



Tammy Pierce's gorgeous photo of the flowers at Benham's Grove won the 2019 Photo Contest.

## Photo Contest

*A cheerful family gathering... a beautiful nature scene... your pet in motion...*

The Centerville Arts Commission is celebrating the launch of its #ILoveCenterville campaign with a photo contest on social media. As many as a dozen winners will receive a \$50 gift card to The Golf Club at Yankee Trace, which can be used in the Clubhouse Grille, in the Golf Shop or on the course. All winners will have their photographs displayed in the Centerville Art Gallery at the Centerville Police Department.

Just tag your photos with #ILoveCenterville on social media. If you want to make sure someone sees your post, email a link to [information@centervilleohio.gov](mailto:information@centervilleohio.gov).

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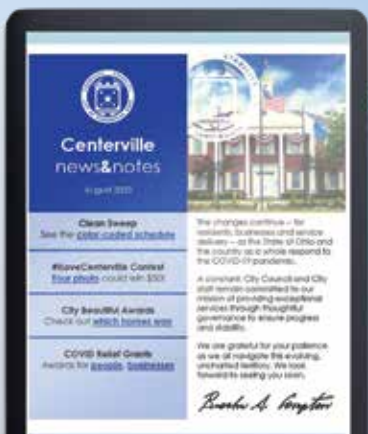
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## news&notes

Now that the Town Crier is moving to two editions this year: fall/winter and spring/summer, did you know you can get the latest information about Centerville in your inbox every month? Centerville News&Notes is our electronic newsletter. It contains photographs and links to construction projects, events, how-to videos and more. **Please sign up by texting CENTERVILLE to 22828 or visiting [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov).**



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

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- The contest runs through September 30, 2020.
- Contestants can live anywhere, but the photos must be taken within the City of Centerville.
- Entries can be posted with the hashtag #ILoveCenterville on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.
- Winners will be asked to sign a photo release prior to receiving their award.
- The contest is open to all ages, but a parent or guardian must sign permission for anyone under 18 years old to be named a winner.

We invite you to capture what is special to you about our community. These snapshots can be representative of Centerville history, community life, open space, recreation, arts, culture or anything that embodies the spirit of what living in Centerville means.

Please read the official rules and learn more at [centervilleohio.gov/photocontest](http://centervilleohio.gov/photocontest).



From Brooks Compton, Mayor

What a whirlwind the last several months have been. We are fortunate that individual and collective actions taken by millions of citizens in communities across the state of Ohio and our nation have helped those who have struggled with family, health and business concerns. That effort continues today. Thank you for all you have done to help those during this difficult time.

City Council is proud of the outstanding staff at the City of Centerville which stepped forward and made accommodations to provide excellent customer service throughout the pandemic. We will do everything in our power to continue fulfilling that promise, and we invite you to see many examples of that work throughout the following pages.

We are making many adjustments to best serve our residents, businesses and visitors, including pivoting to a monthly email newsletter, Centerville News&Notes, which allows us to include more timely information from the City and our community partners. **You can sign up to receive News&Notes by texting CENTERVILLE to 22828.** We are pleased to report that the popular Town Crier will continue to be offered twice this year with a fall/winter and a spring/summer edition.

Adhering to recommendations from the Governor and Public Health will be important in the days ahead. All of us at the City understand this year is not what many had hoped it would be. However, the many popular activities and traditions of our community just took this year off... they will return bigger and better in 2021! Trust that your City Council and staff are always working behind the scenes to ensure exceptional service delivery. From all of us, thanks for being here.

*Brooks A. Compton*

2020 CENSUS

More than 80% of Centerville residents have responded to the 2020 Census. That exceeds the response rate in 2010—but we can still do better! The census provides a picture of our nation that helps determine where to build new schools, hospitals and businesses; how federal funding is distributed; and how congressional seats are apportioned. Billions of dollars are at stake. Please respond today at [census.gov](http://census.gov).

Remember, the Census Bureau will never ask for your Social Security number, bank or credit card account numbers, money or donations or anything on behalf of a political party.

Message to High School Seniors

Seniors, we understand this year will not be exactly as you had hoped. Please know it has been our honor to have you live in this great City. We are proud and appreciative of the many times your accomplishments have brought state and national attention or honor to your hometown. We hope you will make Centerville your home and build lives and careers here after graduation as this community has much to offer, but please remember that wherever you go and whatever you do, this warm and cheerful community will always welcome you home.



Mission Vision Values Booklet

The City recently created Mission Vision Values booklets, designed to highlight the City's customer service philosophy and offer an overview of services to residents, businesses and visitors. We are proud to offer a glimpse behind the scenes at how your local government works.

If you would like a copy of the booklet, just stop by the Municipal Building at 100 West Spring Valley Road.

# LEGO CENTERVILLE



The City is excited to unveil a customized Lego set for Centerville. This fall, the set will be on sale in designated local retailers. Profits will benefit the Centerville Community Improvement Corporation (CCIC), which organizes loans and grants for small businesses.

Designer Brixilated is based out of Cincinnati and specializes in developing customized Lego sets that can be used to support

non-profits and community initiatives. The final design includes Lego versions of the Municipal Building, The Golf Club at Yankee Trace, Stubbs Park Amphitheater, Centerville High School, Woodbourne Library, the Walton and Asahel Wright Houses, Bill's Donut Shop, a gazebo and several Red Horse-Chestnut trees.

*To learn more, please visit [centervilleohio.gov/lego](http://centervilleohio.gov/lego)*

## Improved Waste Billing

Take a look at the new format for your waste and recycling bill. Rates have not changed. This fall, you can use a new self-service website that will make it easier to see your bill, check your account and make payments electronically. You can access that resource through [centervilleohio.gov/waste-recycling](http://centervilleohio.gov/waste-recycling).



A WARM AND CHEERFUL WELCOME TO THESE BUSINESSES

— new to Centerville —



Mayor Compton joined Burgundy Chic Boutique for a socially-distanced grand opening.

- M & R Photo Studio / 31 West Franklin Street
- Deanna Chapman, DPM, LLC / 6601 Centerville Business Pkwy, Ste. 117
- The Wolf and the Hair / 855 East Franklin Street
- Brandelyn Blair Agency / 872 East Franklin Street B
- Thia Pets Grooming / 871 East Franklin Street
- Innovative Fertility of Ohio / 950 East Alex Bell Road
- Burgundy Chic Boutique / 29 South Main Street

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ALL OF OUR CENTERVILLE BUSINESSES.

## Business Spotlight

Why businesses  
choose Centerville  
as their home

### ■ Zig Zag Gallery,

101 East Alex Bell Road #172, is a contemporary craft gallery specializing in small studio American craft.

#### Why Centerville?

Owner Kim Megginson: "I love Centerville. The community has been incredibly supportive of us. I think Centerville has the benefits of accessibility to things in Dayton, but it is a wonderful small community. The Centerville Police Department has been amazing to us, too. We plan to celebrate our 40th anniversary soon, so we are not going anywhere."



## CCIC Revamp

The Centerville Community Improvement Corporation has restructured its Board of Directors and focused on expanding its economic development programs. The first of these new programs was a loan to Loose Ends Brewing Company, a new brewery and restaurant opening at 890 South Main Street. The forgivable loan will help father-son owners Kent and John Loose cover the cost of unexpected water line repairs ahead of their anticipated September opening.

“The CCIC has been a tremendous help in mitigating that sudden financial burden. There are always a lot of stories out there about how some cities are difficult to work with, but we are fortunate to have had the opposite experience. Working with the various departments of the City of Centerville has made this project go a lot more smoothly,” Loose Ends Brewing co-owner John Loose said.

As part of Centerville’s 2018-2023 Strategic Plan, City Council and staff have recently taken steps to modernize the corporation by working to establish it as a 501(c)(3), restructuring the board and launching new development initiatives to support businesses in the community.

Board members include Deputy Mayor JoAnne Rau, Council Member Belinda Kenley, Council Member Bill Serr, City Manager Wayne Davis and community members Jeff Klank, Gregory Sample and Erik Collins.



## CCIC COVID Business Relief Program

The Centerville Community Improvement Corporation (CCIC) is also offering grants of up to \$2,500 to qualifying businesses through the CARES ACT, a federal law aimed at mitigating some of the economic fallout of the Coronavirus pandemic.

### First round grant recipients:

- Wise Guys Tattoo Society, \$2,500
- Zig Zag Gallery, \$2,500
- SoYo Yogurt, \$2,500
- A+ Cleaners, \$2,500
- **Dress for a Day, \$2,500**
- Nelly’s Restaurant, \$2,500
- Holiday Inn Express, \$2,500
- Home2Suites, \$2,500
- Boosalis Bakery, \$2,500
- EmbroidMe, \$2,500
- Loralei’s Boutique, \$1,142.46
- Sweeney’s Seafood Bar and Grill, \$2,500



Centerville businesses with 50 or fewer employees may apply for the assistance program now through October 2020. The application and more information about the program is available at [centervilleohio.gov/COVIDRelief](http://centervilleohio.gov/COVIDRelief).

## Trick or Treat

Our little goblins, ghouls and witches usually dress up for Trick or Treat on October 31 from 6:00–8:00 p.m. Centerville will work with our peers, neighboring communities and Public Health to decide the best options for this year. Please check [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov) and the City’s social media accounts for updates closer to the holiday.



## Centerville Partners with SICSA

Did you know the City of Centerville works with SICSA Pet Adoption Center on a Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program? Volunteers help to make this program possible.

TNR is the most humane and effective method known for managing feral or community cat populations. Spaying and neutering eliminates reproduction, greatly reduces nuisance behavior including unaltered males spraying to mark territory, roaming and fighting, yowling and other noises associated with mating. The cats themselves are healthier and less likely to spread feline disease.

TNR appointments are expressly for those working on reducing the cat population in their community. TNR appointments are not for owned cats. All cats that are brought for a TNR appointment will be:

- **Spayed or neutered**
- **Ear tipped for easy identification in the community. The ear tip lets others know this cat has been altered**
- **Vaccinated for rabies**

Please visit [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov) to learn more about getting involved in Centerville’s TNR program or call (937) 433-7151.



# CITY MAPS

The City of Centerville is proud to offer a series of maps that can help residents and businesses, including several interactive versions. Please check out the City Maps section of our website at [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov) to try them out!



### Parcel

This interactive map helps residents and businesses learn more about properties in the City. It includes parcel information, several years of aerial imagery and simple tools for you to draw and measure on the map.



### Resurfacing

This dashboard details the City's road resurfacing program, including which roads are expected to be resurfaced this year. If you click on any highlighted road, you can learn when it was constructed and when it was last paved.



### Street

This poster-sized street map highlights roads and points of interest in Centerville and surrounding areas.



### Thoroughfare

This map details the City's Official Thoroughfare Plan, showing road widths and what roadway improvements will look like.



### CWPD Trails

This interactive map shows all Centerville Washington Park District trails and their distances. Simply click on which park you are interested in and the map will zoom you to it so you can find all the trails.



### Zoning

This interactive map shows how every property in the City is zoned, which is useful information for businesses and those planning home improvements.

## Construction Updates

- **Allure:** 312-unit apartment complex on Loop Rd near I-675. Allure has opened some buildings while continuing to work on the site.
- **Gateway Lofts:** 256 one-bedroom units and 104 two-bedroom units between Alex-Bell Road and I-675 near Loop Road. Several buildings have opened, and construction is ongoing.
- **Cornerstone Apartments:** 240-unit complex with modern Mediterranean architecture which will begin construction soon at the intersection of Cornerstone North Boulevard and the future Park Place.
- **Cornerstone Park:** 11 acres of trails and greenspace along with a landscaped multi-level plaza that includes an art sculpture and a covered pond overlook.
- **Dogwood Commons:** 110-unit aged 55+ apartments within the Cornerstone Development. Construction is expected to start soon.
- **Savannah Place:** 44 duplex lots east of Yankee Street (entrance off the roundabout at Yankee Trace Drive).
- **The Grove at Yankee Trace:** 27 single-family lots between Paragon Road and Yankee Trace Drive.
- **Randall Residence:** Construction is ongoing for The Villas at Randall Residence. Now renting 84 quadplex condo-style apartments, 60 independent living apartments, 56 assisting-living apartments and 42 memory-support apartments at Social Row, Sheehan and Paragon Roads.



## Uptown Centerville

Big things are coming to Uptown! More details are coming soon about the phases of redevelopment related to the priorities of public parking, pedestrian walkability and greenspace. The Uptown Visioning Process was organized by the City of Centerville in early 2019 and included input from neighboring political entities, residents and businesses. The group identified six focus areas, which were incorporated into the Uptown Action Plan. A tentative timeline will be posted soon at [centervilleohio.gov/uptown](http://centervilleohio.gov/uptown).

# Sustainable Centerville

The City has launched Sustainable Centerville, a year-long advisory committee that meets monthly and works in coordination with Montgomery County and Dayton Regional Green. Centerville is committed to improving the environment by working with residents and community partners to develop recommendations for City-endorsed initiatives that will promote a sustainable future.

## A few sustainability successes so far:

- ▶ Fully automated the City's recycling program with 80% customer participation
- ▶ Installed public electric vehicle charging stations
- ▶ Used recycled rubber mulch at the Stubbs Park playground
- ▶ Designated and marked the first bike route through Centerville
- ▶ Installed solar-powered pond aerators and School Zone warning signs

## COMMUNITY



## Celebration Sculpture

Located between Cooper's Hawk Winery and Hand and Stone Massage at the Cornerstone of Centerville Development, "Celebration" was sculpted by artist Stephen Canneto. It features 18 ft. stainless steel figures and a dichroic glass sphere.

This sculpture celebrates the strong sense of community that reflects the principles of Quality, Integrity and Commitment valued by the City of Centerville, the Oberer Companies, Cornerstone Developers, Canneto Studios and the Charles and Evelyn Dille Family.

As part of the gateway to Cornerstone Park, Celebration forms a transition between the vibrant commercial area and the serenity of nature, creating a sense of place, destination and identity. A formal public ceremony will be scheduled when the park is dedicated.



## HOLIDAY LIGHTING

Remember, the City Beautiful Commission will travel Centerville roads in early December looking for festive holiday decorations. Please call the City at (937) 433-7151 or email [information@centervilleohio.gov](mailto:information@centervilleohio.gov) to make a nomination.

## CITY BEAUTIFUL

City Beautiful Commission's landscape award season was a great one! The Commission received many nominations for award-worthy homes and businesses.

### Among the winners:

**Kim Weimer**  
6005 Oak Hill Lane

**Denise Thompson**  
7659 Rambler Drive

**Brad Johnson**  
9916 Redbarn Trail

**Jason and Cindy Sizemore**  
324 Virginia Avenue

**Bob and Marlene Vance**  
160 Weller Avenue

**Barb and Wayne Kirby**  
10015 Putterview Way

**David and Katlyn Reger**  
476 Shirley Ann Drive

**Drew and Masumi Snyder**  
300 Alston Wood Court

### Community Pride Winner:

**David Kanyuch**  
6743 Crossbrook Drive

**Patricia Malas**  
5385 Royalwood Drive

**Dr. Al Dental**  
50 North Main Street

**Terrence and Susan Duffy**  
327 Silvertree Lane

**Lesa Holbrook**  
6839 Marwyck Drive

**Mike's Car Wash**  
250 Far Hills Avenue

**Kevin and Deborah Round**  
1599 Olde Haley Drive

**Ronnie Gallion**  
7882 Millerton Drive



Lesa Holbrook / 6938 Marwyck Drive



Kevin and Deborah Round / 1599 Olde Haley Drive

## Catching Carmen Escape Rooms Digital Edition

Washington-Centerville Public Library now offers two digital escape rooms for those looking for a challenge to complete safely from home! The spy-themed escape room and the Catching Carmen escape room offer puzzle challenges and an interesting storyline all while putting your team's skills to the test! Open to all ages but recommended for teens and adults. Both games are found at [wclibrary.info/escape](http://wclibrary.info/escape). Hints and answer keys are available if you get stuck!

## Virtual Book Clubs

Washington-Centerville Public Library is hosting virtual meetings for four book clubs. Registration is not required for any book club:

- **AfterWords:** No assigned books to read. Just get on the library's Facebook page and chat about what you are reading.  
*Monday nights, 7:00–8:30 p.m.*
- **Another Round:** Join other adults who enjoy the Young Adult genre to discuss the book of the month.  
*Third Wednesday of the month, 7:00–8:30 p.m.*
- **Booked for Lunch:** Connect with other history buffs the first Wednesday of each month to discuss books with a historical twist.  
*Please see the library website for dates and times.*
- **Book Ends/Page Turners:** Join other adults who want to explore new genres. *Please see the library website for dates and times.*

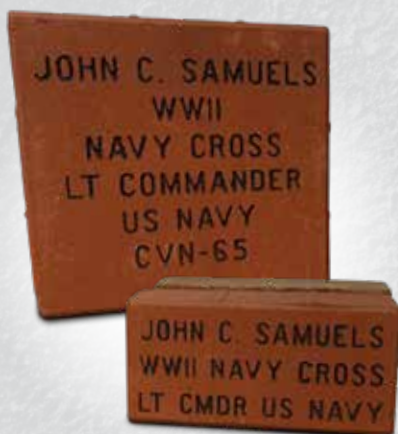
## Veterans Day

The City of Centerville will salute the men and women who have protected and preserved our freedom in commemoration of Veterans Day. The City will honor them at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 11 at the Veterans Memorial at Stubbs Park, 255 West Spring Valley Road.

This event will likely be organized virtually so the community can participate safely from home. Please continue to watch the Centerville Facebook page and [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov) for more detailed information.

## ★★★★ BRICKS FOR VETERANS

Would you like to honor a veteran with a commemorative sidewalk brick at the Veterans Memorial at Stubbs Park? The City will be installing new bricks for the upcoming Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11. The deadline to apply for the bricks is September 30.



## Women's Civic Club Remains Active in Spite of COVID Restrictions

Like many community organizations, the Centerville Women's Civic Club's schedule has been disrupted, but activities in several areas have still moved forward.

Acting on behalf of the membership, members of the Board of Directors accepted the 2020-2021 slate of officers:

- **Pat Bethel, President**
- **Peg Smith, Vice President**
- **Becky Duffy, Treasurer**
- **Jean Hawkes, Assistant Treasurer**
- **Karol Roberts, Recording Secretary**
- **Sue Hill, Corresponding Secretary**

The Scholarship Committee recommended three Wright State University students for this year's scholarship awards:

- **Gabriella Ramos, biological sciences**
- **Clay Schiebrel, neuroscience**
- **Adrienne Freccero, nursing**

In addition, the club gave \$5,200 to the Sinclair Foundation to be awarded to students from Centerville and Washington Township.

The club donates to several non-profit community organizations each year. Among the requests for support this year was a plea from Living Hope Church for food for children. The club helped to feed more than 100 children for two weeks. A total of 39 members donated \$1,456 and approximately 2,500 food items.

## GHOST WALK

Unfortunately, the annual Ghost Walk on Main has been cancelled because of COVID-19. Washington-

Centerville Library, Centerville-Washington History, the Heart of Centerville and Washington Township and the City have determined there is no way to safely hold the event this year. The health of our community must be our first priority. The Annual Ghost Walk on Main will return in 2021.



## Vectren Pipeline Replacement

Vectren, a CenterPoint Energy Company, is replacing an existing 20" natural gas transmission line between Yankee Street and Wilmington Pike and expects to be finished in October 2021. Residents and businesses affected by construction will be notified of the work and timeline of the project.

Vectren is required to conduct federally regulated pipeline testing, routine maintenance and replacement/relocation construction. While Vectren recognizes that this work can be inconvenient, the company says it is vital for maintaining the integrity of its facilities.

The project will be completed within the existing 50'-wide right-of-way and the adjacent 20' temporary easements. The easement width can vary in some areas. Vectren's easements grant the right to "operate, maintain, repair, replace and remove" its gas pipeline. This project will require that the entire 50-foot-wide right-of-way be cleared of all obstructions. Therefore, prior to construction, Vectren will be clearing the right-of-way, including the removal of trees, shrubs, decorative or natural landscaping and all structures within the right-of-way. Right-of-way clearing will also include the removal of fencing that is within, on or impeding access to the right-of-way. The fencing will be reinstalled at Vectren's cost after the completion of construction in a similar or better condition than it exists now.

Please watch a video message from the project manager at [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov).



- **Phase 1:** State Route 48 to Clareridge Lane  
*(Complete)*
- **Phase 2:** Clareridge Lane to Centerville Station Road  
*(June 2020 to October 2020)*
- **Phase 3:** Yankee Street to Yankee Trace Drive  
*(January 2021 to February 2021)*
- **Phase 4:** Yankee Trace Drive to State Route 48  
*(April 2021 to July 2021)*
- **Phase 5:** Centerville Station Road to Wilmington Pike  
*(July 2021 to October 2021)*

*The dates shown above are estimates and subject to change due to weather or unforeseen circumstances.*

## Benham's Grove

Benham's Grove is a community gathering space located on eight acres in the heart of Centerville along North Main Street. The property was originally a farm owned by Aaron Nutt, one of the City's founders. Benham's Grove offers several facilities for event rentals: the Gerber House, gazebo, barn and cottage. Staff will start booking soon for 2022, so please give them a call at (937) 433-1913 or visit [benhamsgrove.com](http://benhamsgrove.com) to learn more.



## FLASHBACK

**Do you remember any of these former Centerville businesses?**

We would love to see your old photos! Please scan them and send them to [information@centervilleohio.gov](mailto:information@centervilleohio.gov).





## ARTS AND CULTURE

# SHOUTOUTS

COMMENTS FROM CENTERVILLE'S SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES



Mayor Brooks Compton of **Centerville** shares his thanks to all the #HealthcareHeroes out there doing their part to keep the Miami Valley safe during this challenging time. Thank you, Mayor, for this uplifting message.

**PREMIER HEALTH OHIO - INSTAGRAM**



We are so thrilled to announce that the warm and cheerful **City of Centerville, Ohio** – Government has approved a temporary patio permit for all to enjoy. It's not the fanciest patio you've ever sat on, however, it allows us to serve more of you!

**ADRIENNE'S WHITE RABBIT LOUNGE - FACEBOOK**



Saturday was the graduation drive around the **City of Centerville** and tonight was the protest. Two totally different events, yet the same outcomes: love and respect wins. I am proud of the City I represent. Well done, C-ville.

**COUNCIL MEMBER MARK ENGERT - FACEBOOK**



Benham's Grove is such a treasure in the heart of **Centerville**. It's a beautiful, tranquil spot perfect for a little fishing and family time... It's one of the many reasons I love Centerville.

**OLSON\_MOM - INSTAGRAM**



## Heart of Centerville and Washington Township

Now more than ever: businesses need allies. The Heart of Centerville and Washington Township is an alliance of more than 100 retail, entertainment, philanthropic and professional services working together to strengthen and grow our community. The group meets weekly to talk about events, connecting with the community and how to showcase partners. You might enjoy Food Truck Fridays, networking happy hours, the annual Holiday Walk and other special promotions. Please check out hocwt.com to connect with the non-profit organization and learn more about how they promote and connect businesses within our City.



Heart of Centerville members take time for a photo after prepping goody bags for the 2019 Holiday Walk.

## Art Gallery

Come visit the Art Gallery at the Centerville Police Department to enjoy featured artists' work that rotates monthly. The free exhibits are staffed 24 hours a day. Pieces from **Chuck Clevenger** will be on display during the month of September. Chuck is a watercolorist and concert pianist.

Primarily a location painter, his work is characterized by an immediacy and how the light strikes his subjects.

The work of **Jonpaul Smith** will be featured in October. He

is inspired by the complex relationships and patterns that control and dictate the world. He approaches woven and constructed paper pieces from a variety of perspectives.

Art curated from **Framed Space** will be featured in November. The collection will include several local photographers.

Winners of the #ILoveCenterville Photo Contest will be hanging on the walls of the Art Gallery in December.

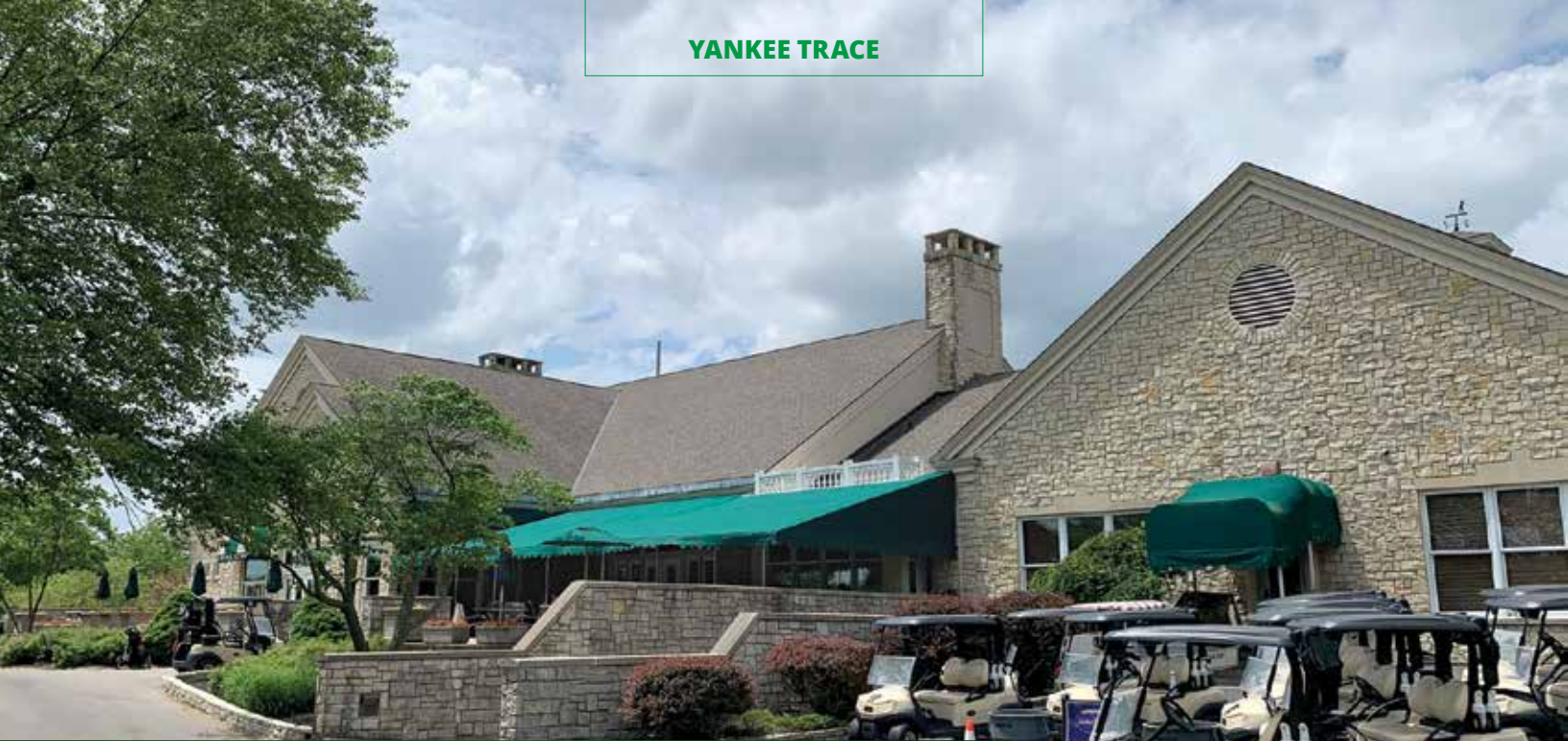
**Remember:** tag your photos on social media and check out [centervilleohio.gov/photocontest](http://centervilleohio.gov/photocontest).



Art by Jonpaul Smith

## Mystery Night Out

Mystery Night Out is the Centerville Police Department's way of celebrating National Night Out, a nationwide crime prevention initiative. Teams race around Centerville solving clues while raising awareness for safety and community. This year's event will be held virtually on October 6. The City is working on a web-based scavenger hunt. Please stay tuned to [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov) and our social media pages for the latest on how to join in!



THE GOLF CLUB  
**YANKEE TRACE**  
*City of Centerville*



Before and after photos of the clubhouse lobby



**Improvements Coming**

...And we are just getting started! Over the next several months and years, the City of Centerville is planning to make investments in:

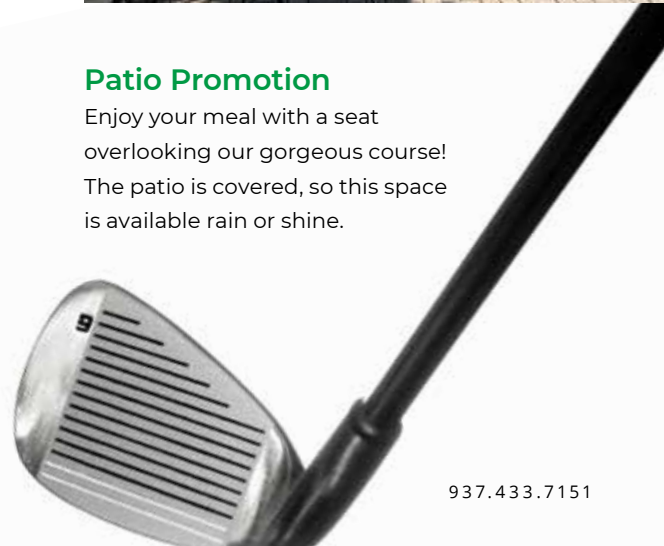
- Clubhouse audio/video upgrades
- Clubhouse restroom renovations
- Bridal suite
- Ballroom makeover
- New fireplaces in the clubhouse

**Gift ideas**

Golf Merchandise / Gift Certificates for the Golf Shop or Clubhouse Grille  
Yankee Player Development Program (\$475) / Off-Season Golf Instruction  
Senior VIP Membership

**Patio Promotion**

Enjoy your meal with a seat overlooking our gorgeous course! The patio is covered, so this space is available rain or shine.



## Looking Back on 25 Years

"It was just dirt and center line stakes," Golf Course Superintendent Terry Taylor says about the land where The Golf Club at Yankee Trace sits today. "When the trees were planted, the stakes holding the trees were bigger than the trees themselves. What a great transformation of land."

Taylor has been with the course since it opened 25 years ago. In 2019, the Miami Valley Golf Course Superintendents Association named him Superintendent of the Year for the great work he does maintaining the course.

While the City of Centerville's public celebration of the Club's 25 years may have been stunted by COVID, Yankee Trace continues to be the gem of the golf world. The course, which is consistently honored as "The Best Golf Course in Dayton," broke a record last year with 58,000 rounds, compared to just 5,000 rounds the year The Golf Club at Yankee Trace debuted.

Renowned golf course architect Gene Bates, whose resume lists courses all around the world, was the mastermind behind the design of the course and the surrounding residential area.

"Fear of disappointment was my biggest concern, but we succeeded and I am so proud of the course and the community. City Council had a vision of something special to add to the already-beautiful Centerville and it worked," Bates said.

Bates was invited back to Yankee Trace in 2002 when he completed his masterpiece by adding nine additional holes.

Golf Course Administrator and Head PGA Professional Steve Marino says the course's unique three-tee rotation utilizing all 27 holes is one major reason behind its success. "There are a lot of moving parts and it requires precision from the entire staff, but it all comes down to creating more playing opportunities and variety for our guests," Marino said. "I knew early on this format could be something special, but even I was surprised when it took off and became the engine that makes Yankee Trace run."

Under Steve's leadership, the course added a SIMS Golf Studio in 2019 with three state-of-the-art golf simulators. These machines are equipped with advanced technology to capture the path of a golf

club and the distance the ball would have traveled playing outside.

Yankee Trace also unveiled new golf carts, which include a premium media platform that delivers content to golfers through mounted screens. The features include GPS yardages, hole flyovers, music, real-time sports tickers, live and on-demand sports including the PGA Tour.

The City is planning several major improvements to the course and 32,000-square-foot clubhouse over the next few years. Not only did crews recently transform the building's lobby with paint and new flooring, staff is moving forward with a similar renovation to the clubhouse's

ballrooms and restrooms.

Improving service in The Clubhouse Grille, the Golf Club's restaurant, is another central focus. Marino recently set regular lunch and dinner hours with a revamped menu that includes familiar favorites and weekly specials like New York strip steak and BBQ ribs.

"The future looks very bright: a championship golf course, a luxurious clubhouse with great food, the best employees in the business and a community that supports us is a winning combination," Marino said.

Taylor agrees: the best is yet to come. "Hang on to your hats and see what the next 25 years brings."



### STARTERS

#### Margherita Flat Bread

Mozzarella cheese, fresh basil and tomatoes on baked flat bread / 6.50

#### Potato Skins

Homemade fried potato skins with cheese, scallions, and bacon / 6.50

### SALADS

#### Yankee House

Mixed greens, cheese, cucumbers, tomatoes, bacon, hard cooked egg, and croutons (*choice of dressing*) / 9.50  
– add grilled chicken / 3.00

#### Harvest Salad

Chef's chicken over mixed greens topped with toasted almonds, cucumbers, raisins, cheese, red onions, and tomatoes served with a mini croissant / 9.50  
– add grilled chicken / 3.00

*Dressing Choices: Ranch, Italian, Blue Cheese, French, Honey Mustard, 1000 Island, & Honey Vinaigrette*

### YANKEE FAVORITES

#### Southwest Quesadilla

Grilled flour tortilla stuffed with chicken, cheese, peppers and onions, served with chips, sour cream and salsa / 9.50

#### Chicken Finger Platter

Fried chicken tenders, french fries and coleslaw (*choice of bbq, ranch, buffalo or honey mustard dipping sauce*) / 9.50

## Dinner Menu

Monday–Saturday / 4:00–8:00 p.m.  
Indoor and Patio Seating

### PASTA

#### Pasta Carbonara

Penne pasta topped with alfredo sauce, peas, ham and parmesan cheese / 14.95

### ENTRÉES

#### Pot Roast

Slow cooked pot roast in beef broth with carrots, onions and celery / 15.95

#### Chicken Franchise

Egg battered chicken topped with apricot glaze and melted Brie / 14.95

#### BBQ Ribs

Half rack of slow cooked baby back ribs coated with Yankee Trace bbq sauce / 15.95

#### Atlantic Cod

Hand battered fried Atlantic cod filet / 14.95

#### Autumn Pork Chops

Smoked chops topped with apple chutney / 15.95

*All entrées come with choice of two sides*

### SIDES

Cornbread Stuffing, Sautéed Green Beans, French Fries, Roasted Yukon Gold Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Brown Sugar Glazed Zucchini, Side Salad (*choice of dressing*)

### HOMEMADE CHILI

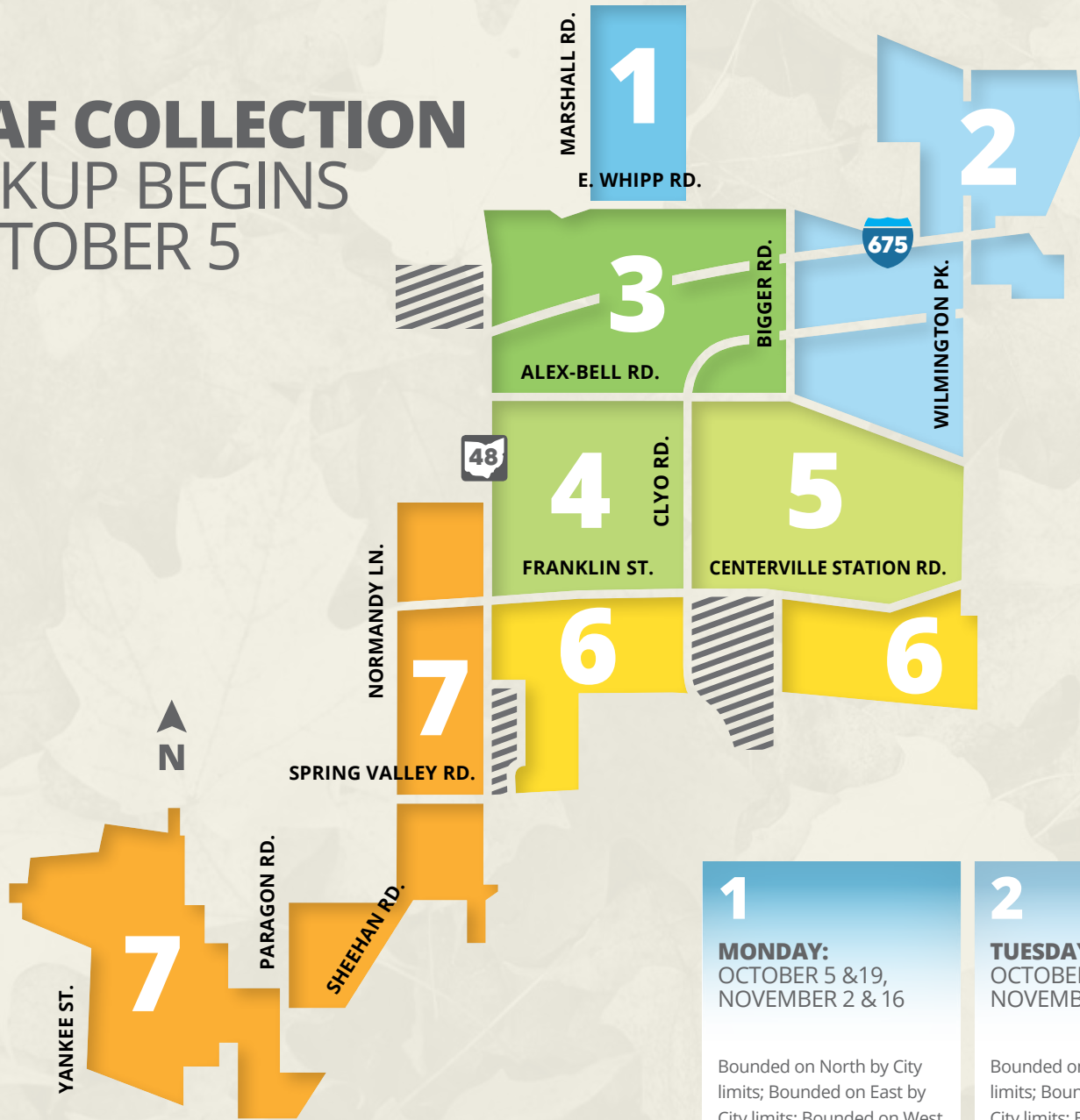
Cup / 4.00 Bowl / 5.75

### DESSERTS

Crème Brule Cheesecake / 4.50

Sweet Potato Mousse / 4.50

# LEAF COLLECTION PICKUP BEGINS OCTOBER 5



**THURSDAY: OCT. 15 & 29, NOV. 12**  
Pickup missed areas and make schedule adjustments

 PRIVATE DRIVE  
NO COLLECTION

**1**

**MONDAY:**  
OCTOBER 5 & 19,  
NOVEMBER 2 & 16

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

**2**

**TUESDAY:**  
OCTOBER 6 & 20,  
NOVEMBER 3 & 17

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

**3**

**WEDNESDAY:**  
OCTOBER 7 & 21,  
NOVEMBER 4 & 18

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

**4**

**THURSDAY:**  
OCTOBER 8 & 22,  
NOVEMBER 5 & 19

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

**5**

**MONDAY:**  
OCTOBER 12 & 26,  
NOVEMBER 9 & 23

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

**6**

**TUESDAY:**  
OCTOBER 13 & 27,  
NOVEMBER 10 & 24

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

**7**

**WEDNESDAY:**  
OCTOBER 14 & 28,  
NOVEMBER 11 & 30

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

## Capital Improvements

The City is wrapping up another big year of street resurfacing—spending more than \$4.5 million dollars in 2020.

City leaders vowed a large portion of the funds generated from a 2016 income tax increase would be used for street maintenance and repair.

Several streets were resurfaced in 2020, including several in the Yankee Trace neighborhood and four in the Ambridge neighborhood. Crews were also able to reevaluate and fit five streets in the Centerville neighborhood onto the schedule earlier than expected.

## West Franklin Street Repairs

The City of Centerville is working with Montgomery County to make repairs to West Franklin Street between State Route 48 and Normandy Lane. These repairs include a water main replacement, curb and sidewalk repairs and various storm sewer repairs. These improvements will extend the life of curbs and sidewalks and improve drainage. Crews are minimizing impact by doing as much of the work at night as possible.

Every effort is being made to reduce impact to businesses. While it is difficult to predict now due to weather and other circumstances, contractor Kinnison Excavating Inc. hopes to finish construction on the \$1.2 million project this fall.

## RECYCLING AUTOMATION



The City of Centerville's recycling program is now completely automated, meaning more than 5,000 recycling containers have been distributed across all neighborhoods throughout the City. That means Centerville's Public Works Department will no longer require a staff

member to ride on the back of the trucks' recycling routes.

"This effort has spanned several years. Not only do the 64-gallon containers give waste customers more room, which helps the environment by encouraging families to recycle more, a fully-automated system reduces staff time and makes our crews safer," Public Works Director Pat Turnbull said.

The City of Centerville has received several grants, including an award for \$31,000 in 2020, part of the Montgomery County Solid Waste District's Recycling Incentive Grant Program for municipalities and non-profit organizations that promote recycling and litter prevention.

"Centerville is one of the few small communities that takes up the challenge of running its own waste collection. We are proud to offer this service to residents, as well as the programs that accompany it, like the week-long, City-wide bulk pick-up offered at no additional cost. We truly appreciate the efforts of our citizens to lead the way in recycling," City Manager Wayne Davis said.

## STORM WATER

Rain sometimes causes a downspout or sump outlet pipe to create a wet spot in your yard. Consider installing a rain barrel. Rain barrels allow water to be captured and stored for future use, including for watering gardens. Local home improvement stores carry rain barrels and several on-line companies carry kits to make your own.

If you have questions about the storm system or any other public improvement in your neighborhood, please contact Centerville Public Works at (937) 428-4782.

## Ditches

Public Works crews keep an eye on important paths for stormwater. That is why they recently reestablished



roadside ditches along Normandy Lane. The old ditches had degraded and were no longer working correctly.

**Tip:** Any owner who wants to make changes to a ditch on their property should first consult the City. Property owners are not permitted to install drainage pipes in the public right-of-way; using the wrong size or material can cause problems.

## Leaf Collection Guidelines

### Guidelines for a Centerville's leaf collection program:

- Do not rake anything except leaves to the curb for pickup. Branches, sticks, grass, and other yard waste can clog machinery and throw crews off schedule.
- Do not bag leaves. Rake leaves into a row along the curb or the edge of pavement, not into the street where they block traffic and storm water flow. Please keep leaves away from catch basins as they clog the storm system.
- Crews will pass through all areas four times. Please rake leaves to the curb at least two days before crews are scheduled. (Map on

Page 12.) Depending on weather, equipment issues and collection volume, crews may be running early or late. Every effort will be made to collect leaves from your street on the scheduled day.

- Leaf equipment is converted to de-icing equipment at the end of the collection program; therefore leaves raked to the curb following the last scheduled collection day will be collected on a special pickup basis and charged accordingly.
- Stay safe! Children should NEVER play in piles of leaves raked along the road. Crews cannot see your child—and neither can drivers.

For more information, please call Public Works at (937) 428-4782.





## Strategic Plan Progress from City Manager

Centerville City Manager Wayne Davis outlines major points of progress over the last six months in the City's 2018-2023 Strategic Plan. To see the full Strategic Plan and a more detailed list of work accomplished, please visit [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov).

### 1. Economic Development

- Modernized and updated the Centerville Community Improvement Corporation (CCIC) and created a pilot forgivable loan program to assist businesses with capital investment related to job creation
- Created a COVID-19 Business Relief Grant program to assist companies with expenses related to the pandemic
- Organized virtual business forums during COVID-19 pandemic to connect business owners with State legislators to discuss programs and policies

### 2. Planning

- Created mapping application for the public to view future and recent Planning Commission and City Council planning cases and documents
- Published GIS Mapping Applications and a dashboard for the Resurfacing program and promoted public education through training of these resources

### 3. Finance

- Developed an existing preparation tool into a full electronic filing service for Centerville income taxpayers
- Received \$340,000 in CAREs Act funds because of the COVID-19 pandemic and are currently tracking eligible uses for the funds
- Updated five-year projections during spring with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic

### 4. Infrastructure and Housing

- Presented City-wide ADA Transition Plan to City Council
- Began accepting digital plan submittals
- Met with Montgomery County Environmental Services to outline current and future project schedules, status and potential grant opportunities

### 5. Core Services

- Began tracking Key Performance Indicators
- Established Sustainable Centerville advisory committee
- Updated Pay Ordinance to make language consistent with Charter and reclassify position titles

### 6. Information Technology

- Hired Larry Rover as Information Technology Director
- Deployed WiFi to all City buildings
- Migrated devices to Outlook 2010

## City Council legislation, February–August 2020

City Council passed the following ordinances:

- 18-20** An ordinance approving individual assessments amounts and directing the Finance Director or his designee to certify the amounts to the County Auditor for collection and declaring an emergency. [Passed August 10, 2020]
- 14-20** An ordinance amending the Centerville Municipal Code Section 210.01, Authority Of Manager; competitive bids, to allow electronic bidding procedures. [Passed August 10, 2020]
- 15-20** An emergency ordinance to establish the creation of the local Coronavirus Relief Fund. [Passed July 6, 2020]
- 13-20** An ordinance to repeal Ordinance Nunmer 36-78 and to designate the Centerville Community Improvement Corporation as agency of the City of Centerville, Ohio, and authorizing execution of agreement with such agency under Revised Code Section 1724.10. [Passed July 6, 2020]
- 12-20** An ordinance to repeal Ordinances Number 29-19 and 30-19 in their entirety and to establish class titles, pay ranges, grades, rates of pay, and regulations for employees of the City of Centerville, Ohio. [Passed June 8, 2020]
- 11-20** An ordinance authorizing the write-off of the uncollectible accounts for waste collections. [Passed June 8, 2020]
- 10-20** An ordinance providing for the issuance of not to exceed \$3,500,000 of bonds by the City of Centerville, Ohio, for public infrastructure improvements (Cornerstone Phase IV Project), and authorizing the preparation of an official statement in connection with the bonds. [Passed April 20, 2020]
- 09-20** An ordinance to repeal Chapter 268, Parks And Recreation Commission, of the Centerville Municipal Code. [Passed April 6, 2020]
- 08-20** An ordinance amending the Centerville Municipal Code Sections 844.01 and 844.03 of the mobile food licensing requirements to update definitions to include vehicle-towed trailers and to update insurance requirements. [Passed March 16, 2020]
- 07-20** An ordinance amending the Centerville Municipal Code Section 436.09, display of license plates; registration; obstructions to restore restrictions on parking or operating a vehicle without the display of valid license plates. [Passed March 16, 2020]
- 06-20** An ordinance to provide by mutual agreement for the adjustment of the boundaries between the cities of Centerville and Kettering, Ohio. [Passed March 16, 2020]
- 05-20** An ordinance amending Ordinance Number 14-08, Chapter 1216, the Unified Development Ordinance, as amended, to rezone 1.73 acres of land, more or less, located at 5495 Wilmington Pike and East Whipp Road, from O-S, Office Service Zone Classification, to B-2, General Business Zone Classification. [Passed March 16, 2020]
- 04-20** An ordinance to amend Section 1080.06 of the Centerville Municipal Code to update the certificate of registration insurance applications for rights-of-way administration. [Passed February 17, 2020]

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City Council ..... 7:30 p.m., first and third MON. monthly  
Board of Architectural Review .....7:00 p.m., first TUE. monthly  
City Planning Commission .....7:00 p.m., last TUE. monthly  
Centerville Arts Commission..... 7:00 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..... 7:00 p.m., first TUE. monthly

### Public Meetings at the Police Department

155 W. Spring Valley Road  
Sister City Committee ..... 7:00 p.m., first TUE. monthly

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## Events Calendar SEPTEMBER 2020-FEBRUARY 2021

### September

- 7** Labor Day, City Offices Closed
- 14** 7:30 p.m. City Council meeting, Council Chambers
- 21** 7:30 p.m. City Council meeting, Council Chambers

### October

- 5** 7:30 p.m. City Council meeting, Council Chambers
- 5** Leaf Collection Starts
- 19** 7:30 p.m. City Council meeting, Council Chambers
- 31** 6:00-8:00 p.m. Trick or Treat (*tentative*)

### November

- 2** 7:30 p.m. City Council meeting, Council Chambers
- 11** Veterans Day, City Offices Open
- 16** 7:30 p.m. City Council meeting, Council Chambers
- 26-27** City Offices Closed

### December

- 7** 7:30 p.m. City Council meeting, Council Chambers
- 21** 7:30 p.m. City Council meeting, Council Chambers
- 24-25** City Offices Closed

### January

- 11** 7:30 p.m. City Council meeting, Council Chambers
- 18** Martin Luther King Jr. Day, City Offices Closed
- 25** 7:30 p.m. City Council meeting, Council Chambers

### February

- 1** 7:30 p.m. City Council meeting, Council Chambers
- 15** 7:30 p.m. City Council meeting, Council Chambers

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