

January 2017

Tippecanews

A monthly summary of municipal affairs and activities

Message from City Manager Eggleston



On behalf of the City Council and myself, I would like to thank you again for your support in 2016 and continued support in 2017. Tipp City continues to personify small town living. In fact, Gateway Plastics (erecting a building by Regal) chose Tipp City just for that reason. Staff continues to provide superior service and making sure that we keep your trust when it comes to spending the funds you entrust to us on maintaining the quality of life you expect for your community. The Roselyn Subdivision project was a great example of this. The scope of the project changed to include the gas line replacement, Vectren was contacted to see if they could do the work. Staff appreciates the understanding of the residents for the additional disruption this work had on your neighborhood. Thanks to Vectren working with staff saved the need to open up the street at a later date. It was a win/win for everyone, and again, staff appreciates your understanding. Next year the second phase to the CR25A widening project will be starting around July. The engineering design work for the Maple Hill bridge will be started as well as the widening for CR25A to five lanes by the Meijer Distribution Center and the streetscape from 1st Street to Canal Park. As you may have read in the newspaper, the City needs to look at erecting a new water tower on the low pressure side of the water system. The City applied for a interest free loan through the state. Our chances are looking pretty good. The tower will be a pedestal type with a capacity of approximately 500,000 gallons. Financially the community is doing well, although the state has passed legislation that will have a negative impact on future revenues. All of us have heard through various media outlets regarding the Opiate problem facing our county. In a proactive approach, the City Council decided to add a second detective to work with other agencies in doing what we can to minimize the impact illegal drugs have in Tipp City and Miami County, while sending a message to those that want to sell illegal drugs here, to go elsewhere. The Council is in the process of approving the City's Comprehensive Master Plan that will help guide developers and our Boards and Commissions when it comes to development in our community. Let us know of any concerns you may have. We are here to serve you. Thank you. ●

Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Congratulations to the following residents who were recently appointed by Council to serve on various Boards and Commissions: Mike McFarland, Stan Evans, Pat Liening, Stacy Wall, Jeff Sebor and Jamie DeSantis.

The Board of Tax Appeals, Board of Zoning Appeals, Restoration Board and the Tree Board still have vacancies. If you are interested in serving or wish to learn more about 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 for additional information. ●

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. 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. Completed applications can be faxed to (937) 667-5816, emailed to utilitybilling@tippcity.net or dropped off at the Utility Billing Office located at 260 S. Garber Drive. ●

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

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 on 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! ●



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)**
(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