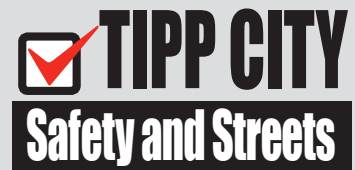


# Tippeca news

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

## Capital Improvement Tax Levy

The 0.50% Tax Levy funded the expansion of the West Side Station to accommodate the 24/7 needs of EMS including: additional EMS vehicle bays, sleeping space for 6 persons, new classroom training space, additional offices, a new kitchen, modified the existing building for the new Ladder Truck, and a new break area. The Fire/EMS station was rededicated in a ceremony February 8, 2014. ●



## Mosquito Fogging Dates

The City will be performing mosquito fogging applications throughout the City on June 12th with a rain date of June 13th.

### Future dates are:

- June 28th with rain date of June 29th
- July 10th with a rain date of July 11th
- July 24th with a rain date of July 25th

The mosquito fogging will begin at 9 pm and will conclude by 3 am on the dates stated. Beginning on the western side of the City and proceeding easterly fogging the entire community.



Residents are advised to avoid direct contact with the fogging mist and to close home and automobile windows. If rain or wind conditions prevent fogging, the City will reschedule applications. Additional fogging may occur later if needed. Any questions can be directed to the City Utility/Services office at (937) 667-6305. ●

## Miami County Recycles

The Miami County Solid Waste District will be collecting household hazardous waste every Wednesday from April – September from 9 am – 1 pm at the Transfer Station. Please note the cost for this program is \$1 per pound. They are located at 2200 N. County Rd. 25A in Troy.

Items for proper disposal include: paint cans (latex and acrylic), aerosol cans of paint, strippers, pool chemicals, gasoline/kerosene, fluorescent light bulbs, household cleaners, antifreeze, varnishes and stains, wax/adhesives/sealants, pesticides, transmission fluid, mercury, turpentine, fertilizers and unknown chemicals.

Materials that are not taken include: medical waste, commercial hazardous waste, needles/syringes and other sharps, electronics, ammunition and explosives.

For more information contact Miami County Sanitary Engineering at (937) 440-3488 or their website at [www.miamicountyrecycles.org](http://www.miamicountyrecycles.org). ●



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## Benefits of a Rain Garden

**B**y planting a rain garden in the lowest area of your yard, you are collecting rain water run-off from your property. This reduces rain run off by allowing storm water to soak into the ground as opposed to flowing into storm drains and standing surface water.

Rain gardens mimic the absorption and pollutant removal activities of natural habitats such as a meadow or a woodland. They can absorb sometimes as much as 30%-40% more run off than a standard lawn.

A rain garden can provide localized flood control, create habitat and food for wild birds and butterflies, enhance

sidewalk appeal, increase garden enjoyment, reduce garden maintenance, filter runoff pollution, conserve water, improve water quality, protect rivers and streams, remove standing water in your yard, reduce mosquito breeding, and increase beneficial insects that eliminate pest insects. ●

## 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. ●



## Important City Contacts

**Automated Attendant/  
 Direct Connect**  
 (937)669-TIPP

**Police, Fire and EMS (EMERGENCY)**  
 9-1-1

**Miami County Communications  
 Center (Non-Emergency)**  
 (937)440-9911

**Police (Non-Emergency)**  
 (937)667-3112

**Fire and EMS (Non-Emergency)**  
 (937)667-9199 or (937)667-1680

**Utility Billing**  
 (937)667-8424

**Planning/Zoning**  
 (937)667-6305

**Tax Department**  
 (937)667-8426

**Engineering and Utilities**  
 (937)667-6305

**Residential Refuse Collection  
 (Rumpke)**  
 (866)522-3712

**Service Center  
 (Parks and Streets)**  
 (937)667-8234

**City Manager's Office**  
 (937)667-8425

**Clerk of Council**  
 (937)667-8425

**Construction Notice Update**  
 (937)667-6293

## Pad Mounted Transformer???

**E**ver wonder what that green metal box is in your neighborhood or even your own yard? These green boxes house high voltage utility equipment that can pose a serious safety hazard if treated or handled inappropriately. While they aren't the most attractive items in your yard, they do serve an important purpose. In areas that are served by underground facilities, pad mounted transformers are placed at intervals along main electric lines near streets. In the event of an equipment failure or a power outage, it's important that our workers have safe access to the equipment to make needed repairs. Electric equipment must be visually and physically accessible to utility crews at all times.

If landscaping is placed too close to the transformer, service restoration efforts can be delayed and inadequate air circulation can cause equipment failure.

Tippecanoe City Electric requires 6' clearance at the door and 3' in all other directions of the pad mounted transformer. If plantings care closer to the enclosure we reserve the right to remove or trim them as needed to gain safe and prompt access. It is important not to place shrubs or other obstructions on the padlock side of the pad mount transformers. This side must be kept clear if maintenance work is to be completed.

Pad mounted transformers are dangerous, high voltage equipment and should always be treated with caution. Never attempt to drills holes, attach or mount any items to the enclosures. These are never items for children to play on or around. Lastly, keep in mind that a pad mounted transformer indicates that buried lines are in the area, so always call Ohio Utility Protection (OUPS) at 800-362-2764 before you dig. ●