

Boy Scouts Serve Meals to Public Safety Employees in Covington



Boy Scout Troop 61, under the leadership of Scout Master Jimmy Haynes, prepared and served an appreciation luncheon to public safety employees and their families Saturday, October 22, at the Christian Life Center of Covington First Methodist Church.



Fire trucks and law enforcement vehicles filled the parking lot Saturday at Covington First United Methodist Church where Boy Scout Troop 61 offered hot meals in appreciation for the work fire and police officials do to protect us. Also attending were (above left) Reverend Ed Hawkins, Reverend Wade Cox, Police Chief Buddy Lewis, Mayor Justin Hanson, and Attorney General Mike Dunavant.



City of Covington hosts “Employee Fest” for All Employees



The City of Covington held their annual Employee Fest recently for all City employees. The annual event was held at the Christian Life Center of the First United Methodist Church, and included a complimentary lunch, as well as opportunities for employees to fellowship, learn, and gather information. Several area and regional businesses set up tables and booths, and attendees participated with representatives to receive services, such as memberships, blood pressure and cholesterol screenings, and flu shots.

Annual “Stop the Violence” Rally held in Frazier Park



Citizens of Covington and surrounding areas gathered in Frazier Park Saturday for the annual **Stop the Violence Rally** held to remember the life of Darius Heaston. Family members, friends, community members and leaders joined hands, lit candles, and prayed together. There was also a community cook-out. Darius’ mother, Teresa Smith, organizes this event in the fall of every year.

Pictured above (R) are Katina Stark, Mayor Justin Hanson, Teresa Smith, and Covington Police Chief Buddy Lewis. Mayor Hanson, Katina Stark, Parks and Recreation Director Joseph Mack, and Mason Mayor Gwen Kilpatrick participated in the candle-light ceremony (L). Families and friends gathered throughout the day’s events to commemorate Darius and build relationships for a safer community (above L).



Harlem Nights, a fundraising and awareness event, was held Saturday at The Balcony in Munford. The event by Fatima Court No. 30 – a Constituent Court of the Imperial Court an Auxiliary of the AEAONMS Prince Hall Affiliated, was an inaugural event for the Covington chapter. Dignitaries from across the area were in attendance to support the organization and enjoy refreshments, music, and dancing.



Local leaders from Covington and Tipton County enjoyed the festivities at Harlem Nights at The Balcony in Munford Saturday. Supporters included (above) Molly Griffin, Covington Alderman Drew Glass, Shirley Bready, Attorney General Mike Dunavant, Marianne Dunavant, Illustrious Potentate Andre Kemp, Covington Mayor Justin Hanson, Covington Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Representative Debra Moody, Margaret Fleming, and Donna Turner.



The specific goal of [Cop Stop](http://cop-stop.org/) is to encourage personal relationship between communities and local law enforcement officers.

Munford resident Jenny Tidwell, visited with Covington Police Chief Buddy Lewis and Mayor Justin Hanson recently about Cop Stop. Cop Stop is a community program that was started in Germantown, TN with a mission statement that says the organization will provide fellowship and goodwill by opening homes throughout our communities and providing home-cooked meals to local law enforcement officers. Read more about it at <http://cop-stop.org/>



Hydratrek Expands Partnerships and Moves into New Facility



Alan Rose of [Hydratrek](#) in Covington (L) welcomed Masahiro Hishiki and Yasuhito Sanada with Tohatsu Motors of Tokyo, Japan to our town *and* to a partnership with Hydratrek. These gentlemen also joined in a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Hydratrek's new expanded facility at 1211 Hope Street in Covington. The new 157,000 square foot facility better equips the company to continue its trajectory of growth and global expansion.



Alan Rose (C), along with new partners Tohatsu Motors of Tokyo, Japan, Covington Mayor Justin Hanson, Tipton County Executive Jeff Huffman, Tennessee Representative Debra Moody, members of the Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce, Fire Chief Michael Naifeh, Police Chief Buddy Lewis, Hydratrek investors and employees, family members, and others joined together for a ribbon cutting at Hydratrek's new facility on Hope Street in Covington.



Mayor Justin Hanson welcomed Toyko businessmen Masahiro Hishiki and Yasuhito Sanada to Covington and congratulated Hydratrek's Allan Rose on the new partnership with Tohatsu Motors, as well as their expansion into a larger facility.

The idea of Hydratrek was brought to life by Covington resident, Louie Gaither, who had a dream and an idea for an amphibious vehicle. The actual machine was developed by Mr. Coy Rose 13 years ago, through trial and error and hard work. Without these two tenacious gentlemen, Hydratrek could not have placed 210 units in 14 different countries, which is precisely what they have accomplished. After Mr. Coy passed away, his sons Paul and Allan Rose, along with two investors, have taken Hydratrek to an all new level. Today, Hydratrek manufactures high-quality amphibious vehicles that are in demand by first responders, utility companies, oil & gas contractors, military personnel and outdoor enthusiasts for providing access to wetlands, flood zones, and other hard-to-reach areas. We have a perfect example of **American Ingenuity** right here in Covington, Tennessee with Hydratrek, and they are continuing to grow worldwide and bring jobs to this community.

Along with moving into a much larger facility, Hydratrek has also partnered with well-known companies such as Drake Waterfowl Systems, Seven Thirty Seven Duck Calls, Toys for Big Boys, and most recently, Tohatsu Motors of Tokyo, Japan. Hydratrek was a headliner at Bass Pro in Memphis for their "Flocktober Fest", and were featured on the UK TV show, "50 Ways to Kill Your Mammy", which should air in the United States next year. Hydratrek is the Title Sponsor for Drake Waterfowls TV show, "Migration Nation" and they are in the works with country singer, Tyler Farr and his new reality show, "A Little Too Farr". They are expecting several deals in the near future in Canada, Japan, and Louisiana.

In addition to the international partnership with Tohatsu Motors, Hydratrek is also growing domestically. Recently, the company acquired another amphibious vehicle manufacturer, PFM Manufacturing, Inc. and their

product, Land Tamer. This move gains the company access to U.S. military opportunities and may provide a smaller-scale amphibious vehicle for the recreational market. With this acquisition, additional partnerships, and media exposure world-wide, Hydratrek is bigger and better than ever, and *ready* to conquer the world.

Hydratrek was born and is flourishing right here in Covington, Tennessee, with fifteen full time employees. They are leasing out part of the building to other businesses, as well, providing more jobs and services for our community.



Mayor Justin Hanson welcomed Richard Griggs & Robin Racine of Drug Free Tipton along with Kennisha Stowe and Matt McDaniel of the Tipton County Department of Public Health to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting on October 25 to reveal signs (above) you will see along our streets in the near future. These signs will instruct how people can utilize “tip411”. Simply text “Tipton” + your tip to 847411 or download our app “TIPTON TIPS.” This service, **tip411**, removes fear by allowing residents to text or submit web tips to police **anonymously** and also offers public alert groups from community members to join. Residents are encouraged to register to receive public safety alerts from our department via email and/or text message via this site:

<https://www.tip411.com/agencies/tipton/groups/20957>

The regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee took place on October 25 at Covington City Hall. Chairman Mac McGowan called the meeting to order and called on Covington Fire Department Chief Mike Naifeh to begin.

Chief Naifeh distributed a packet to the committee containing reports and statistics for his report. He began by thanking USDA for the grant of \$30,000 that was awarded to our fire department for the purchase of much needed safety equipment for our ladder truck and other safety items. Naifeh also reported that after much anticipation, CFD did not receive the SAFER grant, which would have provided monies for three additional firefighters. However, Chief Naifeh had planned in case of this, and included funds in his budget for these new staff members. He asked to proceed as quickly as possible to add new staff.

Chief Naifeh also suggested to the committee that Covington needs our own medical director. He presented the committee with a 10 page agreement for such a position and asked them to take it under advisement to be discussed in greater detail at the November Finance and Administration meeting. Mayor Hanson made the motion for this committee to accept taking Chief Naifeh's proposal under advisement and Alderman Edwards seconded. That motion passed unanimously.

The next draft policy Chief Naifeh proposed was an "out of rank" policy, which would provide clear guidance on who is in a leadership position for each shift if a titled firefighter is absent. The proposed policy will provide minimum qualifications for personnel to be identified as acting driver, company officer, and chief officer. Chief Naifeh also asked the committee to take this 8 page proposal under advisement and further discuss it at the November Finance and Administration Committee meeting. Naifeh stated it would cost about \$20,000 a year to promote adequately within the department and roughly \$24,000 a year to operate under a policy identifying rank, when needed, such as the one he proposed today. Naifeh stated this doesn't include overtime, but the hiring of additional personnel would address overtime issues. He asked the committee to consider all these things when deliberating. Naifeh stated that his purpose for this proposal, including the calculations for advancement, is to always have appropriately ranked people assigned to each shift. Hanson motioned to take Naifeh's proposal under advisement and discuss at F & A Committee meeting in November. Timberlake seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Also included in Chief Naifeh's report were

- 319.5 hours worked by fire-fighter volunteers in September.
- Unilever donated 3 ammonia monitors to CFD and came in and provided hands-on training for using these monitors.
- Chief Naifeh attended Firehouse EXPO in Nashville last week. Thousands of firefighters were present and he was able to attend many sessions and receive excellent training.
- Nov 1 & 2 TN Fire Commission Meeting will be held in Jackson – Naifeh will attend, but will drive back and forth each day.
- Naifeh will attend EMA conference November 7-10. Tipton County EMA will pay for travel and expenses.
- Covington Fire Dept remains extremely busy answering 139 EMS calls, as well as 5 structure fires, 4 control burns, 6 grass fires, 5 rescues, and 3 DOAs among other calls totaling **234 calls for the month of September.**

Alderman Edwards asked for an update on fire hydrant repairs. 32 hydrants were "black-bagged" for repairs, and this falls under CPW department. Naifeh stated he does not have a specific number, but knows that some have already been repaired and parts have been ordered for others. This is a work in progress and should be completed within a week. Chairman McGowan asked Chief Naifeh to check on this and email the committee an update on fire hydrant repairs. Naifeh stated they consulted with a professional company which tested each hydrant for various things, and the current repairs are a result of that study. .

Alderwoman Minnie Bommer asked Naifeh if he has a contingency plan for using a working hydrant while repairs are in progress. Naifeh stated he does and knows there are hydrants within easy reach – all fire apparatus vehicles contain hydrant locators and personnel are trained to utilize them for quick and easy location. Chief Naifeh's report was accepted by the committee.

Chairman McGowan then called on Covington Police Chief Buddy Lewis to report. Lewis began his report with statistics from the 3rd quarter as well as year-to-date, which are as follows:

3rd quarter stats (July – September)

- 321 arrests
- 291 citations
- Responded to 7627 calls

Year –to-date

- 1072 arrests
- 710 citations
- 23,337 calls responded to

Chief Lewis attended the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) conference in San Diego earlier this month. This conference was focused on more than just ensuring security and making arrests. Law enforcement is being called upon to improve the lives of the people they serve. Lewis gave some stats from other municipalities and towns similar in size to Covington, but with more police officers. With more officers to work, officers are able to be assigned to neighborhoods, get to know their neighborhoods, and interact within those neighborhoods to build relationships and keep law and order peacefully. Lewis stated he has come back with renewed energy and wants to start some programs in Covington to improve lives and make communities better for our citizens.

Alderwoman Bommer suggested walking in neighborhoods – talk to the people in the neighborhoods, get to know them, etc. She believes if officers know people personally, and understand the neighborhoods, it will build relationships. Lewis stated building relationships is exactly his intent.

Chief Lewis also attended the Attorney General's Conference in Pigeon Forge, where he spoke on body cameras and was honored to represent CPD. Many people have corresponded with Lewis after his session asking questions and wanting more information. Lewis stated from the time we applied for the grant until the time they were operational was 5 months. This took extraordinary coordination within the department, the city attorney, and the Attorney General's Office. Lewis thanked the committee for allowing him to do that and stated the use of the body cameras have been well worth the investment.

CPD is making efforts to recruit new officers for open positions. Lewis states he wants to hire officers to appropriately reflect the make-up of our town and represent all ethnicities. So far, he has received only 8 applications. The deadline to apply is October 31. Lewis stated he wants to be able to hire the most qualified officers and would like to consider some kind of incentive to attract highly qualified applicants.

Alderman Edwards stated he is in full agreement for recruiting most qualified police officers and doesn't want CPD to lower standards.

Civil Disturbance Policy proposal was distributed last month and Lewis asked committee to respond and offer thoughts for getting that in place. Alderman McGowan asked Lewis to explain how he came up with this policy. In response, Chief Lewis stated he researched other police departments across Tennessee and gathered ideas from their policies, which are currently in place. He then used this information to write the proposed policy for Covington. McGowan asked the committee if they wanted to approve Lewis' proposal or take to the

full board. Mayor Hanson stated that if minutes were accepted at full board meeting, that would be appropriate. Timberlake motioned to accept Lewis' Civil Disturbance policy and Mayor Hanson seconded. Motion passed.

Lewis presented [Cop Stop](#) to the committee. Cop Stop is a program by which police officers visit with families in our communities and eat meals together. This can take place in homes, churches, schools, businesses, etc. Committee discussed how this might work in shifts and on different days and times. Lewis stated he is looking into this for CPD. Mayor Hanson suggested Chief Lewis make a copy of the cop stop mission statement and goals for each member of the committee.

CPD officer Ricky Smith will officially retire on October 28 with 35 years with CPD.

Halloween night = extra officers = overtime. CPD will be on the streets!

Officers Perry and Bullock have completed DRE training (drug recognition expert) and are only 2 of 7 in West Tennessee to receive this training. These officers were trained in Nashville and Phoenix, Ar.

Boy Scout Troop 61 provided dinner to public safety employees at FUMC Covington on Oct 22. Chief Lewis attended.

TBI Officer Shooting training – Somerville – CPD reps will attend.

There was a shooting at C-Town Mart in Covington on October 7th. The shooter has been identified –warrants have been issued and dept is actively searching for suspect. The victim was not fatally wounded.

McGowan asked for a noise update – Lewis stated they received 58 calls from June 1 through October 24, and issued 17 citations. Edwards stated his main concern about this is quality of life for people in our neighborhoods – people want to sit on their porches and walk down the streets without loud vehicles. Chief Lewis believes the CPD will be able to make more arrests with the implementation of the 411tipline through which people can make anonymous tips to police.

Chief Lewis' report was accepted by the committee.



Covington High School Band has participated in a number of competitions this fall and have proven they are a force to be reckoned with! On September 10 in Crockett County, the CHS band claimed 1st place Band, 1st place Field Commander, 1st place percussion, and 2nd place auxiliary in the Class A competition. They were also awarded GRAND CHAMPION in the Small Band Division. At the Gibson County competition on October 1st, the Charger band took 1st place percussion, 3rd place drum major, and 3rd place band in the Class AA division. In Class A competition in West Memphis October 8th, they were named 1st place band, 1st place field commander, 2nd place auxiliary, and 2nd place percussion. Band member Cole Gray (L) made the UT Martin Saxophone Ensemble for a celebration of the 150th birthday of the saxophone. He competed against a large number of students from West Tennessee and was placed in first chair positions in **all three performing bands**. This is a big deal for him and our band!

CONGRATULATIONS!

COVINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BAND

2016-17



CHS Band is growing and improving! They have been bringing home awards in competitions throughout the region. **GO CHARGERS!**

CONGRATULATIONS!



At the Board of Mayor and Aldermen October 25 meeting, Mayor Justin Hanson presented CHS junior Jerry Somerville a key to the city in recognition of him being named Youth of the Year by the Boys and Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region. He read the essay he wrote for the Youth of the Year competition, which outlined how being a part of the Boys and girls Club has helped him through difficult times and changed his life. Jerry received a standing ovation by the Board, as well as words of wisdom and best wishes for continued success.



Jhon Wes Walker, a senior at Covington High School, has been named as a Wendy's High School Heisman state finalist. Walker recently participated in the Best of the West track and field event at Obion County Central High School. He won 7 out of 8 races this season and is expected to advance to State competition. The Wendy's Heisman award was created through a partnership between Wendy's founder Dave Thomas and the Heisman Trophy Trust. Over the years, more than 600,000 of the nation's most esteemed high school scholar-athletes have been named. Besides excelling on the athletic field, high school Wendy's Heisman candidates must also give back to their communities, treat people with respect, and continue their education. Jhon Wes is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jhonnie Walker of Covington.



Municipal and other Government leaders from across the State were in Nashville for the [2016 Governor's Conference](#) this week. Economic & Community Development Commissioner Randy Boyd (L) addressed the group Thursday. Above right, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Mayor Justin Hanson, Alderman Mac McGowan, Alderman Jere Hadley, and Alderman John Edwards (not pictured) attended from the City of Covington. Other than the keynote and other speeches, each attended panel discussions and specialized sessions to be better informed and prepared to fulfill the responsibilities of their jobs. Also attending from our area (below) are L-R Covington Mayor Justin Hanson, Tipton County Workforce Development Coordinator Robin Sealey, Assistant to the County Executive Nancy Huesling, Tennessee Senator Mark Norris, South Tipton County Chamber of Commerce Director Rosemary Bridges, Tipton County Industrial Board member Terry Colin, and Covington –Tipton County Chamber of Commerce staff member Sherri Bailey.



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City of Covington
200 W. WASHINGTON
P.O. BOX 788
COVINGTON, TN 38019

ACCOUNT NUMBER	
CUSTOMER NAME	
SERVICE ADDRESS	
SERVICE PERIOD	07/01/2016 - 08/31/2016

DUE DATE	AMOUNT DUE NOW	AMOUNT DUE AFTER DUE DATE
09/13/2016	\$63.00	\$68.09

SERVICE DESCRIPTION	PREVIOUS READING	PRESENT READING	CONSUMPTION	AMOUNT
Water	3895	3891	27	\$10.85
Sewer			27	\$18.78
Gas	3807	3876	9	\$12.79
Sanitation				\$90.00
Neighbor /	ROUND UP			\$0.04
Sales Tax				\$1.04
Total				\$63.00

!!!ATTENTION!!!

THIS WILL BE THE ONLY NOTICE YOU WILL RECEIVE. THERE WILL BE A \$50 CHARGE AND YOUR SERVICE WILL BE DISCONNECTED IF NOT PAID BY 5PM ON (DATE)

COMPARE WATER USAGE		
CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	PREVIOUS YEAR
\$11.69	\$9.29	\$6.00

From our family to yours,
Mayor Justin Hanson, the City of Covington Board of Aldermen, and our entire staff wish you and your family a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving!

Closed Nov 11, 2016 - Veteran's Day
Closed Nov 24 & 25 Thanksgiving Day Holiday



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AMOUNT DUE AFTER DUE DATE	\$66.09
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City of Covington

OFFICE HOURS
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8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
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FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, THIS BILL MAY BE PAID AT OUR OFFICE, BY RETURN MAIL, OR AT THE AFTER HOURS DROP BOX (LOCATED AT THE DRIVE THRU WINDOW).

MAKE A PAYMENT ONLINE BY VISITING
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COVINGTON, TENNESSEE 38019
PHONE (901) 476-9631

YOU MUST HAVE THE ACCOUNT NUMBER AND AMOUNT TO USE THIS PAYMENT OPTION. THERE WILL BE A CHARGE FOR USING CARDS THROUGH THIS SERVICE

SCHEDULE OF APPLICABLE RATES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT OUR OFFICE ON REQUEST. FAILURE TO RECEIVE BILL DOES NOT RELIEVE CONSUMER OF PAYMENT AND PENALTY. CUSTOMERS WITH DISPUTED BILLS MAY CALL (800) 476-9631 AND ASK FOR OUR CUSTOMER SERVICE DEPARTMENT OR MAY COME BY OUR OFFICE AT 200 W.881 WASHINGTON AVENUE. A FEE WILL BE CHARGED ON ALL RETURN CHECKS.

SMELL GAS????
IF YOU SMELL GAS, CALL (801) 476-7132. DO NOT USE MATCHES OR ANY OPEN FLAME. DO NOT TURN ELECTRICAL SWITCHES ON OTHER SPARK PRODUCERS ON! OR ON, IF THE ODOR IS STRONG, EVACUATE THE AREA IMMEDIATELY. CALL THE GAS COMPANY FROM A NEIGHBORING PHONE. DO NOT RE-ENTER THE AREA.

~COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS~

BOO TO THE FLU
Free flu shots Mon Oct 31, 2016 11 am - 1 pm
Cobb Parr Park

Scare on the Square
Oct 28, 2016 4:30 to 6:20

Veteran's Day Parade 11-11-2016 10 am

Circle Night Out 11-3-2016

Christmas Open House on Square
11-3-4-5, 2016

**FORM FOR BANK DRAFT
DEBIT AUTHORIZATION FORM**

I (we) hereby authorize The City of Covington to initiate a CHARGE Entry to my (our) checking/savings account at the Financial Institution indicated on the attached voided check or savings deposit slip, and initiate adjustments (if necessary) for any transactions debited in error. This authority will remain in effect until the City of Covington is notified by me (us) in writing to cancel it in such time as to afford The City and Financial Institution a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

Signature to Debit Bank Draft

Date

TO BE VALID, SIGN THIS FORM AND ATTACH A VOIDED CHECK OR SAVINGS DEPOSIT SLIP.

Covington residents will soon receive a newly formatted utility bill from the City of Covington. These will be 8.5 X 11 and will be mailed in a business sized envelope. The examples above show the statements will have detailed billing information on the front and community announcements on the back. The City changed to this format to help ensure residents receive their bills in a timely manner and also to provide information residents may need to know. If you have questions, please call us at 901-476-9613 ext 113.

AMERICAN PICKERS



MIKE AND FRANK ARE LOOKING FOR LARGE, RARE
COLLECTIONS & THINGS THEY'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE!
TELL US THE INTERESTING STORY BEHIND YOUR STUFF!

TO BE CONSIDERED, PLEASE CONTACT US AT:

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or leave a voicemail at **1-855-OLD-RUST**

PLEASE LET US KNOW:

- YOUR NAME, TOWN & STATE
- PHONE NUMBER
- WHERE YOUR COLLECTION IS LOCATED
- A DESCRIPTION OF YOUR ITEMS



Dates to Remember...

- October 29 – The Preacher’s Council – 15 for 30 – Frazier Park – 2:00 – 5:00 - scroll down for info.
 - October 29 – Scare on the Square – trick-or-treating for children - 4:30 – 6:30 – scroll down for info.
 - October 31 – Say BOO to the FLU – Drive in free flus shots – scroll down for information
 - November 1 – Coffee with the Mayor at Coffee in the Attic on the square in Covington. 7:30 – 9:00
 - November 3-4-5 – CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE ON THE SQUARE IN COVINGTON – scroll down for info.
 - November 5 – Artist Series for Kids – Tipton County Museum – 10:00 – study the art and history of Paul Gauguin. For children ages 10 and up. Call 901-476-0242 to register.
 - Saturdays in November – bring canned goods to the pool and get in for only \$2.00
 - December 10 & 11 – Dickens on the Square in Covington
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Keep up with News, Events, and Information from Covington and Tipton County

[City of Covington](#)

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

[Tipton County](#)

[Tipton County Schools](#)

[South Tipton Chamber of Commerce](#)

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

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

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The Historic
RUFFIN
Theater

**RECOMMENDED
FOR
MATURE AUDIENCES**

**The
ROCKY
HORROR
Show**



OCTOBER 14, 15, 21, 22, 28 @ 7 PM

MIDNIGHT SHOW:

OCTOBER 29 @ 11:59 PM

**BOOK, MUSIC & LYRICS BY
Richard O'Brien**

THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW IS PRESENTED BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH SAMUEL FRENCH, INC.



Scare on the Square!

Bring your children and join the merchants on the Historic Court Square in Covington for a community-wide Trick-or-Treat event.

The Square provides a safe and secure place where children can get candy and show off their costumes.

October 29th 4:30pm – 6:30pm

**SCARE ON
THE SQUARE**

The Tipton County Health Department
wants you to:

SAY BOO TO THE FLU

FREE FLU VACCINATION

Drive Through Clinic

FIRST COME | FIRST SERVED*

* Vaccine quantities are limited.

Monday, October 31, 2016

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

COBB PARR MEMORIAL PARK

US Highway 51

Sponsored By:

Tipton County Health Department • West TN Public Health Emergency Preparedness
Covington – Tipton County EMA • TEMA • Tennessee Department of Health
Covington Fire Department • Covington Police Department
MedicOne Medical Response
Tipton County Fire Department



Christmas Open House

Thursday November 3rd

10:00AM – 8:00PM

-PLUS-

GIRLS' 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**

Town of Brighton

Presents...

October Fest

October 1st 6pm-9pm

Erin Solang and Natalia Yarbro



October 8th 6pm-9pm



Gospel Night

October 15th 6-9pm

October 22nd 6-9pm

Amber McCain Band



SmallTown Trio



October 29th 6-9pm



Games, Candy,

Boucey House, Hot Dogs,

Drinks

Free Admission!

Bring your own chair and blankets

No Outside Food or Drink

Concessions Available

THE PREACHER'S COUNCIL

PRESENTS

15 FOR 30

"I AM MY BROTHER'S KEEPER"

OCTOBER 29, 2016

2PM- 5PM

FRAZIER PARK

COVINGTON, TN 38019

EVENTS:

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS

15 POINT SHOOT OUT

30 MINUTE FULL COURT

\$15.00 FEE

WALK IN FAITH

\$5.00 FEE

BASEBALL TOURNAMENTS

FOR ALL AGES

\$5.00 FEE

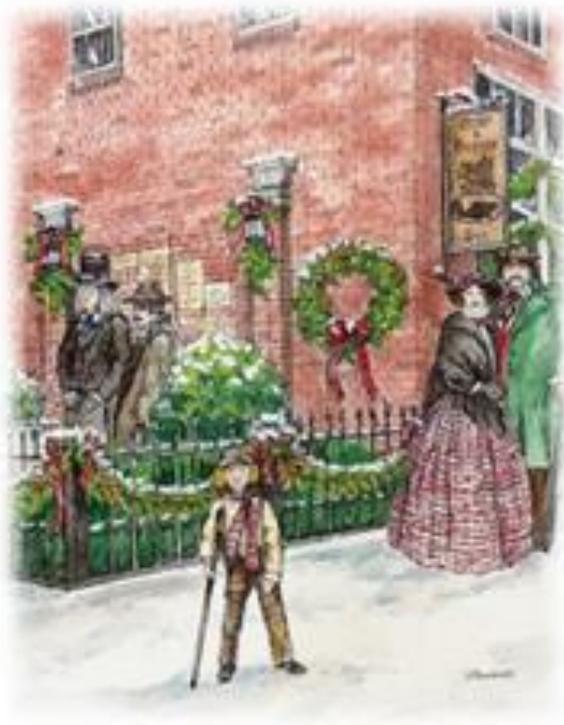
WE INVITE THE COMMUNITY TO COME OUT AND ENJOY A DAY
OF UNITY, SUPPORT, AND FUN. THERE WILL BE GREAT
EVENTS, FOOD, AND RAFFLE PRIZES.

REGISTRATION & MORE INFORMATION:

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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?



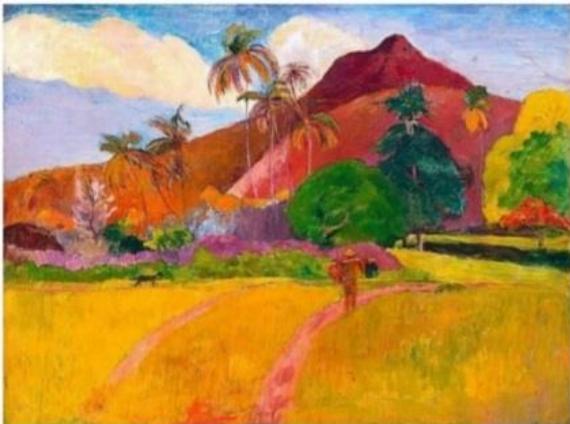
Master Gardener and WKNO Contributor Tom Mashour visited with guests before and after his garden lecture at the Museum Saturday. His program was the 4th in a series of fall garden lectures offered at the museum in October. Scroll down for more information.



On October 25, thirteen people met at the Tipton County Museum for "Yoga in the Garden". Yoga Instructor Cindy Ngyuen led them through the routine for an hour in the garden, where the weather was beautiful, the birds were singing, and the butterflies were floating through the air. Instructor Ngyuen also teaches yoga on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at the Covington Sportsplex. For more information, please call the Sportsplex at (901) 476-3734.



Covington Parks and Recreation Director Joseph Mack and Tipton County Veteran's Museum Director Barrie Foster announced to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen that the museum has been named an official [Wildlife Habitat](#) by the State of Tennessee.



The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center
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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Presents

“A Day of van Gogh”

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.

What: Lecture & Art Class

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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The FALL GARDENING SERIES is coming
EVERY SATURDAY IN OCTOBER from 10 to 11:30
a.m. to the TIPTON COUNTY MUSEUM in Covington!!!

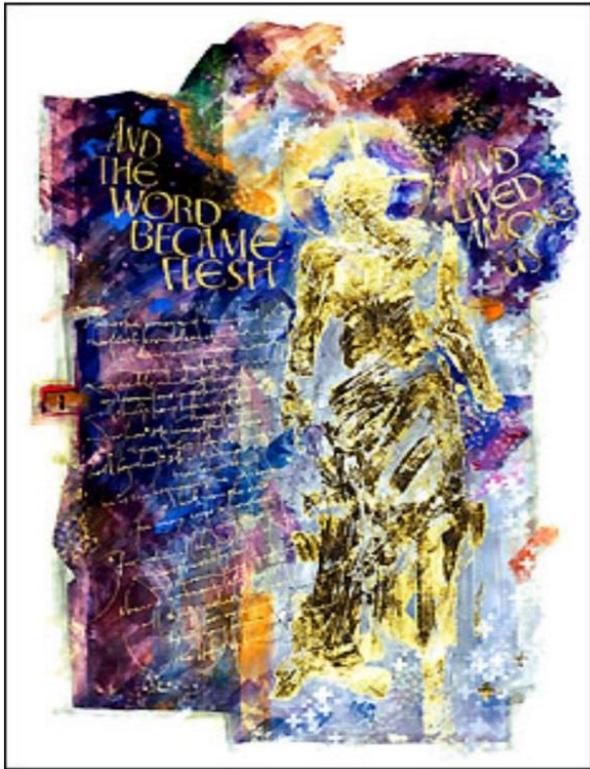
- Oct. 1 “A Brief History of Public American Gardens” by Dominique
 Bellott, Garden Historian
- Oct. 8 “Healthy Plant Plus Healthy Soil Grows Healthy Food” by Carl Wayne
 Hardeman, Master Gardener and founder of the Collierville Victory Garden
- Oct. 15 “Insect Pests of Ornamental Plants” by Chris Cooper, U.T. Extension
 Horticulture Agent and Host of The Family Plot: Gardening of the Mid-
 South on WKNO
- Oct. 22 “Garden Preparation” with Tom Mashour, Master Gardener & WKNO
 Contributor
- Oct. 29 “A Personal Perspective of Private American Gardens” by Dominique Bellott,
 Garden Historian (Bring pass-along plants to share.)

Admission is FREE to Museum Members and \$5.00 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
751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN 38019
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 October, 2016
Warren Richard Willers**

Warren Richard “Rick” Willers was born on November 12, 1948, in Pensacola, Florida. After his 1966 graduation from Demopolis High School in Alabama, he attended Livingston College (now the University of West Alabama). During his junior year in 1969, he was drafted into the U.S. Army. After Artillery Ballistic Meteorology School in Fort Sill, Oklahoma, he was off to South Vietnam, where he served for nine months with the 1st Battalion, 30th Artillery. Upon discharge, he served in the Alabama National Guard, then joined the U.S. Navy in 1973. After training as an Aviation Electronics Technician, his duty stations included the USS John F. Kennedy (CV-67), the USS America (CV-66), and the USS Nassau (LHA-4). He also served as an Electronics Instructor in various places, including Virginia Beach, Virginia, and Millington, Tennessee.

While on board the USS Nassau, he spent eight months and three days off the coast of Kuwait during the first Gulf War. In addition to earning his Air Crew Wings, he was also awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Navy Expeditionary Medal (two awards), National Defense Service Medal (two awards), Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Southwest Asia Campaign Medal with two bronze stars, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Navy Good Conduct Medal (four awards), Navy “E” Ribbon, Combat Action Ribbon, and Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (three awards).

After his retirement from the Navy in 1993, he and his late wife Patricia moved to Tipton County. He worked in the private sector for three years before accepting a civilian position on board Naval Support Activity Mid-South in Millington to help close down antiquated facilities. Once that was completed, he worked at Northside Laundry for six years. He is a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and attends church at First United Methodist Church in Millington. Rick was nominated for Veteran of the Month by his friend Joyce Geneva Travis.

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