

Tippecanoe news

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

Guidelines for a Recreational Fire

A recreational fire may be rekindled providing the following restrictions are adhered to:

1. The fire is not offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions or when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous.
2. The wind velocity must be less than 10 MPH as indicated by the National Weather Service, and is in a direction to carry smoke away from neighbors. This can be monitored by TV channels 23 and 56.
3. The fire must be located a minimum of 25 feet from any structure. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.
4. It must be fueled with clean dry firewood, natural gas or equivalent.
5. Fire extinguishing materials must be at site of burning at all times.
6. The fire shall be attended by a sober, responsible adult at all times.
7. The fire shall be extinguished immediately when the event is completed and/or the responsible adult is leaving the fire.
8. The fire shall be limited in size not larger than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height.
9. A recreational fire is one that is intended for cooking or enjoyment of those present.
10. Trash, yard debris, leaves or any other smoke producing materials shall not be burned. ●



Message from Mum Festival President Corey Rismiller

As your Tipp City Mum President, the committee hated that we had to cancel the 2020 Mum Festival. With all the restrictions it would have been almost impossible for it to be safe and enjoyable for everyone. However, we would like to continue one longstanding tradition and that is to have the boy scouts paint mum's on the sidewalk and driveways as they have in the past. This is a big fundraiser for them for their camps. Please continue to support our local troop. Cost for 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. ●

2020 Census

It's not too late to complete the 2020 Census! The results of the 2020 Census will help determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding flow into communities every year for the next decade. Funding shapes many different aspects of every community, no matter the size or location. You may respond online at www.my2020census.gov or by phone at 1-844-330-2020.

Message from City Manager Eggleston

Due to the pandemic, I am reaching out to you through this publication. The current 10-year Capital Improvement Levy (CIP) will soon be coming to an end. City Council recently voted to place the renewal levy on the November ballot for the citizens of Tipp City to vote on. This renewal levy is identical to what is currently in place and will be for 10 years, just as the previous levy was.

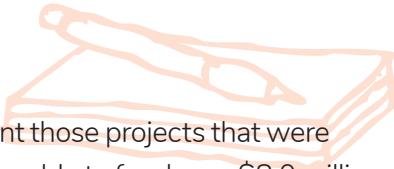
The 10-year threshold is important. When planning for projects, Staff has to budget and plan for funding sources. Grant funding is not available the same year as applied. When the funds are available for those various projects, the City's portion needs to be in place. This is where the CIP levy comes in.

Throughout the last 10 years, through funding by the CIP levy, the City has maintained our infrastructure (streets, sidewalks, storm water systems etc.), replaced outdated equipment and have allowed Staff to apply for various grants that were used to offset project costs. Without the CIP levy in place, it would have been very difficult maintaining the infrastructure and taking on new projects. The CIP levy also allowed Staff to apply

for grants and implement those projects that were unplanned. The City was able to fund over \$8.0 million dollars in unplanned projects while applying for grants that saved residents over \$6.0 million in project costs. Staff works hard to maintain facilities and equipment and to keep them in good working order. An example of a few equipment costs include: fire trucks are over \$500,000, plow trucks are \$200,000, and new playground equipment can cost over \$20,000.

Staff is grateful to the residents of Tipp City for voting in this levy and conscientious of their responsibility to be fiscally responsible in spending those funds. To continue this responsibility, Staff looks at new processes and technology that can benefit the community; to be fiscally responsible and to maintain the same level of service.

I would also like to say, I have not worked with a better Council or City Employees. Each are dedicated to providing the highest level of service and quality of life for the citizens and those visiting our community. No one takes the levy for granted. We could not have maintained the community the way it is without your support. Thank you.



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. Hours of operation are: Monday – Saturday 8:00 am – 3:45 pm. ●

Fall Tree Sale

Tipp City's annual tree sale is coming soon! Look for order forms in mid-August or call the Planning and Zoning Department at (937)667-6305 for more information.



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