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Pick a class and mark
your calendar now!

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Spring Is Coming!

Our gardening classes help beautify your home and your community. See page 3.

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To the folks of Tipp City and Monroe Township

We've said "So long" to the holidays and the excitement of Santa is done!

Now it's time to plan some ways to have some winter fun.

The lawns and fields are covered with snow and all the plants look dead,

The time is right to plot and plan to grow your flowerbed.

Learning to make some paper crafts to hold some sweetie treats

Could be the laugh you need the most and giggle with friends for weeks.

If winter doldrums have you blue, and you feel just down and out,

Your pampering time is overdue! Get rid of that old pout!

The kids are restless day after day and want to go to the mall.

You can say, "It's time to play some NFL Flag Football".

Taekwondo, tennis class, creative writing, too.

Aural skills! ACT! What am I to do?

Wellness tips, conditioning pros, yoga moves and more,

Cupcake makers, computer teachers, we have a lot in store!

Turn the page and you will see the fun of which I speak.

Come on now, don't hesitate. I dare you to take a peek!

See you around town!!



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ADULT EDUCATION, ART & FUN

These symbols indicate classes focused on environmental and economic issues.

GREEN Going Green

\$\$\$ Helps you save a buck

Beginning Dog & Puppy Obedience

Your dog can be a well-behaved member of the household. During this course, teach your dog to sit, heel, stay, leave it, and lie down. You and your dog can learn to become better companions and friends. This class is helpful for puppies and older dogs and is taught with positive training methods. Bring a leather or nylon leash (no flexi leads or flip flops). Instructor: Sharon Karns.

Location: Monroe Township Garage, 655 Michaels Rd., Tipp City

Cost: \$45 resident, \$47 non-resident

Day/time: Wed., Feb. 1, 7–8 pm, for 6 Wednesdays; AE-01
Wed., Apr. 4, 7–8 pm, for 6 Wednesdays; AE-02

Former students can take a refresher course or more advanced training. Notify the office so we can let Sharon know.

NEW! For the Love of Sludge

GREEN

Your home is your castle, and the inner workings of your house rely on so many things. Few things are more important to the health

and happiness of your family than how your septic system is working! You are invited to learn more about your septic system in this informative and informal workshop. There will be guest speakers from the health district and a septic system installer available to answer questions. Lawn care and fertilizer application will also be discussed. Sponsored by the Miami Soil and Water Conservation District, Miami County Health District, and Monroe Township.

Location: Monroe Township Building, 4 E. Main St., Tipp City

Cost: No charge but pre-registration is required

Day/time: Thurs., Feb. 23, 6–8 pm; AE-03

NEW! Gardening Series Planning your garden

GREEN

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Planning your garden in advance is an essential step in achieving the results you want. We'll talk about soil health, plant selection, water and light requirements, how to plant seeds and

plants, and how to have a great-looking and great-producing garden at all times during the growing year. Confused about insects, fertilizers, and mulches and how to be environmentally friendly? We'll cover that as well. A great class for beginners and seasoned gardeners alike. Instructor: Betty Hoevel from Five Rivers MetroParks.

Location: Tipp City Public Library, 11 E. Main St., Tipp City

Cost: No charge but pre-registration is required

Day/time: Thurs., Feb. 16, 7–8 pm; AE-04

Raised Bed Gardening. This one-hour presentation will introduce you to the many advantages of raised bed vegetable gardening. Raised bed gardening takes less space; grows more produce; saves money, time, and effort; and is organic. Deb Keppel, Master Gardener, will share her experiences with

Square Foot Gardening, a form of raised bed gardening.

Location: Tipp City Public Library

Cost: No charge but pre-registration is required

Day/time: Thurs., Mar. 8, 7–8 pm; AE-05

Companion Gardening. Did you know that if you plant certain plants next to one another, it improves nutrient uptake, pest control, pollination, and crop productivity? Learn more in this informative session create a more varied, attractive garden. Instructor: Cindy Bach from Miami County Sanitary Engineering.

Location: Monroe Township Building, 4 E. Main St., Tipp City

Cost: No charge but pre-registration is required.

Day/time: Thurs., Mar. 15, 7–8 pm; AE-06

NEW!

If you wouldn't drink it ... don't dump it!!!

GREEN

Safe chemical waste disposal is integral to the safety, health, and well-being of our community and environment. Learn about protecting your home and health with proper disposal of chemicals and healthier alternatives. Take an inventory of your home and bring your questions. Instructor: Cindy Bach from Miami County Sanitary Engineering.

Location: Monroe Township Building, 4 E. Main St., Tipp City

Cost: No charge but pre-registration is required

Day/time: Thurs., Mar. 8, 6–8 pm; AE-07

R.A.D. – Rape Awareness Defense

Women's Self-Defense Ages 12 and up

Safety and survival in today's world requires a definite course of action. Learn the RAD System—a comprehensive course for women that begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction, and avoidance—and progresses to the basics of hands-on self-defense. This class incorporates muscle memory, repetition, and self-defense skills into a confidence-building, empowering experience. This course is taught by certified RAD instructors and includes a workbook/reference manual. The class is very physical, and tennis shoes and sweats or jeans are recommended—no dresses or heels. It is important for participants to attend all four classes. Bring bottled water. Instructors: Officers Corey Rismiller, Vaughn Atkinson, and Stephanie Black from the Tipp City Police Department.

Location: Zion Lutheran Church, 14 W. Walnut, Tipp City

Cost: No charge but pre-registration is required

Day/time: Tues. & Thurs., Feb. 7, 9, 14 & 16, 6:30–9:30 pm; AE-08

NEW!

Sweet Treats Paper Crafting

Ages 18 & Older

Make decorative and clever containers from paper to fill with yummy treats or a gift item. Each week will feature a new project using different techniques. You will be ready for your "sweetie" for Valentine's Day and well on your way to a new hobby. All supplies will be furnished except your choice of

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sweet treats. Instructors: Kim Hampton and Krista Brian.
Location: Broadway Elementary School, 223 W. Broadway,
Tipp City
Cost: \$25 resident, \$27 non-resident
Day/time: Mon., Feb. 6, 7–8 pm for 4 Mondays; AE-09

Time for Pampering

You take care of everyone else! This is a night to take care of you: to relax and have fun. You will receive a hand massage, foot massage, back massage, mini facial, and make-up application—plus enjoy coffee and dessert. There will be specials on products and other services. Provided by Total Image Day Spa employees.

Location: Total Image Day Spa, 2830 S. Co. Rd. 25 A, Troy OH
Cost: \$40 resident & non-resident
Day/time: Fri., Mar. 16, 6–9 pm; AE-10

Watercolor Class Ages 16 and up

This class is designed for the absolute beginner. The goal is to complete three small paintings (8"x10") either by copying or painting from a set-up, or from a photo of the student's choosing. Basic techniques will be taught, and there will be lots of practice. Please bring 140 Cold Pressed watercolor papers (up to 9"x12") to the first session. Paper is available at Hobby Lobby and sometimes at Wal-Mart or Staples. If you have brushes or other supplies, bring those along, but don't purchase supplies other than the watercolor paper until after the first class. Brushes and watercolors will be supplied at the first class. Instructor: Pauline Persing.

Location: Tipp Monroe Community Services, 3 E. Main St.,
Tipp City
Cost: \$25 resident, \$27 non-resident
Day/time: Thurs., Feb. 2, 7:30–9:30; 5 Thursdays; AE-11

Web Wise Seniors Computer Classes

Boomer Series – 40 and up

Afraid of the computer? Fear no more! These fun, interactive classes are designed for individuals over the age of 40, and they begin with the basics. All classes are hands on, and all questions are welcomed. Instructor: Barbara Bergman, Web Wise Seniors.

Location: Tipp Monroe Community Services, 3 E. Main St.,
Tipp City
Cost: \$44 resident, \$46 non-resident, each class session

Basic Computers 1 & 2. No previous computer knowledge is required. The first class will explain how to turn a computer on and off, how to open programs, the basic functions of a mouse, search menus, and more. The second class will provide time for review and will progress to understanding the keyboard. Learn how to input information into the computer, correct typing errors, insert and delete text, and more.

Day/time: Fri., Feb. 3 & 10, 9–11 am; AE-12

Internet 1 & 2. Learn the basics of search engines and browsers. Learn how to connect to the Internet and how to navigate your way around the World Wide Web. Students will be able to find information on the web after the first class. The second class will provide time for review and students will learn how to download programs, store favorites, and avoid viruses.

Day/time: Fri., Feb. 17 & 24, 9–11 am; AE-13

Digital Camera 1 & 2. Prerequisite: Basic Computers class, or equivalent knowledge. This basic digital camera class will teach you what you need to know before you buy a camera, as well as how to use it after you purchase one. Students will learn how to take pictures, transfer pictures to a computer, edit photographs, print and email photos to friends, and more! Students will learn to download the free Picasa photo editing program to edit pictures. (Digital cameras provided if needed, but please feel free to bring your own if you have one. Also, bring the cable for attaching your camera to a computer.)

Day/time: Fri. Mar. 2 & 9, 9–11 am; AE-14

Wellness & Diabetes All ages

"You are what you eat!" The food you eat is related to the amount of sugar in your blood. Find out about healthy substitutions and how the right choices will help control your blood sugar level. Good for those with diabetes and for anyone interested in nutrition. Instructor: Janis Winner, Diabetes Clinician.

Day/time: Wed., April 25, 6:30–7:30 pm; AE-15



Starts June 9!

ADULT EXERCISE & DANCE

Total Conditioning Ages 16 and up

Build strength, endurance, burn calories—and have fun while doing it. Class will include anything from boot camp moves, kickboxing, abs, stretching, and a touch of “nutrition talking.” We will use tools like the resist-a-ball, elastic bands, weights, and dance moves. Instructor: Melissa Hock.

Location: Tipp Monroe Community Services building, 3 E. Main St., Tipp City

Cost: \$45 punch card includes any combination of classes (10 classes)
\$6 drop in-fee
\$10 one-time materials fee paid directly to the instructor (for bands and balls)
Come by to try out a class.

Day/time: Mon., Jan. 30, 6–7 pm; AD-01
Wed., Feb. 1, 6–7 pm; AD-02

Taekwondo Ages 8–adult

Taekwondo, a Korean martial art, is an excellent form of physical and mental conditioning and self-defense. It is known not only known for its dynamic kicking and hand techniques, but also for its positive effect on the lives of those who study it. We teach much more than the physical techniques associated with Taekwondo: we teach the qualities we believe make up a true leader. All classes are family-friendly. Instructor: Patrick Jacobs, of Jacobs’ Black Belt Academy, LLC. For more information contact jacobsblackbelt@yahoo.com.

Location: Tipp Monroe Community Services, 3 E. Main St.

Cost: \$35 resident, \$37 non-resident, monthly – ongoing
Additional family members, \$25 resident, \$27 non-resident

Day/time: Tues., Jan. 31, 6:30–7:30 pm; YA-01

Additional cost for uniforms and belt rank fees paid to the certified ATA instructor.

Loose workout attire can be worn until ATA uniforms have been purchased.

TMCS Walking Club All ages

Isn’t it hard to find a warm and dry place to walk in the wintertime? Mr. Wray and Dr. Kronour have been kind enough to open up Tippecanoe High School for those who want to keep on walking until spring arrives. You can still walk anywhere and anytime you want, but this will give you another opportunity. Come by the office to get your log sheet and pedometer, or register online. Walk 100 miles and receive a 100 Mile Club t-shirt!

Location: Anywhere! Downtown Tipp City, your neighborhood, the bike path, or even on your treadmill at home.

Cost: No charge, but registration is required

Day/Time: Any day you like.

Time: Any time you make the time to walk; AD-03

The High School will be open for walkers on Monday and Thursday from 4:30 pm–6:30 pm, January 30–March 22. When you register for the walking club, we will give you instructions on where to enter the school. Make sure you say “Thanks!” to Chuck Wray and John Kronour!

Yoga Ages 14 and up

Location: The Earth’s Center, 27½ E. Main St., Tipp City.

Cost: \$45 resident, \$47 non-resident, for 4 Thursdays

Beginner’s Yoga. Finally, a class for people who have never done yoga before! Join us to learn what yoga is, how to properly perform poses, and how to increase your strength and flexibility. Bring a yoga mat (we have them also), water, and a small blanket. Wear comfortable exercise clothing.

Instructor: Beth Weaver, RYT.

Day/time: Thurs., Feb. 2, 7:30–8:30 pm; AD-04

Yoga for Experienced Yoga Students. This class is for experienced yoga students; join us to experience Beth’s mixture of toning and strengthening poses in our relaxing studio. Experience something new within your practice. Bring a yoga mat (we have them also), water, and a small blanket. Wear comfortable exercise clothing. Instructor: Beth Weaver, RYT.

Day/time: Mon., Jan 30, 5–6 pm; AD-05

Antique & Artisan Show

June 23



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LOOKING AHEAD...

**It's not too early to start planning for summer! Ready to get started?
On your mark, get set, go ...**

June 9 • • • Tippecanoe Farmers' Market Begins. Every Saturday starting June 9, the market provides hundreds of eager shoppers with a dynamic place to purchase the best products from local vendors, including fresh and delicious fruits and vegetables, delectable baked goods and freshly prepared food items, beautiful garden plants and fresh cut flowers, amazing handmade products, and more! Visit www.tippecanoeffarmersmarket.com for more information.

June 9 • • • Canal Fest. A free summer music festival sponsored by the Tipp City Area Arts Council. For more information go to www.tippcityartscouncil.com

June 18 • • • TMCS Summer Programs Begin

June 23 • • • Tipp City's 8th Annual Antique & Artisan Show
The 9th annual Antiques & Artisan Show will feature over 80 Vendors with crafts, antiques, art, food, entertainment, and fun in historic downtown Tipp City. Vendor registrations will be available in April. For more information go to www.downtown Tipp City.org.



**You Snooze,
You Lose!**

Nothing cancels a good class quicker than waiting until the last minute to register. If there are not enough students one week prior, the program may be canceled. Registering on the last day of the class will not save a class. Please register as early as possible.

YOUTH EDUCATION, ART & FUN

ACT Test Preparation

Emphasis is placed on timing, test makeup, questions to avoid, creative guessing, reading techniques, and frequent errors in English. Students must buy the latest edition of *Cracking the ACT*. Instructor: Dr. Gene Wade.

Location: Broadway Elementary School, 223 W. Broadway, Tipp City

Cost: \$40 resident & non-resident

Day/time: Mon.–Thurs., Feb. 6–9, 6–7:30 pm; YE-01
Mon.–Thurs., April 9–12, 6–7:30 pm; YE-02
Mon.–Thurs., June 4–7, 6–7:30 pm; YE-03

NEW!

American Girl Doll Grades 2–5

Location: Tipp Monroe Community Services building, 3 E. Main St., Tipp City

Cost: \$12 resident, \$14 non-resident

Felicity. Travel back to Colonial Williamsburg and meet Felicity and her friends. Learn about the lives, clothes, and customs of Virginia in the 1800s. See “rooms” and furniture decoration of the times. Bring your favorite 18" doll. Students will make a craft and have a photo made with their doll.

Instructor: Becca Schelling.

Day/time: Thurs., Feb. 2, 3:45–4:45 pm; YE-04

Pioneer Days. Growing up on the Minnesota frontier in 1854 must have been difficult. Meet Kirsten and her friends, family, and pets. See the customs, clothing, and home decoration from the pioneer life. Guest appearance: American Girl Doll, “Kaya.” Bring your favorite 18" doll. Students will make a craft and have a photo made with their doll.

Instructor: Becca Schelling.

Day/time: Thurs., April 26, 3:45–4:45 pm; YE-05

Children’s Drawing Grades 2–6

During this 5-week class, students will draw subjects and objects that interest them. We will discuss drawing and explore using line and shapes to draw objects. We will work from 3-D models, mostly chosen by class members. Bring an 11"x14" or 12"x18" drawing pad and a black felt tip marker. Other supplies will be provided. Instructor: Pauline Persing.

Location: Tipp Monroe Community Services Building, 3 E. Main St., Tipp City

Cost: \$20 resident, \$25 non-resident

Day/time: Thurs., Feb. 2, 6:30–7:30 pm, for 5 Thursdays; YE-06

NEW!

Creative Writing—Let’s Learn Together Grades 6–12

Creative writing is more than just putting words together: it uses the imagination. A good writer develops characters, carefully selects words, and plans a storyline. Learn to unlock your creative writing muse in two easy lessons. Instructor: Rebecca Woodward.

Location: Tipp Monroe Community Services Building, 3 E. Main St., Tipp City

Cost: \$15 resident, \$17 non-resident

Day/time: Wed., Mar. 14 & 21; 6:30–7:30 pm; YE-07

NEW!

Cupcake Craze!

Ages middle school–adult

Discover the fun of baking and decorating cupcakes. Make, bake, frost, and decorate cupcakes for the holidays, parties, gifts, and everyday eating. Instructor: Pam Staub

Location: Tippecanoe High School, 615 Kessler Cowlesville, Tipp City

Cost: \$25 resident, \$30 non-resident. \$5 materials fee paid to instructor.

Day/time: Thurs., April 5, 12, 19 & 26; 6–7 pm; YE-08

NEW!

“I made it on the computer!” Ages middle school–adult

It’s easy to think of the computer as just a place to play games, check e-mail, or search the web. However, using the computer can be a wonderful way to create economical gifts and crafts. Find out how! Instructor: Pam Staub.

Location: Tippecanoe High School, 615 Kessler Cowlesville, Tipp City

Cost: \$25 resident, \$30 non-resident; \$4 materials fee paid to the instructor.

Day/time: Thurs., Feb. 2, 9, 16 & 23, 6–7 pm; YE-09

Kid’s R.A.D. Boys and girls ages 8–11

This self-defense class incorporates everyday safety for children. Learn how to handle bullies and perform actual hands-on self-defense. Wear comfortable clothes and tennis shoes. This is a very physical class, so be prepared to work. This class is taught by Tipp City Police officers specially trained in the Kid’s R.A.D. program.

Location: Monroe Township Basement, 4 E. Main, Tipp City

Cost: No cost, but registration and a Medical Release form are required.

Day/time: Mon & Tues., Mar. 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, & 27, 4:30–6 pm; YE-10

NEW!

Music Theory and Aural Skills

High school & older

Tonal music theory is the study of the 12 pitches: how they are organized, relate to one another, and produce harmony. Aural skills, which could be called “sight singing for the ear,” enable musicians to recognize these combinations in melodies and harmonies. Students will be introduced to pitch names, modalities, and tonalities. Complementing the study of tonality will be weekly ear training, which teaches the musician to hear music in the mind before it is played or sung aloud. Bring pencils/pens and a three-ring binder to class. Handouts and practice exercises will be provided. Instructor: Lyle Whybrew.

Location: Broadway Elementary School, 223 W. Broadway, Tipp City

Cost: \$5 resident, \$7 non-resident

Day/time: Thurs., Feb. 2, 6:30–7:30 pm, for 10 Thursdays (No Class March 27); YE-11

YOUTH ATHLETICS, SPORTS & EXERCISE



Cheer America Pom and Cheer

Boys and girls ages 4–18

Make friends and have fun in an atmosphere of teamwork and team spirit. Each semester, students will learn a new pom/dance routine, cheers, and chants. Students will work on jumps, splits, and many other skills required for school tryouts (no tumbling will be taught). Sponsored by Cheer America in cooperation with Tipp-Monroe Community Services.

Location: Broadway Multipurpose Room

Cost: \$7 registration fee plus \$7 per class

Registration Only: Broadway Multipurpose Room, Wed., Jan. 25, 6–7 pm

Class start date: Jan. 25–May 23, for 17 weeks, (no class March 28)

Time: 6–9 pm; class times will be assigned at registration. Each class is 45 minutes.

Self-Defense and Safety Awareness Boys and girls ages 4–18

This course is designed for self-defense purposes only and covers Stranger Danger techniques. Basic through black belt skills are taught, and students learn in a fun, active environment. Beginner students may progress to yellow belt, and returning students may progress to higher belt ranks. Sponsored by All-American Youth Activities in cooperation with Tipp Monroe Community Services.

Location: Broadway Multipurpose Room

Cost: \$7 registration fee plus \$7 per class

Registration: Broadway Multipurpose Room, Mon., Jan. 23, 6 pm (first class will immediately follow)

Start date: Jan. 23–May 21, 17 weeks, (no class March 26) 6–9 pm – class times will be assigned at registration. Each class is 45 minutes.

Taekwondo Ages 8–adult

Taekwondo, a Korean martial art, is an excellent form of physical and mental conditioning and self-defense. It is known not only for its dynamic kicking and hand techniques, but also for its positive effect on the lives of those who study it. We teach much more than the physical techniques associated with Taekwondo: we teach the qualities we believe make up a true leader. All classes are family friendly. Instructor: Patrick Jacobs, of Jacobs' Black Belt Academy, LLC. For more information contact jacobsblackbelt@yahoo.com.

Location: Tipp Monroe Community Services, 3 E. Main St.

Cost: \$35 resident, \$37 non-resident, monthly–ongoing Additional family members, \$25 resident, \$27 non-resident

Day/time: Tues., Jan. 31, 6:30–7:30 pm; YA-01

Additional cost for uniforms and belt rank fees paid to the certified ATA instructor.

Loose workout attire can be worn until ATA uniforms have been purchased

Tennis Buds Boys & girls grades 2 and 3

In this beginner's tennis class, students will learn basic skills—forehand, backhand, volley and serve—in a fun format. Kids will be playing “tennis games” to improve their skills. Wear comfortable clothes and tennis shoes. Program is overseen by Bud Schroeder and the Miami Valley Tennis Association. All proceeds will benefit the High School Tennis team.

Location: Broadway Multipurpose Room, 223 W. Broadway, Tipp City

Cost: \$39 residents only

Day/time: Mon., Jan. 30, 3:30–4:30 pm, for 8 Mondays; YA-02

Location: Nevin Coppock Elementary, 525 N. Hyatt, Tipp City

Cost: \$39 residents only

Day/time: Wed., Feb. 1, 3:30–4:30 pm, for 8 Wednesdays; YA-03

Additional Sports Numbers listed for your convenience

Various other organizations provide youth and athletic opportunities. Each has its own registration requirement and time frame. Please contact each entity for specific information.

Pee Wee Cheerleading & Football. Angie Potchik, 937-416-2812 or Scott Liskey, 937-478-2064 (registration in May)

Red Devil Wrestling. Kari Moore, 937-524-1593, www.teamreddevilwrestling.com

Tipp City Junior Baseball. 667-1107, www.tcjb.org

Tipp City Swim Team. tippmonroeswimteam@yahoo.com

Tipp City Youth Soccer. Register online at www.tippsoccer.org, April 1–May 15

Youth Recreational

FLAG FOOTBALL

Boys and girls grades K-8

NFL FLAG is the premier youth flag football league for boys and girls. The program provides young players a fun and exciting opportunity to engage in non-contact, continuous action while learning lessons in teamwork.

Launched in 1996, the NFL FLAG Football program is designed to educate young people about football while emphasizing participation and sportsmanship. Players learn skills and lessons that help them succeed both on and off the field.

NFL FLAG gives youngsters the chance to be an official NFL player!

Organization is a Proud Member of



Registration: January 9–March 23, 2012

Registration forms can be found online at www.tmcomservices.org or picked up at the TMCS office during office hours. (Please use registration forms specifically for Flag Football.)

There will be no co-ed teams, and all games will have certified referees.

Location: Kyle Park

Cost: \$40 resident, \$52 non-resident. Includes NFL jersey, flag belt, and flags

Date: Sundays, April 15–May 20.

*** Volunteer coaches are always needed! ***



Dear Residents

of Tipp City & Monroe Township,

The Tipp Monroe Community Services Board of Trustees, Tax Levy Committee and TMCS Staff want to thank everyone in Tipp City and Monroe Township for their continued support of the agency. The community once again spoke and passed the .5 mil levy, necessary for the operation of Tipp Monroe Community Services. We, as an agency, will continue to provide a variety of programs and services to every resident in our community.

Again, thank you for your continued support.

As our motto states: "We Can't Do it Without You!"

Kathryn L. Taylor
Director

*** WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU! ***

TMCS COMMITTEES

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* TMCS Board Member
** TMCS Staff

Support TMCS—join one of our committees!

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Tipp Monroe Community Services Staff: (L to R) Carol English, Kathy Taylor, and Katie Sonnanstine

Carol English

Carol Psczulkoski English is an Oklahoma native who moved to Tipp City when she was just 2 years old. Carol graduated from Tippecanoe High School and went on to study at North Technical School in West Palm Beach, Florida. There, she earned a degree in nursing and worked for 10 years at Good Samaritan Hospital. Eric English, a home town Tipp City boy, went to Florida for a visit... ended up marrying Carol, and stayed for 10 years!

Tipp Citians at heart, the couple returned to their hometown in 1991 with their son Evan. Carol continued her nursing career at Belle Manor Nursing home and retired in 1993, caring for both of her parents until they passed away.

While Evan worked to earn his Eagle Scout award, Carol and Eric became avid Boy Scout volunteers. Her passion for volunteer work didn't end there—Carol has been active in many local nonprofits and organizations: the Tipp City Mum Festival (President 2005), VFW and American Legion Auxiliary. In 2004 Carol joined TMCS as Bookkeeper and Office Manager.

When Carol's not at work, she enjoys being with her friends, garage sale shopping, and loving on her two tea-cup Yorkies, Jazzy and Tinkerbell. She loves cooking, baking, crafting, and is a skilled seamstress. Doll clothes and puppy dog outfits and accessories are among her favorite items to sew.

Carol is always full of creative ideas for TMCS classes and events. She also is a whiz at improving activities, events, and office procedures. Carol is especially passionate about her work for TMCS Social Service Programs—and she keeps the tidiest desk in the office.

Kathy Taylor

Kathy Taylor is a native of Tipp City and a THS graduate. Kathy started working at TMCS at 17 and never left. Over the years, Kathy has learned from many TMCS directors, and has taken various courses over the years to deepen her skills and knowledge.

In 2002, Kathy Taylor became Executive Director of TMCS, and the organization has grown and flourished ever since. Technological improvements have been implemented to better serve the community, including a TMCS website with convenient online registration. But don't expect to get voice mail when you call the office—Kathy and her staff pride themselves on a welcoming atmosphere and personal, friendly service.

Kathy's son, Garrett, is a freshman at Miami University, where he marched with the band in the Macy's Day parade, has joined a fraternity, and (with his good looks) is dating lots of girls.

When Kathy is not at TMCS, she is hard at work elsewhere: she volunteers for the Tipp City Mum Festival, Coalition for the Elderly, America in Bloom, and the Downtown Tipp City Partnership. While Garrett was in school, Kathy served as Cub Scout treasurer, den leader, Music Booster and coached Youth Soccer and Recreational Basketball...“if you want something done, and done right, ask Kathy Taylor.”

In her spare time—mere moments—Kathy likes to read, change paint colors in her house, and work in her flowerbeds. She dotes on Lily, her kitty cat, and looks forward to seeing Garrett on his visits home. Kathy is a competitive board games player, a whiz with numbers and can out-talk any politician!

Katie Sonnanstine

Katie Sonnanstine is a native Texan, born and raised in Houston. After receiving a B.S. in Home Economics from the University of Texas with a major in Interior Design, Katie pursued a career working in the furniture, wallpaper, and space-planning industry. She met Neal Sonnanstine, a Bethel Township native, in Houston and married him in 1981. Shortly thereafter, the couple moved to Virginia Beach, and were misplaced Texans for 17 years. When Neal was offered early retirement, Katie and he jumped at the chance to move to Ohio and build a house on the family farm.

Katie gave up the interior design business 16 years ago in order to pursue a career doing work for nonprofits. She came to work for Tipp Monroe Community Services in September 2002. Katie found that her prior work experience served her well. Believe it or not, program coordination for TMCS and design and space planning do go hand-in-hand: both require advanced planning, organization, and attention to detail!

When Katie is not at TMCS, she enjoys gardening, reading, and helping “build things.” Taking care of Austin, their cocker spaniel, and trying to keep Neal in line keeps Katie busy at home. And when it's time to relax, she and her husband enjoy sitting on the front porch and watching the deer. One of her greatest joys is visits from nephew and niece, Todd and Liz, with their children, Natalie and Benjamin, who live in the family farmhouse across the road.

Katie tries to live by her Mother's wise adage: “Be happy until 10 o'clock in the morning and the rest of the day will take care of itself!”



TMCS EVENTS &

Join your neighbors at these special events and ongoing activities! For more information, call TMCS at 667-8631

January

Happy New Year!

You may register for classes as soon as you receive your Community Connection. Online registration begins January 17.

Dancing with the Arts. Come to the Tipp City Area Arts Council's 2nd Annual Art Gala! The Board of the Tipp City Area Arts Council is throwing a party with cocktails, dinner, and dancing. Silent Auction! Live auction! Celebrity bartenders! Music provided by Scott Oglebee, pianist and DJ.

Location: The Crystal Room at Club 55

Day/Time: January 28, 6–11 pm

Cost: \$40 per person for TCAAC members, \$45 non-members

Tickets available at TMCS.

Visit www.tippcityartscouncil.com for more information.

Art Lecture Series. Studio 14 and the Tipp City Area Arts Council will present a monthly Art Lecture Series from 7–9 pm at Studio 14 (14 E. Main St.), beginning January 12. Lectures will be held on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

February

Art for the Heart

Location: The Fellowship Hall of Zion Lutheran Church at 14 W. Walnut.

Day/Time: Sat., Feb. 11, 9 am–4 pm, “rain or shine!”

Cost: There is no admission charge.

This Artisan Showcase & Fine Art Sale features painting, photography, sculpture, woodworking, weaving, jewelry, and more. A tasty breakfast and lunch will be made available by Ruth White and the “Sisters of the Skillet.” There will be door prizes, a raffle and, of course, the opportunity to find a perfect Valentine’s gift for someone special. This event is handicapped-accessible, and there will be plenty of free parking. Sponsored by the Tipp City Area Arts Council. For more information, contact Ruth Safreed at 657-3365 or Kay Bertrand at 667-3033.

Tipp Monroe Community Services (TMCS) is a local nonprofit organization responsible for identifying and filling the needs of Tipp City and Monroe Township residents. We provide recreational, educational, and cultural programs at reasonable prices for all ages. Tipp Monroe Community Services works to improve the standard of living in our community and enjoys broad support from local residents, businesses, city and township government, and the Board of Education. For more information about our organization, go to www.tmcomservices.org.

ACTIVITIES WINTER/ SPRING 2012

April



National Poetry Month. Take part in a Poetry Contest and the 3rd Annual Poetry Jam. Details coming in March.

Sponsored by the Tipp City Area Arts Council.

Tipp Pride Day/Day of Caring

Location: All over Tipp City!

Day/Time: Saturday, April 21, 9 am–4 pm

This is a special day set aside for beautifying our city and helping neighbors in need. If you want to volunteer to help clean yards, or if you need assistance, call TMCS at 667-8631 or United Way at 669-3863.

FREE computer disposal 10 am–2 pm in the Tipp Plaza parking lot. Look for the Goodwill Truck in front of CVS.

Sponsored by: America in Bloom, City of Tipp City, Tipp Monroe Community Services, and United Way.

May

Community-Wide Garage Sale. Are your closets exploding and your garage so full you can't get your car in? The Community-Wide Garage Sale is coming Saturday, May 5, 2012.

Tipp Monroe Community Services sponsors this very popular annual event. The cost to have your address listed on our official map/flyer is \$5.00. Remember the old adage: "one man's trash is another man's treasure." Call TMCS at 667-8631 for more information. Registration deadline is April 27.

Memorial Day Celebration Parade and Bike

Brigade. Come, children of all ages, and bring your patriotically decorated bike. Join the Memorial Day Celebration Parade on Monday, May 28. Further details will be sent home through school.

June

Safety City – Kindergarten Registrants

This structured program for children entering kindergarten will introduce them to basic safety rules. The program has been highly successful in preparing young ones for the challenges of traveling to and from school. Activities are fun and full of learning. Safety training will be demonstrated by members of Tipp City's public safety departments. Safety City is presented as a public service by Community-Minded Women in cooperation with Tipp Monroe Community Services, Tipp City Board of Education, and the police, fire, and emergency medical services department of the City of Tipp City. Taught by Angie Anderson, an experienced, accredited elementary teacher.

You can register for these classes at the Kindergarten Round-up at Nevin Coppock and Broadway schools on February 23 or at TMCS after that date.

Location: L.T. Ball Intermediate School

Cost: \$15 resident

Day/time: Mon.–Fri., 8:30–10 am

Start date: June 11–15
June 18–22

Day/time: Mon–Fri, 10:30 am–12 noon

Start date: June 11–15
June 18–22



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COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Meet new friends and make a difference in your community!

Alumni of Tippecanoe High. To get involved, email us at tippalumni@hotmail.com.

American Legion Junior Auxiliary gives young women 17 and under the opportunity to show their gratitude to the veterans who have served to protect our freedoms. For more information call 937-681-1287, email candomom4@yahoo.com, or visit us on Facebook.

Appraisal Fair. Robert Honeyman, a well-known auctioneer in Miami County, will use his experience and knowledge to appraise items attendees bring to the fair. Location: American Legion Post 586, 377 N Third St., Tipp City
Day/Time: Saturday, January 21, 12:30 pm
Cost: \$5 for two items to be appraised (additional items will be charged separately).

Food and refreshments by the Ladies Auxiliary of Post 586 will be available for purchase. For more information, contact Gordon Pittenger, 667-3051, or Susie Spittler, 698-6798.

Community-Minded Women. If you are interested in contributing to the community, here is your opportunity. Call Joanne at 669-0604.

Downtown Tipp City Partnership strives to promote, enhance, and preserve the historical downtown Tipp City area; to bring together diverse organizations; and to foster growth, business development, prosperity, and goodwill. We want to create a cohesive downtown that makes Tipp City a premier destination in the Miami Valley region. To join us, call 937-667-0883, visit www.downtowntippcity.org, or email info@dtcp.org.

Historical Society. Our museum welcomes groups, families, scouts, schools, and organizations. We also provide individual appointments upon request. Location: corner of Third and Walnut, downtown Tipp City.
For more information, call Peg Hadden at 667-3977 or Susie Spittler at 698-6798.

Honey Creek Watershed Association. Visit www.honeycreekwatershed.org or contact Leigh Ann Gerardi McCulla at 667-7878 to learn more.

Miami County Solid Waste District. Offers many educational opportunities and services to Miami County residents.
Location: Miami County Sanitary Engineering, 2200 N. County Road 25A, Troy
Call 440-3488 for questions or visit our website at www.miamicountysed.com

Monroe Township Recycling. Help reduce local landfills by bringing in the following accepted items: plastics (SPI code 1 & 2), metal (aluminum and steel cans), glass (all colors), newspaper (placed in grocery bags), and clean, dry, corrugated cardboard. *Please, no commercial drop-offs.*

Location: Monroe Township Garage, 655 Michaels Road, Tipp City
Day/Time: the second Saturday of each month, 8:30–11:30 am.
For more information, call TMCS at 667-8631.

Needy Basket provides food to needy families in Tipp City and Monroe Township. Call 667-1977 to volunteer, to donate, or for assistance.

Optimist Club. Our motto is “a friend to youth.” To learn more, call 667-8855 or 667-2228.

Soroptimist International of Tipp City & Upper Miami Valley. Work with us to help improve the quality of life for our fellow human beings and to advance the status of women. Contact us at SITCUMV, PO Box 223, Tipp City, OH 45371, or visit www.sitcumv@gmail.com.

Tipp City Area Arts Council is dedicated to the promotion, development, and support of the visual, musical, physical, and literary arts in Tipp City, Ohio and surrounding areas. Location: Tipp City Board of Education building
Day/Time: Second Tuesday of the month,

6:30 pm
Visit www.tippcityartscouncil.com to learn more.

Tipp City Chamber of Commerce. Getting involved on a Chamber committee or volunteering to help with an event is a great way to strengthen and promote your business. Call 667-8300 or visit www.tippcitychamber.org.

Tipp City Newcomers & Neighbors welcomes newcomers to the Tipp City community. Location: Tipp City United Methodist Church
Day/Time: Second Thursday of each month
Call Linda Phillips at 335-6989 for more.

Tipp City Players. Join the Tipp City Players for their Annual Membership Meeting and Chili Dinner. Tues., Jan. 10, 6:30 pm at Nazarene Church, Tipp City. Please RSVP to 667-SHOW with the number of people attending.

Tipp City Rotary Club. Serving Tipp City since 1922, the Rotary Club works to foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise. “Service above Self.” Location: Monroe Township Building
Day/Time: Wednesdays, 12 noon
For more information, visit www.tippcityrotary.org.

Tippecanoe Community Band is an adult volunteer group that performs for concerts, parades, and nursing homes. Call 667-8631 to learn more about us.

United Way. LIVE UNITED! Please remember your local United Way when giving to charitable organizations. Your gift will help fund health and human service agencies in the Tipp City, Monroe, and Bethel Township areas. Contact Deborah Carr at 669-FUND (3863). Donations can be mailed to Tipp City Area United Way, PO Box 95, Tipp City, OH 45371

We Care Arts. “Turning disabilities into possibilities through art.” We offer free art classes for special-needs students. For more information, call Shari Hignite at 252-3937 or visit www.wecarearts.org.

▶ HOW TO REGISTER FOR TMCS COURSES

▶ Registration begins January 17, 2012.

The TMCS office will be open late (until 7:00 pm) on Tues., Jan. 17 for your convenience. Registration continues throughout the term.

Please note: You are not officially registered until a signed Registration Form, along with full payment, is received. If you are under 18, you also must provide a signed Medical Release Form. All participants must be pre-registered, no walk-ins are accepted.

▶ Three Ways to Register:

By Mail. Mail your registration along with payment and required forms to P.O. Box 242, Tipp City OH 45371. Checks should be made payable to Tipp Monroe Community Services.

Online. Go to www.tmcomservices.org, under Registration. Sign up for the classes you want and pay online using PayPal.

In person. Come by our office M–F, 8 am–5 pm at 3 E. Main Street in Tipp City to register and pay for classes.

Additional Information

Enrollment fees are payable at the time of registration. Checks should be made payable to Tipp Monroe Community Services. Supply fees are to be paid directly to the instructor.

Canceled Classes/Programs. All classes and programs must have a minimum number of students to be held. TMCS has the right to cancel, combine, change the time, date, or make any other revision within two business days of the programs begin date.

If a class is canceled by TMCS, you will be notified and will receive a full refund within 10–15 business days.

Waiting lists. If a class is closed because of maximum enrollment and a waiting list is begun, students will be accepted into the class according to the date the registration fee was received.

Confirmations. There will be no confirmation sent out for classes having sufficient enrollment. Students will be responsible for remembering starting dates, times and locations of classes.

Supplies. Students are responsible for getting any list of necessary supplies to be taken to class. You may obtain this list by calling Community Services at 667-8631.

Refunds before the class/program begins. A partial refund will be granted if it is requested at least 5 business days before the first class meeting and does not reduce the participation level below the required minimum. Direct your request to Community Services at 667-8631.

A refund after the class/program begins. If you wish to discontinue participation in a class/program, you must cancel before the second class. As long as the cancellation does not reduce the participation level below the required minimum, a pro-rated credit toward another class/program will be given. No cash refunds will be given. Direct your request to Community Services at 667-8631.

Special accommodations. Tipp-Monroe Community Services wishes to involve all segments of the community in TMCS programs. People needing accommodations for the physically disabled should contact the TMCS office at 667-8631 one week prior to the beginning of a class.

POLICIES

Weather. All programs are canceled when Tipp City Public Schools are closed due to inclement weather. Watch WDTN Channel 2 or WHIO Channel 7 for closing information.

Sickness Policy. Please do not send your child to TMCS programs or activities if your child missed school that day due to illness, or if child has fever, diarrhea, severe coughing or sneezing, sore throat, vomiting, redness, or discharge from the eye.

You Snooze, You Lose! Nothing cancels a good class quicker than waiting until the last minute to register. If there are not enough students one week prior, the program may be canceled. Registering on the last day of the class will not save a class. Please register as early as possible.

TIPP MONROE COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

REGISTRATION FORM

Class No. _____ Class Name _____ Fee _____

Class No. _____ Class Name _____ Fee _____

Name: Last _____ First _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Circle one: Tipp City Resident Monroe Township Resident Non-Resident

Home Phone _____ Work Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____ Cell: _____

If under 18: Age: _____ Grade: _____ Name of Parent or Legal Guardian _____

The above enrollee or legal guardian of said enrollee in consideration of the activity indicated hereby releases and discharges Tipp Monroe Community Services, Inc., the City of Tipp City, the Monroe Township Trustees, and the Tipp City Exempted Village School Board of Education and their assignees from any liability whatever, and will hold them harmless from any judgment brought against them.

**Please note that photos taken at TMCS classes may be used in the Community Connection or other publications.*

Date _____ Signature _____

Parent/Legal Guardian



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