

December 2015

Tippecanews

A monthly summary of municipal affairs and activities

A Message from City Manager Eggleston

It has been almost a year and I can say what a pleasure it has been to serve as your City Manager. I appreciate the foresight of the community in approving five years ago a 10-year capital levy for the purposes of maintaining the aging infrastructure and ability to replace some of the aging equipment. It is a testament to the commitment the residents and businesses have in keeping Tipp City the best place to work, live, and play. As you may have heard, Tipp City was selected by *Ohio Magazine* as the "Best Hometown" in 2016 for Southwest Ohio. Another validation to the residents and businesses that what you're doing is working. To put this in perspective, there are two ways of being selected as a Best Hometown. One is by applying for it and the other is a casual visit by the editors of the magazine. Tipp was selected by the latter. The editors of *Ohio Magazine* came to Tipp City and immediately fell in love with Tipp's historic character, customer friendly businesses, and vibrant downtown. Rosanne and I both have enjoyed the festive nature of the community and unique businesses that front on Main Street. The dining experience one can have in Tipp is phenomenal. I appreciate those groups and organizations that devote so much of their time to making Tipp City what it is. Thank you and keep in mind my office is always open should you have any concerns, comments, or just want to talk. ●

What Happens to Storm Water Runoff?

Hard surfaces like roof tops, driveways and streets prevent rain from naturally soaking into the ground. Instead, this water will run off the land and go down the storm drain, and often times, down to the stream untreated. This water can pick up and float pollutants such as trash, gas, oil and salt from pavements, and fertilizer from lawns down the river. Heavy rains cause storm water to flood our homes and businesses. It can also create issues like sewage overflows. You can help reduce storm water runoff by keeping the water on your property and prevent as much as you can from taking pollutants to the storm drain. Install a rain barrel and use the water you catch for your garden – saving you money! Disconnect your downspouts from existing standpipes and let rain flow downhill over landscaped areas or your lawn. For more information, contact your local Soil and Water Conservation District or visit www.americanrivers.org. ●

Government Center Closures

In observance of Christmas Day, the Government Center will be closed on Friday, December 25, 2015. The Government Center will also be closed on Friday, January 1, 2016 in observance of New Year's Day. We wish you and yours a wonderful Holiday Season. ●



Holiday Trash Pick-Up Schedule

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

Christmas Day – Friday, December 25
New Years' Day – Friday, January 1



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

Christmas trees will be picked up:
January 4 and 11, 2016

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. ●

Stay Informed!

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Police Department Now Has a Facebook Page!

Police Chief Eric Burris encourages everyone to “like” the Tipp City Police Department page on Facebook. The Department recently started the page as a way to engage the citizens they serve and keep people informed of interesting things going on within the Police Department. It is also designed to allow the patrol sergeants to post urgent information in case of emergencies. As the department has grown, we haven’t been as diligent in introducing the newest officers in the Department to the community. Through our new social media outlet; the Police Department will be creating a series of posts designed to introduce the officers to our Facebook audience. It will be a combination of two separate programs called “Behind the Badge” and “Why I wear the Badge”. Each individual officer’s post will have a picture of the officer and allows them to say a few things about why they chose to become a police officer or even what they enjoy doing in their off time. This is meant to help citizens put a face with the name and humanize our officers. After all, we are just regular people with our own personal interests and our own reasons for choosing law enforcement as a career. Again, please take a moment to connect with us. Right now, law enforcement officers need all the friends they can get. ●



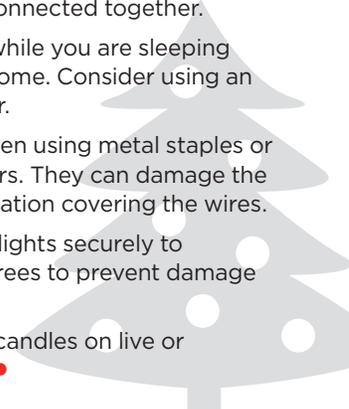
Holiday Lighting Safety Tips

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission approximately 12,800 people are treated each year in hospital emergency rooms from injuries related to holiday lights and decorations including falls, cuts, and shocks. Additionally, an estimated 300 home fires involve Christmas trees annually.

Take note of the following safety tips to do your part in reducing these numbers:

- Use only holiday lights with an Underwriters Laboratory (UL) safety certification label.
- To prevent short circuit and overloads, make sure light sets are fused. UL listed sets rated 120V are always fused.
- Check all the connections and insulation before you plug in any holiday lights.
- Always test the lights on a non-flammable surface for 15 minutes. If they start to melt, smoke, or overheat, throw the string away.
- Place safety covers on unused outlets and keep cords out of sight. This will protect kids and pets from harm.
- If using a live Christmas tree, make sure it is watered, and prevent the lights from coming into direct contact with the branches.
- If using an artificial tree, make sure it is made from fire retardant material.
- Never use lights on metallic trees.
- Keep lights away from flammable and combustible materials, including draperies.
- Check smoke detectors to ensure they are working properly and they have fresh batteries. Consider adding a fire extinguisher as added precaution.
- Ensure that all outdoor lighting and equipment are certified for outdoor use and that they are plugged into ground fault circuit interrupter outlets.
- Keep electrical connections off the ground and make sure the wiring is clear of drainpipes and railings to prevent the risk of electrical shock.

- Avoid stringing holiday lights along aluminum siding, which can conduct electricity.
- Always stay clear of power lines.
- Do not exceed the manufacturer’s guidelines on how many strings of lights can be safely connected together.
- Turn off lights while you are sleeping or away from home. Consider using an automatic timer.
- Use caution when using metal staples or nails as fasteners. They can damage the protective insulation covering the wires.
- Fasten holiday lights securely to buildings and trees to prevent damage from wind.
- Never put real candles on live or artificial trees. ●



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**