

City of Covington Newsletter

Highlights from the Week*

July 11 – July 15, 2016

The regularly scheduled Department Heads Meeting took place at City Hall with Mayor Hanson July 11. The Mayor thanked everyone for their strong collaboration on preparing the budget and he asked all department heads to stay within their budget as they make progress throughout the year.

The Mayor welcomed Joseph Mack on board as the new director of the Covington Parks and Recreation Department. Mr. Mack will begin his duties July 18. Mayor Hanson also thanked Karen Griffin for her services as Interim Director and all others recognized her and thanked her for working in this capacity, as well.

Mayor Hanson shared that Covington has received approval for funding of our Transportation Alternatives Grant through the Tennessee Department of Transportation. This grant will provide over \$700,000 in sidewalks, crosswalks, ramps, and lighting from Covington Housing Authority's Community Center on Jackson Street through Frazier Park and to the Boys and Girls Club on Alston Street. More detailed information about this can be seen in our GOOD NEWS section below.

The Mayor also shared that we are moving forward with a sidewalk project on James Street in Covington as part of our Transportation Master Plan. Read more about this in our GOOD NEWS section below.

Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn reported that she has sent the 2016-17 budget to the State for approval and expects a 6-8 week process before we get a response. She has entered the new proposed budget information in our system and will email information to each department head for their records. She reiterated the Mayor's request to work within the confines of the budget and offered her services at any time to help each person keep up with and maintain up-to-date records of spending and balances.

Public Works Director David Gray stated he is following up with CSC Sugar on a questionnaire they completed as part of his investigation into their discharge in our sewer system. He is setting up a meeting with A2H to discuss possible upgrades that will help their Biological Oxygenated Depletion percentages.

Gray also reported that his department has finished paving in the City and is working on getting that striped. He has also followed up on new vehicle requests and is expecting the delivery of two new trucks by the end of August.

Director Gray stated that all vacant positions in CPW have been filled and he is operating with a full crew, although a couple of people are out on sick leave for non-work related injuries. Lastly, he reported that his department is still in the education process for new curbside trash pickup ordinances and changes, which are listed below.

Covington Chief of Police Buddy Lewis reported that in the past three months, his department made over 400 arrests and in the first 6 months of this year, they have answered over 16,000 calls. He also stated he is still two employees short, but is working with Personnel Department Director Tiny Barton to complete this process.

Two of our officers are attending a nine-day training in Nashville for Drug Recognition Enforcement and Chief Lewis is excited about having these skills added to the expertise of his staff.

Mayor Hanson recognized Chief Lewis for being named to the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police and looks forward to him being sworn in later this month. Mayor Hanson stated he is in negotiations for a new police department headquarters building and hopes to have our CPD staff in a much needed new facility as soon as possible.

Karen Griffin, Interim Parks and Recreation Director reported her department has added a security light near the Boys and Girls Club on Alston Street and Parks Security Officer Ray Teamer is in process of identifying other lights in the area what are out or dim so bulbs can be replaced and adequate light provided.

Griffin also reported she is in the process of hiring new lifeguards for the pool and hopes to have them in place by the end of this week. She is consulting with Ms. Barton on this procedure. She also stated this is the last week for the Covington Manta Rays Swim Team to practice and their final meet will be held in Tunica this weekend.

Fire Chief Michael Naifeh stated he is very proud of the quick and appropriate response of his crews to the wreck and subsequent fires at a local gas station last weekend. He feels the efficient response most likely prevented further damage and possible fatalities as a result of the accident. He is also working to get information regarding Covington's progress on the SAFER Grant which was submitted earlier this year. If awarded, this grant will take care of salaries for additional personnel in CFD for two years.

Chief Naifeh reported some of his staff has expressed interest in ballistics resistant vests. This is not uncommon for fire departments and he will consult with Chief Lewis and others about this possibility, as the safety of our officers and CFD staff is high priority. Naifeh reported that a new and improved volunteer fire fighter schedule has begun and he anticipates this helping substantially on overtime costs in his department.

Purchasing and Personnel Director Tiny Barton reported that insurance meetings last week went well, but asked all directors to keep her informed if anyone needs information or enrollment sheets. She also stated she and Director David Gray have gotten public works fully staffed and she is working with Chief Lewis to do the same for CPD. Personnel Assistant Charlita Foulks is in the process of setting up payroll meetings in each department to ensure consistency in reporting across all departments.

Barton also stated she is working with the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System and will keep employees updated on the progress. At this time, only new hires have access to TCRS.

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO CURBSIDE TRASH PICKUP

- CONSTRUCTION WASTE - Any garbage or trash from new construction, repair, remodeling, or demolition on private property will NO LONGER be picked up by the City of Covington. Property owners must remove the trash themselves or call City Hall for a trash train which incurs an additional fee.
- BULKY ITEMS – Items like furniture, mattresses, and appliances (stoves, refrigerators, washer/dryers, water tanks, or similarly sized items) will be removed for the current adopted fee, HOWEVER, the property owner must give prior notice to City Hall before putting these items at the curbside – items should NOT be placed at the curbside more than 24 hours before the arranged pick-up time.
- CHANGE OF OCCUPANCY – property placed on the curb after an eviction will be picked up within 36 hours of notice to the City by the property owner. Property owners will be invoiced the current adopted fee for such service.
- YARD WASTE...
 - Branches should be cut to a length of 5 feet or shorter, and should be no more than 12 inches in diameter. Larger branches must be removed by the property owner.
 - Grass clippings, hedge cuttings, and leaves MUST be placed in bags prior to putting on curbside. HOWEVER, leaves raked into piles or rows between OCTOBER 15 and FEBRUARY 1 will be removed by the vacuum trucks.
 - Property owners should place their yard waste away from obstacles such as mailboxes, light poles, water meters, fences, etc, and should avoid placing them under low hanging branches.
 - Property owners should NOT place any yard waste in drainage ditches, in the street, on the sidewalks, on cul-de-sac islands, or on vacant lots.
- Clubs, civic groups, or other interested parties planning a clean-up day should contact the Director of Public Works at City Hall for assistance in debris removal.
- The full ordinance and route day maps are available on the City of Covington website at www.covingtontn.com. Any questions about these or other changes to the ordinance should be directed to David Gray, City of Covington Public Works Director, at 901-476-9613 ext 127.

On Tuesday, July 12, the regular monthly meeting of the General Welfare & Public Relations Committee was held at Covington City Hall. Chairman Drew Glass called the meeting to order and asked for reports from Airport Director Robin Anderson and Interim Parks and Recreation Director Karen Griffin.

Mr. Anderson reported that he is still in the process of setting up meetings and scheduling progress for the asphalt project for the Covington Municipal Airport. The project is the result of an 80-20 grant he was awarded for over \$800,000 worth of asphalt improvements on the runways.

Anderson was granted permission at the last meeting to look into the benefits and approximate costs of changing to LED lighting at the airport. He presented estimates to the committee members for a complete overhaul of the lighting, including engineering and construction costs. He distributed a handout showing the possible savings generated by using LED bulbs and feels the long term savings would be worth this investment. Chairman Drew Glass and Alderman John Edwards asked for a report at the next meeting of the current costs of electricity at the airport and a comparison showing what LED savings might be. Anderson reported he is in the process of gathering information from other airports that have made this transition and will prepare a report for committee members next month.

Another issue Director Anderson asked for help with is FOD (foreign object debris) on the runways. He stated this is common to all airports and can create a dangerous situation if not attended to regularly. He has researched his options in dealing with this and asked to look into the purchase of a sweeper that can be pulled behind a golf cart, ATV, or other motorized vehicle. This would be a means by which continual cleaning can take place multiple times a day, if necessary. Anderson believes half of the cost of such an apparatus could be paid from his maintenance fund. The committee asked him to continue his research and bring more information to them at the August meeting.

A Motion to accept Anderson's report was made by Chairman Glass and Alderman Jere Hadley seconded. All committee members voted to accept Anderson's report except for Alderman Edwards, who abstained.

Parks and Recreation Interim Director Karen Griffin reported that the final warranty walkthrough at the Covington Aquatic Center took place June 30. A list was made with issues to be repaired or corrected. Final date is July 31, 2016 to address any issues under warranty. Some of the issues were rusty pipes, loose heater frames, emergency lighting, igniter switch on boiler, and small hole in the fabric.

The swim team will finish the summer series Sunday, July 17, with championship meet in Tunica. They will take some time off and return to practice and meets during winter series after school begins

Griffin has made contact with two companies – Volunteer Technology Systems and Mid-South Security Systems – to research the price of equipment and surveillance cameras for the parks, as requested at last committee meeting. Griffin will report when quotes are received.

A new light has been added at the Boys and Girls Club to provide improved lighting in the area by the air/heat unit. Park Security has checked lights and identified those that need bulbs. This information will be given to Covington Electric to replace bulbs.

A motion to accept Griffin's report was made and passed with Alderman Edwards abstaining.

Mayor Hanson distributed copy of TDOT Transportation Alternatives Grant that was applied for in 2015 for sidewalks, ramps, lighting and connectivity from the Jackson Street Community Center to Alston Street where Head Start, Children and Family Services and The Boys and Girls Club are located. The total project is over \$720,000. Hanson presented today so the committee would be adequately informed that the grant was applied for and TDOT funding has been approved for this project. Jere Hadley motioned to send this straight to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen for approval. Drew Glass seconded Hadley's motion and asked for discussion.

Glass asked about timeline for this project, and actual construction is scheduled for 2018. All voted to approve Hadley's motion to send this project straight to Board for approval except for Alderman Edwards, who abstained.

Mayor Hanson has been appointed by Governor Bill Haslam to the Local Government Planning Advisory Committee as a representative of Local Government. This appointment is effective July 1, 2016 and runs through June 30, 2020. Mayor Hanson was sworn in to this new position at this week's Board of Mayor and Alderman meeting.



Covington City Attorney Rachel Witherington swore in Mayor Justin Hanson to his appointment by Governor Bill Haslam as a member of the Local Government Planning Advisory Committee.



On Tuesday, July 12, friends and family gathered at the Tipton County Museum to honor Vietnam Veteran Ridley Clifton for his service and dedication to our country and welcome him as the July Veteran of the Month. My Ridley is pictured here with his wife, Kathy. Scroll down for more information about Mr. Clifton.

Every second Tuesday evening the Tipton County Veterans Council and the Tipton County Museum honor a Tipton County Veteran and everyone is invited to attend. If you would like to nominate a Tipton County Veteran for this honor, please call the Museum at (901) 476-0242.

The Public Safety Committee met at Covington City Hall Thursday, July 14. Once again, Chief Michael Naifeh of the Covington Fire Department presented the Leave Policy he and Personnel Director Tiny Barton have completed. Naifeh asked the committee to allow him to move forward with the policy. Mayor Hanson stated that he has confidence in both Chief Naifeh and Director Barton and believes their combined expertise has been accurately applied in the development of this policy. Chief Naifeh stated the policy is in line with the current handbook. Mayor Hanson motioned for the committee to adopt the policy as of July 1st and Alderman Ed Timberlake seconded. The motion passed with unanimous votes and will be passed to the Finance and Administration Committee for further consideration.

Chief Naifeh distributed a medical quote from Zoll Medical Corp for \$33,768.00 for EMS medical equipment. Mayor Hanson stated if this is budgeted, then we need to purchase the equipment pending assurance this is within comptroller's rules. Hanson motioned the committee approve this purchase and Timberlake Seconded. This motion passed unanimously.

Naifeh went through the reports for the month of June, which were also included in his packet. There were 226 runs for June that included 9 structure fires, 7 vehicle fires, and 132 EMS calls, among others. Mayor Hanson motioned to accept Chief Naifeh's report and Alderman Timberlake seconded. This motion was unanimously approved.

Covington Police Department Chief Buddy Lewis is investigating ideas for construction of a new police department. Two representatives from USDA were in attendance to share information with the committee about possible financing. They distributed a packet of information, answered questions, and left more information for consideration. The committee determined more detailed information was needed in terms of construction costs that should include a parking lot and other items for a complete project, such as furnishings and compliances for The Historic District. They will wait on more information before proceeding. In the meantime, Chief Lewis will continue to gather information and visit other departments for ideas and suggestions.

Chief Lewis presented the committee with statistics from CPD. From January through June 2016, the department made 751 arrests, issued 419 citations, and answered 15,710 calls. Chief Lewis was happy to report that the two officers in DRE (Drug Recognition Expert) training in Nashville have passed required tests so far and are committed to obtaining this certification. He is delighted CPD has the opportunity for two officers to be certified in this capacity. Chief Lewis also paid tribute to two CPD officers who apprehended and arrested two men who snatched cash from a Wal Mart cash register. The officers pursued the perpetrators on foot and brought them into custody. Both are from Texas and may have been involved in similar crimes in other states. The CPD investigation will continue.

School Resource Officer Dowell will start a program at Covington High School called "Bridge the Gap" this fall. Through this program, he will invite leaders throughout the city and surrounding areas to come in and talk with students.

Chief Lewis stated two new officers have been hired and are in the process of appropriate training. He expects them to be fully operational by August 1st. Mayor Hanson motioned to accept the report submitted by Chief Lewis, Alderman Timberlake seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Covington Aquatic Center

Aquatic Director Liz Stambaugh reported the following information regarding the Covington Swim Team, **The Covington Manta Rays**: Covington Manta Rays have competed in 5 meets this season and hosted three meets at home in the Covington Aquatic Center. They also traveled to Millington, where they competed on July 5th. Triple winners were Brie Howard, Roby Myers, & Jenna Kelley. Triple winners throughout the season are Brie Howard, Roby Myers, Jenna Kelley, & John Owen Hensley. To be a Triple Winner, swimmers must win all 3 of their individual events.

22 Swimmers will be travelling to compete in the Mid-South Swimming Championship Meet on Sunday July 17, 2016 in Tunica, MS. where they will compete in 4 individual events and 1 relay. They will be competing against 19 teams from across the region.

School Age Child Care groups from Brighton Elementary and Crestview Elementary enjoyed a day at the pool at the Covington Aquatic Center Friday. School Age Child Care (SACC) is a year-round after-hours child care program in Tipton County elementary schools that provides programs and activities for children after school and throughout the summer. SACC focuses on child-centered activities and developmentally appropriate practices. Our program strikes a healthy balance between free-choice and teacher-directed activities; stimulating and quiet activities; large-and small-group activities. Typical rotations at many of our SACC Sites include hands-on learning experiences, games, physical activity, homework help, reading and/or math tutoring, arts and crafts, and computer time. For more information on [SACC in Tipton County Schools](#), [click here](#).



Brighton Elementary SACC (above) and Crestview Elementary SACC (below) enjoyed a day at the Covington Aquatic Center as part of their summer programs.



What's Happening at the Museum?

On July 9, Steve Scott, a local Eagle Scout visited the Museum with his family to discuss building a bridge on a low spot on the nature trail as his Eagle Scout project. He has been communicating with Codes Enforcement Officer Lessie Fisher, who told him she will inspect the footings once they are done. He plans to build the bridge with pressure treated wood, and it will be 60 feet long by 4 feet wide. It will have a hand railing on it, similar to the other ones on the property. His project will be presented to the Museum Board, who will have to approve the project in order for him to proceed. Steve would like to have the bridge completed before school starts, and he will have his fellow Eagle Scouts assist him on the project. He plans to raise all the money to cover the cost of materials by himself, so the Museum will incur no costs. The Museum Board will consider this project at their July 21st meeting.

The museum hosted a 7 year old's birthday party last Saturday with approximately 60 people in attendance. It was a great opportunity for Director Barrie Foster to showcase the museum and let those in attendance know what programs are available – particularly for children. To learn more about programs, please call 901-476-0242 or visit the museum site at <http://www.covingtontn.com/museum.html>

This week the museum hosted the July Veteran of the Month reception for Vietnam Veteran Ridley Clifton. Please scroll down to read more. The August Veteran of the Month is Tommy Cheairs, also a Vietnam veteran, and his reception will be Tuesday, August 9th.

There will be the last of three "StoryWalks" at the Museum Saturday, July 16. It is hosted by the Tipton County Public Library and is a fun and educational event for young readers. Please scroll down to read more about the storywalk or call the museum at 901-476 – 0242.



The Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors held its first regular meeting of the new fiscal year at the Covington Country Club Friday. Outgoing President Dr. Jamie Frakes was presented a gift as a token of the Board's appreciation for his services (R). Dr. Frakes welcomed incoming President Tracy Lavelle (L) as she begins her term.



Mayor Justin Hanson swears in new Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce Board Members L-R Tracy Lavelle, John Brasfield, Willie Mae Chaney, Youlanda Jones, Matt McDaniel, and Houston Moss.

Dates to Remember...

- July 16 – Story Walk at the Tipton County Veteran’s Museum – 10:00 – 11:30 – free of charge. Story walk based on the book “Over in the Forest” by Marianne Berkes
- July 19 – Coffee with the Mayor 7:30 – 9:00 at Pappy and Jimmy’s - 511 East Liberty Street
- July 21 – THIRD THURSDAY at The Chamber Center on the Square in Covington. 5:00 pm. Join us for food, fellowship, fun, and information. Duane Lavery with HTL Advantage will host with a focus on industry and workforce development.
- July 23 – Artist in Residence Peggy Kunkel – Improving your Handwriting workshop 10:00 – 12:00 at Tipton County Veteran’s Museum in Covington. \$10 for museum members / \$15 for general public.
- July 23 – FREE LEGAL CLINIC – First Presbyterian Church in Covington 11:00 – 1:00
- July 26 – Board of Mayor and Alderman Meetings 5:30 Covington City Hall
- July 28 - Lifeood at City Hall 9:00 am – noon. Sign up at City Hall
- Fridays in August – Barbara McBride will teach Introduction to Acrylics 9:30 – 11:30 at Tipton County Veteran’s Museum in Covington. \$60 for museum members and \$80 for general public for all sessions. Call 901-476-0242 to register.
- August 6 – Artist Series for Kids class based on Georgia O’Keeffe for children 10 yrs and older. Tipton County Veteran’s Museum in Covington. \$20 for museum members and \$25 for general public. Call 901-476-0242 to register.

Free Legal Clinics.....Covington First Presbyterian Church....11:00 – 1:00. 1-844-HELP4TN

- July 23
- September 24

Drug Free Tipton has launched the tip411 alert system, a new interactive way to keep the community connected and informed through email, text message, and online public safety alerts. Tip411 also allows the public to report crimes and other suspicious activities directly to law enforcement agencies by sending anonymous text messages from their cell phone or via a FREE smartphone app. Click the logo below for more information.



*Information contained in this newsletter is factual, but is not intended to replace official minutes of meetings which can be accessed upon request.



GOOD NEWS FROM COVINGTON!

- **The City of Covington has been awarded a Transportation Alternatives Grant from the Tennessee Department of Transportation for over \$720,000 for ADA sidewalks, crosswalks, and lighting that will begin at the Covington Housing Authority Community Center on Jackson Street and extend through Frazier Park to the Boys and Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region and Children and Family Services on Alston Street. This will provide sidewalks where there aren't any, improve the ones that are there by widening them, will add ADA ramps, create crosswalks for safe crossing, and replace a foot path through the park with a sidewalk with lighting. Mayor Hanson applied for this grant to provide much needed infrastructure in this area that will greatly improve accessibility and safety and make pedestrian travel ADA accessible.**
- **As part of The City of Covington's Transportation Master Plan, Mayor Hanson has requested funds from the Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) through the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) that will provide sidewalks on James Street from South College to US Highway 51. Mayor Hanson initiated this project to provide improved pedestrian access through James Street, as this is a highly traveled area with no sidewalks. Sidewalks will provide much safer pedestrian access to Covington High School and surrounding areas.**



Covington High School's HOSA Team (Health Occupations Students of America) competed at the *INTERNATIONAL* Leadership Conference in Nashville

June 22-26, 2016

and came away WINNERS!

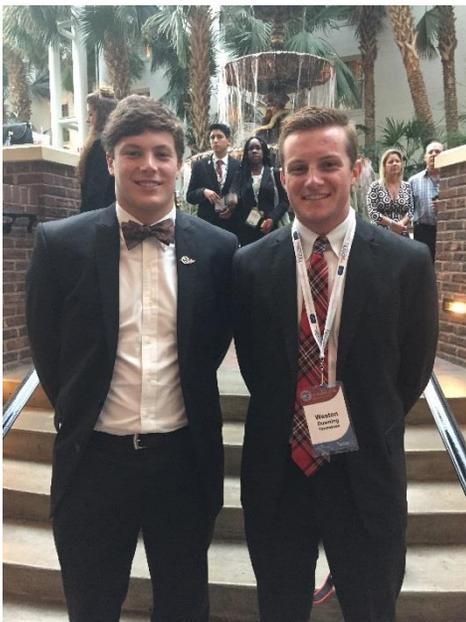
CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU for making COVINGTON PROUD!



The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) placed 1st and won \$1000! Team members are Caroline Price, Victoria Billings, and Tucker Roach



The Certified Emergency Response Team (CERT) placed 5th. Team members are Alex Mason and Mikayla Wallace



The Public Service Announcement (PSA) team placed 5th. Team members are Hayden Powell, Weston Downing, and Colby Ruffin (not pictured)



Michelle Harris was recognized at the Recognition Awards for HOSA Happenings

- [Way to go Tennessee!](#)
- [LeBonheur recognized by US News and World Report](#)
- [GO LUCY GO](#)
- [Congratulations to CSC Sugar!](#)



Covington based Hydratrek is excited to announce their collaboration with Drake Waterfowl. They have just become the newest title sponsor of "Drake's Migration Nation Powered by Hydratrek". Hydratrek has also produced a special edition "Drake" model that will soon be released. Hydratrek, Inc. is a privately owned corporation at 240 Industrial Road in Covington. The concept for building and distributing a rugged, multi-purpose all - terrain vehicle dates back to the early 2000s. Hydratrek has evolved into a company whose products are in operation around the world. [Read more about Hydratrek here.](#)

In addition to Hydratrek's new partnership with Drake Waterfowl Systems, the company recently purchased the former Paslode manufacturing facility on the north end of town. They will be moving into the 157,000 sq. ft. facility this summer. The building sits on 17 acres and will give the company plenty of operating space for future growth. A demo lake will be constructed after the move and ribbon cutting. Residents of Tipton County are welcome to call ahead and setup a Hydratrek tour and test ride. You can see Hydratrek vehicles sitting on the vacant lot next to Walgreens on Hwy 51 N. Contact information is 901-475-9595 and sales@hydratrek.com



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OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY**
COVINGTON

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Website: www.tcatcovington.edu

Fall 2016 Classes

TCAT-Covington has IMMEDIATE OPENINGS for September 1, 2016

Computer Information Technology
Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration
Industrial Maintenance (Evenings)
 Machine Tool Technology (Evenings) 

Accepting Applications for

Administrative Office Technology
Automotive Technology
Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration (Evenings)
Industrial Maintenance
Machine Tool Technology
Welding Technology

Financial Aid is available to those who qualify.

Please call 475-2526 for more information & to schedule a tour.

Be sure to ask about TN Reconnect!

Consumer Information visit www.tcatcovington.edu/fulltime-dayprograms. Click on information and video for program information.

TCAT Covington is a Tennessee Board of Regents Institution
Accreditation - Council on Occupational Education
TCAT Covington is an AAACSB/COC Accredited
TCAT-Covington does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, and disability.
See www.tcatcovington.edu for full non-discrimination policy.

Covington Fire Department and State Fire Marshal's Office Push "Close the Door" Campaign

Three simple words can save lives during a fire: "Close the door!" The Tennessee State Fire Marshal's Office and Covington Fire Department are telling Tennesseans to remember those words during a fire.

"A door is one of the best pieces of firefighting and life-saving equipment in a home," said Deputy Commissioner Gary West. "If you leave a room that is on fire, closing the door behind you can be the best decision you make."

Closing the door reduces fire growth and spread, limits damage to your home, and could possibly save lives. A closed door can hinder flames and smoke from spreading to other rooms and can help deprive a fire of the oxygen it needs to grow.

"Fires can spread fast," added Covington Fire Department Chief Michael Naifeh. "Closing the door can help control the fire and provide precious seconds needed for you and your loved ones to escape."

Getting out of a burning building and calling 9-1-1 are crucial to survival during a fire, but closing doors during an escape can potentially limit the structural damage a fire can cause and save lives. For example, if you leave your apartment door open during a fire, you could contribute to the rapid spread of smoke and fire, making it more dangerous for firefighters to fight a fire and more difficult for other occupants to escape.

Things to Remember:

- **Close the bedroom door when sleeping, if possible.**
- **Close doors behind you when escaping a room/building that's on fire.**
- **If you are unable to escape a building that is on fire, close all doors between you and the fire. Use towels or sheets to seal the door cracks and cover air vents. Call the fire department to report your exact location.**
- **Keep fire doors closed. These specialized doors are used to compartmentalize a building and prevent the spread of smoke and flames. Never wedge, disable, or prop open fire doors in apartments or other buildings.**

The State Fire Marshal's Office and the Covington Fire Department urge Tennesseans to have working smoke alarms on all levels of their homes and to develop a home fire escape plan. For more tips on keeping your home fire-safe, download the State Fire Marshal's home fire safety checklist at <http://1.usa.gov/1DcZeqt>.



The Tipton County Public Library

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The Tipton County Museum

Veterans Memorial Nature Center Present:



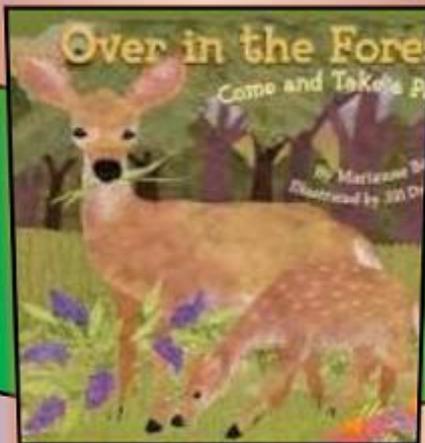
TIPTON COUNTY
MUSEUM
VETERANS MEMORIAL
NATURE CENTER

story walk

Read a Story While Taking a Walk

Bring the whole family and discover a story page-by-page with activities along the way on the grounds of:

Tipton County Museum Veterans Memorial and Nature Center
751 Bert Johnson Ave.
Covington, TN 38019



Over in the Forest

By Marianne Berkes

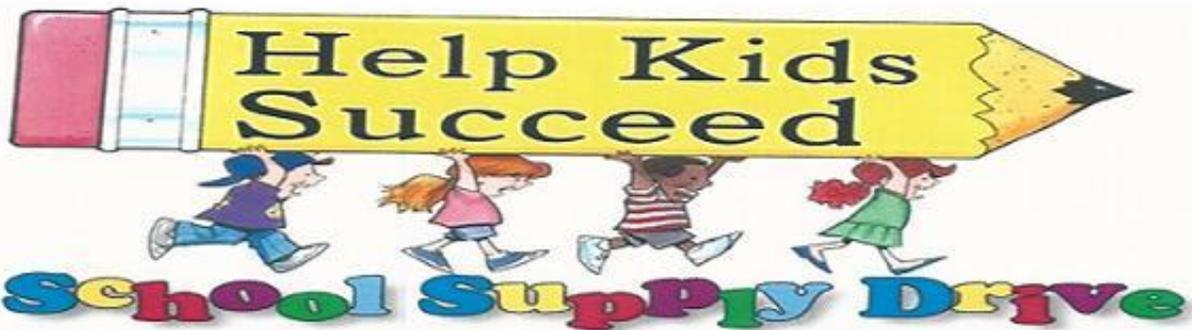
July 16th

Come anytime
between

10:00 & 11:30am

FREE EVENT!!!

For more information please call the Library
@ 476-8289



JULY 5TH-JULY 31ST

SHOE SENSATION AND YOUR LOCAL CARL PERKINS CENTER ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO HELP KIDS SUCCEED AND YOU CAN TOO BY DONATING SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR KIDS IN NEED!

(DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT SHOE SENSATION IN COVINGTON AT 973 HWY 51 NORTH IN COVINGTON, TN 38019)

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED:

PENCILS (#2 AND MECHANICAL)
PENS (BLACK BLUE AND RED)
MARKERS
COLORED PENCILS
ERASERS
GLUE STICKS
SAFETY SCISSORS
BASIC CALCULATORS
LOOSE LEAF NOTEBOOK PAPER
SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS
3 RING BINDERS

TAB DIVIDERS
CONSTRUCTION PAPER
CRAYONS
HIGHLIGHTERS
INDEX CARDS
BACKPACKS
COMPOSITION NOTEBOOKS
DRY ERASE MARKERS
POCKET FOLDERS
KLEENX
RULERS

HUNGER STOP Cafe

Tipton County School's First Mobile Summer Feeding Site

Locations: Sunrise Apartments (1850 Simonson), Tatlock Apartments (Tatlock Street), Covington Housing Apartments (Shoaf Street)



JUNE 13, 2016 - JULY 29

Sunrise: 10:00 am - 11:15 am

Tatlock: 11:35 am - 12:00 noon

Covington Housing: 12:20 pm - 12:45 pm

Summer CINEMA Series

FREE! — All Movies Start @ 8pm, Bring your own blankets & chairs
Rain Out Dates: The Friday Following Original Event Date

Friday May 13th
The Good Dinosaur
(PG) Walker Park



Friday July 8th
Minions (PG)
Nancy Lane Park



Friday Oct 14th
Hocus Pocus (PG)
Nancy Lane Park



Event Contact: Cassi Yates
901-837-5300
cyates@townofatoka.com

Friday June 10th
Aladdin (G)
Nancy Lane Park



Friday Sept 9th
Star Wars (PG-13)
Walker Park

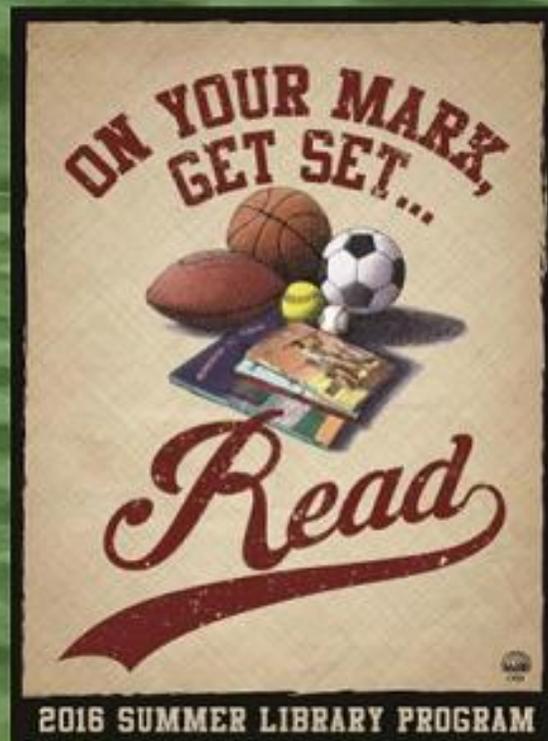


ATOKA
Parks & Recreation

Free movies in the park, all summer long!!!

Call 901-837-5300 for more information

TIPTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY'S 2016 SUMMER READING PROGRAM



June 1st – July 31st

**On Your Mark, Get Set...READ -- Ages 11 &
Under**

Get in the Game READ – Ages 12-17

Exercise your mind READ – Ages 18 & Up

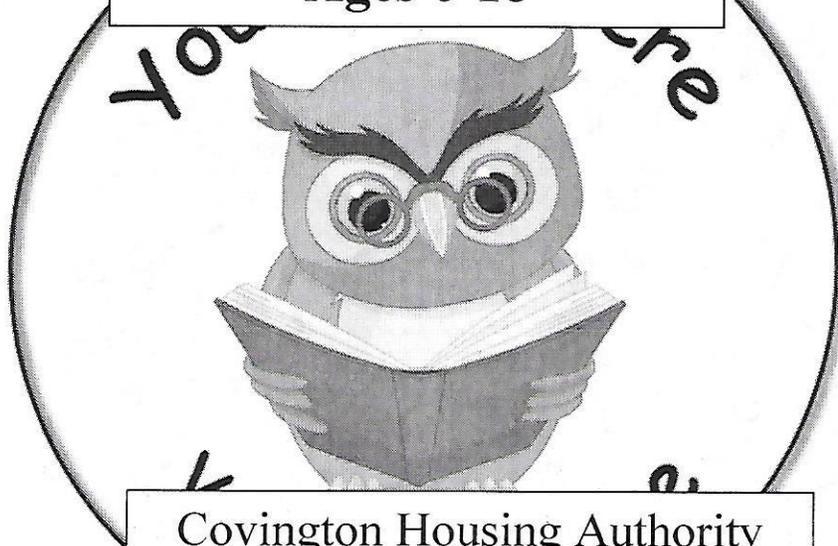
Weekly programs for all ages!

Program schedules are available at the library or by visiting our Facebook page
www.facebook.com/tiptoncountylibrary

Tipton County Public Library
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tiptonpl@tiptonco.com

**Free Summer Reading
Program**

Ages 6-18



Covington Housing Authority
Community Building

706 Jackson St.

Saturday's 10:00-11:30 pm

Please Send Your Children

Volunteers Needed
Training Available
Contact- Marilyn Barbee

901-592-9139

The Historic Ruffin Theater



-MAY-

High School Musical

-JUNE-

Steel Magnolias

-JULY-

Mary Poppins

-AUGUST-

Ms. Senior Tipton County Beauty Pageant

-SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER-

The Rocky Horror Picture Show

"Movies will make you famous; Television will make you rich; But theater will make you good."

— Terrence Mann

Farmer's Market

Open: Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays!
8:00 am until 2:00 pm



The Farmer's Market is located under the water tower just off the square in Covington.



Cabela's King Kat Tournament Trail to hit the waters of The Mississippi River at Covington, Tennessee

The Cabela's King Kat Tournament Trail will hit the waters of The Mississippi River at Covington, Tennessee August 6, 2016. This is the opportunity for local catfish anglers to compete for cash, prizes and a chance to advance to the Cabela's King Kat North and South Championship. This year's North Championship will be held September 23 & 24, 2016 on the Ohio River at Henderson, Kentucky. The South Championship will be held September 29 & October 1, 2016 on the Cumberland River (Old Hickory Lake) at Gallatin, Tennessee. Be sure to check out our website at: www.kingkatusa.com and like our Cabela's King Kat Facebook Page. Both sites contain new and exciting information on our events along with special information for catfish anglers everywhere.

Registration

Late registration will be held Friday, August 5 the day before competition at Homer Skelton Dodge, Jeep & Chrysler Dealership, 7661 US 51 N, Millington, TN from 5-7 pm. Captains Meeting/Seminar will follow at 7pm. Must be a member of the King Kat Association to fish this event. A one year membership is \$25.00. To pre-register go on line to: www.kingkatusa.com or call (502) 384-5924.

Legal waters for the event will be: Anglers may fish the Mississippi River from the I-155 Bridge, South to the I-40 Bridge at Memphis.

Weigh-In Site

The tournament weigh-in will be held at Duvall Landing, Loon Valley Road, Drummonds, TN. Tournament hours are 6:30 AM until 3:00 PM. All anglers must be in weigh-in line by 4:00 PM with a 5 fish limit per team. To help preserve the sport only live fish will be weighed in and all fish will be released after the tournament. For a complete list of rules visit our website at: www.kingkatusa.com or phone Cabela's King Kat Headquarters at: (502) 384-5924.

Sponsor and Host Lodging for this Event

The Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce would like to welcome all Cabela's King Kat anglers and their guest to the area and hope they take the opportunity to enjoy the many attractions in the area. For more information on this area call: (901) 476-9727 or visit their website at: www.covington-tiptoncochamber.com.

Host lodging for the event will be:

Days Inn, 80 Deena Cove, Covinton, TN. For Reservations call: (901) 475-1177.

Quality Inn & Suites, 873 Hwy. 51 N., Covington, TN. For reservations call: (901) 476-8561.

NATIONAL SPONSORS:

Cabela's, Alumacraft, Adventure Products EGO Nets, RigRap, B 'n' M Poles, Minn Kota, Mercury Marine, Mustad Hooks, Driftmaster, Gamma Line, Humminbird Electronics, World Fishing Network – WFN, Rippin' Lips, Keep Alive, Cat River Anchors, Sunsect Sunscreen & Insect Repellent, Humminbird Lakemaster Maps, Digital EFX Wraps, Tentology, Crown Trophy and Gill Rainwear.

**The Tipton County Veterans Council and the Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial
and Nature Center**

Veteran of the Month for July, 2016

Ridley Clifton

Ridley Clifton was born at home on a farm in Tipton County on February 13, 1948, the oldest of five children. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in Memphis in October of 1967 following his graduation from Byars-Hall High School, serving time as a Machinist Mate until his Honorable Discharge in September of 1971. During his time in the Army, he was assigned to the USS Sproston (DD-577) in Pearl Harbor and the USS Harry E. Hubbard (DD 748) in the Western Pacific that included three trips to the Vietnam War Zone. Ridley was also assigned to Australia and New Zealand before returning to his final duty station in Long Beach, California.

In December 1969 while in Long Beach, Ridley met his wife, Kathy. She was part of a local group of YWCA Christian Girls who provided Christian fellowship to the military men. Ridley pursued her, and they were married in 1973.

After receiving his Honorable Discharge, he worked a variety of jobs in Long Beach, including X-ray technician attendant and darkroom technician at a local hospital and Federal firefighter at the Long Beach Naval Air Station. In 2005 he and Kathy moved to Tipton County where he worked as a bus driver for Tipton County Schools. Ridley is an Elder at Ebenezer Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He and Kathy have one son. Kathy nominated Ridley for Veteran of the Month.

VETERANS – Clinics are held WEEKLY to provide you with information – click [here](http://www.tiptonco.com/veterans_services/index.php) to learn more:
http://www.tiptonco.com/veterans_services/index.php

Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center

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Presents:

2016 Artist in Residence Peggy Kunkel

Artist in Residence Peggy Kunkel is a calligrapher with over 25 years of experience and has taught calligraphy extensively throughout the Memphis area. She is a past President of the Memphis Calligraphy Guild and is a member of the Tipton Art League. Her exhibition, "This and That", is on display in the Conference room of the Tipton County Museum. She and her husband Keith live in Covington.

- March 22 **Reception:** Come out and meet Peggy! 6:30 p.m., **Free**
- June 4 **Lecture:** "Rock, Paper, Stone, plus a Demon" The History of Calligraphy, 10 – 11:30 a.m., Free to Members, \$5 Nonmembers
- July 23 **Workshop:** "Improve Your Handwriting", 10 a.m. – Noon,
\$10 Museum Members, \$15 Nonmembers
- August 13 **Workshop:** "Celtic Knots Simplified", 10 a.m. – Noon
\$10 Museum Members, \$15 Nonmembers
- Oct. 27 **Host:** "Museum Merchant Gala", Meet local artists, 6 – 8 p.m.,
Free and Open to the Public
- Nov. 19 **Lecture:** "The St. John's Bible", The 1st handwritten, illuminated Bible in 500 years, 10 – 11:30 a.m., Free to Members, \$5 Nonmembers
- Sept. 6, 20, 27 **Calligraphy Class:** "Italic Hand", Tuesday nights, 6 – 8 p.m.
- Oct. 4 & 18 \$60 Museum Members, \$65 Nonmembers for the 5 week class