

# Tippecanoe news

A monthly summary of municipal affairs and activities in Tipp City, Ohio

## Yuletide Winter's Gathering



The Downtown Merchants will host the 2019 Yuletide Winter's Gathering on Saturday, November 9th and Sunday, November 10th. This traditional shopkeeper's open house kicks off the holiday shopping season. Visitors will be delighted with the festive atmosphere complete with sparkling storefronts, carriage rides, and pictures with Santa. Visitors will enjoy finding unique gifts, holiday décor, and much more from the downtown merchants. Stop by the many enticing restaurants to grab a bite, or holiday gift! ●



## Beggar's Night

Beggar's Night for Tipp City and Monroe Township has been set for Thursday, October 31st from 6-8 p.m.



## Tipp City Leaf Pickup Schedule for 2019

The Tipp City Street Department will be starting the leaf pickup program soon. There are a few important guidelines to follow. Residents are asked to rake leaves into the street, one foot from the curb, so that storm water will drain. Please, **NO limbs, sticks, bricks, rocks or yard debris should be placed with the leaves in the street.** These items cause damage to the equipment, create down time for repairs, and add delay to the leaf pickup schedule.

**Oct. 14 – Oct. 18 and  
Nov. 12 – Nov. 15**

Areas throughout the City as needed.  
Areas between I-75 and N. Hyatt St.  
(north of W. Main St.)

**Oct. 21 – Oct. 25 and  
Nov. 18 – Nov. 22**

All areas East of Hyatt St.  
(north and south of Main St.)

**Oct. 28 – Nov. 1 and  
Nov. 25 – Nov. 29**

Areas between I-75 and S. Hyatt St.  
(south of W. Main St.) No pickup on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28

**Nov. 4 – Nov. 8 and  
Dec. 2 – Dec. 6**

Areas West of I-75 (north and south of Main St.)

**Dec. 9 – Dec. 13**

Clean up throughout the City as needed ●



Should you have questions regarding the schedule, please contact the City Utility/Services office at (937) 667-6305.

## Fire Hydrant Obstruction Clearance

Fire hydrants in the City of Tipp City are maintained by the Public Works Department and are designed to provide water for fire suppression purposes. The hydrants are supplied by large water mains that are piped underground through most residential and commercial neighborhoods throughout the City. They are strategically placed to provide the best water protection available and for cleaning the water mains. Having a good water system allows Tipp City to have a better ISO rating. ISO inspectors also review the accessibility, condition and maintenance of fire hydrants. The better the ISO rating, the better insurance rates that are available to homeowners.

Residents are being asked for their assistance in the removal of landscaping, debris, fences, and other removable objects that are obstructing fire hydrants.

Fire hydrants are only effective if personnel can find them and fully operate them. There should be no obstructions in front of the hydrant to the street and no obstructions within 3 feet of the hydrant. Fire hydrants must be clear enough to be visible from the street during day or night. The required distance is necessary in operating the hydrant safely. No obstructions such as shrubs, plants or fences should be in front of the hydrant. Obstructions such as these make it difficult to find a hydrant quickly and add to response times when it matters. ●

## Veteran's Day

The Government Center Offices will be closed on Monday, November 11, 2019 in observance of Veteran's Day. ●

## Outdoor Fires and Halloween Safety

**C**itizen safety is a top priority for the Tipp City Fire & EMS Departments. We wish everyone a Happy Halloween filled with more "Treats" than "Tricks"! Consider following the following safety tips below.

### Halloween Safety Tips

#### Walking

- Cross the street at corners using the signals and crosswalks when available
- Keep distractions at a minimum; example put your phone down while walking
- Teach children to make eye contact with drivers at crossings
- Use sidewalks or walk facing traffic if no sidewalk is available. Use direct, pre-planned routes

#### Costumes

- Attempt to have cotton, wool, or natural fiber fabrics and Stay AWAY from open flames
- Decorate with reflective materials on costumes, bags, and accessories; use light colors
- Face paint will obscure vision less than masks or having your face covered

#### Trick or Treat

- Stay with an adult; if 12 years old or under
- Be on alert for those that want to play "Tricks"
- Have fun!

#### Adults – We have responsibilities TOO!

- Drive with due regard in a defensive fashion
- Pull in and out of driveways cautiously
- Popular hours are between 5:30 pm and 9:30 pm

More information can be located at <https://www.safekids.org/tip/halloween-safety-tips>

### How to Stay Safe during Fall Activities

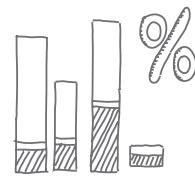
#### Campfires and Bon Fires

- Campfires are permitted without notice by the Ohio EPA in town and neighborhoods under the following conditions:
  - Burn only clean, dry, seasoned firewood
  - The fire is no larger than 3 feet by 3 feet
  - The fire is not used for waste disposal
- Larger Ceremonial Fires (Bon Fires)
  - Burn only clean, dry, seasoned firewood
  - The fire is no larger than 5 feet by 5 feet
  - The fire is not used for waste disposal
  - Burning is limited to 3 hours maximum

Please keep in mind that Fall/Autumn is a particularly dry time of year. The risk of field, grass, and landscape fires are increased. Be mindful of the smoke generated by your recreational fire, it may be harmful to folks with medical conditions. Autumn decorations should be kept well clear of any and all open flame.

More information can be located at <https://www.epa.ohio.gov/dapc/general/openburning>

### Operating Budget Workshop



The Operating Budget workshop will be reviewed by City Council on Monday, October

28th beginning at 3:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. This meeting is open to the public and all interested persons are encouraged to attend.

## Hydrant Flushing

**T**he Tipp City Water Department will be flushing fire hydrants Monday, September 30, 2019 through Friday October 11, 2019, during the hours of 7:30 am to 3:30 pm. **The following schedule will be followed.**

- Mon., Sept. 30 – (Main St. South) all hydrants from S. First St. to Hathaway, including the Roslyn area.
- Tues., Oct. 1 – (Main St. North) all hydrants starting at N. First St. to Bowman Ave.
- Wed., Oct. 2 & Thurs., Oct. 3 – (South West area) Tipp Plaza areas, Hathaway, Spring Hill, Willow Glen, Cottonwood, Hampton Woods, Hunters Ridge, York Meadows and Sycamore Woods.
- Fri., Oct. 4 – along Evanston Rd., and S. Co. Rd. 25-A south of Evanston Rd. going to Corner Stone Dr.
- Mon., Oct. 7 & Tues., Oct. 8 – (North West area) all hydrants starting at Westedge, Tippecanoe Village, Manchester Chase, North Tipp-Cowlesville Rd., Tweed Woods, Commerce Park Dr., Weller Dr. and Curry Branch.
- Wed., Oct. 9 & Thurs., Oct. 10 – (North West area) all hydrants starting on Co. Rd. 25-A, Spring Meade, Woodlawn, Donn Davis Way, Windmere, Oakwinds and Rosewood Creek.
- Fri., Oct. 11 – will be used as a makeup day if needed.

Water in these areas may be discolored. Residents are advised to avoid using laundry or hot water facilities during the flushing period. If residents find their water to be discolored, they should run cold water for 5 to 10 minutes until the water clears. Although the water will not be turned off, a drop in pressure in some areas is likely.

Flushing hydrants is a preventive maintenance program to periodically clean out natural residues which deposit in the water lines, as well as to test the hydrants.

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