

August 2015

Tippecanews

A monthly summary of municipal affairs and activities

Tippecanews Tipp City and Goodwill Easter Seals Miami Valley Partner

The City of Tipp City and Goodwill Easter Seals Miami Valley (GESMV) are partnering for a community electronics recycling event on Saturday, September 19, from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Tipp City Government Center Building, 260 South Garber Drive.

Goodwill Easter Seals Miami Valley is a participant in the Dell ReConnect program and follows the highest standards for environmental safety. The program helps GESMV provide a variety of jobs for people with disabilities in the community.

Working and non-working items accepted include computers, monitors, cell phones, hard drives, printers, toner cartridges, keyboards, mice, speakers, cords/cables, software, routers/switches, fire walls, servers and scanners. We will be unable to accept TVs at this year's event. Receipts for tax purposes will be provided to those who donate.

For more information, contact Goodwill Easter Seals e-cycling at (937)461-8463 or email ecycle@gesmv.org.

Tippecanews Tipp City Veterans' Memorial Pavers

The City of Tipp City is accepting orders for memorial pavers to be installed in the Veterans' Memorial Park for 2015. 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. Checks are to be made payable to the City of Tipp City and received by September 1, 2015.

The pavers will be ordered in September and will be installed by Veterans Day, November 11, 2015. Any questions on this program, please call the Service Department at (937)667-6305.

57th Annual *Tippecanews* Tipp City Mum Festival

Cruise-In

Friday, September 25

4:00 - 10:00 pm

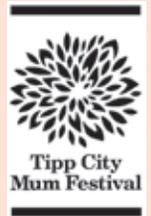
Downtown Tipp City

Run for the Mums 5K Run

Saturday, September 26

Registration 6:30-7:30 am, run begins at 8:00 am

Tipp City Park Roundhouse



Tipp City Mum Festival Parade

Saturday, September 26

10:00 am

Craft Hours

Saturday, September 26

10:00 am - 9:00 pm

Sunday, September 27

11:00 am - 6:00 pm

Tipp City Mum Motorcycle Ride

Sunday, September 13

Registration 9:00 - 11:00 am, depart 11:30 am

(Rain dates Sunday, September 20 or 27)

3G Tactical

Boy Scout of America Troop 586 are once again offering everyone the opportunity to join in the celebration of the festival by adopting a mum. The Boy Scouts will be painting mums on the sidewalks and driveways of those wishing to adopt a mum. Cost of a mum is \$10. The mums are approximately 3'x3' and can be painted in your choice of red, white, yellow or a combination. Order forms are located on the official mum festival website: www.tippcitymumfestival.org.

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

Tipp City's Permissive (Motor Vehicle) License Tax

One of the ways in which maintenance and repair of City streets is funded is with a motor vehicle license tax. The Ohio Revised Code (ORC) permits a City to levy up to four \$5 tax levies (\$20 total) for such purposes. Tipp City has enacted the following levies:

- 1989 **ORC 4504.06** – \$5 for the: Planning, constructing, improving, maintaining, and repairing public roads, highways, and streets and maintaining and repairing bridges and viaducts; paying debt service on notes or bonds issued for such purpose; purchasing, erecting, and maintaining traffic lights and signals.
- 2005 **ORC 4504.172** – \$5 to supplement revenue already available to municipal corporations under section **4504.06** (above).
- 2009 **ORC 4504.17** – \$5 to supplement revenue already available to municipal corporations under section **4504.06** (above).
- 2009 **ORC 4504.171** – \$5 to supplement revenue already available to municipal corporations under section **4504.06** (above).

These four motor vehicle tax levies generate approximately \$210,000 for the City of Tipp City. Monies collected are placed in a separate accounting fund and may only be used for the purposes specified above (maintenance and repair of the City's streets, bridges, and traffic signals).

Tipp City uses these license tax monies to pay the salaries and related benefits of 1.25 of the City's 5.25 full-time Street Department employees. These employees are charged with the task of maintaining and repairing the City streets and can often be found crack sealing, patching potholes, clearing storm catch basins, and plowing the City streets in inclement weather. This fund also pays for a portion

of the road salt used in the winter, and fuel and maintenance required for the Street Department trucks and vehicles. Permissive License Tax receipts are also used to pay a portion of the debt service related to the engineering and construction of Donn Davis Way. •

Tipp City Operations and Clean Rivers

Tipp City is located on one of the area's main rivers, The Great Miami River.

Did you know? In a typical year our crews clean and check approximately 340 storm water catch basins. These basins get loaded with silt, sand, debris, and leaves. The Ohio EPA requires an annual report from cities documenting river related activities like this which the City completes.

The City collects approximately 320 truckloads of leaves each year in the Fall. The City and the EPA recommend that leaves be chopped up with the lawn mower until they disappear into the grass and then left in place. This practice adds humus to the soil and keeps the lawn looking better with less water. Many fertilizer companies also recommend this practice. By mulching leaves onto their lawn, homeowners have actually reduced the phosphorous in their lawn fertilizers. The City is required to report the number of loads of leaves collected each year to the EPA. With a goal to see a declining number of truckloads annually.

In the Winter, the City spreads 400 to 500 tons of salt per year on its 154 "lane-miles" of roadway. This salt is not good for the river, but winter driving and automobile safety requires the use of salt.

Some cities purchase special trucks with a built-in GPS and salt weighing system to document the exact amount of salt spread on each segment of road lane. Tipp City does its best to keep track of the use of salt on each road in the city, and we use some of the latest techniques

to minimize the amount of salt needed by adding grit to the salt, pre-wetting the salt (so that it sticks to the road better), and using beet juice to pretreat the roads when a big snow is expected. Salt usage is also reported annually to the Ohio EPA.

The City has 17 parks covering 436 acres. In the Summer we mow approximately 240 acres of lawn, including open space, soccer & baseball fields. The City minimizes the use of fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides. Any of these that are used must be reported to the EPA.

We should all be reducing salt use as much as possible in winter, reducing mowing in the Summer, chopping up leaves in the fall and leaving them on the lawn, and avoiding the use of fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides, wherever possible, not only to help keep the rivers healthy, but to help reduce our costs. •

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**