



# Tippecanoe news

*A monthly summary of municipal affairs and activities*

## Spring Reminders

The City of Tipp City Community & Economic Development Department wishes to remind residents that if they are planning to install a fence, deck, swimming pool, or accessory building (shed) in their yard or make an addition to their home, that a Zoning Compliance Permit is required prior to starting the project. Any other building/electrical/heating permits needed are obtained at the Miami County Building Regulations in Troy. Please stop by the Government Center, 260 S. Garber Drive, call 667-6305 or check our website [www.tippcityohio.gov](http://www.tippcityohio.gov) for further information when you are putting together your spring and summer building plans. Permit information on improvements to sidewalks, driveways, and approaches is also available. •

## Promotion of Sergeant Creech

On March 17, 2014, Nick Creech, a seven year veteran of the police department, was sworn in by Mayor Hale as Tipp City's newest police sergeant. The promotion of Sergeant Creech was due to the promotion of Chief Burris in August of 2013. In turn, Creech's promotion opens a patrol level position for a new officer. Sgt. Creech was selected through a process which included a written test, an assessment center, and an oral interview. Creech will be assigned to one of the overnight shifts and will be responsible for directing three patrol officers. •



## New Bikes for Police Department

The police department recently purchased three new Fuji Police bicycles from Tipp Cyclery. These new bikes replace bicycles that have been used for the last twenty years. The bikes will be used for special details and routine patrol of the downtown area and neighborhoods. The bicycles allow the police to operate in areas where a cruiser can't. They also allow for better interaction with the public than an officer in a cruiser. Look for the officers on the new bikes in your neighborhood this summer. •



*Officer Bruce Mancz with one of the new Fuji bikes.*

## 2014 Aquatic Center Season

The temperatures might still be chilly, but it's not too early to start thinking of warm weather and fun at the Tippecanoe Family Aquatic Center. The Tippecanoe Family Aquatic Center will be open Memorial Day Weekend (May 24 - May 26) and May 31 and June 1.



### 2014 Operating Hours Are:

**May 24 - 26 & May 31 and June 1**

*Saturday 11:00 am - 7:00 pm*

*Sunday and Monday 12:00 noon - 8:00 pm*

**June 7 - August 17**

*Sunday - Thursday 12:00 noon - 8:00 pm*

*Friday and Saturday 11:00 am - 7:00 pm*

Purchase your 2014 Season Pass before April 30, 2014 and receive \$20 off a family membership or \$10 off a single membership. Passes are now on sale by visiting the Tipp City Government Center Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm. Passes may also be purchased online at [www.tippcityohio.gov](http://www.tippcityohio.gov). •

## Boards and Commissions Vacancies

The Planning Board currently has two vacancies. If you are interested in serving or wish to learn more about this Board, please visit our website [www.tippcityohio.gov](http://www.tippcityohio.gov) and go to the City Government section. You may also contact the Clerk of Council at 667-8425 or via email at [batesj@tippcity.net](mailto:batesj@tippcity.net) for additional information. •

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**WATERSHEDS COME IN ALL SHAPES AND SIZES**

**The Big Picture of Water and Our Influence on It**

A watershed is a natural basin that drains water runoff to the nearest headwaters then to streams and finally to rivers. Watersheds come in all shapes and sizes and go hand in hand with stormwater runoff. From a big picture perspective, **stormwater serves as a vehicle for hitch-hiking pollutants, and watersheds are the roadmaps of where pollutants can end up.**

The pollutants that get picked up by urban runoff (heavy metals, oil, gas, salt, fertilizer, trash, soil erosion, etc.) can not only pollute the nearest stream, but they can also travel downstream and affect the water quality for others as well.

Although agriculture is a large contributor of excess nutrients, urban runoff contributes to this problem as well. *The everyday actions of each of us make a big difference for water quality both on a local level and national level.*

1. If possible, keep rainwater in your yard and let it percolate through the soil through the use of a rain garden.
2. When you expose soil to build something new, remember to leave as much vegetation on site as possible during the construction process to help keep the loose soil trapped, preventing it from going down the storm drain.

**Important Information from Waste Management**

Please do not purchase Bagster bags for use within Miami County limits. Miami County has flow control laws meaning all waste that is collected inside the county limits must be disposed of at the Miami County Transfer. Waste Management does not have the ability to transport this type of waste to the transfer. If you have questions please call Waste Management at 1-866-695-3433. ●

3. Test your soil for existing nutrients before you fertilize. Many soils already have enough nutrients. Soil testing can tell you what nutrients your soil needs, if any. It's cheap, easy and can save you money.
4. Only fertilize after a rain.
5. Make sure to sweep any excess back into your yard with a broom. Hosing it off could take it straight to the storm drain.
6. Measure your fertilizer (and all chemicals) carefully, as instructed on the manufacture's label. More is not always better.
7. Storm drains are only for rain. Report all illegal dumping (grass clippings, leaves, oil, paint, etc.) to your city or township.
8. Tell your friends and family how they can help too.

**For more information visit [www.thecleanwaterbusiness.com](http://www.thecleanwaterbusiness.com) ●**

*Trimming Helps Maintain Reliable Service*

Transmission lines coming in contact with tree branches is a leading cause of outages. Vegetation management, particularly tree trimming, is a necessary part of providing reliable electric service. Power outages are often caused by tree limbs that either contact or fall on service lines. According to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, tree contact with transmission lines is a leading cause of electric power outages and a common cause of past regional blackouts.

Any power line contact with a tree limb can cause a short circuit. This is a real safety concern for residents. Tree trimming reduces the impact of major storms on electric service and power interruptions. It also removes dangerous limbs or trees, which enables easy access to equipment for faster and safer repairs, and prevents damage to equipment.

It is recommended for residents to plant trees and shrubs 15 to 30 feet away from power lines, and large trees more than 50 feet away. There are many guides

available which can help recommend the best trees to plant near right of ways. The American Public Power Association's Tree Power Program ([www.publicpower.org](http://www.publicpower.org)) and the Arbor Day Foundation ([www.arborday.org](http://www.arborday.org)) are excellent resources.

Do not attempt to prune trees or branches around electric lines yourself as any contact with lines can cause electrocution.

Questions about tree trimming and utility vegetation management practices can be directed to 937.667.6305.

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**IMPORTANT CITY CONTACTS**

**Automated Attendant/  
Direct Connect 669-TIPP**

**Police, Fire and EMS  
(EMERGENCY) 9-1-1**

**Miami County Communications  
Center (Non-Emergency)  
440-9911**

**Police (Non-Emergency)  
667-3112**

**Fire and EMS  
(Non-Emergency)  
667-9199 or 667-1680**

**Utility Billing 667-8424**

**Planning/Zoning 667-6305**

**Engineering and Utilities  
667-6305**

**Refuse Collection  
(Waste Management)  
(866)695-3433**

**Service Center  
(Parks and Streets) 667-8234**

**City Manager's Office 667-8425**

**Clerk of Council 667-8425**

**Construction Notice Update  
667-6293**