

Tippecanews

A monthly summary of municipal affairs and activities

58th Annual Tipp City Mum Festival

Cruise-In
Fri., Sept. 23
5 - 10 pm *Downtown*
Tipp City

Run for the Mums
5K Run
Sat., Sept. 24
Registration 6:30-7:30
am, run begins at 8 am
Tipp City Park
Roundhouse

Tipp City Mum
Festival Parade
Sat., Sept. 24
10:00 am

Craft Hours
Sat., Sept. 24
10 am - 9 pm
Sun., Sept. 25
11 am - 6 pm



Tipp City Mum
Motorcycle Ride
Sun., Sept. 11
Registration 9 - 11 am,
depart 11:30 am
(Rain dates Sun., Sept.
18 or 25) *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.

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 2016. 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, 2016.

The pavers will be ordered in September and will be installed by Veterans Day, November 11, 2016. Any questions on this program, please call the Service Department at (937)667-6305.

Message from City Manager Eggleston

The nation has seen a fair share of heart-breaks this year and this effects Tipp City as well. It is plain to see that as citizens we want to be able to understand what has or is happening in our communities and our nation. We can only do this when we talk about an event based upon factual reliable information, not hearsay, rumors, or gossip. As citizens we should seek out trustworthy sources that can provide reliable information so we can better understand the event and the impact it has on our nation and community. Discussions of this magnitude should be grounded in factual information. It is the goal of the city to provide as much factual information about an event as possible without harming the character of those involved or the potential prosecution of a pending criminal case. While there are times we step up to the table and consume what is being placed before us, I ask that before swallowing what is placed before you, you objectively look at what is being offered. Ask yourself, is the information factual, reliable, and are you getting the full story or just one side of it. If you have questions about an event, please call me and I will get the information to you or make sure the appropriate department head calls you to answer any questions you may have that do not violate the individual's rights or a case's integrity. Keep in mind if there is an ongoing investigation, in most cases, information cannot be released until the investigation is completed. This is to make sure that as a citizen, you receive your due process and should the allegations prove false your reputation has not been harmed, or in the case of a contract dispute, the city does not jeopardize its legal standing.

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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. ●

Boards and Commissions Vacancies

The City of Tipp City currently has openings on the following boards:

- *Board of Zoning Appeals* – 1 opening
- *Planning Board* – 1 opening
- *Restoration and Architectural Board of Review* – 1 opening

If you are interested in serving or wish to learn more about any of these boards, please visit our website www.tippcityohio.gov and go to the City Government section. You may also contact the Clerk of Council at (937)667-8425 or via email at batesj@tippcity.net for additional information. ●



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**