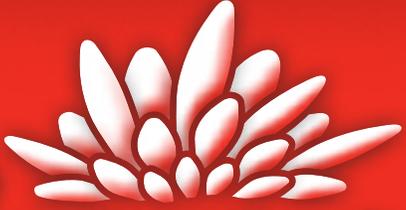


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Tippecanoe news

A monthly summary of municipal affairs and activities

Spring Reminders

The City of Tipp City Community & Economic Development Department wishes to remind residents that if they are planning to install a fence, deck, swimming pool, or accessory building (shed) in their yard or make an addition to their home, that a Zoning Compliance Permit is required prior to starting the project. Any other building/electrical/heating permits needed are obtained at the Miami County Building Regulations in Troy. Please stop by the Government Center, 260 S. Garber Drive, call 667-6305 or check our website www.tippcityohio.gov for further information when you are putting together your spring and summer building plans. Permit information on improvements to sidewalks, driveways, and approaches is also available. •

Trimming Helps Maintain Reliable Service

Transmission lines coming in contact with tree branches is a leading cause of outages!

Vegetation management, particularly tree trimming, is a necessary part of providing reliable electric service. Power outages are often caused by tree limbs that either contact or fall on service lines. According to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, tree contact with transmission lines is a leading cause of electric power outages and a common cause of past regional blackouts.

Any power line contact with a tree limb can cause a short circuit. This is a real safety concern for residents. Tree trimming reduces the impact of major storms on electric service and power interruptions. It also removes dangerous limbs or trees, which enables easy access to equipment for faster and safer repairs, and prevents damage to equipment.

It is recommended for residents to plant trees and shrubs 15 to 30 feet away from power lines, and large trees more than 50 feet away. There are many guides available which can help recommend the best trees to plant near right-of-ways. The American Public Power Association's Tree Power Program (www.publicpower.org) and the Arbor Day Foundation (www.arborday.org) are excellent resources.

Do not attempt to prune trees or branches around electric lines yourself as any contact with lines can cause electrocution. Questions about tree trimming and utility vegetation management practices can be directed to 937-667-6305. •

2016 Aquatic Center Season

The calendar might say it's winter but it's not too early to start thinking of warm weather and fun at the Tippecanoe Family Aquatic Center. The Tippecanoe Family Aquatic Center will be open Memorial Day Weekend (May 28).



2016 Operating Hours Are:

May 28 – August 19

Sun. – Thurs. 12:00 noon – 8:00 pm

Fri. and Sat. 11:00 am – 7:00 pm

Purchase your 2016 Season Pass before April 30, 2016 and receive \$21 off a family membership or \$10 off a single membership. Passes are now on sale by visiting the Tipp City Government Center Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm. Pass information is available online at www.tippcityohio.gov. •

City Income Tax Returns

Did you know that your 2015 Tipp City income tax return can be filed electronically? Visit the city's website at www.tippcityohio.gov and click on "E-File Your Taxes." •

Stay Informed!

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

Public Notice

The Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater Authority 2015 Sanitary Sewer Overflow Annual Report is available for public review at the Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater Authority located at 3777 Old Needmore Road Dayton, Ohio 45424. The Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater Authority serves the following communities, Huber Heights, Tipp City and Vandalia and portions of Miami County collection systems. The document will be available on February 1, 2016, Monday thru Friday, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm at TCA and on the Tipp City website at <http://tippcityohio.gov/sso/> •

Summer Yard Watering Notice

In preparation for the summer yard watering season, the Council for the City of Tipp City has made two changes to the utility billing regulations pertaining to billing a sewer charge for water used outside the home.

On August 18, 2014, City Council adopted Ordinance 17-14 which permits the installation of an irrigation meter, at the homeowner's expense, to physically separate water used inside the home from water used outside the home. Residents will be charged for all water used inside and outside of the home, but will only be charged the sewer charges for consumption of water used inside the home. Because the meter physically separates flows inside from flows outside the home this billing mechanism is in place year-round.

On March 16, 2015, City Council adopted Ordinance 7-15 which provides for the continuation of a cap on summer sewer charges whereby a resident is billed sewage charges on the lesser of actual consumption of a maximum of 17,000 gallons during the monthly billing dates of June 1,

July 1, August 1, September 1, October 1 and November 1 (approximately April 15 – October 15 consumption). This is the programming used in prior years and will not require a resident to do anything to continue to receive this summer sewer cap.

A significant change for 2015 and future periods: "In lieu of installing a secondary water meter, a residential customer may submit an application for relief, for those months including the billing dates of July 1, August 1, September 1, October 1, and November 1 (approximately May 15 – October 15 consumption) all single-family residential housing units will have their sewer and wastewater charges capped at a maximum consumption based upon the average water consumption for the preceding seven months (the "winter average") at that residential unit. Billing in these instances will be the lesser of actual water consumption or the "winter average" consumption. Customers will still be charged for 100% of the water consumption for these summer months.

(a) An occupant shall have lived at such unit's location throughout said preceding seven month period to qualify for such summer average.

(b) An occupant who has utility services disconnected for a period in excess of four consecutive weeks during the seven month "winter average" period will not be eligible for such summer average."

Each resident will have to determine which of these three options is to their benefit:

- 1) Irrigation meter
- 2) 17,000 gallon consumption cap (automatically applied)
- 3) "winter averaging" (application is required)

For additional information on this program, please email the Utility Billing Department at utilitybilling@tippcity.net or visit our website at:

<http://tippcityohio.gov/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Application-for-summer-sewer-credit.pdf> •

Shelter Reservations

Whether you are looking for a place to hold a baby shower or graduation party, City Park and Kyle Park have shelters available for your special event. City Park features the historic Roundhouse and can seat 60 people. The Roundhouse can be rented for the entire day (7 am – 11 pm) to Tipp City residents for \$80. Also located in City Park are open air shelters which are available on a first-come, first-served basis and do not require a rental fee.

Kyle Park is the home to three shelters including the Rotary Pavilion, the Kyle Sports Pavilion and the Timmer Pavilion. The Rotary Pavilion is available at no cost on a first-come, first-served basis. Both the Kyle Sports Pavilion and the Timmer Pavilion rent to Tipp City residents for \$50 for the entire day (7 am – 11 pm). Both the Kyle Sports Pavilion and the Timmer Pavilion offer 8 picnic tables and a grill.

If you are interested in renting a shelter or need additional information, contact Dawn Gross. She can be reached by calling 667-6305. Rentals begin the first Monday in March. •

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**