

# Tippecanoe news

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

## Renewal Levy on the May Ballot for Capital Improvements

In May of 2011, the residents of the City of Tipp City approved an income tax ballot initiative to increase the City's income tax rate from 1.25% to 1.50%. This income tax levy was approved for a ten year period and restricted for use on capital improvement projects within the City. Capital improvement projects include purchase of land and buildings, making building improvements, purchase of vehicles and equipment, and road resurfacing and reconstruction. Some of the major projects listed in the 2011 ballot initiative (for the ten year levy period) were:

- Replacement of a 35 year old aerial ladder truck for the Fire Department – approx. \$900,000

- Expansion of the west-side fire station (on Main near Hyatt) – approx. \$1,200,000
- Street resurfacing program – approx. \$4,000,000
- Project specific road reconstruction (Franklin, Dow, S. Third, Maple Hill) – approx. \$2,000,000
- Stormwater/drainage improvements (Garber/Westedge area primarily) – approx. \$750,000
- Purchase of various Police, Fire, Streets, and Parks vehicles and equipment – approx. \$3,000,000

In addition to these projects the City was able to leverage local dollars to receive federal and state grants for the widening and reconstruction of County Road 25A

and for the extension of Abbott Park Way and the construction of S. Kinna Drive.

The 2011 levy was approved for a ten-year collection period which is coming to an end but the City's need for continued street and stormwater improvements, and vehicle and equipment replacements is not. The City has placed a renewal levy on the May ballot for consideration by the residents. This levy initiative is structured to be for a ten-year period like the original and is expected to generate approximately \$26 million over the ten years. If this levy passes, the City plans to use the funds generated for the following purposes:

- Road resurfacing and reconstruction – approx. \$14,000,000
- Police and Fire vehicles and equipment – approx. \$4,865,000
- Park and Pool Improvements – approx. \$2,000,000
- Computer replacements and Government Center building improvements – approx. \$2,000,000
- Purchase of various Streets and Parks vehicles and equipment – approx. \$2,000,000
- Stormwater/Drainage Improvements – approx. \$945,000

This income tax levy is the primary source of revenues to make these capital improvements. Prior to the enactment of the 2011 levy it was not unusual for the City to have a longer list of projects which could not be funded than that which could be funded. The support of the residents since 2011 has enabled the City Council and Administration to complete these projects which all serve to make Tipp City a great place to live, work, and play. ●

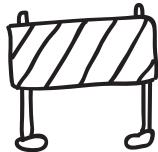
### TIPP CITY Safety and Streets



## Summer Employment



The City of Tipp City is currently accepting applications for Seasonal Employees. These openings are in the Electric, Street and Water Departments. Applications are available online at [tippcityohio.gov](http://tippcityohio.gov) or may be picked up



at the Government Center 260 S. Garber Dr.

Applicants must be at least 16 years of age and have a valid driver's license upon date of hire. Background check

and pre-employment drug screen are required.

For additional information regarding seasonal employment; contact Joanna Pittenger (937)506-3190. Tipp City is an Equal Opportunity Employer. ●



## Spring Reminders

**T**he City of Tipp City Community & Economic Development Department wishes to remind residents that if they are planning to install a fence, deck, swimming pool, or accessory building (shed) in their yard or make an addition to their home, that a Zoning Compliance Permit is required prior to starting the project. Any other building/electrical/heating permits needed are obtained at the Miami County Building Regulations in Troy. Please stop by the Government Center, 260 S. Garber Drive, call (937)667-6305 or check our website [www.tippcityohio.gov](http://www.tippcityohio.gov) for further information when you are putting together your spring and summer building plans. Permit information on improvements to sidewalks, driveways, and approaches is also available. ●



## City Income Tax Returns



Did you know that your 2020 Tipp City income tax return can be filed electronically? Visit the city's website at [www.tippcityohio.gov](http://www.tippcityohio.gov) and click on Services then E-File Taxes. ●

## Spring Weather Preparation

**S**pring can bring a myriad of weather conditions upon us within a rapid sequence. Storms, wind events, and flooding are just a few events that come to mind. The best way to weather a storm, pun intended, is to be prepared at home, work, and while traveling. A few common tips to assist you in your preparation.



- Have the following readily available: a battery-operated flashlight, a battery-operated NOAA Weather Radio, and extra batteries for both
- An emergency evacuation plan, including a map of your home and, for every type of severe weather emergency, routes to safety from each room
- A list of important personal information, including, but not limited to:
  - telephone numbers of neighbors, family, and friends
  - insurance and property information
  - telephone numbers of utility companies
  - medical information
- A first aid kit (bandages, gauze, antibiotic ointment, tourniquet, etc)
- A 3–5 day supply of bottled water and nonperishable food
- Personal hygiene items, blankets, and sleeping bags
- An emergency kit in your vehicle

Flooded areas are a danger to life and health. People should never enter a flooded roadway in a vehicle. It takes very little moving water to sweep a vehicle off the roadway and into danger. Ditches, retention areas, and standing flood waters present inherent dangers as well and can trap you in life threatening situations.

Moving water, our river included, never gets tired and can harm individuals. Cold water will produce hypothermia rapidly. Water will transfer heat 24.17 times faster than air. If the air temperature and water temperatures are less than 140 degrees combined, you are at a risk of hypothermia. The use life jackets and the buddy system when navigating waterways is a life-saving practice.

Enjoy the outdoors, with an eye towards safety and preparation. More information can be located at <https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/features/springweather/index.html> ●