

# City of Centerville

## Press Release

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### The City of Centerville Begins Comprehensive Plan Update

Centerville, Iowa – The City of Centerville is pleased to announce the kick off of its **Comprehensive Planning Update** starting September 11, 2017 @ 5:30 pm. The process will take the next 12 to 15 months of planning & public meetings. The Comprehensive Plan is the City’s blueprint for future policy changes and the vision for Centerville. It is a plan developed by our community and by its citizens to address a wide variety of issues that may include land use, transportation, housing, public infrastructure, historic preservation and economic development.

The City’s current Comprehensive Plan which was completed in 1961 needs be updated per the State of Iowa Code. Most plans are required to be updated every 10 years. The Comprehensive Planning process provides the city and community members with the opportunity to guide land use and development to meet the future needs of the city especially in terms of public health, safety and infrastructure. The update will enable the City to refine the vision on maintaining and enhancing the quality of life throughout the community.

Because this is a public process and the City wants to involve as many citizens as possible, the City along with Chariton Valley Planning & Development Council (CVPD) will be holding monthly meetings to gather information and data for each required element of the plan. The meetings will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at City Hall starting at 5:30 pm. As part of the plan update CVPD will host 3 Vision Statement sessions to develop the vision statement. Each meeting the City & CVPD will collect input, discuss ideas and answer questions pertaining the plan update. Residents will also be able to provide input via a comment sheet, survey and Facebook posts.

The following is a list of meetings dates:

September 11, 2017	Comprehensive Plan – Kick-off meeting @ City Hall @ 5:30 pm
September 13, 2017	1st Vision Statement Session @ CVPD office 1-4 pm
October 4, 2017	2nd Vision Statement Session @ CVPD office 1-4 pm
October 9, 2017	Comprehensive Plan Meeting @ City Hall @ 5:30 pm
November 8, 2017	3rd Vision Statement Session @ CVPD office 1-4 pm
November 13, 2017	Comprehensive Plan Meeting @ City Hall
December 11, 2017	Comprehensive Plan Meeting @ City Hall
January 8, 2018	Comprehensive Plan Meeting @ City Hall
February 12, 2018	Comprehensive Plan Meeting @ City Hall
March 12, 2018	Comprehensive Plan Meeting @ City Hall
April 9, 2018	Comprehensive Plan Meeting @ City Hall
May 14, 2018	Comprehensive Plan Meeting @ City Hall
June 11, 2018	Comprehensive Plan Meeting @ City Hall

July 9, 2018	Comprehensive Plan Meeting @City Hall
August 13, 2018	Comprehensive Plan Meeting @ City Hall
September 10, 2018	Comprehensive Plan Meeting @ City Hall
October 8, 2018	Comprehensive Plan Meeting @ City Hall
	Public Open House – 2nd review of Draft Comp Plan
November 5, 2018	Centerville Council meeting
December 3, 2018	Centerville Council meeting

Nichole L. Moore, Executive Director of Chariton Valley Planning & Development Council says, “I am looking forward to working with the City and community members on the Comprehensive Plan update and the new vision of tomorrow.” The plan will guide the City in decisions that will be planned for growth and development of the city. We invite all residents, business owners, landowners, employees, students and interested parties to take part in this new vision of Centerville and the planning process. “Centerville – A New Vision of Tomorrow”.

If you have further questions regarding this process and how to get involved, you may contact City Hall at 641-437-4339 or Chariton Valley Planning & Development Council of Governments at 641-437-4359.