

# Tippecanews

*A monthly summary of municipal affairs and activities*

## Income Tax Forms

The Tax Department has updated the tax forms and instructions for filing 2013 returns. As a cost saving measure the City will not be sending preprinted forms to all account holders. Income Tax forms are available on the City's website at [www.tippcityohio.gov](http://www.tippcityohio.gov), at the Government Center, or by contacting the Tax Department (937-667-8426) to request a form to be mailed to you. The tax due date for 2013 calendar year filers is Tuesday, April 15, 2014. If you have any questions pertaining to the City income tax please contact the Tax Department at 937-667-8426. •



## Honoring Council Member Budding

Council Member Bryan Budding was presented a plaque at the last meeting in 2013 by Council President John Kessler for his years of service to the citizens of Tipp City. •

## Tree Donation

At the December 16, 2013 Tipp City Council meeting, the Tipp City Rotary Club presented a check for \$1,000 to the City for memorial trees. The Tipp City Rotary Club has been supporting the memorial tree program since 2002, to honor Tipp City Rotary Club's Past Presidents. So far Past Presidents from 1922 through 1982 have trees planted for them (marked with a memorial stone) in Kyle Park and now along the Great Miami River Bikeway between Kyle Park and Main Street. This year's donation will plant Sycamore trees for the following Past Presidents: Joe Rench (1982-83), Thomas Rodenberg (1983-84), James Davis (1984-85), Larry Ewald (1988-86). Both James Davis and Larry Ewald are still active members in the Tipp City Rotary Club. So far 64 memorial trees have been planted through donations by the Tipp City Rotary Club. •



Council President John Kessler (right) and Tipp City Rotary President Simon Patry.

## Efficiency Focus

Water heating can account for 14-25 percent of the energy consumed in a home. Some thermostats are preset to 140°F. Lowering the thermostat on your water heater to 120°F will save you money and save energy.

## Fire Hydrants

With the recent snow events, fire hydrants become buried in snow. During an emergency, the Fire Department will have to spend valuable time looking for a fire hydrant, shoveling it out, so that they can use the hydrant. Please help out the Tipp City Fire Department, your neighbors, and yourself by carefully shoveling out the fire hydrant nearest to your house or business. The Tipp City Fire Department thanks you!



## Volunteers Needed

Do you have an hour or two every few weeks to volunteer for your local public access television station? KIT-TV, in downtown Tipp City, could use your help. Volunteers are frequently used to film events that will be aired on KIT-TV. Equipment is supplied and KIT-TV will do the editing when you are finished. No experience necessary. Training on the equipment will be provided. Volunteers of all ages are needed and appreciated. Please call 937-667-8622 for more information.

## Pat Hale Appointed to National Public Power Council

**T**ipp City Council member Pat Hale has been named to a one-year term on the American Public Power Association's Policy Makers Council by APPA's Board of Directors. APPA is the Washington, D.C.-based national service organization representing the nation's more than 2,000 not-for-profit, community-owned electric utilities that serve 47 million consumers in 49 states.

The Policy Makers Council assists APPA in promoting federal legislation that is important to public power systems like Tipp City Electric and opposing harmful legislation. It also provides advice on other issues of importance to APPA. Members of the council meet a minimum of twice a year, and participate in meetings with elected representatives and congressional staff for the purposes of supporting APPA's national legislative agenda.

The Council is made up of 40 members who serve on either utility boards or are elected officials in public power communities. Four members are appointed to the Council from each of the 10 geographic regions recognized by APPA. In addition, there are a number of "At-Large" members of the Council from across the country who are appointed based on vacancies in the 10 regions.

Pat Hale also serves as Tipp City's Board member for the Ohio Municipal Electric Association (OMEA). The OMEA also provides as a legislative liaison service for public power communities in Ohio. ●

## Vectren to Replace Bare Steel, Cast Iron Gas Main and Service Pipelines in Tipp City

**T**o improve system reliability for natural gas to customers, Ritter Pipeline crews working for Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio (Vectren) will soon begin replacing gas mains and services in Tipp City. The work is part of the company's pipeline replacement program, which is a multi-year program to replace nearly 2,000 miles of bare steel and cast iron pipeline infrastructure throughout its service territories in Indiana and Ohio. In Tipp City, approximately 2,195 feet of gas main and 62 service lines will be replaced in 2014.

The areas of work in Tipp City for 2014 include the following:

- W. Dow Street between Rohrer Drive and S. Hyatt Drive
- W. Broadway Avenue between Rohrer Drive and S. Hyatt Street
- Horton Avenue between Rohrer Drive and S. Hyatt Street
- Pinestead Drive from Rohrer Drive to the end of Pinestead Drive

The work will consist of installing a polyethylene (plastic) system to replace the current bare steel and cast iron gas pipeline system. First, the gas main will be replaced within the right-of-way, and then the service lines serving residential and commercial customers will be replaced. Upon completion of the project, affected yards, sidewalks and streets will be restored.

Prior to service replacement, a Vectren representative will contact customers to schedule this portion of the work, which will involve a short service interruption. Additionally, a Vectren representative will schedule a time to relight any natural gas appliances of impacted customers.

To help ensure the safety of the construction workers as well as the traveling public, motorists should remain alert, reduce their speed and watch for stopped traffic while passing through the work zone area.

For more information on the pipeline replacement program, please go to [www.vectren.com/pipelinereplacement](http://www.vectren.com/pipelinereplacement).

All work is weather permitting. The scheduled start work date is January 13, 2014. Anticipated completion date is March 15, 2014. ●

### 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**