

February 2014

Tippecanews

A monthly summary of municipal affairs and activities

Tipp City's New Council

New Council Member Matt Owen along with incumbents Katelyn Berbach and Joe Gibson were sworn-in during Council's January 6th Council Meeting. Pat Hale was stuck in Denver due to weather and unable to attend the meeting. He was sworn in by Law Director Caldwell on January 8th. They join current Council Members Dolores Gillis, John Kessler and Mike McDermott. With a new Council in place it is necessary to elect council leaders for the next two years. Joe Gibson was elected as Council President and Pat Hale was elected Mayor. ●

Did You Know?

Monthly Utility Bills Can Be Emailed Simply complete the application on the City's website www.tippcityohio.gov under the resident information tab and click Email Utility Bill Application. Completed applications can be faxed to 937-667-5816, emailed to utilitybilling@tippcity.net or dropped off at the Utility Billing Office located at 260 S. Garber Drive. ●

Automatic Payment Deduction for Utilities Bills Never be late with your Utility payment again. Tipp City Utilities offers Automatic Payment Deductions. The deduction occurs the 10th of every month. Applications to participate in the Automatic Deduction program are located on the City's website www.tippcityohio.gov. To enroll, complete and return along with a voided check to the Utility Department. ●

Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Congratulations to the following residents who were recently appointed by Council to serve on various Boards and Commissions. Diane Koehler, Robert Blakey, Mike McFarland, David Berrett, Pat Liening, Stan Evans, Ben Woodruff, Kevin Cox, Brent Rawlins, Stacy Wall, Jamie DeSantis, Lauryn Bayliff and Ann Harker.

The Board of Tax Appeals and the Tree Board still have vacancies. If you are interested in serving or wish to learn more about any of the Boards, please visit our website 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 for additional information. ●

Going Places Together...

People from all over the Miami Valley Region have told the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) what they want this region to be like in



the future. MVRPC has developed ideas on how to make this vision happen. MVRPC will

be hosting 3 open houses to discuss and share the visions. During the open houses implementation strategies will be discussed as well as opportunities to offer your opinion. **Come as you are, drop in when you can, stay as long as you like! All open houses are from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Free refreshments!**

Wednesday, February 19, 2014

Troy Rec's ground floor gym
11 N. Market St., Troy, Ohio 45373

Thursday, February 20, 2014

Greene County Jobs and Family Services building
541 Ledbetter Rd., Xenia, Ohio 45385

Tuesday, February 25, 2014

Center for Regional Cooperation
1100 W. Third St., Dayton, Ohio 45402

We look forward to seeing you! For more information, visit www.mvrpc.org/rlu or contact staff at (937) 223-6323 or goingplaces@mvrpc.org. Find us on Facebook! www.facebook.com/GoingPlacesMV ●

Call for Artists! Art Chair Tour and Auction



If art is a passion, pastime, or profession, here is a great opportunity to showcase your talent and support your local Arts Council. All artists, community groups and interested community members are invited to create unique works of art using CHAIRS of any type as their canvas. The chair can be old or new and of any medium of your choice. The Chair creations should be conceived as items that people will eagerly seek to own and bid for at the auction. Chair Submission Deadline is April 1, 2014. For an Artists Application form and guidelines about participating go to www.tippcityartscouncil.com or www.tmcomservices.org. You can also contact Tipp-Monroe Community Services by calling 937-667-8631. Completed CHAIRS will be displayed throughout Tipp City and Monroe Township in June and July 2014. They will then be sold at the Take A Seat Auction on Saturday, August 23, 2014. Event proceeds will benefit the Tipp City Area Arts Council and Tipp-Monroe Community Services. ●

You Can Save Some Green by Testing Your Brown!

In recent years, increased use of fertilizers has caused concern about the pollution of lakes, streams and groundwater. While proper application and amounts of fertilizer can benefit your yard, misuse can not only harm



your lawn, it can harm our water quality and the environment as well. When excess nutrients enter a water source, either by water runoff or soil leachate, algal blooms occur, often making the water green, cloudy and smelly. These blooms deplete the oxygen level in the water suffocating fish and other species that live there.

Many times lawns already have all the nutrients they need to grow lush green grass and adding unnecessary fertilizer is a waste of money. Having your soil tested for adequate nutrients and pH balance is a sure way to save you money and keep our water clean.



What happens when too much fertilizer gets into the water? You can help by following the 10 Golden Rules:

1. Fertilize only the parts of your lawn that need extra nutrients.
2. Be careful not to get fertilizer on sidewalks or driveways. If you do, sweep it up with a broom
3. Test your soil every year. Don't get in the habit of fertilizing year after year.
4. Use phosphorous-free or organic fertilizer.
5. Leave grass clippings on your lawn. The two primary nutrients in fertilizer are nitrogen and phosphorous which are the same nutrients in the clippings. Spread the clumps out as not to choke the grass, and make sure the clippings don't go into the storm drains.
6. Fertilize in the spring or fall.
7. Always apply after rain, never before or during rain.
8. Be open minded to having a variety of lawn species in your yard. Having

variety can make your lawn hardier in times of drought saving money on watering and spraying herbicides.

9. Read labels carefully. Only apply the amount suggested by the manufacturer.
10. Keep your grass 3 inches tall. The longer roots promote healthier grass and helps keep the moisture in the soil. Taller grass can also have a positive affect by slowing stormwater down and filtering the runoff.

For more information on how and where to get your soil tested visit <http://extension.osu.edu> to find you county's OSU Extension office, or visit 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**