



New City Administration Building



Artist's rendering of the new City Administration Building

A big change is coming to Xenia! Most City of Xenia administrative offices are moving to 107 E. Main Street next to One Bistro. The new office will be known as the City Administration Building and is expected to open near the end of October. All City phone numbers will remain the same. The current City Hall will become the Justice Center, where the Police Division will have room to expand from the basement to the first floor and Probation offices will relocate from leased space at 64 E. Main Street. Xenia Municipal Court and the Law Department will remain at the Justice Center. Utility Billing and Income Tax will be moving to the new building at 107 E. Main Street. The dropbox located in the lobby of the current City Hall building will be for court payments only; you will no longer be able to use it for utility, income tax, or parking ticket payments after the move. There will be a conveniently located Utility Payment Drop Box at the New City Administration Building. Customer parking for the City Administration Building will be on the east and south side of the new building. The customer entry into the new building will be at the main doors along the east side of the building from the parking lot. We look forward to serving you in the new City Administrative Building and invite you to visit your one stop shop for city business!



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Snow Removal Service

The Public Service Department manages a fleet of vehicles that are used all year long for various tasks. Many of these vehicles are able to be equipped with snow removal equipment. When winter weather approaches, these vehicles will be fitted with the snow removal equipment and supplied with the necessary salt/de-icing products. When possible, pre-salting will take place to avoid initial icing. Plowing will be prioritized to main roads, the City's designated snow routes, main intersections and bridges, and then neighborhoods. Residents with a medical need that must be able to get out for treatments, etc., should notify the City in advance by calling 376-7265 (Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-5 p.m.), so crews can prioritize those locations.



Per Code § 452.13 of the City of Xenia Codified Ordinances, the snow emergency routes are as follows:

Route	From	To
Ankeney-Mill Rd.	Sutton Dr.	End
Church St.	Columbus St.	3rd St.
Cincinnati Ave.	3rd St.	U.S. 35
Collier/Edison/Sutton	SR 68	Main St.
Colorado Dr.	Lower Bellbrook Rd.	2nd St./Upper Bellbrook Rd.
Columbus St.	Home Ave.	Stevenson Rd.
Country Club Dr.	Detroit St.	Dead-end
Dayton Ave.	Main St.	End
Detroit St.	U.S. 35	Old Springfield Pike
Hollywood/Kinsey Rd.	End	End
Home Ave.	Detroit St.	Corporate limit
Industrial Blvd.	Lower Bellbrook Ave.	Cincinnati Ave.
Ledbetter Rd.	Cincinnati Ave.	Detroit St.
Lower Bellbrook Ave.	Vilma Way	2nd St.
Main St.	U.S. 35	Douglas St.
Market St.	Detroit St.	Collier St.
Monroe Dr.	Lake St.	Country Club Dr.
Orville Way	SR 42	End
Patton St.	Home Ave.	Birch Rd.
Pawnee Tr./Rockwell Dr.	End	End
Progress Dr.	Dayton-Xenia Rd.	2nd St.
2nd St.	U.S. 35	Columbus St.
Sheelin Rd.	Towler Dr.	Dayton Rd.
Tennessee Dr.	Colorado Dr.	End
West St.	Church St.	Ankeney-Mill Rd.
Wilson Dr.	Detroit St.	Joyce Dr.

Changes To Municipal Income Tax Laws

The State of Ohio has made sweeping changes to municipal income tax laws (via the Ohio Revised Code) effective for tax years beginning on January 1, 2016. These changes may impact you.

Changes effective for tax year 2016 (returns are due April 17, 2017):

If your Xenia tax is not fully withheld by your employer, you **MUST** make estimated tax payments using the following schedule to avoid an underpayment of estimated taxes penalty:

- 22.5% by April 15, 2016
- 45% by June 15, 2016
- 67.5% by September 15, 2016
- 90% by December 15, 2016

Failure to have 90% of your Xenia tax liability paid via withholding credits and/or estimated payments will result in a penalty of 15% of the amount not timely paid. This penalty applies to each quarter that was not timely paid. You may avoid this penalty by having 100% of your 2015 Xenia tax liability or 90% of your 2016 Xenia tax liability paid via withholding credits and/or estimated payments by December 15, 2016.

Late or non-filing penalty for tax year 2016 and beyond is \$25.00 per month (or part thereof) up to a maximum of \$150.00.

Non-payment penalty for tax year 2016 and beyond is a one-time 15% of the tax liability not timely paid.

Interest for tax year 2016 and beyond is changing to an annualized rate based on the Federal Reserve rate for the prior year plus 5%.

To reduce costs, no tax packets will be mailed at the end of the year. 2016 Tax forms will be available on our website (www.eXploreXenia.com) or at our offices. As in the past, the City of Xenia is a mandatory filing city requiring an annual tax return from all residents between the ages of 18 and 65 even if they have no city taxable income. **NOTE: The Tax Office will be located in the new City Administration Building prior to the 2016 filing season.**

QUESTIONS? Visit www.eXploreXenia.com, fax us at 937-376-8914, secure email us using the link on our webpage, or call us at 937-376-7248, M-F, 9-5.

Xenia Police Professionals Graduate Leadership School

The Xenia Police Division recognizes and congratulates Captain Alonzo Wilson and Sergeant Gary Johnson as graduates of the Public Safety Leadership Academy (PSLA) held by The Ohio State University's John Glenn College of Public Affairs.



Captain Gary Johnson (left) and Sergeant Alonzo Wilson (right)

The Academy is in partnership with the Ohio State Highway Patrol. Captain Wilson and Sergeant Johnson, as well as thirty-three other law enforcement officers, graduated on June 10th at ceremonies held at The Ohio State University in Columbus. The fourth installment of the PSLA consisted of men and women from state law enforcement agencies, sheriffs' offices, and police agencies from around the state. The Academy is an intensive and innovative 11-week course that is an investment in making Ohio safer by investing in police leaders at the state, county and local levels. The specialized Academy curriculum was part of a carefully managed course with content in the areas of Leadership and Ethics; Interpersonal and Organizational Communication; Public Management; Organizational Culture and Ethics; Human Resources Management; Budgeting; and Organizational Behavior in Policing. Colonel Paul Pride, Superintendent of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, stated the Academy training opportunity is a "training experience unlike anything offered in the nation."

Captain Alonzo Wilson is a 25-year veteran with the Xenia Police Division. Throughout his career he has served as a Patrol Officer and a Detective.

Sergeant Gary Johnson is a 24-year veteran with the Xenia Police Division. Throughout his career he has served as a Patrol Officer, Detective, and Administrative Sergeant and is currently assigned as Patrol Sergeant.



City Hires New Law Director

Joshua R. Schierloh was appointed as Law Director for the City of Xenia in June. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Schierloh held a number of legal positions that qualify him for his new role with the City. He graduated from the University of Dayton School of Law in 2004. Mr. Schierloh took a



position as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney with the Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office and, for the following three years, was responsible for overseeing a felony docket and handling all facets of the criminal justice process. In 2007, Mr. Schierloh engaged in the private practice of law representing a number of municipal entities in Southwest Ohio and serving as the law director to other local communities. He has handled legal matters in both state and federal courts throughout Ohio and has argued before the Supreme Court and Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals on issues directly advancing the interests of Ohio municipalities. He brings his knowledge of municipal law to the City of Xenia in an effort to provide the highest level of legal assistance to the City, its elected officials and employees, as well as the City's residents.

Firefighter Tapped for Second Bone Marrow Donation

Lieutenant Cory Stroup is not only serving the community by working as a Lieutenant Firefighter/Paramedic, he also has volunteered to help those in need of Bone Marrow transplants. Lt. Stroup joined the "Be the Match" registry on 6/1/2013. Several Fire Division personnel are on the registry; however, Lt. Stroup was chosen again to donate his bone marrow to someone who is battling cancer. The first recipient was a 41-year-old female with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma. Lt. Stroup made the donation in February 2014. To date, the donation has remained successful. The stem cells took and the patient is now cancer free. His second donation was for a male with Acute Myelogenous Leukemia. Lt. Stroup does not request recognition for his donations, but the Fire Division and the City of Xenia would like to commend him for his service to our community and recognize his sacrifices and continued efforts to help those in need. Lt. Stroup is setting the example of what it means to be a public servant.

PERSONNEL

City to Offer New Incentive for Redevelopment, Reinvestment

The City of Xenia has launched a real property tax abatement program that will provide a financial incentive for new construction or significant renovations to homes and businesses in older, established sections of the city. Called the Community Reinvestment Area (CRA), the program is part of the City's goal to "Strengthen Our Core," i.e. maintain and strengthen the viability of our aging neighborhoods and business districts.

A tax abatement in a CRA makes it possible for property owners to avoid all or a portion of the tax increase caused by improvements over a 10- to 15-year period. This can result in a significant savings to a property owner that could help to make redevelopment and building improvements more financially feasible. CRA's are permitted by the State of Ohio and have been used successfully by numerous communities throughout the state to attract new housing and business investment. Local examples include, but are not limited to, the Cities of Dayton, Fairborn, Huber Heights, West Carrollton, Moraine, and Springfield. The City of Xenia's new CRA encompasses downtown Xenia as well as other nearby business districts and residential

areas to the east, west, and south as well as the Laynewood area. CRA recognized abatements include:

- Remodeling or New Construction of Multi-Family (more than 4 units), Commercial, or Industrial: Term length and percentage to be negotiated on a case-by-case basis, in an agreement to be approved by City Council.
- Residential Remodeling, 1- or 2-family buildings: 10 years, 100%
- Residential Remodeling, 3- or 4-family buildings: 12 years, 100%
- Residential New Construction, 1- to 4-family buildings: 15 years, 100%

CRA abatements only affect real property taxes that are generated by the improved value of a property. Pre-improvement taxes must still be paid, and the pre-improvement taxes may still increase if taxable real property values increase as a result of levies or periodic County Auditor re-assessments.

Mahle Opens New Plant in Xenia

Mahle GmbH, a German-based automotive industry supplier, has opened a packaging and shipping plant in part of the former SuperValu building on Lower Bellbrook Avenue. The new plant is expected to bring some 40 jobs to the area. Operations started the end of March. "The company will take products manufactured at its Dayton location and transport them to Xenia for final packaging and shipping" said City Development Director Steve Brodsky. "We are also hopeful that with this activity, additional tenants will be attracted to the building, as Mahle is currently utilizing approximately one-third of the space." Mahle recently acquired the former Delphi plant in Vandalia after they acquired the BEHR Group, which also

includes a plant in Dayton. The plant's facilities produce thermal and heating, air conditioning, and ventilation products for cars and other vehicles.

New Code, New Opportunities

The City just completed a comprehensive rewrite of its zoning and subdivision regulations, creating a new Land Development Code. You might ask, what does this mean for me? If you are a homeowner, residential landlord, or a residential developer/builder, the new code creates some new opportunities that make it easier to improve your property. Here are some examples:

- **Reinvestment in Older Neighborhoods:** The new Code relaxes setback and minimum square footage requirements in neighborhoods with housing stock such as Laynewood, the East End, and the near-South End. This will make it easier to expand/modernize older homes and build new infill homes on vacant lots.
- **Front-Yard Fences:** The maximum front-yard fence height from 3 ½ feet to 4 feet, better corresponds to standard fence sizes. Side/rear yard fences are still permitted to be 6 feet tall.
- **Increased Allowance for Sheds, Garages, Gazebos, etc.:** The City used to count attached garages as part of square footage allowance for detached garages, sheds, and other detached accessory structures. This is no longer the case. All residential lots are permitted at least 720 square feet of accessory structures,

whichever is greater. If you own/manage a business or nonprofit, the new code makes it easier to set up, conduct and grow a business or nonprofit.

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WATCH XENIA GROW!!

NEW/EXPANDED/RELOCATED BUSINESSES

- **Hampton Inn and Suites:** 194 S. Progress Drive (coming soon new 88-room hotel)
- **Jamestown Family Medicine:** 193 S. Progress Drive (new doctor's office)
- **Lawyer Office:** 129 S. Detroit Street (new lawyer's office)
- **Halo Salon:** 25 S. Detroit Street (new salon)



PARKS UPDATE!!

CHECK OUT THE ONGOING PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS – PLAY XENIA!!

Lexington Park: City crews have replaced aging playground equipment and removed dilapidated fencing and former light poles. A special thanks to volunteers from Apex Community Church for repainting the basketball hoops, replacing several nets, and holding a kickball tournament with children from the surrounding neighborhood!

Xenia Station Splash Pad: Construction of the splash pad, new playground, and Ohio-to-Erie bike path connection is now underway to be completed by the end of October.

Sol Arnovitz Bridges, Trails and Disc Golf Course: Construction of two bridges over Shawnee Creek to begin in September 2016 to be completed by the end of October. Remaining construction of trails and the finishing touches on the disc golf course will be completed shortly thereafter.

Sterling Green Park: New shelter construction is complete! Construction of a new trail system and installation of seating near the playground and a basketball court will be completed in early 2017.

West Side Park: A special thanks to student volunteers from Legacy Christian Academy (formerly Xenia Christian School) for repainting the skate park equipment with beautiful artwork!

New Code, New Opportunities

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Here are just a few examples of how the new code makes it easier to set up, conduct and grow a business or nonprofit:

- **Land Use:** More flexible use regulations allow mixed-use buildings and provide more options for using your property.
- **Permit Process:** Modernized, flexible requirements reduce the need for you to seek approval through lengthy public hearing processes when growing a business – instead most projects can be approved through a quicker, more predictable staff review process.
- **Market-Based Parking Requirements:** YOU show US how much parking you need, we are here to listen to your needs.
- **More Generous Signage Requirements:** The new Code improves your options for advertising your business or nonprofit:
 - o 50 percent increase in allowable wall sign square footage.
 - o Increased allowable square footage and height for freestanding signs in some areas.
 - o For promotions and sales, up to 24 square feet of temporary signage per lot is allowed without a permit or time limit. Up to 32 square feet per lot is allowed with a permit and up to 60 days per year.

Want to learn more? Check out www.eXploreXenia.com to find instructions for applying for permits and view the City's new Land Development Code. Or call the Planning and Zoning Department at 376-7277, or email jziegler@ci.xenia.oh.us.

Hamvention Moves to Greene County

The Greene County Agricultural Society Board of Directors in partnership with the Greene County Board of Commissioners, the City of Xenia, and the Greene County Convention & Visitors Bureau are pleased to announce the Greene County Fair & Exposition Center will be the new home of the Dayton Hamvention®. The annual economic impact of the Dayton Hamvention® has been estimated at \$15 - \$17 million dollars. Hotels, restaurants, gas stations, local merchants, and the Greene County Agricultural Society will all directly benefit from the event. The Greene County Fair and Expo Center located in Xenia is a 501C non-profit, multi-purpose, 38-acre complex specially designed for fairs, concerts, meetings, convention/trade shows, sporting and livestock events. Visit www.hamvention.org for more information.



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Kevin Sonnyalb Memorial Fireworks In Review

Thank you to everyone who came out for the 2nd annual Kevin Sonnyalb Memorial Fireworks Festival. Nearly 10,000 people attended, an unbelievable turnout! Rozzi's Fireworks delivered a sensational performance and Blue Moon Soup provided a rousing musical performance. The annual bike contest had over 50 participants and \$500 in prizes! We look forward to seeing you in 2017! Watch highlights from the fireworks show and relive the memories by clicking on the video at the top of the page or by visiting the City of Xenia Facebook Page.

Slow Roll

2016 saw the first ever series of "Slow Rolls" in and around Xenia. One of the goals of the Slow Roll is to give people a better perspective of their community and to raise awareness about the trailhead that leads to Wilberforce. This year there were rides to the Payne Theological Seminary, the National Afro American Museum and Cultural Center Wilberforce University, and Shawnee Park. Be sure to catch these rides again in 2017.



Neighborhood Night Out Sees Successful Second Year

After a rainy start delayed the first Neighborhood Night Out (NNO) event of the year, the event took off to much fanfare. The community engaging event traveled to Franklin Park, Spring Hill Park, Old East High School, and McKinley School. The City's last Neighborhood Night Out of 2016 is scheduled for October 11th at Shawnee School from 4-6 p.m. Each event so far has had an excellent turnout and was considered a success. Bouncy houses, basketball, and Police and Fire vehicles kept visitors entertained and engaged. Thank you to everyone who came out for these events, and we hope to see you again in 2017!



One Bistro Wins President's Award

The Ohio Conference of Community Development announced that it has awarded the City of Xenia's One Bistro Project with the 2016 President's Award for Innovative Practices. Recognized for its multi-faceted partnership, the One Bistro Project is dedicated to revitalizing the Downtown Xenia Historic District through rehabilitating the historic retail space located within non-profit Toward Independence, establishing a community restaurant, and providing workforce development for adults with developmental disabilities.

Savor New Flavors at "Table of Contents"

Nestled inside Blue Jacket Books, Table of Contents Cafe, which opened in January 2016, offers gourmet meals at affordable prices and a cozy atmosphere. Owners Cassandra Lee and Lawrence Hammar plan to slowly expand the eatery in the coming years. Cassandra Lee oversees the cafe while Lawrence manages the book store. The cafe uses fresh, seasonal ingredients to provide guests nutritious food with flavor. The menu changes each day to keep both the chef and patrons curious. Fresh desserts are also available and range from delectable chocolate cake to mouth-watering key lime pie. All the food is made from scratch. The cafe also serves as a meeting place for local organizations.



CHANGES TO THE CITY'S LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

The City of Xenia has made changes to the Annual Leaf Collection Schedule. The collection dates will be later in the season to help ensure most leaves are off the trees and residents have ample time to rake them to the curb.

The City will be divided into two zones instead of four. Zone 1 will be all areas north of Main Street and Zone 2 will be all areas south of Main Street. Main Street addresses will be picked up with Zone 1. Residents also have the option of mulching leaves or bagging them and taking them to the Greene County Recycling Center on Greene Way Boulevard.

RUMPKE WILL NO LONGER PICK UP BAGGED LEAVES. THEY WILL ONLY PICK UP DEBRIS THAT WILL FIT INTO THE TRASH RECEPTACLE.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS!

- Leaf Crews will travel each City Street only once.
- Leaves need to be raked to the curb BEFORE the Monday of your pick up week. Crews could be at your curb anytime during that week. Return trips to an area will not be possible.
- It is very important that cars are not parked in the leaf pick up area. Crews cannot reach a leaf pile if a car is parked within 10 feet.
- Piles have to contain leaves only! Leafing equipment cannot pickup sticks, limbs, or trash.



Collection Dates

Zone 1	December 5 th through December 9 th . All areas north of Main Street, including Main Street.
Zone 2	December 12 th through December 16 th . All areas south of Main Street.

Fire Prevention Week is October 9 - 15, 2016

The National Fire Protection Association's theme for Fire Prevention Week is "Don't Wait - Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years." Having a working smoke alarm in the home cuts the risk of dying in a fire in half. Visit www.firepreventionweek.org for more information.

Beggar's Night

Monday, October 31st, from 6 - 8 p.m.

RAIN OR SHINE



COMMUNITY

Xenia City Hall
101 N. Detroit Street
Xenia, OH 45385
376-7232

Police Division
Non-Emergency
372-9901

Xenia Fire Division
Non-Emergency
376-7278

Utility Billing
376-7242

Street and Storm Sewer Maintenance
376-7265

Trash Pickup
800-223-3960 (Rumpke)

For more information,
visit Xenia's website:
www.eXploreXenia.com



If you would like to receive an electronic copy of the The Xenia Communicator and/or you would like to opt out of receiving a hard copy mailed to your Utility Billing address, please follow this link to complete the form:

www.ci.xenia.oh.us/335/Community-Newsletter

Xenia Job Fair 2016

The City of Xenia, in conjunction with partners Ohio Means Jobs-Greene County, the Xenia Area Chamber of Commerce and Clark State Community College, will hold the second annual Xenia Job Fair on Thursday, October 6, 2016. The Job Fair again will be held at the Greene County Media Room, 571 Ledbetter Road, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thirty businesses are expected to be on hand, seeking qualified applicants to fill open positions. Employers will include companies in the industrial, medical, and human service fields. There is no cost to participate, and registration can be done on site or pre-register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2016-xenia-job-fair-tickets-25820189883>

“Last year was a very successful first event and led to many people being hired,” said Development Director Steve Brodsky. Job seekers are encouraged to bring a current resume and are reminded to dress for a job interview.

Upcoming Events

October 3rd-7th: Semi-Annual Hydrant Flushing.

October 11th: Neighborhood Night Out.
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October 28th: Movie in the Park Series continues with “Hotel Transylvania” at Faith Community United Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m.

October 31st: Beggar’s Night from 6-8 p.m.
RAIN or SHINE

November 8th: Election Day.

November 11th: City Offices will be closed in observance of Veterans Day. Trash collection will NOT be delayed.

November 24th-25th: City Offices will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving Day & Day After. Trash collection will be delayed one day from the holiday.

December 2nd: Movie in the Park Series concludes with “Norm of the North” at Faith Community United Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m.

December 5th-9th: Leaf Collection - Zone 1
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December 10th: Hometown Christmas from 4-8 p.m.

December 12th-16th: Leaf Collection - Zone 2
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December 26th (Observed): City Offices will be closed in observance of Christmas Day. Trash collection will be NOT delayed.

January 2nd (Observed): City Offices will be closed in observance of New Year’s Day. Trash collection will be NOT delayed.

January 16th: City Offices will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Trash collection will be NOT delayed.

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS!

Clip and save!

