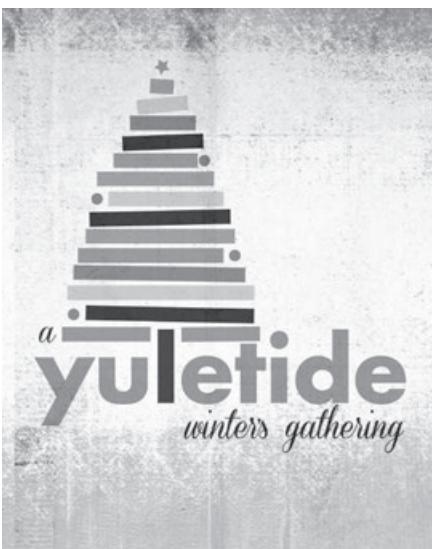


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Yuletide Winter's Gathering



The Downtown Merchants will host the 2020 Yuletide Winter's Gathering on Saturday, November 14th and Sunday, November 15th. This traditional shopkeeper's open house kicks off the holiday shopping season. Visitors will be delighted with the festive atmosphere complete with sparkling storefronts, 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! ●

Demolition of Bowman Avenue Water Tower

Complete Demolition Services began the demolition of the Bowman Avenue Water Tower on October 19, 2020. The Bowman Water Tower was constructed in 1935 and would hold 350,000 gallons of water. This tower was taken out of service earlier this year when the new 500,000 gallon water tower was constructed at the Tipp City Service Center on Park Avenue. ●



Holiday Lights in City Park

While so much in 2020 has forced us to change and adapt due to the on-going pandemic, the City of Tipp City is taking this opportunity to begin a new holiday tradition of "Christmas in the Park". Local businesses, charitable organizations and non-profits will be sponsoring trees in City Park. Each sponsorship allows the organization to decorate their tree with lights and decorations. Celebrate the holiday season while enjoying a leisurely stroll through City Park December 1st – January 3rd. ●

Government Center Closures

In observance of Veteran's Day, the Government Center will be closed on Wednesday, November 11, 2020. The Government Center will be also be closed on Thursday, November 26, 2020 in observance of Thanksgiving Day. We wish you and yours a wonderful holiday. ●

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. •

Tipp City Leaf Pickup Schedule for 2020

 **T**he 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.

Nov. 9 – Nov. 13

Areas throughout the City as needed.

Areas between I-75 and N. Hyatt St. (north of W. Main St.) No pickup on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11.

Nov. 16 – Nov. 20

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

Nov. 23 – Nov. 25

Areas between I-75 and S. Hyatt St. (south of W. Main St.) No pickup on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26 or the day after, Nov. 27.

Nov. 30 – Dec. 4

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

Dec. 7 – Dec. 11

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.

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