



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 (937)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. •

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 eight 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 (937)667-6305. Rentals begin the first Monday in March. •

YARD WASTE DISPOSAL *Reminder...* City residents have a way to dispose of yard waste at no cost. The City has entered into an agreement with BR Mulch, 620 Ginghamburg Road, to accept City residents' yard waste at no cost to the resident. BR Mulch will accept yard waste in the form of branches, brush and trees (smaller than 12" inches in diameter). No leaves, stumps or root balls will be accepted.

Spring Operating Hours Are:

Monday - Friday 8 am - 5 pm
 Saturdays 8 am - 4 pm
 Sundays 10 am - 2 pm •

2016 Aquatic Center Season

The temperatures might still be chilly, 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).



Tippecanoe Family Aquatic Center

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. •

Estimated Tax Due Dates Have Changed

Individuals making 2016 estimated tax payments need to be aware that the quarterly due dates have changed. The second, third and fourth quarter payments are now due on or before June 15, September 15 and December 15, 2016 respectively. The Tipp City Tax Department will send out quarterly income tax statements three to four weeks prior to these due dates. The change in due dates is the result of new state legislation (House Bill 5) that went into effect on January 1, 2016. Questions may be directed to the tax department by calling (937)667-8426 or by email at incometax@tippcity.net. •

Tipp City Operations and Clean Rivers

Tipp City is located on one of the area's main rivers, The Great Miami River. You all know that. It may be one of the reasons that you live here. It is the main reason that Tipp City is where it is. We have a natural inclination to keep it clean. This article is intended to inform you about some of the things the City does to keep it clean.

For example in a typical year we clean and check about 340 catch basins. They get loaded up with silt, sand, bottle caps, debris, and leaves; none of which is good for the river. The City removes all this waste material from each manhole and catch basin. Some require more time than others, but they all need attention. For the last several years the Ohio EPA has required an annual report from cities documenting river related activities like this that the City does.

In the Fall, the City collects leaves, typically about 320 truckloads of leaves per year. Since homeowners want to collect them and have them removed from their properties, the City does perform this service. But we continue to recommend (as does the EPA) 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. You may be surprised to know that Scotts (the fertilizer company with headquarters here in Ohio) recommends this practice also. They have actually reduced the phosphorous in their lawn fertilizers on the assumption that most people get all the lawn phosphorus they need from the recycled leaves on their lawn. The number of loads of leaves collected each year by the City must also be reported to the EPA. They want to see a declining number.

In the Winter, the City spreads 400 to 500 tons of salt per year on its 154 "lane-miles" of roadway. None of this salt is good for the river, but winter driving and automobile safety requires the use of salt. Both the City and the State EPA are concerned about the amount of salt required each year, so that is another item that

must be reported annually to the EPA. Again, they wish to see a declining number. 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.

The City has 436 acres in 17 parks, and in the Summer we mow approximately 240 acres of lawn, including open space, soccer & baseball fields. This needs to be reported to the EPA, too, since mowing often leads to removal of grass clippings. We do not remove grass, except in rare circumstances. We keep the grass tall which helps it to stay lush and green, even during the dry times. We minimize the use of fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides; none of these are good for the waterways or for the humans that use the parks. Any that we do use, must be reported to the EPA.

Many of these issues that can hurt the rivers and streams are not only good for the City to ponder. Most of these issues relate to private property owners, large and small, as well. 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. ●

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off

Dispose of motor oil, paint, antifreeze, lawn products, cleaners, pesticides, and other hazardous chemicals safely. Every Wednesday from April through October 9 am - 1 pm at the Miami County Transfer Station. Charge is \$1 per pound. Residential use only. For more information call (937)440-5653. ●

Electronics Recycling

Electronics contain metallic materials that can create an environmental hazard when landfilled. Keep computers, printers and monitors out of the landfill - recycle them at the Miami County Transfer Station. Standard tip fee and minimum charge applies. Available during regular transfer station hours. Residential use only. For more information call (937)440-5653. ●



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**