

Tippecanoe news

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

Yuletide Winter's Gathering



The Downtown Merchants will host the 2021 Yuletide Winter's Gathering on Friday, November 12 – Sunday, November 14. 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. 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! ●

Tipp City Leaf Pickup Schedule for 2021

 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.

Nov. 8 – Nov. 12

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. 15 – Nov. 19

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

Nov. 22 – Nov. 24

Areas between I-75 and S. Hyatt St. (south of W. Main St.) No pickup on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25, or the day after, Nov. 26

Nov. 1 – Nov. 5 and Nov. 29 – Dec. 3

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

Dec. 6 – Dec. 10

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.

2nd Annual Holiday Lights in City Park

Can you believe Christmas is right around the corner? The first thought of Christmas are all of the beautifully decorated Christmas Trees! Would you like to be part of the fun this year? If your answer is yes, please contact the Municipal Services Department at (937)667-6305 to request your tree in the Park. We are hoping to get 100 participants this year, but are only guaranteeing spots for the first 60 applicants. The cost is \$60, which includes a tree and sign. You can find more information by going to our website. Promote your business, honor your family or memorialize a loved one by decorating a tree in City Park for the community to enjoy this holiday season. ●

Government Center Closures

In observance of Veteran's Day, the Government Center will be closed on Thursday, November 11, 2021. The Government Center will be also be closed on Thursday, November 25, 2021 in observance of Thanksgiving Day. We wish you and yours a wonderful holiday. ●

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Tipp City Emergency Services – a Combination Department

The City of Tipp City Fire & Emergency Services (TCFES) is currently a full service fire, EMS, rescue, and fire prevention services **combination** department. TCFES serves all citizens in the City of Tipp City and Monroe Township. Fire & EMS departments are frequently referred to as full time, volunteer, part-time and combination. The type of department is related to the classification of the employees or members of the department.

A full-time department consists of all employees hired by the entity as full-time employees. Troy and Piqua are full-time departments. Volunteer departments are comprised of members that volunteer their time at little to no pay in order to support the mission of the department. Laura and Ludlow Falls are volunteer departments. Therefore,

part-time departments are primarily ran and operated by part-time employees. There are few part-time departments. Combination departments have employees and/or members that are in all three categories of employment. Tipp City and Vandalia are combination departments.

The City of Tipp City commissioned a study by the Ohio Fire Chiefs Association (OFCA) titled "Organizational Evaluation & Staffing Study". The study included 10 overarching recommendations. Information that is more detailed can be located at <https://www.tippcityohio.gov/370/Fire-Emergency-Services> .

- Recommendation #1 transition to 7-8 on-duty positions
- Recommendation #2 establish a dual-certified shift commander

Our elected officials from the City of Tipp City and Monroe Township had several meetings over the Spring of 2021. Our officials set in course a plan to staff our department with all three employee/member types.

Tipp City Fire & Emergency Services is a currently and is planned to remain a full service **combination** department. We currently are comprised of:

1. 4,160 hours full time, 43,800 part time hours, & Volunteer hours
2. Full time (Chief and AC), Part time personnel, and volunteer hours

The proposed staffing plan is comprised of:

1. 41,280 hours full time, 26,280 part time hours, and Volunteer hours
2. 19 full time, 21 part time, and 12 volunteer positions ●

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. ●