



July 2020 | e-Newsletter

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

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2020 Kevin Sonnycalb Memorial Fireworks blast off over new location



The 6th annual Kevin Sonnycalb Memorial fireworks was another beautiful show this weekend.

This year the fireworks were set off from the Strausburg Nursery property off of W. Second Street and Progress Drive. The temporary location allowed for many Xenians to watch the show from their homes, or drive to a local business parking lot to view it.

The City of Xenia wants to thank the Sonnycalb Family, Xenia Nazarene Church, Xenia Rotary, family and friends of former Rotarian Rock McColaugh, WBZI 'Real Roots Radio', Xenia YMCA/REACH Center, Lighthouse Baptist Church, Rural King, Kroger, Lowe's, and Walmart.

We look forward to 2021 and hope to once again hold the full festival along with the firework display.

Self-response for 2020 Census extended to October 31



MAKE XENIA COUNT!

The 2020 Census count is still ongoing, and the self-response deadline has been extended to October 31! Please respond if you haven't already – this will help to make sure that you and your community are properly represented in Congress, the State legislature, and in State/Federal funding allocations.

Approximately **68.8%** of Xenia residents have responded to the Census thus far, compared to **72.8%** of all Greene County

residents. In some Xenia neighborhoods, the response rate is less than **60%**. It is important to increase these response rates, because Census results determine the Congressional and State legislature representation and funding for projects such as schools, roads, and emergency services. The Census is used to distribute more than **\$675 billion** in federal funds to states, counties, and communities.

The Census is a once-every-10-year count of every U.S. resident. 2020 is a Census year and, in the wake of COVID-19, the U.S. Census Bureau is extending the period of self-response to October 31.

The City of Xenia has been working to help promote response to the 2020 Census along with the Greene County Complete Count Committee. You may have noticed signs posted on some public properties as a reminder.

Responding to the Census takes only a few minutes and can be done online at <https://2020census.gov/>.

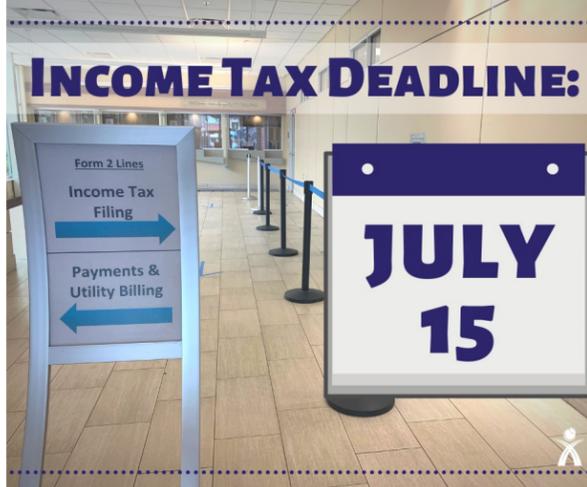
Help make Xenia count!

Don't forget! Income tax deadline is July 15

The deadline to file your state and municipal (City) income taxes is July 15th.

In March, state lawmakers passed House Bill 197, which extended the deadline from April 15, 2020 to July 15, 2020.

The City of Xenia's Income Tax Department is open to the public and is accepting and processing returns. The Income Tax Division will also help residents fill out their tax forms free of charge if they provide the necessary paperwork.



Residents who do not wish to enter the building can still file their taxes in a variety of ways:

- **Mail:** PO Box 490, Xenia, OH 45385-0490
- **Drop Box:** Located behind the City Administration Building at 107 E. Main Street, Xenia, OH 45385
- **By Fax:** (937) 376-8914
- **Online:** Via secure email on the Tax Division webpage: www.eExploreXenia.com

Water shutoffs resume

On March 31, 2020, Governor DeWine signed an order that put a temporary halt to water service shut offs in the state of Ohio as much of the state closed down due to COVID-19. The order has since been lifted and the City of Xenia will resume shut offs beginning Wednesday, July 29.

The City of Xenia's Utility Billing Division will be sending out notices to residents who have past due bills to alert them that shut offs are being reinstated.

Residents who have past due bills must make the full past due amount by **5 p.m. on Monday, July 27th** in order to avoid having services disconnected. At this time, the City of Xenia is not allowing for extensions or payment agreements.



If payment is not made by July 27th, residents with past due bills will get a \$25 disconnect fee and risk having services shut off on or after Wednesday, July 29th. If payments are received by 3 p.m. on the day of disconnection, crews will attempt to reconnect service on the same day, however, it is not guaranteed.

Crews replacing water meters citywide in Xenia

The City of Xenia is undertaking a project that will replace current water meters with a state-of-the-art meter reading system. Beginning Monday, June 15, residents and businesses should be aware that crews from NECO will be working to replace meters throughout the community. Most customers' meters are located at the curb thereby limiting disruptions to the customer. Customers who still have meters inside a home or business will be contacted by NECO to setup an appointment for replacement.

The new meter system will be installed citywide and the project will take several months to complete. Once installed, the new system will allow residents to check their water usage on a much more frequent basis, provide timely leak detection notifications, and supply more detailed usage information, all while ensuring long-term meter accuracy. It will also measure water usage in gallons instead of the currently used method of cubic feet.

NECO crews will be driving marked vehicles and will be outfitted with name tags. Installation of the new meter system at each address will take between 30 and 60 minutes. Any resident who sees crews working in their neighborhood can call the City Administration Building (937) 376-7231 or Xenia Police Division (937) 376-7221 if they have questions.