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State of the City address to preview 2019 Council goals

Centerville Mayor Brooks Compton will give the annual State of the City address at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 18 in Council Chambers, 100 W. Spring Valley Road. According to Mayor Compton, the presentation will give residents a preview of their government's goals over the next year. Each Council member will briefly address the audience as well.

Following the program, a question and answer period will be offered. The public is invited to attend. For further information, please call City Offices, 433-7151.

City presents update on Strategic Plan

Centerville staff members continue to make progress on the five-year Strategic Plan. City Council adopted the plan in June 2018, with strategies, implementation steps and a timeline for each of the six major goals. In January, staff provided a status update of each goal, including projects completed as well as action items for the next six months.

The goals and updates of projects completed or in-process include:

Goal 1. Economic Development: Promote a community of neighborhoods and business districts that attract, retain, and support businesses with forward-thinking policy, planning, and service delivery. Strategic work already completed or in process includes:

- Host a BusinessFirst! meeting at which the City presents its economic development initiatives to local and regional economic development partners
- Research the feasibility of an Entertainment District for the Architectural Preservation District (APD)
- Create a marketing strategy to communicate the benefits and availability of existing and new economic development assistance programs
- Conduct APD visioning and develop action plan

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OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP



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



Free bulk item pickup May 6–9

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

Bulk-item pickup requirements:

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

Items not accepted:

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

Reduce, Reuse and Recycle

The City encourages our residents and businesses to be good stewards of the environment and recycle as much as possible. Orange recycling stickers can be placed on container(s) of your choice, but no larger than 32 gallons, are available at the Municipal Building and Public Works Center or by calling Public Works, 937-428-4782. The City has issued recycling Toters® to select neighborhoods, with additional Toters® scheduled for delivery over the next few years.

Items for disposal may have some useful life left. McMRF, the Montgomery County Material Re-use Facility, accepts a variety of items including wood furniture, paint, cabinets, appliances and lumber. Please call 937-781-3075 or visit mcoho.org/departments/solid_waste for details.

For more information, please contact Public Works, 428-4782, or publicworks@centervilleohio.gov.

Get updates from Public Works

Sign up for e-notifications of upcoming construction projects and waste/recycling collection day changes at centervilleohio.gov.

Registration open for Citywide Garage Sale

Register through April 15

Clear out your clutter and pick up new-to-you treasures during the annual Citywide Garage Sale. Set for May 2–4, sales take place 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. in neighborhoods throughout Centerville. The City will provide one sign and advertising for each participating address. A list of all registered addresses along with a brief description of items for sale will be available at centervilleohio.gov. Last year more than 250 households registered for the sale.

Residents may begin registering March 4 at centervilleohio.gov or by completing the form on page 24 of this publication and returning it to: City Municipal Office, 100 W. Spring Valley Road. Registration closes at 5:00 p.m. Monday, April 15.

Following the garage sale is the City's annual free bulk item pickup, May 6–9, for all Centerville waste collection customers. Items should be placed at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on your regular waste collection day. For more information, please call 433-7151 or email information@centervilleohio.gov.

Tax Office offers assistance



The City offers a secure, free, online tax preparation tool at centervilleohio.gov. Print the completed form, attach W2's and any applicable federal schedules, and mail or bring it to the Tax Office.

Our Tax Office offers free preparation of Centerville income tax returns, 8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. No appointment is required. You may also receive assistance by contacting the Tax Office, 433-7151, or tax@centervilleohio.gov.

The 2018 tax return and the first quarter 2019 estimated tax payments are due April 15, 2019. The other quarterly estimate payments are due June 15, September 15 and January 15. We do not send quarterly reminder notices, however, vouchers for estimate payments are available on our website. Tax returns and payments may be dropped in the box in the rear parking lot of the Municipal Building, 100 W. Spring Valley Road.



Top left: Five-year recipients: Laurie Haughey and Kelly Coleman; **Top right:** Ten-year recipients: Front: Michele Donoher and Joe Presutti. Back: Marc Byrd, Mark Yandrick, Jeff Kaercher, Jeremy Schul and Josh Ratliff; **Above left:** 20-year recipients: Matt Brown, Justin Cron and Larry Sewell; **Above right:** Scott Matthews, received a 30-year award.

City employees recognized for service

In December, the City of Centerville held its annual Service Awards and Employee Recognition Luncheon at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace during which 19 employees were recognized for reaching a milestone in service. Scott Matthews, Public Works group leader, received a 30-year award for his years of service. Receiving 20-year awards were Larry Sewell of Public Works; Police Chief Matt Brown; and Justin Cron, assistant superintendent at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace. Officer Andy Hardacre of the Police Department was honored with a 15-year service award.

Receiving 10-year awards were Public Works employees Jeremy Schul, Joe Presutti, Marc Byrd and Ben Ankeney along with Police officers Jeff Kaercher, Josh Ratliff, Jared Rhoten and Ryan Turner; Mark Yandrick from the Planning Office and Michele Donoher of Benham's Grove. Kelly Coleman and Laurie Haughey of the Finance office along with City Planner Andrew Rodney were recognized with 5-year awards.

"Our City is pleased and honored to have employees who have dedicated their careers to serving the residents of Centerville," said City Manager Wayne Davis. "We appreciate the efforts, values and talents all of our employees bring each day to their respective positions and their outstanding service delivery to the public."

City launches new software system

The City's Finance Office is up and running on the new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software system. The new system will integrate departmental information, reduce redundancy and streamline operations. Additional departments will be implementing the ERP in the next few months. The implementation process is expected to be completed citywide by 2020.

EXPLORE ONLINE @ centervilleohio.gov

Township places fire levy on ballot

Centerville and Washington Township residents will be asked to vote May 7 on a continuous 2.85-mill levy that would enable the Washington Township Fire Department to address a dual trend—a shortage of part-time firefighters and an increasing number of calls for service. The ballot issue was approved unanimously in January by the Washington Township Board of Trustees.

Hourly staffing for a full-time firefighter costs more than twice as much as a part-time firefighter—about \$1,090 compared to \$469 for a 24-hour period. Salary, medical benefits and earned time off all contribute to the difference.

The part-time shortage has occurred while the number of fire and emergency medical runs in the community has climbed from 6,060 in 2012 to 7,751 in 2018. Much of the increase is fueled by new construction in both Centerville and Washington Township: 629 homes, 865 apartment units and 368 senior living units were either constructed in 2018 or in the planning stage.

Council approves 2019 budget

On December 17, 2018, Centerville City Council unanimously adopted the 2019 Municipal Budget. Total projected resources are \$75,425,541 which includes a carry-over of \$30,581,965. Expenditures for 2019 are budgeted at \$46,837,549 leaving a projected year-end balance of \$28,587,992. These figures include \$3 million related to public improvements for the Cornerstone development. The City plans to invest \$14.7 million in capital improvements, of which \$5.3 million (or 38 percent) is being funded from other sources, such as grants. The City continues to increase funding for road improvement projects, thanks to the passage of the income tax levy in 2016. Projects include \$11 million for street and sidewalk repairs and \$2 million for police, street and refuse vehicles and equipment. Of paramount importance to City Council and staff is the ability to deliver outstanding customer service and value in a financially responsible manner.

Wine tasting at Yankee Trace

Great wine, delicious appetizers and live music highlight the March Madness Wine Tasting event 2:00–5:00 p.m. Saturday, April 6 at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace. Wine experts will staff six stations with more than 50 wines. Tickets are \$40 in advance and \$45 at the door. Contact Jason, 438-3585 or jpajari@yankeetrace.org for details.



Committee looking at enhancing downtown

The Architectural Preservation District (APD) in downtown Centerville includes diverse businesses ranging from boutiques and salons to restaurants and professional services. The APD is home to the City's most historic buildings and their stories. More importantly, this area provides a strong sense of community, place and quality of life.

The City is excited to begin a visioning process for the APD. A group of stakeholders will meet over the next several months to generate ideas, come to a general consensus on a vision and recommend strategies to achieve that vision. Once the committee's work ends, the City will take the recommendations and other community input to develop an action plan to enhance our unique downtown.



Sinclair Community College



Cornerstone of Centerville

Wilmington Pike Corridor continues to grow

A drive along Wilmington Pike in Centerville showcases hospital, medical and professional services, educational facilities, a hotel and numerous retail and dining options. Over the past ten years, this area has experienced tremendous development with the addition of Miami Valley Hospital South, Cornerstone of Centerville and the recently opened Sinclair Community College Centerville campus. In anticipation of this growth, the City of Centerville continues to make significant improvements to infrastructure along the corridor, including road and traffic signal upgrades.

Development and business interest continues in the area, which is conveniently located just off I-675. Miami Valley Hospital South's newest addition is a Spine and Joint Center. Cornerstone of Centerville, home to Costco, Kroger and Cabela's along with a variety of restaurants and services, continues to welcome new business including Home2 by Hilton and Cooper's Hawk Winery and Restaurant, which is set to open soon.

Serve your community

The City has openings on the following City Council-appointed Boards and Commissions: City Beautiful, Arts, Storm Water Review and Sister City. Volunteer opportunities are also available in our City Offices. For application information, please call 433-7151 or visit centervilleohio.gov, click Services, then Volunteer Opportunities.

Centerville names Finance Director



Tyler Roark

Centerville City Manager Wayne Davis recently announced the appointment of Tyler Roark to the position of Finance Director. In addition to managing the Finance Department, Roark is responsible for preparing the City's annual budget and financial reports along with supervising the Income Tax and Information Technology offices. He will also oversee the implementation of the City's new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software system.

Roark comes to Centerville from the City of Hamilton, Ohio, where he worked for more than seven years, the past three of which he served as a Budget and Evaluation Manager.

Roark earned a bachelor's degree in Accounting from Ohio State University and a Master of Accountancy from Miami University of Ohio. He is also a Certified Public Accountant.

Fire Chief retires, new Chief named



Bill Gaul

After a nearly 40-year career with the Washington Township Fire Department, Fire Chief Bill Gaul will retire in March. He has served as Chief since July 2007. During Gaul's tenure as Chief, the department earned accreditation three times. He led the department's transition to around-the-clock staffing of fire stations and oversaw a significant reduction in emergency response times. Prior to being named Chief, Gaul served seven years as Deputy Chief, directing the support and operations divisions. Other command staff experience includes EMS captain and lieutenant. Gaul has also served as chair of the Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance and as a member of Ohio Task Force 1.



Scott Kujawa

Scott Kujawa, Deputy Chief, was named Fire Department Chief. Kujawa has been with the department for 27 years, including the last three as Deputy Chief in charge of operations. During that time, he has twice overseen the department's successful accreditation process through the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI), an internationally-recognized benchmark for fire and emergency services. Prior to his appointment to Deputy Chief in 2015, Kujawa served as administrative captain and shift commander for eight years. He joined the fire department in 1991 as a volunteer and part-time firefighter/paramedic, became a full-time firefighter in 1998, and was promoted to lieutenant in 2006. He holds a bachelor's degree in fire administration and an associate degree in fire science from Columbia Southern University.

CITY CELEBRATES 33 YEARS AS TREE CITY USA

Students to help plant trees for Arbor Day

The City's annual tree planting in celebration of Arbor Day is set for 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 17 at Benham's Grove. Third grade students representing each of the nine elementary schools serving Centerville will join Mayor Compton and



City Council to plant trees. This event also commemorates Centerville's 33rd consecutive year earning the Tree City USA award. Again this year, the City also earned a Growth award. This spring, the City has the honor of hosting the Southwest Ohio Tree City USA awards luncheon. The event, planned for April 26 at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace, will welcome 40 other southwest Ohio communities earning the Tree City USA award.

HOLIDAY LIGHTING WINNERS ANNOUNCED

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

The winners announced at the December 17, 2018 City Council meeting include Nick and Teri Borton, 6701 Eddington Court; Dale and Doris Ewing, 1380 Carrilon Woods Dr.; Claudio Ramon, 258 Virginia Ave.; Craig and Michele Muhlenkamp, 475 Cedarleaf Dr.; Jason and Jennifer Johnston, 9076 Heather Lane and Jim and Lori McCarthy, 9462 Lantern Way. Lorelei's Boutique, 43 W. Franklin St., received the Community Pride award.

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

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

Shade Gardening is topic for March 9 seminar

Learn how to fill in those shady spots in your landscaping from the experts at Siebenthaler's during the City Beautiful Commission's spring seminar, Shade Gardening at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, March 9 at Centerville High School Central Theater, 500 E. Franklin Street. The seminar is sponsored by the City Beautiful Commission. Admission is free and open to the public. No registration required. Door prizes will be awarded during the event. For more information, please call 433-7151.

HONORING THOSE WHO MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE

Memorial Day ceremony is May 27

The City of Centerville Memorial Day ceremony is 9:00 a.m. Monday, May 27 at the Veterans Memorial in Stubbs Park, 255 W. Spring Valley Road. In case of rain, the event will move to the Centerville Police Department, 155 W. Spring Valley Road. The program includes performances by the Centerville Community Band along with Centerville VFW Post 9550 Color Guard and the Centerville Police Department Honor Guard. Mayor Brooks Compton will give opening remarks. The keynote speaker had not been announced by press time. For more information, please call 433-7151.



Step back in time with Centerville-Washington History summer camps

Get hands-on experience of life in the 1800s with Centerville-Washington History's one-day workshops for children. Registration forms are available at the Walton House, the Asahel Wright House, the Aaron Nutt Cottage and local libraries. For more information, please contact Cheryl Meyer, Education Coordinator, 291-2223, or cherylcwth@sbcglobal.net. Please visit centervillewashingtonhistory.org.

For students entering grades 3-5. Workshops are 9:00 a.m.-noon.

A Summer Day of Work and Play: June 5 or 6, \$45

Churn butter, make tin lanterns, play games and other fun activities from the early 1800s

Prairie Pastimes: June 12 or 13, \$45

Make crafts from the past: doll-making, stenciling and other recreation of earlier times

Historical Hounds: June 15 Family Tour: \$50 per family

Take a family walking tour to investigate historical buildings while looking for clues to our community's past (5 years and up)

Old Tyme Woodworking: June 19 or 20, \$45

Build wood projects using tools from the 1800s

Write On! June 26 and 27, \$60

Journal like a Civil War soldier and experience reporting, poetry and story writing

School Days—Old Time Way: July 10 or 11, \$45

Experience a one-room schoolhouse (c. 1890) using slates, writing with ink quill pens, and playing recess games



Aerial view of Randall Residence, estimated to be completed in May

Development springing up all over

Drive around the City and you'll see numerous projects recently opened, opening soon or under construction. The City is proud to be home to so much economic growth.

Recently opened:

- ▶ **La Pinata Mexican restaurant:** 9505 Dayton Lebanon Pike (new location)
- ▶ **Kettering Health Network:** The Years Ahead Health Center: 6661 Clio Road
- ▶ **Bethany Village Crescent Crossing:** \$42 million four-story, 74-unit assisted living facility on Far Hills Avenue
- ▶ **El Toro:** 894-C S. Main Street
- ▶ **Sinclair Community College:** 5800 Clio Road
- ▶ **Miami Valley Hospital South:** Spine and joint center expansion

Opening soon:

- ▶ **Pure Healthcare Center:** Ohio's Hospice of Dayton and Miami Valley Hospital South, set to open early 2019
- ▶ **The Allure of Centerville:** \$30 million upscale multi-family housing near Cross Pointe Center offering 312 units, set to open early 2019

Under construction:

- ▶ **Woodland Greens at Yankee Trace:** \$32 million development of 65 single-family homes off Paragon Road
- ▶ **Randall Residence:** assisted living facility and independent living cottage units at Social Row, Sheehan and Paragon roads, anticipated opening in May 2019
- ▶ **Savannah Place at Yankee Trace:** 44 attached patio homes by Charles Simms Development
- ▶ **Dayton Care Center:** for pets, 6421 Clio Road
- ▶ **The Grove at Yankee Trace:** 27 residential lots between Yankee Trace Drive and Paragon Road
- ▶ **The Village at Cornerstone:** includes Cooper's Hawk and three additional buildings
- ▶ **Gateway Lofts:** 360-unit upscale multi-family development near Chardon Valley, along Alex-Bell Road, developed and owned by Hallmark Campus Communities of Columbus

Business Breakfast set for May 15

Mayor Brooks Compton will host the 22nd annual Business Appreciation Breakfast 7:30–9:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 15 at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace. This event provides an opportunity for local business owners and managers to network, hear



about developments in the City and ask questions of City staff. Most importantly, it gives the City the opportunity to thank businesses for choosing Centerville. All Centerville businesses are invited to attend this free event. To register, please visit centervilleohio.gov or call 433-7151. Registrations accepted until May 4.

Improvements may require permits

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

- Check downspouts and gutters to make sure they are clear of debris, leaves, pine needles and roof grit.
- Check the drain pipes or splash blocks at the ends of your downspouts. Are they open and able to run unobstructed? Do they adequately direct water away from the house? Look to correct any deficiencies you may find.

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

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

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

For more information, please contact:

Building Inspection Office: 428-4786

Planning Office: 428-4760

Engineering and Public Works: 428-4782

Montgomery County Water Services: 781-2500

Please visit centervilleohio.gov, Home Improvement Guide

A warm and cheerful welcome to these businesses

— new to — Centerville

- Dayton Custom Cabinets** / 3E Compark Road
- The Goddard School** / 9725 Dayton Lebanon Pike
- Dress for a Day** / 33 W. Franklin Street
- Athletico** / 5235 Cornerstone North Blvd.
- Refrigeration Control** / 78 E. Franklin Street
- Angy Mounir-Toufils, DMD** / 79 W. Franklin Street

6 Thank you for supporting all of our Centerville businesses.

For more information, please contact Public Works, 937-428-4782 or publicworks@centervilleohio.gov.

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Goal 2. Planning: Engage in proactive strategic land use policy-making reflective of the City's present development pattern and its evolution to a maturing suburban community. Strategic work already completed or in process includes:

- Review Create the Vision, the City and Township's long range plan adopted more than 15 years ago
- Evaluate current and future traffic conditions in and around the I-675/Wilmington Pike interchange. (A number of meetings already have been conducted)
- Evaluate and adopt amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance to promote residential and business growth
- Create an online application portal within the City's Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system, known as the Citizen Self-Service module

Goal 3. Finance: Create a strong and sustainable financial foundation which provides stability and flexibility to municipal operations by utilizing City resources and taxpayer dollars in the most efficient and responsible manner. Strategic work already completed or in process includes:

- Utilize technology upgrades to streamline financial processes and to improve financial decision-making capabilities
- Communicate and disseminate information to key stakeholders and partners on the economic and financial condition of the City and its ability to perform its core services
- Implement Munis "Go Live", the ERP system that will streamline communication efforts throughout City departments
- Increase City Capital Improvement Program (CIP) allocation for road and sidewalk infrastructure from \$2.5 million in 2017 to \$3.1 million in 2018 to \$5.3 million in 2019

Goal 4. Housing/Infrastructure: Actively and regularly assess infrastructure and housing options to identify opportunities for neighborhood improvements and economic viability. Strategic work already completed or in process includes:

- Prepare 2019 Street Resurfacing, Concrete Replacement and independent street projects for construction
- Distribute recycle carts to the Black Oak neighborhood

- Upgrade Wilmington Pike Traffic Signal System project
- Create a draft Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan for public buildings and rights-of-way
- Adopt Municipal Code Chapter 1048 (Small Cell Facilities and Wireless Support Structures); Utility Undergrounding Plan; and a Right-of-Way Pole Reservation Plan for the operation of small cell installations

Goal 5. Core Services: Provide outstanding, efficient, quality and valuable core services to our residents, businesses and visitors as defined by the City of Centerville's Mission, Vision and Values. Strategic work already completed or in process includes:

- Ensure that Core Services are consistently delivered in a professional, courteous, direct and ethical manner in accordance with the City's Charter, Ordinances, Codes, Regulations, and Mission, Vision and Values
- Display City's Mission, Vision and Values in all City buildings
- Revise Table of Organization created in conjunction with 2019 Budget process
- Implement the City's Communication Policy
- Use Smartsheet™ to track Strategic Plan

Goal 6. Technology: Modernize technology infrastructure while leveraging emerging trends to improve operations and facilitate communication with our stakeholders. Strategic work already completed or in process includes:

- Launch City's new website
- Assess all departments' Information Technology (IT) resources, needs and future direction
- Installation of Miami Valley Communications Council (MVCC) Fiber Optic Ring with partner cities Miamisburg, Kettering, Springboro, West Carrollton, Oakwood and Moraine, to be completed in June 2019



Shared community fiber network to launch

Centerville and neighboring cities including Springboro, Kettering, Oakwood and Moraine are partnering with the Miami Valley Communications Council (MVCC) on a new fiber network that connects several of the City's existing fiber lines with new lines that will provide public fiber connectivity to seven cities. With estimated completion this summer, the cities will be directly connected to each other to share services, streamline processes, enable Smart City technologies and attract more telecom competitors to the region. To create a network ring, MVCC also worked with Independents Fiber Network (IFN), a private carrier that builds fiber from cell towers to smaller cells in the area. IFN had already constructed new fiber optic lines through the western edge of Montgomery County, as well as through Miamisburg and Springboro.

MVCC and IFN traded new fiber lines to extend the connection area, saving MVCC from building 11 miles of fiber valued at close to \$700,000.

The remainder of the network, about 25 miles, will be new underground construction and fill the "gaps" between the existing fiber lines and new sections which includes Cloy Road, providing access to Sinclair College's Centerville campus, among other areas.

A smaller conduit is being considered for inclusion in the project to attract a telecom carrier or ISP (Internet Services Provider) to lease or buy to run its own fiber optic lines. The revenue would cover additional construction costs and/or partially reimburse each member city for its share of the total project construction costs. Centerville's share is \$166,000. MVCC believes this project—seven cities collaborating to build a public fiber network—is one of the first of its kind in the U.S. For more information, please contact MVCC, 438-8887.



Let's meet at

YANKEE TRACE RESTAURANT

Whether it is lunch, brunch or a Friday night fish fry, Yankee Trace restaurant offers a variety of entrees, sides and desserts served in a warm and inviting atmosphere. And, with two special event buffets, your upcoming holiday meals have now been planned. Please visit yankeetrace.org or call 438-3585 for more information.

Lunch: Tuesday–Friday, 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Friday Night Fish Fry, 5:00-9:00 p.m. through April 21

Adults: \$14.99, Children: \$5.95
Reservations recommended

Sunday Brunch: (excluding holidays below)

10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
\$19.95 adults, \$9.95 children

Easter Buffet, Sunday, April 21

Mother's Day Buffet, Sunday, May 12

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

FARMERS MARKET OPENS MAY 16

Buy fresh, keep it local

Bring your shopping list to the Centerville Farmers Market, near the intersection of St. Rt. 48 and Spring Valley Road. Beginning Thursday, May 16, area farmers arrive with fresh vegetables, fruit, bread, herbs, organic meat and eggs, cut flowers, bedding plants, honey and more. Market hours are 2:30–6:30 p.m. every Thursday through the end of October. All produce is locally grown; some is certified organic. Please visit centervillefarmersmarket.com and the Farmers Market Facebook page for updates.



CELEBRATE SPECIAL OCCASIONS AT BENHAM'S GROVE

Benham's Grove, in the heart of Centerville, boasts three accommodating facilities, a large tented area and gorgeous grounds. With so many options, Benham's Grove is a great choice for casual or formal events, offering flexibility, competitive pricing and professional staff to make your next event a memorable one.

A variety of special discounts are offered:

- Centerville residents and businesses receive 20 percent discount on facility rental fees.
- Short-notice bereavements receive 15 percent discount.
- Groups with 501c3 classification receive 10 percent discount.
- Special business rates for meeting space Monday–Thursday.

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

Benham's Grove entrance sports new sign and landscaping



The entrance to the City's historic community gathering place will highlight an updated landscape this spring, thanks to contributions from the Friends of Benham's Grove. New signage surrounded by fresh, new shrubbery will soon welcome guests to Benham's Grove.

Daylilies named for community gathering place

During the Friends of Benham's Grove's "Coffee with a Gardener" event last June, guest speaker and Daylily hybridizer Sandy Holmes of Riverbed Daylily Garden donated two new hybrids for planting on the Benham's Grove grounds. The plants were then registered and named "Benham's Grove" and "Friends of Benham's Grove" respectively. All attendees at the seminar received one of these special plants for placement in their home gardens.

Because it was so popular, the Friends will offer "Coffee with a Gardener" again this summer, with the date to be announced soon. For information about the Friends of Benham's Grove, please call 433-1913.

How does your garden grow?

A limited number of garden plots are available at the City of Centerville's Stubbs Park, 255 W. Spring Valley Road. The plots are 20' x 20' and rent for \$25 for the season, May through October.

Gardeners must supply their own water. For more information, please call 433-7151, or stop by the Municipal Building, 100 W. Spring Valley Road.



AMERICANA FESTIVAL

gearing up for events

Mister Rogers once said, "Look for the helpers."

You will not have to go far this summer to find them. "Honoring Those Who Protect and Serve" is the theme of the 2019 Centerville-Washington Township Americana



Festival, July 3rd and 4th in downtown Centerville. Serving as grand marshals are two safety chiefs who have recently retired from careers of public service: former Centerville Police Chief Bruce Robertson and Washington Township Fire Chief Bill Gaul. They will represent the fine men and women who keep us safe. The two-day event, now in its 46th year, promises to be bigger and better than ever with family fun, food, festivities and fireworks due to the dedicated work of volunteers and generous donations from individuals and corporate sponsors. Please note the fireworks show is July 3. The festival committee is also looking for "helpers": volunteers for various events, especially the food vendor committee, and sponsors to help fund this community event. Please contact the Americana Festival committee, americanafestival@sbcglobal.net, 433-5898 or americanafestival.org.

AT THE LIBRARY

Suffragists Quilts

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of passage of the 19th Amendment which gave women the right to vote, Washington-Centerville Public Library, in partnership with the Miami Valley Art Quilt Network, hosts an exhibition of more than a dozen art quilts commemorating the women who fought for this amendment at Woodbourne Library throughout the month of March.

Friends of WCPL Book Sale

Visit the Centerville Library April 26 and 27 for great deals on hundreds of books, movies, music, games and more for sale \$1 to \$5. Become a member of the Friends of WCPL and be admitted to the Member Preview Night, April 25. Membership forms are available at wclibrary.info.

Tea at Two: Derby Day

Don your favorite fascinators for "Tea at Two" 2:00-3:30 p.m. May 4. A three-course traditional tea in the Enrichment Center dining room complements Kentucky Derby themed exhibits and presentations. This event is sponsored by the library along with the Enrichment Center, Centerville-Washington History and Unique Celebrations. Prizes will be awarded for the most spectacular hats. To register, please contact Debe Dockins, 610-4429, or wclibrary.info/events beginning March 20. Seating is limited.

Speaker Series to HIGHLIGHT HEROINES

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 7:00 p.m., these events are free and open to the public. Please visit centervillewashingtonhistory.org for more information.

March 19, 2019

Hidden Figures: Heroines in History & Modernity

Presenter: Karen Brame

April 16, 2019

Life & Legacy of Hallie Quinn Brown

Presenter: LaVerne Sci, a Paul Laurence Dunbar scholar, has interpreted Brown for over 20 years

Band accepting new members



The Centerville Community Band bid farewell to Gerald Foster, who retired after serving as band director for the past nine years. The Band Board of Directors announced longtime associate director Tom Pfrogner as the new director and Dennis Dutcher as associate director. The band is looking for new members, especially tuba, oboe and percussion players. Please visit centervilleohio.gov/ccb or the Band's Facebook page.

OPTIMIST CLUB OFFERS EVENTS FOR KIDS



The Centerville Noon Optimist Club, whose motto is Friend of Youth, provides many programs for kids, including the following spring events:

- **Tri Star Basketball:** 8:00 a.m. March 16, Watts Middle School
- **Easter Egg Hunt:** 10:00 a.m. April 20, Forest Field Park
- **Safety on Wheel Bike Rodeo,** with the Centerville Police Department: 9:00 a.m. May 18, Miami Valley Hospital South

Please visit centervillenoonoptimist.com for details.

City event sponsorship opportunities available

Centerville's 50th anniversary yearlong celebration was one to remember—and so popular that we want to bring back many of those special events and activities in 2019. Therefore, we are again offering a sponsorship program.

Whether you are a business, community partner or resident wanting to support the "warm and cheerful" City you love, there are several options for sponsorship. Sponsorship funds will support special community events like the Summer Concert Series, Community Concert and Party, Fall Festival and Tree Lighting ceremony along with apparel, giveaways and more. Sponsorships are available at a variety of levels, from \$50 to \$7,500. Please call 433-7151 for more information.

Arts Commission looking for local talent

Calling all Centerville performers! The Centerville Arts Commission is building a database of Centerville singers, bands and other entertainers to showcase at various events throughout the year. To be considered, please send your name and a short biography along with a video link, if available, to Maureen Russell Hodgson, mrussell@centervilleohio.gov or call 428-4765.

Centerville-Washington Foundation sets annual meeting



Fran Kick

Centerville-Washington Foundation will hold its annual meeting 5:30–7:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace, and announce its Spring Grants and Community Impact Grant recipients. Fran Kick, professional speaker, author, consultant and local resident, will serve as guest speaker. Kick, nationally known for his energetic presentations, knows What Makes Kids Kick! Inspiring people to KICK IT IN® and TAKE THE LEAD since 1986. Community members are invited. Please register at 937-265-0110 or

cwfoundation45@gmail.com by April 9.

The Community Impact Grant, new this year, will award \$10,000 to one organization that best demonstrates a unique initiative to serve and improve the Centerville-Washington Township community. Centerville-Washington Foundation awarded \$20,500 in its two grant cycles last year. Deadline for submitting grant applications for the spring cycle is March 1. Deadline for the fall cycle is September 1. For grant applications and foundation information, please visit centervillewashingtonfoundation.org.



Spring art exhibits set at Police Gallery

The Centerville Art Gallery features an exciting lineup for spring. The March exhibit showcases the work of Matthew Burgy. Burgy works in numerous mediums including drawing and painting, he is most known for his kinetic sculpture and jewelry. His works are heavily inspired from studying nature, as well as his fascination of the cosmos. He received both a Bachelor of Fine Arts and a Master of Education degree from Wright State University.

Rose Schultz, the featured artist for April, works in water media, collage and pastels. A member of Fairborn Art Association and Western Ohio Watercolor Society, she has won prizes in several area shows. In 2017 her painting, True Colors, was accepted into the Ohio Watercolor Society annual exhibition and displayed in the Columbus Museum of Art.

May's exhibit features Linda Gredy, who works in oil. Her subjects include portraits, landscapes and still-life. Her professional background is in graphic design and illustration. Gredy has a degree in graphic design and a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in painting from Wright State University.

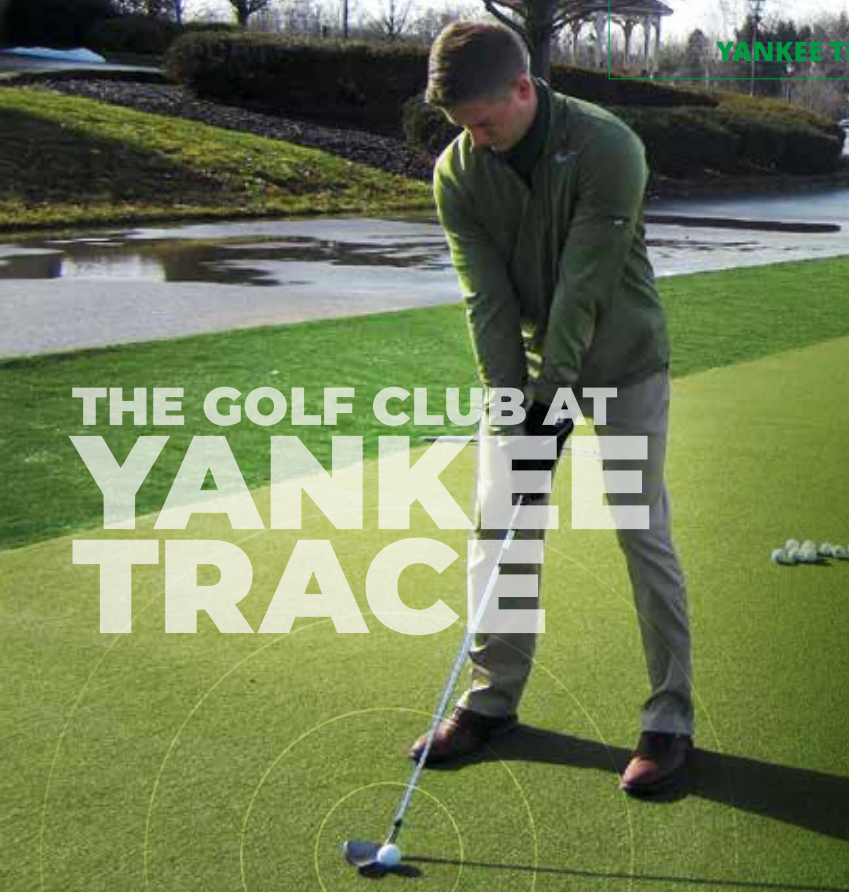
The Centerville Arts Commission coordinates the Art Gallery, located at the Centerville Police Department, 155 W. Spring Valley Road. Staffed 24 hours a day, exhibits are free and open to the public.

Left: Piece by Matthew Burgy, featured artist in March; Top left: Work by Rose Schultz, featured artist for April; Top right: Work by Linda Gredy, featured artist for May.



Serving with compassion, dignity and respect

The Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission is a county agency dedicated to serving Montgomery County veterans. Under the direction of Executive Director Mark Landers, the staff is dedicated to providing the best possible service. Veterans may schedule a one-on-one appointment with a state certified service officer on possible claims, bonus awards or services available specific to their military service. Other services include assistance in preparing and filing forms and documents with the Veterans Administration. Financial assistance may be provided to qualifying veterans as a short-term or one-time payment to assist with the necessities of life. Please call 225-4801 or visit mcvsc.org for more information.



THE GOLF CLUB AT YANKEE TRACE

Membership has its benefits

The best way to play more golf, as our members have discovered, is to purchase an annual membership at the #1 golf course in the Dayton area. As a bonus, if you sign up in March, you will receive up to two full months free. We offer 27-hole, 18-hole and 9-hole memberships for golfers of all ages and skill levels. Please call 438-GOLF to discuss how Yankee Trace can be your golfing destination this year and beyond!

2019 MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

UNLIMITED GOLF ON ALL THREE COURSES		GOLF AT PRIME TIME		UNLIMITED GOLF ON VINTAGE COURSE	
Platinum	\$1,995	Platinum 150 Rounds	\$6,720	Junior (-25)	\$495
Gold	\$1,795	Gold 100 Rounds	\$4,800	Adult	\$895
Silver	\$1,595	Silver 50 Rounds	\$2,560	Couples	\$1,395
Junior	\$695			Family	\$1,795

* Add Unlimited Range Balls at Member Discount
* Add Unlimited GPS Entertainment Golf Car at Member Discount

Leagues

With 27-holes of championship golf, three indoor simulators, a complete practice facility, high-end amenities and a golf resort atmosphere, it is no wonder Yankee Trace is home to over 30 golf leagues each year!

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

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

► **Women's Leagues** offer three options: Tuesday morning 9-hole league; Wednesday morning 18-hole league and a 9-hole Wednesday twilight league. A complete list is available at yankeetrace.org.

Join our team

Become an employee! We have many part-time seasonal positions available including golf shop staff, outside services, beverage cart attendants, bartenders, line cooks, servers and dishwashers.

Volunteer! This unique program includes greeters, player assistants, shuttle drivers and on-course beautification.

Benefits for employees and volunteers include complimentary golf and range balls and merchandise discounts. Applications are now being accepted. Please call 438-GOLF for program details.

Eclub

Join our free Yankeeclub and get exclusive deals via email. This is your ticket to the best prices and advance notice of our specials throughout the year! To receive our posts, please visit yankeetrace.org.

Youth Golf

There is no better sport for juniors than the great game of golf. It teaches the importance of honesty, integrity, sportsmanship, respect, confidence, responsibility, perseverance, courtesy and judgment in a fun and welcoming environment. Best of all, it is a game that will last a lifetime. Please sign the kids up for these programs:

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

Player's Camp: for ages 11–16, geared toward the intermediate and advanced golfer. These comprehensive classes combine practice sessions with on-course instruction. Fee includes video analysis, complimentary golf balls, daily prizes and more.

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



Street repair program underway

Additional income tax funding supports repair



Following the passage of the income tax levy in 2016, the City has, as promised, added funding to the annual street program budget. Funding for the Street

Repair program has increased from \$2.6 million in 2016 to \$5.3 million in 2019. There are multiple projects on tap this year including the annual street resurfacing, concrete repair and concrete sidewalk programs.

In 2019, over 22 lane miles of the City's 256 total lane miles, will be improved.

Wilmington Pike from I-675 south to **St. Rt. 725/Alex-Bell Road** will be milled and resurfaced as a joint project between Greene County and the City. Centerville will take the lead on the project with each jurisdiction funding work within its corporation limits. The project is expected to be completed by the end of August.

The following streets, which had concrete curb and drainage repair work in 2018, are expected to be milled and asphalt resurfaced in 2019. The budget for this work is \$1.8 million. As of press time this list includes all or a portion of the following streets:

Kings Row Avenue (King Arthur to Royalwood), **Knollcrest Court**, **Princewood Drive** (Marshall to Burning Bush), **Royalwood Drive** (Rahn to Hyde Park and Rahn to Red Coach), **Rhine Way**, **Weston Circle**, **Segal Court**, **Foxmoor Circle**, **Chipplegate Drive**, **Crispy Drive**, **Marscott Drive**, **Walford Drive**, **Shetterly Lane**, **Hallmark Lane**, **Glenburn Drive**, **Glenburn Court**, **Green Ash Court**, **Marwyck Drive**, **Crossbrook Drive**, **Griffon Place**, **Vista Oaks**

Trail, **Blue Stream Court**, **Ravine View Court**, **Freynd Drive**, **Edenhurst Drive**, **Susan Drive** (Clareridge to end), **Lake Glen Court**, **Glencroft Place**, **Glen Vista Court**, **Southlake Drive**, **Pine Frost Drive**, **New London Circle**, **Delynn Drive**, **Old Dobbins Place**, **Penridge**, **Wahsum Circle**, **Eddington Court** and **Leeds Circle**.

The following concrete streets are planned to be repaired and asphalt resurfaced in 2019:

Marycrest Lane, **St. Rt. 48** access road from **North Village** to near **Fireside Drive**, **Overbrooke Road**, **Stanley Mill Drive**, **Highland Meadows Drive** and **Franciscan Court**.

Streets to receive work in preparation for future milling and asphalt resurfacing will include concrete curb or panel repair, sidewalk repair, and storm sewer repairs. The budget for this work is \$1 million. As of press time, this list includes all or a portion of the following streets:

John Elwood Drive, **Ghirardelli Circle**, **Datchet Circle**, **Hibiscus Court**, **Pelwood Drive**, **James Bradford Drive**, **Pelbrook Farm Drive**, **Wilderness Way**, **Scenicview Court**, **Ambridge Road** (Clyo to Ridgefield), **Fox Chase Court**, **Carriage Trace Blvd.**, **Heritage Lake Drive** (Yankee to Heirloom Crossing), **Tibbals Court**, **Gatekeeper Way**, **Heirloom Crossing**, **Yankee Trace Drive** (Social Row to near Eagle Run), **Courtyard Place**, **Greenskeeper Way**, **Water's Edge Drive**, **Preserve Place**, **Charter Place** and **Lantern Way**.

Walnut Hills and the **Brainard Woods** neighborhoods are targeted for sidewalk repair work.

Improvements continue on **Clareridge Lane**. The section targeted in 2019 is from **Boyce Road** south to **Lodewood Drive**. The City again received Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for this work. The improvements will include curb and storm structure repair, installation of underdrain in select areas, and road milling and asphalt resurfacing. For more information, please call Public Works, 428-4782.



National Public Works Week, May 19–25, 2019, celebrates the contributions of the hard-working folks who take care of many of the amenities and services that make our community so special. Your Centerville Public Works crews:

- ▶ Maintain over 110 miles of streets, 60 miles of sidewalk, over 3,000 storm drains, more than 3,600 traffic signs, 27 traffic signals, several hundred street lights, five public buildings, hundreds of acres of grass and landscaped areas

- ▶ Maintain over 100 different vehicles and pieces of equipment
- ▶ Collect trash and recyclables from over 6,000 customers
- ▶ Work special events including concerts at Stubbs Park, the Americana Festival and other holiday celebrations

They help keep our city clean, safe and in tip-top condition. Hats off to Public Works!

LOOK FOR BURIED LINES



April is 'Safe Digging' month. Play it safe! Digging into a live

electric or gas line may cause injury or worse. Please plan ahead. At least 48 hours before planting a shrub or tree, setting posts for a deck or installing an irrigation system, please call 811 (or 1-800-362-2764) for utility locations—as this is the law! OHIO811 doing business as 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 will know where to dig to avoid hitting a buried utility line. For more information, please visit oups.org.



Police Department launches Facebook page

In our continuing effort to provide ways for our citizens to stay connected, the Police Department has launched its own Facebook page: Centerville Ohio Police Department.

The department has already used the social media page as a tool to offer safety tips, promote events and post photos and videos of suspects in various criminal activities.

The Facebook page is part of the department's social media outreach that also includes Twitter. Please follow the department @CentervilleOHPD and the City @CentervilleOH. These platforms, along with centervilleohio.gov, our YouTube channel, Spectrum Channel 5 and e-notifications, provide numerous options for our citizens and businesses to stay current on news, events and other activities.

Severe Weather Awareness drill

Statewide tornado drill set for 9:50 a.m. March 20

As part of Severe Weather Awareness Week 2019, a statewide tornado drill will be conducted at 9:50 a.m. Wednesday, March 20. All Ohio counties will sound warning sirens and the Emergency Alert System will broadcast a test message. The Washington Township Fire Department will sound alarms in Centerville and Washington Township.

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

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

For additional information, please visit weathersafety.ohio.gov.



New officers on the road



Officers James Pelphrey and Aaron Sensenbrenner

Two new Centerville officers are just completing Field Training. Officers James Pelphrey and Aaron Sensenbrenner graduated in January from the Ohio State Patrol Academy. Following the 23-week program in Columbus, the officers trained for 12 weeks with a Centerville Police Field Training Officer, before hitting the road on their own. Officer Pelphrey is a graduate of Bowling Green State University with a degree in Criminal Justice, and Officer Sensenbrenner is a graduate of Wright State University, where he majored in Psychology. They are part of the 39 sworn officers in the department. Welcome to Centerville!

Outdoor entertaining, done safely

Hosting outdoor events means there is an increased risk of home fires. Please follow these simple safety tips, provided by the Washington Township Fire Department, to help ensure you and your guests stay safe:

- Have an adult present at all times when a fireplace is burning
- Use sturdy candle holders that will not tip over easily
- Keep anything that can burn, as well as children and pets, at least three feet away from open flames
- Use battery-operated flameless candles and solar-powered patio (tiki) torches in place of an open flame

Fire incidents, by the numbers*

- Outside fireplaces or fire pits caused nearly 3,700 grass and brush fires
- Total outdoor patio heater or fire pit injuries has nearly tripled in six years from 1,330 in 2006 to 3,608 in 2012
- More than half of all candle fires start when things that can burn are too close to the candle
- An average of 8,800 home fires involved grills, hibachis or barbecues each year
- In 2012, sparklers, fountains and novelties accounted for 25% of emergency room fireworks-related injuries

*Source: NFPA's Fire Analysis & Research Division



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*November ^December ^oJanuary

PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO WEATHER SIRENS

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

For immediate weather-related news:

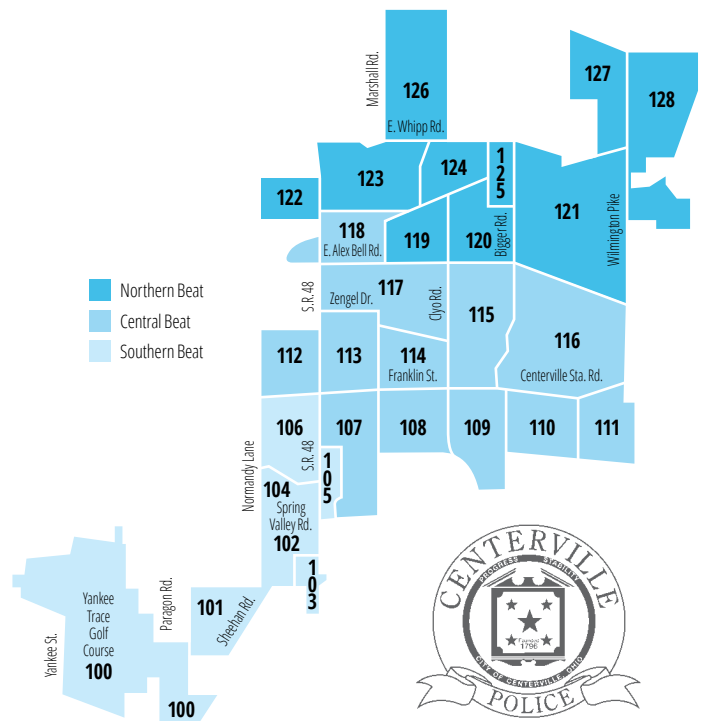
- Use a weather monitor or radio
- Download an emergency weather app on your cell phone
- Watch the news/listen to the radio for weather updates

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

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

Residential and Business crime statistics

Statistic totals: November 2018-January 2019



NOVEMBER 19, 2018

Following an invocation from Father Patrick Sloneker, pastor, Incarnation Catholic Church, Girl Scout Troop 33285 led the Pledge of Allegiance. Police Chief Matt Brown introduced newly promoted officers Lt. Tyler Wilson, Lt. Mike Yoder, Sgt. Anthony Green and Sgt. Josh Ratliff. Sandra Katulak took the oath of office as a City Beautiful Commission member. Joann Ringer, COO, Miami Valley Hospital South, gave an update on the latest additions to the facility.

DECEMBER 17, 2018

Following an invocation from Pastor Tony Miltenberger, Restoration Church, Boy Scout Troop 516 led the Pledge of Allegiance. In celebration of Centerville's 50th Anniversary as a city, John Zengel, a member of the first City Council in 1968, was recognized. Maureen Russell Hodgson, 50th Anniversary committee chair, presented a review of the events and activities held in commemoration of the milestone year. Committee members Dan Ferguson, Jodie Kauflin, Jordan Liddy, Mary Lou Pence and Mark Yandrick were recognized.

Gabriel Duncan and Doug Moenter, both members of Boy Scout Troop 516, were recognized for achieving Eagle Scout rank. Members of the Centerville High School Girls Golf team including Marissa Wenzler, Kayla Ramsey, Meha Pandya, Jenna Hayes, Alena Sirichotiratana, Carley Jones and Maddie Round, along with coach Mike Dalton, were recognized for their outstanding achievements.

Centerville Community Band director Gerry Foster was recognized and thanked for his service. He is retiring after leading the band for the past nine years. Terry O'Brien was sworn in as a member of the Arts Commission. Michael Vacchiano was reappointed as chair of the Sister City Committee. Sue Jessee, City Beautiful Commission chair, announced the winners of the Holiday Lighting awards. (Please see list on page 5.) City Manager Wayne Davis presented the City's 2019 revenue projections and expense appropriations. (Please see the Annual Report beginning on page 17.)

JANUARY 28, 2019

City Council accepted the resignation of Jim Briggs from the Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council. Council thanked Briggs, who had previously served on the Planning Commission, for his longtime commitment and service.

Mary Ann Kabel took the oath of office as a member of the City Beautiful Commission. Kabel, director of Corporate Communications for DP&L, then presented an update on DP&L news and information.

City Council voted to hold two formal meetings each month, adding the first Monday to the already scheduled third Monday. This schedule will begin February 4.

City Council legislation, November 2018–January 2019

City Council passed the following resolutions:

- 62-18** Petition approved for special assessments for Special Energy Improvement Projects PACE for Gateway Lofts.
- 63-18** Authorizing City Manager to enter into a parking lot lease agreement with Cross Point Church, expires December 31, 2028.
- 64-18** Authorizing City Manager to enter into a third amendment to the parking lot expense agreement with Washington Township for Cross Point Church, expires December 31, 2028.
- 65-18** Amendment to agreement for public safety dispatch services with The City of West Carrollton, expires May 2020.
- 66-18** Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease amendment and renewal for office space at 108 West Spring Valley Road with Montgomery County, expires December 31, 2020.
- 67-18** Requesting advances out of current collections of real estate, personal property and estate taxes.
- 68-18** Authorizing City Manager to enter into an agreement with City of Kettering for Kettering Municipal Jail for confinement of male prisoners, expires January 1, 2020.
- 69-18** Ratifying action of City Manager executing purchase of property located at 110 West Spring Valley Pike.
- 70-18** Appointment of Assistant Clerk of Council Teresa Davis.
- 71-18** Watercourse and Culvert Post Construction agreement with Gateway LOFTS.
- 72-18** Designating Surplus Property.
- 73-18** Authorizing a service agreement with Montgomery County Public Defender to provide legal services for indigent persons.
- 74-18** Accepting a bid from Century Equipment for golf carts for The Golf Club at Yankee Trace.
- 75-18** Supporting participation in the recycling contamination grant program with Montgomery County Solid Waste.
- 76-18** Ratifying action of City Manager in executing a real estate rental and management agreement with Coldwell Banker Heritage Realtors.
- 77-18** Adopting the 2019-2023 Capital Improvement Program.
- 78-18** Accepting ODOT MOT-48-2.23 South Main Street and Spring Valley Traffic Signal Replacement PID 109374.

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- 01-19** Authorizing City Manager and Director of Finance to execute an agreement with Fifth Third Security for Investment Brokerage Services.
- 02-19** Authorizing City Manager to enter into an agreement for professional consulting services with Donald J. Shonhardt and Associates.
- 03-19** Authorizing City Manager to enter into a contract for management consulting services for technical account and management oversight in preparation of CAFR with Donald J. Shonhardt and Associates.
- 04-19** Endorsing application to Ohio EPA Recycling and Litter Prevention Grants program.
- 05-19** Establishing credit card policy and procedures pursuant to House Bill 213 and compliance with Ohio Revised Code 7171.13(A).
- 06-19** Reappointment of two citizen members of the Board of Trustees to represent the interests of present and future residents of the Randall Residence New Community Authority.



From the desk of
Brooks A. Compton

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As we head into spring and put behind us a tough winter, there is much to look forward to and be excited about in 2019!

New and varied residential options are coming to Centerville. The Allure on Loop Road and The Lofts on Alex Bell are high quality, multi-family developments. Single-family developments are on their way with the Randall Residence development, Woodland Greens, The Grove and Savannah Place at Yankee Trace.

2019 is off to a great start with expanded or new quality developments throughout the city. Home2 Suites by Hilton is open, soon to be joined by the well regarded restaurant and winery, Cooper's Hawk, both at Cornerstone of Centerville. A diverse group of new restaurants, businesses and entertainment venues, along with the new housing options complement our over 700 existing businesses and strong neighborhoods in keeping Centerville the place to live, raise a family and/or open a business. We welcome and thank them all for their investment in and commitment to our City.

Adding to the excellent quality of life in Centerville has been the \$60 million expansion of the Miami Valley Hospital South Campus with the Spine and Joint Center of Excellence and the soon to be completed Pure Healthcare Center with Ohio's Hospice of Dayton. Graceworks expanded its senior housing options with Crescent Crossing, the new assisted living housing at Bethany's campus, and the new year has St Leonard's with a new Performing Arts Center and Sinclair Community College opening its Centerville campus. True benefits for all of our residents.

Early 2019 reminded us that Centerville has dedicated men and women in our Public Works (CPW) doing the hard work of clearing tons of debris from a wind storm, picking up leaves from a late leaf-drop and making the streets safer for travel during the early snows of winter. For CPW, it never stops as the crews head right into spring with street, sidewalk and bikeway repair and replacement, planning for the extensive work to be accomplished this year. You will see our crews all over the city again this year fulfilling Centerville Council's commitment to voters that their investment in additional tax dollars will continue to fund strong capital investment in our City.

Centerville Police (CPD) welcomed four new officers. Chief Brown and the entire department have been doing a great job of which we are all very proud. West Carrollton thinks so too, as they have extended their contract with the City of Centerville for Centerville to provide 911 dispatch services for their police and fire department for another 10 years. CPD will keep the emergency 911 dispatch in Centerville with local knowledge of Centerville streets and neighborhoods, a huge safety asset for all Centerville residents, when that emergency arises.

City Council and our staff in all departments are working together with the strategic plan to make 2019 another successful year for our residents. Continuous improvement in providing services to the residents of Centerville is our top priority.

The new year is off to a great start and your City Council and City staff are committed to working to address the needs of our City, not just today, but in the future. All of us on City Council are honored to have that opportunity to serve this outstanding city and its residents.

Have a great spring. See you around town.



Mission

The City of Centerville delivers exceptional services through thoughtful governance to ensure progress and stability.

Vision

Centerville is a thriving, financially sound, diverse city which values community, economic growth and education. We embrace the core values of accountability, integrity, responsiveness and leadership in governance. Centerville is a community inspired by its own sense of history, stability, progress and is:

- Characterized by diverse, desirable neighborhoods with welcoming gateways and tree-lined streets
- Enhanced by multiple bustling unique business centers, including a vibrant historic downtown
- Known for engaged citizens and dedicated volunteers
- Enriched by robust economic growth and job creation
- Home to worldwide arts, recreational and cultural programs and competitions
- Recognized for its nationally-acclaimed and award-winning schools, parks and libraries
- Acknowledged for outstanding value in the delivery of municipal services and public safety

Values

We value...

Accountability: Ensuring a personal commitment to its customers with responsibility to deliver sound, ethical governance

Community: Contributing to a responsive and thriving place to live, work, learn and play, while embracing history and traditions

Economic Growth: Providing support for business development to enhance our region's quality of life

Education: Supporting diverse and quality educational opportunities for lifelong learning.

Integrity: Practicing ethical, accountable and trustworthy behavior in the stewardship of City services and resources

Leadership: Securing the respect and trust of our community and region while leading by example and adhering to the City's Mission, Vision and Values

Responsiveness: Addressing the needs of our citizens, businesses, customers and neighbors in a courteous, efficient and innovative manner

2018 Annual Report

From Wayne Davis, City Manager



In 2018, we celebrated 50 years as a City, and we are now fully engaged in Year 51. We have a variety of great news to share as positive things are happening throughout Centerville.

The City implemented its five-year Strategic Plan under the direction of City Council, and the work accomplished in the first six months has been remarkable.

The plan includes six major goal areas: Economic Development, Planning, Finance, Housing/Infrastructure, Core Services and Technology. Our staff continues to make progress on each goal and its implementation steps, and provides regular updates to City Council. Some of the work accomplished to date includes: a variety of enhancements to Yankee Trace; our partnership in a 19.2 mile fiber optic ring across the south Dayton suburbs; expansion of our recycling efforts; invitations to our community members to contribute to business walks and visioning processes for our community and a restructuring of our internal table of organization to ensure that we have properly aligned and utilized resources for our customers, both external and internal.

As we enter 2019, we continue to work with our businesses, institutions and not for profit organizations throughout the community. These relationships are important to our City. New initiatives already being pursued will focus on our downtown area and included a Business Walk last fall and a visioning process and committee that will identify ways to potentially enhance the area and complement its charm and significance to our community, that should be completed by early summer.

Later this spring, the shared community fiber optic ring will provide connectivity between Centerville and our neighboring cities to enhance service delivery. This project connects new and existing fiber creating a 19.2-mile ring around the south Dayton community that will enhance access to technology for the governments, corporations and institutions along its circumference. This fiber optic ring will be a selling point for economic development efforts as well as an example of partnership among political jurisdictions.

Montgomery County Environmental Services selected Centerville to partner on a grant application for the Recycling Partnership, a national non-profit with extensive experience helping communities both increase and clean up recycling streams. Our City's longstanding commitment to recycling includes curbside pick-up, a recycling container program and a recently purchased recycling truck. We are eager to learn new ways to implement an education program, reduce waste contamination, increase recycling participation and share that knowledge with the rest of the country.

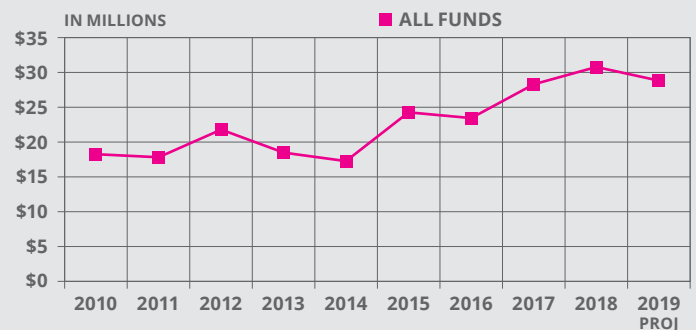
We have many other projects in development throughout the City, already highlighted in this issue of the Town Crier. We look forward to sharing the many other happenings and projects in our

great City and community, so please keep in touch with us.

From those who are elected to represent you, to the professional staff who serve you, to the volunteers who help make this a great city and a special place to all of us, we are proud to play a role in our community's success, and pledge to continue serving our residents, our businesses, and our visitors in a value-added and customer-focused manner. We could not, and would not want to do this without each of you—our customers. We are looking forward to many great things in Centerville in 2019 and beyond. Thanks for being a part of our efforts.

Please contact me at 433-7151 or wdavis@centervilleohio.gov with your questions or comments. I look forward to seeing you at many of our community events throughout the year.

ENDING FUND BALANCE: ALL FUNDS



PROVIDING EXCEPTIONAL VALUE

LOW TAX RATES ATTRACT BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTS

	INCOME TAX RATE	PROPERTY TAX RATE	ASSESSED SIDEWALK	ASSESSED CURB/GUTTER
MORaine	2.50%	2.50%	NO	NO
OAKWOOD	2.50%	10.05%	YES	NO
KETTERING	2.25%	6.79%	YES	YES
MIAMISBURG	2.25%	7.03%	YES	YES
W. CARROLLTON	2.25%	6.25%	YES	YES
CENTERVILLE	2.25%	2.35%	NO	NO

MAJOR REVENUE SOURCES: ALL FUNDS

		CHANGE FROM 2018
INCOME TAX	\$18,726,250	+2.5%
PROPERTY TAX (EXCLUDING TIF)	\$1,525,000	+0.1%
LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING	\$255,000	+0.0%
INVESTMENT EARNINGS	\$248,860	+1.0%
GAS/MOTOR VEHICLE TAX	\$1,114,000	+0.0%
YANKEE TRACE	\$3,339,000	-1.0%
WASTE COLLECTION FEES	\$1,355,000	+0.0%

2019 infrastructure investments

City staff works nonstop to acquire Federal, State and local funding to help cover costs of infrastructure improvements. In addition to the annual street and sidewalk repair program, several major projects are planned or currently underway.

Federal

- Wilmington Pike resurfacing from I-675 south to St. Rt. 725/Alex-Bell Road. This \$1.3 million joint project with Greene County includes \$500,000 in Federal funding. The road will receive curb repair ahead of the resurfacing.

Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)

- Brown Road Improvements from Wilmington Pike to the east terminus started in 2018, and includes widening to a 3-lane section with curb, sidewalk, water and storm sewer. This \$1.5 million project is a joint effort between Sugarcreek Township, Greene County, Oberer Development and the City of Centerville.
- Montgomery County Environmental Services (MCES) and Centerville are partnering on several improvement projects. MCES related work is planned for 2020 construction with concrete and asphalt resurfacing to follow, likely in early 2021.

- ▶ West Franklin Street: water main replacement followed by concrete repair work and asphalt resurfacing. The resurfacing of West Franklin/St. Rt. 725 will also be partially funded by ODOT's urban resurfacing program.
- ▶ Terrace Villa Drive: sanitary sewer replacement and upgrades followed by repair and asphalt resurfacing.
- ▶ Bradstreet Road and Linden Drive: water main replacement followed by repair and asphalt resurfacing project.

Local

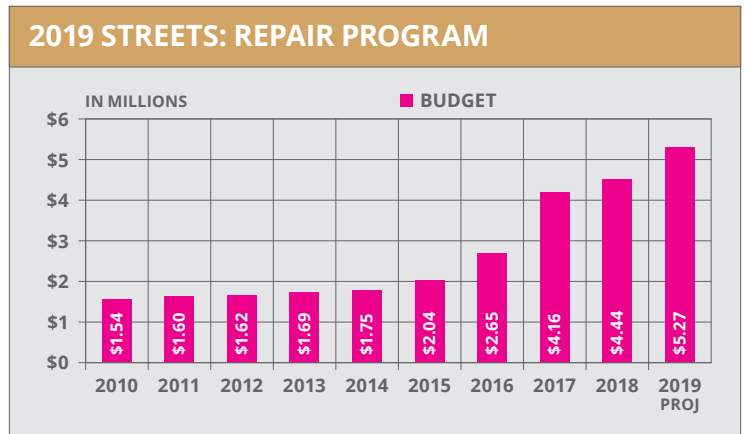
- Asphalt resurfacing of over 14 lane miles of local streets that received concrete repair work in 2018. Cost = \$1.8 million.
- Concrete repair work including curb, storm sewer, handicap ramp and sidewalk in anticipation of future resurfacing. Cost = \$1 million.
- Phase 1 of new sidewalk construction planned on Royalwood Drive at a cost of \$83,000.
- Clareridge Lane Improvements: Curb replacement, isolated storm sewer repairs and resurfacing on Clareridge from Boyce Road to Lodewood Drive. Total project cost includes \$50,000 from Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

Projects completed in 2018

- Wilmington Pike Traffic Signal Upgrade, from St. Rt. 725/Alex Bell Road to Dille Drive, and on Feedwire from Wilmington to Clio Road: Upgraded communication between 13 traffic signals and rebuilt or upgraded equipment at individual intersections to improve operations and safety. Total cost: \$1.9 million included a \$1.3 million grant with additional funding from Greene County and City of Centerville.
- Alex-Bell Road/St. Rt. 725 resurfacing from St. Rt. 48 east to Wilmington Pike (9.75 lane miles) as part of an Urban Resurfacing project. ODOT funded 80 percent of the \$992,500 project with the City picking up the remainder. Concrete repair work was completed prior to the resurfacing under a separate City contract.

- Clio Road resurfacing (3.26 lane miles) from Alex Bell to Bigger Road was completed with a \$170,340 OPWC grant. Concrete work was completed in late 2017 with resurfacing completed in early 2018.
- Bethel Road Phase 2 Improvements: Curb replacement, isolated storm sewer repairs and resurfacing on Bethel Road from Boyce (north) to Boyce (south) Road. Total project cost was \$221,640.25 with \$50,000 from Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.
- West Spring Valley Road (2.15 lane miles): Resurfacing from South Main Street to Washington Church Road was completed as a joint project with Washington Township. The City had concrete repair work completed under separate contract prior to the joint paving project with the Township. The City share was approximately \$170,000.
- Concrete repair and asphalt resurfacing projects on local streets at a cost of nearly \$2.5 million.
- Loop Road at Alex-Bell Road intersection and traffic signal improvements with local development funding.
- Clareridge Road new sidewalk from Susan Drive to west of Waterford Drive.
- Cornerstone North Phase IV storm and sanitary sewer improvements with local development funding.

For more about these projects, please call Public Works, 428-4782.



2019 STREETS: MAJOR PROGRAMS

STREET AND SIDEWALK REPAIR	\$5,355,600
CORNERSTONE DEVELOPMENT	\$4,605,797
APD IMPROVEMENTS	\$229,000
OTHER	\$829,320
TOTAL	\$11,019,717
FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	(\$5,159,797)
NET COST TO CITY	\$5,859,920

2019 OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS

YANKEE TRACE	\$1,452,125
STREET EQUIPMENT	\$333,400
STREET/REFUSE VEHICLES	\$291,000
POLICE VEHICLES	\$238,000
STUBBS PARK IMPROVEMENTS	\$130,500
BENHAM'S GROVE	\$75,000

YANKEE TRACE

A \$266 MILLION DEVELOPMENT

Generates Annual Property Tax Revenue to:

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



Yankee Trace goes high tech in 2019

As stewards of the game, we believe it is our duty to honor golf's rich tradition and preserve its heritage. It is also our obligation to move the game forward! Over the winter months, we have made significant improvements. The indoor netted practice facility has transformed into a Virtual Golf Studio, showcasing three state-of-the-art golf simulators. In addition, in April, we will reveal a brand new golf car fleet equipped with streaming music, live sports feeds and news wires! These upgrades provide a modern twist and high tech boost to the game and will be instrumental in engaging a new generation of golfers to what Arnold Palmer called "the greatest game mankind has ever invented."

The Golf Club at Yankee Trace celebrated its 23rd year in 2018 and continues to provide outstanding golf and dining experiences.

2018 was a stellar year for the 27-hole championship level course. Because of sound fiscal management, effective December 2018, the Yankee Trace debt of \$24.5 million was officially retired—several years ahead of schedule. Other achievements include:

- Recording over 52,000 total rounds played
- Selling out both Summer Youth camps with more than 160 youngsters ages 6–11 learning the game
- Being named to two "Best Public Golf Course in Dayton" lists:
 - Dayton Magazine and Dayton Business Journal

The restaurant and banquet facilities at Yankee Trace remain a favorite for *Signature events: Jazz on the Green, Friday Fish Fry and Sunday Brunch*, Special brunch and dining events, Service club meetings, Weddings and Receptions, Family gatherings, Business meetings

Clubhouse improvements include:

- Installing new carpet throughout the clubhouse
- Replacing 300 banquet chairs
- Adding hard wood floors and barn doors in the Academy Room

Course improvements—all completed in-house—include:

- Installing a new, all-weather surface, spanning the south end of the range
- Rebuilding and reducing bunkers
- Replacing ash trees
- Replacing drainage tiles to improve ratings, playability and customer satisfaction

More improvements on the way

Look for more upgrades to the clubhouse along with continuous improvements to the golf experience. Other planned improvements for 2019 include resurfacing the parking lot.

Centerville: A Community of Volunteers

More than 300 citizens serve on Council-appointed Boards and Commissions and as CIVIC Municipal Volunteers, donating thousands of hours of their time, sharing their expertise and keeping Centerville a great place to live. City Boards and Commissions include the Storm Water Review Committee, Board of Architectural Review, Board of Tax Appeals, Arts Commission, Property Review Commission, City Beautiful Commission, Planning Commission, CRA Housing Committee, Personnel Appeals Board, Records Commission, Sister City Committee, Friends of Benham's Grove Board, Business Task Force and Centerville City School District Personnel Appeals Board. CIVIC (Citizens InVolved In Centerville) Municipal Volunteers give their time to Building Inspection, Engineering, Public Works, Clerk of Council and City Manager offices, Benham's Grove, The Golf Club at Yankee Trace and the Police Department. On behalf of our City Council, citizens and community, we thank you for your outstanding efforts in assisting our City staff deliver superior services.



A look back

MILESTONES

It was on December 2, 1968, that the Village of Centerville transitioned to City status. The vision of that first Council helped set the foundation for the future of this thriving and wonderful place we call home. We celebrated throughout the year with special community activities and events.

- City Council adopted a Mission, Vision and Values statement. See page 16.
- City Council approved the Five-Year Strategic Plan which includes six major goals that will guide the City's progress through 2023. Those goals are Planning, Economic Development, Core Services, Finance, Housing/ Infrastructure and Technology.
- Former mayor Mark Kingseed passed away in October. Mayor Kingseed led the City through residential growth at Yankee Trace and many business developments including the new Kroger and Cornerstone of Centerville.
- After 40 years of service to the City of Centerville, Police Chief Bruce Robertson retired.
- Training and planning began on the new Enterprise Resource Planning system (ERP) set to launch January 2019. The new system will integrate departmental information, reduce redundancy and streamline operations. The implementation process is expected to be completed citywide by 2020.
- The new website, showcasing a redesign and upgraded content management system launched.

CITY SERVICES

New developments approved by Planning Commission include:

- Dayton Care Center, 6421 Clio Road
- Kettering Hospital Facility, 6661 Clio Road
- Cooper's Hawk at Cornerstone, 5220 Cornerstone North Boulevard
- Building B at Cornerstone, 5240 Cornerstone North Boulevard
- La Pinata Restaurant, 9505 Dayton Lebanon Pike

Expansions

- Miami Valley Hospital South: Spine and Joint Center
- Woodbourne Library

Development...By the numbers

- 1,980 Building department inspections conducted
- 1,279 rental units inspected
- 1,251 Zoning and property maintenance violations corrected
- 1,055 Building permits issued
- 900+ new units of single- and multi-family residential under development
- 532 Zoning permits issued
- \$62 million in construction valuation
- 32 new businesses
- 20 cases reviewed by Planning Commission and Board of Architectural Review

- Welcomed Sinclair Community College to Centerville Campus on Clio Road
- Reviewed and inspected new development projects including: Randall Residence, The Grove at Yankee Trace, Savannah Place and various projects at Cornerstone of Centerville
- Partnered with ODOT on the \$1 million+ project to rebuild traffic signals along the Wilmington Pike corridor to improve traffic flow
- Installed an ADA accessible playground at Stubbs Park
- Designed and installed improvements to the park at Alex Bell and St. Rt. 48 including a rock fountain, irrigation system, new trees, plant materials and a flag pole
- Completed our first year as a member of Ohio Utility Protection Services (OUPS) dba OHIO811
- Completed the multi-year task of removing over 1,000 ash trees at Stubbs Park due to emerald ash borer
- Planned, designed and administered the annual asphalt and concrete repair programs that included more than 20 lane miles of roadways
- Welcomed 18,000 people to 15 concerts as part of the Summer Series
- Coordinated the weekly Farmers Market with 12 vendors offering local products throughout the summer, and offered two winter markets at Benham's Grove
- Presented the Board of Architectural Review Preservation Award to Sol and Angela Gomez, for their properties at 18 and 22 S. Main Street
- Entered into a five-year GIS Consortium to provide GIS services to the Centerville-Washington Park District

HONORS AND RECOGNITION

- Designated a "Tree City USA" by the National Arbor Day Foundation for the 32nd year
- Distributed 40 'Above and Beyond' awards to Public Works employees for being recognized for their efforts by a citizen
- Named Best of Dayton by Dayton Magazine and Dayton Daily News readers: "Best Golf Course": The Golf Club at Yankee Trace
- Participated in the Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) Drug Free Safety Program with 100 percent training compliance, saving seven percent (over \$14,000) on BWC costs
- Achieved the Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association, for the ninth year
- Earned the Certificate of Achievement of Excellence in Financial Reporting (CAFRA) from the Government Finance Officers Association, for the 17th consecutive year
- Received the Auditor of State Award with Distinction
- Hosted Tony Gardner, Executive Director of the Commonwealth Center for High Performance Organizations at the University of Virginia, to provide three days of leadership and work culture workshops to 36 City employees

City relying more on income tax

Additional revenue from tax levy helps stabilize budget

The largest single source of revenue for the City is income tax. In 2018, income tax provided 84 percent of the City's revenue, and our Finance Office projects that reliance will increase to 85 percent in 2019. Generated from employee withholdings, taxes on the earnings of Centerville businesses and taxes paid by individuals, as Columbus continues to cut funding to cities, Centerville has increased its reliance on income tax revenue, which had been flat for several years, until the passage of Issue 3, in 2016. Thanks to voter approval, Centerville's income tax rate increased from 1.75 percent to 2.25 percent, helping to stabilize the City's budget.

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

State Threats to the Local Income Tax

Centralized collection in Columbus—House Bill 49

This could be an additional loss of up to \$1 million annually to the City.

Reduces agility at the local level to:

- Collect taxes on a timely basis
- Pursue uncollected taxes
- Ensure all taxpayers are paying the correct amounts

Residency

- Taxes only residents of a municipality, not those who work in (and receive benefits from) a municipality

House Bill 5 and House Bill 49 Impact: Local Income Tax Losses

- Businesses can carry forward net operating losses (NOL) for five years to offset taxes on future profits (phase-in began in 2017)
- Centerville had not previously permitted any NOL offsets
- Non-resident taxpayers receive 20 "free" days before paying taxes
- Increased from 12 days, which was then retroactive

SPECIAL EVENTS/PROGRAMS

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

OUTREACH/ VOLUNTEER EFFORTS

- Coordinated community volunteers including faith groups, scouts and families to mow lawns, rake leaves, clear snow and perform home repairs for elderly residents
- Participated in Connect Centerville event, welcoming immigrant families to Centerville
- Participated in Bill’s Donuts community collection program for victims of Hurricane Michael in Mexico Beach, Florida

Outreach Programs

Coffee with A Cop, Citizens Police Academy, Police Department Mystery Night Out, Faith-based and community group clean-up efforts, SilverLink 211 Referral Service, Blood Drives

Community Events

Art at the Trace, Summer Concert Series, Community Concert and Anniversary Party, Centerville Day at Dayton Dragons game, monthly art exhibits at the Police Department Gallery, Family Recess at Iron Horse Park, Americana Festival, weekly Farmers Market, Fall Festival, Tree Lighting Ceremony, Mystery Night Out, Jazz on the Green, Diversity Council programs, Kalamon Golf Outing, Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremony, Memorial Day Ceremony, Veterans Day Ceremony

Community Recognition

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

Programs for Youth

Bicycle Rodeo, Crime Scene Investigation Camp, Community Band concert, Original Night at Centerville High School, Municipal Tours

Special Services

Garden plot rentals, Citywide Garage Sale, Free bulk item pickup week, Leaf pickup, Recycling program, Brush drop off

Business Outreach

Business Walk in downtown Centerville, Business Appreciation Breakfast, Business Advisory Task Force, Ribbon-cutting and Business Welcome program, Business First participant, Centerville Commerce, business e-newsletter, “Centerville Business Today”, monthly cable program highlighting local businesses



EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

The Golf Club at Yankee Trace

- Jake Tobias passed the PGA Playing Ability Test
- Matt Dulli completed Level 1 of the Associative Program for the PGA of America

Public Works

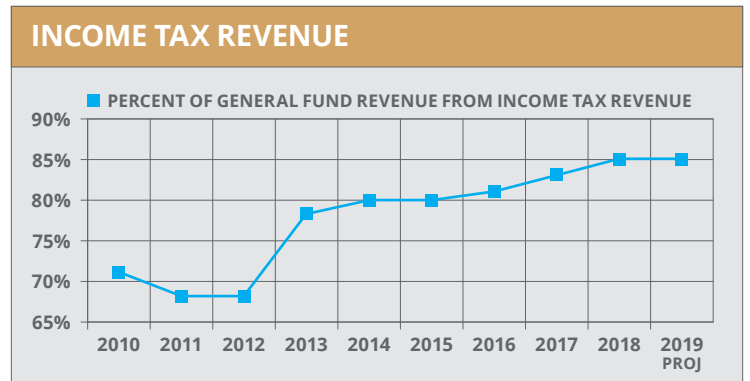
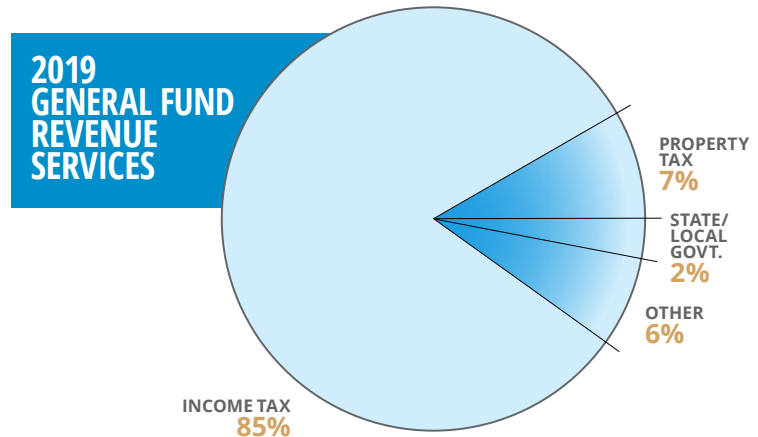
- Alisha Burcham earned the Professional Engineer’s license
- Chris Sharp earned the Roads Scholar distinction from Ohio LTAP
- Gregg Sharkey earned playground inspector certification

The City of Centerville turns 50



Centerville celebrated its 50th anniversary as a City in style! Founded in 1796, Centerville achieved City status in 1968. More than 50 events were planned in commemoration of this milestone year including a Community Concert and Anniversary Party, | Fall Festival featuring kids’ activities, Centerville Day at local sporting events, a 1968 Flashback

exhibit with Centerville-Washington History and a big and bright Tree Lighting ceremony. New signage sporting the 50th Anniversary logo welcomed motorists to Centerville, along with celebration banners throughout the City. The City adopted the Red Horse Chestnut as its official tree, sponsored a “What I love about Centerville” art contest and offered “Centerville Rocks” for hide and seek across the nation. In addition to proclamations from local and regional elected officials, the City received a congratulatory proclamation from President Trump. To top the year off with sprinkles, Bill’s Donuts offered signature Centerville 50th Anniversary donuts. In addition to special community events, through the generous support of numerous sponsors, 50th anniversary items distributed throughout the community included t-shirts, sunglasses, magnets, tote bags and more. Thousands of citizens participated throughout the year in our anniversary celebrations. As we move forward to year 51, the City of Centerville continues to appreciate our historic past as we look forward to a robust and exciting future.



CENTERVILLE POLICE: PROVIDING EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE

In addition to safety services, our nationally accredited Police Department offers many other services and programs. From vacation house checks to Neighborhood Watch to the Citizens Police Academy, the Centerville Police Department is always there when needed. For more information, please visit the Police Department webpage at centervilleohio.gov or call 433-7661.

2018 HIGHLIGHTS

- Following the retirement of Chief Bruce Robertson, Matt Brown, with 20 years of service to the department, was named Chief of Police

Promoted to lieutenant:

- Tyler Wilson in command of Support Services
- Mike Yoder in command of Community Relations

Promoted to sergeant:

- Anthony Green and Josh Ratliff

New Patrol Officers: Steven Kocol, James Pelphrey, Aaron Sensenbrenner and Ashley Beane

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Life-Saving awards: Officer Tracy Sommers and Officer Ed Skinner for heroic teamwork in saving the life of a man suffering a heart attack
- The John P. Kalaman Respect for Law Award from the Centerville Noon Optimist Club: Officer Faupo Lauoho
- Centerville Evening Optimist Award: Officer Jim Stephenson for his efforts with the Mark A. Kreusch Safetyville Program
- Robert B. Jacob Award of Merit from the Hundred Club of Dayton: Sgt. Anthony Green and Officer Marcus Loel for their life-saving efforts during a structure fire on Main Street in October 2017
- Graduated class 32 of the Citizens Police Academy bringing the total number of citizens who have participated in that program to more than 750

- Continued successful partnership in providing public safety dispatch services for West Carrollton
- Sponsored the Explorer Program for young people ages 14–21 interested in a career in law enforcement
- Provided Run, Hide, Fight training for active shooter situations to churches, community organizations and other groups
- Offered special services like Vacation House Checks, Well-Being Call-in and other safety programs
- Trained officers as certified first-responders, giving them the training to start medical care immediately, as they are typically the first to arrive on an incident scene
- Sponsored the 21st annual Officer John P. Kalaman Memorial Golf Tournament in support of the Kalaman Scholarship Fund
- Raised funds and participated in the run for Special Olympics
- Provided tours of the Police facility to school students and other groups
- Offered community programs such as Citizens Police Academy, Youth CSI Camp and Bicycle Rodeo
- Sponsored Mystery Night Out—a community favorite—event featuring a clue search, exhibits, food and entertainment at Stubbs Park

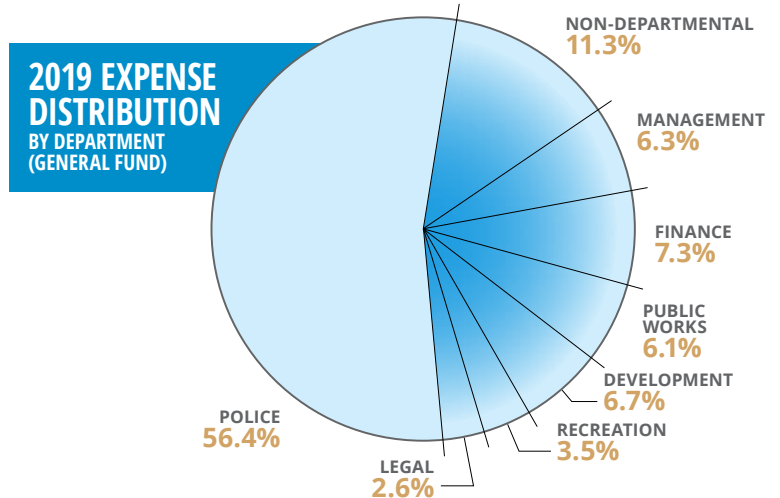


Looking ahead

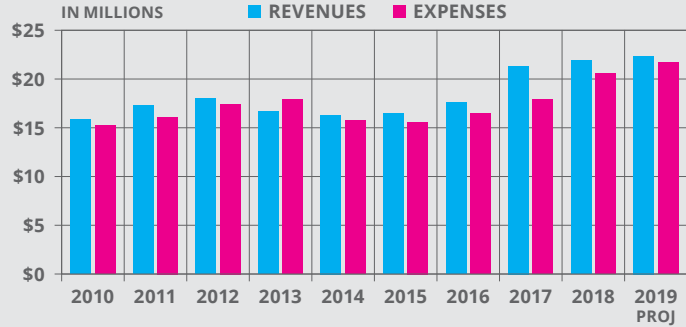
As we close the chapter on 2018, we look forward to another exciting year in Centerville. We have a full agenda for 2019:

Implementation steps for the Strategic Plan and its six major goal areas are in full swing. City Council has committed to continue making significant improvements to the City's roads and infrastructure, financial software and The Golf Club at Yankee Trace. New housing options and development are occurring in every area of the City. Businesses continue to grow and choose Centerville to set up shop, and downtown will continue to be a focus of our attention. New events will continue to enhance our community activities.

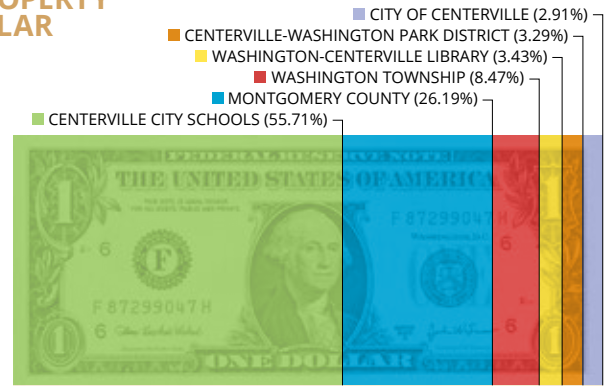
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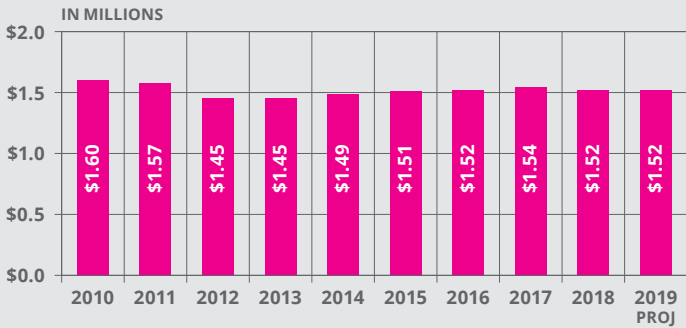
GENERAL FUND: REVENUE AND EXPENSES



YOUR PROPERTY TAX DOLLAR



PROPERTY TAX REVENUE



PROPERTY TAX DISTRIBUTION

MOST RESIDENTS PAY MORE FOR LIBRARY OR PARKS THAN FOR POLICE AND ROADS

	RATE	AMOUNT
CENTERVILLE SCHOOLS	45.02	\$3,151
MONTGOMERY COUNTY	21.35	\$1,495
WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP	7.12	\$498
WASHINGTON-CENTERVILLE LIBRARY	2.77	\$194
CENTERVILLE-WASHINGTON PARK DISTRICT	2.65	\$186
CITY OF CENTERVILLE	2.35	\$165

Property taxes calculated for a \$200,000 homeowner.

Getting information to our community

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

Publication

Town Crier, City's quarterly newsletter, distributed to every home

Websites

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

E-Newsletters

- Arts News
- Centerville Connections
- Centerville Construction Update

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

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

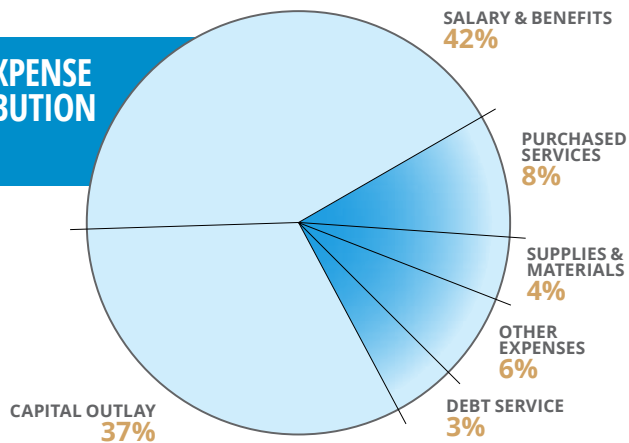
Social Media

- **Facebook:** five pages: City of Centerville, Centerville Ohio Police Department, The Golf Club at Yankee Trace, Benham's Grove, Centerville Farmers Market
- **Twitter:** @CentervilleOH and @CentervilleOHPD
- **YouTube:** City of Centerville, Ohio

Emergency Messaging

- Code Red: message sent via phone call from City
- WCWT 107.3 FM, Centerville High School radio station

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Public Meetings at the Municipal Building

City Council 7:30 p.m., first and third MON. monthly
 Board of Architectural Review 7 p.m., first TUE. monthly
 City Planning Commission7 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 Committee7 p.m., first TUE. monthly

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City Offices closed on Memorial Day

Centerville City offices will be closed Monday, May 27, in commemoration of Memorial Day. Waste collection will be delayed one day that week.

CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE REGISTRATION

Register by 5:00 p.m., April 15

Garage Sale: May 2-4, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Neighborhood: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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

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

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MARCH-MAY 2019 CITY CALENDAR

MARCH

- 4** 7:30 p.m. City Council meeting, Council Chambers
- 9** 10:00 a.m. City Beautiful Commission workshop, CHS Central Theater
- 18** 6:30 p.m. State of City address, Council Chambers
- 18** 7:30 p.m. City Council meeting, Council Chambers

APRIL

- 1** 7:30 p.m. City Council meeting, Council Chambers
- 15** 7:30 p.m. City Council meeting, Council Chambers
- 17** 11:00 a.m. Arbor Day tree planting, Benham's Grove

MAY

- 2-4** Citywide Garage Sale
- 6-9** Free Bulk item pick up for Centerville waste collection customers
- 6** 7:30 p.m. City Council meeting, Council Chambers
- 15** 7:30 a.m. Mayor's Business Breakfast, Yankee Trace

MAY (continued)

- 16** 2:30-6:30 p.m. Farmers Market opens
- 18** 9:00-11:00 a.m. Bicycle Rodeo, MVHS
- 20** 7:30 p.m. City Council meeting, Council Chambers
- 27** 9:00 a.m. Memorial Day Ceremony, Veterans Memorial at Stubbs Park

Weekly

- Brush drop-off:** 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Wednesday, Public Works
- Farmers Market:** 2:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, 892 S. Main Street

Monthly

- Art Exhibit:** Police Department Gallery
- Brush drop-off:** 9:00 a.m.-noon, 3rd Saturday of each month, Public Works

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