

# Tippecanews

*A monthly summary of municipal affairs and activities*

## 4th Street Culvert

The City's contractor, Tom's Construction Inc., of St. Henry, Ohio has completed the repairs to the culvert under North 4th Street which was destroyed in the May 21st storm. The City obtained Emergency Ohio Public Works Commission grant funding to help pay for the replacement of the two 60" steel pipes with a new 9'x7' concrete box structure. The City appreciated the community's understanding and patience while this repair was being completed. ●

## Government Center Closure

In observance of Christmas Day and New Years' Day, the Government Center will be closed on Thursday, December 25, 2014 and Thursday, January 1, 2015. We wish you all a warm holiday season and a prosperous 2015! ●

## Marilyn Fennell Retires

On November 30th Marilyn Fennell, Administrative Secretary, retired with 15 years plus of public service to the citizens of Tipp City. Marilyn assisted customers at the Planning, Service & Utilities window, clerked the Planning Board, Parks Advisory Board, Tree Board meetings plus served as Clerk of Council during a time of transition. Her passion for trees helped the City maintain its Tree City designation, and she always promoted the memorial tree and memorial paver programs. She will now be able to spend more time with her husband Gary, two daughters, son, and grandchildren. Congratulations Marilyn, enjoy your retirement, and you will be missed at the Government Center. ●

## Holiday Decorating Reminder

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not for both.
- Replace any string of light with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini light sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in-bulbs. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of LED strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors. ●

## Holiday Trash Pick-Up Schedule

**Waste Management will not perform collection service on the following holidays:**

**Christmas Day** - Thursday, December 25

**New Years' Day** - Thursday, January 1

*Collection performed on or directly following a holiday will be delayed one day.*

**Christmas trees will be picked up** - January 5 and 12, 2015

Ensure all ornaments, icicles, garland and decorations are completely removed and place your tree curbside for pick-up. As an additional reminder, Waste Management **will not** collect trees if they are placed in plastic bags. ●



## Tipp City Welcomes New City Manager

On November 17th Mayor Pat Hale swore in new City Manager Timothy J. Eggleston.

He and his wife Roseann come to us from Conneaut, Ohio. Mr. Eggleston was the City Manager in Conneaut for three years prior to his new appointment in Tipp City. Welcome Tim and Roseann! ●

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## Preventing and Thawing Frozen Pipes

Being prepared and informed may help you to avoid the messy and often expensive issue of frozen pipes. The American Red Cross shares the below information and suggestions around how to prevent water pipes in the home from freezing, and how to thaw them if they do freeze.

Pipes that freeze most frequently are those that are exposed to severe cold, like outdoor hose bibs, swimming pool supply lines, water sprinkler lines, and water supply pipes in unheated interior areas like basements and crawl spaces, attics, garages, or kitchen cabinets. Pipes that run against exterior walls that have little or no insulation are also subject to freezing.

### Preventing Frozen Pipes

Before the onset of cold weather, prevent freezing of these water supply lines and pipes by following these recommendations:

- Drain water from swimming pool and water sprinkler supply lines following manufacturer's or installer's directions. Do not put antifreeze in these lines unless directed. Antifreeze is environmentally harmful, and is dangerous to humans, pets, wildlife, and landscaping.
- Remove, drain, and store hoses used outdoors. Close inside valves supplying outdoor hose bibs. Open the outside hose bibs to allow water to drain. Keep the outside valve open so that any water remaining in the pipe can expand without causing the pipe to break.
- Check around the home for other areas where water supply lines are located in unheated areas. Look in the basement, crawl space, attic, garage, and under kitchen and bathroom cabinets. Both hot and cold water pipes in these areas should be insulated.
- Consider installing specific products made to insulate water pipes like a "pipe sleeve" or installing UL-listed "heat tape," "heat cable," or similar materials on exposed water pipes.

Newspaper can provide some degree of insulation and protection to exposed pipes – even 1/4" of newspaper can provide significant protection in areas that usually do not have frequent or prolonged temperatures below freezing.

### During Cold Weather, Take Preventative Action

- Keep garage doors closed if there are water supply lines in the garage.
- Open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing. Be sure to move any harmful cleaners and household chemicals up out of the reach of children.
- When the weather is very cold outside, let the cold water drip from the faucet served by exposed pipes. Running water through the pipe – even at a trickle – helps prevent pipes from freezing.
- Keep the thermostat set to the same temperature both during the day and at night. By temporarily suspending the use of lower nighttime temperatures, you may incur a higher heating bill, but you can prevent a much more costly repair job if pipes freeze and burst.
- If you will be going away during cold weather, leave the heat on in your home, set to a temperature no lower than 55° F.

### To Thaw Frozen Pipes

- If you turn on a faucet and only a trickle comes out, suspect a frozen pipe. Likely places for frozen pipes include against exterior walls or where your water service enters your home through the foundation.
- Keep the faucet open. As you treat the frozen pipe and the frozen area begins to melt, water will begin to flow through the frozen area. Running water through the pipe will help melt ice in the pipe.
- Apply heat to the section of pipe using an electric heating pad wrapped around the pipe, an electric hair dryer, a portable space heater (kept away from flammable materials), or by wrapping pipes with towels soaked in hot water. Do not use a blowtorch, kerosene or propane heater, charcoal stove, or other open flame device.

- Apply heat until full water pressure is restored. If you are unable to locate the frozen area, if the frozen area is not accessible, or if you can not thaw the pipe, call a licensed plumber.
- Check all other faucets in your home to find out if you have additional frozen pipes. If one pipe freezes, others may freeze, too.

### Future Protection

- Consider relocating exposed pipes to provide increased protection from freezing.
- Pipes can be relocated by a professional if the home is remodeled.
- Add insulation to attics, basements and crawl spaces. Insulation will maintain higher temperatures in these areas.

**For more information, please contact a licensed plumber or building professional. ●**

## 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**