



TOWN CRITER

Protecting the Future of Benham's Grove

The City is developing an improvement plan to secure the vibrancy of the 19th-century picturesque estate of Benham's Grove for generations in the future. Benham's Grove is a ten-acre property rooted in history, a fitting setting for a wide variety of functions from intimate meetings to large formal gatherings. Thousands of guests visit the Victorian homestead for special events or a walk in the park every year.

Expect a refresh of the existing buildings and changes that will make the space more accessible for all guests, including a new building that will allow Benham's Grove to host weddings and other events concurrently year-round.

"Moving away from a rented outdoor tent and constructing a new building allows us to nearly double our event season. We essentially turn away thousands of guests each year because our current grounds cannot accommodate large groups in colder months," Benham's Grove Administrator Randal Bishop said.

Current improvement plans call for kitchen improvements to convert the space to a serving kitchen, as well as opening the wall between the home's living and dining rooms. The Gerber House will also see a new ADA-accessible front entrance, an expanded patio with a new patio awning, new wooden floors on the first floor and upgrades to the restrooms and bridal suite upstairs.

"Adding a new year-round structure for community use on the opposite side of the property from the Gerber House allows the historic buildings to remain the focus of this campus. It is critical that we preserve and continue to invest in these pieces of our City's history," Mayor Brooks Compton said.

The project also calls for eliminating the second floor of the barn and improving lighting, flooring bathrooms and overall access to the building.

The gazebo will be relocated; crews will salvage and reuse any pieces that are possible. Similarly, improvements include reinforcing the concrete pad with steel and widening the front stairs.

Plans also call for expanding parking capacity by 50 spots.

Designers of the new event center were purposeful in creating a building that would complement the historic structures on campus without competing with their subtle but elegant architecture.

The project is currently in the design phase. A public bidding process is anticipated for September 2023 with a contract award in December 2023.

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Improving parking and reducing traffic congestion are two primary goals of the Uptown Action Plan. Above, you see a graphic that illustrates the City’s plan to construct a connected public parking lot behind businesses on the north side of West Franklin Street. Many business owners have seen the value in this plan and have signed a parking easement with the City. This will allow drivers to pass seamlessly through lots, simplifying their routes and relieving some traffic on roads. Additionally, the City will construct a public parking lot at 98 W. Franklin Street. Through a public process which started the week of March 13, companies will bid to complete that lot, as well as Phases 1 and 2 of the northern lot. City Council will consider awarding a contract in May; construction will likely begin in the spring and will be complete this year. There will still be parking in Uptown throughout construction.



Uptown New Restaurants

- Manna (shown above), an upscale restaurant offering Peruvian cuisine with a French influence, is nearing the end of construction on West Franklin Street. Owner Margot Blondet also operates Salar in downtown Dayton and plans on a spring opening in Centerville.
- An early summer opening is in the plans for Agave & Rye, a taco and tequila restaurant under construction next to Square One on North Main Street.
- Work has begun on Brunch Pub, which moves closer daily to welcoming customers on West Franklin Street. Owner Ali Bas describes the full-service menu as “moderately priced ‘comfort’ food influenced by Italian, French and American cooking traditions.”

You can read the full Uptown Action Plan and see several more concept images at centervilleohio.gov/uptown.

Stubbs Park

Construction to improve many of Stubbs Park’s beloved amenities will begin later this year. The 60-acre park includes a community amphitheater, a Veterans Memorial Plaza, walking trails, playground equipment, an inline skating rink, a cricket pitch and a disc golf course.

Centerville has created a Master Plan for Stubbs Park, collecting stakeholder input from residents, business owners, Washington Township, Centerville-Washington Park District, Centerville City Schools and Washington-Centerville Public Library.

Improvements may include:

- ▶ Renovating amphitheater bandshell to fix structural deterioration and improve theatrical lighting and sound to allow for more diverse performance possibilities.
- ▶ Improve amphitheater bowl to construct more accessible handicap seating, update dance pads and create structured grass terrace seating for performance patrons.
- ▶ New event plaza adjacent to the amphitheater with an expanded seating and concession area, picnic lawns, food truck area and pondside deck.
- ▶ Concessions and restroom building renovations inside and out to meet ADA compliance, construct a covered porch and improve the building façade.

Initial plans for the improvements were delayed in 2022 after two public bidding processes ended with bids more than \$2M above original estimates.



The City recently received a \$500,000 grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the National Park Service.

“We could not in good conscience proceed then with the Stubbs Park project and risk wasting even a dollar,” Centerville Mayor Brooks Compton said.

Now leaders say the time is right to look at the project again and aim to make the public park space more accessible for residents and visitors.



Cornerstone Park

The new Cornerstone Park, which sits near Cooper's Hawk Winery and Restaurant at Interstate 675 and Feedwire Road, boasts an entertainment plaza, observation pier and art sculpture. The park has two components, including an 11-acre passive area with benches and walking trails and an active portion. The City received \$1 million in Clean Ohio grant funding to conserve the passive parkland. The Centerville Arts Commission is planning a ribbon cutting for the park in May.

Garage Sale

Find treasures or clear out your junk in the Citywide Garage Sale, one of our most popular annual events! This year's sale is Thursday, April 27; Friday, April 28 and Saturday, April 29. The City provides one complimentary sign for participating addresses. Please register at centervilleohio.gov. For more information, please call 937-433-7151 or visit centervilleohio.gov.

Clean Sweep

The City collects hundreds of tons of bulk waste each year during Clean Sweep. All items for this annual pick-up must be at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on your regular waste collection day. The Public Works Department spreads neighborhood pick-ups across two weeks, giving crews ample time to carry dozens of loads to the Montgomery County Solid Waste transfer station. Please see all restrictions at centervilleohio.gov.

Schedule:

- Monday waste collection – Monday, May 1
- Tuesday waste collection – Tuesday, May 9
- Wednesday waste collection – Wednesday, May 3
- Thursday waste collection – Thursday, May 11

EXPLORE ONLINE @ centervilleohio.gov



Cornerstone DORA

Cheers! The state recently approved a 32-acre outdoor drinking area in the commercial and park area at Cornerstone. This designation allows businesses with liquor licenses to sell alcoholic beverages between 10:00 a.m.–midnight daily in approved plastic cups, which can be carried outside.

A WARM AND CHEERFUL WELCOME TO THESE BUSINESSES

— new to Centerville —



Grand opening celebrations of Cincinnati Children's Hospital (left) and Dot's Market

- Vintage Southern Designs** | 51 E. Spring Valley Road
- Cardiopulmonary Rehab & Heartworks** | 2350 Miami Valley Drive
- Professional Engineering Services** | 116 Westpark Road, B
- Centerville Family Medicine** | 2350 Miami Valley Drive, Suite 530
- Full Circle Recovery** | 6788 Loop Road
- Cincinnati Children's Hospital – Centerville** | 6555 Clyo Road
- Community Green Landscaping** | 8411 Clyo Road
- Miami Valley South Hospital – Cancer Center** | 2300 Miami Valley Drive, Suite 450
- Rocky's Ace Hardware** | 251 E. Alex Bell Road
- Ashley Meyer Photography** | 848 E. Franklin Street
- Dot's Market** | 101 E. Alex Bell Road, 176
- Barnes Wildlife Control** | 37 Compark Road
- C&C Studios** | 101 E. Alex Bell Road, 160

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ALL OF OUR CENTERVILLE BUSINESSES.



Stubbs Playground

The new playground at Stubbs Park will be open this summer! This is a rendering and color inspiration for the new equipment. The cost of the new equipment is funded by NatureWorks, and the Montgomery County Solid Waste District funded the rubber matting.

EV Chargers

The City is planning to install two new dual-port electric vehicle charging stations, paid for as a part of the federal government's Carbon Reduction Program. MVRPC acted as the lead agency in a regional application for \$1,500,000. The new chargers at Stubbs Park and Benham's Grove will join three existing stations in the City. Two sit in the northern parking lot along W. Franklin St. in Uptown; a third is in the parking lot of the Municipal Building on Spring Valley Road.

● Dual charging station locations



Sentiments on Sediment

Eroding banks along a waterway create an obvious safety hazard, but they also cause a less obvious environmental impact from the transportation of sediment. It can come from construction sites, areas of bare soil, eroding stream banks and any other soil that is not protected from rainfall. Once sediment reaches the waterways, it can cause water quality problems.

You can help. One of the easiest ways to help prevent erosion is through the introduction of native plants on your property. Native plants will help to stabilize bare soils and prevent erosion. They also require very little maintenance. Native plants on the banks of a waterway will help stabilize the banks and reduce sediment runoff.

Driveway Replacement

Thinking about replacing your driveway? Any work done in the public right-of-way requires a Right-of-Way Permit from the City. A permit ensures you receive the best quality work and that the contractor is bonded and insured. If the work performed does not meet City specifications, the homeowner may be held liable for the cost of removal and replacement work in the right-of-way. If you are in search of a contractor for this type of work and would like a starting point, the City has a reference list of bonded and insured contractors who have successfully performed work in the City. If you have any questions about the permitting process, do not hesitate to call Public Works at 937-428-4782.



Examples of a poorly constructed driveway (above left) and a well constructed driveway



Resurfacing

After City voters supported an income tax levy in 2016, the City has paved approximately 120 lane miles of its roads and has performed curb, sidewalk and storm sewer repairs. That is more than half of the City's roads!

The City's goal is to have all its roadways in good condition, which typically means that asphalt resurfacing has occurred in the last 15 years for major thoroughfares such as Clio Road or 20 years for residential neighborhood streets. After this year's resurfacing program is complete, more than 88% of the City's thoroughfares and more than 79% of the residential streets will meet that standard.

The following streets will see concrete and asphalt work in 2023:

Normandy Lane	Island Lake Court
Marsha Jeanne Way	Redbarn Trail
Stagecoach South	Attwood Circle
Townhall Circle	Laketree Court
Shawnee Trail	Silvertree Lane
Stonerock Court	Zengel Drive
Village Square Road	Blackstone Drive
Shirley Ann Drive	Treeview Drive
Roselake Drive	Cedarleaf Drive
Centennial Court	O'Bryan Place
Pawnee Pass	Windy Hill Court
Rose Arbor Drive	Cliffview Court
Country Squire Court	Bellingham Drive

For more information regarding the repair and repaving schedule please go to the City's website at centervilleohio.gov/government/road-resurfacing-map or call the Public Works Department at 937-428-4782.

Budget

Interested in learning more about where your tax dollars go? Remember, the 2023-2027 City of Centerville Annual Budget and Capital Improvement Program is available at centervilleohio.gov, as well as the budget presentation heard by City Council prior to approval.

EXPLORE ONLINE @ centervilleohio.gov

Property Maintenance

As spring and summer get closer, Centerville Code Enforcement Officer Sande Heck offers thoughts on the most common code enforcement violations.

High grass and weeds: Make sure your lawnmower is in good condition and ready to go in April. Repair shops in the spring are backed up for weeks when the grass starts growing. If you have a lawn service, check with them now to make sure you are on their schedule. City code does not allow grass to exceed eight inches in height. Violators will be warned, and if the problem is not solved, a City contractor will cut the grass and the property owner will be billed.

Outside storage: City code prohibits storing junk and debris outside, which includes large brush piles. Firewood should be neatly stacked and not stored in any front yard. Other items should be screened from neighbors' views.

Unlicensed cars: Centerville code requires any vehicle parked outside to display its current license plate and validation sticker and be in safe operating condition. A flat tire is not a vehicle in safe running condition.

RV parking: You are allowed to park one RV in your driveway for three days per seven-day period. You can park the RV permanently on the side of your house on a hard surface.

Yard cleanup: Storms can blow over fences, and residents must be vigilant about checking their properties. For those elderly or unable to take care of their yard, church groups are often able to help out.

City Beautiful Landscape Awards

Notice beautiful landscaping this summer in your community? Nominate these homeowners for recognition in the City Beautiful Summer Landscape Awards at centervilleohio.gov/citybeautiful.



This home on Preserve Place was a 2022 award winner!



The Centerville Art Gallery features artists monthly at the Centerville Police Department. The gallery is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Artists' receptions will be promoted on the City website and social media.

April:
Jeff Potter

May:
The Artery

June:
Sharon Maxwell



Centerville Community Band Events

- **Spring Concert and Honor Flight** – Please visit ccbband.com for current performance information.
- **Monday, May 29, 9:00 a.m.,** Memorial Day Ceremony, Stubbs Park Veterans Memorial
- **Monday, July 3, 7:00 p.m.,** Centerville Americana Festival Concert, Stubbs Park
- **Friday, July 28, 7:00 p.m.,** "The Ultimate SciFi Concert Experience!," Stubbs Park (*Rain date – Saturday, July 29, 7:00 p.m.)
The Centerville Community Band and the Centerville Pops Strings invite you to bring your family and experience music, characters and special guests from "Lost in Space," "Star Wars," "Star Trek," "Indiana Jones," "The Day the Earth Stood Still," "2001: A Space Odyssey," "Back to the Future" and more!



Centerville-Washington Foundation Scholarship

The Centerville-Washington Foundation recently announced the establishment of the Brad Bucher Elk Pride Never Dies Memorial Fund. Mr. Bucher was a 1975 graduate of Centerville High School and an advocate for the support of both mental health and athletics. He passed away in 2021.

Brad supported hometown athletic programs throughout his life, providing financial support for local athletes who would not otherwise have been able to participate. He moved to establish a fund through his estate that would continue his legacy.

Centerville-Washington Foundation is a component fund of The Dayton Foundation. For more information about the Centerville-Washington Foundation, please call 937-265-0110, email CWFoundation45@gmail.com or visit the website at centervillewashingtonfoundation.com.

CENTERVILLE NOON OPTIMIST CLUB Summer Events

Family Adventure Day, Saturday, April 29,
Washington Township RecPlex

Safety on Wheels, Sunday, May 21,
1:00–4:00 pm, Forest Field Park

Fishing Derby, Saturday, June 3,
8:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Washington Township RecPlex

Safetyville Square, June 5-23,
Primary Village South

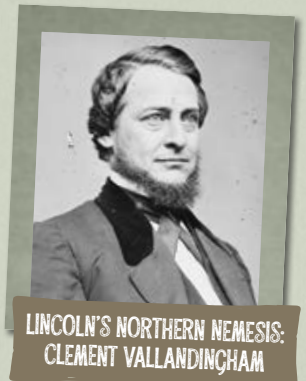


A new exhibit is now open at the Asahel Wright House Museum at 26 N. Main Street. "**A Sense of the Oddly Fascinating**" explores unique artifacts from the past along with interesting stories from local history. Visit

the museum Tuesday–Friday from 12:00–4:00 p.m. during the Americana Festival and/or School House Pop!, or call 937-291-2223 to make special arrangements.

The final Speaker Series program of the year takes place on Tuesday, May 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the RecPlex West Theater. Martin Gottlieb will be speaking about "**Lincoln's Northern Nemesis: Clement Vallandigham.**" The speaker series program is free and open to the public.

Saturday, May 20, CWH partners with



the Centerville-Washington Park District to present the family-friendly event "**Homesteading Ohio,**" an outdoor simulation at Bill Yeck Park based on the journey early settlers took in order to call Centerville home. Registration with the Parks District is required.



School House Pop! will return to the Asahel Wright House (26 N. Main St.) this summer. Listen to live music in the backyard and enjoy activities for kids on

a Saturday evening from 7:00–8:30 p.m.

on June 17, July 15 and August 19. Weather-permitting, the museums will be open for this free event.

May is membership month at Centerville-Washington History. Support your local historical society by joining and keep up to date on all the activities! Find out more at centervillewashintonghistory.org or call the Walton House Museum at 937-433-0123.

Sinclair College

Sinclair's Centerville Campus opened the new Allied Health labs in the fall of 2022 to service more than 100 students in a variety of Health Sciences programs including Nurse Aide Training, Patient Care Tech, Home Health Care, and Basic Life Support and First Aid. Phlebotomy and Electrocardiography certificates will begin this summer. Classes are offered Monday through Saturday throughout the day. The programs have excellent partnerships with local hospitals, including Miami Valley South right across the street.



MVCC Podcasts

Interested in creating a podcast show? The folks at the Miami Valley Communications Council (MVCC) located at 1195 East Alex Bell Road in Centerville have all the professional equipment you need to begin. Best of all, there is no cost to use their podcast center, and you even get a HD video version of the podcast, too. Podcasting is the perfect way to tell stories and share experiences with technology that is accessible, streamlined and fun for students and families. Getting started just requires a free one-hour podcast workshop. Opportunities are available throughout April-June and also by appointment.

Please go to mvccclasses.com or email volunteer@mvcc.net for more information.

MVCC HD Upgrade

Centerville's Channel 5 gets a big upgrade

There is good news for residents tuning into Channel 5 for all their Centerville shows... Spectrum has now upgraded the channel to high definition (HD). The educational channel 21 and community channel 991 have also improved with this change. This allows for council meetings, parades, high school sports, community access shows and more to be viewed in their original and intended formats. You can also go to mvcc.video to watch Centerville programming on demand in HD.



The First Dawn Food Pantry, located inside Restoration Church at 63 E. Franklin St., is open on Thursday evenings from 6:00-7:30 p.m. to serve those in need.

Donation barrels are inside Restoration Church and Bill's Donuts. For large donations, please contact firstdawnfoodpantry@gmail.com or 937-231-7860.

Special thanks to recent donors:

- Beam Technologies
- Bill's Donuts
- Noon Optimists Haunted Trail
- Fearless Church
- Shelly Bastian
- Just a Little Lunch
- Panera Bread
- Philly Pretzel Company
- CareSource
- St. Leonard's
- Tower Heights Middle School
- Stingley Elementary School



Centerville Police employees raised \$575 to support First Dawn Food Pantry.

THE GOLF CLUB
YANKEE TRACE
City of Centerville



DRIVING RANGE RENOVATION

The practice facility is getting a major upgrade to match the upscale architecture of the clubhouse! The proposed upgrades will create better turf conditions during the prime season and enhance the area for visitors and spectators. Additionally, the redesign will allow management to implement line-free convenient check-in procedures for customers. Designers are also planning a building to house the ball dispenser machine as well as a comfort station serving ice and water.

BOOK YOUR EVENT AT THE GOLF CLUB AT YANKEE TRACE!

The Golf Club at Yankee Trace offers an amazing location for your perfect event. In our 32,000 square foot clubhouse, we can entertain up to 250 guests and offer a variety of personalized services to make your event a one-of-a-kind showcase.

PATIO EXPANSION

Get ready for a large expansion of the clubhouse patio at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace along with a renovation of the 27-year-old kitchen. This project is designed to create a unique setting for group events, wedding ceremonies and receptions and casual dining. The renovations will update the exterior facility with tie-ins to the existing clubhouse for year-round entertaining opportunities amidst a welcoming, upscale aesthetic. Additionally, the patio expansion will allow Yankee Trace to host multiple events simultaneously and add considerably more seating to outdoor events like Jazz on the Green. Construction is anticipated for later this year.





STUBBS PARK SUMMER CONCERT SERIES



JUNE 4



Practically Petty

This Tom Petty Tribute Band is true to the spirit and essence of Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers. The group also prides itself on using the same equipment as the Heartbreakers so as not to leave any stone unturned.

JUNE 11

The Rock Show: A Tribute to Journey

This Journey tribute band must be seen and heard to be believed. The Rock Show will take you back to the days when Journey topped the charts playing all your favorite hits.

JUNE 18

Hotel California

A premier tribute to the Eagles and arguably the most popular in the world, the band members feel privileged to perform from such an extensive body of amazing work.

JUNE 25

Motown Sounds of Touch

This Dayton group has been entertaining and delighting audiences with energetic dance performances and engaging personalities, bringing audiences to their feet.

JULY 2

Landslide

Landslide knows how to hold the crowd as they perform the hits of Fleetwood Mac like "Over My Head" and "Landslide."

JULY 3

Americana Concert

Celebrate America's Independence with patriotic music from the Centerville Community Band and Centerville Community Chorus and the cannons of Fifth Ohio Light Artillery. It's the perfect way to kick off the Americana Festival!

JULY 9

Simply Queen

This popular live tribute returns, performing all the iconic Queen songs – musically and visually capturing the amazing live Queen experience that has filled stadiums worldwide.



JULY 16

Boys in the Band

There will never be another Alabama, but Boys in the Band aims to keep sharing the Down Home country music and showmanship made famous by their small town heroes.

JULY 23

Elton Rohn

Elton Rohn is thrilling audiences across North America, bringing the look and feel of a real Elton John performance.

JULY 28

Centerville POPS! Presents The Sci-Fi Experience

The Centerville Community Band and the Centerville Pops Strings invite you to bring your family and experience music, characters and special guests from big screen sci-fi!

JULY 30

The Fries Band

The Fries Band and its trio A Side of Fries is a top vocal band in the Dayton area. They focus on very tight three-, four- and five-part vocal harmonies primarily driven by acoustic guitars with keyboard, bass and drums.

AUG. 6

Credence Revived

Credence Revived has rapidly become one of the most sought after tribute bands, playing all over the globe.



AUG. 13

Beatlemania Magic

This nationally-touring Beatles tribute band recreates early Beatles concerts with identical costumes, equipment and spot-on harmonies.

AUG. 20

Hillbilly Rockstarz

These musicians grew up with the love of country and rock n' roll, each bringing a unique musical aesthetic to the band.

AUG. 27

Brass Tracks Band

This high-energy, eight-piece band features an amazing three-piece horn section and performs iconic band hits of the 60s, 70s, 80s and more.

Sponsored by:



All concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. Food trucks and concessions will be available at all shows.

SAFETY

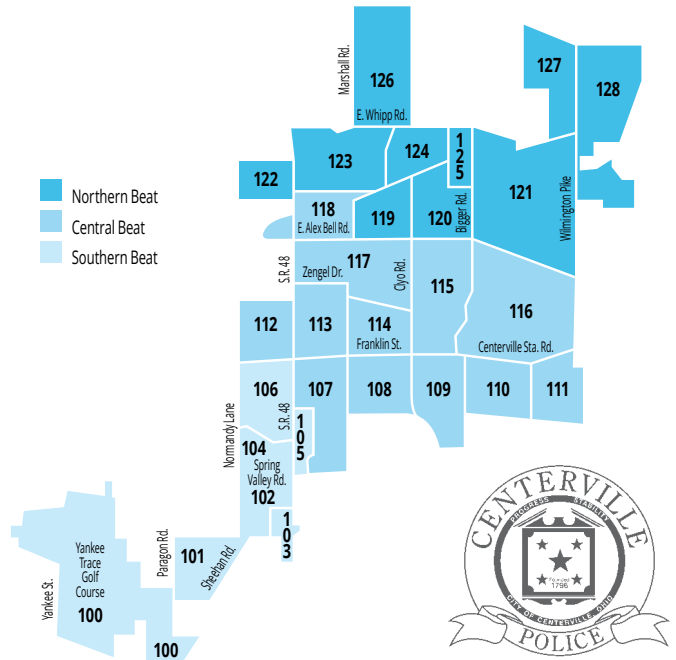
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¹November ²December ³January

RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS BURGLARIES							
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Residential and Business crime statistics

Statistic totals: November 2022-January 2023



LOCK IT DON'T LEAVE IT

The Centerville Police Department encourages you to take action to prevent theft! Most thefts from and of vehicles are entirely preventable. Remember to always lock your car, take your keys with you and don't leave valuable items visible.

Drug Take Back

Dispose of your unused or unwanted medications properly. DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is on Saturday, April 22, 2023, from 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. CPD will accept pills and capsules only (no sharps or liquids) in the front parking lot of the police department at 155 W. Spring Valley Rd.



Kalaman Blood Drive

The John P. Kalaman Blood Drive will be held on Thursday April 27, 2023 from 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. The Community Blood Center will hold the blood drive in the Centerville Police Department Training Center, 155 W. Spring Valley Rd. Donors are encouraged to schedule an appointment online at DonorTime.com or call 937-293-3373.

Mystery Night Out

The Centerville Police Department will celebrate National Night Out 2023 by hosting its annual Mystery Night Out clue search on Tuesday, August 1 at Stubbs Park. Event details and registration information will be announced through the department's Facebook page.

CSI CAMP

On June 9 and July 14, the Centerville Police Department will be hosting Crime Scene Investigation Camps for Centerville area students who have completed 6th, 7th or 8th grade. These one-day camps offer your son or daughter the opportunity to meet and work with actual crime scene investigators from the Centerville Police Department. Registration information will be distributed through the schools in May and will be on a first-come, first-served basis.



From Brooks Compton, Mayor

Spring has arrived and as we ease into summer, many exciting projects are moving forward. At the end of 2022, City Council passed an aggressive 2023 Budget to achieve the goals outlined in Centerville's 2018-2023 Strategic Plan.

In our 2023 financial blueprint, City Council budgeted for several significant capital investments across the City including the Centerville Police

Department's new Computer-Aided Dispatch and Records Management System, the Benham's Grove Improvement Project, the renovation of Stubbs Park, the patio expansion and kitchen update at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace and the I-675 and Wilmington Pike long-range interchange improvement project.

There is also significant work on the comprehensive Uptown revitalization Plan. Several well-attended community open houses outlining the scope and timing of the project generated great community feedback and support for the Uptown Plan. We have all seen the new businesses coming to Uptown and are pleased to report the first phase of organized public parking, with improvements addressing long standing drainage issues, is well underway with construction to begin in the next couple months. Proper public parking, drainage improvements and safer traffic patterns throughout Uptown are essential to the success of the businesses and the wellbeing of residents in or near Uptown Centerville.

As the first phase is completed, I am confident you will see the positive impact this will have for all of Centerville. This investment will continue to encourage economic development in the heart of our community and improve the quality of life for residents and welcome more visitors.

Without question, all of us individually, as families and as a City, are navigating challenging and unprecedented times. City Council and City Staff remain steadfast in our Mission to provide exceptional services through thoughtful governance to ensure progress and stability.

In fulfilling our City mission, it is important that we maintain strong working relationships with our governmental partners at the federal, state and local levels to advance and move our community's needs forward. We have been successful in the past, but we cannot rest on the past support we have received. In our continuing efforts to work with our partners, City Council and City staff recently spent a full day in Columbus meeting with our lawmakers to keep them aware of what is happening in Centerville and how they may assist us in moving Centerville forward.

Back in 2016 you overwhelmingly approved the increase in the local income tax rate which allowed Centerville Public Works to systematically work through the City's streets to improve and repave them, providing for a safer community. This also allowed the Centerville Police Department to fully staff and equip our nationally-recognized police department and Centerville's 24 hour 911 dispatch and allowed the City to strategically plan for future needs in all other departments.

It will be an exciting spring and summer of projects, both started and planned, and activities of all sorts, including the popular summer concert series at Stubbs Park, Parties in the Park, Yankee Trace golf and social activities or just a relaxing walk in one of our neighborhoods. Thank you. Have a great spring and summer in Warm and Cheerful Centerville!

Brooks A. Compton

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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 Commission7:00 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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Memorial Day

In commemoration of Memorial Day, the City of Centerville is remembering those who have died in service to our country with a ceremony saluting the men and women who have helped protect, preserve and maintain our freedom.

Please join us at 9:00 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial at Stubbs Park, 255 W. Spring Valley Rd. The program includes color guard presentations from Centerville VFW Post 9550, Centerville Police and Washington Township Fire honor guards, as well as opening remarks from Centerville Mayor Brooks Compton.

Centerville City offices will be closed in observance of Memorial Day. Waste collection will be delayed one day that week.



Garage Sale Reminder

Treasures abound at the City of Centerville's annual Citywide Garage Sale, which will begin on Thursday, April 27 through Saturday, April 29, 2023. Sales take place 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. each day in neighborhoods throughout Centerville. A list of participating addresses is available at centervilleohio.gov.

Events Calendar MAY–AUGUST 2023

May

- 1 7:30 p.m. City Council meeting, Council Chambers
- 1, 3, 9, 11 Clean Sweep
- 15 7:30 p.m. City Council meeting, Council Chambers
- 21 Centerville Merchant Market, Stubbs Park, 12:00–5:00 p.m.
- 29 9:00 a.m. Memorial Day Ceremony, Veterans Memorial; City Offices Closed

June

- 4 7:00 p.m. Practically Petty, Stubbs Park
- 5 7:30 p.m. City Council meeting, Council Chambers
- 9 5:00–9:00 p.m. Party in the Park, Stubbs Park
- 11 7:00 p.m. The Rock Show, Stubbs Park
- 18 7:00 p.m. Hotel California, Stubbs Park
- 25 7:00 p.m. Motown Sounds of Touch, Stubbs Park
- 26 7:30 p.m. City Council meeting, Council Chambers

July

- 2 7:00 p.m. Landslide, Stubbs Park
- 3 7:00 p.m. Americana Concert, Stubbs Park
- 4 Americana Festival, City Offices Closed

July continued

- 9 7:00 p.m. Simply Queen, Stubbs Park
- 14 5:00–9:00 p.m. Party in the Park, Stubbs Park
- 16 7:00 p.m. Boys in the Band, Stubbs Park
- 17 7:30 p.m. City Council meeting, Council Chambers
- 23 7:00 p.m. Elton Rohn, Stubbs Park
- 28 7:00 p.m. Centerville POPS, Stubbs Park
- 30 7:00 p.m. The Fries Band, Stubbs Park

August

- 1 5:30 p.m. Mystery Night Out, Stubbs Park
- 6 7:00 p.m. Creedence Revived, Stubbs Park
- 11 5:00–9:00 p.m. Party in the Park, Stubbs Park
- 13 7:00 p.m. Beatlemania Magic, Stubbs Park
- 14 7:30 p.m. City Council meeting, Council Chambers
- 20 7:00 p.m. Hillybilly Rockstarz, Stubbs Park
- 26 7:00 p.m. Shakespeare in the Park, Stubbs Park
- 27 7:00 p.m. Brass Tracks Band, Stubbs Park

For more information about any of these events, please visit centervilleohio.gov or call 937-433-7151.