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Welcome to the February edition of the Xenia e-Communicator Newsletter. This monthly newsletter will keep you updated on City news and events.

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City of Xenia website

Watch: Xenia, a great place to call home!



We believe Xenia is a wonderful place to call home. But don't take it from us, let one of our residents tell you why she and her family decided to move to town a few years ago.

From the family-friendly events, strong faith community, vibrant downtown and local businesses, to our famous bike trails, Xenia has so much to offer.

Time to update your resume!

The 2020 Xenia Job & Career Fair will be held **Wednesday, March 18** at the Xenia Adult Recreation & Services Center at the [Xenia REACH Center](#). The event will take place from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. for Xenia High School students and 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. for the public.

Dozens of employers are expected at this year's free event. If you'd like to register, [follow this link](#).



Xenia Police officers trying out new load-bearing vests to ease back, hip pain

A majority of Xenia Police officers work 12-hour shifts each day, and during those shifts, they carry between 10 and 15 extra pounds of weight.

The extra weight comes from the equipment they carry: their firearm, extra magazines, a taser, flashlight, two pair of handcuffs, pepper spray, a tourniquet, radio, medical equipment, and multi tool.

All of that weight puts a tremendous amount of stress on officers' hips and lower back. Now, officers have been given permission to buy new load-bearing vests with their uniform allowance.



[Follow this link](#) to find out how the new vests will improve officers' health and safety.

(Pictured: Xenia Officer Dan Smith shows off the new look of the load-bearing vests.)

There's still time to sign up!

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City of Xenia

CITIZENS ACADEMY

**XENIA CITIZENS ACADEMY
BEGINS FEBRUARY 18TH**

The 2020 Xenia Citizens Academy begins February 18th

For the third year, the City of Xenia will offer its Citizens Academy. The Xenia Citizens Academy is a six-week interactive program meant to enhance participants' knowledge about how the City of Xenia operates.

Xenia resident Nancy McPeak has participated in the two previous sessions and plans to attend the session in 2020. "I learned so much about the operations of the city that were unknown to me," she said. Classroom sessions cover City Governance Structure, Budget and Finance, Economic Development and Planning and Zoning. "The sessions were very informative as to where the incoming money comes from and where and how the money is spent," McPeak said.

If you would like to sign up, [you can fill out a form online](#) and email it to: citizensacademy@ci.xenia.oh.us or come to the City Administration Building, 107 E. Main Street, and fill one out in person.

Session 1 "City Governance Structure":

- Tues. Feb. 18, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. or 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Session 2 "Budget and Finance"

- Thurs. Feb. 20, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. or 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Session 3 "Economic Development & Planning"

- Tues. Feb 25, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. or 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Optional Thurs. Feb. 27, all invited to attend City Council meeting

Session 4 "Xenia Public Service Field Trip"

- Tues. March 3, time TBD

Session 5 "Xenia Police Division Field Trip"

- Thurs. March 5, time TBD

Session 6 "Xenia Fire Division Field Trip"

- Tues. March 10, time TBD

City of Xenia accepting applications for annual Street Pole Banner Program

Banners are meant to promote the City in general as well as events happening in the community. There are two design options, one that is blue with an image of the Greene County Courthouse in the background, and a patriotic design that is red with fireworks.

The cost to sponsor a banner is \$125 and they are

displayed for a minimum of 60 days in a calendar year.

Those interested in sponsoring a banner should [visit the City of Xenia's website to fill out an application.](#) The City will order the next round of banners in March, so anyone interested in purchasing a banner should have their order in before March 31, 2020.



It's that time again ... Tax Time!

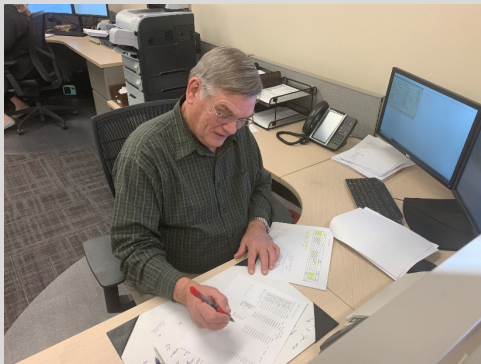
**DID YOU
KNOW?**

The deadline to file your tax return is April 15, 2020 and the City of Xenia's Tax Division is here to help. If you would like help in preparing your city income tax return, the City of Xenia Tax Division will prepare it for you at **no charge**.

If you would like to utilize this service, make sure you provide all W-2s, 1099s, and your Federal Income Tax Return with all attachments.

If you have a tax professional, the library, or any online software program such as TurboTax prepare your Xenia Income Tax Return, the form still needs to be turned in to the Tax Division at 107 E. Main Street.

Congratulations!



After 23 years with the City of Xenia, finance employee Dennis Evans retired on January 31, 2020.

Dennis is a graduate of Cedarville High School and Wright State University. As a Finance Clerk, Dennis was responsible for assisting customers with utility services and filing income tax returns.

"Dennis contributed a great deal to our organization and community," said Finance Director Ryan Duke. "His tremendous work ethic, diligence, thoughtfulness, and commitment to serve will be sorely missed."



Xenia Fire Division Lt. Michael Staub, a 28-year veteran of the fire division retired on February 6th after responding to his final call.

Lt. Staub began his career with the City of Xenia in 1985, but left to help his father with the family business. In 1991 he returned and dedicated his career to providing fire and emergency medical services to Xenia citizens, business owners and visitors.

"Lt. Staub has been an asset to Xenia Fire Division," said Xenia Fire Division Chief Kenneth Riggsby. "He was well respected

as a firefighter/paramedic and as a lieutenant. I could always count on Lt. Staub to get the job or task done. I wish him well in the next phase of his life."

[Read more](#) about Lt. Staub's career here.