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City of Xenia Tree Committee hosts second annual native tree/shrub sale

Xenia, Ohio---Working to expand and support the urban forest, the City of Xenia Tree Committee is hosting its second annual Native Tree and Shrub Sale with locally grown nursery specimens to allow residents to add to their own landscapes this autumn planting season.

The sale will open to the public on Sept. 1 and end Sept. 30. Trees will be delivered on Oct. 15 and be available for pick-up from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Oct. 15, at the Xenia Service Center, 966 Towler Rd., Xenia.

All proceeds will be used to help with maintenance and replacement of City-owned trees.

Trees and shrubs that can be ordered at this time include American Linden, Blackgum, Ohio Buckeye, Yellow Buckeye, Eastern Wahoo, Flowering Dogwood, Cucumber Magnolia; Shumard Oak, Papaw, Redbud, Allegheny Serviceberry, Aromatic Sumac, Blackhawk Viburnum, Red Chokeberry, Carolina Sweetshrub, Red-twig Dogwood, Common Witch hazel and Ninebark.

Cost is \$45 for trees grown in three-gallon containers and \$40 for shrubs grown in three-gallon containers. Order forms can be found on-line at <https://www.ci.xenia.oh.us/880/Tree-Sale>. Payment details will be listed on the order form.

Trees not picked up by noon on Saturday, October 15, 2022, will be considered a donation to the City of Xenia and will be planted in a City park.

The Tree Committee was formed in 2011 by the Xenia Recreation and Events Committee (XREC) in an effort to bring volunteers together to create and facilitate a plan for development, conservation, and care of Xenia's urban forest resources and to promote and raise awareness about the importance of trees in our community. The Tree Committee volunteers support the City's efforts with regard to trimming and planting streetscape and park trees.

Current/ongoing projects include the following:

- Holding annual Arbor Day events and participating in other community events
- Assisting the City's Public Service Department with trimming streetscape trees and planting trees on City property including local parks

- Establishing and maintaining a City of Xenia Tree Inventory to identify tree species at Shawnee Park and along the Little Miami Scenic Trail
- Having the City designated as a “Tree City USA”
- Organizing the Heritage Tree Program
- Organizing Tree Photography Contests
- Organizing events to provide education on the importance of trees and identifying tree species, such as the Woodland Cemetery Walk
- Holding tree sales in an effort to maintain and grow this area’s urban forest
- Conducting research and providing education on pests that may affect the health of local trees
- The Tree Committee is supported by the OSU Extension Greene County, Central State University Extension Service and the Greene Soil and Water Conservation District, as well as area residents with a vested interest and extensive knowledge of trees.

For more information about the City of Xenia Tree Committee Native Tree and Shrub Sale, contact the City of Xenia at mjohnson@ci.xenia.oh.us or call 937.376.7235.

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