



The City of Xenia wants to hear your ideas for the future of your community!

A Plan for Xenia, by Xenians

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The City of Xenia wants to hear from Xenians about their ideas for the future of the community! "X-Plan" is the City's first update of its comprehensive plan since 1997. A comprehensive plan is a community-based vision for future development and a roadmap of how to get there. It asks citizens what their vision is for the future of the community and then coordinates a wide range of City policies, actions and decisions toward achieving that vision. A comprehensive plan helps a community to be proactive, empower its residents to get engaged, build consensus around a vision, leverage resources, and guide ongoing public and private decisions that affect the City's future.

The X-Plan website (www.ci.xenia.oh.us/x-plan.html) describes X-Plan and how the process will work. It includes an email link that allows citizens to sign up to receive email updates about the project.

Below is an overview of opportunities Xenians will have to help shape X-Plan:

Public Workshops. Five interactive workshops are planned, open to all Xenia citizens. The first three workshops (to be held in November and January) will be interactive, small-group-oriented and focused on finding out what's important to Xenians and hearing ideas for future development and community improvement. The last two workshops (to be held in Spring/Fall 2012) will be open-house-format meetings where drafts of X-Plan at different stages will be presented for public viewing and feedback.

Online Participation. A virtual meeting web page will be developed where participants will be invited to post their ideas in response to questions about various issues, and then vote on one another's answers. Online participation sessions will be publicized and generally held during the same period of time as the traditional public workshops, in order to provide an alternative opportunity for citizens who may not be willing or able to attend physical meetings.

Survey. The City will utilize Wright State University's Center for Urban and Public Affairs to perform an updated Citizen Perception Survey in late 2011.

School Classroom Exercise. City staff will involve students by working with the Xenia Community School District to incorporate an X-Plan classroom visioning exercise.

Additional Meetings. City staff will meet with established community groups and organizations as an additional means of capturing different perspectives in the community.

Steering Committee. The X-Plan Steering Committee will be a group of community leaders from the public, private and nonprofit sectors that will oversee the Comprehensive Plan's development and assist with community outreach. An important role of this group—which will include both residents and non-residents—will be building a foundation for future partnerships with the City to help implement the plan.

The City will utilize a range of outreach methods to notify the public about upcoming meetings and online participation sessions as they draw closer such as press releases, the City's website and Facebook page, email blasts, utility bills, the Government Channel, and flyers posted at public sites.

To learn more and keep track of the process – go to www.ci.xenia.oh.us/x-plan.html, and/or sign up for email updates by sending an email to xplan@ci.xenia.oh.us (enter "xplan" as the subject).

Upcoming X-Plan meetings:

Public Workshop #1: Key Issues and Big Ideas - Wednesday, November 16, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Public Workshop #2: Community Visioning and Priority Goals - Wednesday, November 30, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Both meetings to be held in the Media Room, Greene County Jobs and Family Services Building, 541 Ledbetter Road.

See Full Schedule of X-Plan Meetings and Events on Page 7.

Senate Bill 5 - Changes to Ohio's collective bargaining system for public employees

This November Ohio voters will be asked to either support or reject Senate Bill 5, the collective bargaining reform law passed by the Ohio Legislature and approved by Governor John Kasich.

What are the major changes to Ohio's collective bargaining system for public employees if voters support the enactment of Senate Bill 5?

State Government:

- Eliminates the current wage schedule based upon seniority of service, and calls for development of pay increases upon a merit-based system.
- Establishes that longevity shall no longer be the sole basis for determining which employees are released within a layoff, but to also include efficiency in service, appointment type, and other factors the director deems appropriate.
- Redefines retention points to include: length of service, efficiency in service, and other similar factors as defined by the Director of Administrative Services.
- Prohibits employee participation in health insurance benefits negotiation, and requires that employees pay for at least 15% of health insurance costs.

Local Government:

- Removes the requirement that negotiations reaching impasse with safety forces must go to binding arbitration. Instead the legislative body is charged with hearing and selecting one side's final proposal.
- Removes health insurance from collective bargaining. Provides management the flexibility to select an insurance policy affordable to both the employees and the employer, and employees must pay at least 15 percent of the health insurance cost.
- Prohibits public employers from picking up extra employee pension contributions beyond what employers are already required to contribute.
- Requires mediators to consider wages of employees who are not members of the union and does not allow them to consider future tax increases as part of an entity's ability to pay.
- No longer requires that once a subject is included in a contract that it becomes a mandatory part of future bargaining.
- Defines "impasse" as a lack of agreement after 90 days. After that point, it requires each side to make public its last, best offer.
- No longer makes length of service the key factor when deciding on layoffs.

- Requires a public employer to publish on its website any changes in the union contract that impact compensation of employees.
- Requires the employer and the State Employment Relations Board (SERB) to publish the parties' offer on their websites before and after the fact-finding process is complete.
- Limits sick leave payout to 50% of the accrued amount with a cap of 1000 hours.
- Defines supervisor in law enforcement and fire departments (i.e. captains) the same as non-safety forces. As a result, safety forces management positions currently in a bargaining unit should be excluded.
- Reduces sick leave for employees from 15 days per year to 10 days per year.
- Requires separate collective bargaining agreements for firefighter rank and file members and members in the rank of lieutenant or above.
- Prohibits bargaining on subjects of health insurance, staffing levels, past practices, employee retirement contribution pick-ups, and privatization.
- Maintains mandatory subjects of bargaining related to wages, hours of employment and other terms and conditions of employment.

How does your vote count?

- A YES vote on Issue 2 would be to enact Senate Bill 5.
- A NO vote on Issue 2 would be to reject Senate Bill 5.

State Budget Cuts Will Significantly Reduce City Revenues

The State Budget contains significant cuts to local governments, including more than a \$300,000 reduction in Xenia City local government fund revenue for 2012 with additional reduction anticipated for 2013. In addition, the budget calls for an accelerated phase out of the reimbursement the City receives from the State due to the elimination of the personal property tax and calls for a reduction in the distribution to cities of intangible, kilowatt, and natural gas distribution tax collection. Ultimately, these additional cuts will reduce City revenues by another \$200,000 with most of that reduction taking place this year. The State also passed legislation eliminating the estate tax in 2013. Over the past few years the City has received a range of \$100,000 to \$500,000 per year on the estate tax. The City also anticipates a reduction of 5% in property tax collections resulting from the update of the property valuations by the Greene County Auditor's office. Overall these cuts could amount to well over \$1,000,000 in reduced revenue for the City by 2013.

On the other side of the ledger there was legislation adopted by the State that would, in different ways, seek to reduce City expenditures to mitigate the reduction of State funding to the cities. The most discussed piece of legislation is Senate Bill 5, which addresses collective bargaining in the public sector. Proponents of this legislation say it will give management and legislative bodies more ability to control labor costs for their respective communities. Opponents of this legislation are concerned that it reduces collective bargaining rights. This issue is on the ballot in November. Other legislation enacted to help local governments save money include allowing public and legal notices to be advertised on a new State website, allowing governments to sell advertising on their website, use of single prime contracting and design build for construction projects, providing funding for collaborative efforts with other jurisdictions and a reduction in mandates. The savings to the City on some of these initiatives could be substantial over time but is hard to quantify. The City has already undertaken a



number of cost saving and revenue producing measures including personnel cuts, changes to health insurance, public and legal notices on the City website, and passage of a .5% income tax increase in 2010. The City will continue to monitor any additional legislative changes as they move through the process to determine the effect on the City financial outlook.

Automatic Payment Options for Utility Bills and Quarterly Income Tax Payments

The City of Xenia Accounts Receivable Division reminds Xenia utility customers that utility bills may be paid automatically via ACH withdrawal from your checking account. Also, quarterly Xenia City Income Tax estimated payments may be paid in the same manner.

The forms to sign-up for these programs are available at our website (www.ci.xenia.oh.us). Enter "ACH" in the search box and you will be directed to the correct forms. Please read the information on the form carefully.

Monthly utility bills are mailed around the 16th of each month with a due date of the 4th of the following month. Once the Utility ACH sign-up and testing process is complete, customers will receive their bills with a notice "PLEASE DO NOT PAY – Payment will automatically be deducted from your bank on the due date".

Quarterly estimated income tax payments are due on April 15, July 15, October 15, and January 15. Once the Income Tax ACH sign-up and testing process is complete, taxpayers will receive a reminder email approximately 15 days before the withdrawal.

Customers with questions about Utility ACH withdrawal should contact Utility Billing at utb@ci.xenia.oh.us (do not email confidential banking information), 937-376-7242 (voice) or 937-376-8914 (fax).

Taxpayers with questions about Income Tax ACH withdrawal should contact Income Tax at tax@ci.xenia.oh.us (do not email confidential banking or income tax information), 937-376-7248 (voice) or 937-376-8914 (fax).

Internet, Phone Payment Options for Income Tax

Xenia taxpayers now have additional options available to pay their City of Xenia Income Taxes. Payment via Mastercard, Visa, Discover and American Express are now available via Official Payments.

Taxpayers may use the Official Payments links on the Xenia website -- www.ci.xenia.oh.us -- or go directly to the Official Payments website -- www.officialpayments.com -- and use jurisdiction code 8440. Credit card payments by phone are accepted by calling 1-800-2PAY-TAX (1-800-272-9829) and entering jurisdiction code 8440. You will need your City of Xenia Income Tax Division account number to make a payment through Official Payments. There is a fee of 2.75% of the transaction or \$3.95 (whichever is greater).

Both individual and business taxpayers may use Official Payments to make payments for final returns, estimated taxes or employer withholdings.

Municipal Court Hires New Probation Officer

Judge Michael K. Murry enthusiastically introduces Melinda Bettac as Xenia Municipal Court's new Chief Probation Officer who began her duties with the court on August 1, 2011.

For the past seven years, Mrs. Bettac served as a Felony Probation Officer with the Delaware County Adult Court Services, Delaware, Ohio. Prior to that she worked for three years as a Juvenile Detention Officer and interned with the U.S. Office of Inspector General, Criminal Investigations. Mrs. Bettac earned a B.S. in Psychology and Criminology from Capital University and a Masters Degree in Criminal Justice from the American Military Academy, Charleston, West Virginia.

She has extensive training in all areas significant to Probation including Ohio Automated RX Reporting Systems and Ohio Risk Assessment System. Melinda, her husband Adam, and their two children will be relocating to Xenia soon.



Melinda Bettac, new Chief Probation Officer at Xenia Municipal Court.

Changes to the City's Income Tax Rules

Recent changes in Xenia's income tax rules and regulations will affect certain taxpayers for the coming filing season:

- Age 65 and Over
- Military personnel or spouse
- Those with medical or mental health issues

The Xenia Income Tax Division encourages residents to contact the office at 376-7248 if you are included in any of the above groups. You may also stop by the office located on the first floor of City Hall, 101 N. Detroit Street. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Or visit our website at www.ci.xenia.oh.us/index.php?page=income-tax-division.

Holiday Closings for City Offices

City Offices will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

- Friday, November 11th for Veterans Day. Trash collection will NOT be affected.
- Thursday and Friday, November 24th and 25th in observance of Thanksgiving. Thursday and Friday's trash collection will be delayed by one day.
- Monday, December 26th, in observance of Christmas. Trash collection will not be affected.
- Monday, January 2nd in observance of New Year's Day. Trash collection will not be affected.
- Monday, January 16th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Trash collection will not be affected.

If a city-observed holiday falls on a weekend, City Offices are closed on the previous Friday if the holiday falls on a Saturday and the following Monday if the holiday falls on a Sunday.

Rumpke observes the following holidays and your trash collection will be affected if the holiday falls during the week (Monday - Friday): New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

Holiday Season in the City



Heading South for the Winter?

Many Xenia residents are preparing to leave for warmer climates during the fall and winter. Residential customers who will be absent from their owner-occupied residence for a minimum of two months or a maximum of six months are eligible to stop billing for water, sewer, sanitation and storm water during this period. Customers must complete a form available on our website (www.ci.xenia.oh.us) or at the Utility Billing Division prior to leaving and customers are responsible for notifying the Utility Billing Division when they have returned to their residence.

Customers are also responsible for disconnecting/reconnecting the water service via the shutoff within their residence; if the City of Xenia disconnects/reconnects the customer's service at the meter well or via the curb stop, the account will be subject to the \$50.00 new account fee when service is reconnected. A temporary mailing address for their final bill for services must be provided prior to the customer's departure date since Xenia utility bills are not forwarded by the Post Office. Upon receipt of the completed form, the Utility Billing Division will dispatch a service worker to obtain a reading on the next business day after the departure date indicated on the form. To find the form quickly on the City of Xenia website, enter "absence" in the Search box on the home page to be directed to the Utility Billing Division's forms page. The form is called "Request to Inactivate Service Due to Extended Absence".

A Hometown Christmas

Once again, we will be having a Hometown Christmas Event on Saturday, December 10th. The parade will begin at 12 noon and travel from Xenia Station to the municipal parking lot at the corner of E. Main and Whiteman Streets. Santa and Mrs. Claus will conclude the parade and will be available for visits with children at the offices of Toward Independence, 81 E. Main Street. Crafts will be available for children at this location as well. Santa visits and craft time will conclude at 4 p.m. Carriage rides will be available during the event. Visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus, crafts, and carriage rides are FREE, and downtown merchants will have special offerings on this day. Visit downtown Xenia and support your local merchants and help us kickoff the Christmas season! Watch our website, Time Warner Cable Channel 5, or our Facebook page for additional details!

Annual Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner

A FREE Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner will be held at the Xenia Adult Recreation and Services Center (XARSC) on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24th, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

This annual collaborative effort is brought to you by the Xenia Area Association of Churches and Ministries, XARSC, the City of Xenia, and many, many sponsors and volunteers. Come one, come all ... everyone is welcome! For general questions about the event, to inquire about providing a sponsorship, or to volunteer, call Cheryl Allen at 429-2714.



Xenia names New Fire Chief

Deputy Chief Ken Riggsby promoted to Fire Chief

City Manager Jim Percival did not have to look far to fill the vacancy left by retiring Fire Chief Jeffrey Leaming in July. Former Deputy Fire Chief Ken Riggsby was selected to fill this important public safety position on September 23, 2011.

Fire Chief Riggsby, a lifelong Xenian, began his career as a volunteer firefighter with Xenia Township Fire Department in 1981. He began his tenure with the Xenia Fire Division in 1983 and has served the City of Xenia ever since. He has held the positions of Firefighter/Paramedic, Lieutenant, Captain, and most recently, Deputy Fire Chief.

"I have played an active role in the change and growth of the Xenia Fire Division in my 28 years, especially in the area of EMS care to our citizens. As we deal with budget deficits at the City, State and Federal level, it is my goal to continue the highest level of care in the EMS field and protect our citizens the best way possible."



Xenia Fire Chief Ken Riggsby

City Manager Jim Percival added, "Chief Riggsby has the credentials, experience, and community involvement to do a great job. I look forward to seeing the continued success of our Fire Division under his leadership."

Give Us Feedback on Your Newsletter!

The Xenia Communicator is YOUR newsletter! Let us know what you would like to see in future editions. Or, if you are satisfied with the articles and information provided in this and past editions, we'd like to know that too! Comments and suggestions can be emailed to facebook@ci.xenia.oh.us.

Don't forget to visit our Facebook page and website for up-to-the-minute information!

City Website has Fresh Look!

Nova Creative of Dayton has updated the look and feel of the City of Xenia's website. The fresh look includes YouTube video link set-up, social media icons and a home page image change out option to provide flexibility on future updates. Check it out!

A Season for Sharing in Fire Safety

Each year fires occurring during the holiday season claim the lives of over 400 people, injure 1,650 more, and cause over \$990 million in damage. According to the United States Fire Administration, there are simple life-saving steps you can take to ensure a safe and happy holiday.

Preventing Christmas Tree Fires

- **Selecting a Tree for the Holiday.** Needles on fresh trees should be green and should not break or fall off easily. The trunk should be sticky to the touch. If using an artificial tree, make sure it is flame-retardant.
- **Caring for Your Tree.** Do not place your tree close to a heat source, including a fireplace or heat vent. Do not leave it up for longer than two weeks and keep the tree stand filled with water at all times.
- **Disposing of Your Tree.** Never put tree branches or needles in a fireplace or woodburning stove. Dispose of your tree by taking it to a recycling center or having it hauled away by a community pick-up service.

Holiday Lights and Decorations

- **Maintain Your Holiday Lights.** Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets, and excessive kinking or wear before putting them up. Use only lighting listed by an approved testing laboratory.
- **Do Not Overload Electrical Outlets.** Do not link more than three light strands, unless the directions indicate it is safe. Connect strings of lights to an extension cord before plugging the cord into the outlet. Wires should not be warm to the touch. Do not leave holiday lights on unattended.
- **Use Only Nonflammable Decorations,** never put wrapping paper in a fireplace or wood stove.

Candle Care

- **Avoid Using Lit Candles.** If you do use them, make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be easily knocked down. Never leave the house with candles burning. Never put lit candles on a tree.



Finally, as in every season, have working smoke alarms installed on every level of your home, test them monthly and keep them clean and equipped with fresh batteries at all times. Know how to call for help. And remember to practice your home escape plan.

2011 Leaf Collection Schedule

The City of Xenia will be collecting leaves for residents this fall. **Leaf crews will travel each city street only once this season.**

City crews will be collecting leaves raked to the curb during the weeks listed below in the following neighborhoods:

- **November 14–18:** Northeast Section from Church St. and continuing north to include N. King, N. West, N. Galloway and the Beverly Hills, Summerbrooke and Kinsey Meadows neighborhoods.
- **November 21–25:** Neighborhoods west of US 35 Bypass including New Arrowhead, Windsor Park, Reserve of Xenia, Sterling Green and Wright Cycle Estates.
- **November 28 – December 2:** Southeast Section from Church St. and continuing south to include the East End, South End, South Hill and Old Arrowhead east of US 35 Bypass.
- **December 5–9:** All Laynewood neighborhoods and the neighborhoods that include Charles, Maple and Center Streets.

City staff would like to remind citizens of these important points:

- Leaves need to be raked to the curb **BEFORE** the Monday of your pick up week.
- Crews cannot reach a leaf pile if a car is parked within 10 feet.
- Piles must contain leaves only! Leafing equipment cannot pickup sticks, limbs or trash.

Check our website for more information including a street-by-street listing for each of the four leaf zones.

Citizens may use alternate methods to dispose of their leaves as well. Rumpke will take up to 14 bags per residence each week on regular trash collection days. Bagged leaves may also be taken to the Greene County Recycling Center at 2145 Greene Way Boulevard.



Snow Removal

Winter is just around the corner bringing snowy and icy weather concerns. Here are a few tips to keep in mind during this season:

- If possible, please park your vehicles off the street before a storm arrives.
- If you must drive during a winter storm, stay back at least 50 feet from salt trucks and never attempt to pass one of these trucks.
- Never shovel snow from your walk or drive into the street.
- Streets are plowed in the following order:
 1. Primary streets (e.g. Main and Detroit Streets).
 2. Secondary routes (e.g. Second St., Bellbrook Ave., hospital area).
 3. Residential areas.

Please be patient, we will get to your street.



Dedication of play equipment at West Side Park. L-R: BRACA members Audrae Broyles, Barb Stafford, Carol Atzbach, former Shawnee Elementary Principal Karen Miller, BRACA member Todd Patterson, Xenia City Council President and Chair of BRACA Jeanne Mills.

Shawnee Elementary School Donates Play Equipment to West Side Park

Due to the scheduled demolition of the old Shawnee Elementary School, the playground equipment was removed to allow for the new school building to be constructed. The Shawnee Elementary School PTO contacted the City of Xenia about making West Side Park the play equipment's new home. The City wholeheartedly agreed and soon City Public Service employees disassembled and then reassembled the equipment at the park, complete with a mulched playground bed and dedication plaque.

The City of Xenia and the Board for Recreation, Arts, and Cultural Activities would like to sincerely thank the Shawnee Elementary School PTO for their generous donation and for the gift of activity for our youth. City Manager Jim Percival said, "This was a great opportunity for the City and a terrific example of collaboration, cooperation, and partnership. We were glad to put that equipment to good use, and I am happy to hear the children that visit West Side Park are already enjoying it."

Rules for Recreational Fires

Residents may have a recreational fire subject to the following:

- The only material that can be burned is clean dry wood. Yard waste or rubbish materials may not be burned at any time.
- If the fire is contained in an approved container, such as an outdoor fireplace, barbecue pit, etc., the fire must be at least 15' from a structure or combustible materials.
- For an open fire that is not contained, the fire must be at least 25' from a structure, wood fence, neighboring structure or combustible materials.
- The fire must be attended to constantly and must be extinguished if it is not attended.
- The fire must not create offensive or objectionable conditions that interfere with the neighboring residents' use and enjoyment of their properties.

DEVELOPMENT

City to Reorganize Development Functions

In November the City of Xenia is changing the way economic and community development services are delivered, with the creation of a new Development Department, which will replace the existing Xenia Economic Growth Corporation (XEGC) and Community Development Department.

At Council's direction, the administration organized an ad hoc committee, the Economic Development Review Committee, consisting of local business and development professionals, with staff functions for the committee being provided by the XEGC Director, the City Manager, and the Finance Director. The committee conducted its review of challenges and opportunities on various matters related to economic development services for the City of Xenia. The conclusion of the committee was that due to limited external funding options, economic development services for the City should be incorporated as an in-house City service effective 2012.

Under the new organizational structure, the XEGC and the Community Development Department will be replaced by a consolidated Development Department, consisting of two divisions: Economic Development and Neighborhood Services.

The Economic Development Division will be responsible for the administration of initiatives and programs designed to encourage the attraction of new businesses as well as the retention and expansion of existing businesses within the City.

The Neighborhood Services Division will be responsible for the administration of initiatives and programs designed to provide housing assistance, neighborhood development, historic preservation, and downtown revitalization. A Community Development Coordinator will provide staff assistance to the Xenia Downtown Revitalization Committee and serve as the City's official liaison for all community-wide special events.

Additionally, the Code Enforcement Division will transition to the Planning and Zoning Department to pair its operations with Zoning Enforcement.

The advantage to incorporating economic development services internally will be a reduction in the overhead expenses necessary to conduct business. Equipment lease fees, monthly office lease payments, materials costs, maintenance fees and other miscellaneous expenses will be greatly reduced or eliminated as a result of the proposed consolidation.

The transition to in-house services will be accompanied by the creation of an Economic Development Advisory Board, which will be charged with providing advice and direction on the administration of economic development programs and measures to strengthen Xenia's economic marketability. The Board will have the authority to oversee and make recommendations on various loan and assistance programs. Per City Charter and the ORC, the Board must conduct open public meetings and must document the outcome of its meetings.

The new Development Department will be housed at the City Service Center at 966 Towler Road. This will allow for a one-stop shop approach, allowing new or prospective businesses to get information about incentives, planning and zoning issues, as well as utility and infrastructure questions answered at one time in one place.

Shawnee Park Restoration

Work has begun to resolve potentially hazardous structural settlement issues with the Shawnee Park Pavilion and adjacent sidewalk caused by years of erosion. Construction work began on October 10 and is expected to be completed by May 2012. During this period the pavilion and east side of the pond will be closed to the public and surrounded with construction fencing as indicated by the yellow dashed line on the map above.



The project includes:

- Replacing the pavilion slab and sub-base material and underpinning the foundation into the bedrock to provide a more stable foundation.
- Installing steel sheet piling under the pond sidewalk to prevent further erosion.
- Replacing the light poles that encircle the pond with the taller Sternberg fixture that has become the City's adopted light standard.

This highly anticipated project follows through on a promise made by the City that restoration work at Shawnee Park would become a priority following the November 2010 income tax increase.

X-Plan Tentative Schedule

2011

October:

- First Steering Committee meeting
- Existing Conditions Report

November/December:

- Public Workshop #1: Key Issues and Big Ideas
- Public Workshop #2: Community Visioning and Priority Goals
- Online participation session
- Community survey

2012

January:

- Public Workshop #3: Land Use and Development Strategies

February/March

- Additional community group meetings

April

- Draft of preliminary goals and policies

May

- Steering Committee meeting

2012 continued

June

- Public Workshop #4: Open House presentation of draft goals and policies
- Online participation session

July

- Planning and Zoning Commission/ City Council work sessions

August

- Steering Committee meeting

September/October

- Draft Comprehensive Plan (including implementation plan)
- Steering Committee meeting

November

- Public Workshop #5: Open house presentation of Draft Plan
- Online participation session

December

- Planning and Zoning Commission public hearing/adoption

2013

January

- City Council public hearing/adoption

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Xenia City Hall

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376-7232

Xenia Police Division

Non-Emergency
372-9901

Xenia Fire Division

Non-Emergency
376-7278

Xenia Utility Billing

376-7242

**Street and Storm
Sewer Maintenance**

376-7265

Xenia Planning and Zoning Dept.

376-7285

Trash Pick-Up

800-223-3960 (Rumpke)

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

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



Upcoming Events

Beggar's Night is Monday, October 31st from 6 to 8 p.m.

Daylight Savings Time ends on November 6th ... don't forget to fall back and don't forget to change your batteries in your smoke detectors!

General Election Day is Tuesday, November 8th.

City Offices will be closed on Friday, November 11th, in observance of Veterans Day. Trash collection will not be affected.

Greene County Environmental Services Household Hazardous Waste Days on Saturday, November 5th and December 10th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (2145 Greene Way Boulevard).

City Offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 24th and 25th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Thursday and Friday's trash collection will be delayed one day.

FREE Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner to be held on Thanksgiving Day, November 24th, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Xenia Adult Recreation and Services Center. **See page 4.**

Hometown Christmas Event is scheduled for Saturday, December 10th. Parade starts at 12 noon! **See page 4.**

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City Offices will be closed on Monday, January 16th, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Trash collection will not be affected.

New/Expanded Businesses

- **John Ross Roofing and Siding:** 16 South Detroit Street- Office for meeting with potential customers for home repairs.
- **Collectibles, Antiques and Gifts:** 17 East Main Street- Portion of former location of Oasis Café.
- **Summit Academy Charter School:** 1694 Pawnee Drive- Re-use of former Arrowood Elementary School as a charter school for children with learning disabilities.
- **Chiropractic Office:** 498 North Detroit Street- Former location of a realtor/auctioneer office.
- **Tammy Chavies Photography:** 117 West Main Street- Photography studio; former location of a pet grooming store.

- **Chipotle Mexican Restaurant:** 1620 West Park Square- Portion of former location of Halloween City and Hollywood Video.
- **Lighthouse Baptist Church:** 2040 West Second Street- Expansion to make way for four additional classrooms and two new office spaces.
- **File Sharpening Company, Inc.:** 360 West Church Street- New 9,600 square foot warehouse building to expand business operations.
- **Roof Pros:** 227 Dayton Avenue- Office for meeting with customers for home repairs; former location of a pizza restaurant.
- **Remax Spirit:** 557 Bellbrook Avenue- Real estate office; former location of Curves Fitness Center.
- **Reeds Cruises and Travels:** 10 South Detroit Street- Travel agency with an accessory bakery; former location of Autographz.
(Based on zoning permits issued in July, August and September.)