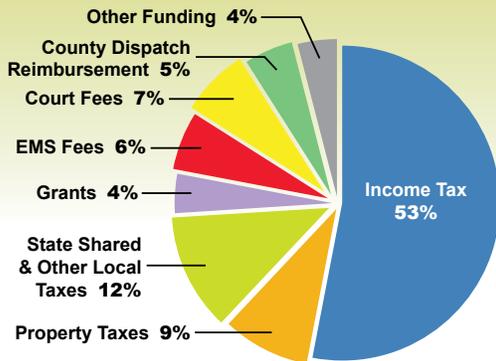
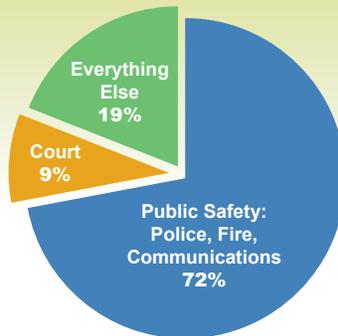


Revenues vs. Expenses



2009 General Revenue Sources



2009 General Operating and Capital Expenses

Revenues:

The City of Xenia receives revenue from a variety of sources. The primary source is income tax which has been significantly declining since 2007. State shared taxes have also seen major reductions while property tax has had modest growth.

Expenses:

• Public Safety

Seventy-two percent (about 12.1 million dollars in 2009) of the city's general operating expenses are Public Safety forces (Police, Fire, and Communications [911]). But the dedicated revenue for Public

- Where the City's money comes from.
- How it is spent.
- Why additional revenue is needed.

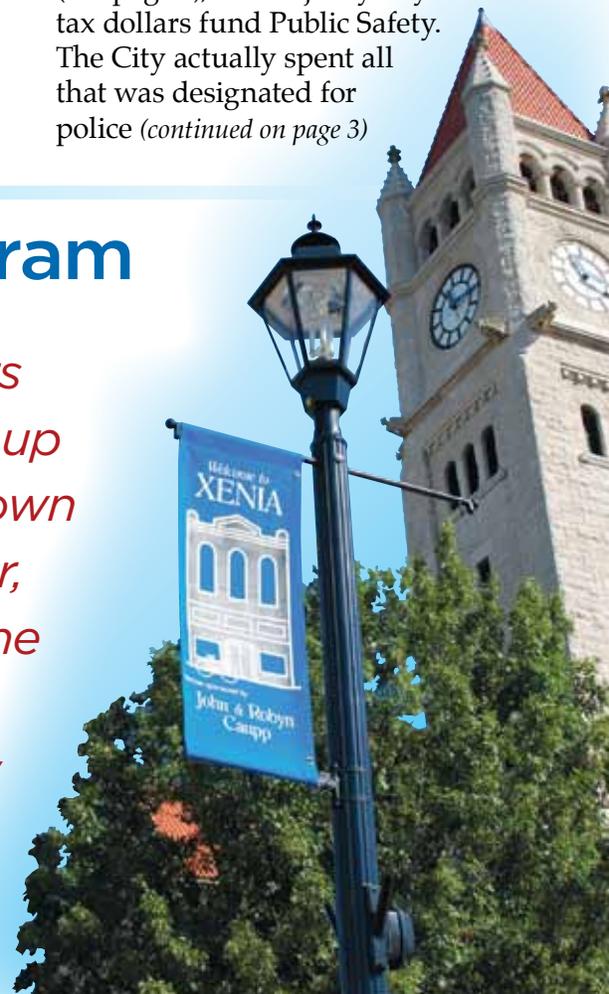
Safety services in 2009 was just over 6 million dollars, so another 6.1 million dollars had to be transferred to the Public Safety fund to cover the cost. (See actual figures on page 3.)

Assertions have been made that the City is not spending the taxes dedicated specifically to police and fire on those functions. While the City does provide other services (see page 3), the majority of your tax dollars fund Public Safety. The City actually spent all that was designated for police (continued on page 3)

Banner Sponsorship Program a Huge Success!

In 2009, the Board for Recreation, Arts, and Cultural Activities developed the Street Pole Banner Sponsorship Program. Phase I consists of 36 banners, which have been installed in the downtown corridor. Orders for Phase II banners are being collected now, and these will complete the downtown corridor. Future phases will include the bike path along N. Detroit Street across from Shawnee Park as well as seasonal banners. Individuals, families, businesses and organizations are invited to sponsor a banner, which will help achieve the goal of creating a beautiful streetscape in Xenia. Banner sponsorships are \$120 each, and you can be acknowledged at the bottom of your banner if you wish. Please contact Councilwoman Jeanne Mills at 673-8347 to place your order or go to our website at www.ci.xenia.oh.us for more information.

Banners spruce up downtown corridor, welcome visitors, & show Xenia's pride.

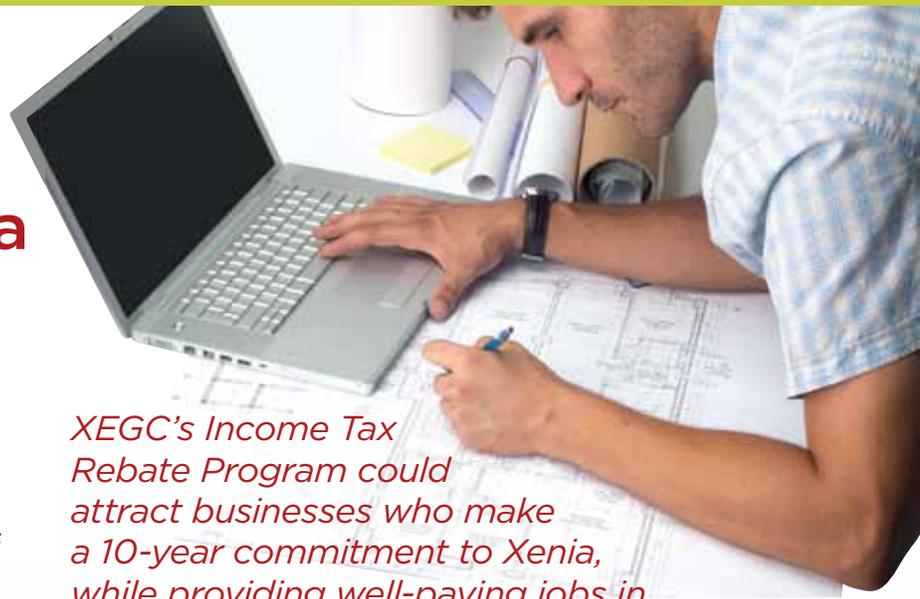


Income Tax Rebate will bring Higher-Paying Jobs to Xenia

Xenia Economic Growth Corporation (XEGC) has announced an income tax rebate program meant to attract qualified new businesses offering well-paying jobs, as well as to assist our existing businesses with expansion opportunities.

The program will rebate a portion of income taxes collected from non-retail businesses that create at least 45 new full time jobs with a wage of 150 percent of the federal minimum wage (which equates to \$10.88 per hour), or 20 jobs at 400 percent of the federal minimum wage (which equates to \$28 per hour) or some combination of the two so long as total payroll exceeds \$1 million for those jobs paying in excess of 150 percent of the federal minimum wage. At least 20 percent of the jobs would have to be held by Xenia City residents.*

Companies will be eligible for a rebate for up to five years, if they commit to staying in Xenia for at least 10 years. The rebate agreement will contain clawback provisions if they were to leave prior to the 10-year period or significantly reduce employment.



XEGC's Income Tax Rebate Program could attract businesses who make a 10-year commitment to Xenia, while providing well-paying jobs in manufacturing, distribution, and R&D.

Qualifying businesses must be involved in manufacturing, distribution, or research and development. Companies will be required to provide annual employment data including total jobs by classification, wage rate per job, and residency of employees to ensure thresholds are being met.

The program will be administered by XEGC. All rebate agreements will be subject to approval by Xenia City Council.

*Other stipulations apply. For more information, contact XEGC at 937-372-6389 or 1-800-GO-XENIA.

“New” Spring Hill Park offers Family-Friendly Fitness

“Outdoor Gym” design provides fitness course, walking path, basketball court, and children’s playground.



Xenia’s neighborhood park at Ormsby Drive and Lake Street is no longer just for kids! It’s a place where children, teens and adults can exercise on a new fitness course, play a variety of outdoor sports, or simply walk along the new walking path while the children play on new playground equipment.

As a result of a 2007 park redevelopment plan and direct citizen input, the City of Xenia discovered that the park, dilapidated and underused, needed to provide activities that could be used by a wide age and fitness range of persons.

As a result of the Master Plan and the City’s careful use of private and public funding, updated age-spanning additions have been made

such as an outdoor gym with a fitness course, pedestrian walking paths, a basketball court, and a children’s playground. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds were utilized in building the walking path and installing the fitness track. It is hoped that further funds will be obtained to provide a shelter house, park benches, barbecues, water fountains, and other family-friendly features.

On August 10, 2010, the Board for Recreation Arts and Cultural Activities invited the public to celebrate the rededication of Spring Hill Park. Since then, many Xenians have praised the park, which provides a successful quality-of-life model for the City and the region.

Revenues vs. Expenses

(continued from page 1)

and fire on those services and much more. The cost of the Public Safety divisions is more than the sum of every income tax dollar, property tax dollar, and EMS fee collected in 2009.

2009 Public Safety Revenues: \$6,044,552.75

2009 Public Safety Expenses: \$12,136,059.20

Deficit: -\$6,091,506.45

It is true that there were more public safety officers employed in 1991 after the passage of the levy than there are today. This is because the cost of employing those individuals has grown faster than the taxes being collected.

The money is not being spent elsewhere.

• Everything Else

The City provides a variety of other services. Some of these are required by federal or state law and others add to the quality of life in Xenia.

Those services include operating street lights, maintaining parks, contracting with the Greene County Health Department and Animal Control services, maintaining Xenia facilities, Community Development, Planning, Engineering, Human Resources, Finance, Tax, City Clerk, City Manager's Office, the Law Department, City Council, Recreation, Civil Defense, Information Technology, and more.

• Municipal Court

The City of Xenia is required to provide funding for the Municipal Court. The court works with the city to provide cost effective services; however, Council has limited authority over their operations. Judge Michael Murry has increased court costs twice in order to bring our costs more in line with similarly sized courts, but this change has not made up for the shortfall. Fewer law enforcement personnel issuing citations has also contributed to the Court's issues. The Court's revenues have improved in 2010 and the City is hopeful the gap between revenues and expenses can be reduced in the future. A portion of the increase in revenue can be attributed to the Court's use of Capital Recovery to assist in collecting unpaid fines.

2009 Municipal Court Revenues: \$1,177,165.56

2009 Municipal Court Expenses: \$1,481,099.88

Deficit: -\$303,934.32

The Bottom Line:

2009 General Operating Revenues: \$8,735,120.33

2009 General Operating Expenses: \$9,622,613.83

Deficit: -\$887,493.50

This deficit must be eliminated to ensure the financial stability of our city.



Xenia Mayor Marsha Bayless presents a Beautification Award to Patrick Higgins.

Beautification Awards

... recognize citizens who improve and maintain their properties, making Xenia a great place to live, work, and play.

Beautification Awards were created by the Board for Recreation, Arts & Cultural Activities to encourage Xenia residents and other owners to develop and maintain their properties in an attractive manner, thereby improving their neighborhood and the community as a whole.

Nominations may be turned in or mailed to the City Clerk, 101 N. Detroit Street, by the 25th of the month preceding the award month. You may nominate yourself, your neighbor, or a local business. Beautification awards are issued monthly from June through October. All recipients receive a certificate and their addresses are displayed on the City's government channel. For additional information, email Councilwoman Jeanne Mills at jmills@ci.xenia.oh.us.

The City of Xenia is a public utility, providing management, planning, maintenance & repair, and upgrades of our water, sewer, and stormwater systems. Here are some recent and planned improvements to Xenia's Utility Systems.



Utilities Update:

Keeping the Water Flowing

A public utility is an organization that maintains the infrastructure for a public service such as electricity, natural gas, water and sewage. The City of Xenia is a public utility that provides services for water, sewer, and stormwater management to customers in the City as well as neighboring jurisdictions. Each public utility is responsible for making sure that its system stays in good working order.

Utilities such as the ones provided by the City of Xenia are funded through dedicated revenue sources that are classified as enterprise funds, or funds that provide goods or services to the public for a fee that makes the entity self-supporting. Examples of enterprise funds within the City of Xenia are the water, sewer and stormwater funds. Enterprise funds are to be dedicated to their service designation and are NOT able to be comingled with any tax-based funding.

The City of Xenia maintains a series of assets within their utility systems including treatment plants, hundreds of miles of piping, pumping stations, water towers, rolling fleet and other supporting pieces. The City of Xenia works diligently to operate and maintain these assets while providing quality service at affordable rates.

Here are some recent and planned improvements to the City's utilities:

20-Inch Water Main Project

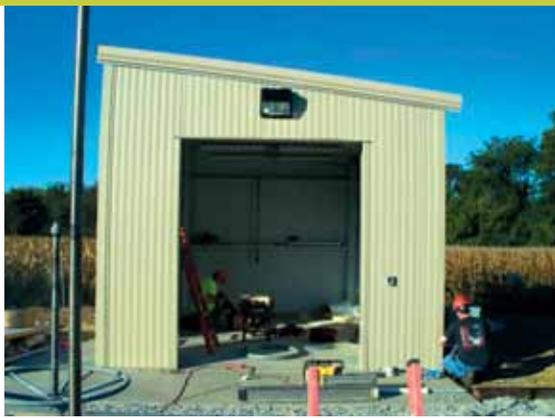
In May 2009, the City completed the design for the construction of a 20" redundant water transmission main that spans N. Detroit Street from the Water Treatment Plant to just south of Kinsey Road. This totals more than 13,000 feet of water piping to be installed. Once the redundant main is constructed, water service to Xenia customers will neither be interrupted nor adversely affected during emergency situations. The project was estimated to cost \$1.4 million. In September 2009, the City received notification from the local project review committee of the State of Ohio that the project was selected for grant funding in the amount of \$1,036,000. The City will be responsible for the remainder of the project cost. The project is currently at the permitting stage with construction slated in the coming months.

Water Treatment Plant Generator Replacement

Completed in 2009, the project included the replacement of the existing 2,400 volt/900 kw facility generator and fueling systems. This installation will help to safeguard water service from the Water Treatment Plant to the City's water system.

Contract A Improvement Project (Ford Road WWTP)

The Contract A Improvement Project at the Ford Road WWTP



Above: Water Treatment Plant Generator Replacement

Above: Ford Road Contract A Improvement Project

Above: LMR Stream Restoration Project

is driven by 3 factors: infrastructure rehabilitation, regulatory compliance, and operational efficiency. The project entails 3 main phases, a new solids handling structure and conveyance system, a new post-aeration system, and a new recessed, plant-outfall headwall. This project is well underway and set for completion in the fall of 2010.

LMR Stream Restoration Project

In 2009, the City of Xenia received funding from the Ohio EPA Section 319 Nonpoint Source Program and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) via the Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund. This funding is being provided in order to implement a stream restoration project on the Little Miami River in the vicinity of the Ford Road Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). The project includes restoration along approximately 1,500 linear feet of the Little Miami River both upstream and downstream of the Ford Road WWTP outfall. The objective of the project will be to address severe bank erosion and instability, and to restore riparian cover. The Little Miami River is designated a State and National Scenic River. No city funds will be expended on the project. This project is also well underway and slated for completion by the coming winter.

Semi-Annual Fire Hydrant Flushing Schedule

Water will remain safe to drink throughout flushing schedule

Twice a year the City of Xenia flushes fire hydrants in order to test the hydrants and clean the water mains.

The City will commence the flushing program on Monday, October 18, 2010, and continue until Friday, October 22, 2010. We will be conducting the flushing program during the day. The hours of flushing will be from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

The water is safe to drink. However, it is suggested that ALL residents check the water before attempting to draw water or to do laundry.

For those persons having a water softener, it is suggested that the unit not be cycled at night unless the water has been checked. In addition, the softener can be bypassed if the water is discolored for any length of time.

The tentative schedule is available on our website or by going to the following web address: <http://www.ci.xenia.oh.us/uploads/Public%20Service%20Department/Maintenance%20Division/Hydrant%20Flushing%20Oct%202010.pdf>

Xenia says Goodbye to Nimfa Simpson, Welcomes new City Planner Forschner

Nimfa Simpson retired on June 30th after 26 years of distinguished service, always working to improve the economic vitality of the City, and the quality of life for all Xenians.

During her time with us, Nimfa Simpson became a Certified Planner and was involved in every land use and planning issue faced by our city over these many years. Additionally, she has been an integral part of just about every significant step Xenia has taken over the past quarter century.

She also served as Xenia's staff representative as a regional partner on the Greene County Regional Planning Commission (GCRPC) and the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) to identify priorities and implement collaborative strategies to improve the quality of life and economic vitality for the City of Xenia, Greene County, and the Miami Valley.

On September 7th, the City welcomed Brian Forschner, AICP, as the new City Planner. Mr. Forschner

has nearly 10 years of both public and private sector planning experience, including the City of Middletown, Woolpert, and McKenna Associates. He received his Master of City and Regional Planning from The Ohio State University and his Bachelor of Arts in Geography/Urban and Regional Planning from Miami University.

Even as the City is facing a serious budget crisis and numerous positions have been eliminated since 2003, the City Manager felt the City Planner was an essential position to fill. The City Planner and the Planning and Zoning Department, which is comprised of only one other employee (Zoning Enforcement Officer), is responsible for community planning and efficient use of resources and opportunities.



Brian Forschner brings 10 years of public and private sector planning experience to City Planner post.

City Planner's Duties are Many and Varied

Long Range Planning: *Develops and maintains Comprehensive Plans for land development (land use plans, transportation and bikeway plans, parks and recreation plans, and special improvement and development plans).*

Regional Land Use Initiatives: *Assesses and identifies local improvement needs for incorporation into regional plans and accesses grant funding opportunities.*

Data and Information Services: *Manages the City's database that includes census and demographic information, City history, building and development statistics, and neighborhood information.*

Development Services: *Manages and coordinates development services, which includes comprehensive review and approval of development plans and requires coordination*

with the Xenia Planning and Zoning Commission, the Board of Zoning Appeals, and Xenia City Council.

Zoning Enforcement: *Administers the Planning and Zoning Code through the proper review and approval of zoning permit applications, post-construction verification of compliance with approved plans, and investigation and appropriate disposition of zoning code violations. This division works closely with the Greene County Office of Building Regulations, which administers the City's building and inspection services.*

The Planning and Zoning Department is located at the Public Service Center, 966 Towler Road, Xenia. The City Planner can be reached at (937) 376-7285 and the Zoning Enforcement Officer can be reached at (937) 376-7277.

2010 Curbside Leaf Collection Cancelled due to Financial Conditions

Alternate means of leaf disposal provided

As a result of the severe financial conditions facing our community, the City of Xenia is cancelling the municipal leaf collection program for 2010. This means that curbside pick-up of leaves WILL NOT take place, but residents have two alternatives for leaf disposal:

Greene County Environmental Services:

Residents may dispose of fall leaves and other yard waste at the GCES facility located at 2145 Greene Way Boulevard in Xenia. Brush, leaves and yard waste at the facility are ground into untreated mulch and available free to Greene County businesses and residents.

Residents are reminded of the following:

- Residents must unload their own vehicles.
- Please arrive at least ten minutes before closing so

you can be unloaded by closing.

- Brush should be no longer than four feet and no greater than four inches in diameter.

Hours of operation at the GCES are Monday - Thursday, 1 pm - 8 pm; Saturday, 9 am - 4 pm; closed Friday and Sunday.

Rumpke Trash Collection: Residents may have their leaves collected as part of their weekly curbside trash pickup. Leaves should be placed in regular trash bags, securely closed. A limit of 12 total bags (trash and leaves) will be collected once weekly, per the regular trash pick-up schedule. Please note that leaves collected by Rumpke will be processed into the landfill and will not be recycled.

Many City Projects Funded by Outside Sources

City Staff works very hard to bring outside resources into the Community to complete needed projects that we cannot afford with City dollars. Here are just a few examples of that effort:

There have been several questions asked regarding the funding of major projects about to begin in the City. The first two phases of the West Main Street enhancement project will begin this fall. The first phase of this project began with a grant request to the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) in October 2006. This project will install enhancements to West Main Street from Progress Drive to Allison Avenue along the north side of the roadway as well as a new entrance sign to the City at the corner of Progress Drive and W. Main Street. As the City progressed with the design of this project we were made aware that, because of the timing of the project, the City would be eligible for additional external funding. The total budget for this phase is \$369,924 with only \$15,757 coming from local funding sources.

In October 2007 the City applied through MVRPC for the second phase of the West Main Street enhancement program, which will install enhancements to West Main Street mostly in the center of the roadway. This phase

will also add additional lighting to this roadway near Allison Avenue and Cox Stadium. The total budget for this phase of the project is \$352,555 with only \$14,102 coming from local sources. In total, the City of Xenia will receive over \$700,000 of improvements for less than \$30,000. This is a good investment of City funds.

Another project that will be undertaken soon is the completion of the paving of the Jamestown Connector. On August 19th the City received 7 bids for the completion of the paving of the 3.35-mile section of the trail from Washington Street to Jasper Road. The low bidder on this project is Barrett Paving. Barrett has completed many trails in the region and is an excellent contractor. The bid price for these improvements is \$541,043.65. The funding for this will come from two sources: in 2007 the City was able to secure \$430,000 in Clean Ohio Trail Funds (COTF) from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, and \$200,000 in Ohio Capital Funds through the Ohio Department of Development. Therefore, none of the hard costs for this project will be paid for by the City of Xenia. The only costs that the City has in the project are in-kind services. This project will begin in the near future and be completed by the end of the year.

Xenia City Hall

101 N. Detroit Street
(937) 376-7232

Xenia Police Division

(937) 376-7200

Xenia Fire Division

Non-Emergency
(937) 376-7278

Xenia Utility Billing

(937) 376-7242

**Street and Storm
Sewer Maintenance**

(937) 376-7265

Xenia Planning Dept.

(937) 376-7285

Trash Pick-Up

(800) 223-3960
(Rumpke)

**For more information,
visit Xenia's website:**

<http://www.ci.xenia.oh.us>

**The City of Xenia will be on the ballot with Issue 9.
Don't forget to vote on November 2.**

Information on Issue 9:

If the .5% (1/2 of 1 percent) income tax increase is approved, it will generate approximately 2.5 million dollars.

If you don't pay income taxes (pensions, unemployment, disability or other public assistance payments), you **WILL NOT** pay this tax.

HALF of that will be dedicated solely for Public Safety to restore 6 firefighter positions and 6 police officer positions, to reopen Fire Station 2, and for public safety capital purchases.

The remaining estimated 1.25 million dollars will be used for street repairs and other general capital improvements.

More detailed information about the proposed .5% income tax increase can be found on the City's website:
<http://www.ci.xenia.oh.us>.

Upcoming Events & Important Dates:

Oct. 18-22: Semi-Annual Fire Hydrant Flushing

Oct. 30: Trick or Treat, 6 to 8 p.m.

Nov. 2: General Election Day

Nov. 7: Daylight Savings Time Ends

Nov. 11, Veterans' Day: City offices will be closed

Nov. 25 and 26, Thanksgiving holiday: City offices will be closed

December: "Holiday in the City" event, details coming soon

Dec. 24, Christmas holiday: City offices will be closed*

Dec. 31, New Year's holiday: City offices will be closed*

Holiday Trash Collection Schedule:

Jan. 1, New Year's Day: may be delayed

Jan. 17, Martin Luther King Jr. Day: as scheduled

May 30, Memorial Day: delayed 1 day

July 4, Independence Day: may be delayed

Sept. 5, Labor Day: delayed 1 day

Nov. 11, Veterans Day: as scheduled

Nov. 24 and 25, Thanksgiving holiday: Thursday's trash collection will be on Friday, and Friday's collection will be on Saturday.

Dec. 25, Christmas Day: may be delayed

***Note:** When a holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, trash collection will not be affected. However, City offices will be closed the preceding Friday when an observed holiday falls on a Saturday, and closed on the following Monday when a holiday falls on a Sunday.