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**City of Xenia Celebrates Preservation Week with a Tour of Bullskin Trace Neighborhood and the Legacy Ministries Campus and a short presentation of “Presidential Wives” by our City’s famous historian, Wendell Cultice.**

**City of Xenia, Ohio April 24, 2009** – Residents in our City will join thousands of individuals across the country to celebrate National Preservation Month this May. “*This Place Matters!*” is the theme of the month-long celebration sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Since the National Trust for Historic Preservation created Preservation Week in 1971 to spotlight grassroots preservation efforts in America, it has grown into an annual celebration observed by small towns and big cities with events ranging from architectural and historic tours and award ceremonies, to fundraising events, educational programs and heritage travel opportunities. Due to its overwhelming popularity, in 2005, the National Trust for Historic Preservation extended the celebration to the entire month of May and declared it Preservation Month to provide an even longer opportunity to celebrate the diverse and unique heritage of our country’s cities and states and enable more Americans to become involved in the growing preservation movement.

Here in **Xenia** Preservation Month 2009 will be observed with a guided Walking Tour of the Bullskin Trace Neighborhood and Legacy Ministries Campus and it will be topped by a presentation on Presidential Wives by Wendell Cultice, a well known local historian who brings to life historical figures. The tour will start at the Xenia Station Hub promptly at 10 a.m. on May 8, 2009.

The walking tour which will be led by Nimfa Simpson, City Planner will show case the Bullskin Trace Neighborhood that has a good collection of architectural homes ranging from Victorian, Italianate, Cottage and Federal. Participants of the tour will also hear about Bullskin Trace which is now the present day Detroit Street. The tour will end at the Legacy Ministries Campus, which is a model of a successful revitalization project that the City of Xenia is proud of. Wendell Cultice will do his presentation on the “Presidential Wives” in one of the rooms located stately Administrative Building of Athletes in Actions, one of the ministries located on campus.

“Walking Tours” are some of the ways the City of Xenia show case its historic neighborhoods which are considered as one of the City’s assets, according to Jim

Percival, City Manager. This will be the third organized Walking Tour that will be offered which we will continue to provide in the future, Mr. Percival said. We are proud to be part of the Preservation Week for by saving the places where great moments from history – and the important moments of everyday life – took place, preservation helps revitalize neighborhoods and communities, spark economic development and promote environmental sustainability.

We welcome everyone to the tour whether they would like to walk or bike with the group. To sign up for the tour, please call Nancy Pitstick at 376-7284 or e-mail her at [npitstick@ci.xenia.oh.us](mailto:npitstick@ci.xenia.oh.us)

Learn more about National Preservation Month at [www.PreservationNation.org/PreservationMonth](http://www.PreservationNation.org/PreservationMonth).

Also, if you wish to read ahead about the Bullskin Trace Neighborhood, visit the City's web site at [www.ci.xenia.oh.us](http://www.ci.xenia.oh.us). and search for Historic Walking and Biking Tour.

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