

# Tippecanews

*A monthly summary of municipal affairs and activities*

## Summer Reminders

**HOME IMPROVEMENTS** – If you are considering building a deck, fence, shed, pool or expanding your driveway, please contact the Planning/Zoning Office at 667-6305 for more information.

**PARKING** – Boats, campers, trailers, or recreational vehicles are permitted to be parked in a front driveway for 48 hours in any 7-day period.

**GARAGE SALES** are limited to 3 per year at any residential location. One Garage Sale sign is allowed on the property where the sale is being held, not in the curb lawn. Sign are not allowed to be posted on utility poles or traffic signs, but must be placed on private property. No permit is required.

**DOGS** – No person owning or having control of a dog shall permit it to run at large in any street, alley, public park, other public place or unenclosed property. Collection and proper disposal of pet excrement is required.

**MOWING** – Weeds and grass must be mowed and maintained at a level not to exceed 10" in height. ●

## Guidelines for a Recreational Fire

A recreational fire may be rekindled providing the following restrictions are adhered to:

1. The fire is not offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions or when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous.
2. The wind velocity must be less than 10 MPH as indicated by the National Weather Service, and is in a direction to carry smoke away from neighbors. This can be monitored by TV channels 23 and 56.
3. The fire must be located a minimum of 25 feet from any structure. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.
4. It must be fueled with clean dry firewood, natural gas or equivalent.
5. Fire extinguishing materials must be at site of burning at all times.
6. The fire shall be attended by a sober, responsible adult at all times.
7. The fire shall be extinguished immediately when the event is completed and/or the responsible adult is leaving the fire.
8. The fire shall be limited in size not larger than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height.
9. A recreational fire is one that is intended for cooking or enjoyment of those present.
10. Trash, yard debris, leaves or any other smoke producing materials shall not be burned. ●

## Congratulations!!!

Congratulations to Electric Superintendent, Gary Garvey on his June 30th retirement after 25 years of service to Tipp City and a total of 44 years in the electric industry. Everyone at the City wishes Gary and his wife Julia a fun filled and relaxing retirement. We thank him for his time of service and are much appreciative of his efforts to "keep the lights on" in Tipp City. The City of Tipp City would also like to welcome Arliss Clark in the Street Department and Todd Samples in the Electric Department. ●

## Tippecanews Veterans' Memorial Pavers

The City of Tipp City is accepting orders for memorial pavers to be installed in the Veterans' Memorial Park for 2012. The tan bricks are available in two sizes: 4" x 8" - 3 lines of print (\$53.25) and the 8" x 8" - 6 lines of print (\$213.00). Applicants/honoree must have a connection to Tipp City/Monroe Township. Applications are available at the Tipp City Government Center, Tipp Monroe Community Services, or online at [www.tippcityohio.gov](http://www.tippcityohio.gov). Checks are to be made payable to the *City of Tipp City* and received by September 1, 2014.

The pavers will be ordered in September and will be installed by Veterans Day, November 11, 2014. Any questions on this program, please call the Service Department at 937-667-6305. ●

## Stay Informed!

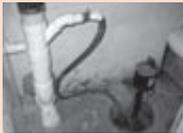
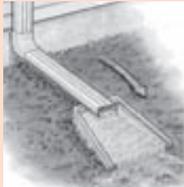
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## The Right Hook Up for Water Quality

Illegal discharge of pollution into a city's storm sewer system is known as illicit discharge. Illicit discharge happens in two ways:

1. Dumping pollutants down storm drains
2. Connecting wastewater pipes to a storm sewer system

Both of these activities pollute our water by carrying contaminants to the stream through the storm sewer system. Also, connecting your gutter downspouts to the storm sewer can result in overloading the system causing backups and overflow sewage. This kind of activity, whether intentional or unknown, is becoming a significant source of pollution and has a negative impact on our water quality and stream life. It is a good practice to assume that all storm sewer drainage goes straight to the stream, not a treatment plant.

PROBLEM	ALTERNATIVE
 <p>Blowing leaves, grass clippings, salt, fertilizer and other yard waste down the storm drain.</p>	 <p><b>COMPOST</b> Sweep up and compost large yard waste, dispose of safe chemicals in trash, and sweep or blow fertilizer and grass clippings back into yard.</p>
 <p>Dumping cleaning supplies, oil, paint, fuel, batteries, trash, car fluids, pesticides or any other chemical down the storm drain.</p>	 <p>Take all unused chemical products to a waste management facility. Washing your car on your lawn traps pollutants by filtering them through the soil and also waters your grass. Also, when draining swimming pool water, you can de-chlorinate the water or drain slowly into the grass.</p>
 <p>Liquids are discharged to the storm sewer such as used water from sinks, tubs, washers, floor drains and other household drains; and also failing septic systems, broken sewer lines and sewage pipes that are connected to the storm sewer.</p>	 <p>Ensure that used water (gray water) is piped to the sanitary sewer to be treated. Repair/replace failing septic systems, or connect up to city sanitary sewer system. Disconnecting downspouts and draining run off into grass away from house, rain barrels or gardens decreases stream bank erosion.</p>

In general, excess nutrients from yard waste and fertilizer decrease the oxygen in the water that is needed for life in the stream. Toxins, metals, oil and bacteria from the other activities poison the water making it unsafe for people and wildlife.

For more information, visit [www.thecleanwaterbusiness.com](http://www.thecleanwaterbusiness.com). •

## 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