather permits.



**January 1-April 1**

### LUNCH

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

### BRUNCH

Sunday  
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

### FISH FRY DINNER

Starts January 5  
Friday, regular menu  
available 5-9 p.m.



### Yankee Trace ho-ho-hosts Santa for brunch

The Golf Club at Yankee Trace is delighted to host Santa Claus for brunch, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on two Sundays: December 3 and 10. Santa's sleigh will stop by the restaurant from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Adults \$21.95 and children 12 and under are \$9.95. Reservations strongly recommended, call 438-3585.





# THE GOLF CLUB AT YANKEE TRACE

OFFERING OUTSTANDING SERVICES AND GOLFING OPPORTUNITIES EVERY DAY

## Golf Leagues

Reserve a weekly game with friends and co-workers. Only eight golfers needed to get started. Two league options with multiple payment plans:

### League Supreme: Facilitate your own league

Fees include tee times for 9-holes for 16 weeks\*

Before 6 p.m.	\$23 to walk	\$28 to ride
After 6 p.m.	\$20 to walk	\$23 to ride

### League Xtreme: Full-service league

Fees include tee times for 9-holes for 16 weeks, emailed results, prize fund and end of season awards banquet with food, beverages and prizes\*

Before 6 p.m.	\$26 to walk	\$31 to ride
After 6 p.m.	\$23 to walk	\$26 to ride

\*Prepay in two installments and save \$2 per week plus free practice balls; prepay for entire season and save \$2 per week plus free practice balls and a free week!

## Volunteer with us

Come join our family! We have many dedicated citizens contributing 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.

## Host a Golf Outing at Yankee Trace

The Golf Club at Yankee Trace has earned a reputation for exceptional service and outstanding course conditions.

We specialize in fundraisers, corporate events and traveling groups. All of your guests receive 18 or 9 holes of championship golf, practice balls, curbside bag service and attention to detail for a successful and memorable event. **2018 Special: Reserve a Presidential Package golf outing for at least 120 golfers and receive a complimentary annual membership at Yankee Trace.** See head golf professional Steven Marino for more details.

Don't put those clubs away just yet! Yankee Trace is open every day of the year with the exception of December 25. If winter is mild, there's no place like Yankee Trace for a fun, challenging round of golf! If the weather isn't cooperating, come inside to our indoor practice facility to work on your swing or take a tune-up lesson. For information about memberships, leagues, outings, rates, golf lessons and food service hours, stop by the Golf Shop, 10000 Yankee Street, call 438-4653 or visit yankeetrace.org.

## Gift ideas for your favorite golfers

**Yankee Trace Gift Cards:** Purchase for any dollar amount in the Golf Shop or online at yankeetrace.org. Gift cards may be redeemed for golf, merchandise, lessons, memberships, practice balls and food and beverages.

**Pre-Season Golf Instruction: Buy 2 Get 1 FREE!** Lessons are available December through April in the indoor golf academy or outside, weather permitting.

### Senior VIP Membership: \$39

Instant green fee discounts for golfers 50+ throughout the 2018 season. Includes 18-holes or 9-holes, electric golf car, warm-up practice balls and complimentary coffee with every round.

**Holiday 10 Pack: \$150 in savings!** Ten Weekday Rounds of Golf for \$350 or Ten Weekend Rounds of Golf for \$450 valid during the 2018 golf season. Includes 18-holes, golf car and practice balls.

### Yankee Player Development Program (YPD) \$449

- Unlimited Range Balls through April 30, 2019
- Unlimited access to the south-end of the driving range (grass area is seasonal; new all-weather artificial surface)
- Unlimited access to the 11,000 square foot practice putting green
- Unlimited access to the indoor golf academy during inclement weather
- Member's Only access to the north-end of the driving range (seasonal)
- Member's Only access to the short game performance area (seasonal)
- Eligible for exclusive YPD green fee rates at selected times
- 10% discount on all non-sale merchandise items
- USGA handicap service at Member's Only price

### Golf Merchandise Sale through Dec. 24

All In-stock golf clubs, fine men's and women's golf apparel and golf accessories marked down for our **BIGGEST SALE of the YEAR.**

### Yankee Indoor Golf Academy Practice Facility

Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. December-March: \$7 per day, \$21 per week, \$39 per month





# Public Works: PROVIDING SUPERIOR SERVICES EVERY DAY

Centerville's Public Works professionals work tirelessly to provide services to our residents and visitors. The staff is charged with taking care of City property—streets, sidewalks, storm systems, traffic signals, City buildings and Stubbs Park. These services are provided by your tax dollars, and the value and attention to detail are unmatched.



### Some of the projects include:

- ▶ Leaf collection at your curb.
- ▶ Winter operations: clearing snow and ice from roads to allow safe travel.
- ▶ Street maintenance: crack sealing, major repair and resurfacing, dead animal pickup, storm system repair and maintenance, and traffic signal, street light and street sign supply and maintenance.

▶ Horticulture services: grass mowing, tree planting and maintenance, and flower and landscape bed maintenance at City properties and along City roadways.

▶ Plan review of development projects, engineering and construction administration of major road projects, and inspection services of all public improvements.

▶ Special event planning and staffing including Americana

Festival, Memorial Day and Veterans' Day ceremonies, Arbor Day, Summer Concert series and the Holiday Walk.

These services are provided at an incredible value to the residents of Centerville. We thank you for your support and are honored to serve you.

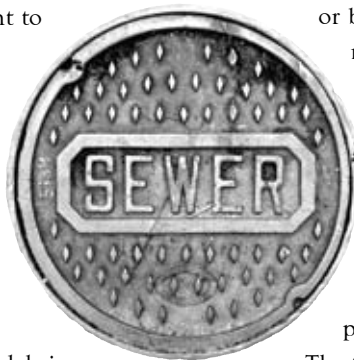


Centerville's finest, at your service.

## Keep storm sewers clear

During the winter months, it is important to remember to keep storm drain openings clear so that when snows melt, the runoff can enter the storm sewers and not cause ice build-up along the road. Don't allow leaves or grass to lay in the street blocking storm drains. Over time, they can get into the storm system and cause water backup, potentially creating street flooding in heavy storm events.

Nothing—grass clippings, leaves, yard debris, paint or oil, etc.—should ever be dumped in an open drainageway or storm sewer. Laws prohibit dumping in



or blocking drainageways and violators may be prosecuted. If you observe someone illegally dumping into a storm sewer or body of water, notify the City. Further information on the City's ditch policy and referenced section of the City's Property Maintenance Code may be found on the City's website under Forms/ Public Works or by contacting Public Works, [publicworks@centervilleohio.gov](mailto:publicworks@centervilleohio.gov) or 428-4782.

The Ohio EPA has established guidelines regarding illegal dumping in stormwater drainage systems. More information may also be found on the Ohio EPA website.

## CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

The City manages its utilities: storm and drainage lines, electric lines serving City-owned street light systems, and traffic and fiber lines that serve our traffic signals and 911 system. Before starting any outdoor project, call 811—it's the law. The Ohio Utilities Protection Services works with member utilities including DP&L, Vectren, AT&T and Spectrum to respond to your request to locate and mark buried utility lines. The service is free and helps ensure your utility services won't be interrupted by someone digging into them.

## Keep your trashcan fresh

Public Works offers this tip: Pour one cup of household bleach into your empty container, close the lid and return the container to the garage. The bleach will eliminate the odor and dissipate by the time you put more waste in it. It will also keep animals away.



# TAKE IT EASY ON ICY, WET ROADS

## SAFETY

Take it slow and easy when driving on snowy roads. Centerville and neighboring communities will have crews working to keep roads clear and safe. Motorists can help, too. Following these guidelines from the Ohio Department of Transportation:

### Know Before You Go

- Know the latest driving conditions. Visit [Buckeyetraffic.org](http://Buckeyetraffic.org) or sign up for ODOT Twitter updates for the Dayton area.
- Clear snow and ice from your vehicle's windows, lights and signals.
- Make sure tires, wiper blades, lights and other vehicle functions are working properly and maintain an adequate fuel level.
- Give yourself extra time to get to your destination.

### Take it Slow

- Watch for black ice. Roads that seem dry may actually be slippery and dangerous. Use caution when approaching intersections, off-ramps, bridges or shady areas... all can be hot spots for black ice.
- Reduce speed and increase distance between vehicles. Remember a four-wheel drive vehicle can still slide on icy roads.
- Brake early, brake slowly, brake correctly and never slam on the brakes.
- Don't use cruise control and avoid abrupt steering maneuvers.

### Don't Crowd the Plow

- Snow plows travel well below the posted speed limit. Be patient and give them room to work. Try not to pass the plow. Watch for sudden stops or turns.
- Watch out for blind spots. The snow plow driver's field of vision is limited. If you can't see the plow's side mirrors, the driver can't see you. Stay two to three car lengths behind the plow.
- Beware of snow clouds. Snow plows often create clouds as they clear the roads, often reducing your ability to see.

## Citizens Police Academy accepting applications

*32nd academy class set to start January 10*

The winter Citizens Police Academy begins January 10 and runs through March 28. Classes are Wednesday evenings, 6:30–9:30 p.m. The twelve-week course gives citizens the opportunity to learn more about the functions of the department. Officers present information regarding topics such as laws of arrest, search and seizure, use of force continuum, firearms, criminal, drug, OVI, and crime scene investigations. Participants have the opportunity to go on the firing range and ride along with an officer. The class is free to the public. Registration forms are available in the Police Department lobby or online at [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov) under the Police tab. For more information, contact Officer John Davis, 433-7661.



### Lending a helping hand

Several Centerville Police Department officers and staff joined the Bill's Donuts family to collect, sort, load and transfer items to support Hurricane Harvey relief efforts. By the end of the collection, four trucks were filled with supplies—headed to Houston.



Centerville Police Academy Alumni Association volunteers and staff

## No Mystery: National Night Out is big success

The Police Department brought back a Centerville favorite in August—Mystery Night Out. Held in celebration of National Night Out, participants were given clues that led them to various spots around the City. The start and end spot was at Stubbs Park, where food, music, exhibits and prizes awaited. The Police Department staff received assistance from members of the Citizens Police Academy Alumni, affectionately known as the "red shirts." Next year's event is set for August 7.

## LOCK IT—DON'T LEAVE IT

Theft from motor vehicles and homes continues to be a crime trend throughout the Miami Valley. The Centerville Police Department reminds citizens that leaving doors and vehicles unlocked can create a crime of opportunity—that can often be prevented. Please follow these guidelines:

### VEHICLE SAFETY

- Lock your vehicle.
- Remove or hide your valuables.
- Park in a busy, well-lit area away from larger vehicles, fences, signs or foliage that may hide your vehicle.
- Remove your garage opener from vehicles left outside.
- Completely close vehicle windows and sunroofs
- Park locked vehicles near the garage door and close to illumination.
- Take car keys with you—don't leave them in the ignition.



### HOME SECURITY

- Close and lock all doors and windows.
- Keep your garage door closed. Police often investigate complaints about golf clubs, gardening tools and beer being stolen from the garage.
- Secure side doors and windows leading into your garage.
- Lock the door leading from your garage into your home.
- Return bicycles, tools and other items to the garage. Don't leave them in the yard.

Immediately report any unusual person, vehicle or activity in your neighborhood as it is occurring—do not wait. If something looks wrong or out of place, it usually is.



# SAFETY

AREA	ROBBERIES			RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES			BREAKING & ENTERING			THEFT OF/FROM VEHICLES			OTHER PROPERTY THEFTS			CRIMINAL MISCHIEF/DAMAGE		
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\*August ^September <sup>oo</sup>October

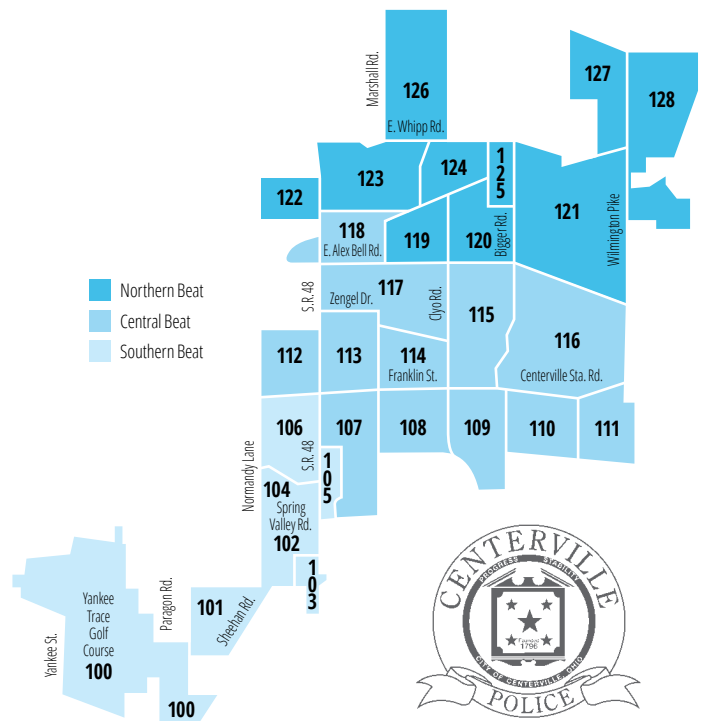
## SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING

Each day your Centerville Police Department strives to provide Exceptional Police Service to our community. This can only be accomplished with your help. If you see something—or someone—in your neighborhood that looks out of place, report the activity to our dispatchers. Call 9-1-1 for crimes in progress, or 433-7661, the non-emergency number, to file a report.

	RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS BURGLARIES					
	RESIDENTIAL			BUSINESS		
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MONDAY-THURSDAY	2	1	1	1	1	1
FRIDAY-SUNDAY	-	-	-	-	-	2
UNDETERMINED	1	-	2	-	-	-
6 AM-6 PM	1	1	1	-	-	-
6 PM-6 AM	1	-	-	1	1	1
UNDETERMINED	1	-	2	-	-	2
FORCED	1	-	1	-	-	1
SHATTERED	-	-	-	-	1	1
UNLOCKED	1	1	-	1	-	-
KEY	-	-	-	-	-	-
PRIED	-	-	1	-	-	-
CUT LOCK	-	-	-	-	-	1
UNDETERMINED	1	-	-	-	-	-
OPEN	-	-	-	-	-	-
ATTEMPT	-	-	1	-	-	-
DOOR	1	1	2	-	1	1
WINDOW	-	-	-	-	-	2
GARAGE	1	-	1	1	-	-
UNDETERMINED	1	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-

## Residential and Business crime statistics

Statistic totals: August-October 2017





## August 21, 2017

Mayor Compton welcomed Wesley Jones of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to give the invocation.

City Council recognized Don Barrett, WWII veteran and Centerville resident, for his service to our country. Mr. Barrett spent four years in the US Marine Corps, serving in Guadalcanal, New Guinea, Cape Gloucester and Peleliu Island.

Joe Braden, Auditor of State representative, presented Centerville Finance director Jonathan Hudson with the Ohio Auditor of State Award with Distinction. According to Braden, of the 6,000 audits completed each year, fewer than 300 cities are eligible for the award.

Centerville-Washington Foundation president Jack Lohbeck gave an update on the Foundation's activities and upcoming Founders Award event honoring Sally Beals.

Sue Jessee, City Beautiful Commission chair, recognized the Residential City Beautiful award winners for the month of August. Dr. Kathy Platoni accepted the Community Pride award for the landscaping at her office at 50 S. Main Street. For a complete list of landscape winners, please see page 4.

City Council approved the Final Development Plan for Savannah Place.

### Council made the following reappointments:

- Jim Collins as Chair of the Arts Commission
- Mary Pizza to the Sister City Committee

## September 18, 2017



Cub Scouts from Troop 116 Weller Elementary School

Following Fairhaven Church Pastor Kirk Lithander's invocation, Cub Scouts from Troop 116 Weller Elementary School led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Council recognized the Bill's

Donut family for their support of the people of Houston and surrounding areas affected by Hurricane Harvey. Bill's Donuts was the collection site that filled four trucks of donated supplies. Mayor Compton thanked Lisa Elam Tucker for her coordination efforts and continuous support of our community.

Deputy Mayor Belinda Kenley presented information about the Montgomery County Human Services levy, and Kathleen Cleary spoke on behalf of Citizens for Sinclair. Cindy Clay, a member of the Sister City Committee, presented a slide show about the recent visit to Centerville's Sister City of Bad Zwischenahn, Germany. Jan Prettyman and Tom Wheeler, members of the City Beautiful Commission, presented the Centerville Community Pride Award for September to Centerville Lock and Safe owners Roger and Amy Krass. Kristy and Andy Harmon received the Mayor's Award for Beautification, a stone marker, indicating that their home's

landscaping has been recognized three times. The September Landscape Award winners were announced. See page 4.

### City Council made the following reappointments:

- Kathleen Jablinski to the Arts Commission
- Kevin Von Handorf to the Planning Commission

## October 16, 2017

Mayor Compton welcomed Pastor Jon Gibson, Living Hope Church, to give the invocation. City Council accepted the resignation of Sierra Kelley from the Arts Commission and Sue Spiegel from the City Beautiful Commission. Mayor Compton thanked both citizens for their volunteer service.

Police Chief Bruce Robertson recognized Zachary Randall with the Safe Driving Award. Zachary's father was driving on Bigger Road when he suffered a medical emergency. Zachary, 10, assumed control of the car, steering it until his father regained consciousness. When Police Officer Nick Pauley arrived on the scene, he said Zachary handled the situation in a calm manner, maneuvering the car to safety, and no one was injured. This was the first time the award was presented to a civilian.

Deputy Mayor Belinda Kenley presented the Centerville Women's Civic Club with a proclamation for its 60 years of service to the community.



The Centerville Women's Civic Club

Catherine Myers, SilverLink 211 outreach counselor, gave an update on this United Way free senior resources referral service.

Mayor Compton announced that the Law Library, located in the City Building, would be named for Mark Kingseed. Kingseed served as mayor 2004-2015 and as a council member 1990-2003. See story, page 7.

### City Council made the following reappointments:

- Betty Lou Carney to the Arts Commission
- Robert Muzechuk to the Planning Commission

## Make a difference. Volunteer!

A variety of volunteer positions with the City of Centerville are available. There are openings on City Council-appointed Boards and Commissions including Arts Commission, Sister City Committee, Board of Architectural Review and City Beautiful Commission. CIVIC Municipal volunteers work in City offices. For more information, contact the City, 433-7151, or visit [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov), Community, Volunteer Opportunities.





*From the desk of  
Brooks Compton*



Mayor Compton officially welcomes Sneak Preview Ultrasound to Centerville.

As we wrap up an exciting and successful 2017 in Centerville, we look forward to the promise that 2018 brings. Good things are happening in Centerville and 2018 looks no different.

Let's take a look back at 2017. In June, we saw Greg Horn, our friend and City Manager retire. It was only fitting that Greg be honored so that current and future residents would know that he had done so much for Centerville. The drive into Yankee Trace was renamed **GREG HORN WAY**; a fitting tribute to his dedication and commitment to Centerville over his 25 years as City Manager.

A national search for a new city manager brought many qualified candidates from across the country. Wayne Davis, from close by Montgomery, Ohio was asked to serve as city manager after a thorough selection process. We are excited to have Wayne on board with his extensive municipal, financial and leadership experience.

2017 brought economic and residential development throughout the City as many new businesses opened, re-located or expanded, along with the addition of new housing options that are in the planning or building stages. The Heart of Centerville and AP District, Cross Pointe Center, Cornerstone and Centerville Place are all very active providing evidence that Centerville is a great place to have a business. The ongoing development of the Miami Valley Hospital South campus and Bethany Lutheran Village continue to meet expanding health and residential needs.

2017's election season saw good news for Centerville in two ways: JoAnne Rau, Bill Serr and John Palcher were re-elected to Council. Their community commitment, expertise and experience are a real plus for Centerville and its plans for the years ahead. In addition, Centerville voters overwhelmingly approved important charter amendments which will allow the City to operate more efficiently.

Centerville recognized former Mayor Kingseed with the dedication of the C. Mark Kingseed Law Library, the library where he presided over Council meetings for his 12 years as Mayor. Please stop in the City Building to see this tribute to Mark's leadership. Finally, in 2017 your Centerville Council and staff worked to

fulfill Council's commitment to residents made in 2016, to put the additional tax dollars voters approved in 2016 into infrastructure improvements throughout the City. A significant number of improvements were completed.

Now what about 2018? As our City Council continues to make good on its promise, we'll continue to commit funding to improve and enhance our infrastructure to meet current and very importantly, future needs and desires of Centerville residents. Although you may be inconvenienced, we think you will also be pleased as long-term improvements continue. We appreciate your patience as Public Works continues to make the best use of the resources you have provided.

In 2018 your Centerville Council will continue work on the City's strategic plan started in 2017 as well as its five-year budgeting and capital improvement program. Council and City staff felt it was important to look at Centerville from a long-term perspective so that the City could be more proactive in its planning to address the future needs of our residents.

2018 will also be a big year in Centerville as we celebrate its 50th year as a City. It is hard to believe that in a small room 50 years ago, Council members took the first steps to take a lightly populated village to what Centerville is today. Former and current residents of Centerville have a lot to be proud of what has been accomplished. There will be many fun and educational activities throughout the year celebrating this important event that will culminate in a community celebration on December 2, 2018.

On behalf of your City Council, please know that it is an honor and a privilege to have the opportunity to serve this tremendous City and its residents. Thank you.

Have a Merry Christmas, a happy holiday season and wonderful New Year!

*Brooks A. Compton*

## Council Chambers gets equipment upgrade

City Council meetings will look and sound better with the recent upgrades made in Council Chambers, 100 W. Spring Valley Road. The site of monthly City Council meetings, two new monitors were installed for better viewing of presentations, and all microphones replaced. City Council meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Monday of each month. Council meetings may be viewed live on Spectrum channel 5 or mvcc.net or later at centervilleohio.gov and the City's Facebook and YouTube channel.





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Centerville-Washington History....433-0123



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

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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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## 1968: A look back

In 1968, all City services were housed in the Municipal Building, 100 W. Spring Valley Road. Since that time, the building has seen two additions.

## City holiday schedule

City offices will close on the following days in observance of the holidays: December 25, December 26 and January 1. Offices will also close January 15 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. The regular City Council meeting, normally scheduled for the third Monday of each month, will be postponed until January 22 in Council Chambers.

## Refuse and recycling collection schedule

The refuse collection schedule will have the following adjustments:

- **Week of December 25:** delayed one day, so Monday's pickup will occur Tuesday, and so on throughout the week. Please have your items at the curb by 7 a.m. on your collection day.
- **Week of January 1:** delayed one day. Same schedule as above.
- **Week of January 15:** delayed one day. Same schedule as above.
- **City Offices will be open Presidents' Day, February 12.** Waste collection will be on the regular schedule.

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## DECEMBER-FEBRUARY CITY CALENDAR

### DECEMBER

- 18** City Council meeting, 7:30 p.m.  
**21** Farmers Market, 2-4 p.m.,  
 Barn at Benham's Grove
- 25 and 26**  
 City offices closed.  
 Waste collection delayed one day.

### JANUARY

- 1** City offices closed.  
 Waste collection delayed one day.
- 15** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day,  
 City offices closed. Waste Collection  
 delayed one day.
- 22** City Council meeting, 7:30 p.m.

### FEBRUARY

- 19** City Council meeting, 7:30 p.m.  
**24** Art at the Trace, 6:30-9 p.m.,  
 The Golf Club at Yankee Trace

### WEEKLY

**Leaf Pickup**, through Dec. 4, rake leaves to curb  
**Brush Drop-off**, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday,  
 Public Works Center

### MONTHLY

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

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