

Highlights from  
The Week of  
October 14 - 20 \*

## Finance and Administration Committee Votes to Move Forward with Planning, but No Decisions on Financing Police Facility Public Meeting will be held on November 6 to discuss College Street Location

The Finance and Administration Committee held their regular monthly meeting at Covington City Hall on October 17, 2017, with the following present:

Chairman Alderman C.H. Sullivan, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Alderman John Edwards, Alderman Drew Glass, Alderman Jere Hadley, Alderman Mac McGowan, Mayor Justin Hanson, Assistant to the Mayor Sara Gangaware, Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn, Human Resources Director Tiny Barton, Codes Director Lessie Fisher, Fire Chief Michael Naifeh, Public Works Director David Gray, Police Chief Buddy Lewis, Special Events Director Karen Griffin, A2H Reps Pat Harcourt and Jeff Eakes, TML financial representative Tommy Green, USDA financial representative Walt Downing, David Gwinn, Echo Day.

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 1:00 and asked for presentation by A2H, Tommy Green from TML, and Walt Downing of USDA on proposed police facility. Presentation began with A2H reps Pat Harcourt and Jeff Eakes.

- Harcourt and Eakes presented cost estimate in distribution packet as well as a color slide show that demonstrated various views and proposals of new police facility. Harcourt was asking for permission to move on to next step
- Harcourt stated it is in the city's best interest financially to move forward now rather than waiting, and he gave an example of how prices are going up and would be best to lock in our costs sooner rather than later.
- They would like to take plan through full schematic phase using a real survey, real elevations, and get a better feel how the building will work on this (College Street) property. Everything that has been done in the planning phase will still be usable if site is changed, and relative costs will be pretty much the same.
- Mayor stated we have started conversion process through TN Dept of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) and we are moving forward to get this done. Public meeting will be 5:30 – 6:30 on Nov 6 at City Hall to discuss the conversion of this property for the purpose of locating the police department there (College Street) . No payment has been submitted, and that will be done after public meeting and when/if conversion packet is mailed. Hanson stated he is bringing these things up with this committee again so the committee members have plenty of time to ask questions and gather information.
- Chief Lewis stated he understands this is a big figure (6.5 million), but he referenced the study done out of Florida, which recommended investing over 7 million dollars for even a smaller building – he feels we are getting even more for our buck with this estimate and these plans.
- Chairman Sullivan asked for questions;
  - Alderman Hadley – will we have ample room at this site for minor expansions in years ahead if needed? Eakes stated they have taken that under consideration in their planning and they feel this facility will take the CPD through the next 25 years. At that time, or in the case of a population boom, the building can be expanded very easily. Harcourt pointed out several areas in the proposed plan where additions and renovations could take place.

- Alderman McGowan asked about item 5 on proposed contract – is this what you are asking to proceed through at this time? Harcourt answered that is correct – they would like to proceed and get a little more fine-tuned to get a better cost estimate, stating that the next step will give us a better floor plan, a more defined square footage, and more accurate cost estimate.
- Chairman Sullivan asked how long they estimate it will take to get through next step, and A2H reps believe it will be a matter of a few weeks, and again stated this is really necessary in order to give a better plan for moving forward.
- Alderwoman Bommer stated she is in favor of the building and believes we need to do it, and she noted that the police are in temporary housing at this time. She is concerned we are not going to get it done in 2-3 years at the College Street site. She stated she'd like to see it done before 2020 – and still feels we need to look at another site in order to get police into a new facility sooner rather than later. Harcourt stated he feels there will be a better understanding of that after the public meeting on November 6<sup>th</sup>. He feels that by the end of November, A2H will have a pretty good idea of what this might look like and where we are on actually getting started.
- Alderman Glass asked A2H to explain how they got to a 27,000 sq feet facility. Chief Lewis stated they are thinking ahead and trying to plan a facility that will not only meet their needs now, but also in the future. Lewis went on to say that the original proposal was single story with no hallways, and this one is a two-story building, including storage, with hallways and elevators. Glass asked about several parts of the facility, such as a Sally Port – which Lewis explained is a secured area for bringing in people for questioning. This allows the police car to come into a closed area that provides safety for the police, as well as those being brought in to the facility. Eakes went on to explain current plans – including evidence storage and community space/court room (occupancy of about 120 people) – and stated this is very much in line with what other communities are doing in reference to new police facilities.
- Alderman McGowan stated the 7000 sq foot facility the CPD just came out of was woefully inadequate and has been for many years. He encouraged anyone who questions the size of the proposed facility to get with him and he will show them the difference. He went on to state how important the vehicle storage spaces are, the Sally Port, and other parts of the new facility. Mayor Hanson stated the community room is also important for things like Neighborhood Watch meetings, police trainings, and other trainings and community events. Chief Lewis stated that the primary focus of law enforcement at this time **IS** community involvement. He stated that we have to make certain that the community is involved with them and they are involved with the community. Mayor Hanson stated there are so many things included in this facility that are important for our city for so many reasons.
- Alderman Glass asked how this plan compares to others across the region. Eakes compared to Collierville, and stated ours is in line with that – Collierville's was updated in 2010. Harcourt referenced a new facility in Shelby County for TBI that is comparable to this proposal. He stated this kind of facility is what new construction is going with. Harcourt also stated this new facility meets all current codes for essential facility, as well.
- Alderman McGowan stated he feels the size of the facility is not a reflection of the size of our town, but of the size and function of our police department. Mayor Hanson stated the city of Covington responds to about as many calls as the Tipton County Sheriff's Department. Walt Downing also referenced City of Martin police facility. Chief Lewis stated there are no holding cells in the facility proposal, which keeps the costs down.
- Chairman Sullivan made a motion to allow A2H to go on and proceed on the next step as they have requested, and Alderwoman Bommer seconded. Alderman Hadley asked if we need to approve total agreement at this time. Harcourt stated he is only asking to proceed through schematic stage. At that time, Sullivan amended his motion to approve A2H to proceed through

to schematic stage and Alderwoman Bommer seconded that, as well. Alderman Glass asked if we should accept contract with A2H or bid it out. Harcourt explained that there is no contract with A2H, but they have been approved for professional services. Bids will be made when we get to construction phase. Motion passed with Alderman Glass opposing. Mayor Hanson stated it is imperative that we plan and make these decisions correctly, but there is a sense of urgency for moving forward so we can get the best costs locked in, and at that time he included Tommy Green of TML and Walt Downing of USDA in the conversation.

- Walt Downing – USDA can take loan out longer (40 years) term for lower payments – no prepayment penalty. Mayor Hanson referenced a handout in the packet provided by Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn. Tommy Green stated TML plan is 27 years, with no principle payment until 2020. There is also no prepayment penalty. 5 year fixed rate is 2.67 fixed for 5 years. Downing stated their (USDA) current interest rate is 3.5 % and if that is locked in, it won't change. Alderman Glass stated he feels the year 2020 will be a tough challenge financially, particularly in light of the Flat Iron settlement payments and other things we want to do in the city, such as pay raises. Mayor Hanson then distributed the Flat Iron payment schedule, and Tina Dunn went through how these payments will be made through the year 2026 to satisfy the 1.5 million dollar settlement.
- Tommy Green (TML) stated on the 5-year fixed rate, the total would be about 8 million dollars for debt service, and Walt Downing stated that for their 40 year loan, the USDA debt service would be about 11 million. Mayor Hanson pointed out the amount of time to finance – takes about a year through USDA to get approval, including a review of all the engineering work and environmental studies. Turn-around time for TML is about 60 days +/- McGowan asked Mayor when we need our money. Mayor stated he believes A2H understands our situation on financing such a large amount, and they haven't sent a bill yet. He feels there's no specific timeline and wants committee to carefully consider. McGowan stated we will need the money in 3-4 months, and will need to get the loan approved by ordinance, which will take about a month. Then, there is a 20 day waiting period. McGowan stated we are looking at about 3 months if we make a decision today – he stated he doesn't want to rush, but we do have 3 readings to make changes if necessary. He asked should we take under consideration and address next month. Hanson stated he feels it is important to take the time to ask/answer questions before making decisions. Alderman Edwards motioned to take it all under advisement and wait until next meeting to make a decision on funding. Alderman McGowan seconded. Motion passed.
- Budget Amendment Ordinance – stems from discussion at Board meeting 3 weeks ago regarding opinion we received from Kay Stegall in State Comptroller's office. McGowan stated State Code is very specific in stating that we can't spend money unless it has been appropriated, which will change the way we have been doing business; but, we can do this with just a little planning that can be done throughout the year. Mayor Hanson stated this is up for 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading next week. Dunn stated this is best way and does follow State standards. McGowan stated we should embrace this change and keep our focus on staying within budget. Alderman Edwards wonders if this will bog down the process and make it hard to do anything. T Dunn stated it was prescribed by Stegall to do this as we spend. Dunn stated we don't make these decisions often, so if we do them, it may only be once a quarter. Mayor Hanson stated if this is already prescribed by the State, we should just do it. Hanson stated there is an option for emergency situations, particularly in public safety areas, and the Board can have a called meetings to approve should those become necessary. Alderman Edwards asked if Kay Stegall or someone from Comptroller's office would come have this discussion with us at the next meeting. Alderwoman Bommer stated the regulation is already there, so we just have to follow it.

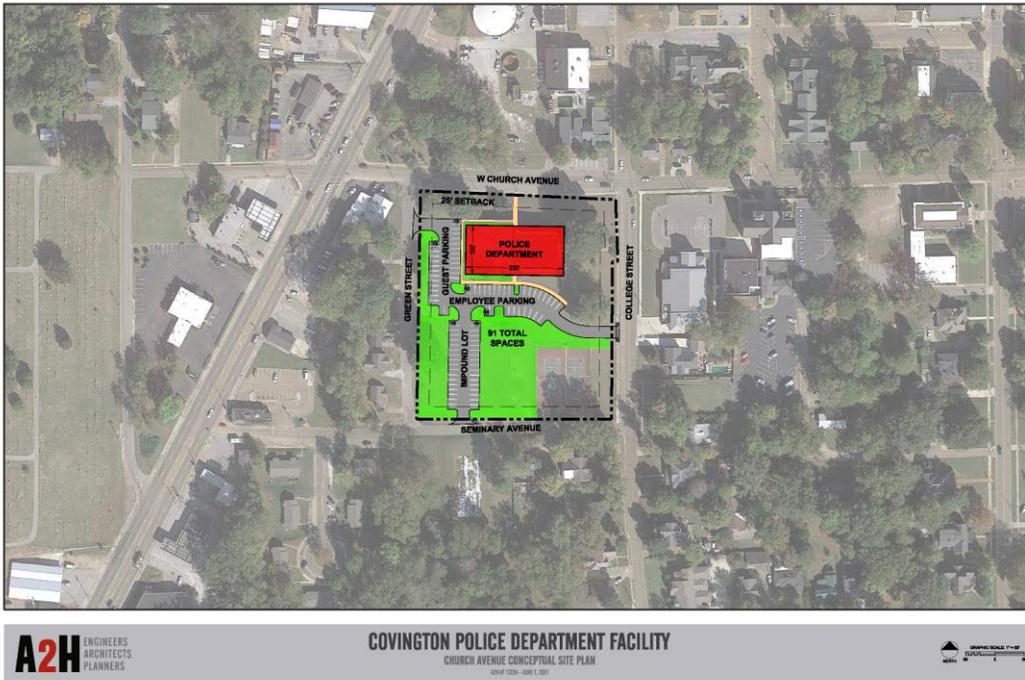
- Discussion of the Condemnation Ordinance – Lessie Fisher, Codes Dept. Fisher asked for the approval of **50%** in *Section 13-305 #2 – If the repair, alteration, or improvement of the structure can be made at a reasonable cost in relation to the value of the structure (not exceeding 50%, this percentage is optional and can be set by the Board) requiring the owner within the time specified in the order, to remove or demolish such structure.*

Alderman Edwards stated that under this plan, poor property owners stand a greater chance of losing their property. Fisher stated the City does not want to be in the business of tearing properties down, and we don't budget on a normal basis for tearing down blighted property. However, currently, we have received a grant for blight eradication, therefore we need to have an approved ordinance before proceeding. Fisher stated most of the properties slated for condemnation are not inhabited, and the city does apply for assistance to help residents get their properties repaired, if they want to go that route. McGowan motioned to approve the threshold of 50% and seconded by Alderman Hadley. Alderman Glass asked about 13-304 – the description of *ANY STRUCTURE*...this clearly defines any structure, commercial or residential. McGowan stated we have great citizens who live in Covington, but when you have a house in a neighborhood that does go down, at what point should we require repairs? He stated he believes 50% is a good place to start and we will have 3 readings to re-evaluate if needed. Sullivan stated he believes 50% is a good base amount for this purpose, as well. Glass stated he likes the fact that neighbors can initiate this process, as well. Alderwoman Bommer stated she can support the changes if we put in 75% rather than 50%. She stated she will vote for this today providing Fisher can get information on 75% to discuss at next meeting. Motion passed with Alderman Edwards abstaining.

- Chairman Sullivan called on Tiny Barton to bring forth the CMC logo for consideration by the committee. Barton and Karen Griffin (Special Events) presented several samples of possible logos. Alderman Glass stated he feels people still don't know what the CMC is, and he feels the logo should reflect what the building is and what it is used for. He also expressed that he thinks *Covington Municipal Center* should be spelled out in the logo. Alderman McGowan stated he loves it simple and likes the example presented for the sign on the building that was included in the handout. McGowan then made a motion to approve what was presented and Alderwoman Bommer seconded. Alderman Edwards asked when the building will be available for public use. Barton stated the Tipton County Commission on Aging was given the notice to prepare to move in as of last week. Carpeting is being completed this week. Mayor Hanson stated the main issue was carpet problems in the sanctuary. Glass asked who did the logo and expressed his concern of "stick people" in the logo. Alderman Hadley asked if there is any signage on the Main Street side of the building and Barton stated there is a banner there until a permanent sign can be done. Barton stated that she believes once marketing begins, she feels people will know and understand the use of the building. Mayor Hanson said he is not a particular fan of the "stick people", but does like option 1 a little better because it is a little cleaner in his opinion. He also feels some kind of inclusion of the steeple or outline of the building would be appropriate. Alderwoman Bommer stated there is a motion on the table and Alderman McGowan clarified his motion for the logo with the people with hands. Edwards asked if there is a projection date, and Barton said she expects this to be by second week in November. Vote on the motion was 4 **for** and 3 **against**, so the motion did pass for the CMC logo with the people holding hands.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

# New Covington Police Department Conceptual Plan



## THE CITY of COVINGTON NEEDS YOUR INPUT



Covington will be engaging in strategic planning to help us strategically plan, organize, prioritize, and determine our goals and objectives according to what citizens want and need.

Please take our survey to share your ideas: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SWNCJC9>



For more information, please contact our strategic planning facilitators:

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- Dexter Muller – Pinnacle Planning Advisors  
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# ALL THREE TIPTON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOLS IN TOP RANKING IN MEMPHIS BUSINESS JOURNAL

[click here to read entire article](#)

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*Proud*  
OF YOU

## Mike Dunavant Sworn in as U.S. Attorney



Flanked by his family (L), former District Attorney General for the 25<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Mike Dunavant was sworn in as U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee by Chief Judge S. Thomas Anderson on October 20<sup>th</sup> in the Memphis City Council Chambers.



Dunavant then addressed the audience (above) assuring them of his dedication to keeping citizens safe. Mayor Hanson attended the ceremony and wished him well in his new position.

# DEPARTMENTAL TIDBITS

“keeping you up-to-date with what’s going on in our city”

## **PARKS AND RECREATION:**

- **There is one week left to get in on the Sportsplex and Pool’s SWIRL challenge with 100% of the proceeds donated to Tipton County Relay for Life.**
- **Covington Youth Soccer is in full swing and teams are working hard! Picture day was Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup> and the makeup pictures will be made this Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.**
- **The Pool will be closed for maintenance Tuesday October 24<sup>th</sup> thru Friday October 27<sup>th</sup>. We apologize for the inconvenience, but feel you will enjoy the benefits we will see from the repairs.**
- **Master Chief Mack’s Boot Camp (*Free Outdoor Fitness Class*) is scheduled at Cobb – Parr Park at 1:00 on October 28<sup>th</sup>. This is a great team building circuit and open to everyone. All county police, fire and sports teams are invited to attend.**

## **MUSEUM:**

- **This week kicks off our expansion campaign. We mailed expansion campaign brochures to museum members and others in the community asking for help and donations for the expansion of the museum. Want to know more? Give us a call or come by to visit! 901-476-0242**
- **The Tipton County Museum Board met Thursday, October 19, at noon. They reviewed expansion plans and other events at the museum.**
- **Second graders from Crestview Elementary School visited the museum last Friday for a presentation on bats. The kids were split into three groups: one group hiked the nature trail, one group toured the inside of the museum, and one attended the bats educational program in the conference room. They rotated until every child was able to participate at each station. Please check out our website for a complete listing of educational programs!**



## **PUBLIC WORKS AND STREETS:**

- **Public works crews responded quickly to a water main rupture early Thursday morning on Tennessee Avenue near Kroger. They quickly located the problem and repaired it.**



- **Utilities Manager Calvin Johnson, Public Works Director David Gray, Administrative Assistant Sandy Herring, and Utilities Supervisor Cody Peeler attended Center Point Energy's Appreciation Dinner in Jackson, TN. Center Point is one of our natural gas vendors.**



- **Roof repairs have been completed at the City Maintenance Shop on Ripley Street.**
- **Covington Public Works is making repairs and striping the parking area under the water tower.**



## **CODES:**

- **City of Covington is using this definition for Inoperable Motor Vehicle: A vehicle which cannot be driven upon the public streets for reasons including, but not limited to, being unlicensed, wrecked, abandoned, in a state of disrepair, or incapable of being moved under its own power.**
- **It is getting cooler and rodents will be looking for a place to get warm! Clear clutter from around your home and work places to decrease the chance of those unwanted four-legged visitors getting in.**

## **COVINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

- **CFD continued to conduct Fire Prevention Programs at several schools and day cares this week. Our efforts will continue through October.**
- **The Department has begun, with Public Works Dept. assistance, to paint fire hydrants to comply with the National Fire Protection Agency recommendations. A portion of the hydrants will be painted this year and the remainder next year.**
- **If you need a smoke detector please call us at 901-476-2578**
- **Our volunteer fire fighter recruitment continues. Please call Asst. Chief Griggs for information.**



## **HUMAN RESOURCES & SPECIAL EVENTS:**

- **The Covington Christmas Parade will be November 27. See guidelines below....**

### GUIDELINES FOR COVINGTON CHRISTMAS PARADE

- Covington Christmas Parade participant forms must be completed and received by the City of Covington no later than November 17, 2017. An assigned registration tag will be sent to the contact person's email address. This registration tag should be printed (8 ½ x 11 page) and be visibly displayed on the left side front of the parade participant. If email is not available, the assigned registration tag must be picked up at the CMC Building, 100 West Washington Avenue, first floor, Human Resource Office, by November 20, 2017. Parade night check in begins at 5:30 pm at Cummins and Sherrod Streets. Further directions will be given at check in point. We ask everyone to be lined up and ready to go by 6:45pm.
- All participants must be Christmas related.
- All participants must be a Civic, Religious, Business, or Educational organization. All entries MUST be decorated with a Christmas theme, and if sponsored, must have a visible sign indicating the business and/or organization.
- All participants must keep moving at a slow pace. Marching bands will be placed throughout the parade line up and will be allowed to stop moving during the parade to perform.
- Absolutely NO horses or horse drawn wagons will be allowed.
- Absolutely NO offensive music. All music must be Christmas music.
- The City of Covington Santa will ride atop a Covington Fire Department ladder truck and will be the only Santa allowed to ride in the parade.
- Due to safety issues, no candy will be allowed to be thrown from parade participants. If you wish to distribute candy, each participant is responsible for providing the candy and each participant MUST provide an adult "WALKER" that will travel the parade route and distribute (hand) the candy. Absolutely no candy is to be thrown.



### PARADE ROUTE

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

**Vote for your favorite Squarecrow during the  
5th Annual Scarecrow Contest**  
hosted by Covington Economic Development Corporation.

Visit a business around the Historic Covington Square to cast your \$1 vote for the  
People's Choice Award.



## Charger Football wins Regional Championship



All the cheering, crowd support, great coaching, hard practices, and excellent playing paid off for the Covington Chargers in 2017 Region football play as CHS brought home the victory with a win over South Gibson County.

***GO CHARGERS!***



## Lady Chargers Soccer Team Continues to Dominate & Overwhelm Competition



The Lady Charger Soccer team had no problem with Kirby High School for the Regional Soccer Championship beating them with a score of 11-0. **WHOOPI!** Their next game is Saturday at the Chargers' home field on the Crestview Elementary campus where they will play Chester County at 3:00. Please come out and support your Chargers and cheer them on to STATE competition! \$5 admission



*Go Chargers!*

# HUGHEY STRONG

## 7 ON 7

# FLAG FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

**DECEMBER 9TH 2017 @ COVINGTON HIGH SCHOOL**



**HOSTED BY  
JOHNSTON WHITE &  
CARLOS WILLIAMS**



**\* 7 TO 10 MAN ROSTER (10 PLAYER MAX) \***

**\* \$65 PER TEAM \***

**\*\*\* PAYMENTS DUE SATURDAY DEC. 2 2017 @ 7PM \*\*\***

**\*\*\* PAYMENTS TO BE ACCEPTED @ CHS THAT SATURDAY \*\*\***

**\* EVERY TEAM COMES UP WITH NAMES AND JERSEYS \***

**SEND ROSTERS TO CARLOS (901) 304-5894 OR JOHNSTON (901) 485-7019**

**THERE WILL BE A CONCESSION STAND**

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE HUGHEY FAMILY**

# Ribbon Cutting at Duke's Café for Mid South BBQ

The Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce AND  
The South Tipton Chamber of Commerce welcomed Brian Dickey and  
Mid South BBQ to the DSCC campus in Covington



Covington-Tipton County Chamber Director Maleia Evans welcomed the new business for the *two* Chambers of Commerce and to DSCC, along with Dr. Jamie Frakes, Dean of the Covington Center, Rosemary Bridges, Director of the South Tipton Chamber, and Dr. Karen Bowyer, DSCC President.



Dr. Bowyer gave her personal welcome to Mid South BBQ owner Brian Dickey.



Administrators at DSCC, along with members of the two Chambers of Commerce welcomed Brian Dickey and his family to Dukes Café at DSCC - Covington. The café is open to the public.

# Covington-Tipton County Chamber Celebrated 60 Years with Past and Present Members and Staff

Wyatt Earp's Restaurant was the setting for the October Third-Thursday event which celebrated 60 years of the Covington – Tipton County Chamber doing business. It was a beautiful evening on the patio as members and guests mingled and reminisced about all the work the Chamber has done for our community. THANK YOU!





## Mark Your Calendar

- October 21 – Community Health Fair – St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church
- October 21 – JAM SESSION at Park on the Square – benefit to help CAROLYN CARROLL of Danno's Grill - there will be music and events throughout the day – scroll down for more info.....
- October 28 – FREE MASTER CHIEF BOOT CAMP – 1:00 pm – Cobb-Parr Park.
- October 28 – Saturday Story Time at Library – 10:00. Scroll down for more information.....
- October 30 – Trunk or Treat – DSCC in Covington – 4:30 – 6:00....see below...
- November 2 – STAND BESIDE HER – GS fundraiser at Museum – 5:30 – Silent Auction
- November 4 – Go for the Green Golf tournament – Forest Hill Golf Course - scroll down for more info
- November 4 – NAACP Gala – 6:30 – First United Methodist Church Family Life Center. Scroll down for more information....
- November 6 – Public Meeting to discuss conversion of land on South College Street for police facility – 5:30 – Covington City Hall Board Room – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.
- November 7 – City of Covington Strategic Planning Meeting – DSCC Community Room – 5:30
- November 9-10-11 – Christmas Open House on the Square
- November 10 – CITY OFFICES CLOSED for VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE
- November 10 – Veteran's Day Parade on Covington Square – 10:00
- November 18 – A Day of Art – Tipton County Museum – scroll down for more info.....
- November 18 – Covington-Tipton Co Chamber Gala, Dinner, and Awards – 6:00 scroll down for info.
- November 27 – Christmas Parade in Covington
- December 09 – DICKENS on the SQUARE 10:00 – 7:00
- December 12 – 14 – Disney's [MULAN](#) at Covington Integrated Arts Academy – scroll down for more.



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

[City of Covington](#)

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

[Tipton County](#)

[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](#)

\*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](http://www.covingtontn.com)

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# DSCC Hosts Fall Guidance Counselors Luncheon

DSCC President Dr. Karen Bowyer brought industry and education together for a better understanding of the needs of each.



Dr. Bowyer welcomed industry representatives and high school counselors to discuss how to improve student opportunities in the work world.



J.D. White of Hydratrek in Covington stressed the importance of a professional work ethic and the willingness to continuously grow and learn.



Mayor Hanson (L) encouraged the guidance counselors to spend time with students talking about various careers, including manufacturing. He also discussed the importance of a readily available workforce for the industries we have as well as for recruiting new industries. He asked that students be encouraged to use proper grammar, understand the ethics of professionalism, and praised the Capstone classes at each Tipton County high school for their work in preparing students for post-secondary education and work. Galen Sienicki, plant manager at Unilever in Covington, stressed the importance of self-confidence, professional behavior, and technological skills. He is looking for employees who are self-motivated and eager to learn. Also, all employees must be able to pass a drug test.

**IT'S NOT ABOUT HAVING THE SKILL TO DO SOMETHING. IT'S ABOUT HAVING THE WILL, DESIRE & COMMITMENT TO BE YOUR BEST.**



Northwest Tennessee Head Start  
Highlighted the dads in their  
students' lives by hosting  
Doughnuts with Dad. Dads got  
to eat with the children, see their  
work, and even participate in  
some fall crafts!

# DONUTS WITH DAD





at Park On The Square in Covington, Tn

**NO ADMISSION DONATIONS ONLY**

*to help pay*

*medical expenses for*

**CAROLYN CARROL**

Stay **POSITIVE**  
Stay **BRAVE**  
Stay **FOCUSED**  
Stay **FIGHTING**  
Stay **STRONG**

**BEAT CANCER!**



# Do you need help completing your TennCare packet?



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

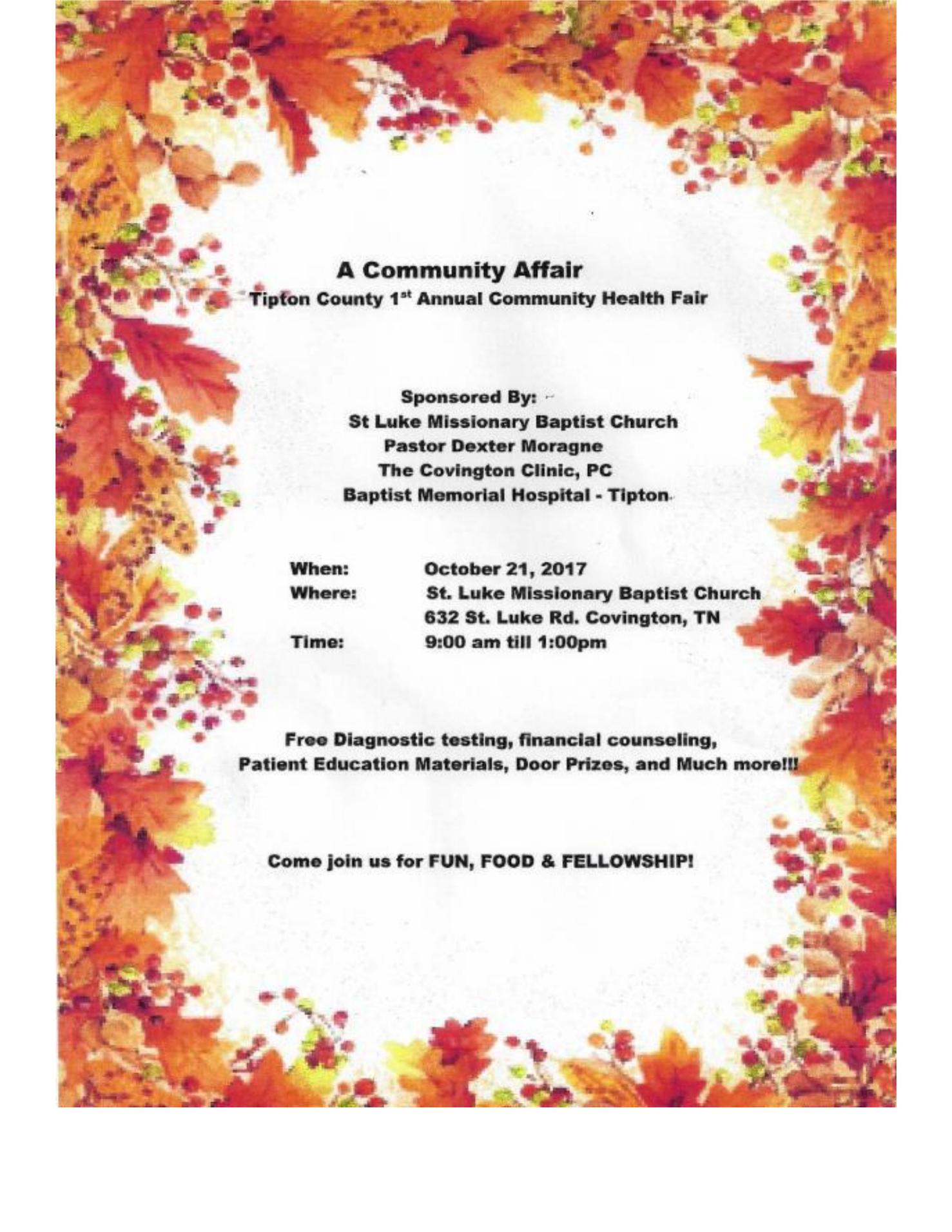
**Please contact Juanita Williams,  
[Stanton Health Center](#) for more  
information at 731-548-2232.**

**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



**A Community Affair**

**Tipton County 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Community Health Fair**

**Sponsored By:**

**St Luke Missionary Baptist Church**

**Pastor Dexter Moragne**

**The Covington Clinic, PC**

**Baptist Memorial Hospital - Tipton.**

**When: October 21, 2017**

**Where: St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church  
632 St. Luke Rd. Covington, TN**

**Time: 9:00 am till 1:00pm**

**Free Diagnostic testing, financial counseling,  
Patient Education Materials, Door Prizes, and Much more!!!**

**Come join us for FUN, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP!**



# OCTOBER 2017 SWIRL FOR LIFE

## Join us in our Fight against Cancer

Swim, Run, and lift Weights to support Tipton County Relay for Life and the American Cancer Society. **Donate \$1 for every mile you run and lap you swim in October. Also donate 10 cents for every pound of your 1RM (once per every week).** Stop in to the Sportsplex or Covington Aquatics Center to sign up. **Not a member no problem. We will comp your membership for the month as long as you make your donation at the end of October.**



**ALL Proceeds  
donated to TC  
Relay for Life**

**Help fight Cancer**

**Swim Laps**

**Run/Bike Miles**

**Lift Weights**

## COVINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION

790 Bert Johnston Ave  
Covington, TN 38019

(901) 476-3734

[www.covingtontn.com](http://www.covingtontn.com)

October 2017



Tipton-Rosemark Academy's  
Middle School Theatre Department presents

Disney  
Alice in  
Wonderland  
JR.



**Performances are:**

**Thursday Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00pm**

**Friday Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00pm**

**Saturday Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>**

**7:00pm**

**Sunday Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**3:00pm**

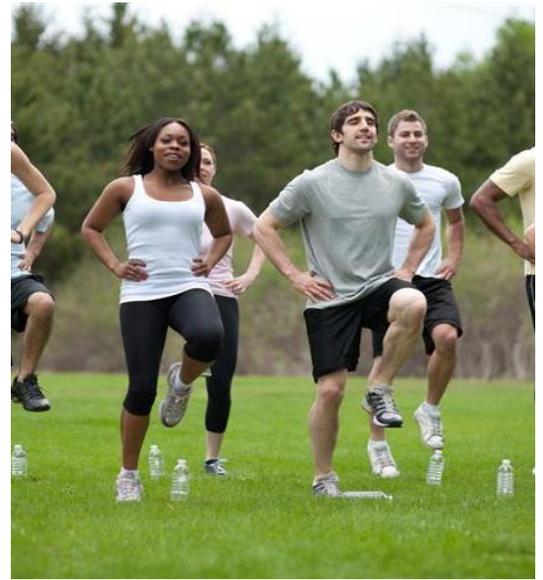
**Ticket Prices:**

**\$8.00- Students**

**\$9.00- FAME members**

**\$12.00- Adults**

**Purchase tickets at:**  
**[www.tiptonrosemarkacademy.net](http://www.tiptonrosemarkacademy.net)**



## MASTER CHIEFS (BOOT CAMP) SUPER CIRCUIT

FREE OUTDOOR FITNESS CLASS SATURDAY OCTOBER 28  
1300 (1:00PM) @COBB-PARR PARK

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**Dyersburg State Community College**

# Trunk or Treat

**Gibson County Center  
October 30 • 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County  
October 30 • 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Dyersburg Campus  
October 31 • 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Limited to ages 11 and under**

**For more information contact Stephen Thomas at 901-475-3166 or [stthomas@dsc.edu](mailto:stthomas@dsc.edu)**



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# **DSCC's Honor Society "Goes for the Green" Golf Tournament**

All proceeds benefit DSCC's Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society



**Saturday, November 4, 2017**

Shotgun Start at 12 p.m.

Catered lunch begins at 11 a.m.

**Forest Hill Golf Course**

**200 Kubo Road, Drummonds, TN 38023**

**Chance to win a brand new CAR from Bayird Chevrolet!**

Mulligans 2/\$10 • Four person scramble • Entry Fee \$400 Per Team

18-hole play • Many Contests • Many Prizes

Sponsorship Opportunities Available

To register your team, contact Brigham Scallion at

**901-475-3119 or [scallion@dsc.edu](mailto:scallion@dsc.edu)**



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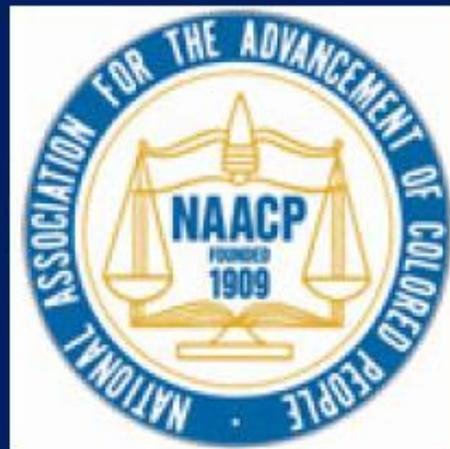
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The Tipton County Branch of the  
National Association For The Advancement of Color People  
Presents:

The Fourth Annual Freedom Fund Gala  
"Standing As One!"

Guest Speaker:  
Former Shelby County and Former Memphis City Mayor  
*Mr. AC Wharton, Esq.*



Saturday, November 4, 2017  
6:30 P.M.

First United Methodist Church- Christian Life Center  
145 W. Church Street, Covington, TN 38019

Tickets \$50

Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce  
*Gala and Awards*

**BOOTS**  
& *Bling* 2017

**Saturday, November 18th**

**Social Hour with Live Music**      **Dinner & Awards**  
**6:00pm**      **\$25 per person**      **7:00pm**

**Covington Country Club**  
1880 South Main Street, Covington, TN 38019

**Entertainment featuring the popular band, No Time Flatt**

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

Nominations being accepted now, Oct 10th-31st, for the 2017 Chamber Gala Awards!  
Download the nomination form to submit your nominee(s) in the following categories:

**Business of the Year: Small, Medium, and Large**  
**Industry of the Year**  
**Man of the Year**  
**Woman of the Year**  
**Youth of the Year**  
**Volunteer of the Year**  
**"Four under Forty", Emerging Leaders of the Year**

[Nominate Here!](#)

**Saturday  
December 2nd**

**Admission: \$5**

**Team Entry: \$50**

**West Tennessee Farmer's Market**



As part of Jackson's 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Christmas-In-The City, this is a wonderful event to kick off the Holiday Season on Saturday December 2, 2017, thanks to the Jackson Chamber and the West Tennessee Farmers Market. The **HubCity Chili Cookoff** benefits the Exchange Club – Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse. We are inviting all kinds of cooking groups to form a chili-cooking team and show the community their stuff! The categories include Amateur and Professional (licensed eatery) and the entry fee is only \$50. Awards will be given by a panel of judges in both professional and amateur categories along with a People's Choice winner selected by the crowd! Please review the [Rules and Regulations](#) for all requirements.

Register Your  
Team

The public can also join in the fun for only \$5.00 each to receive an armband and spoon. Your armband allows entry to the Cookoff and sampling of all the chili you can handle. Each team is vying for The People's Choice award. If you like a particular team's chili, simply vote by making a donation to the team's jar at their booth. The amateur and professional teams with the most in donations at the end of the competition wins The People's Choice award in their respective category.

Purchase Tickets  
Now



# Dickens On the Square

Covington, TN

**SATURDAY, DEC 9TH**

(ONE DAY only)

**10AM - 7PM**

Shopping, Christmas Refreshments, Carolers, Horse-Drawn Carriage Rides and  
Lighting of the Community Christmas Tree at 7pm on the Courthouse Lawn



# *Christmas Open House*



## **Historic Covington Square**

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Sales, Refreshments, Live Music, Photo Booth, & More!

### *Christmas Premier Party*

5pm - 8pm Thursday, November 9th

### *Christmas Open House*

10am - 5pm Friday, November 10th  
10am - 4pm Saturday, November 11th

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## DYERSBURG STATE **Reconnect**

# Coming Fall 2018!

**Ready to Reconnect? Get started now!**  
**Whether you're ready to return to college or starting for the first time, we've got you covered - tuition free!**

### *What is TN Reconnect?*

TN Reconnect is an initiative to help adults enter higher education to gain new skills, advance in the workplace, and fulfill lifelong dreams of completing a degree or certificate. It provides adult students with a last dollar scholarship - allowing them to attend Dyersburg State Community College **tuition-free!**

### *What are the Eligibility Requirements?*

**In order to receive the Dyersburg State Reconnect Scholarship, students must:**

- Meet DSCC admissions requirements. Visit [www.dsc.edu/admissions/admissions-requirements](http://www.dsc.edu/admissions/admissions-requirements).
- Complete the 2018-2019 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at <https://fafsa.ed.gov>. DSCC's federal school code is 006835. The sooner you fill out the FAFSA, the better! Students may fill out the FAFSA beginning October 1, 2017.
- Enroll in at least 6 credit hours per semester.
- Be classified as an independent student (see FAFSA criteria).
- Not have earned an associate or bachelor's degree.
- Be a Tennessee resident for at least one year before completing the FAFSA.
- Not be in default on a federal or state loan or owe a refund of federal or state financial aid. Contact the DSCC Financial Aid Office at 731-286-3350 for assistance if this applies to you.
- Be registered for selective service if applicable. Visit [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov) for more information.

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**For more information, contact Rebecca Reeves, Adult Student Coordinator, at 731-288-7514 or [reeves@dsc.edu](mailto:reeves@dsc.edu).**



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**BOOK  
SALE**

**OCT 19-21**

**Tipton County Public Library  
DSCC Covington Campus**

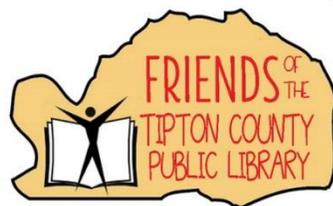
**MEMBERS PREVIEW NIGHT:**

Thursday 4-7pm  
(memberships available at the door)

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

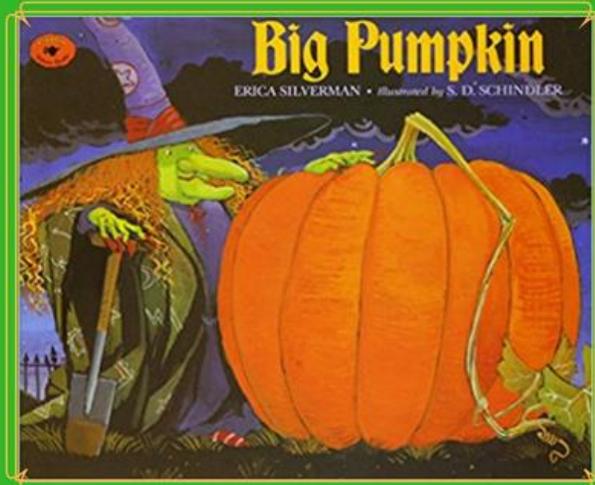
Friday 10am to 4pm  
Saturday 10am to 2pm

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



# SATURDAY STORY TIME

OCTOBER 28TH  
10:00 AM



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[WWW.TIPTONCOUNTYLIBRARY.COM](http://WWW.TIPTONCOUNTYLIBRARY.COM)

Happy   
 Fall y'all

# Harry Potter Trivia Night

(and Escape Room)

October 30th

6:30 PM

Ages 18 and up

Calling all Wizards and Muggles!  
Come test your knowledge on all things  
Harry Potter

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## **What's Happening at the Museum?**

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

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



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NATURE CENTER

The Tipton County Museum Presents

U.T. Extension Agent

Booker T. Leigh

### *“How to Identify Plant Diseases”*

When: Saturday, October 21, 10 –11:30 a.m.

Where: Tipton County Museum  
751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN  
(901) 476-0242

Fee: Free to Museum Members  
\$5 General Public

Booker is a former Tipton County U.T. Extension Agent and is now a Commercial Horticulture Agent for U.T. Extension in Shelby County. He is host of WYPL's "What's Growing On" on Memphis Cable Channel 18. Refreshments will be served and everyone is invited!



The Tipton County Museum  
751 Bert Johnston Ave., P.O. Box 768  
Covington, TN 38019  
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NATURE CENTER

The Tipton County Museum Presents

Sherl Rose

### *“Grandfather's Vegetable Garden”*

When: Saturday, October 28, 10 –11:30 a.m.

Where: Tipton County Museum  
751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN  
(901) 476-0242

Fee: Free to Museum Members  
\$5 General Public

Sherl is a frequent speaker at the Tipton County Museum and is founder of "The Hippie Homesteader." She is a champion for protecting the pollinators & practices old time gardening methods at home.

Refreshments will be served and everyone is invited!



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## *Gioiello* Featured Artist



### *Jeanette Ferguson Canady*

Jeanette was born and raised around Walnut Ridge, Arkansas, and moved to Memphis in the mid 1960's. She worked for Susan Fashions for 22 years, and then realized her dream of opening her own dress shop in Memphis: Ferguson Formalwear. The shop specialized in custom made sequined gowns for proms, beauty pageants, and school dances. Jeanette has always been creative, and loves painting as well as dressmaking. She is a self-taught artist, and credits God for all her talents. Jeanette loves to paint and has taught art classes to senior citizens. Some of her favorite subjects to paint include birds, barns, and all of God's creations.

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



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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:



## Fall Gardening Series Continues at Museum through October



Last Saturday, October 14, Garden Historian Dominique Bellott presented “The True Story of Victorian Gardens” at the Tipton County Museum. She explained that they originated in England and were designed for beauty as well as a way to grow food. They often include fountains, gates, and a seating area, and they have large areas of the same color. Thank you, Dominique, for the fascinating lecture! Please be sure to join us on October 21 for “How to Identify Plant Diseases” with Booker T. Leigh of the Shelby County Extension Office.





**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"**

**The Tipton County Veterans  
Council and the Tipton County  
Museum, Veterans Memorial and  
Nature Center  
Veteran of the Month for  
October 2017**

*Arline Gorham*



The year was 1945; the month was October; and World War II was finally ending. There was a fully packed train loaded with troops in transit to Seattle, Washington. Uneventful for most, the journey provided the opportunity of a lifetime for a young Navy Nurse and a young Sailor who were destined for love at first sight. A 21 year old girl named Arline had recently graduated from Hospital Corpsman School in Great Lakes, Illinois. A 25 year old Sailor named Boyd was headed back to his ship, the USS Essex (CV-9) in port at Seattle.

The two were married on November 30, 1945. Six weeks after their eyes and souls met as the girl approached the boy at a water fountain. He was chipping ice for a drink and asked her if she would like a drink. She, never the shy one, said “Yes!” The union lasted 65 years until Boyd set sail into the sunset on August 14, 2010.

Arline received her honorable discharged from the Navy in December 1945 following her marriage to Boyd. Boyd had joined the Navy in 1941. Throughout WWII he served in the Pacific onboard USS Essex (CV-9). After the war and until his retirement in 1965, Boyd served onboard various Naval installations, including the former Naval Air Technical Training Center (NATTC), Memphis, which was actually located in Millington. Arline was with him every step of the way. It was during his tour at NATTC that they made the decision to live and retire in Tipton County; and in 1965 they established their home in Atoka, Tennessee.

Just prior to his death in 2010, Boyd Gorham wrote “In October, 65 years ago, I was picked up on a train by a gal named Arline, and I’m proud she did.” A Past Matron of the Eastern Star in Millington, Arline continues to entertain friends and family at “Salty Mates Inn”, the home that she and Boyd shared for 45 years in Atoka. She was nominated for Veteran of the Month by Henry Leslie Billings.

**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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# Veteran of the Month Reception held at Museum



October Veteran of the Month Arline Gorham (R) addressed friends, family, and fellow Veterans at the reception in her honor at the Tipton County Museum Tuesday night. The Girls Scouts (above) served refreshments. Mrs. Gorham was especially excited to have her grandson Ian Gorham and his friend Emma Taylor in attendance who traveled from Melbourne, Australia (bottom right).

