

Issue 7

Issue 7 is a **Renewal of a 3.5 Mill Operating Levy** to continue to generate approximately \$415,000 for general and critical services, such as Police, Fire, and Parks with **NO INCREASE IN TAXES.**

Issue 8

Issue 8, **Electrical Aggregation**, would give the City of Xenia the ability to use the buying power of many customers to solicit a lower supplier price for electricity, which could save you money.



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101 N. Detroit Street
Xenia, OH 45385



THE BOTTOM LINE:

Cost for Taxpayers:

- The Renewal Levy is **NO ADDITIONAL COST TO TAXPAYERS!**
- Electrical Aggregation could **SAVE YOU MONEY!**

Additional Information:

The City of Xenia is proud of our tradition of providing quality services to our citizens, and we will continue to do everything we can to maintain the highest level of service possible while keeping our taxes and other fees low. Did you know in an area survey of local government costs, the City of Xenia ranks as one of the most affordable cities in the area? Visit our website to learn more at www.ci.xenia.oh.us.

Questions? Call or e-mail us!

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and
ISSUE 8
on
November 5, 2013

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City is seeking a 3.5 Mill
Renewal Levy (**Issue 7**)

FACTS:

- NO ADDITIONAL COST TO TAXPAYERS
- No increased dollars on this levy have been generated from existing homes/businesses since 1978.
- The current 3.5 Mill Levy is now effectively less than 1 Mill (.94).
- The City has exhausted all cost reduction options in recent years, including a staffing decrease of 15 positions in 2003 and 9 positions in 2009.
- Expenses and fixed costs continue to rise—some by double-digit percentages.
- State funding has decreased by \$600,000 and is projected to decrease by over \$800,000 by 2014.



Your Police Division has 45 uniformed personnel, 5 civilian staff, and 2 part-time personnel for parking enforcement; the Communications Division has 20 dispatchers and 2 administrators. They respond to approximately 22,000 calls per year.



One Public Service Maintenance Worker is assigned to maintain 14 parks in the City of Xenia.



Your Fire Division has 42 uniformed personnel and the Chief and Deputy Chief. They respond to approximately 4,700 calls per year.

City is seeking approval of
Electrical Aggregation (**Issue 8**)

FACTS:

- THIS COULD SAVE YOU MONEY. AN AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD COULD SAVE AN ESTIMATED \$100—\$200 PER YEAR ON YOUR ELECTRIC BILL.
- The City of Xenia is choosing the voter approval method, which means you can “**Opt-Out.**” Eligible customers will be notified by the selected supplier and you must decline if you do not want to participate.
- Ohio Electric Choice began in 2001 and created the ability for local governments to shop for service on behalf of residential and small business customers, known as governmental aggregations, to leverage buying power and solicit a lower electricity supplier price for their residents.
- By combining (aggregating) the electric load of eligible residential and small business customers, the City may be able to obtain better pricing than you can achieve on your own.
- DP&L will continue to maintain and repair utility poles and wires, read meters, and respond to power outages whether a customer opts out or accepts the City’s choice for a generation supplier.
- As of 2012, more than 274* Ohio communities are saving their residents money (per their respective websites). A few include the following:
 - City of Cincinnati — **23%** discount
 - City of Springfield — **6%** discount
 - City of Upper Arlington — **\$200** avg. savings/year
 - City of Marietta — **6%** off price to compare
 - City of Canton — **10%** discount
 - City of Alliance — **6%** off price to compare
 - City of Euclid — **6%** off price to compare
 - City of Tallmadge — **6%** off price to compare
 - City of Parma — **Guaranteed 6%** savings
 - City of Maumee — **6%** off price to compare
 - City of Oregon — **6%** discount

*148 aggregate for electricity, 60 for natural gas, and 66 for both forms of energy.

Questions & Answers:



Question: Why a Renewal Levy?

Answer: A renewal levy is no additional cost to taxpayers. If the current 3.5 Mill Operating Levy is renewed, it would continue to generate approximately \$415,000 per year (per the Greene County Auditor) for critical services, such as Police and Fire Services and Park Maintenance.

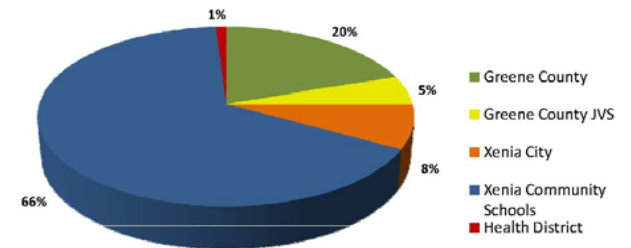
Question: How does Electrical Aggregation affect me?

Answer: If Electrical Aggregation is approved, the City of Xenia would leverage our “buying power” to obtain a lower supplier price for your electricity needs. The City has an advantage due to the number of customers served to negotiate a lower supply rate than individual residential or small business account holders.

Question: Do I have to participate in Electrical Aggregation?

Answer: No. The City of Xenia has chosen the voter approval “Opt-Out” option, which gives you the ability to opt-out of the buying pool. You can always “Opt-In” at a later date if the City obtains a lower supplier price than you can obtain on your own.

Property Tax Distribution:



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