

Highlights from the week of
November 4 - 10 *

Public Works Committee Approved Water Tanks Inspection, Painting, & Maintenance & Several Repairs at Waste Water Treatment Plant

The Public Works Committee held their regular monthly meeting at Covington City Hall on November 7 in the Lower Level Conference Room. Present were Chairman Alderman Mac McGowan, Alderman Drew Glass, Alderman Jere Hadley, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, CPW Director David Gray, Codes Director Lessie Fisher, Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn, Mayor Justin Hanson, Assistant to the Mayor Sara Gangaware, Utilities Manager Calvin Johnson, Waste Water Manager James Mason, Street Sanitation Manager James Dowell, David Gwinn, and Tracy Fearnley, water system consultant with Suez Advanced Water Solutions

Chairman McGowan called the meeting to order at 1:00. The committee held a moment of silence in honor of a city employee whose mother had passed away that morning. Chairman McGowan then called on Director David Gray to introduce Tracy Fearnley of Suez Advanced Solutions. Gray stated purpose is to streamline two separate schedules into one, and went on to say the contract/schedule for the inspection, painting, and maintenance of the water storage tanks has been reviewed by the City Attorney and things seem to be in order. Mayor Hanson stated this contract will get all the inspections, maintenance and painting of water storage tanks under one umbrella. Chairman McGowan asked Fearnley to clarify the terms of the contract and explain the numbers. Fearnley explained the information in the contract came from conferencing with Director Gray and managers Calvin Johnson and James Mason. Fearnley stated they assist cities with fiscally maintaining water management systems. Mayor Hanson stated the expenditure on this will come from a Utilities Enterprise Fund and not from the General Fund. Alderman Glass asked specific questions about paying the fees and Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn, Fearnley, and the committee held discussions on how/when payments would be made. Mayor Hanson motioned to move forward with the contract as presented and Alderman Glass seconded. Motion passed.

Oxidation brush at waste water plant needs to be repaired. An RFP has been issued, and Gray distributed those bids to the committee. Ronald Franks Construction submitted the lowest bid of \$17,632.80. After several problems/repairs on this brush, Mayor Hanson suggested getting this repair done by a professional company to eliminate repeated repairs. And, CPW reiterated the importance of having this done ASAP. Alderman Glass asked Johnson and Mason if the Ronald Franks Construction Company has done this type of work before, and they stated this company replaced a brush for Dyersburg recently. Chairman McGowan asked more questions and the committee went through the specifics of the RFP. Mayor Hanson asked CPW for their recommendation on the repairs and asked if there would be an advantage of using a local company. Director Gray stated Ronald Franks Construction is in this type of business. Chairman McGowan then motioned to award the contract to the Ronald Franks Construction Company and Mayor Hanson seconded. Motion passed.

Proposal for repairs to Addritz at waste water plant. This apparatus separates sludge, which is then hauled to a landfill in Millington. Having problems with this piece of equipment has caused our sledge to build up. Bid presented to committee today is for a repair turn-key job of \$67,771.00, guaranteed for two years. Funds for this would also come from a Utilities Enterprise Fund and not from General Fund. Both Johnson and Mason recommended to move forward with this. Mayor Hanson motioned to accept the bid and Alderman Glass seconded. Motion passed.

Plan to meet requirements for ADA for 2017, contract with A2H – 80% funded by STP money with a 20% match from the City. We already have \$25,000 in budget for this purpose. Mayor Hanson stated there are areas

we must address in order to be compliant with AHA regulations, and a prioritized plan with full compliance is due by end of 2018. Hanson asked Lessie Fisher to comment, and she stated this is a big order and feels an extension will be granted to municipalities. However, this is the way it reads today, and it is important to take steps to complete our evaluation and create our plans. Alderwoman Bommer suggested putting dates in place in the plan to help keep us on track. Mayor Hanson motioned to approve phase 2 with A2H and keep this plan moving forward and Alderman Glass seconded. Glass asked again about the funding for this, and Dunn stated this was anticipated in the budget planning process and funds are in the budget for this purpose. Motion passed.

Energy Conservation Study– September – Covington Wastewater Plant was selected by the State of Tennessee for a study for ways to save energy. Dr. Larry Moore, Environmental Engineer and State officials, met with Director Gray and managers Johnson and Mason for this study. Entire study results were distributed to the committee and Gray asked the committee to specifically look at page 10. Gray applauded his staff for the results and stated that while some recommendations were made, overall the results were very good. McGowan referred to part of the report that stated that our wastewater treatment plant is operating at about ½ the operating costs of many others that are similar in size. He also commended Mason and Johnson for the great job they are doing at the plant. Mayor Hanson asked if there is a plan for implementing the recommendations, and Mason explained how they are already implementing some of these now.

Gray stated he has met with Tim Sallee from Covington Electric and they are putting together an RFP for LED lighting throughout the city. He stated he will try to have those bids to committee by December meeting.

Committee reviewed the circumstances of the water leak last month and James Mason went through the details of the event. Nine feet of a cast iron water main were replaced quickly and efficiently and they lauded new technology in alerting us to the leak and for being used to pinpoint and address issues. The committee commended the work of the water crews for their work on this, as well. Mayor Hanson reiterated that the sanitization of the water was never an issue, and he also commended their training and quick and effective reaction to the leak.

Mayor Hanson motioned to accept the report of Director Gray. Alderman Glass asked if we are on schedule for paving, and Gray reported we are not on schedule, but are getting it done. Glass asked if all old rollouts have been picked up, and Gray stated they are to all be picked up by the end of the day Wednesday, November 8. If you have an old rollout that has **not** been picked up, please leave it out on the street and call 901-476-9613 ext 113 or 118. Hanson's motion passed and Gray's report was accepted by the committee.

Codes Enforcement Lessie Fisher:

Properties are being tagged for blight eradication and letters are being mailed. The first step is to ask for willing participation from owners. Fisher asked to be contacted if there are blighted properties that need attention. Mayor Hanson motioned to accept Fisher's report and Glass seconded. Motion passed. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



L-R Waste Water Manager James Mason, Tracy Fearnley of Suez Advanced Solutions, and Covington Codes Enforcement Officer Lessie Fisher participated in the data analysis and discussions regarding contracting for the regular inspection, painting, and maintenance of water storage facilities in the City of Covington.

DEPARTMENTAL TIDBITS

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

HUMAN RESOURCES & SPECIAL EVENTS:

- **Covington Christmas Parade November 27 at 7:00. For more information please call 901-475-7139. Scroll down to see the parade guidelines.**
- **Please join us for the OPEN HOUSE of our new Covington City Center on December 15 from 9:00 – 11:00. For more information, please call 901-475-7139.**

Career Opportunities

[Fitness Leader](#)

[Lifeguard](#)

[Police Dept](#)

[Grounds Maintenance Keeper](#)

[Grounds Maintenance Full Time Worker](#)

RECORDER-TREASURER:

- **State of Tennessee Tax Relief is eligible for the Elderly Homeowner, Disabled Homeowner, Disabled Veteran Homeowner and Widow(er) of Disabled Veteran homeowners. You may call the City of Covington at 901-476-9613 ext 120 to see if you are eligible for this benefit or you may go to www.comptroller.tn.gov/pa/patxr.asp. The Application to apply for tax relief can be found on our website at covingtontn.com.**

COVINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT:

- **Members of the Covington Police Department were in firearms training this week. The training consisted of four hours of classroom training followed by four hours of actual shooting on the firing range.**
- **The Covington Police Department is in the process of accepting applications for a police officer. Applications can be picked up at 211 South Main in Covington.**
- **The Covington Police Department encourages everyone to use caution when driving in late afternoon and early evenings. The end of daylight savings time causes darkness to occur earlier. Many times children are outside playing after school. Please be mindful of children when driving. ALWAYS follow speed limit laws.**

PUBLIC WORKS AND STREETS:



Public Works employee Gavin Stang installed bulbs in the new Covington City Center in preparation for the grand opening.



Above, Jeremy Castes discovered and repaired a water leak. Covington Public Works employees use technology to discover, find, and respond to leaks and other issues in the city.



You may see this new garbage truck going through town – and we are glad to have it!



Wilbert Brown and Keith Stowers have been busy getting out the new blue roll-outs and picking up the old green ones. If your old green container has not been picked up, please leave it out on the street and call us at 901-476-9613 ext 118 or ext 113. Look for our leaf truck to come by and vacuum leaves, as well. Call if additional help is needed.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Covington Aquatic Center:

- **November 11 – Aqua Zumba – 9:00**
- **November 11 – Fall Soccer Pool Party – 1:00 – 3:00**
- **November 15 – Aqua Zumba – 10:00**
- **Look for news on upcoming lifeguard course or call 901-476-9178 or 476-3734**
- **Thanksgiving hours at the Aquatic Center**
 - **November 23 - closed**
 - **November 24 – open swim only 1:00 – 5:00**
 - **November 25 – water aerobics 9:00; open swim 10:00 – 5:00**
 - **November 26 – closed**
- **Covington Youth Sports CYS Fall Soccer end of the season pool party this Saturday @1PM. All players, coaches, refs and their families are invited.**
- **Master Chief Mack’s Boot Camp Veterans Day – Saturday – Nov. 11th @12 (noon)**
- **Sportsplex/Pool now offers SilverSneakers and Prime. Check your health plan to see if you qualify for a FREE membership.**

MUSEUM:

- **On Saturday, Nov. 4th, David Gwinn gave a lecture to members of the West TN Genealogical Society and the general public on the History of Covington. It was a very informative talk and everyone enjoyed themselves.**



- **On Wednesday, Nov. 8th we had K-5th grade CDC students from Austin Peay Elementary visiting for a Veterans Day program. They enjoyed the lecture and asked many great questions! They also took a tour on the Nature Trail and loved walking through the forest and watching the leaves falling down. They were amazed to find a recently vacated ground hole with bee combs surrounding it.**
- **Also on Wednesday, Mr. Sanford Geary and Christian Geary helped update the Museum’s lighting. They installed new emergency exit lights and will be adding additional tracking lighting for the exhibits. We’re so happy and thankful for the additional lighting at the Museum!**
- **The Museum will be closed on Friday, Nov. 10 for Veterans’ Day. Please join us at the Veterans’ Day Parade in Covington at 10:00 am Friday.**

CODES:

- **18-405. Regulation of holding tank waste disposal. Permit required. No person, firm, association, or corporation shall clean out, drain, or flush *any* septic tank or any other type of wastewater or excrete disposal system into the City of Covington's wastewater collection system and treatment works. Any user found to have violated this regulation shall be subject to penalties as described in subsection 18-410 of the Covington Municipal Code Book.**
- **16-102. Trees, etc., obstructing view at intersections prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any property owner or occupant to have or maintain on his property any tree, shrub, sign, or other obstruction which prevents persons driving vehicles on public streets or alleys from obtaining a clear view of traffic when approaching an intersection.**
- **16-105. Obstruction of drainage ditches. It shall be unlawful for any person to permit or cause the obstruction of any drainage ditch in any public right-of-way.**

Community Voted Unanimously in Favor of Land Conversion



After listening to the presentations, asking questions, and completing a survey, citizens voted unanimously to convert the land and move forward with police facility.

A public meeting was held Monday night, November 6, for public input and discussion about the conversion of land where the old Covington Grammar School was located. Back in 1978, State funds were used to help construct the tennis and basketball courts on the site, which categorized the land for public recreational use. This is the approved site for the new Covington Police Department, but to do any construction – including tear the old building down – the State requires a conversion *from* recreational use. Left, Mayor Hanson, City Attorney Rachel Witherington, and Michael Shelton from A2H Engineering Firm presented the facts to the citizens who attended.

If you were unable to attend the public meeting concerning the conversion of the land for the development of the new police facility, you can still take the survey by [clicking here](#).

Strategic Planning kicked off with Survey and Follow-Up Meeting



Covington residents filled the room at DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center in for the kick-off to strategic planning. Citizens were asked to complete a preliminary survey regarding what is most important for the growth of our town. Those results were discussed at the gathering and the group completed a follow-up survey on site. Those results were prioritized and discussed in greater detail. Strategic Planning facilitators A.C. Wharton, Dexter Muller, and Charlie Goforth led the meeting, however local civic and business leaders also addressed the group.



Facilitator Dexter Muller explained the purpose of the Strategic Planning process and assisted participants in thinking through the questions and discussing the results. Gathering citizen input is the most important step in this process. What the people want will guide the mission, vision, and decision-making in the City of Covington for years to come.

Covington Mayor Justin Hanson and Tipton County Executive Jeff Huffman thanked the crowd for taking interest in the growth and prosperity Covington and Tipton County and for getting involved in the strategic planning process. According to the surveys, the top 5 areas of concern are:

1. Job Creation/Economic Development
2. Workforce Development
3. Youth Development/Activities
4. Blight Removal
5. Public Safety

Complete survey results can be viewed at Covington City Hall or by contacting any of the facilitators.



TOP 10 REASONS TO SHOP LOCAL

When you support local businesses, you are also supporting your town. Businesses pay taxes to the city and county where they are located. Stray into a big-box or chain business elsewhere and the money you spend there doesn't benefit your community at all – in fact, it supports other places! Plus, local tax money is used to support public schools, parks, roads, sidewalks, and lighting, as well as fund public services such as police and fire protection - something *ALL* of us want and need.

1. **Significantly More Money Re-circulates in YOUR Hometown.** When you shop at locally owned, independent businesses more money is kept in the community because local businesses often purchase from other local businesses, service providers, and farms. Buying locally helps grow other businesses as well as your city's tax base.
2. **Non Profits Receive Greater Support.** Non-Profits often receive greater support from local business owners, sometimes as much as 250% more money, than they do from non-locally owned businesses. Plus, when local budgets maintain intact or *grow*, Non-Profits stand to gain even more support because the money is more readily available to help them.
3. **Unique Businesses Are An Integral Part Of Our Distinctive Character.** The unique character of your local community is what attracts people – both residents and visitors. Local tourism businesses also benefit, because your place doesn't look like everywhere *else*. According to Richard Moe, President, National Historic Preservation Trust, *“When people go on vacation they generally seek out destinations that offer them the sense of being someplace, not just anyplace.”*
4. **Environmental Impact Is Reduced.** Local businesses make more local purchases requiring less transportation and usually set up shop in town centers rather than on the fringe. This generally means contributing less to sprawl, congestion, habitat loss, resource depletion and pollution.
5. **Most New Jobs Are Provided By Local Businesses.** Small local businesses are the largest employers nationally.
6. **Customer Service Is Often Better.** Local businesses often hire people with more specific product expertise and they invest in their employees for better customer service.
7. **Local Business Owners Invest In Our Community.** Local businesses are owned by people who: A. Live in the community; B. are less likely to leave; and C. are more invested in the community's future. They KNOW they are investing in their community and their community is investing in them – and they'll work to raise YOUR property values!
8. **Put Your Taxes To Good Use.** Local businesses in city and town centers require comparatively little infrastructure investments, add more to your tax base, and make more efficient use of public services. Local taxes pay for local investments. Plain and simple – this is our bread and butter.
9. **Competition And Diversity Leads To More Consumer Choices.** A marketplace of thousands of small businesses is the best way to ensure innovation and lower prices over the long-term.
10. **A growing body of economic research shows that in an increasingly homogenized world, entrepreneurs and skilled workers are more likely to invest and settle in communities that preserve their one-of-a-kind businesses and distinctive character.**

Thomas Adams Honored for his Service to City of Covington

After retiring from the Covington Public Works Department, Thomas Adams was honored with a luncheon at the City Barn. His former colleagues grilled delicious foods and he was surrounded by his family and friends.



Streets Manager James Dowell, Thomas Adams, Jr., Mayor Hanson, Public Works Director David Gray and former Director Robert M. Simpson joined Thomas Adams at his retirement celebration.



Mayor Hanson and Thomas Adams shared a laugh for old time's sake as they talked about his service to the City of Covington.



Mr. Adams' former colleagues Wilbert Brown, Keith Stowers, and Dalton Patrick manned the grills and served up delicious meat selections.



Colleagues congratulated Mr. Adams on his retirement and shared some good memories.

Happy Retirement

Mayor Hanson Supported St Jude with Farm Bureau Cap



[Farm Bureau Insurance of Tennessee](#) has partnered with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis. As part of this partnership, Farm Bureau had St Jude hats made and sold as a fundraiser for the hospital. Mayor Hanson bought several hats to support this good cause and posed with Tipton County Farm Bureau Agent Katie Kelly Kay and "Farmer Charlie" at their local office in Covington.

CIAA Claims Top Award for "Squarecrow"

Covington Integrated Arts Academy won Best Overall in Covington "Squarecrows" contest. Art teacher Brandi Akins stated that this made her very proud since there were about 35 entries and all were very good. She said the students enjoyed spraying and cutting plastic water bottles and old wheels for the owl they created under her guidance – which is now in front of the school on display.



Congratulations!

Top Students at Crestview Middle School for September were Honored
Crestview Middle would like to acknowledge the students that go above and beyond expectations in the classrooms and as citizens. For the month of September, the 6th grade leaders were Kenzie Mathis and Colton Alderman, seventh graders were Emma Brasfield and Parker Davis, and the 8th grade leaders were Morgan Pruitt and Christian White. Pictured with these student leaders is Assistant Principal Tonia Beard. Crestview Middle is very proud of these students for their exemplary behavior and leadership.



Join us for Coffee with the Mayor



*Please Join Us for coffee and
conversations - 7:30 - 9:00*

Tuesday, November 14 Little Jimmy's 511 E. Liberty

Tuesday, November 28 Little Jimmy's 511 E. Liberty

Tuesday, December 12 Little Jimmy's 511 E. Liberty

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.



Mark Your Calendar

- November 10 – CITY OFFICES CLOSED for VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE
- November 10 – Veteran’s Day Parade on Covington Square – 10:00
- November 11 – GO LUCY GO Benefit Dinner – [CLICK here](#) for information and tickets
- 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 7:00 pm see parade guidelines above.....
- December 02 – Kids Art Class – 10:00 – noon – Tipton County Museum. Call 901-476-0242 for info
- December 09 – Hughey Strong Flag Football Tournament – CHS – call 901-485-7019 for information
- 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

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Friday, November 10th
to Celebrate



And To Honor
All Those Who Served



Tipton County

VETERANS DAY PARADE

Friday, November 10, 2017

10 a.m.

Court Square, Covington

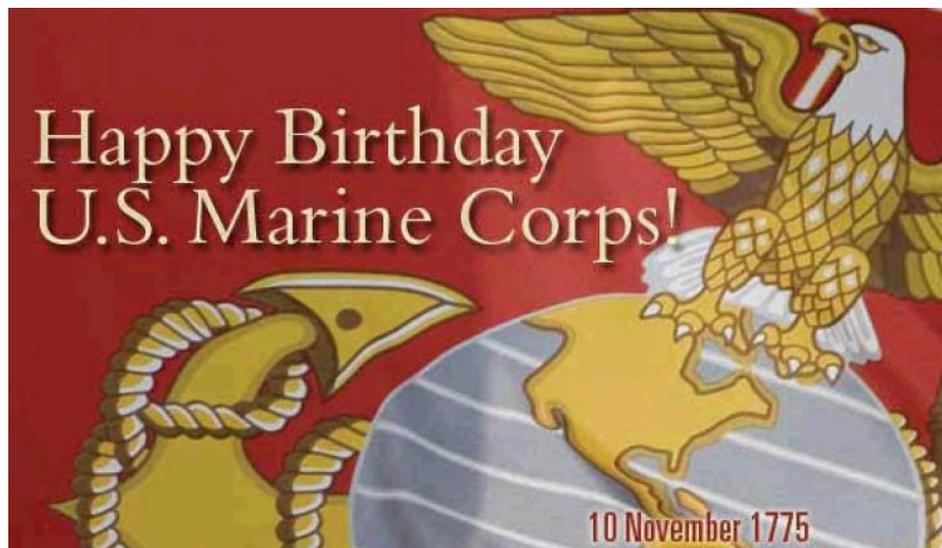
For more information please call

The Tipton County Museum

(901) 476-0242



The United States Marine Corps was born on Nov 10, 1775 at Tuns Tavern in Philadelphia





2017 GO LUCY GO Benefit Dinner and Silent Auction at [Spring Creek Ranch](#)
sponsored by the

[Go Lucy Go Foundation](#)



**COVINGTON
TIPTON COUNTY
CHAMBER of COMMERCE**



Third Thursday

Mix, Mingle, Eat, Drink, and be Merry!

On November 16th from 5pm - 6pm



At Wyatt Earp's Steak House

102 East Court Square, Covington

Sponsorship opportunities currently available!

Enjoy live music starting at 6p.m.
for those who would like to stay for dinner and enjoy the evening.

**Join the Chamber Staff
each month for**



Our November 21st Tasty Tuesday is Noon at...



**Court Square Café
132 West Liberty Avenue
Covington, TN 38019**

Dutch Treat Lunch at a Chamber Member Restaurant each month!

Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce

Gala and Awards

BOOTS
& **Bling** 2017

Saturday, November 18th

Social Hour with Live Music

6:00pm

\$25 per person

Dinner & Awards

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.

[READ MORE ABOUT IT BY CLICKING HERE!](#)



#SocialMediaforSmallBiz Interactive Workshop

DATE: Monday, November 20th, 2017

TIME: 11:30 am-1:00 p.m.

WHERE: Chamber of Commerce Training Room
106 West Liberty Avenue, Covington TN 38019

COST: Seminar is FREE for Chamber Members-
\$10 for non-members

INFO:

Are you capturing all you can for your business
through Facebook ?

This Small Business Lunch-n-Learn is your opportunity to
get hands-on training on how to grow your business
through the features of
Social Media Paid Advertising Services.

We can provide your lunch or your can bring your own.
Call before Friday, Nov. 17th by 3pm to reserve your lunch.
Cost for lunch is additional \$10.



Presented by: Salted Advertising



Registration is preferred! Please call (901) 476-9727 to register for this seminar.



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SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY®

NOV 25

SAVE THE DATE



For more information,
visit ShopSmall.com/Rally

**Saturday
December 2nd**

Admission: \$5

Team Entry: \$50

West Tennessee Farmer's Market



As part of Jackson's 3rd 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





Disney's
MULAN JR.

Day Performances
December 12th-14th 9:00 am & 12:30 pm
Night Performance:
December 14th @6 pm

Covington Integrated Arts Academy
Admission: Adults \$5,
Field Trip \$2 per student
(Field Trip Chaperones are free)

Contact Dr. Bonnie Wright to reserve your group at
bwright@tipton-county.com

Sponsored by CIAA Arts Booster

In association with Tipton Arts Council



NEED HEALTH INSURANCE?

HERE ARE THE 5 FACTS YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- 1 Open enrollment on the health care marketplace **begins on November 1 and lasts until December 15** on HealthCare.gov. **Beat the rush and sign up early.**
- 2 No matter if this is your first time getting covered or you are returning to shop and save, **you must take action by December 15.**
- 3 Those who choose to go without health insurance may have to pay a penalty. **There is a minimum penalty of \$695 for not having health insurance.**
- 4 Coverage could be more affordable than you think - and there is a possibility to receive financial help. **Last year, 8 in 10 people qualified for financial help** - for most people, that meant they could find premiums **between \$50 and \$100 per month.**
- 5 Free help is available. If you have questions about signing up or want to talk through your options with a trained professional, **free help is just a call or click away.** Call 1-800-318-2596 or visit <http://localhelp.healthcare.gov>.

ENROLL AT HEALTHCARE.GOV.

THEN, HELP OTHER AMERICANS GET COVERED BY SPREADING THE WORD:



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Open Enrollment begins November 1st!

Don't delay - make your appointment TODAY!

This year's enrollment deadline is Dec. 15

Only 45 days to get enrolled!

**If you miss the deadline, you'll have to wait
until next year.**

You can enroll in TennCare and Cover Kids
At any time of the year

The ACA has not been repealed

The plan you enroll in will cover you through 2018



To get FREE assistance from a
certified navigator, call:



1-844-644-5443

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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.
- 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 for more information.

www.TNReconnect.gov

For more information, contact Rebecca Reeves, Adult Student Coordinator, at 731-288-7514 or reeves@dsc.edu.



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Take a look at the upcoming programs and events from our friends at the Tipton County Extension Office...

[Click here to view flyers for upcoming 4-H and Master Gardener events!](#)

The Library Corner

Tipton County Public Library News

[Check out what's in store for you at our local Library this month!](#)



**GAME OF THRONES
TRIVIA NIGHT**

AGES 18 & UP

NOV 13th

6:30 PM



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FAMILY STORY TIME

Saturday, Nov. 18th @
12:30 PM

**Followed by a fun, interactive program,
There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Turkey
@ 1:00 PM**

You must work together to break into a tightly locked box before the timer runs out



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CHILDREN'S MOVIE
FREE BIRDS
Nov. 22nd
2:00 PM
[PG] 91 mins.
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What's Happening at the Museum?

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

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

STAND BESIDE HER

Guest speakers included Covington Mayor Hanson, Representative Debra Moody, Mason Mayor Gwen Kilpatrick, Kelley from Kelley's corner, and Officer Bruno. The girls held a silent auction to raise money for displaced families in the community.





The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center
Expansion Campaign:

Building for the Next Generation

As the Museum approaches its 20th year, the realization is we have outgrown the current facility and the necessity for expansion is essential. The Tipton County Museum is asking for the community's financial support in its endeavor to preserve Tipton County's rich cultural history.

Your contribution to the Museum's Expansion Fund is both necessary and appreciated. You can stop by with your donation, call the Museum to have a donation form mailed to you, visit our website at <http://www.covingtontn.com/museum.html> to download a donation form or donate online at: <https://tms.ezfacility.com/OnlineRegistrations/Register.aspx?CompanyID=5427&GroupID=1960714>.

Thank you for your help in preserving our legacy!

20 Years at the Tipton County Museum:

Embracing the Future While Honoring the Past

Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center

751 Bert Johnston Ave., P.O. Box 768,

Covington, TN 38019

(901) 476-0242



Master Gardeners Donate Stand to Museum

The Tipton County Master Gardeners installed a cedar stand alongside the herb garden to hold metal nature certification signs. The sign was designed and built by Master Gardener Keith Kunkel. Other master gardeners were on hand to help install it. Currently the Museum and Nature trail hold two certifications: A Monarch Waystation and a Certified Wildlife Habitat.





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The Tipton County Museum Presents

A Day of Art

WASSILY KANDINSKY

Artist in Residence Richard Reed will lecture on the life and artwork of Kandinsky in the morning, then lead the class in painting his “Winter Landscape” from 1 to 4 p.m. No previous art experience required, and we provide all the materials. Lecture is free to Museum Members and registered participants. Please call to reserve your spot!

When: Saturday, November 18, 2017,

Lecture from 10 to 11:30 a.m., Art Class from 1 to 4 p.m.

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

Fee: \$35 Museum Members, \$40 General Public

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The Tipton County Museum
Presents

Artist Series For Kids

PABLO PICASSO

When: Saturday, December 2, 2017, 10 a.m.— noon.

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

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

Children will learn about one of history’s most fascinating artists, Pablo Picasso, then will paint his “Portrait of Dora Maar” in acrylics. A sibling discount is available, and a snack will be provided. Ages 10 and up.

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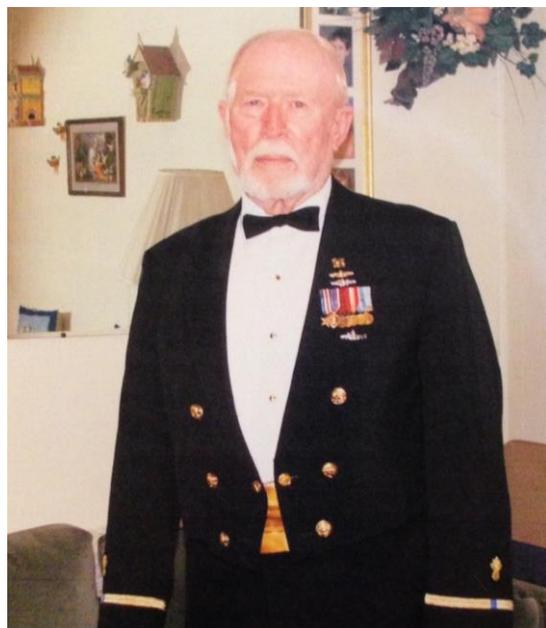
Cindy Scott

Cindy Scott, a freelance Medical Illustrator, has been illustrating for the past 25 years for many medical companies.

She has always loved art in all forms since she was a child! She loves working with many different mediums in her spare time. Being very detailed as a medical illustrator, she carries that over into her paintings, murals and faux wall textures, enjoying the challenge of capturing all the details. Being from Southern Louisiana, she favors painting southern features such as swamps, magnolias, pelicans and beaches. An award winning artist, she likes to paint in acrylics with modeling paste on canvas.

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

Jerry Eugene Beckley



Born on Christmas Eve, 1933 in Bakersfield, California, Jerry was a child of the depression, spending his youth in Texas as well as California. On July 21, 1948, a tender but mature 14 year old Jerry enlisted in the U.S. Army in Fresno, California. His parents helped fudge his records so they would have one less mouth to feed.

Discharged from the Army on May 12, 1951, he enlisted in the Navy on October 4 as a Gunner's Mate. In 1954 he qualified in fleet snorkel submarines as one of the last Gunner's Mates to be accepted into the Submarine Service. He served onboard USS PERCH (ASSP-313) and at Guided Missile Unit #90. After his conversion to Nuclear Weaponsman in 1959, he served onboard USS GRAYBACK (SSG-574), USS BARBERO (SSG-317), and USS HALIBUT (SSG(N)-587). While onboard GRAYBACK, he became part of the "Two-Man-Rule", the two people who would arm nuclear weapons should the unthinkable happen. Jerry was deployed on GRAYBACK in October 1962 when he was called to the Wardroom and informed that DEFCON had changed from the normal DEFCON 5 to DEFCON 3 and that he was to open the sealed Emergency War Orders. In the last few years, documents that detail how close we came to the unthinkable in October 1962 have begun to be declassified. It was men like Jerry who saw us precariously perched on the brink of a devastating war that was, thankfully, avoided; and who carried on, never able to share the knowledge of how close we really were to wiping out life as we know it.

Upon appointment to Warrant Officer, he served as Special Weapons Officer aboard USS HUNLEY (AS-31) and as Weapons and Diving Officer at Norfolk Naval Shipyard. With an eye to the future, he pursued his education, earning an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from Palmer College in 1973, a Bachelor of Science Degree from Baptist College in Charleston in 1974, and a Master of Arts Degree from Central Michigan University in 1976.

Jerry earned numerous medals during his career including the Silver Star, Purple Heart, Navy "E" Ribbon, Navy Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and Korea Service Medal.

After retiring from a fruitful Naval career in 1978, he served twenty years in Federal Civil Service at the Polaris Missile Facility, retiring as a GS-14 from the Submarine Launched TOMAHAWK Cruise Missile Project Office. He taught at various colleges from Washington, D.C., to Virginia, to Tennessee. He has a long history of volunteering and giving back through the Shriners, Masons, Wounded Warrior Project in San Antonio, and his church. He is the patriarch to 9 children, 9 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren. Jerry's family understands service over self. Not only Jerry, but also his father, 3 sons, and one grandson have signed the check promising to give all - up to and including their lives - to protect and serve our country. Jerry and his wife Connie live in Munford. He was nominated for Veteran of the Month by Sean Hamilton.