

# TOWN CRIER



## *From Brooks Compton, Mayor*

The Summer of 2020 did not feel like a 'normal' one by any definition. No crowds gathered in the amphitheater at Stubbs Park, the festive Americana parade was absent along Franklin Street and the Memorial and Veterans Day ceremonies were broadcast virtually. The City of Centerville made those changes proudly to protect the health and safety of our residents and neighbors. The City is ready now, however, to make a careful return to a sense of normalcy. Let's Chill in the 'Ville!

### **Summer Concert Series**

The Centerville Arts Commission has been working with the City's Community Resources Department to plan the schedule for the Summer Concert Series. The schedule runs June–August with free concerts every Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. Please see the full schedule on Page 4.

The City will work with Public Health—Dayton & Montgomery County and follow the latest guidance from the Ohio Department of Health and the Governor's Office.

### **Americana Festival**

The Centerville-Washington Township Americana Festival Committee has tentatively announced that Ohio's largest single-day festival will return. The 2021 Americana Festival will be held on Monday, July 5.

Executive Director Keith Weiskittle cites Governor Mike DeWine's recent announcements as indications that the steering committee will be able to complete preparations, despite a condensed schedule leading up to the holiday.

In most years, the Americana Festival includes a 5K run, parade and street fair. The Centerville Community Band's Americana Concert is held the evening prior at Stubbs Park, followed by fireworks at the Centerville High School football stadium.

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**Party in the Park**

The City is partnering with the Heart of Centerville and Washington Township to bring three great Friday night events to Stubbs. Party in the Park will happen on June 11, July 16 and August 13. Enjoy live music, food trucks and drink sales from 6:30–8:30 p.m. and then an outdoor family-friendly movie on the big screen starting at 8:30 p.m.



**Mystery Night Out**

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The City of Centerville will share the latest information on these events—and others in the planning stages—on its social media pages as well as online at [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov).

City Council and I look forward to celebrating another great summer with you.

*Brocha A. Compton*

**Sinclair in Centerville**

Sinclair College is proud to be a part of the Centerville community. Since 2019, Sinclair’s Centerville campus has provided academic program offerings focused in three key areas: Information Technology with emphases on Networking and Cyber Security, Health Sciences, and general education courses that are aligned with universities’ transfer requirements.



Latonia Peak-Brown

In 2021, Sinclair College welcomed Latonia Peak-Brown as the Interim Director of the Centerville Center. Latonia was previously Sinclair’s Liberal Arts Advising Manager.

**Sinclair College's impact on Centerville in 2020:**

- **607 Centerville residents** were enrolled at Sinclair Community College
- **303 Sinclair degrees and certificates** were earned by Centerville residents
- **19,496 Sinclair College credits** were earned by Centerville residents
- **252 high school students** in Centerville were enrolled in College Credit Plus (CCP) at Sinclair
- **\$6 million in annual tuition costs saved** by Centerville residents by attending Sinclair Community College instead of attending a state university
- **Top academic programs for Centerville residents:**
  - Allied Health Degree
  - Management & Marketing
  - Liberal Arts



**DP&L is Now AES**

**Message From AES Ohio:** For more than a century, DP&L has provided safe, reliable, and affordable energy to customers in our 24-county service territory. AES acquired DP&L nearly 10 years ago. Our new name, AES Ohio, reflects our shared global resources, expertise, and purpose to deliver reliable, greener, smarter energy solutions for residents and businesses right here in the Miami Valley.



Rest assured, the phone numbers and online account access have not changed. We strive to make this transition as seamless as possible and thank you for helping celebrate our new brand. Learn more about how we are accelerating the future of energy, together at [aes-ohio.com/hellofuture](http://aes-ohio.com/hellofuture)

**WASHINGTON-CENTERVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

*Virtual Summer Reading Club*

Washington-Centerville Public Library’s Summer Reading Clubs for kids, teens and adults kick off June 1 and run through July. Make reading a family affair this summer, win prizes just for reading, enjoy virtual storytimes and other events, to-go craft kits and more! Register and download summer reading club tracking and activity sheets online at [wclibrary.info/src](http://wclibrary.info/src) beginning June 1.

*Get the Library Mobile App*

Washington-Centerville Public Library now has a mobile app! Use the app to search the library catalog, view and manage account information, schedule curbside hold pickups and even check out physical library materials right from your phone! Download the app in the App Store or Google Play Store.



*Virtual Speakers Bureau*

Looking for a presenter for your next virtual meeting? Washington-Centerville Public Library has more than a dozen pre-recorded speakers’ bureau offerings accessible on YouTube. Presentations include: Haunted Ohio, The Esther Price Story, The Great Dayton Flood of 1912, The Life of Mary Todd Lincoln and more are available. Search for wclibrary on YouTube to access these presentations.

# UNIQUE. VIBRANT. HISTORIC.

Those words reflect the vision for Uptown – the area along Main Street from Alex Bell Road to south of Franklin Street that encompasses the Architectural Preservation District at State Route 48 and Franklin Street. This area is truly the heart of Centerville, home to nearly 100 businesses and our community's rich history.

The City completed a comprehensive visioning process for Uptown in 2019 with a focus group of more than a dozen stakeholders representing businesses, residents, government partners and community groups.

The Uptown Action Plan highlights six focus areas: improving walkability and reducing traffic congestion, improving parking, scheduling and organizing new events, focusing on business development, developing branding and increasing greenspace.



## UPTOWN UPGRADES

The City of Centerville is proud to announce 'Uptown Upgrades,' a grant program with three components to incentivize façade and streetscape improvements and encourage public art.

- **Historic Façade Improvement Grants**

Uptown Historic Façade Improvement Grants are designed to encourage building and business owners in the City's Architectural Preservation District (APD) to invest in façade improvements and exterior building upgrades that address code enforcement violations.

The program aims to alleviate conditions that could negatively impact public health and safety. In addition, these targeted investments will prevent the spread of blighting influences to adjacent properties throughout the district.

The grants will be supported by \$75,000 of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds provided by Montgomery County. Grants will be provided as a 1:1 match for eligible costs up to \$15,000 per building.

Examples of eligible projects include reconstructing deteriorated façades, replacing structurally compromised decks and porches and addressing peeling paint.

- **Uptown Streetscape Funds**

Uptown Streetscape Funds are designed to encourage high-quality building, streetscape and aesthetic enhancements that contribute to the character and vibrancy of Uptown. The funds will incentivize businesses to make investments that align with the strategies of the Uptown Action Plan.

The Centerville Community Improvement Corporation (CCIC) will use \$50,000 of its funds to initiate the Uptown Streetscape Funds. Funds will be provided through forgivable loans, matched 1:1 up to \$10,000 per building.

Examples of eligible projects include construction of outdoor patios, activated spaces, landscaping, building modifications to accommodate new businesses and signage. Whereas the Historic Façade Improvement Grants are limited to buildings in the APD, the Uptown Streetscape Funds will have a larger footprint within the boundaries of Uptown Centerville.

- **Centerpieces Mural Program**

Centerpieces is a mural program designed to encourage high-quality visual art in Uptown by creating opportunities for murals and public art that enhance the district's visual appeal. The proposed mural program will be a partnership between the Centerville Arts Commission and the CCIC.

Once a mural location is identified, the city will seek artists' designs for consideration. Designs would be reviewed and scored by a committee made up of representatives from the Arts Commission, CCIC and community stakeholders.

Applications for each of the Uptown Upgrades programs are available at [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov).



**UPTOWN LOGO INSPIRATION:** For inspiration, we look to the spirit and organic nature of the surrounding environment from the current streetscape of natural colors, architectural styles and color schemes – even down to the brick pavers that line our corridors. Unseen at first glance is a collection of individuals; business owners, homeowners, school children and teenagers, families, artists and entrepreneurs who make up this close-knit community. They are all striving to make a path forward in this space we call Uptown.

# SUMMER CONCERT

## Series 2021



Concerts are free to the public and typically run 7:00-9:00 p.m. on Sunday evenings. The City of Centerville will follow the latest guidelines from the Ohio Department of Health.

### JUNE 6 – The Menus

The Menus offer a wild, side-splitting hilarious show combined with musical content profoundly orchestrated. This concert is a crowd pleaser extraordinaire and features adult humor that may be unsuitable for younger audiences.

### JUNE 13 – Richard Lynch Band

Richard Lynch is an American country music artist who has released a long list of chart-topping hits in the world of traditional country music. Lynch's style is reminiscent of country greats Conway Twitty, Waylon Jennings, George Jones and Hank Williams.

### JUNE 20 – Tom Daugherty Orchestra

Tom Daugherty is a show-and-dance orchestra specializing in original "Big Band" arrangements of the Swing Era. The group performs a wide variety of music.

### JUNE 27 – Hotel California

This show has evolved into a masterful celebration of The Eagles' music. One of the most game-changing song catalogs in the history of rock n' roll is performed to perfection before your eyes and ears.

### JULY 4 – Centerville Community Band

Kick off the patriotic holiday with our annual Americana concert, courtesy of the Centerville Community Band and Chorus with a special cannon performance by the Fifth Light Artillery.

### JULY 11 – Brass Tracks

Brass Tracks is a high-energy eight-piece band. Step back in time as Brass Tracks pays loving tribute to Chicago, the most popular Horn Band of all time, along with all the iconic Horn Bands of the 60s, 70s, 80s and beyond.

### JULY 18 – Queen Flash

This fabulous six-piece Queen tribute is an exciting, high-energy show that will get people out of their seats. "Queen Flash" is a grand, theatrical representation of real Queen concerts, complete with vocal quality unmatched by any other tribute.

### JULY 25 – The Blue Leafs

This four-piece band offers a classic rock experience like no other with classic tunes of the '60s, '70s and '80s, including music from The Beatles, Johnny Cash, Eagles, Chicago, The Who, Queen, Billy Joel and more!

### AUG 1 – The Fries Band

The Fries Band blends complex vocal harmonies driven by acoustic guitars with keyboards, bass, and drums to recreate distinctive musical arrangements of bands like Crosby, Stills Nash & Young, America, The Beatles and more.

### AUG 8 – Liverpool 4 Beatles

Canada's top Beatles Tribute band provides an accurate reproduction of a Live Beatles performance. Sing along, get up and dance or sit back and enjoy the performance!

### AUG 15 – Ryan Roth / Elvis

Presenting Elvis! Ryan Roth authentically recreates in concert the sights, sounds, excitement and energy of Elvis Presley.

### AUG 22 – The Rock Show/Journey Tribute

The Rock Show will take you back to the days when Journey topped the charts playing all your favorite hits.

### AUG 29 – Stranger

Stranger is an '80s cover band. Sing along with every song! You could end up on stage singing with Stranger at some point in the show!

## Yankee Trace Renovations

After recognizing The Golf Club at Yankee Trace's 25th anniversary and a record-setting 69,000 rounds of golf in 2020, we are moving boldly into the future by transitioning the look and feel of the 32,000 sq. ft. clubhouse. Brighter, cleaner tones will showcase the timeless lines of the original architecture, ultimately revealing a modern ballroom, restaurant, restroom and lounge areas and an outdoor pavilion for a unique entertainment experience.

The remodeled facility will be better suited to host events individually or concurrently including tasty, convenient grab-and-go food during a round of golf, casual indoor and outdoor family dining and an upscale banquet and events center for parties of potentially up to 400 guests.

Please stop by and see the finished product or check it out at [yankeetrace.org](http://yankeetrace.org).



Officer Candace Gorby



Officer Keith Wallace



Detective John Pridemore



Sergeant James Shanesy

## New Officers

Candace Gorby earned her bachelor's degree from Wilmington College and attended the Sinclair Police Academy. She has worked with Kettering Sports Medicine as a clinical specialist athletic trainer before making the decision to begin a career in law enforcement.

Keith Wallace previously served in the United States Air Force and worked at the base as a civilian in the Air Force Institute of Technology. He earned a bachelor's degree from American Military University and attended the Sinclair Police Academy. Keith has also worked at the Germantown Police Department.

## Retirees

Detective John Pridemore retired November 29, 2020 after 24 years of exceptional service with the Centerville Police Department and more than 32 years in law enforcement. Det. Pridemore served in a variety of roles with the Centerville Police Department including road patrol, bicycle patrol and criminal investigations and was assigned to the Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission Task Force. He received numerous letters of recognition over the years including a commendation for his efforts in solving a series of violent robberies in the Dayton region.

Sergeant James Shanesy retired December 21, 2020 after 36 years of exceptional service with the Centerville Police Department. Sgt. Shanesy began his career as a cadet before being promoted to officer and eventually patrol sergeant. He received numerous awards throughout his career including the John P. Kalamán Employee of the Year, Distinguished Service, and the department's highest honor, Medal of Valor. Sgt. Shanesy was instrumental in the formation of the CPD Honor Guard and proudly represented the department at various events including the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington DC.

## Centerville Noon Optimists Events

- ▶ Want to hook a kid on fishing? Come to the Annual Fishing Derby on **Saturday, June 5** at the Washington Township Recreation Center. The fishing and worms are free so grab your pole, family and come out and enjoy the day. Prizes and food for all. Children ages 5-15 are encouraged to participate.
- ▶ **Monday, July 12** is the 29th Annual Tom Frazier Memorial Tee Off for Youth Golf Classic at Sycamore Creek Country Club.



**Check out crime statistics online at [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov)**



## MYSTERY NIGHT OUT

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City Manager Wayne Davis outlines major points of progress—as well as the work ahead—in the City's 2018-2023 Strategic Plan.

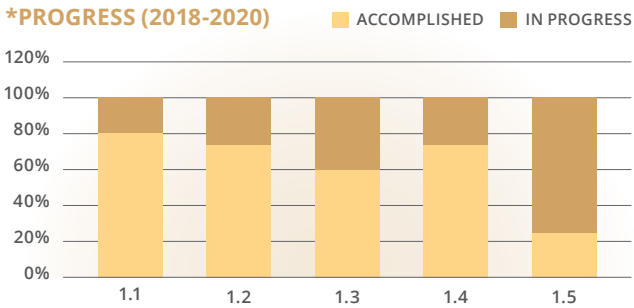
### GOAL 1: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**Goal accomplishments, past six months:**

- Restructured Community Improvement Corporation
- Created Uptown Upgrades enhancement program
- Received \$115,000 from Montgomery County Community Development Block Grant
- Continued implementation of Uptown Action Plan
- Contracted with engineering and planning firms for preliminary Uptown designs

**Next six months:**

- Conduct facilitated planning and outreach process with Uptown engineer and planner
- Establish Uptown entertainment district
- Accept applications for newly-designed Uptown Upgrades enhancement program
- Launch formal business retention and expansion program
- Create formal return on investment analysis for economic development incentives



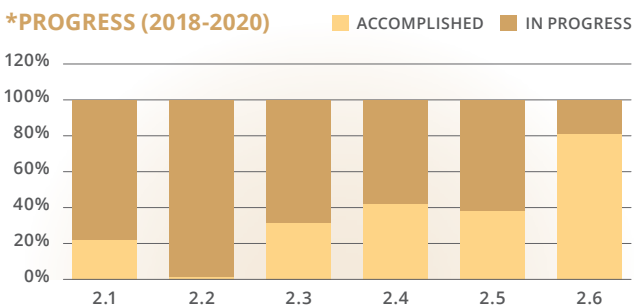
### GOAL 2: PLANNING

**Accomplishments, past six months:**

- Completed set-up work for comprehensive housing plan
- Unified Development Ordinance updates to increase sign flexibility and promote business growth
- Redesigned online survey for Planning and Zoning applications
- Created marketing flyer and charts outlining when permits are needed

**Next six months:**

- Complete analysis with City Council and partners about commitment to Create the Vision comprehensive plan
- Conduct housing plan to assess neighborhood vitality
- UDO amendments to promote residential and business growth
- Propose overlay district for Loop Road Commercial District



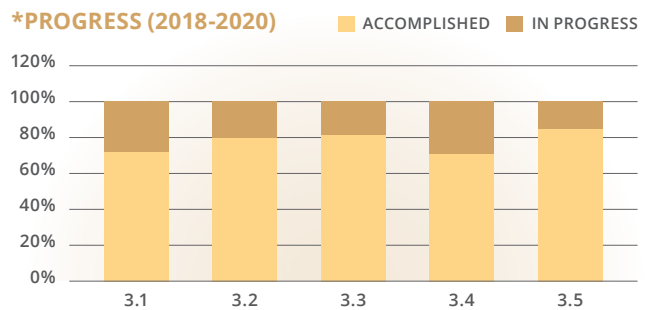
### GOAL 3: FINANCE

**Accomplishments, past six months:**

- Launched new utility billing system and citizen self-service portal
- Transitioned to electronic signing program to reduce staff time by an average of 80%
- Implemented five-year budgeting
- Adopted Fund Balance Policy
- Tracked and determined eligible CARES Act funding

**Next six months:**

- Enable electronic document upload functionality for online tax return tool
- Implement fixed asset policy to properly manage the City's assets
- Revise City's Investment and Deposit Policy
- Recruit Investment Advisor to further diversify investment portfolio



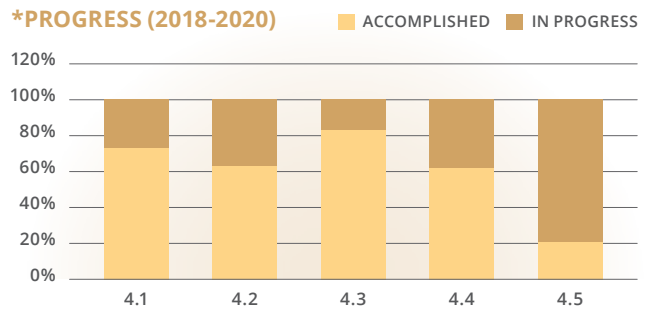
### GOAL 4: INFRASTRUCTURE

**Accomplishments, past six months:**

- Formally adopted ADA Transition Plan
- Created GIS and Inventory database
- Reviewed Public Works building space utilization
- Improved Energov process to allow digital plan submittal

**Next six months:**

- Upgrade 48 / Alex Bell / Franklin traffic signal
- Upgrade LED street name signs at key intersections
- Complete traffic study of the Wilmington Pike / I-675 interchange
- Explore possible improvements to 48 / Alex Bell gateway
- Urban Paving Project with ODOT on South Main and West Franklin



**\*More Details?**

For more information on Centerville's Annual Strategic Plan goals and strategies, please visit [centervilleohio.gov/strategicplan](http://centervilleohio.gov/strategicplan).

**GOAL 5: CORE SERVICES**

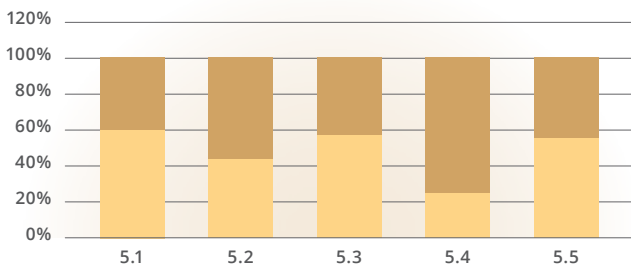
**Accomplishments, past six months:**

- Established City Park Rental Fee Policy
- Achieved City staff Green Belt certification through LEAN training
- Reorganization of Municipal Building for improved customer service
- Hired Assistant City Planner
- Initiated development of Yankee Trace Business Plan

**Next six months:**

- Implement online bidding and procurement
- Hire Service Leaders to replace Group Leader job classification
- Optimize existing work order systems at Public Works
- Build an Engineering Project Dashboard to track projects
- Utilize human resources consultant to create a supervisory and leadership development program

**\*PROGRESS (2018-2020)** ACCOMPLISHED IN PROGRESS



**GOAL 6: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

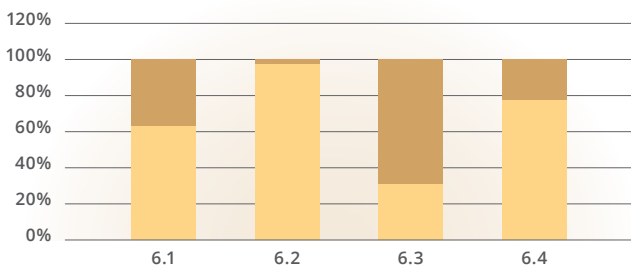
**Accomplishments, past six months:**

- Deployed third-party patching software to increase security
- Overhauled virtual server environment to increase security
- Hired Enterprise Applications Specialist
- Finalized WiFi project for currently installed access points
- Transitioned City to Office 365

**Next six months:**

- Start implementation of Information Technology Master Plan
- Conduct annual survey on how team and software is performing
- Implement help desk support phone number
- Create an education series for training
- Draft response time goals to ensure prompt service

**\*PROGRESS (2018-2020)** ACCOMPLISHED IN PROGRESS



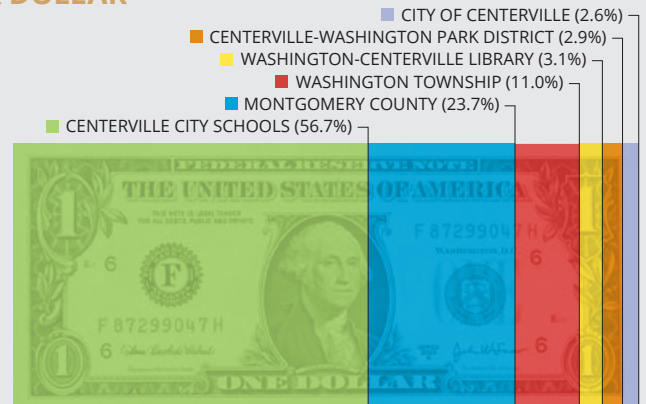
**2021 BUDGET**

**INCOME TAX FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES**

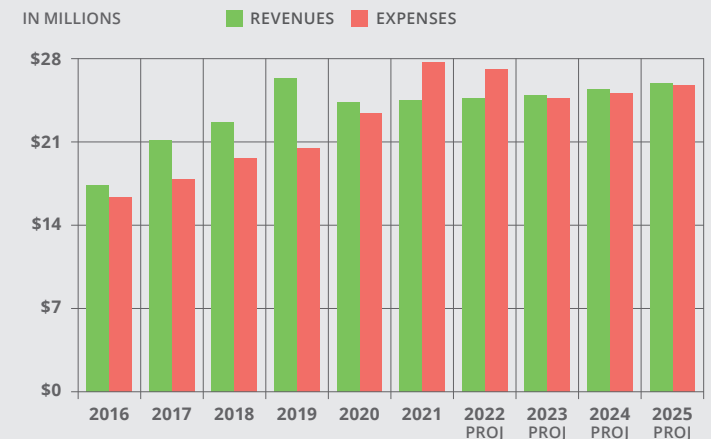
MORAINÉ	2.50%	VANDALIA	2.00%
OAKWOOD*	2.50%	ENGLEWOOD	1.75%
DAYTON	2.50%	CLAYTON*	1.50%
HUBER HEIGHTS	2.25%	RIVERSIDE*	1.50%
KETTERING	2.25%	GERMANTOWN*	1.25%
MIAMISBURG	2.25%	FARMERSVILLE*	1.00%
TROTWOOD	2.25%	NEW LEBANON*	1.00%
WEST CARROLLTON	2.25%	UNION*	1.00%
<b>CENTERVILLE</b>	<b>2.25%</b>		
BROOKVILLE*	2.00%		

*\*Municipalities that do not offer full tax credit.*

**YOUR PROPERTY TAX DOLLAR**



**GENERAL FUND: REVENUE AND EXPENSES**



Did you know you can apply for zoning and building permits through the City's new online portal at [centervilleohio.gov/planning?](http://centervilleohio.gov/planning?)

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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 Fire Non-Emergency .....937-433-3083  
 Public Works Center .....937-428-4782  
 Crime Tip Line.....937-433-6590

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 Yankee Trace Restaurant.....937-438-3585  
[yankeetrace.org](http://yankeetrace.org)

Benham's Grove .....937-433-1913  
[benhamsgrove.com](http://benhamsgrove.com)



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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 .....7:00 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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## Stormwater

April showers don't just bring May flowers, they also provide flow to local creeks, streams and rivers. After rainwater falls, it flows over the ground and into a storm sewer that will direct it to a local waterway. Along the way, the rainwater can pick up pollutants that are in its path. These pollutants will be carried by the rainwater to local waterways that we rely on and will negatively affect their overall health. Some of the most common pollutants carried by rainwater are motor oil and car fluids on streets and driveways. It is important to fix car leaks and clean stains off your driveway to prevent this type of pollution. Also, it is important to avoid spilling motor oil when changing the oil in your car or mower. And never pour leftover oil down storm drains.

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.

## Waste Billing

Our Waste Billing Department has moved from the Public Works Center to the Municipal Building. Your services have not changed. Please enter in the back of the building in the door marked for the Finance Office.

The City of Centerville has implemented a new waste billing system to better serve our customers. Account numbers have changed slightly, but there is no change to the cost of service. With this new online system, customers will be able to view their waste account, select billing preferences and make payments directly.

Remember, you can always call (937) 428-4746 with questions or visit [centervilleohio.gov/wastebilling](http://centervilleohio.gov/wastebilling).

## Events Calendar MAY-AUGUST 2021

### MAY

**APR 29, 30** Citywide Garage Sale

### MAY 1

**3** City Council, 7:30 p.m.

**3, 5, 11, 13** Clean Sweep

**13** Farmers Market, every Thursday through Oct. 14

**17** Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.

**31** Memorial Day Ceremony, Stubbs Park 9:00 a.m.

### JUNE

**6** Summer Concert Series Kickoff, Stubbs Park 7:00 p.m.

**14** Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.

**11** Party in the Park, Stubbs Park

**13, 20, 27** Summer Concert Series, Stubbs Park 7:00 p.m.

### JULY

**4** Americana Concert and Fireworks

**5** Americana Festival

**12** Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.

**16** Party in the Park, Stubbs Park

**11, 18, 25** Summer Concert Series, Stubbs Park 7:00 p.m.

**23-24** Dare to Defy Play, Stubbs Park

### AUGUST

**1, 8, 15, 22, 29** Summer Concert Series, Stubbs Park 7:00 p.m.

**3** Mystery Night Out, Stubbs Park 5:30 p.m.

**9** Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.

**13** Party in the Park, Stubbs Park

For more information about any of these events, please visit [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov) or call 937-433-7151.

