

Members of the Covington Mayor & Board of Aldermen attended the 2016 Governor’s Conference in Nashville.



Mayor Hanson, along with several members of Tipton County Government and the City of Covington, attended the [2016 Governor’s Conference](#) in Nashville last week. Above, Hanson visited with [Senator Mark Norris](#) and [Representative Debra Moody](#). He also had an opportunity to “talk shop” with [Governor Bill Haslam](#) (R). Below, Covington aldermen Jere Hadley, Mac McGowan, Minnie Bommer, John Edwards, and Mayor Hanson debriefed between sessions. This year’s conference focused on economic development.



The Preachers Council honors Police and Fire personnel at Frazier Park



“I Am My Brother’s Keeper” was the theme as the Churches of Mt. Zion, Union Hill Baptist, First Assembly of God, Greater Grace Apostolic Temple, Threshing Floor Ministries, Redeeming the Time COGIC, Salem Baptist, and New Hope Baptist joined together at Frazier Park last Saturday for a community event to show appreciation for our fire and police services. Activities included basketball tournaments and a 15-point shoot-out. Guest speakers included Mayor Justin Hanson, Pastor Ed Hawkins, Pastor Chris Dowell, Pastor Miller, Bishop Daryl Wynn, and Minister Rosemary Jones. The main focus was to be a positive influence for the community and lead by example. The speakers included this theme spoke to the characteristics of being a keeper for your brother. One major objective was to let the Police and Fireman know that “We Have Your Back” and we will do our part to be upstanding and productive citizens.



Canaan Missionary Baptist Church held 2016 Fall Festival



It was a beautiful fall day for the annual Canaan Missionary Baptist Church Fall Festival last Saturday. A large crowd gathered for a variety of family games, food, and fun. Covington Fire Department displayed their new truck and fire safety tips were provided by CFD firefighter Dwayne Edwards. The festival included bean bag toss, eyeball spoon bowl, a hayride, witch hat toss, face painting, a cupcake walk, refreshments, and much more. Treat bags not only included candy and toys, but also inspirational messages and invitations to church. It was a community event for everyone. Pastor Shawn Moses and Festival chairpersons Christina Adams, Tosha Boykin, and Cecily Moses coordinated the event.



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony held to celebrate the opening of Amanda's Refuge



Amanda's Refuge, a safe house for those effected by domestic violence held an official opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony Saturday. A large crowd gathered on the lawn after weeks of refurbishing, painting, planning, and staffing to celebrate the facility's opening. Below, Mayor Justin Hanson, along with members of the Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce, Representative Debra Moody and Amanda's Refuge organizers, volunteers, and staff cut the ribbon to "open" the safe house.



Say BOO to the Flu!



Mayor Hanson took part in the 3rd annual drive-thru flu vaccination clinic, a joint effort between the Tipton County Health Department, West Tennessee Regional Public Health Preparedness, Covington-Tipton Co EMA, TEMA, City of Covington Police and Fire, MedicOne, and multiple volunteers from throughout the community including Covington High School's HOSA class. It was an extremely successful event, both in practice for public safety providers and as a service to the community. 147 vaccinations were given, protecting the community from influenza.

Tipton County Sheriff's Office held STAR 2015 Awards Ceremony



Mayor Justin Hanson was the Master of Ceremony at the 2nd Annual Sheriff's Star Awards Ceremony held at the Covington First Baptist Church Sunday afternoon.

The Sheriff's Star Awards ceremony spotlights personnel from the Sheriff's Office who have achieved awards and earned medals for their service to the citizens of Tipton County. This service recognized people for their achievements in 2015. Sister Lori Hawkins of the Covington First Assembly of God sang the National Anthem and Tamika Hayes sang Hero. Sheriff J.T. "Pancho" Chumley welcomed the participants and Chief Donna Turner led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. The closing prayer was offered by Chief Deputy Billy Daugherty.



Chief Deputy Billy Daugherty led the group in the closing prayer (above) and Tamika Hayes sang “Hero” (right) to honor the award recipients.



Medal recipients include Jeff Thompson and Clay Honeycutt – Medal of Honor; Andrew Harrington, Chris Smith, Ernesto Byrd, Sean Cullen, Jason Allen, Tyler Huelsing, Carlis Liddell, Eddie Walker, and B. J. Williams - Lifesaving Award; B.J. Williams, Tyler Huesling, Shannon Arnold, Vicki Cook, Brandon Williams, and Daniel Walls - Meritorious Service. There were over 20 other categories of awards in addition to those where medals were issued. Congratulations to all!



One of the new 4-11 Tip Line signs has been posted by the drive-thru at Covington City Hall. The signs, provided by Drug-Free Tipton, Tipton County Health Department, and the Tipton County Health Council, provide instructions for making anonymous crime tips to police. Look for them soon in a neighborhood near you and please utilize this service.



Covington Fire Department Care Officer Mark Heaston (center) led safety classes this week at Unilever in Covington.

The regular monthly meeting of the Public Works Committee met Tuesday at Covington City Hall. Chairman Mac McGowan called the meeting to order at 1:00, and asked for Public Works Director David Gray to make his report.

First on his agenda, Gray discussed a notice of non-compliance from an August waste-water pre-treatment audit by the State of Tennessee. Results of the audit were received October 17. Gray reported that these violations were from 2015 and concern pre-treatment of waste water only. This report is a non-compliance report and offers the City the opportunity to make adjustments to meet State guidelines, which we have done. Gray also stated this no reflection on current staffing or operations at our waste water facility. Gray has taken corrective actions already and Utilities Manager Calvin Johnson has written a response letter, which was presented to committee members in Gray's packet. In the letter, Mr. Johnson addressed each concern in detail and explained how CPW has addressed them. Chairman McGowan asked if training has been available and if our staff has taken appropriate classes. Director Gray responded that we have several people in State training in Murfreesboro at this time. Gray stated he is happy to report waste water plant is in tip-top shape right now after new staffing and improvements he, Mason, and Johnson have made at the facility. Gray stated he takes all audits very seriously, and he believes addressing audit results will work out to be a good thing because all the staff, many of whom are new, will have absolute training in meeting State standards. Alderwoman Bommer asked if Mason or Johnson could be upgraded. Gray explained how that process works, and stated Mason and Johnson are licensed and graded appropriately for their positions. Bommer stated she wants to make sure people continue training and become appropriately qualified, licensed, and upgraded. Gray stated he has always encouraged training and his plan is to continue to encourage training and licensure, and approve training and licensing for all staff members who want to pursue it. Alderman Edwards asked clarification on time. Gray reiterated the notice we have received is a result of issues from 2015 and former staff members. Specifically, section 2 addressed industrial waste and Gray is confident this issue has already been resolved. Ultimately, the waste water plant is operating appropriately and we have made the necessary and suggested adjustments offered in the State audit.

Next, Director Gray asked the committee to take a look at his Revised Drought Management Plan. The State of Tennessee required all municipalities to adopt a drought management plan in case an extreme drought creates an emergency. The City of Covington submitted a plan and the State subsequently recommended some changes. Gray and Mason made those changes and resubmitted to the State on October 20. That plan has been approved by the State and was submitted to the committee. Chairman McGowan asked about specifics from page 3 in the State approved document regarding emergency plans for providing water for livestock. James Mason stated this is an emergency plan and includes a "management team" (outlined on page 5 of the document). Mason will schedule a meeting with members of this management team to inform and plan with each of them. Alderwoman Bommer moved to accept Gray's revised Drought Management Plan and Mayor Hanson seconded. Motion passed unanimously

The CPW Committee asked for references from ATMOS Energy at the October meeting. Gray has done this and included a list of references in the packet he distributed. Gray was asked to also get a proposal from BP, which he has been working on with Joshua Ruby of BP, who informed Gray we could be in Brownsville on November 2nd and will work with Gray on a proposal November 3rd. Once he gets this proposal from BP, he will compare prices and services from each. Gray also stated he has contacted by Conoco-Phillips and can gather info from them if committee wishes. McGowan asked Gray to include Conoco-Phillips, as well. Alderwoman Bommer stated we do need those comparisons to make informed decisions. McGowan asked for Gray to get information to committee members ASAP.

City of Covington has received a new speed sign and it will be out gathering information soon. James Dowell in our Street Department has the software on his computer and will be monitoring data from the sign. Alderwoman Bommer asked for statistics from sign at next month's meeting.

One-ton sanitation truck has come in and has been in service since last week.

We have also received a new Knuckleboom truck and will be in service as soon as we receive the title.

Bagged fire hydrants were identified as needing repairs via an audit requested by City of Covington. Some have been repaired, and we are awaiting parts to repair the others. Gray has been in contact with suppliers and expects parts to be in very soon. They stated they will ship when they have the complete order. McGowan asked Gray why won't the company ship parts they already have. Gray replied that can be done, but shipping will cost more. McGowan stated he thinks it will be better to get some done and completed. Gray said he will investigate that possibility today, but expects to have them all done by the end of this week, regardless. Gray stated he and Chief Naifeh are comfortable with the situation as it is. Fire trucks can identify where working hydrants are and have a plan in place to work around those in need of repairs. McGowan reiterated the need to get parts expedited. Gray reiterated he has been in contact with the vendor and believes he can complete the repairs by the end of this week, but will follow up with them again.

McGowan asked for update on street sweeper. Gray said it was ordered last week and anticipates a 6-8 week delivery time, which means we can expect to have it by end of December or first of January.

From October 15-February 1st leaves will be vacuumed up WITHOUT bags. This service will operate along with regular curbside pick-up schedule using the City's vacuum truck.

McGowan asked for update on curbside policy enforcement. Gray has instructed all staff to refer any concerns or complaints about curbside directly to him. He can be reached directly at 901-476-9613 ext 127.

Alderwoman Bommer asked Mason and Johnson if Director Gray left anything out they would like to discuss. Mason and Johnson both stated everything was appropriately covered by Gray's report. Gray later announced to the committee that James Mason has been officially promoted to Chief Waste Water Plant Operator.

Alderwoman Bommer also stated it costs to have names changed on utility bills, even if the person, such as a spouse, is deceased. Not only has she experienced this herself, but has several other widows ask her about it. Gray asked Bommer to allow him to investigate that, and she agreed. Mayor Hanson stated he is aware there is a name-change form and doesn't know why that can't be applied. Gray will investigate

Alderman Edwards stated we will have to be vigilant about curbside service to make sure people do not illegally dump items on our streets, such as mattresses and other large items. There is a fine for illegal dumping in the City of Covington.

Alderman Timberlake motioned to accept Gray's report and Alderwoman Bommer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Codes Enforcement Officer Lessie Fisher reported she has been short-staffed and did not have a report for the committee, but things are going well. She will include October in next month's report.



HAPPY FALL Y'ALL!

Covington Fire Department's "Fire Crow" won first place in the Squarecrow contest. The People's Choice Award went to St. Matthews Church and their "Bishop Matthew"



Representatives from A2H Engineering, The Tennessee Department of Transportation, and Covington Public Works Department walked through Frazier Park Wednesday in preparation for The Frazier Park Enhancement Project. This project is the result of a grant the City applied for and received that will provide a safe pedestrian connection which will link surrounding neighborhoods to Frazier Park as well as the Boys and Girls Club, Head Start, and Frazier Alumni Center. These plans include new sidewalks and ramps with ADA-compliant access, crosswalks, and pedestrian scale lighting. Drainage corrections will also be made along the new pathway. The total requested project cost is \$791,000 and includes a \$214,000 local match from the City of Covington.

The Tipton County Veteran's Services Office has an opening for a services officer. Deadline is November 9, 2016.

To apply the applicant must be an honorable discharged veteran. The duties require this position to provide assistance to military veterans, their dependents and survivors by aiding and filing for and obtaining veterans benefits such as compensation, pension, education, hospitalization, insurance, and loans; assists in preparing formal claims using veterans data management programs and compiling appropriate supporting documents and evidence in support of claims; visit veterans and their dependents in long term facilities and residences as necessary, willingness to coordinate and participate in community events; prepare monthly and annual reports. Must successfully complete training and become accredited within one (1) year from date of appointment and maintain accreditation. To be considered you must complete a County Job Application, which can be picked up at the County's Human Resource Department at the Courthouse. **Applications must be returned by November 9, 2016.** Questions can be directed to 901-476-0200.



*The H. T. Hackney Co.
401 Delfield Drive
Covington, TN. 38019
(901) 476-2491 / Fax: (901) 476-4725*

Full Time "CDL" Delivery Driver

The H. T. Hackney Co. is currently seeking full-time delivery drivers. Applicant must be reliable and a quick learner. Applicant must have the ability to work quickly, lift at least 50 lbs., stoop, bend, kneel and crouch. Also, must have good communication skills. Please see the attached Delivery Driver Job Description –

Job Hours/Days: (around 40 hours) 4 days per week Monday – Thursday from 5:00 AM until route is complete. Possibility one overnight per week.

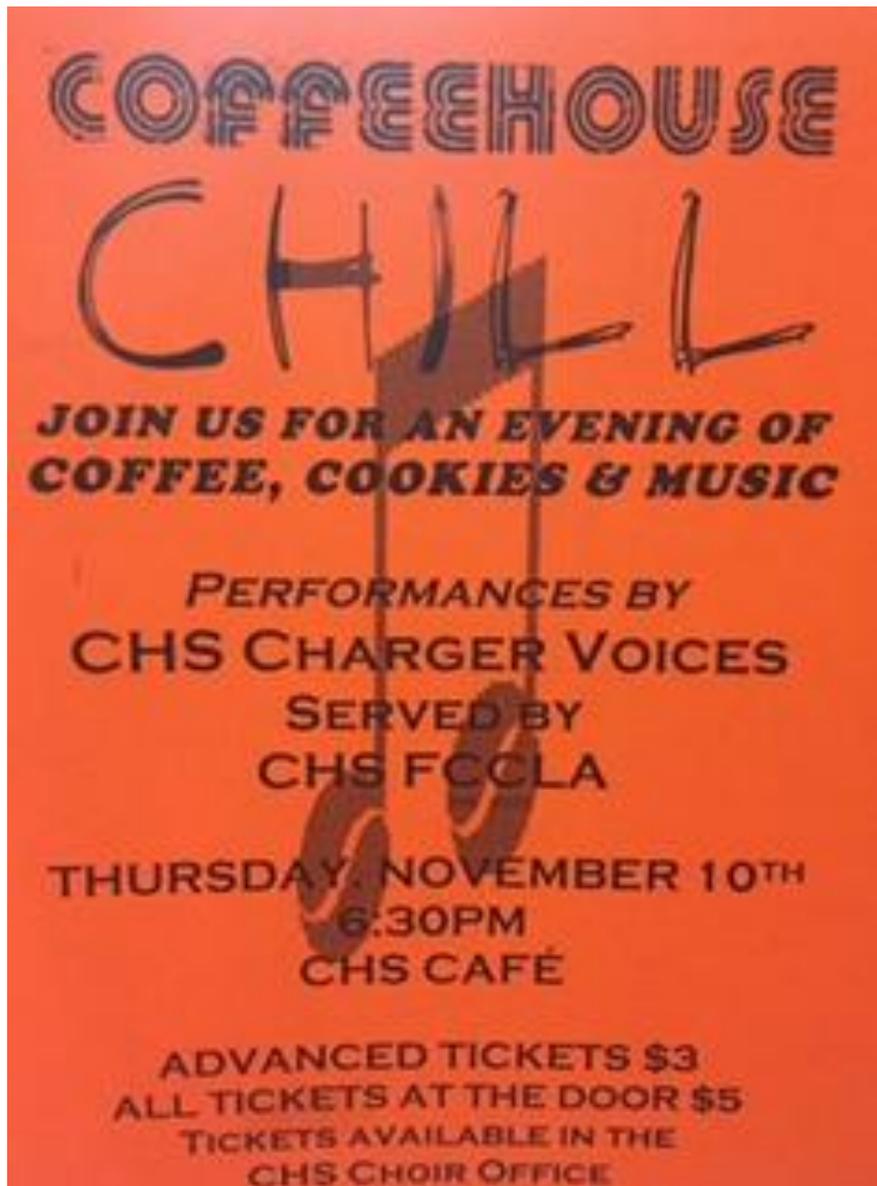
Please come to our office to complete an application. Bring a valid CDL license, medical card and social security card. Application will only be given to the applicant.

**401 Delfield Drive
Covington, TN 38019**

CASA Holds 2nd annual “Taste of Tipton”



The Balcony in Munford was the beautifully decorated setting for CASA’s 2nd annual “Taste of Tipton” fundraising and acknowledgment event, which was held Thursday evening (top left). Judge Bill Peeler, founder of the Tipton County Chapter of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), spoke and welcomed Mayor Justin Hanson to the podium where he served as the Emcee for the evening (L). CASA Director Nina Smith thanked volunteers for their work with the organization (top right) and recognized Ernestine Walk as CASA of the year.



On Thursday, November 10th, at 6:30 pm, the Covington High School Charger Voices will host a Fall Coffeehouse pops concert in the CHS Cafe! Come hear some chill music, sip on a hot cup of *Joe* and enjoy fresh baked cookies. Y'all come and bring your friends – this will be a relaxing and wonderful experience!

COVINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BAND HOLDING YANKEE CANDLE FUNDRAISER

Don't you just LOVE beautiful Yankee Candles? CHS Band is selling them for much needed equipment and supplies. Here's your opportunity to help the band and get great products and gifts at the same time! Shop at www.yankeecandlefundraising.com/home and use Group Number: 990106978 Group Name: Covington HS Band Boosters.

First Friday Coffee provides opportunity for community networking.



Rosemary Bridges, Director of the South Tipton Chamber of Commerce, welcomed Senator Mark Norris (top L) and the students of the Capstone class at Brighton High School (above) to the November First Friday Coffee held at Munford First Methodist Church. First Friday is an opportunity for leaders in all Tipton County communities to network and share ideas and information. Participating in networking is one of the requirements of the Capstone program, which is in all Tipton County high schools. Covington & Munford's classes are scheduled to attend next month. Brandon Armstrong, Brighton's Capstone Coordinator and facilitator, is pictured (left) with Attorney General Mike Dunavant.

GUIDELINES FOR COVINGTON CHRISTMAS PARADE

- The 2016 Covington Christmas Parade will be December 12th at 7:00. All participant forms must be completed and received by the City of Covington no later than December 2, 2016 ([CLICK HERE FOR FORM](#)). An assigned registration tag will be sent to the contact person's email address. This registration tag should be printed (8 ½ x 11 page) and be visibly displayed on the left side front of the parade participant. If email is not available, the assigned registration tag must be picked up at City Hall, by December 9, 2016. Parade night check in begins at 5:30 pm at Cummins and Sherrod Streets. Any participant, without prior registrations and display tags will be turned away. Further directions will be given at check in. We ask everyone to be lined up and ready to go by 6:45pm.
- All participants must be Christmas related.
- All participants must be a Civic, Religious, Business, or Educational organization. All entries **MUST** be decorated with a Christmas theme and if sponsored, must have a visible sign indicating the business and/or organization.
- All participants must keep moving at a slow pace. Marching bands will be placed throughout the parade line up and will be allowed to stop moving during the parade to perform.
- Absolutely **NO** horses or horse drawn wagons will be allowed.
- The City of Covington Santa will ride atop a Covington Fire Department ladder truck and will be the only Santa allowed to ride in the parade.
- Due to safety issues, no candy will be allowed to be thrown from parade participants. If you wish to distribute candy, each participant is responsible for providing the candy and each participant **MUST** provide an adult "WALKER" that will travel the parade route and distribute (hand) the candy. Absolutely no candy is to be thrown.



PARADE ROUTE

We ask everyone to be lined up and ready to go by 6:45 pm. Parade night check in begins at 5:30pm at Cummins and Sherrod Streets. Parade participants will be lined up numerically by registration tags beginning at Covington High School. The Parade will begin headed North on College Street to Sherrod, at the 4-Way Stop, turn East on Sherrod to Main, North on Main to Court Square, around Square to Liberty, West on Liberty to College, South on College and will disband from Covington High School. [CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD FORM](#)

Dates to Remember...

- November 3-4-5 – CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE ON THE SQUARE IN COVINGTON
- November 4 & 5 – Fall Shopping Frenzy – Brighton High School
- November 5 – Artist Series for Kids – Paul Gauguin – Tipton County Museum – 751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington. 10:00 – noon. Scroll down for more information.
- Saturdays in November – bring canned goods to the pool and get in for only \$2.00
- November 7 – Airport Advisory Council – 8:00 – Covington Municipal Airport
- November 10 – CHILL with the Charger Voices – coffee, cookies, and music. 6:30 CHS Cafeteria. \$3 for advance tickets - \$5 at the door. Enjoy this “chill-out” evening with your friends & loved ones!
- November 11 – Veteran’s Day! All City offices are CLOSED. Join us on the Covington Square for a VETERANS DAY PARADE at 10:00 am.
- November 12 – Walk with the Mayor with Munford Mayor Dwayne Cole at Munford City Park – 10:00 am
- November 12 – A Day of Van Gogh – Tipton County Museum – 751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington. Lecture begins at 10:00 – art class at 1:00. Scroll down for more information.
- November 18 - Introduction to Acrylics with Barbara McBride - 9:30 – Tipton County Museum, Covington. Call 901-476-0242 or scroll down for more information.
- November 19 – Artist in Residence Peggy Kunkle lectures on the St. John Bible - the 1st handwritten, illuminated Bible in 500 years – Tipton County Museum. 10:00 – 11:30. Scroll down for more info.
- December 10 & 11 – Dickens on the Square in Covington
- December 12 – Covington Christmas Parade – 7:00 – [download entry form here](#)



Keep up with News, Events, and Information from Covington and Tipton County

[City of Covington](#)

[Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce](#)

[Tipton County](#)

[Covington Sportsplex](#)

[Tipton County Schools](#)

[South Tipton Chamber of Commerce](#)

[Boys and Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region](#)

[Covington Aquatic Center](#)

[Tipton County Museum](#)

Tipton County Veterans Services Officer Alex Jones has announced new hours at the Munford location. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact his office 901.476.2456.

Monday: 7:30 am – 3:30 pm

Tuesday: 7:30 am – 3:30 pm

Wednesday: 7:30 am – 3:30 pm

* Information in this newsletter is an overview of events. All official minutes and documents can be viewed at Covington City hall at 200 West Washington Street, Covington, TN. or on our website at www.covingtontn.com



Christmas Open House

Thursday November 3rd

10:00AM – 8:00PM

-PLUS-

GIRLS'S NIGHT OUT

5:00PM – 8:00PM

Huge Basket Giveaway

Friday, November 4th

10:00AM – 6:00PM

Saturday, November 5th

10:00AM – 5:00PM

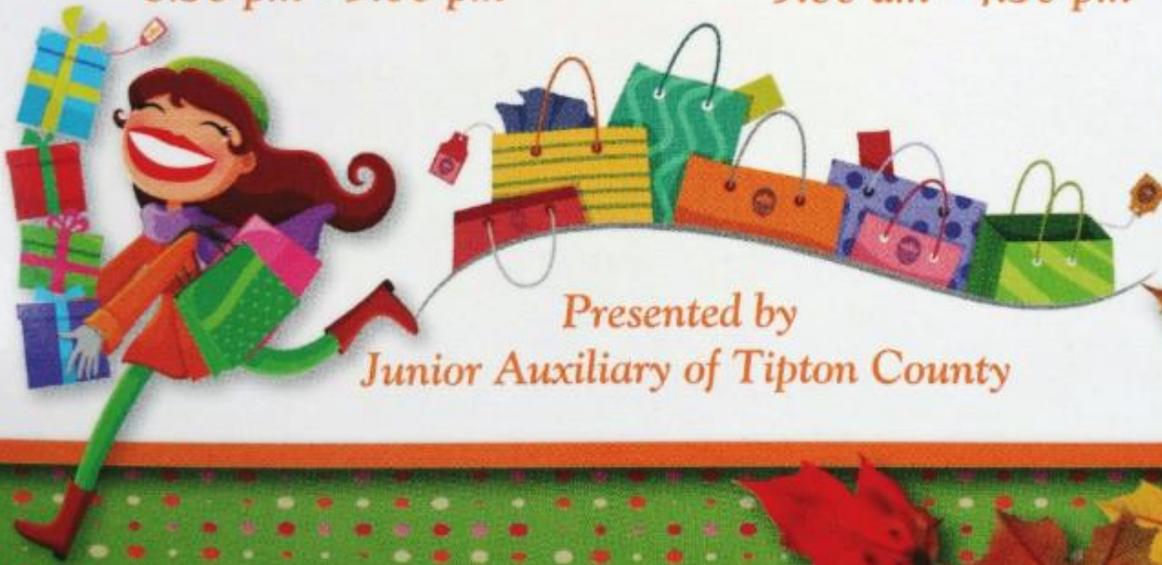
Come celebrate with us the beginning of the Christmas Season with refreshments & door prizes

Sponsored by the Historic Square Shops and Businesses
Covington, TN

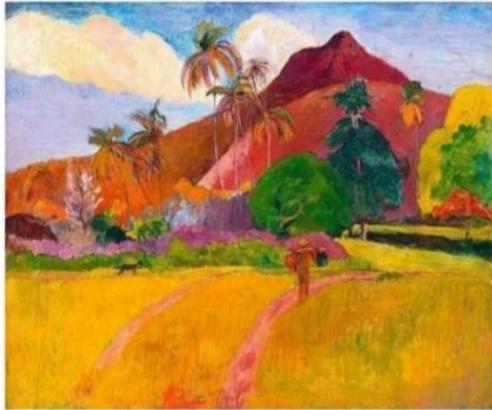
Join us for the 8th Annual JATC
FALL SHOPPING FRENZY
Brighton High School

Friday, November 4th
6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday, November 5th
9:00 am - 4:30 pm



Presented by
Junior Auxiliary of Tipton County



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Presents

Artist Series for Kids:

Paul Gauguin

Tipton County Museum Director and Art Teacher Barrie Foster will introduce Paul Gauguin, a famous artist, to your children! The children will learn where he was born and raised, and that he did not start out to become an artist. They will then paint "Tahitian Landscape" in chalk pastels. All materials will be furnished, and no previous art experience is necessary. A snack will be provided. A sibling discount is available. Please call to register. Ages 10 and up.

When: Saturday, November 5, 2016 10 a.m. until noon

Where: Tipton County Museum, 751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington

Fee: \$20 Museum Members, \$25 General Public

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751 Bert Johnston Avenue, Covington, TN 38019

(901) 476-0242



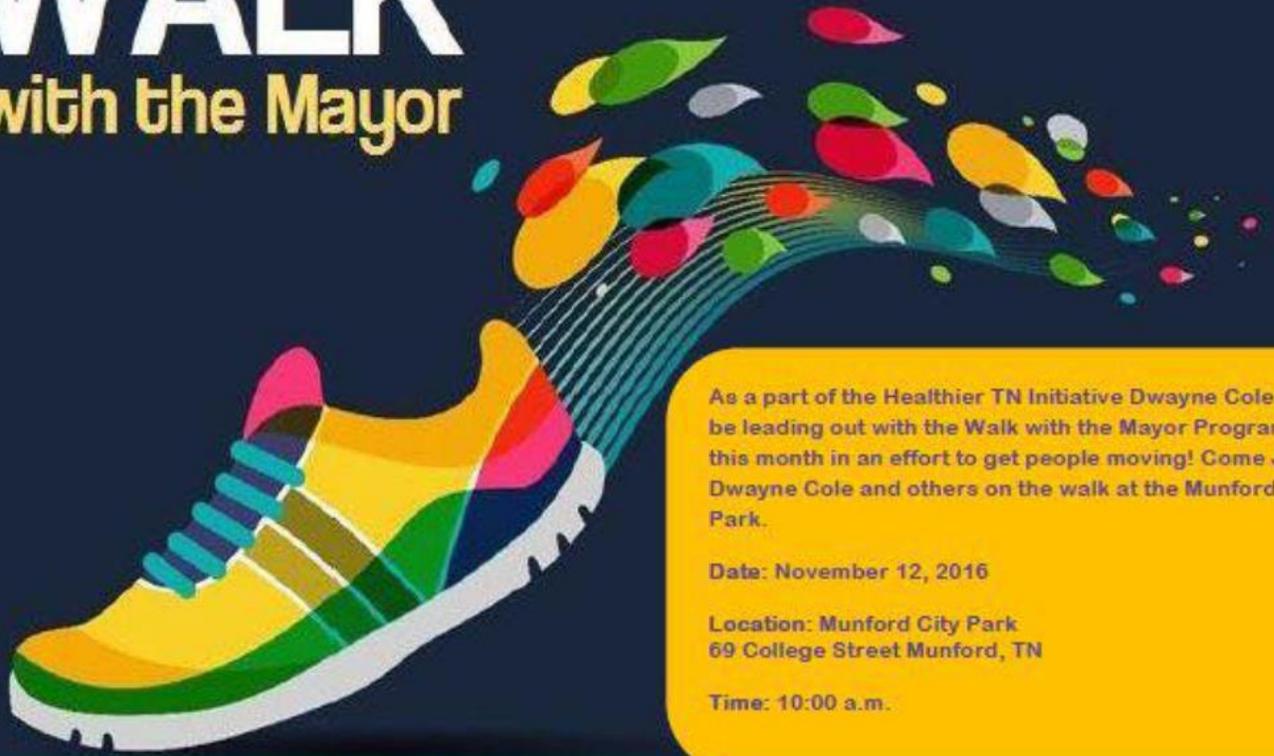
THE CITY OF COVINGTON WILL RECOGNIZE VETERANS DAY.

ALL CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED.

**JOIN US ON THE COVINGTON SQUARE ON NOVEMBER 11 FOR
A VETERANS DAY PARADE AT 10:00 AM**

WALK

with the Mayor



As a part of the Healthier TN Initiative Dwayne Cole will be leading out with the Walk with the Mayor Program this month in an effort to get people moving! Come Join Dwayne Cole and others on the walk at the Munford City Park.

Date: November 12, 2016

Location: Munford City Park
69 College Street Munford, TN

Time: 10:00 a.m.



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Introduction to Acrylics

With

Barbara Flowers McBride

When: Friday Mornings, 9:30—11:30, Oct. 21 & 28, Nov. 18 & Dec. 2, 2016

Where: Tipton County Museum, 751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN

Fee: \$60 Museum Members, \$80 General Public

Acrylics are permanent, fast drying, and versatile, and Barb will show you how easy and enjoyable they are to paint with! No previous art experience is required. Please call the Tipton County Museum for registration and supply list.

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Museum Director and Art Teacher Barrie Foster will lecture on the Art & Life of Vincent van Gogh at 10 a.m., then at 1 p.m. lead you in an exciting afternoon of painting “Starry Night” in Oil Pastels on a 16 X 20 inch canvas! No previous art experience necessary, and all supplies will be furnished. Please call (901) 476-0242 to register for the art class.

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- When:** Saturday, November 12, 2016
Lecture at 10 a.m., Art Class at 1 p.m.
- Where:** Tipton County Museum
751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington TN
- Fee:** Lecture: Free to Members, \$5 General Public
Art Class: \$35 Museum Members, \$40 General Public

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Farmer's Market!

**The Farmer's Market will be open until
the first frost! Tuesday, Friday and
Saturdays from 8AM – 2PM!**

**Be sure to stop by there and get some
produce before it's gone!**

POSITIONING, PLANNING & PROFITING:

A Life Cycle Approach to M/WBE Business Growth

November 29, 2016
8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

(Continental Breakfast Provided)

Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County
Baptist Memorial Health Care Academic Building Auditorium
3149 Highway 51 South, Covington, TN 38019

Many dynamics impact your business growth locally. A true understanding and assessment of your company is critical to taking advantage of growth opportunities. From start-ups to seasoned enterprises, there are challenges and opportunities at every stage of growth. This seminar targets minority and women-owned businesses seeking information and strategies that answer the burning question of how to grow business.

This Seminar

- Introduces the M/WBE Life Cycle Continuum
- Identifies common growth challenges and opportunities for businesses
- Empowers business to assess their current and desired position in the Business Life Cycle (from start-up to IPO)
- Provides tools that help business owners chart a course for disciplined growth

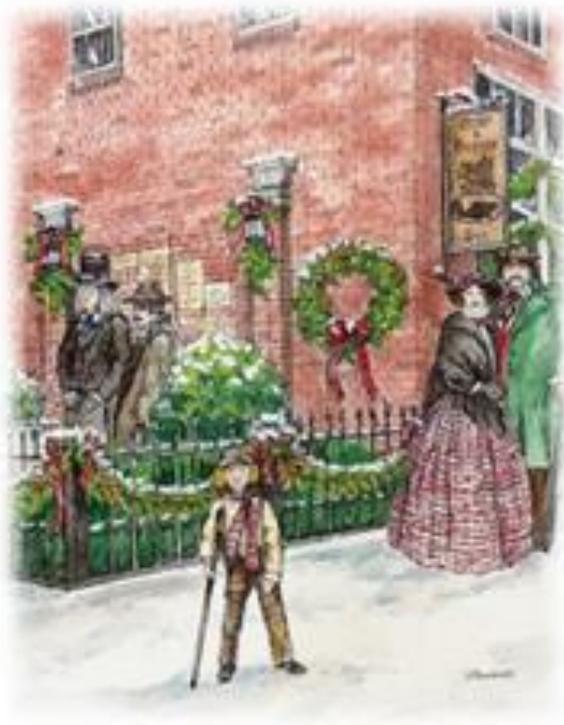
Register today to reserve your seat. Space will be limited!

RSVP by November 22 – call Jessica Cannon at (901) 475-3137
or send an e-mail to cannon@dsc.edu or rsvp@mmbc-memphis.org



This seminar is co-hosted by Dyersburg State Community College and The MMBC Continuum of Memphis, Tennessee. Through a strategic investment from the Economic Development Administration, the MMBC Continuum is partnering with Dyersburg State to support the growth and development of minority and women-owned businesses in the West Tennessee region.

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Dickens on the Square

Covington's
Historic Court
Square

Saturday, December 10th – 10AM to 5PM
Sunday, December 11th – 1PM to 5PM

Join us for a unique and magical Christmas celebration on Covington's Historic Court Square as we bring Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" to life. Delight your senses with carolers, storytellers, puppet shows, carriage rides, performers and visits with Father Christmas as you explore the shops all decked out in their Christmas finery. There will be activities for the entire family and the event is **FREE** to all!



What's Happening at the Museum?



On Thursday, October 27, the Tipton County Museum held their second annual “Museum Merchant Gala”. During the reception, 2016 artist in Residence Peggy Kunkel introduced all of the artists and authors who have items for sale in the museum gift shop. The gift shop was open and authors Frank McBride III and Houston Gordon, were available (L) to autograph their books. Richard Reed, the 2017 Artist in Residence, was introduced to the group (below R). Museum Director Barrie Foster presented Peggy Kunkel with an appreciation plaque for being the 2016 Artist in Residence (below L).



On Saturday, October 29, Garden Historian Dominique Bellott (left) presented “A Personal Perspective of Private American Gardens” at the Tipton County Museum. She reviewed the history of private American gardens, which included children’s school gardens in the 1800’s as a teaching tool for math as well as growing food. This concluded the Fall Gardening Series which took place on Saturdays in October.



An Invitation from Museum Director
Barrie Foster:

We now have our sign out in the Herb Garden announcing that the Tipton County Museum is a Certified Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation. Come visit us soon while the weather is still great. There is never a fee to visit the Tipton County Museum. Come on by and see what we have! Enjoy your local museum!



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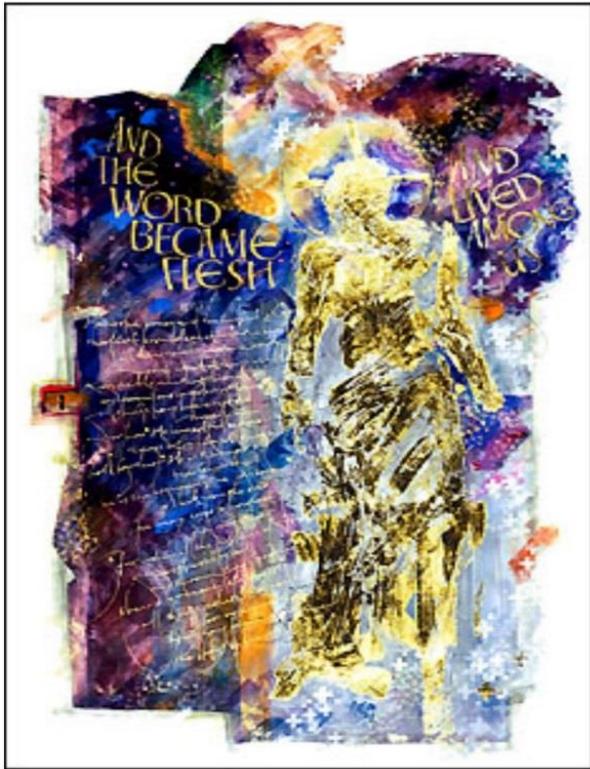
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- Fee:** Lecture: Free to Members, \$5 General Public
Art Class: \$35 Museum Members, \$40 General Public

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The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial &
Nature Center Presents

THE ST. JOHN'S BIBLE

Illuminating the Word

What: Lecture and Photographs
When: Saturday, November 19, 2016 , 10—11:30 a.m.
Where: Tipton County Museum
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Fee: FREE to Museum Members, \$5 General Public

Artist in Residence Peggy Kunkel will be lecturing on the first hand-illuminated bible to be commissioned by a Benedictine monastery in over 500 years, which took almost 15 years to complete! There will be plenty of time for questions and answers. Light refreshments will be served, and everyone is welcome.

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Veteran of the Month for November, 2016

Harold David Harden

Harold grew up in Jackson, TN and graduated from Jackson Central Merry HS in May 1980. Immediately following high school, he enlisted in the Tennessee Army National Guard (NG) as an Administrative Specialist. While serving in the NG, he attended Jackson State Community College and worked a full-time job at Lane College as a campus security guard. After receiving an Associate's Degree in General Studies, Harold found himself lacking funds to pursue a Bachelor's Degree. In September 1985, Harold enlisted in the US Army for the Army College Fund as a Military Policeman. Harold retired in December 2006 as a First Sergeant (1SG) from the United States Army after 21 years. Including his time in the Tennessee Army National Guard, he has a total of 26 years of military service.

Prior to retiring, he served as the First Sergeant for B Company, 701st Military Police Battalion and as the Noncommissioned Officer in Charge of the Force Protection Training Division (FPTD) responsible for training Department of Defense personnel in law enforcement, physical security and antiterrorism tactics, techniques and procedures. His other stateside assignments included a short stint at Seneca Army Depot before reenlisting for a station of choice to Fort McClellan, Alabama as an Army Instructor at the Military Police School. While at the Military Police School in Fort McClellan, he was pictured in GQ, Jet, Ebony, and other major magazines as an Army leader setting the example and leading Soldiers. He was then selected as an Army Recruiter and stationed in Tulsa, OK. After completing this tour as a Station Commander, he was assigned to the United States Army Japan command in Camp Zama, Japan.

He served a total of four overseas tours to Europe and Japan. His first tour was with the 1st Infantry Division (Forward) "the Big Red One" in Goppingen, Germany. While there, he deployed to Morocco, Africa in support of the Army's humanitarian efforts. For his second tour, he deployed a platoon of military policemen from the 716th Military Police Battalion, Fort Campbell, KY to Mannheim, Germany in support of the Bosnia and Herzegovina peace building efforts. The other overseas tours were with the United States Army Japan (USARJ) as the Command Force Protection Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) and the 17th Area Support Group (ASG) as the 88th Military Police Detachment Sergeant.

1SG (Ret) Harden has been married to the former Elizabeth Lee Dupree for 29 years. Elizabeth served as a military spouse alongside 1SG (Ret) Harden for almost 20 years of his military career. They have three daughters and 2 grandchildren.

During his military tenure, he completed his Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Science from the University of Maryland University College in Adelphi, Maryland and a Master of Science in Criminal Justice Degree from Troy University in Troy, Alabama. 1SG (Ret) Harden truly lives by his coined adage "There's always work to be done and progress to be made" and embodies strong values.

1SG (Ret) Harden's awards include Meritorious Service Medal (5 Awards), Army Commendation Medal (3 Awards), Army Achievement Medal (6 Awards), Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon,

Overseas Service Medal, Army Superior Unit Award (2 Awards), the Gold Recruiter Badge with three Sapphire Stars, and the Air Assault Badge.

He is a member of Court Appointed Special Advocate, and is currently employed with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as the Memphis District Chief of Security and Law Enforcement. He was nominated for 'Veteran of the Month' by Vietnam Veteran and May 2015 Veteran of the Month John McBride.

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