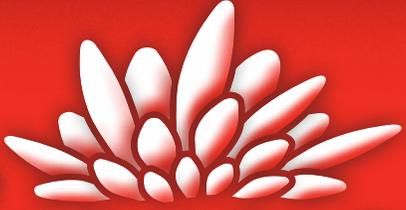


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Tippecanoe news

A monthly summary of municipal affairs and activities

Neighborhood Watch

Last year, the Tipp City Police Department began participating in the Neighborhood Watch program. Neighborhood Watch starts with any concerned resident – young or old, single or married, renter or homeowner. Even the busiest people can start a Neighborhood Watch. The program can also be done by a block of businesses interested in increasing the safety of their customers and employees.

If you are interested in participating, contact the Tipp City Police Department's Community Resource Unit for a start-up packet. The packet will include a form for creating a participant list that will serve as a helpful phone tree when and if neighbors ever need to communicate with one another. Once you feel you have gathered enough participants, return the list to the Unit Coordinator to schedule your first meeting!

Neighborhood Watch meetings are a great opportunity to meet and stay in communication with your neighbors! Also, additional events such as block parties are discussed and encouraged by Community Resource Officers at meetings. We look forward to hearing from you!

Tipp City Police Department Community Resource Unit (937) 667-3112 (x8326) •

Shelter Reservations

Whether you are looking for a place to hold a baby shower or graduation party, City Park and Kyle Park have shelters available for your special event. City Park features the historic Roundhouse and can seat 60 people. The Roundhouse can be rented for the entire day (7 am – 11 pm) to Tipp City residents for \$80. Also located in City Park are open air shelters which are available on a first-come, first-served basis and do not require a rental fee.

Kyle Park is the home to three shelters including the Rotary Pavilion, the Kyle Sports Pavilion and the Timmer Pavilion. The Rotary Pavilion is available at no cost on a first-come, first-served basis. Both the Kyle Sports Pavilion and the Timmer Pavilion rent to Tipp City residents for \$50 for the entire day (7 am – 11 pm). Both the Kyle Sports Pavilion and the Timmer Pavilion offer eight picnic tables and a grill.

If you are interested in renting a shelter or need additional information, contact Janice Bates. She can be reached by calling (937) 667-8425. Rentals begin the first Monday in March. •

Refuse/Recycling Rate Decrease

Miami County's trash tipping fees have decreased in 2015, due to a very advantageous bid the county received. This decrease has allowed the City of Tipp City to lower our residential refuse/recycling rates starting with the bills due on February 10, 2015. The decreased tipping fees equates to a \$0.39 per month per residential unit savings in Tipp City. •

America's Best Communities Competition

The City of Tipp City, Tippecanoe School District, Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Partnership, and Monroe Township Trustees are jointly working on crafting an application for the America's Best Communities Grant Competition, which is due in late March 2015. Frontier and Dish Network are sponsoring this competition in Frontiers' service territory. The competition process lasts for several years with a three-tiered award level (\$35,000, \$100,000, and the winning level). The winning community will receive \$3,000,000 to implement the plan/program envisioned in their application. •

Online Filing

Did you know that your 2014 Tipp City income tax return can be filed electronically? Visit the city's website at www.tippcityohio.gov and click on "E-FILE MY RETURN." •

Stay Informed! Subscribe to receive City news updates by email at www.tippcityohio.gov.

Focus on Safety When Operating a Generator

A portable generator is very helpful during a prolonged power outage, but use it improperly and you risk Carbon Monoxide (CO) poisoning, electrical shock or electrocution or fire.

Keep your family safe during an outage by following these tips from the National Fire Protection Association and American Red Cross.

- **Placement:** Operate your generator in a well-ventilated, outdoor location away from all doors, windows and vent openings where exhaust fumes might enter. An attached garage, even with the door open, is not a safe location. Neither is a combustible surface like a wooden deck.
- **CO Alarms:** For added safety, have either battery-operated CO alarms or plug-in CO alarms with battery back-up in your home. Follow the manufacturer's installation instructions.
- **Fuel Storage:** Never store fuel for your generator in your home. Store gasoline or other flammable liquids outside of living areas in approved, properly labeled safety containers kept away from fuel burning appliances.
- **Refueling:** Never refuel a generator while it is running. Turn it off and let it cool before refueling. Also, turn off all appliances the generator is powering before shutting it down.
- **Operation:** Follow the manufacturer's instructions for grounding the generator. Plug appliances either directly into the generator or into an outdoor-rated, grounded extension cord free of cuts - preferably one with a ground-fault circuit interrupter.
- **Do Not** try to power the house wiring by plugging the generator into a regular wall outlet. Called "back feeding", this is extremely dangerous. Not only can it damage your home's wiring and start a fire, but it can also send electricity into the utility system and seriously injure or kill an unsuspecting lineworker helping to restore power.
- **DO use a transfer switch:** If you want to connect the generator to the house wiring to power appliances, you need a properly rated transfer switch installed by a qualified electrician in accordance with the National Electrical Code and all applicable state and local electrical codes. •

Vectren - Bare Steel Replacement Program

Vectren recently met with City Staff to review their upcoming Bare Steel Gas Main Replacement Program for 2015. They will be replacing over 1.96 miles of old steel pipe and 200 services in three areas of Tipp City. Work will start in the winter and end in late spring. More information will be forthcoming to the affected areas by Vectren. You can also check out their website at <http://ow.ly/H0IIK>. •

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 Inc.)
(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**