

January 2016

# Tippecanews

*A monthly summary of municipal affairs and activities*

## *Appointments to Boards and Commissions*

Congratulations to the following residents who were recently appointed by Council to serve on various Boards and Commissions: Robert Blakey, Mark Hartman, Douglas Chitwood, Douglas Slagel, Patrick Hodges, Joel Gruber, Ralph Brown and Thomas DeRoss.

Openings remain on several other Boards. If you are interested in serving or wish to learn more about these Boards, please visit our website [www.tippcityohio.gov](http://www.tippcityohio.gov) and go to the City Government section. You may also contact the Clerk of Council at (937) 667-8425 for additional information. •

## **The City Welcomes Will Begley, GIS Technician/Project Manager**



Will is a graduate of Bethel High School and received his Bachelor's degree in Geography & GIS from Miami University. He and his wife Dara have been married for 4 years. Currently they don't have any kids, but do have some of the furry variety! They have 2 cats and a dog. Stop in and say hello to Will!

Welcome Will! •

## *Utility Payments*



Never be late with your Utility payment again. Tipp City Utilities offers Automatic Deductions from a bank account. 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](http://www.tippcityohio.gov). To enroll, complete and return along with a voided check to the Utility Department. •

**Did You Know?** Monthly utility bills can be emailed.

Simply complete the application located on the City's website [www.tippcityohio.gov](http://www.tippcityohio.gov). Completed applications can be faxed to (937) 667-5816, emailed to [utilitybilling@tippcity.net](mailto:utilitybilling@tippcity.net) or dropped off at the Utility Billing Office located at 260 S. Garber Drive. •

## **Honoring Council Members Gillis and McDermott**



Council Members Dee Gillis and Mike McDermott were each presented a plaque at the December 21, 2015 council meeting by Mayor Pat Hale. They were both recognized for their many years of dedicated service to the citizens of Tipp City. •

## **Tipp City's New Council**

New council members Carrie Arblaster and Tom Merritt along with incumbent John Kessler were sworn-in during Council's January 4th meeting. They join current council members Joseph Gibson, Patrick Hale, Katelyn Berbach and Matt Owen.

With a new council in place it is necessary to elect council leaders for the next two years. Joseph Gibson was re-elected Council President with Patrick Hale being re-elected Mayor. •

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## Snow Reminders and Information

With the eventual return of snow, Tipp City residents are reminded of the following guidelines regarding snow and ice removal. The Street Department asks residents to use the following guidelines for a safe winter season.

- If the City experiences a snow or ice storm, citizens should remove all vehicles from the street to allow for more efficient snow plowing.
- Please do not blow or shovel snow into the street.
- Trash cans and recycling bins should be placed in the curb lawn as not to interfere with snow removal.
- It is the citizen's responsibility to clear snow from the sidewalk and in front of their mailbox. It is not possible to clear these areas with snow plows.

In the interest of clearing streets in a manner maintaining safety/service vehicle traffic and public travel, the following schedule will be completed by snow removal crews for plowing and/or salting:

**First Priority** – Main Street, Hyatt Street, Third Street, South First Street, East and West Kessler-Cowlesville Road, Evanston Road, County Road 25A, Donn Davis Way, School Areas

**Second Priority** – *Connectors*: Stonecress Dr, Beechwood, Brookmere, Tyler, Sycamore Woods Dr, Hampton Woods Dr, Barbara Dr, York Meadows Dr, Hunters Ridge Dr, Park Ave, Parkwood, Broadway (1st to Hyatt) South Fifth, Dow St. at Broadway School, Westedge, Garber Dr, Hathaway Trail, Tippecanoe, Manchester Dr, Woodlawn Dr, Commerce Park Dr, Kina, Weller, Harmony, Winston, Chevington Chase, Stonehenge, Copperfield, & Rosewood Creek Dr.

**Third Priority** – Alleys and Cul-de-sacs

**Park Department** – Fire Stations, Government Center, 3. E. Main Street – Tipp-Monroe Community Services, All Park Sidewalks and Roads, Bikeways

If you have any questions or concerns during snow and ice events, please contact the Service Department at (937) 667-6305. In the event of an emergency, please call 911. The City appreciates your patience during any snow or ice storm event and reminds everyone to drive safely. ●

## Winter Driving Safety: Preparation is Key

So far in the mid-west and Tipp City we have been lucky to avoid the snow. Please keep the following tips in mind while driving on ice and snow covered streets. Driving in snow and ice is just part of life for many U.S. residents in the winter, but safety goes beyond being careful and allowing extra time for slow travel.

Preparations for winter driving should include maintaining your car. Check your battery, windshield wipers, tire tread, and top off washer fluids and antifreeze. Make sure you have important items on hand in case of emergency such as a flashlight, jumper cables, snow brushes/scrapper, flares, blankets, snacks and water. It's also a good idea to keep some kind of abrasive material on hand (such as sand or kitty litter) to help aid traction on icy roads.

We've all heard to leave more distance between cars in icy weather. This is because dry pavement has more than twice the friction of a surface covered with snow and ice. Stopping distance at 30 mph or dry roads is about 40 feet, but extends to more than 100 feet on snow or ice. If possible, brake on straights and not during corners in winter road conditions. Maintaining an appropriate speed is critical.

Have a new driver in the family? Consider taking them to an empty lot during the day to practice maneuvers slowly on ice or snow. The chance to safely experience first-hand how steering and brakes react in winter conditions is important for any driver.

Don't forget that safety applies all year round: Always wear a seat belt, use child safety seats properly, be aware of pedestrians walking in the road, do not text while driving, and never drink and drive! ●

## Lunch Buddies Program

The Tipp City Police Department along with other City Employees are happy to partner with Broadway Elementary school in a "lunch buddy program". The program joins police officers and other city employees with 3rd grade students at Broadway, where they will eat with the students and enjoy recess or other recreational activity. Pictured are



Officer Tony Smith, Officer David Michel, Officer Corey Rismiller, Officer Darren Soutar, Sgt. Chris Graham, Sgt. Stephanie Black, Officer Kelli Rynders, Broadway Guidance Counselor Hannah Gress and Tipp City Finance Clerk Erin Lester. ●

## 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**