

Highlights from
September 05-15 *

Public Works Committee Approves Street Paving and Railroad Crossing Repairs

The Public Works Committee held its regular monthly meeting at Covington City Hall on September 5, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. with the following members present: Chairman Alderman Mac McGowan, Alderman Drew Glass, Alderman John Edwards, and Mayor Justin Hanson. Also present were Public Works Director David Gray, Building Official Lessie Fisher, Alderman Jere Hadley, Tim Sallee, Russ Phillips, Nathan Wells, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Street Superintendent James Dowell, and Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn.

Chairman Alderman Mac McGowan called meeting to order.

Russ Phillips and Nathan Wells with PATH Company gave a presentation on LED Street Lighting discussing the cost and savings. Other companies will bring presentations before the Committee.

Motion was made by Alderman John Edwards and seconded by Alderman Drew Glass to take the presentation under advisement. Motion passed.

Public Works Director David Gray presented estimates on street paving. The streets listed to be paved in the fall are East Sherrod to College to Hwy 51 and Murphy from Shelton Street to the city limit sign. The cost for these two streets is \$107,000.00. The new routes for solid waste collection will go into effect October 2, 2017. Public Works will begin delivery of new roll-outs on October 25th. Utility Board training does not have to be completed until board members are elected or reappointed. The roof replacement for the Maintenance Building had the bid opening on September 6, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. The CN Railroad Crossings repairs are scheduled to begin in about three weeks. These repairs include Hope Street modifications, Industrial Road, Ripley Street, and East Liberty.

Motion was made by Alderman John Edwards and seconded by Mayor Justin Hanson to approve the paving of the two streets as recommended by Public Works Director David Gray. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Alderman John Edwards and seconded by Mayor Justin Hanson to accept the report from Public Works Director David Gray. Motion passed.

Building Official Lessie Fisher gave the August Code Division report. An Ordinance to rezone Properties on Hwy 51 South and Winn Avenue will go before the Board for approval. An Ordinance to amend text of the Municipal Zoning Ordinance M-1 (Industrial Park) District will also go before the Board for approval.

Motion was made by Alderman John Edwards and seconded by Alderman Drew Glass to accept the report from Code Enforcement/Building Official Lessie Fisher. Motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

General Welfare and Public Relations Committee Approves LED Lighting plan for Airport

The General Welfare and Public Relations Committee held its regular monthly meeting in the Lower Level Conference Room at Covington City Hall on September 12, 2017. Present were Alderman Chairman Drew Glass, Airport Director Robin Anderson, Parks and Rec Director Joseph Mack, Museum Director Barrie Foster, Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Alderman Jere Hadley, Mayor Justin Hanson, Alderman C.H. Sullivan, Assistant to the Mayor Sara Gangaware, Alderman John Edwards, Alderman Mac McGowan, Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce Director Maleia Evans, Shannon Beasley, and Jennifer Moss.

Chairman Alderman Glass called the meeting to order at 1:00 and called on Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce Director Maleia Evans to address the committee regarding the upcoming HERITAGE FESTIVAL.

Chamber Director Maleia Evans on Heritage Festival, 2017

- Three day event – focused on tourism/economic development with a destination festival covering three days
 - Thursday, Sept. 21 – Farm to Table Dinner – a community dinner on town square from local farmers and prepared by local restaurants.
 - Friday, Sept 22 – two horse-drawn carriages providing tours of Covington Historic District starting on south side of square. There are 4 stops on tour with hop-on – hop-off options and brochures will be provided. 10:00 am – 6:00 pm. \$5 per ticket. Friday night – celebration at Tipton County Museum honoring local artists and authors – free admission.
 - Saturday, Sept 23 – Get Fit 5K race in morning (8:00 am). Arts and crafts on square **and** music festival (with over 100 vendors and multiple bands) will begin at 8:45 with a children’s parade with a “**Scarecrow Roll ‘N Stroll**” theme. Arts and crafts booths will end at 4:00, but music will continue at 6:30 with Bryan Hayes and the Retrievers on the square.

Director Joe Mack – Parks and Recreation

- Parks and Rec Fees:
 - Tournaments – 10% gate fee and 15% of concessions
 - Stage - \$654 – includes delivery and pick up
 - Fairgrounds and Riding Arena – 15% gate fee and 15% concessions
 - Special Events - \$100
- Shannon Beasley was present representing The Homerun Club – CHS softball support group. They raise money for students’ uniforms and other supplies and needs for the Charger softball program. They want to host a softball tournament (The Gaynell Clay Tournament Sept 23 & 24) benefitting CHS softball, and Beasley asked for a waiver of fees since it is for the high school team. Alderwoman Bommer motioned to waive the 15% concession fee for this tournament, but will require the 10% entry fee and Alderman Hadley seconded. Motion passed.
- More discussion took place regarding fees and Mayor Hanson motioned to raise the stage fee to \$850 per rental and Alderwoman Bommer seconded. Motion passed.
- Mack suggested bench dedications throughout our parks and suggested \$350 per plaque and \$1000 per bench. Alderwoman Bommer motioned to accept Mack’s suggested costs of \$350 per plaque and \$1000 per bench in memory or dedication and Alderman Hadley seconded. Motion passed

- Get Fit 5K – September 23 – 8:00 start - \$30 entry fee and this **INCLUDES T-shirts!** Proceeds from this event will be used to purchase equipment for our Sportsplex, including a recumbent Bike, Barbells, and Elliptical machines.
- **SWIRL** – Swim – Weight-train – Inspire – Run for Life – a partnership with **RELAY FOR LIFE**. NON-MEMBERS will be given a complimentary membership for the month of October to participate in this fundraiser for RELAY FOR LIFE.
- Parks and Rec will participate in **Health Expo** – St. Luke Baptist Church Sept 15 – 10:00 – 2:00
- **Yoga in the Garden** – FREE YOGA CLASSES in the museum garden – October 3 at 5:00 pm and October 5 at 8:30 am. Classes will be held in Sportsplex if there is inclement weather

Mayor Hanson motioned to accept Director Mack’s report and was seconded by Alderwoman Bommer. Motion passed

Alderman McGowan addressed the committee by saying that he believes that every neighborhood in Covington should be a “good” neighborhood and he wanted to make some suggestions for playgrounds/community areas to add quality of life. Neighborhoods he suggested were around South Maple Street, around the old Compress, and in the Watkins Subdivision. He suggested considering these things when we begin strategic planning.

- Jennifer Moss addressed the committee regarding raising money for Jackson Hughey with a co-ed slow-pitch softball tournament at Baltzer Field in October. All workers, including umpires and concession workers, will be volunteers and there will be no entry to the games. However, they will charge teams to \$150 to enter. Alderwoman Bommer motioned to waive the concession fee and stick to the 10% entry fee and motion passed. This was same as for The Homeroom Club.

Airport Director Robin Anderson

- Fuel Sales – increase in fuel sales for a total of \$4252 for August
- Airport Inspection – annual event – report was good with no violations cited and license was granted. Copy of the report was included in Anderson’s handouts. License is good through December 2018.
- Pavement Rehab project is complete and Anderson is pleased with the results and tenants are happy.
- New project Anderson proposed is for LED lighting at the airport – that will include furnishing and installing LED taxiway edge lights, runway threshold end lighting, and the REIL system. Project estimates also include removing existing lighting and underground cable for a total of roughly a million dollar grant project with a 5% match from the City of Covington. It is estimated this will result in a cost savings of nearly \$10,000 per year. Mayor Hanson motioned to proceed with the LED lighting grant project pending there is enough money in airport budget to cover the 5% match, and Alderwoman Bommer seconded. Motion passed. Anderson will present the project in October.
- Glass motioned to accept Anderson’s report and Hadley seconded. Motion passed.

Museum Director Barrie Foster

- Veteran of the Month reception will be tonight – honoring Vietnam Veteran Terry Wayne McWilliams
- Isaac Hayes exhibit is still up at museum
- Just finished oil painting workshop – museum was awarded grant monies from Tennessee Arts Commission for the painting workshop.
- Party with the Pollinators was last week with 56 attendees.
- Sept 22 – Museum gift shop gala 5:30 – 7:00 with book signings.
- New Tipton County Pulse is online with Master Gardener Cheryl Rose – next pulse program will be interview with Susan Cheairs of the Tipton County library
- August 12 – September 15 – Children’s artwork on display

- Museum is a [Monarch Waystation](#) with Monarch Watch. In 2017, museum also became a [Certified Wildlife Habitat](#) with the National Wildlife Federation.
- October Garden Series will take place at 10:00 on Saturdays in October at the Tipton County Museum.

Alderman Hadley motioned to accept Director Foster's report and Alderwoman Bommer seconded. Motion passed. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

DEPARTMENTAL TIDBITS

keeping you up-to-date with what's going on in our city

HUMAN RESOURCES:

- **Human Resources/Special Events are finally in new offices at the Covington Municipal Center. Our address is 100 West Washington Avenue. We are unpacking boxes but ready for business. If anyone needs to contact us, the HR office phone number is 901-475-7170.**
- **During the Heritage Festival next weekend, we will be set up on Main Street in front of the Covington Municipal Center building to distribute informational brochures about the CMC. Please stop by to see us.**
- **New fall flags are up on our downtown square. Thanks to the Covington Gas Department for sponsoring them.**
- **Coming soon: Dates and times TBA!**
CMC Open House
Christmas Parade

PARKS AND RECREATION:

- **The Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a Swimming, Weight Lifting, Inspiring, Running/Biking SWIRL For Life Challenge with 100% of the proceeds going to our local American Cancer Society affiliate Tipton County Relay for Life. We are asking all of our Covington Sportsplex and Covington Aquatics Center members to participate and donate \$1 for each lap swim and/or mile run during the month of October. NON-MEMBERS will be granted a free month "special" membership in order to participate in this event. As a special incentive we are giving away a FREE Pool Party to whoever swims the most laps and a FREE Water and Weights membership to whoever lifts the most and whoever runs the most miles during the month. Call 901-476-3734 for more information/details.**
- **The Get Fit 5K is September 23. Sign up today and get started on your **life changing fitness** journey. Sign up online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/TN/Covington/CovingtonParksandRec5k> or stop in to the Sportsplex to sign up in person. Why wait until the NEW YEAR? Start the NEW YOU with this fun event!**

- **Back by popular demand....we will once again host Yoga in the Garden! THIS IS **FREE** ! Join us in the garden at the Tipton County Museum on October 3 at 5:00 pm and October 5 at 8:30 am.**
- **Soccer sign-ups continue – games will start VERY SOON. Call 476-3734**

Museum:

- **Friday night was Party with the Pollinators. There were approximately 56 people present, including a Girl Scout troop. The weather was perfect, and the master gardeners all brought herb-themed refreshments.**
- **Saturday was the 2nd oil painting workshop with Mike Elkins. Nineteen people participated. Participants enjoyed lunch provided by Mr. BBQ.**
- **Tuesday night was September Veteran of the Month reception. The reception honored Vietnam Veteran Terry Wayne McWilliams. His family, other veterans, and others were present and girl scouts served refreshments.**
- **On Wednesday, a tree fell on the museum grounds, so the museum had to be closed for 2 days. Sherri Onorati has spent time with artifacts, and preparations are being finalized for the Gift Shop Gala on the 22nd.**
- **Director Barrie Foster will be filming “What’s Growing On” with Booker T. Leigh in Memphis, as well as the next edition of “Tipton County Pulse” on with Tipton County Librarian Susan Cheairs.**

PUBLIC WORKS AND STREETS:



Covington Utility Crews are in the process of replacing old water and gas meters with new remote-read meters.

COVINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT:

- **On September 9, Robert Jesse White, a former Covington Firefighter who was killed in the line of duty on November 17, 1943 while battling a fire on the West side of the court square, was added to The Fallen Firefighter Memorial.**
- **On September 13, Covington Firefighters completed 8 hours of Hazardous Material In-service Training.**
- **Fire Chief Michael Naifeh and Lieutenant Jeremy Channell have been deployed with Tennessee Task Force -1 to relieve flood victims. The latest update stated they are back in Georgia, awaiting orders for next mission.**
- **Volunteer Firefighter recruitment efforts are in full swing. We have 4 new applicants.**
- **The Covington Fire Department responded to a total 53 calls the week of Sept. 9th -14th .**
Care Officer Mark Heaston attended Health Expo @ St. Luke Baptist Church September 15.

CONSTITUTION DAY 
SEPTEMBER 17TH

Grace Race held in support of the Boys and Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region



For the third consecutive year, Covington has hosted Grace Race through the streets of our city to support the Boys and Girls Club. Congratulations to all the organizers and participants and thank you for your generosity!



Many of the Girls and Boys Club members participated in the race (above).

Overall race winners are Joe Washam and Haley Simpson. Left, Donna and Dave Camiel won in their individual categories. To see all category winners, click [HERE](#).

Mayor Hanson Served on Tennessee Public Health Association Panel Discussion in Franklin



The Tennessee Public Health Association held its Annual Conference in Franklin, Tennessee where Covington Mayor Justin Hanson, Mayor Patti Carroll of Fairview, TN, and Patrick Dean, Executive Director of the Mountain Goat Trail Alliance, served on a panel discussion and shared the benefits of partnering with their local health departments.



Tipton County Health Department Director Matt McDaniel was also at the conference and thanked Mayor Hanson for participating.

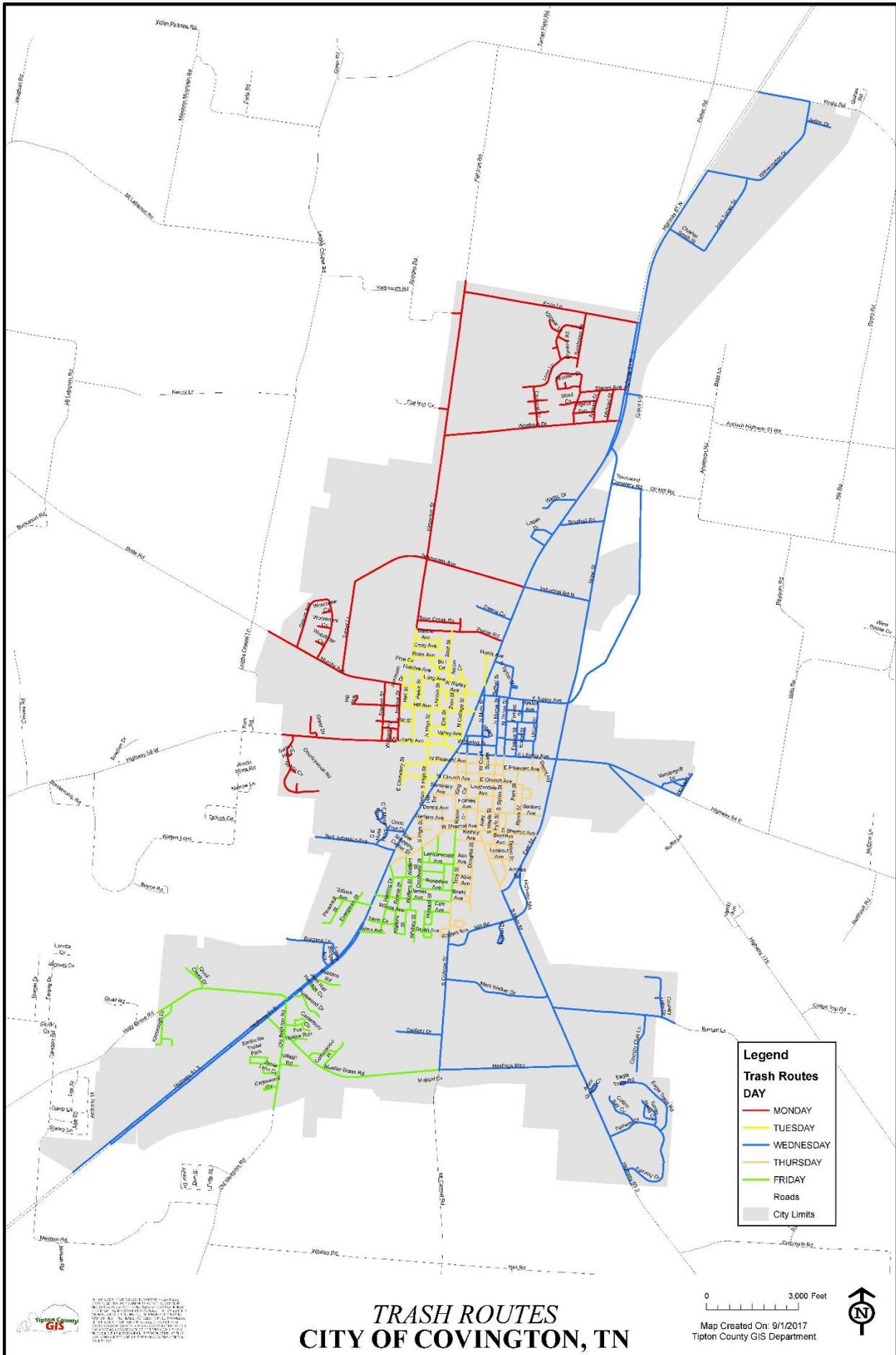
Covington Residents may have Change in Trash Pick-Up

Beginning in October, 2017, there will be a change in the scheduled pick-up of Covington roll-out garbage. **Please refer to the map *below*** to see when your NEW pick-up day will be.

The map is color-coded for your convenience as follows:

- RED streets/areas will be picked up on Mondays
- YELLOW streets/areas (west of highway 51) will be picked up on Tuesdays
- BLUE streets/areas will be picked up on Wednesdays
- GOLD streets/areas (east of highway 51) will be picked up on Thursdays
- GREEN streets/areas will be picked up on Fridays.

It is possible that your pick-up day **will not change**. If you have any questions, please call 901-476-9613 ext. 146, 118, or 127 for assistance or come by City Hall at 200 West Washington Street, Covington.



Tipton County GIS

TRASH ROUTES CITY OF COVINGTON, TN

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Tipton County GIS Department





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GINNY IS TOUGH.

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Location: Covington City Hall
200 West Washington Street
Covington, TN 38019

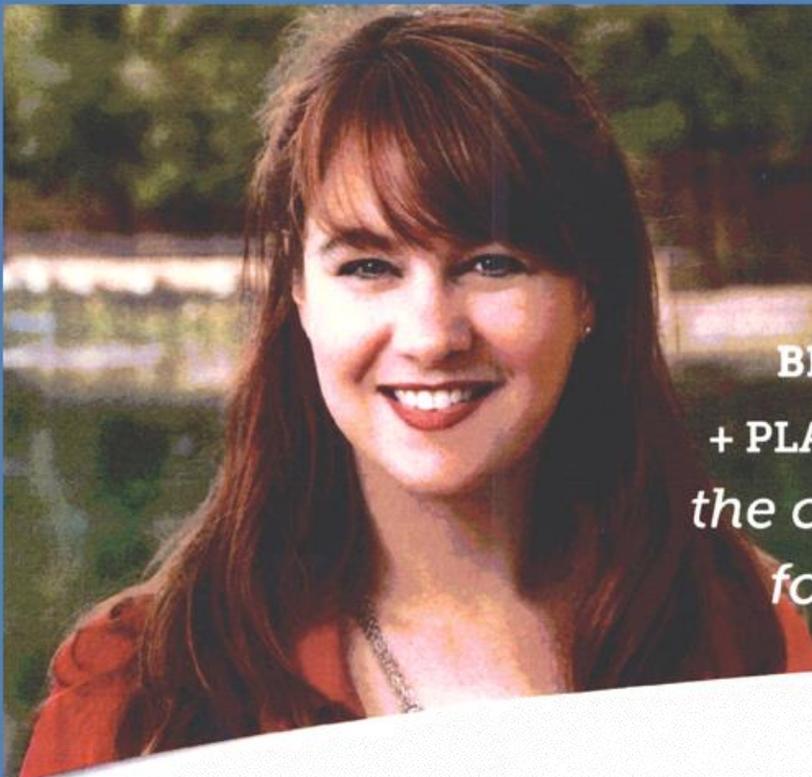
Tuesday, September 19
9:00 am – 2:00 pm

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please visit
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Location: Baptist Tipton

Thursday, September 21st

12:00 pm - 4:30 pm

**For more information, or to schedule an appointment,
please contact Myra Cousar at 901-476-2621.**

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Final Preparations underway for Heritage Festival

This year's festival Bigger and Better than Ever!



Download Vendor Applications today to secure your booth for the Arts & Crafts Fair! Spots going fast!

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Covington, TN

COVINGTON - TIPTON COUNTY
HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Sept. 21-23, 2017

THURSDAY
Farm to Table Dinner
FRIDAY
Vintage Carriage Tours of Historic District
Artist & Author Exhibition
SATURDAY
Arts, Crafts, & Music Fair on the Square
www.covington-tiptoncochamber.com/heritagefestival



Starting next Thursday night, the first ever three day Heritage Festival will kick off with a huge Farm-to-Table dinner right on the court square. Carriage rides will offer hop on – hop off tours of our historic district all day Friday, and music, arts, and crafts will be the order of the day Saturday. Above, final preparations took place at the Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce with Director Maleia Evans and the Chamber staff, Covington Public Works Department, Covington Police Department, Covington Codes Department, members of the Rotary Club, and the Mayor's Office. Bring your family and friends and ENJOY this fun-filled event right here in Covington, Tennessee!

Don't miss this one!

DSCC's Annual Alumni Dinner Meeting and Silent Auction Slated for Sept. 19

Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) will host its Annual Alumni Dinner Meeting and Silent Auction Tuesday, Sept. 19, at 6 p.m. DSCC alumni and their guests are invited to enjoy a catered dinner on the Student Center Terrace on the Dyersburg campus with special entertainment and a silent auction to benefit the DSCC Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. The cost to attend is \$20 per person. Guests must RSVP by Friday, Sept. 15, by calling 731-286-3349 or emailing clay@dsc.edu.



Constitution Day Activities Planned at DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center

Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) will celebrate [Constitution Day](#) Monday, Sept. 18, at the DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County. During this time, materials honoring the U.S. Constitution will be displayed in the Learning Resource Center and educational videos will be played on the internal digital signage. The Daughters of the American Revolution, dressed in period costumes, will host an information table inside the DSCC Learning Resource Center, Student Center and Tipton County Public Library. James Adair, associate professor of Mathematics, will perform a social call dressed as William Jackson, Secretary to the U.S. Constitutional Convention in 1787, at 1 p.m. The public is invited to attend. For more information, contact Stephen Thomas, director of student life, at stthomas@dsc.edu.



15th Annual Ida Mae Theus-Mays Scholarship Celebration Set for Sept. 23

The 15th Annual Memorial Scholarship and Honor Celebration to benefit the Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) Ida Mae Theus-Mays Memorial Scholarship Fund has been set for Saturday, Sept. 23, at 6:30 p.m., at the DoubleTree Hotel in Jackson, Tennessee.

This annual event celebrates the memory of Ida Mae Theus-Mays, a devout believer and supporter of education and the founder of Faith Deliverance Apostolic Church. The Ida Mae Theus-Mays Memorial Scholarship Fund was established to provide an education for second-year full-time students at DSCC. In order to be eligible for the scholarship, students must have and maintain a minimum 2.5 grade-point average, be active in student life activities at DSCC, and an active member of a Christian-centered church. The trustees of Faith Deliverance Apostolic Church make the selection in coordination with DSCC financial aid guidelines.

Cost is \$40 per person in advance or \$50 at the door. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the DSCC Business Office inside the E.B. Eller Administration Building on the Dyersburg campus. Group pricing is available by contacting Emma Reynolds at 731-286-3215 or 731-285-8619.



Estella Mayhue-Greer, president and chief executive officer (CEO) of the Mid-South Food Bank, will serve as the guest speaker during the event. Mayhue-Greer began her career at the Mid-South Food Bank in 1996 as the agency relations director and later was promoted to director of programs in 2002. In 2004, she became senior vice president and chief operating officer (COO).

Mayhue-Greer started the Kids Café and the Food for Kids Backpack Programs to address childhood hunger. She also began the Mobile Pantry Program to increase distribution of food to rural counties and increased both the quality and quantity of food distributed to partner agencies to fight hunger in the Mid-South Food Bank's 31-county service area.

Prior to joining the Mid-South Food Bank, Mayhue-Greer was a lecturer at Christian Brothers University while maintaining her own public relations and marketing firm. Before that, she was an adjunct instructor at the University of Memphis, a partner in JEL Communications, and worked in marketing and public relations with the City of Memphis, Methodist Health Systems and the Regional Medical Center. She holds bachelors and master's degrees in communication from the University of Memphis.

Mayhue-Greer is a graduate of Leadership Tennessee Class IV and Leadership Memphis. She is active in Kiwanis Club of Memphis; Justice, Unity, Generosity, Service International, Memphis Chapter; and The Links, Memphis Chapter. She currently serves on the Trezevant Manor board of directors, The University of Tennessee Health Science Center Community Advisory Board and was a member of Mayor Jim Strickland's Transition Team. She received the 2015 Memphis City Council Humanitarian Award. She was named one of Memphis Business Journal's "Super Women in Business" in 2015, a "Woman of Courage" by Dress for Success, "Corporate Woman of Excellence" by Grace Magazine in 2013 and "50 Women Who Make A Difference" in 2007. She was featured in Memphis Magazine's "Who's Who in Memphis" and in Memphis Business Quarterly as a Power Player.



- September 15-17 – F-Body Nationals at Memphis International Raceway (Millington)
- September 18 – Constitution Day Celebration at DSCC- Covington – sthomas@dscce.edu.
- September 19 – [LifeBlood](#) at Covington City Hall – 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
- September 19 – Banned Book Jeopardy – Tipton County Public Library – 2:00
- September 21 – [LifeBlood](#) at Baptist Tipton – noon – 4:30
- September 21 – 23 – [COVINGTON – TIPTON COUNTY HERITAGE FESTIVAL](#)
- September 22 – Gift Shop Gala – Tipton County Museum – 5:30 – 7:00
- September 22 – Local author Helen Henderson will sign her books at the [Tipton County Museum](#)
- September 23 – Get Fit 5-K – 8:00 am Call 901-476-3734 or scroll down for more information
- September 23 – Tipton County Commission on Aging YARD SALE! Scroll down for information....
- September 28 – [Annual Industrial Appreciation Golf Tournament](#) – Covington Country Club
- September 28 – [GO JIM GO](#) comes to COVINGTON! Meet JIM and the crew on the COVINGTON SQUARE at 11:30!
- October 01 – November 05 – Vote for your favorite SQUARECROW!
- Saturdays in October – Gardening Series at the Museum – Saturdays at 11:30 am
- October 03 – Yoga in the Garden – FREE – 5:00 pm Scroll down for details.....
- October 05 – Yoga in the Garden – FREE – 8:30 am Scroll down for details.....
- October 05 – Domestic Violence Awareness Rally – 9:00 – Courthouse Lawn in Covington – please bring non-perishable food item – scroll down to read more.
- October 7 – 8 – Tipton Family Conference - Plan to join in for this historical conference about Tipton County from the decedents of General Jacob Tipton. Scroll down for more information.....
- October 19 – 21 – BOOK SALE at Tipton County Library
CHECK OUT THE ACTIVITIES at the library during FALL BREAK...scroll down for more info.....
- November 9-10-11 – Christmas Open House on the Square
- November 10 – Veteran’s Day Parade
- November 18 – A Day of Art – Tipton County Museum – scroll down for more info.....
- November 27 – Christmas Parade in Covington



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

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[South Tipton Chamber of Commerce](#)

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

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[Tipton County Museum](#)

*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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Coming Soon...

5th Annual Scarecrow Contest!



It's time to plan your Scarecrow Designs for the annual contest hosted by the Covington Economic Development Corporation!

IMPORTANT DATES

Aug. 28th-Sept. 15th	Submit entry form/fee & pick up frame at Chamber
Sept 25th-Sept. 29th	Installation week for Scarecrows
Sept. 29th-Nov. 6th	All Scarecrows displayed in Downtown Covington Historic Square
Oct. 1st-Nov. 5th	VOTE, VOTE, VOTE, for your favorites entries
November 6th	All 5 Winners Announced
Nov. 6th-Nov. 17th	Pick up Scarecrow Entries

Reduce-Reuse-Recycle

We encourage you to help us Keep Tipton County Beautiful by using recycled materials to build your scarecrows.

Scarecrow Themes

Most Traditional

These scarecrows should be designed to look most like a traditional fall scarecrow seen on a farm or as a yard decoration.

Most Famous Character

Whether a famous actor, musician, tv character, or local leader, create scarecrows in this category to resemble someone OR something that's easily recognizable!

Greenest

Absolutely all materials used to create scarecrows in this category have been recycled or found at no cost to the designer!



For more details, call 901 476 9727
or email lauren@covington-tiptoncochamber.com



HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Happenings

September 21st - 23rd



Farm to Table Dinner & Heritage Fest '17 KickOff Reception

Thursday, Sept. 21st
6:00pm

VIP Reception at 5:30pm

Court Square West
Covington, TN 38019
(Farmers Market Pavilion, if rain)

Limited to First 100 Tickets Purchased

LESS THAN 25 TICKETS REMAIN!
GET YOURS TODAY!

\$40 per person
Or
\$350 Corporate Sponsorship
(which includes 8 tickets)

Call (901) 476-9727 for more info

Thursday, Sept 21st

New Heritage Festival
KickOff Event!

First Annual
Farm to Table Dinner

featuring locally grown
food from our
Farmers Market in a
delicious meal prepared
by our local restaurants.

Participating Restaurants joining
together to prepare the Farm to
Table dinner are:

- Billings' Bald Butcher
- Court Square Cafe
- Little Jimmy's Lunchbox
- Milano's
- Old Town Hall Cafe
- Pappy & Jimmie's
- Wyatt Earp's
Steakhouse

Friday, Sept 22nd

**Horse-drawn Carriage
Tours
and
Historical Narrations
through the
Historic District**

10am-6pm



Horse-drawn Carriage Tours & Historical Narrations

Friday, Sept. 22nd
10:00am-6:00pm

Historic Downtown Court Square
Covington, TN 38019

\$5 per person
Carriage seats 6 passengers

Tour begins on south side of Courthouse and
travels through the beautiful South Main
Historic District and surrounding area

Call (901) 476-9727 for more info

**Celebrate
Tipton County
Artists & Authors
at the
Gift Shop Gala**

**Tipton County Museum
5:30pm-7:00pm**



Covington-Tipton County Heritage Festival & The Tipton County Museum presents the **3rd Annual Gift Shop Gala** Celebrating Tipton County Artists & Authors

Come and meet the artists and authors represented in *Gioiello*, the Gift Shop at the Tipton County Museum. The gift shop will be open for sales, and the authors will be on hand to autograph their books. Refreshments will be served, and everyone is invited!

FREE ADMISSION

Friday, Sept. 22nd
5:30pm-7:00pm

Tipton County Museum,
Veterans Memorial & Nature Center
751 Bert Johnston Ave.,
Covington, TN 38019

Call (901) 476-0242 for more info



#HERITAGEFEST17

Arts and Crafts Fair

FREE ADMISSION

Saturday, Sept. 23rd
9:00am-4:00pm

Historic Downtown Court Square
Covington, TN 38019

Scarecrow Roll n' Stroll Kids Parade
9:00am

Live Music in the Court Square Park
All Day starting at 10am

Food Vendors
Street Performers
Civil War Reenactments

then
Come back at 6pm for
Heritage Fest 2017 Wrap-Up Party
Concert on the Square

**Saturday,
Sept 23rd**

**Annual Arts and
Crafts Fair on the
Square**

**and our new
Heritage Festival Wrap-Up Party
Concert on the Square
6pm
Saturday, Sept 23rd**



Covington-Tipton County Heritage Festival presents

MUSIC FESTIVAL



THE
BEST
MUSIC
EVENT
IN TOWN

FEATURING

The Most Popular Bands in the Region

Recording Artists, Award Winners
and Newcomers alike will fill the
Stage in the Park all day

WHEN IS IT

Saturday, Sept 23rd
10am-4pm
CD Release Party 6pm

WHERE TO

Historic Downtown Court Square Park
Covington, TN

For more info, please contact Covington-Tipton Co Chamber
of Commerce at 901-476-9727 or
Daniel Carroll of Danno's Grill danielcarroll224@gmail.com

[www.covington-tiptoncochamber.com/
heritagefestival](http://www.covington-tiptoncochamber.com/heritagefestival)



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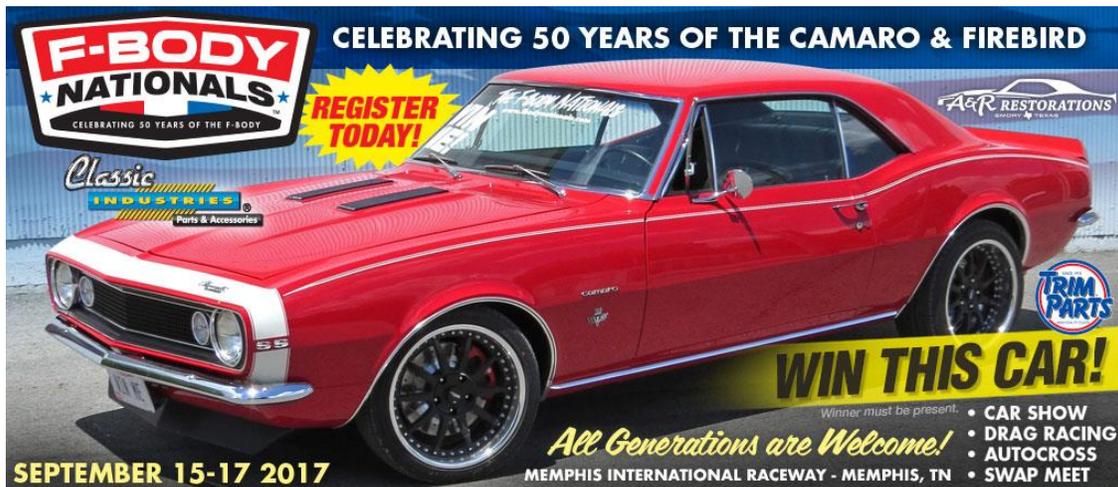
CELEBRATE MUNFORD

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
DOWNTOWN MUNFORD
9AM-5PM

FREE ENTERTAINMENT, CAR & ART
SHOW, CRAFTERS, VENDORS, FUN,
FOOD, PETTING ZOO,
GAMES, KIDS ZONE & MORE!

F-Body Nationals in Millington

September 15-17, 2017 - Memphis International Raceway



Early Bird Special made its way Through Covington

As part of the F-Body Nationals Show in Millington this weekend, car enthusiasts drove down highway 51 from Millington to Covington and toured Don Baskin's car collection.



With the help of Covington Police Department, F-Body vehicles (L) came through Covington in an "Early Bird Special" as part of their F-Body Nationals in Millington this weekend. Below left, Don and Renee Baskin and Peggy Baskin, along with Chamber Director Maleia Evans, Mayor Justin Hanson, Memphis Classic Chevy Club President Burt Milam, and Parks and Rec Director Joe Mack welcomed F-Body Nationals President Chris Baker and the drivers to Covington.



Do you need help completing your TennCare packet?



You may be able to get help completing your paperwork
on line through the Marketplace.

**Please contact Juanita Williams,
[Stanton Health Center](#) for more
information at 731-548-2232.**

Address 17 1st St E
Stanton, Tennessee 38069

Phone (731) 548-2232

Website <http://www.hardemanhealth.org/>

Hours Mon - Fri:8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Health Expo Held At St. Luke

There were booths all around the gymnasium at St. Luke's Baptist Church offering a variety of health related services to those who attended the Tipton County Health Department's Health Expo September 15. The Expo's theme was "FRUIT AND VEGGIES – MORE MATTERS" which focused on eating more fruits and vegetables to combat obesity and chronic disease in Tipton County.





GetFit 5k



Race Your Way To Fitness!

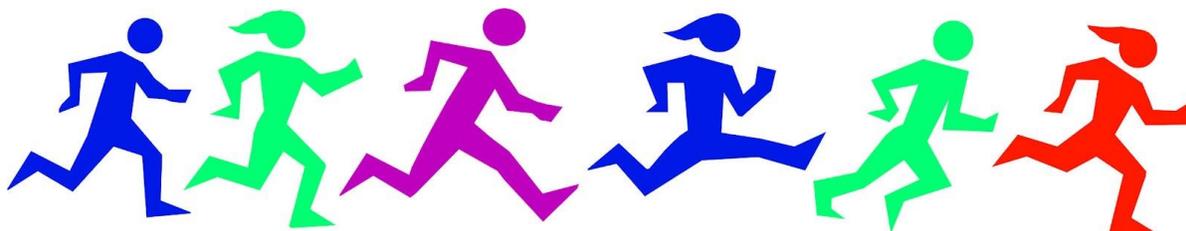
When: Saturday, Sept 23rd @ 8:00 a.m.

**Where: Covington Sportsplex. 790 Bert
Johnston Ave. Covington, TN 38019**

**How to Register: In person at the Sportsplex
or Online on our Facebook Page**

**Scan the QR at the bottom to
access our Social Media sites!!**

**Call us TODAY!!
901-476-3734**





Join us at the

Tipton County Commission on Aging

YARD SALE

401 South College St. Covington, TN 38019

Saturday September 23, 2017

7:00 a.m. until ?

**Donations of gently used items for this fundraiser
would be appreciated.**

Call (901) 476-3333 for information & questions.

REGISTER NOW!

Annual Industrial Appreciation Golf Tournament

scheduled for Thursday, September 28th
at the Covington Country Club

Click [here](#) for the registration form!



Domestic Violence Awareness Event in Covington will kick-off [Awareness Month](#)

On behalf of the Tipton County District Attorney's Office, I want to invite everyone to attend a Domestic Violence Awareness Event which will be held Thursday October 5, 2017, at 9:00 a.m., at the Courthouse on the Square front lawn. County Executive Jeff Huffman and Covington Mayor Justin Hanson will both be on hand to read Proclamations which proclaim that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Tipton County and the city of Covington. We are asking everyone who attends to please bring a non-perishable or canned food item with you to donate to the Carl Perkins Center's food pantry, as several domestic violence victims have recently utilized their pantry. We will be giving out purple ribbons to raise awareness, as well as releasing purple balloons to honor the lives that have been lost to domestic violence in Tipton County and Covington. During Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we shine a light on this violation of the basic human right to be free from violence and abuse, pledge to ensure every victim of domestic violence knows they are not alone, and foster supportive communities that help survivors seek justice and enjoy full and healthy lives.

Please feel free to share this invitation with anyone else who may wish to attend. I look forward to seeing you all there! Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at the number listed below or by email.

Sincerely,

Lindsey R. Williams
Assistant District Attorney General
25th Judicial District
4709 Mueller Brass Road
Covington, TN 38019
901-475-2523
lwilliams@tndagc.org



TIPTON COUNTY
M·U·S·E·U·M
VETERANS MEMORIAL
NATURE CENTER



YOGA IN THE GARDEN

Enjoy **FREE** outdoor Yoga classes surrounded by the majestic beauty of the Garden @ the Tipton County Museum (weather permitting)

Tuesday October 3rd @ 5:00PM
Thursday October 5th @ 8:30AM

751 Bert Johnston Ave
Covington TN 38019

Bring a mat/blanket
& a friend



Coffee with the Mayor
Please join Mayor Hanson for coffee and conversation on the following dates from 7:30 - 9:00

Tuesday, October 3
Tuesday, October 17
Tuesday, October 31
Tuesday, November 14
Tuesday, November 28
Tuesday, December 12

Little Jimmy's Lunch Box
Little Jimmy's Lunch Box

COVINGTON COURT SQUARE FARMERS MARKET



Find us under the Water Tower at 117 North Main Street, Covington!

We are open May - November on the following days:



Tuesdays 8:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.
Thursdays 12:00p.m. - 6:00p.m.
Saturdays 8:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.



Eat Fresh. Buy Local.



Call 901 476 9727 for further details.

Stop by and find out what's in season at the
Covington Court Square Farmers Market!

The Covington Court Square Farmers Market is open

- Tuesdays 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Thursdays 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.
- Saturdays 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Those interested in becoming a Farmers Market Vendor can call
901 476 9727 or email lauren@covington-tiptoncochamber.com



**Benefitting Relay
for Life**

Help fight Cancer

Swim Laps

Run/Bike Miles

Lift Weights

OCTOBER 2017

Swim

Weight Train

Inspire

Run

For Life



Fight Cancer

There is a "can" in Cancer and we can beat it. Join in the fight as we swim, run, and lift weights to support Relay for Life and the American Cancer Society. Sponsorship forms are located at The Covington Sportsplex or Aquatic Center. Forms can also be downloaded. Participation is open to all!!

**COVINGTON PARKS
AND RECREATION**

790 Bert Johnston Ave
Covington, TN 38019

(901) 476-3734

www.covingtontn.com

October 2017



2ND ANNUAL
GOLF TOURNAMENT



OCTOBER

★
5
★

1:00 PM

★
COVINGTON
COUNTRY
CLUB
★

The second annual Tipton Christian Academy golf tournament will be held Thursday, October 5th at 1pm at the Covington Country Club. All proceeds benefit the TCA Athletic Fund. Hamburger lunch served prior to tournament. For more information and to register, contact Beth Dunavant at 901-475-4990.

- 4-man scramble
- \$300 entry fee per team
- 2 flights
- 3 winners per flight
- Hole in One cash prize

WWW.TIPTONCHRISTIANACADEMY.COM

Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce

Gala and Awards

BOOTS
& Bling 2017

Save the Date!

Tickets on Sale October 1st!

Saturday, November 18th

Social Hour with Live Music 6:00pm

Dinner & Awards 7:00pm

Covington Country Club

Corporate Sponsorships Available. Contact Chamber Office at (901) 476-9727.



[Tipton Family Association](#) sets October date to meet in Covington.

Plan to join in for this historical conference about Tipton County from the decedents of General Jacob Tipton

Y'all Come to Tipton County, Tennessee!

The date is set. Plans and arrangements have been made! The 2017 meeting is taking place on October 7th in the Tipton County Public Library, Building C on the campus of the Dyersburg Community College at 3149 Highway 51 South in Covington, TN. With the assistance of Susan Cheairs, Director of the Library, and a scheduled welcome from Dr. Karen Bowyer, President of the College, the meeting place is reserved.

The [Tipton Family Association of America](#) invites all TFAA members to come to Covington. Tipton County borders Shelby County, Tennessee to the north. Memphis is in Shelby County making a major US airport convenient to the meeting place. Meeting in Covington also makes it convenient for TFAA members in Arkansas, Missouri, Louisiana, and states west of the Mississippi River who might come by auto as well as those to the east. Driving from Interstate 40 in Memphis to Covington takes approximately one hour.

For information about travel accommodations or other matters when visiting Covington, Contact the Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce at Post Office Box 683, Covington, Tennessee 38019 or by phone at 901-476-9727 or online at www.covington-tiptoncochamber.com

A promotional graphic for Covington, Tennessee. At the top, the word "COVINGTON" is written in large, bold, serif letters. Below it, the tagline "THE CENTER OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY IN THE HEART OF TIPTON COUNTY" is written in a smaller, sans-serif font. A bulleted list of seven points highlights local amenities and infrastructure. At the bottom, there are three inset images: a portrait of a man in a suit, a large American flag on a tall pole, and an aerial view of a modern industrial or commercial building complex. The background features a faint circular seal with the text "EST. 1825".

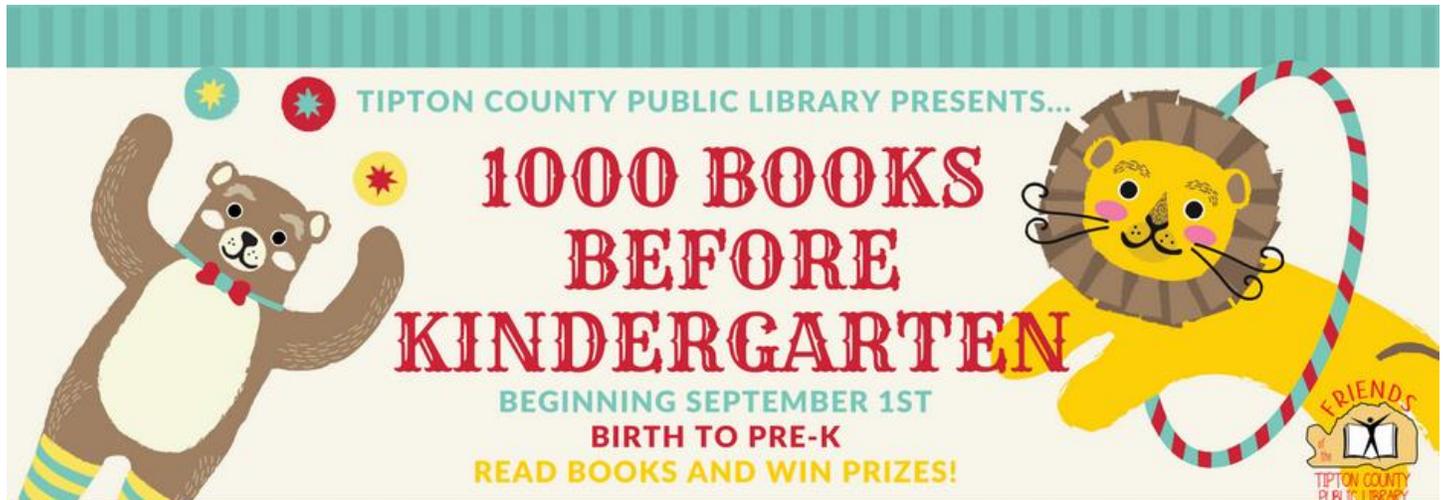
COVINGTON

THE CENTER OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY IN THE HEART OF TIPTON COUNTY

- Industrial and Manufacturing Center of Tipton County
- Beautiful Historic Town Square
- Expanding Retail Business Opportunities
- High Performing Schools and Two Institutions of Higher Learning
- Infrastructure and Support for Industrial and Business Development
- Friendly Community full of Good People
- Mayor and City Leaders with a Vision for Positive and Productive Leadership

EST. 1825

The Library Corner



TIPTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS...

1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1ST
BIRTH TO PRE-K
READ BOOKS AND WIN PRIZES!

According to reading and learning experts, reading aloud with your child is the single most important activity to prepare your child to learn to read. 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten can help your child to:

- Love books and reading
- Enjoy the library (their brains' playground!)
- Learn new words
- Be motivated and curious
- Prepare for reading

Sign-Up Today!

This free program reinforces the fact that parents are their child's first and best teachers. 1000 Books Before Kindergarten helps parents give their children a solid learning foundation.

Join 1000 Books Before Kindergarten to help your preschooler get ready to read!

Win Prizes for every 100 Books Read.
Receive a book bag at 500 books.
Receive a free book, 1000 Books Before Kindergarten T-shirt, and certificate at 1000 books



Finding Your Kin: Beginning Genealogy

**6-WEEK
GENEALOGY COURSE**

Sept 21 -Oct 26

Thursdays

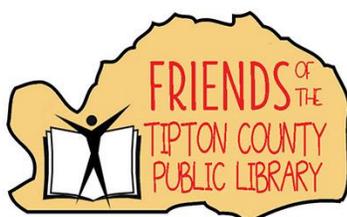
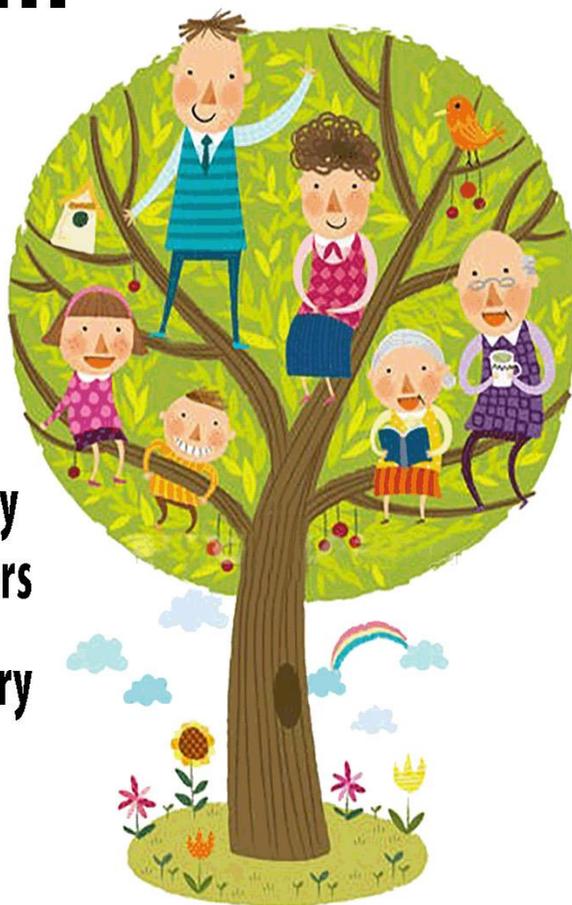
6 - 8pm

**Come learn the steps and develop
the skills that will help**

YOU discover YOUR family origins!

**Course cost: \$65 for Friends of the Library
\$85 for non-Friends members**

**Registration forms available at the Library
or online at www.tcsuperfriends.org**



**Sponsored by the Friends of the
Tipton County Public Library**

Tipton County Public Library Fall Break Programs

oct. 7th

🍂 Family Storytime -
"Pirates!" 10:00am



🍂 Lego Club - 11:00am



oct. 9th

🍂 Teen Movie "Wonder Woman"
(ages 13-17) 4:30pm



oct. 10th

🍂 **STAR WARS** Reads! - 4:00pm

Need more info?
901-476-8289
tiptoncountylibrary.com



oct. 11th

🍂 Lego Club - 2:00pm



oct. 12th

🍂 Preschool Storytime
"Monsters!"
10:00am & 2:00pm



🍂 Kids Movie Time
1:00pm

🍂 Make-It Program
4:00pm

make it!
The Handmade Revolution

Join us during
your break!
All programs &
movies are free!



Free Movie Days

@ the tipton county public library



for adults (ages 18+)

sept 5th
1:00pm



for teens (ages 13-17)

sept 7th
4:30pm



for adults (ages 18+)

sept 26th
1:00pm

enjoy a free movie and refreshments on us!

BANNED BOOK

JEOPARDY!

**TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE ABOUT CHALLENGED
BOOKS THROUGHOUT THE YEARS FOR LIBRARIES.**



ADULTS 18 & UP
SEPTEMBER 19TH AT 2:00^{PM}

AT THE
TIPTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

FALL into some great books

at the

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

BOOK SALE

OCT 19-21

**Tipton County Public Library
DSCC Covington Campus**

MEMBERS PREVIEW NIGHT:

Thursday 4-7pm

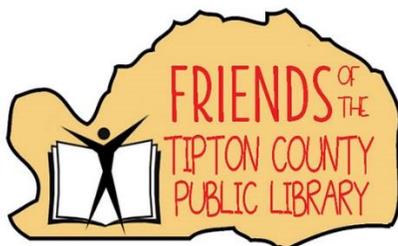
(memberships available at the door)

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Friday 10am to 4pm

Saturday 10am to 2pm

**Your purchase helps the Friends of the Library fund
valuable reading programs at the Library!**



What's Happening at the Museum?

Check it out.... **Tipton County Pulse**

Click here to view: <https://youtu.be/ZGoLD5opQxY>

Isaac Hayes Exhibit at Museum through November



The Tipton County Museum's new Isaac Hayes exhibit is on display through November 30. This exhibit includes pieces from Isaac's private collection that are rarely accessible to the public. See you at the [Tipton County Museum!](#)



Covington-Tipton County Heritage Festival
&
The Tipton County Museum
presents the

3rd Annual Gift Shop Gala

*Celebrating Tipton County
Artists & Authors*

Come and meet the
artists and authors
represented in *Gioiello*, the Gift Shop at the
Tipton County Museum.

The gift shop will be open for sales,
and the authors will be on hand to
autograph their books. Refreshments will be served,
and everyone is invited!

FREE ADMISSION

Friday, Sept. 22nd

5:30pm-7:00pm

Tipton County Museum,
Veterans Memorial & Nature Center
751 Bert Johnston Ave.,
Covington, TN 38019

Call (901) 476-0242 for more info



We are pleased to announce that local author

Helen Henderson

has her books for sale in

Gioiello,

the gift shop at the Tipton County Museum.

Helen is a former feature-story writer and correspondent, and has written fiction for as long as she can remember. We have six of her books for sale in our gift shop, which includes the Dragshi Chronicles and the Windmaster novels. You will be able to meet her in person on September 22 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. during our Gift Shop Gala at the Tipton County Museum. She will be on hand to answer questions and sign her books. See you at the Tipton County Museum!

Tipton County Museum
751 Bert Johnston Avenue
Covington, TN 38019
(901) 476-0242



Party with the Pollinators was Success at Museum

They are perhaps Earth's most unsung heroes: the bees, butterflies, wasps, flies, and other organisms that maintain balanced ecosystems and thus the health of our food supply through pollination. Native insects, in fact, play a crucial role in pollinating and fertilizing up to 75 percent of plant species on earth, and up to a third of our staple food crops rely upon insects alone to disperse their pollen and fertilize their fruits. Imagine a world without coffee, chocolate, apples, and many other foods that are part of our daily lives. That world likely becomes reality without pollinators.



The conference room was full, including a girl scout troop, of people learning how important pollinators are for our lovely flowers and food supply. Master Gardener Sheryl Rose was the presenter (R).



Successful Gardening—An October Event at The Tipton County Museum!



TIPTON COUNTY
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VETERANS MEMORIAL
NATURE CENTER



ADMISSION PER
PROGRAM:

\$5.00 General Public

FREE to Museum
Members

751 Bert Johnston Avenue
PO Box 768
Covington, TN 38019
Phone: 901-476-0242

Saturday, October 7th : 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.

“Do You Have A Tennessee Smart Yard?”

- Guest Speaker – **Chris Cooper**, Shelby County Extension Agent & Host of WKNO’s “The Family Plot: Gardening in the Mid-South.”

Saturday, October 14th : 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.

“The True Story of Victorian Gardens”

- Guest Speaker – **Dominique Bellott**, Garden Historian.

Saturday, October 21st : 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.

“How to Identify Plant Diseases”

- Guest Speaker – **Booker T. Leigh**, Shelby County Extension Agent & Host of WYPL Channel 18’s “What’s Growing On.”

**** Saturday, October 28nd : 10:00 - 11:30 A.M. ****

“Grandfather’s Vegetable Garden”

- Guest Speaker – **Sherl Rose**, Tipton County Master Gardener & Founder of “The Hippie Homesteader.”

**** Bring seeds and cuttings to share with others.**

This event is being made possible in part by the following
Corporate Sponsors:





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.

751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN 38019

(901) 476-0242



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"



Veteran of the Month Honored with Reception at Museum

Tuesday night family, friends, and fellow veterans gathered at the Tipton County Museum to honor Vietnam Veteran Terry Wayne McWilliams, who is the Veteran of the Month for September, 2017. The Girls Scouts once again provided delicious refreshments.

He is pictured with his wife Brenda McWilliams, and his stepdaughter Jackie Lavell King, who nominated him for this honor. His grandchildren were also there - Anthony, Breleen, Madison, and Jackie.



Veteran of the Month Terry Wayne McWilliams thanked the Girls Scouts (above) for serving refreshments at the reception held in his honor at the Tipton County Museum. His family and grandchildren also attended in his support. He was nominated by step-daughter Jackie King.





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

**Veteran of the Month for
September 2017**

Terry Wayne McWilliams



Terry Wayne McWilliams was living in Halls, Tennessee, when he joined the U.S. Navy at the age of 18 on September 28, 1963. After completing boot camp in San Diego, California, his first orders were to report to the USS Isle Royale (AD-29), a repair ship homeported in Long Beach, just up the coast from San Diego. While onboard, he enjoyed deployments to Hawaii, Japan, Hong Kong, and Subic Bay.

His next deployment was destined to be very different. In 1967, his ship received orders to Chu Lai, Vietnam, to assist in salvage operations of two Landing Ship, Tanks (LSTs) that had run aground. His ship arrived in Vietnam during monsoon season. Unable to wait for clear weather, they unloaded supplies in 30 mph winds and sheets of pouring rain. As the sole Cargo Boom Operator, Terry worked without relief from beginning to end of the operation. Needless to say, it took many long hours to remove all the cargo from the grounded vessels; and both the crew and cargo were equally soaked!

Once that task was successfully completed, Terry was assigned to an LST to ferry supplies from ship to shore. Often he and the crew spent nights ashore in make shift houses that let all the rain in, sleeping on soaking wet bedding. During one run, their LST's engine stopped running, leaving them adrift in the channel and sitting ducks for the enemy. It took an inordinate amount of time for help to arrive to tow them back to the USS Isle Royal (AD-29). They soon learned that the man who last serviced the LST had changed the oil but had failed to put oil back in the engine! A rookie mistake that could have cost them their lives, but thankfully didn't.

After four years of service, Seaman Terry Wayne McWilliams was honorably discharged on September 27, 1967, and returned home to Halls. He later learned that his brother Ronnie (now deceased) was serving in Vietnam in the U.S. Army at the same time that Terry was there. Unbeknownst to them, they were only about 30 to 40 miles apart.

For his service to our country, Terry was awarded the Vietnam Service Medal with Bronze Star and the National Defense Service Medal.

Terry moved to Covington many years ago and loves his life here. He is a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Terry believes that it's important not to forget those who served in Vietnam, especially those who didn't return. He and his wife Brenda are members of First United Pentecostal Church in Covington. He is proud of his children, stepchildren, and his grandchildren. His grandchildren are Anthony, Breleen, Madison, and Josh, who served in the U.S. Navy. Terry was nominated for Veteran of the Month by his step daughter, Jackie King.

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