

Public Works Committee discussed grants, lighting, and speed signs

The regular monthly meeting of the Public Works Committee took place at Covington City Hall Tuesday. Present were Chairman Alderman Mac McGowan, CPW Director David Gray, Chief Waste Water Operator James Mason, Utilities Manager Calvin Johnson, Codes Officer Lessie Fisher, Alderman Jere Hadley, Alderman John Edwards, Mayor Justin Hanson, Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn, Mayor's Assistant Sara Gangaware, David Gwinn, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Echo Day, and Margaret Fleming.

Chairman McGowan called meeting to order at 1:02 – Alderman Glass was absent - quorum was present. Chairman McGowan asked Director Gray to proceed with his report.

Covington Public Works Director David Gray gave his report.

- James Dowell has been promoted to Street Department Manager and Brad Kinney has been promoted Maintenance Shop Supervisor.
- CPW is applying for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) – total project \$550,000 with grant share being \$456,500 and City of Covington share would be \$93,500. Gray included in his handout to the committee an overview of the proposed project, which is a rehab project for drainage and sewage systems. During the investigation phase of the project, smoke testing and video inspection on some of the sewage drainage basins will be done to identify where the system needs to be repaired. The repair phase purpose is to go in and make the identified repairs with cured-in-place piping and other lining methods for both manholes and pipes. Alderman Hadley stated we have been fighting infiltration problems since the 1980s. James Mason stated once the plant receives a high flow of infiltration, it costs us in chemicals and maximizes our flow, pushing our waste water plant to the limit and risking a blowout. Mason stated he definitely concurs that we need the grant for this project. Gray stated we have over 60 miles of sewer pipe in our system, so we will be looking at older areas and areas where there are known problems. Alderman McGowan stated if we get the grant, we will still be spending about \$100,000 on this project, but he believes it will be money well spent. The application is due February 24th, therefore need to get it to Board for approval next week. McGowan motioned to approve Gray's request for the application of this grant. Mayor Hanson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Gray continued his report stating we have a barscreen out and needs to be replaced. He submitted a quote for a new barscreen and installation. Using the barscreen requires manual raking and while this is not a permanent fix, it is a fix for the time being until we can make major repairs. Flooding and high rains present a greater problem with debris and water pressure making the manual raking difficult. Gray had \$45,000 in budget for waste-water plant, but this has been a year of several issues and problems and there's only \$12,000 left in the repair and maintenance budget. McGowan asked if need can wait until next budget cycle. Gray stated if at all possible, these things need attention now. Tina Dunn said funds are available in the fund balance, if Board votes to use that. McGowan motioned to ask Mayor and Board of Aldermen to approve using monies from the fund balance for these repairs. Mayor Hanson seconded the motion. Alderman Edwards asked Dunn how much money is in fund balance. Dunn stated she believes there about \$2.5 million in the sewer fund balance. Motion passed unanimously.
- Gray continued by stating that at the last committee meeting he was asked to inspect street lights in Bluebird/Sandpiper area. He inspected the neighborhood and found 4 lights out, which he has repaired. While inspecting, he found a couple of areas that seemed dark. He was also approached by a citizen

about another area that needed lighting. He included in the packet a street lighting policy as well as a list of lights that **have been** installed and/or repaired as a result of his inspection. Alderman Hadley asked if any of the repaired lights had been shot out. Gray stated he found one light on Wortham Street that had been shot out and one on the corner of Zion and Ripley Streets that was shot out – both have been repaired. He also stated there was a light *added* on Jackson Street and another light added at Zion and Hill Streets. Mayor Hanson stated the CPD is also helpful in reporting lighting needs and Covington Electric also helps us monitor street lights in the City. Alderman Edwards asked if shot out lights were reported to CPD. Gray stated he did not notify CPD. Alderman Edwards suggested reporting these incidences so CPD can monitor areas. Alderman Edwards asked Gray if he was satisfied with lighting in Sandpiper/Bluebird neighborhood. Gray stated he has inspected and has researched when and how the poles were installed, and it does appear to him the poles are further apart than what we want today, and more than likely, additional lighting may be needed. McGowan suggested saturating high crime areas with light and work in conjunction with CPD to identify high crime areas. Alderman Edwards suggested while we need to be vigilant about lighting everywhere, attacking high crime areas with more lighting is needed.

- McGowan stated he has been in talks with CES Director Tim Sallee regarding lighting in the City of Covington and wants us to look at our street lighting policy and consider changing to LED lighting throughout the city. LED fixtures are about 2X expensive as what we are currently using and he hopes for more information on this. McGowan feels we have bought obsolete technology and there ought to be some way to use LED lighting rather than continued investment in obsolete technology. Alderwoman Bommer stated she thought we had already voted to replace with new lighting. Gray explained that we *are replacing with new lighting*, but they are *not LED* fixtures, which concerns McGowan. Mayor Hanson stated Sallee is getting more information for us and we will investigate using LED lighting. McGowan stated it seems we are legislated into using high sodium lights rather than the newer LED technology. McGowan is investigating LED lighting in Union City and Somerville. Alderwoman Bommer suggested we start looking into a long-term fix, including examining our own policies. Alderman Edwards motioned to table the discussion until we have more information. Mayor Hanson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Director Gray continued his report with update on speed signs. Speed sign we purchased worked, then didn't work, have worked with technical people, got new circuit board and made repairs. Finally, they sent us a brand new sign, without a way to charge it. Company sent us a charger – and Gray spend more than two days working on the machine with parent company IT rep. Company rep and Gray conferenced about the sign and made more repairs – sign still does not work. Gray has discovered the machine had wrong battery in it. They are sending us a replacement battery. CPD has a new speed sign and we are currently getting it set up for use. Gray wants to be able to put these signs on our streets and monitor traffic speed in the city. Alderman Edwards recommended to Gray that if the new battery doesn't work, turn it over to the city attorney for legal support. McGowan wants speed signs out 95% of the year so citizens will know we are watching and to help determine pattern of speeding. Hanson added they provide necessary data to the Covington Police Department for aid in monitoring areas where excessive speed is a problem.
- Gray said he wanted to update the committee on our new contract for natural gas. The new natural gas contract was reviewed by city attorney, approved, and we will start purchasing gas under this new contract March 1st, 2017. Back in 2014, Gray researched proper procedures for this and asked to have a gas study done in Covington. That study showed Covington might lose \$150,000 on purchase of gas and suggested increasing rates. Gray investigated further and discovered that instead of increasing rates, we weren't charging commodity price. Director Gray made adjustments to recapture the actual cost of gas used. Changes in ordinance and adjustments made have turned that around from losing money to actually coming out with an anticipated profit in the gas fund this year of about \$186,000. We are now

contracting with Atmos Energy for a year to see how that works. Gray feels comfortable with that decision, and if it doesn't work out to our benefit, we can get out of that contract. McGowan asked Gray if we are able to make a gas rate cut. Gray said he would look into that. Alderman Edwards stated he is concerned that we may be charging too much for gas if we are making a profit. Gray stated that we must charge what we pay for the gas and that we make a projected determination of costs when we purchase gas in the summer; however, the weather in the winter determines how much we actually use. Also, Gray stated that we can't afford to lose, and that money is on reserve and is there to protect us in case of emergencies. Dunn stated that while the fund balance may sound high, it is at its lowest point in recent years. Gray stated the City isn't making money off of the gas itself, rather we have become better at including ALL costs such as the cost to transport the gas to us. Bommer reiterated that we *cannot* make a profit on the commodity (gas) itself. Gray stated that our (new and updated) ordinance spells this out. Gray stated this is just information and not something for a motion. He wanted to inform the committee that through research and adjustments, we have gotten better at this process and are no longer losing money.

- Mayor Hanson motioned to accept Director Gray's report and Alderman Edwards seconded. Motion passed unanimously

Lessie Fisher reported from CODES

- Tipton County has applied for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for blight eradication. Fisher has received letters of support and getting our paperwork in order for that proposal. Fisher is working on this in conjunction with Tipton County because City of Covington is providing the match for this proposal which will focus on the Covington area.
- Street renaming proposal was suggested and reviewed by the Planning Commission, which met earlier today. While City of Covington doesn't have a policy on this, Planning Committee member Alice Fisher reported that when doing something like this in Tipton County, they must obtain letters from all residents indicating they are in agreement for the change and support the costs involved with changing addresses. Alice Fisher also noted that in Memphis, street names have remained the SAME, but "IN HONOR OF" was added to the street signs on the poles – this **does not require an address change**, but does honor those who have been actively involved in the community. Community Planner Will Radford suggested doing a study with 911 Committee and Post Office to make sure there are no conflicts. Alderman Hadley suggested going with the "in honor of" idea. Alderwoman Bommer passed around her phone with pictures from Aurora Illinois where a street name was added (such as in Memphis as noted by Alice Fisher) in honor of a pastor. That is what has been suggested here. Alderwoman Bommer stated the "in honor of" name of the street does not change the actual name of the street, but is posted in another color above current sign to pay tribute. Mayor Hanson suggested taking this idea under advisement until further research can be done. Alderman Edwards seconded. Alderwoman Bommer stated the church congregation just wants recognition for the pastor who has served for 44 years. Motion to table discussion passed unanimously.
- Mayor Hanson motioned to accept Lessie Fisher's report, Alderman Edwards seconded, motion passed unanimously.

News from Parks and Recreation

Covington Manta Rays Swim Team competed in Tunica Meet

Seventeen swimmers representing the Covington Manta Ray Swim Team travelled to Tunica, MS to compete in the Mid-South Swimming Conference Winter Championship Meet on Sunday February 5. The team competed against 14 other teams in 88 total events, with each swimmer competing in 4 individual events. The team also entered 4 relays in the meet. The team finished the day placing 4th behind teams from Collierville, Paris, and Olive Branch. Four swimmers received top honors for his/her individual performance throughout the day. Kate Dawson was named second runner-up high point for the female 6 & under age division. John Owen Hensley and Brandon Hanks tied for second runner-up in the male 13 & 14 age division. Roby Myers was named high point winner and was perfect on the day winning all of his individual events for the male 11 & 12 age division. Several other swimmers recorded new personal best times. The team will host a party at a later date to present the trophy and the individual awards.



At left, swimmers get final instructions before competition. Above, swimmers (L-R) Tristen English, Brie Howard, Brandon Hanks, Jenna Kelly, John Owen Hensley, Lane Dawson, Roby Myers, and Jonah Hensley pause for a picture between events.



Parks and Recreation Director Joseph Mack (R) was welcomed as the guest speaker to the Covington Rotary Club by President Glenn Baker on February 2nd. Mack encouraged members to build new relationships in the community.



(L-R) Liz Stambaugh and Michelle Tomlinson represented Covington Parks and Recreation at the Dyersburg State Community College Transfer and Career Fair held in Covington Tuesday.

Drug Free Tipton visits Washington, D.C

Community leaders from across the country, including the Washington, D.C., metro area, were on Capitol Hill, Feb. 8th to meet with U.S. Senators and Representatives from nearly 50 states to educate them about critical substance abuse issues. These Congressional meetings took place during CADCA's (Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America) 27th Annual National Leadership Forum, the nation's largest training event for substance abuse prevention and treatment professionals and researchers, as part of Capitol Hill Day.



Representatives with Drug Free Tipton are in our Nation's capital this week for the CADCA Leadership Forum with youth representative Aiden Griggs (R). They visited our Senators to discuss the importance of prevention. Above are Kennisha Stowe, Jimmy Jackson, Robin Racine, Justin Melvin of Congressman David Kustoff's office, Aiden and his dad, Richard Griggs.



Shelby Residential Vocational Service Considering Covington Location



Ashley Brown, Tipton County SRVS Coordinator, Missy Marshall, a SRVS Board Member, and her husband Barry Marshall joined Mayor Hanson Thursday to discuss the expansion of SRVS services in Covington. Currently, the SRVS Center is housed in the old Owen School in the Oak Grove Community just west of Covington. However, SRVS Leadership is ready to move from that location into spaces in the Covington and Munford areas. SRVS reps spent the day with the Mayor assessing potential locations and could possibly decide on a location soon.

CHS Students Win West Tennessee Agriculture Awards



Will Turner, a senior at Covington High School, was selected as the 2017 West TN Star in Agriculture at the West Tennessee Star Competition held on Feb. 2 at Peabody High School.

Will won this for his experiences in the classroom and in the FFA, but most importantly on his supervised agricultural experience project. He has been working for several years at Turner Game Birds, which is a pheasant, quail, and chucker hunting preserve in Covington. He helps with the German Short Hair pointers, helps feed and water the birds and dogs, prepares for the upcoming hunts, assists in the guiding of the hunt, and assists with the processing of the birds after the hunt.

Covington High School senior Catherine Turner was also selected as a Star Farmer winner at the West Tennessee Star Competition. She was selected not only for her hard work and dedication in the classroom and in the FFA, but most importantly for her work in her supervised agricultural experience project in beef production entrepreneurship. At the end of 2016, Turner, who has been part of the cattle industry her entire life, owned 10 cows, 10 calves, three yearlings and two bulls. Turner Angus Farm in Covington was established in 1933 and has been in their family for four generations.



Catherine Turner (R) will represent West Tennessee at the state finals in Gatlinburg at the end of March, where she will be competing against the Middle Tennessee and East Tennessee Star Farmer candidates to determine who will become the 2017 Tennessee Star Farmer.

Dates to Remember

- February 11 – Nature Symbolism and Enlightenment – 10:00 – 11:30 – Tipton County Museum – 751 Bert Johnston Avenue, Covington. Call 901-476-0242 for more information
- February 11 - Chocolate Tour on the Square in Covington – 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Buy tickets in advance for only \$5 - - \$7 day of the event.
- February 14 – Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting – City Hall – 5:30
- February 16 – Tribute to Ms. Hattye Yarbrough for her contributions to Black History in Covington and at The Smithsonian Museum in Washington, D.C. – [Tipton County Museum & Veteran’s Memorial](#), 5:30 – 7:00 - Call 901-476-0242 for more information.
- February 18 – Youth Sports pictures – Covington Sportsplex – 8:30 am
- February 18 – Getting your Lawn ready for Summer - 10:00 – 11:30 – Tipton County Museum – 751 Bert Johnston Avenue, Covington. Call 901-476-0242 for more information
- February 18 - Unity Within Diversity Gospel Extravaganza 7:00 pm Historic Ruffin Theater \$5.00
- February 20 – FREE Seminar from Master Gardener Tom Mashour – 6:30 – scroll down for more info
- February 21 - COFFEE with THE MAYOR – Sookie’s Bake Shop – 7:30 – 9:00
- February 23 – Parks and Recreation Advisory Council Meeting – 6:00 pm – Covington City Hall
- February 24 – Team Tipton continues walk across Tipton County - Cobb-Parr Park – Covington - 10:00
- February 25 – 62nd Annual Lions Club Pancake Breakfast – CIAA – 6:00 am – 11:00 am \$5 - children under 3 are free with ticket-holding adult(s). Proceeds are used to help needy Tipton County citizens with eyesight and/or hearing problems.
- February 25 – How Does your Garden Grow? - 10:00 – 11:30 – Tipton County Museum – 751 Bert Johnston Avenue, Covington. Call 901-476-0242 for more information
- February 28 - Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting – City Hall – 5:30
- March 04 – A Day of Art at the Tipton County Museum – Georgia O’Keeffe – 10:00 – 11:30



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

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[Covington Sportsplex](#)

[Drug Free Tipton](#)

[Tipton County Schools](#)

[South Tipton Chamber of Commerce](#)

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

[Covington Aquatic Center](#)

[Tipton County Museum](#)

Mr. Gaetano “Guy” Critelli is the **Tipton County Veterans Service Officer**. His office hours are ***Monday thru Wednesday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm***. You are encouraged to schedule an appointment, but walk-ins will be seen.

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Munford, TN 38058

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*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

The City of Covington is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Job Opportunities for the City of Covington*

Accountant

General Summary:

Position reports to the Senior Accountant and is responsible for applying bookkeeping principles to the collection of bills, taxes, and business licenses.

Summary of Job Responsibilities:

Bachelor's Degree in Accounting or equivalent related field
 One year management in financial systems and budgets, financial reporting, financial data analysis, auditing, taxation, and advising on financial decisions
 Knowledge of accounting principles and practices
 Knowledge of applicable laws, codes, and regulations
 Knowledge and experience of related computer applications and modern office practices.

Mechanic

General Summary:

Performs servicing and mechanical repairs of vehicles and mechanical equipment of the City

Summary of Job Responsibilities:

Assists in the repairs of gasoline and diesel fuel equipment
 Uses test equipment as needed
 Provides emergency field assistance to disabled equipment as needed and appropriate
 Assists in the repairs of brake, engine, electrical, fuel, hydraulic, transmission, ignition, air exhaust axle assemblies, and related systems
 Performs related tasks as assigned by supervisor

Grounds Maintenance

General Summary:

Performs a variety of semi-skilled tasks in the maintenance of grounds and operates a variety of equipment in the maintenance of city property.

Summary of Job Responsibilities:

Mows, landscapes, cleans city grounds
 Operates, cleans, services light duty vehicles, tractors, riding/push/pull mowers, weed eaters, chain saws, rakes, shovels, etc.
 Loads and unloads dirt, gravel, and debris. Carries out seeding, fertilizing, top dressing, soil conditioning, watering, and pest & weed control.
 Assist street department employees as needed.



Utility Repairman

General Summary:

Performs a variety of semi-skilled and skilled tasks in the construction, operation, repair, maintenance and replacement of City gas, water, and sewer facilities and systems.

Summary of job Responsibilities:

Plans, organizes, and implements construction maintenance and operation of activities designed to provide quality gas, water, and sewer service for the city.
 Inspects and/or repairs regulator stations, pumping stations, meters, and sewer systems
 Assist in projecting needs for equipment purchases, materials, and supplies
 Maintain a variety of records
 Respond to complaints
 Drive trucks of various sizes and weights (with valid TN driver's license with **CDL endorsement**-or be able to obtain upon employment)

***The above are *partial* listings for these positions. Please come to our Personnel Department at 200 West Washington Street or view the listings on our [website](#) for complete descriptions and application information.**

COVINGTON ADULT SPORTS



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INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE BASKETBALL \$450 PER TEAM



Max. 10 Players Per Team - 18+ ONLY – COED
No Team No Problem (Free agents available)

Season Starts February 28

Games Tue & Thu 6PM



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For more information call 901-476-3734 or email
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The Parks and Recreation Dept is conducting a **very short** survey to help us quantify interest in **Adult Sports**.

Please take a moment to take the survey and share it with your Facebook friends and family.

Thank you! <https://www.facebook.com/covingtonparksnrec/app/126231547426086/>



Scan me or go to Youth Sports on our website to register online

SPRING FLAG FOOTBALL

Ages 4-17



Sign up NOW
Games start in April

Only \$35

Would you like to Coach?
Be a team Mom or Dad?
Call or email us.



Call 901-476-3734 or email Sportsplex@covingtontn.com for more details.

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Chocolate Tour 2017

Historic Downtown Covington, Tennessee Saturday, Feb 11th 10am - 4pm

Tickets \$7 day of or
\$5 in advance

Visit All Participating
Merchants to have your Tour
Map entered for the Mega
Chocolate & Gift Basket
Prize Drawing

Enjoy Shopping & Delicious Treats
at more than 20 great Merchant locations on the
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For more information, contact Covington-Tipton Co. Chamber of Commerce at (901) 476-9727

Satisfy your chocolate craving and do a little shopping, too, at the 2017 Chocolate Tour on the square in Covington. Make plans to attend this fun event on February 11 from 10:00 – 4:00.



Pictures will be made of Youth
Sports participants at the
Covington Sportsplex on
February 18 at 8:30 am
Call 901-476-3734
for more information

DYERSBURG STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OBSERVES

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2017

“WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR OTHERS?”
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

WHEN

Celebrating throughout the entire month of
February

WHERE

Dyersburg Campus—1510 Lake Road, Dyersburg, TN 38024

DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County—3149 Hwy. 51 S.,
Covington, TN 38019

DSCC Gibson County Center—2071 Hwy. 45 N. Bypass,
Trenton, TN 38382

FEATURING • Ms. Jackie Murray, independent stage artist featured at the Hattiloo Theatre, the Cannon Center, and the Blues City Cultural Center (Memphis, TN), <https://www.jackiemurray.net/harriet-tubman> • Ms. Hattye May Thomas Yarbrough (Covington, TN) featured in the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, and the Tipton County Museum • Christopher Belmont, Owner at Chris' Styling Studio (Rutherford, TN)

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**ALL AGES WELCOME
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TO ALL EVENTS**

FEB. 2

(DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at
Tipton County, Baptist Memorial
Health Care Academic Building,
Auditorium)

**Jackie Murray presents
“Harriet Tubman: One
Woman’s Journey” Musical,
curtain opens at 6:30 pm**

FEB. 9

(DSCC Gibson County Center)
**Diversity Dialogue
Christopher Belmont,
11 am–12 pm**

FEB. 16

(DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at
Tipton County, Baptist Memori-
al Health Care Academic Build-
ing, Auditorium)

**Diversity Dialogue
Hattye May Thomas
Yarbrough, 11 am–12 pm**

FEB. 27

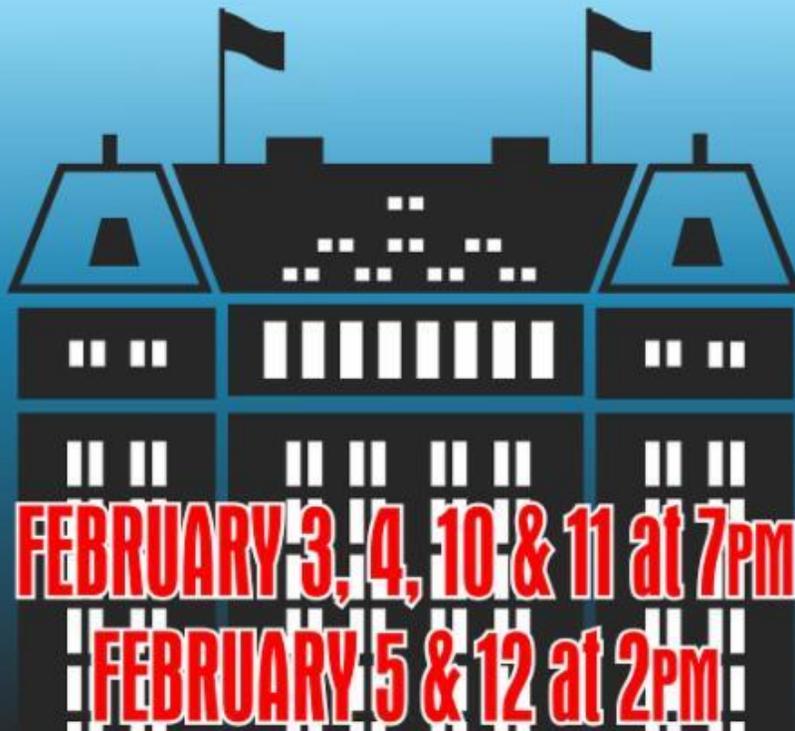
(Dyersburg campus, First Citi-
zens National Bank Auditorium)

**Jackie Murray presents
“Harriet Tubman: One
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Diversity Dialogue
9 am–10 am**

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The Historic
RUFFIN
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2017

Neil Simon's **PLAZA SUITE**



FEBRUARY 3, 4, 10 & 11 at 7PM

FEBRUARY 5 & 12 at 2PM

PLAZA SUITE IS PRESENTED BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH SAMUEL FRENCH, INC.

Tipton Arts Council presents:

Unity Within Diversity

Gospel Extravaganza

Hosted by:
Tony B. Dickerson,
Songwriter/Musician



Guest Speaker:
Pastor Quinten Barlow



Guest Soloist:
Deborah Thomas



Honoring: Mark Heaston, Dr. Jesse Cannon, Grace Phelps (posthumously) and The, Mrs. Hattye Yarbrough.

Performances by: Gospel Choirs, Groups, Dance Ministries, Soloists.

February 18, 2017 • 7PM

Historic Ruffin Theater

Covington, TN

\$5.00

Music is a universal language and this Gospel Extravaganza will have something for everyone. Adults and children will enjoy music and narration that will uplift each other and the Covington community. The program will also honor local community members who are examples of "What a Difference Uniting Makes."

This event is sponsored by the Tipton Arts Council with partial funding through a grant from the Tennessee Arts Commission



"What a Difference Uniting Makes"

The Tipton County Master Gardeners and The Tipton County Museum

Present

Tipton County Master Gardener

Tom Mashour

In

STARTING PLANTS FROM SEEDS



When: Monday, February 20, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

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

Fee: FREE

Refreshments will be served & everyone is invited. See you at the Tipton County Museum!

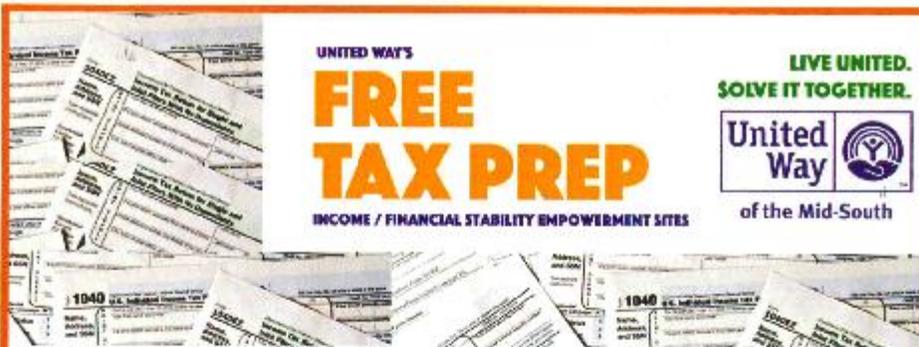
Tipton County Museum

751 Bert Johnston Ave.,

Covington, TN 38019

(901) 476-0242





Tipton County Public Library

3148 Highway 51 N.

Covington, TN 38019

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January 23- April 12

Mondays, 2 pm – 6 pm

Wednesdays, 2 pm – 6 pm

WALK-INS WELCOME

Juvenile Court of Tipton County
in conjunction with the
25th District Attorney General's Office
invites you to attend an
Internet Safety Class



When : March 16, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Where: Tipton County Justice Complex

Presenter: Assistant United States Attorney Deb Ireland



LOOKING FOR THE NEXT
HOME RUN DERBY
CHAMP

JR. HOME RUN DERBY
2017

OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS 12U & 14U

Your chance to compete during
MLB ALL-STAR WEEK

PARTICIPATION IS FREE

PLAY BALL
U.S. BSA

An advertisement for the Jr. Home Run Derby. It features a central image of a young boy in a black jersey and white pants swinging a bat. In the background, other players in similar uniforms are visible. The text is arranged around the image, including the title "LOOKING FOR THE NEXT HOME RUN DERBY CHAMP", the event name "JR. HOME RUN DERBY 2017", and details about participation being free and occurring during MLB All-Star Week.

HOST:

Covington Parks & Recreation

COMPETITION DATE/TIME/LOCATION:

April 15, 2017/2PM/Whitley Field

CONTACT:

901-476-3734, cweston@covingtontn.com

SAVE THE DATE!

DON'T BE LATE!

24TH ANNUAL DINNER AND AUCTION
THE MAD HATTER'S LIP SYNC BATTLE

WONDERLAND - \$2,000 TABLE OF 8 IN SECTION 1- FULL PAGE AD - RECOGNITION DURING EVENT AND PROGRAM

ALICE - \$1,000 TABLE OF 8 IN SECTION 2 - HALF PAGE AD - RECOGNITION DURING EVENT AND PROGRAM

CHESHIRE CAT - \$600 TABLE OF 8 IN SECTION 3 - QUARTER PAGE AD - RECOGNITION IN PROGRAM

MAD HATTER - \$300 SEATING FOR 4 IN SECTION 4 - RECOGNITION IN PROGRAM

QUEEN OF HEARTS- \$100 RECOGNITION IN PROGRAM

TABLE ONLY - \$400 RESERVE TABLE OF 8 IN SECTION 5

SINGLE TICKET - \$50 SINGLE SEAT IN SECTION 5

Follow the white rabbit...



SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017

6:00 P.M.

COYINGTON HIGH SCHOOL GYM

803 SOUTH COLLEGE STREET

COYINGTON, TN 38019

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE EXCHANGE CLUB CARL PERKINS CENTER
FOR THE PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE

The Tipton County Museum has online videos Available for All
Tipton County Museum has a **YouTube** channel! In their first video, Director Foster talks about the upcoming Watercolor Botanicals class, and gives a short demo on painting an apple in watercolor.

Click here to view: <https://youtu.be/4R9vmN1K3Lg>



Covington High School Book Drive

Please donate any unwanted books to a local Chamber of Commerce, business, or directly to Covington High School.



All books will be used throughout Tipton County to promote literacy among students. Books not age appropriate will be sent to other Covington schools or traded in for more age appropriate material.

Thank you for your support of our students!

Please call Megan Young at 901-475-5850 or 901-552-8336 for more information.
She can provide a collection box and pick-up, if needed.

There is a drop-off box at Covington City Hall

What's Happening at the Museum?



Museum Director Barrie Foster welcomed Master Gardener Tom Mashour to the first of a month-long gardening series at the museum in February.



Last Saturday, Master Gardener Tom Mashour presented “Vegetable Gardening in the Mid-South” to a large crowd of participants at the Tipton County Museum. He reviewed preparing the garden, soil amendment, cold and hot weather vegetables, and more. This was the first in a series of gardening workshops. On February 11, Garden Historian Dominique Bellott will present “Nature Symbolism and Enlightenment” - The history of Japanese Gardens. Scroll down for the complete listing.



FEBRUARY is BLACK HISTORY MONTH at the TIPTON COUNTY MUSEUM



Local Teacher, Historian and Artist Ms. Hattye Yarbrough recently donated her scrap book to the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History in Washington, D.C. Please join us as we honor Ms. Hattye for her contributions to our community.

When: Thursday evening, February 16, 5:30—7

Where: Tipton County Museum

751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington

Refreshments will be served and everyone is invited!

The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center

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There is no 3rd Thursday this month so you can attend Ms. Yarbrough's reception at The Tipton County Museum.



**A DAY OF ART
AT THE TIPTON COUNTY MUSEUM**

Lecture & Painting

Lectures 10—11: 30 a.m.; Free to Members, \$5 General Public

Class 1—4 p.m., \$35 Members, \$40 General Public

No previous art experience required.

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Georgia O'Keeffe March 4, 2017

"Blue Morning Glories"

Henri Matisse May 13, 2017

"Les toits de Collioure"



Paul Cezanne July 8, 2017

"Maison Maria with a View of Chateau Noir"

Wassily Kandinsky November 18, 2017

"Winter Landscape"





Watercolor Botanicals Class met at the Tipton County Museum in Covington last Tuesday. The classes are taught by museum director Barrie Foster and continue through the end of this month. Call 901-476-0242 for more information.



Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center Winter 2017 Newsletter

The year 2016 was a fruitful one for the Tipton County Museum! On October 11, 2016, the Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center became a **Certified Wildlife Habitat** with the **National Wildlife Federation**. We are proud of this designation, and of our Nature Center, which provides our wildlife food, water, cover, and places to raise their young. Our **Nature Trail** behind the museum is an easy half mile hike, and is a great place to observe wildlife in their natural habitat. The trail makes a large loop, so there is no risk of getting lost. There is no charge to hike the trail, which is open during daylight hours.

Sherri Onorati is the new “**Archivist and Program Coordinator**” at the Tipton County Museum. Sherri is a retired Navy Chief, a genealogist, and a former reporter for the Leader. She has been busy perusing our artifacts, and has added many of them to our military exhibit. This new exhibit, “**More Stories from Home**” is now on display, and contains not only artifacts from the Vietnam era, but artifacts from World War I, World War II, and the Korean War as well. Please visit us soon and see what’s new!

In addition to our military and nature exhibits inside the museum, we are adding a third exhibit in, “**Tipton County: Our Rich Heritage**,” that chronicles the rich history of Tipton County. Featured in this exhibit is Historian **Ms. Hattye Yarbrough**, who taught school in Tipton County for many years. We are proud to recognize Ms. Hattye, who recently donated her scrapbook to the Smithsonian’s National Museum of African American History. Please join us on Thursday evening, **February 16, 2017 at 5:30** as we celebrate **Black History Month**, our “**Tipton County: Our Rich Heritage**” exhibit, and we honor Ms. Hattye for her contributions to our community. Refreshments will be served and everyone is invited.

The **February Gardening Series** is returning! Every Saturday morning in February from 10 until 11:30 there a gardening lecture in our conference room. On February 4, Tipton County Master Gardener **Sherl Rose** presents “**Grandpa’s Vegetable Garden.**” On February 11, Garden Historian **Dominique Bellott** presents “**Nature Symbolism and Enlightenment,**” which is about the history of Japanese Gardens. On February 18, University of Tennessee Commercial Horticulture Extension Agent **Booker T. Leigh** presents “**Getting Your Lawn Ready for Summer**” and on February 25 Tipton County Master Gardener **Paula Sweatt** will talk about container gardens and vertical landscapes in “**How Does Your Garden Grow?**” Lectures are free to Museum Members and \$5 General Public. Museum memberships start at \$25 and are available at the door. Membership entitles you to free lectures, a 10% discount at our gift shop, and reduced program fees for art classes.

Our **Veteran of the Month** program continues to be a success! We now have honored twenty four Tipton County Veterans for their service and dedication to our country. It is vital we recognize and honor these fine men and women in their lifetime. This recognition stretches beyond the local level; **Tennessee State Representative Debra Moody** and **Tennessee Speaker of the House Beth Harwell** award a proclamation and a U.S. flag that has been flown over the state capital in Nashville to each honoree. The Veteran of the Month reception is held the **second Tuesday evening of each month at 6:30**. Refreshments are always served, and everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. If you would like to nominate a Tipton County Veteran for this honor, please call the museum at (901) 476-0242 and we will gladly mail you a nomination form.

Richard Reed is our **2017 Artist in Residence**. Richard is an award winning artist, a retired Visual Arts Teacher from Munford High School, and a member of both the Tipton Art League and the Memphis Sketchers. His exhibit “**A Sketch a Day or More**” will be on display in the conference room beginning in January. You will have the chance to meet him on Tuesday evening, **January 24, 2017 at 5:30** when we have a reception in his honor. Refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome. We are looking forward to Richard lecturing and teaching art classes in 2017!

In addition to celebrating Black History Month in February, the Tipton County Museum will be celebrating **Women’s History Month in March** with a variety of events. On **Saturday, March 4**, Artist in Residence Richard Reed will lecture about **Georgia O’Keeffe** at 10 a.m., and he and Museum Director Barrie Foster will lead participants in **painting O’Keeffe’s “Blue Morning Glories”** from 1 to 4 p.m. in the conference room. The lecture is free to Museum Members and \$5 General Public, and the painting class is \$35 for Museum Members and \$40 General Public. No previous art experience is required, and we furnish all the supplies. We ask that you do register for the art class, so we can be sure to have plenty of art supplies for everyone. Then on **Saturday, March 11**, Garden Historian Dominique Bellott will be talking about the evolution of women landscape architects in “**Women in the Garden**” at 10 a.m. Her lecture is free to Museum Members and \$5 General Public. On **Saturday, March 18**, Military Women Across the Nation will present “**Women’s Military Service through the Years**” at 10 a.m. This event is free to Museum Members and \$5 General Public.

Director Barrie Foster continues to teach art at the Tipton County Museum. She will be teaching “Watercolor Botanicals” on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8. Class dates are **January 31, February 7, 21, & 28**. Program fee is \$60 Museum Members and \$80 General Public. **No previous art experience is required**. Please call the Tipton County Museum at (901) 476-0242 for a supply list and to register for the class.

Because of the generous support of our members, the City of Covington, and Tipton County, there is no admission fee to tour the Tipton County Museum. We also gratefully acknowledge the support of the Tipton County Veterans Council, Bank of Tipton, Patriot Bank, the Tipton County Master Gardeners, and our volunteers. If you are not already a member of the Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial, and Nature Center, please consider becoming one in 2017. Just call the museum at (901) 476-0242 and we will gladly mail you a membership application.

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**At the Tipton County Museum
In Covington!**

Museum Dollars! We now have Museum Dollars at the Tipton County Museum in Covington. They may be purchased for any amount and may be used towards Museum Memberships, our Gift Shop, and Art Classes. They make great gifts and may be purchased at any time. Just call the Tipton County Museum at (901) 476-0242 and we will be glad to help you.

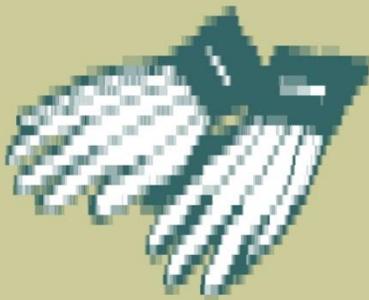
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Saturday, February 4th 10 - 11:30 A.M.

“Grandpa’s Vegetable Garden”

- Guest Speaker – Sherl Rose: Urban Homesteader, former President and Vice President of the Tipton County Master Gardener Association, founder of the Facebook gardening groups “The Hippy Homesteader” and “3 B’s Gardener”

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“Nature Symbolism and Enlightenment” - History of Japanese Gardens

- Guest Speaker – Dominique Bellott, Master’s Degrees in Speech Pathology and Romance Languages & Literature, University of Memphis Italian instructor, Rhodes College French Language and Literature instructor.

Saturday, February 18th: 10 - 11:30 A.M.

“Getting Your Lawn Ready for Summer”

- Guest Speaker – Booker T. Leigh, University of Tennessee Commercial Horticulture Extension Agent

Saturday, February 25th: 10 - 11:30 A.M.

“How Does your Garden Grow?”**

- Guest Speaker – Paula Sweatt, Tipton County Master Gardener. **Feel free to bring pass-a-long plants

This event is being made possible in part by the following
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Veteran of the Month for February, 2017**

Charles Edward Mason

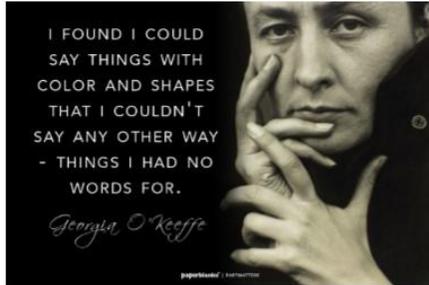
Born in Tipton County in 1941, Charles Edward Mason graduated from Frazier High School in 1961. In 1967, after helping his grandfather farm in Tipton County for several years, Charles was drafted into the U.S. Army. He began his service in Ft. Benning, Georgia, and was eventually sent to Vietnam as an infantryman for 12 months. It was during this time that he earned and was awarded the Purple Heart. The Army provided Charles an opportunity to visit areas of the world that were previously simply names on a globe. In addition to his tours in Vietnam and in Ft. Knox, Kentucky, as a basic training instructor, he served two tours of duty in Germany, two in Korea, one in Honduras, and one in Panama. He retired in 1992 and returned to Tipton County for his second career: 18 years as a driver and instructor for Swift Transportation.

In addition to the Purple Heart, he was awarded the Air Medal, the Bronze Star, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Expert Infantry Badge, and the Combat Infantryman Badge. Charles is a Deacon and Superintendent of Smith Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Brighton. Charles has always appreciated nature and what it provides us. In addition to the enjoyment he received from working on his grandfather's farm, he has been an avid hunter throughout his life. He is the very proud father of three daughters, two of whom live locally; the third lives in Ft. Benning, Georgia. He also enjoys socializing with his Veteran friends over morning coffee at the local McDonalds several times a week. Two of his granddaughters, Teddrianna Morgan and Jacquana Pearson, nominated him 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:
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