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Tippecanews

A monthly summary of municipal affairs and activities

Tax Facts – Did You Know???

The Tipp City income tax code requires all Tipp City residents age 18 and older to file an annual income tax return. Residents who are 16 or 17 years of age are also required to file if their income is not subject to Tipp City tax withholding by their employer, or if their income is subject to a municipal income tax at a rate less than 1.5 percent. Tipp City residents who are retired, permanently disabled, or have any other form of disability that keeps them from working, can be exempted from filing the annual return by completing a Certification Form. Certification Forms are available at the Government Center in the Income Tax Department or online at www.tippcityohio.gov. Questions can be directed to the Tipp City Department of Taxation at crosss@tippcity.net or by calling (937)667-8426 Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm. •

Board Openings

The City is seeking interested citizens to serve on the following Boards.

- Board of Tax Appeals
- Board of Zoning Appeals
- Planning Board
- Restoration & Architectural Board of Review
- Tree Board

Citizens wishing to be considered for appointment for any of the Boards listed must complete an application and submit to the Clerk of Council by December 23, 2016. Applications and a complete description of the boards are available online at www.tippcityohio.gov or the Government Center located at 260 S. Garber Drive, Tipp City. •

Government Center Closures

In observance of Christmas Day, the Government Center will be closed on Monday, December 26, 2016. The Government Center will also be closed on Monday, January 2, 2017 in observance of New Year's Day. We wish you and yours a wonderful Holiday Season. •

Holiday Trash Pick-Up Schedule

Christmas trees will be picked up:



January 2 and 9, 2017

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. •

Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is once again up at the Government Center and is ready to receive donations of hats, gloves and socks for local children. Please stop by and add something to our tree. Your generosity at this time of giving is appreciated. •

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

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.

Safety Spotlight

Electric space heaters are the only unvented space heaters safe for inside use. All others need to be vented for use in home or used outside the home in a ventilated area. In selecting an electric heater, buy only a UL-approved unit with an automatic tip-over shut-off switch. Keep it on a level surface away from foot traffic. It should also be located at least three feet away from household combustibles such as drapes or bedding.

Holiday Lighting and Decorating 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.

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- 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.
- Replace any string of light with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini light sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in-bulbs. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of LED strands to connect.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not for both.
- Ensure that all outdoor lighting and equipment are certified for outdoor use and that they are plugged into ground fault circuit interrupter outlets.
- Avoid stringing holiday lights along aluminum siding, which can conduct electricity.
- Always stay clear of power lines.
- Fasten holiday lights securely to buildings and trees to prevent damage from wind.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Always test the lights on a non-flammable surface for 15 minutes. If they start to melt, smoke, or overheat, throw the string away.

- 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.
- 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.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.
- 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**