

From the Mayor's Desk

Thoughts and perceptions from Mayor Justin Hanson

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Here we are at the beginning of another school year, and it was my absolute pleasure to pray with folks at Crestview Elementary and shake hands with students at CIAA on their first full day of the 2018-19 school year. This stirs a lot of emotions in me for many reasons, and I want to share some of those thoughts and feelings with you. First of all, school was and still is a very important part of my life. I enjoyed school – that is where I got to be with my friends, be a part of a community, and learn things. Like most kids, I wouldn't have realized how important school was had I not had grandparents who held education in the highest regards! Both sets of my grandparents, who raised me, made school a top priority. As I learned more and became more cognizant to the reality of being educated, I realized how important it was for me to go to school, learn as much as possible, and do my best to excel. Some of the best memories of my life center around school events and those teachers and other school officials who stirred in me a love for learning and the desire to be educated. [Research](#) clearly shows that education is a *most* important component of a successful life and *every* time I speak to youngsters in our community, I stress the importance of staying in school, learning the most you can, and seeking avenues to help with educational successes.

We need an educated society, and we simply must do everything we can to ensure our children are encouraged, supported, and safe. Tennessee has enacted a new law that **prohibits** the use of cell phones by drivers in school zones. Bus drivers are also held to very high standards to avoid distracted driving. We have made some adjustments in two school zones in Covington and have added a new one, so please familiarize yourself with these changes, and know that the Covington Police Department will be monitoring these areas diligently. The *new* school zone is along Hastings Way and South Main Street in the vicinity of Tipton Christian Academy. Look for the new signs and flashing lights, follow the speed limits, and put those cellphones away. The Crestview School zone has been moved off of South College Street and will begin when motorists turn onto Mark Walker Drive. It will include all of Mark Walker and part of South Main Street as there are two Crestview schools located in that vicinity. The school zone on Highway 51 has been moved off the highway to Bert Johnston Avenue. It will encompass all of Bert Johnston during school times, as there are three Tipton County schools there. Be informed, be alert, and be careful.

We are working diligently to provide support for our students in many ways, including to prepare them for some kind of post-secondary training. Covington is MOST fortunate to have TWO institutions of higher learning in our city limits and world class manufacturing facilities in our town such as Unilever, US Cold Storage, CSC Sugar, Charms Co., Hydratrek, and others. The Unilever plant in Covington is the WORLD'S largest ice-cream manufacturer of its kind – right here in *our* backyard. If you get a Charms Blowpop in London, England or anywhere else in the world, be sure to read the wrapper = Made in Covington, Tennessee! Hydratrek vehicles were invented and are manufactured in Covington, and are shipped to locations around the globe. However, one of the biggest concerns of these fine manufacturing companies is the having a well-educated & qualified workforce. Thank goodness the State of Tennessee has initiated the [Drive to 55](#) and [The Tennessee Promise](#) to help alleviate this AND Tipton County has created a workforce development department with a coordinator who is working with schools, students, parents, businesses, and others to encourage and support students as they make life decisions. I know personally that we have wonderfully dedicated youth directors in our churches, neighborhoods, schools, clubs, and other places who are concerned and who spend time helping our youth make good decisions. I thank you *all* for that and I encourage more to get involved. Become an [Arise to Read](#) mentor – just an hour of your time a week might change a child's life *forever!* Spend

some time at the [Boys and Girls Club](#) mentoring and assisting our future generations. The children you mentor today may well be your best employee, your doctor or nurse, or your care-taker in just a few years. Indeed, our community depends on the collective efforts of all of us to support our kids and nourish productive citizens. The quality of our local schools is one of the most important components for attracting manufacturing, businesses, residents, and making progress for *any* city. I have great interest in our schools and am actively involved in promoting best practices, good leadership, and providing support to the best of my ability. I want to make sure people have safe passageways to and from school no matter where they attend or how they get there. I will continue to support education and I will do everything I can to promote positive productive leadership in our schools.

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City Leaders Welcomed Students back to School

Mayor Justin Hanson joined parents, teachers, school administrators, police officers, firefighters, and many other community supporters to welcome students to school.



People gathered (above) in the Crestview Elementary cafeteria the day before students arrived to pray for the new school year. Community leaders welcomed children as they came to the first full day of school Wednesday.



Mayor Hanson, TCSO Chief Deputy Shannon Beasley, Covington Fire Chief Michael Naifeh, and Covington Assistant Police Chief Cavat Bass were among many community leaders who joined CIAA Principal Autrell Williams to welcome students back to school.



DEPARTMENTAL TIDBITS

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

HUMAN RESOURCES & SPECIAL EVENTS:

The City of Covington Human Resource Department is responsible for the administration of all Personnel and Purchasing activities for the city. The Human Resource Department is located on the 2nd floor of the Covington Civic Center. They can be reached by phone (901) 475-7170. For reservations, scheduling, or information about special events, please call 901-475-7139

- Applications are accepted ONLY during the time of a posted vacancy.
- Applications can be obtained at the Personnel Department or online, with the exception of Police Department postings which are done through that department.
- Job postings can be found on this site as well as on the main bulletin board located outside the Personnel office. Additionally, vacancies requiring special skills are advertised in the local paper.
- You can complete applications and email it to our department through the Contact Us button above or bringing it by our office Monday through Friday 8:00am - 5:00pm.

Career Opportunities

[Lifeguard](#)

[Police Dept](#)

[Street Sweeper Operator](#)

PUBLIC WORKS AND STREETS:



Our street sweeper is out cleaning up and preparing streets designated for new striping. You will most likely be seeing the sweeper more often as the City of Covington has posted a position for a part-time CDL - licensed driver for a regular sweeping route throughout the city. Look for new stripes in and around the Crestview and CIAA school zones and lightning bolts leading up to Covington High School. There are other streets slated for striping including Turner Lane and East Liberty.

COVINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT:

- CFD has 9 volunteers coming on – including 2 paramedics giving us 7 paramedics. Chief Naifeh plans to have paramedic on schedule at all times.
- Aug 31 is the tentative date for delivery of the new pumper-tanker. CFD will sell old tanker, and are accepting offers.
- Chief Naifeh has applied for TML safety grant, Wal Mart safety grant (\$1500), and also will submit Firehouse Subs grant for extrication tools.
- Keep up with CFD on our [Facebook Page](#).
- Please report ANY fire safety concerns you have to the Covington Fire Department at 901-476-2578. For emergencies, dial 911. To learn more about CFD operations, [click here](#).

PARKS AND RECREATION:

- Girls ages 4-15 in the area (no boundary map) are welcome to play Fall Softball with Covington Youth Sports. **Sign up anytime the Sportsplex.** No Ceremonies, No All-Stars, No Pressure. Come Play & Have FUN!
- FALL SOCCER - sign-ups taking place NOW! Co-ed teams – games start in September!



Register
Scan me or go to Youth Sports on our website covingtontn.com to register online



First Baptist Church
Covington, TN
Connecting Hearts to Him

FALL SOCCER
Ages 3-12
YOUTH SPORTS

Sign up NOW
Games start in
September



Only \$55



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

This is a Coed league boys and girls may be on the same team

Adult Home Run Derby was “A HIT” at Baltzer Field in Covington



Director Mack’s challenge to baseball stars from the past brought them to Cobb-Parr Park for the first Adult Homerun Derby in Covington.



Josh Posey took home the grand prize with 6 homeruns, Cody Faulk came in 2nd with 5 homeruns, followed by Keith Winberry in 3rd with 4 homeruns.

COVINGTON AQUATIC CENTER:

The Covington Aquatic Center offers a six-lane 25 meter recreational and competition covered pool. The pool depth is 3 feet in the shallow end and 12 feet at the deep end. The deep end of the pool houses 2 spring boards for recreational use. We offer multiple levels of swim lessons for young children through adults. Water aerobics and other fitness classes are offered, and it is available for swim fitness. The pool is available for those with mobility issues by way of an ADA-compliant fixed lift.

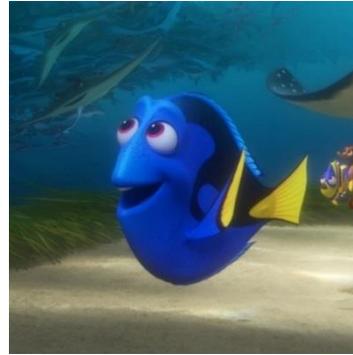
The Aquatic Center also offers a 1.5 feet deep wading pool for children age 6 and under. This pool is covered, heated, and open all year.

Pool Rental

Covington Aquatic Center is available for private rentals for a variety of activities: scout swim check, birthday parties, company outings/parties, and church events. Cost for pool rental is \$125.00 for 2 or 3 hours. For more detailed rental information, contact Director Mack at (901) 476-3734



The Covington Aquatic Center was the site for Covington's first "DIVE-IN" movie! **Finding Dory** was shown on the new outdoor movie screen provided by Drug Free Tipton. The pool provided floatation devices and concessions were available. Admission was FREE!



Covington Police Department

- Covington Police Department urges all residents to report suspicious activity. Allow trained safety personnel to decipher information and handle potentially dangerous situations – better yet, *prevent* them from happening! HELP US HELP YOU! Here are contacts for your convenience:
 - Covington Police Department – 901-475-1261 or 901-476-0243 blewis@covingtontn.com
 - Tipton County Sherriff's Dept. - 901-475-3300 sheriff@tiptonco.com
 - Central Dispatch – 901-475-4300
- CPD has hired three new police officers and they are currently at police academies in Nashville and Memphis.
- The new School Resource Officer (SRO) at Covington High School is CPD Officer James Robertson, who began his duties there this week. He will serve as the SRO for all Tipton County Schools in Covington.
- Chief Lewis reminds everyone there is a Tennessee law prohibiting the use of cellphones in school zones. Some of our school zones have been moved, and a new one was added in the vicinity of Tipton Christian Academy. Covington police will monitor all our school zones.

TBI Tips:

We welcome tips about possible criminal activity in Tennessee. Our employees will review tips as soon as possible and, if appropriate, forward them for further follow-up. Please include your contact information in case we have questions or would like to contact you.

Please note: You may remain anonymous, but information received may be incomplete for follow-up and investigative purposes. Tips that result in the capture of any of [TBI's Top Ten Most Wanted](#) may be eligible for reward money.

BY PHONE: 1-800-TBI-FIND

BY EMAIL: [Click Here](#)

CODES:

- 13-104. Overgrown and dirty lots. (1) Prohibition. Pursuant to the authority granted to municipalities under Tennessee Code Annotated, 6-54-113, it shall be unlawful for any owner of record of really property to create, maintain, or permit to be maintained on such property the growth of trees, vines, grass, underbrush and /or the accumulations of debris, trash, litter, or garbage or any combination of the preceding elements so as to endanger the health, safety, or welfare of other citizens or to encourage the infestation of rats and other harmful animals.
- If you have complaints of the above nature please contact the Department of Code Compliance: (901) 476-7191 ext. 146 or planning.building@covingtontn.com
- For any further questions please contact the Department of Code Compliance (901)476-7191 ext 146.

BE IN THE KNOW!

[Click here to learn more about applications, fees, and policies.](#)

[Click here to learn more about zoning maps and regulations](#)

[Click here to read our sidewalks ordinance](#)

Covington has Received Approval for Blight Removal to Begin

The City of Covington received a letter from The Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development this week stating they have approved the demolition and clearance of 11 properties in Covington that have been designated as blight. This is a result of a grant Tipton County submitted on behalf of Covington for blight eradication last year, and this approval is the first of several rounds that will take place. Look for forthcoming announcements for bids for demolition as this process continues.

Frazier Connector Project Ready for Construction

Mayor Hanson applied for a TDOT [TAP \(Transportation Alternatives Program\)](#) Grant in 2016 for the Frazier Park Community and now, construction is set to begin. The Board of Mayor and Aldermen approved a bid by NSite Construction in July, and the contract for construction was signed at Covington City Hall this week. Representatives from Community Development Partners of Nashville, TDOT, City of Covington, A2H Engineering, [NSite, Inc.](#) and Mayor Hanson were on hand to sign the contract and approve the schedule for construction. This \$791,388.00 project will provide connectivity, improved drainage, ADA ramps and crosswalks, and lighting that will enhance safety, connectivity, and walkability through Frazier Park to the Boys and Girls Club, Head Start, and Children and Family Services.



MUSEUM:

There are lots of exciting things happening at the Tipton County Museum, including an exhibit exchange right now, so please *pardon our dust!* We will remain open during normal business hours as we create our next exhibit. Click on the word **MUSEUM** above and keep up with the latest news and information on our website.



The Tipton County Museum and the
Tipton County Master Gardeners
Present the
3rd Annual



Party with the Pollinators

When: Friday, September 14, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Project coordinator Sherl Rose will give a brief lecture on the importance of pollinators and those we have in our area. She will also give an in depth tour of the herb garden, and herb themed refreshments will be served. This is a free event and everyone is invited!



The Tipton County Museum,
Veterans Memorial & Nature Center
751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN 38019
(901) 476-0242

SAVE THE DATE!

**Party with the Pollinators
will be Friday, September
14 at 6:00 at the Tipton
County Museum. You
haven't *partied* until you
have *partied* with the
pollinators!**



Here are just a few of our upcoming events – please join us!

- Friday, August 3 from 9:30 to 11:30: **Barb McBride's acrylics** class begins. There are still openings, so please call the museum at 476-0242 to register.
- Saturday, August 4 from 1 to 3 p.m.: **Artist Series for Kids:** Wassily Kandinsky. Please call the museum at 476-0242 to register.
- Tuesday, August 14 at 6:30 p.m.: **Veteran of the Month Reception.**
- Saturday, August 18. **Isaac Hayes** Exhibit opening at the Tipton County Museum, then Isaac Hayes Day at Frazier Park from 1 to 5 p.m.
- Friday, August 24. Museum is closed all day for Navy Day



Tipton County Commission on Aging Administrative Assistant Gary Onorati and Museum Director Barrie Foster hung artwork from the museum at the TCCA location in the Covington Civic Center to create an art gallery there. Each painting lists the artist, title, year it was painted, and a few sentences about the artist.



Reception was held at Museum for Children who submitted art for “Fresh”

An awards ceremony for 'Fresh', the Tipton County children's art exhibit, was held this week at the Tipton County Museum. The event was co-sponsored with the Court Square Farmers Market and many of their vendors were present as distinguished guests. The awards were presented by Tipton County Museum Director Barrie Foster and Covington-Tipton County Chamber Assistant Director Lauren Fletcher. The artwork is beautiful and will be hanging at the Tipton County Museum through August 24.



Public Works Committee Discussed Gas Rates, LED Lighting, Sidewalks, and Ditches

The Public Works Committee held their regular monthly meeting at Covington City Hall on August 7 at 1:00 pm. Present were Chairman Alderman Mac McGowan, Alderman John Edwards, Mayor Justin Hanson, CPW Director David Gray, Building Inspector and Codes Enforcement Officer Lessie Fisher, Utilities Manager Calvin Johnson, Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn, Covington Electric General Manager Tim Sallee, Codes Assistant Jennifer Nolen, City Attorney Rachel Witherington and Assistant to the Mayor Sara Gangaware. Also present was Alderwoman Minnie Bommer.

Chairman Alderman Mac McGowan called the meeting to order at 1:00 with a quorum present. He then called on Public Works Director David Gray to begin his presentation.

Director Gray called on Lindsey Brown and Zac Littrell of Center Point Energy for their presentation regarding purchasing gas.

- Littrell presented an overview of a pre-pay program that allows discount gas rates for 30 years via MEAC (Multiple Energy Acquisition Corporation) and Tennergy. Littrell stated their preliminary calculations indicate we could save approximately \$50,000 a year. The committee asked several questions to gather more details of the proposition and get better ideas of how the program works, what other municipalities are participating, and to clarify terms. Brown stated it is a good program that benefits all participants, including rate-payers. Alderman Edwards stated it certainly seems like a win-win to him. Mayor Hanson asked Director Gray for his recommendation and he stated he feels it is important to be able to pass a rate savings on to our customers and because the rate is guaranteed to stay the same for 5-6 years with opportunities to opt out if necessary, he feels it will be a safe endeavor. Hanson also asked Utilities Manager Calvin Johnson for his opinion, and he stated that from what he has read and learned, he supports the program. At that time, Mayor Hanson motioned to move forward with this plan and Alderman Edwards seconded. Motion passed. Attorney Witherington stated she believes we can enter into this contract with a resolution.

Also on the agenda for this meeting was a discussion regarding changing to LED lighting in the City of Covington. Tim Sallee from Covington Electric was present and reviewed information and a spreadsheet from Path Company on how the city of Covington can implement a total change to LED lighting. Also included in the handouts was the entire Streetlight Retrofit Project from Path. Director Gray called on Sallee for his presentation.

Tim Sallee

- Stated that Alderman McGowan has discussed LED lighting with him for several years in an effort to save money and that he (Sallee) has also worked with Mayor Hanson on this and other savings plans for our city. Sallee went through a cost spreadsheet provided by Path explaining the entire process of removing existing fixtures, which would cost us an additional “stranded asset fee”, and replacing with new fixtures and LED bulbs.
- Referring to that handout, Sallee went through several graphs indicating what the City of Covington pays for electricity, poles, wires, and operational costs (to Covington Electric) monthly and annually. Graphs were supplied that also showed efficiency of different types of fixtures and bulbs. According to these estimates, LED lighting would be more economical with an annual savings of approximately \$9,500, and an average of over \$40,000 over 20 years. However, there would be a large initial investment for a complete changeover.

- Alderman Edwards asked for the total cost for transforming the entire city to LED lighting, and Sallee stated that was over \$800,000. Edwards then said that he felt the discussion should be tabled until the city can find that amount to invest. Sallee asked for the opportunity to finish his presentation so the committee could see the whole picture. He was allowed to proceed.
- Sallee went through a myriad of costs, comparisons, and projections presented in the proposal stating he wants to do his due diligence for the investigation of this project. According to the proposal from Path, the debt could be paid off in 15 years, adding additional savings. Projected annual savings for the project is estimated at an average of \$43,000 over 20 years, with the greatest savings after a loan could be paid off.

Chairman McGowan thanked Sallee for his analysis of Path's project projections. Gray stated he was asked for a side-by-side comparison for LED lighting, so that is why he included Path's project information today. Alderman Edwards stated he thought this discussion was already dropped because of the cost of it. McGowan stated he wanted to see the long-term savings projections because he had information from a project similar to this undertaken by the City of Somerville, and he understands they were able to create substantial savings for their customers. McGowan also suggested we start using LED lights as replacement bulbs and suggested looking at other towns' lights that have done this, such as Somerville, Bolivar and McKenzie, to see the difference. There was no further discussion of the project.

Director Gray continued with his presentation and asked committee members to see Refuse and Trash Disposal Ordinances attached in his handout. Gray stated the only changes in these ordinances are that we stopped routinely picking up building materials and have reduced the size of limbs we pick up to help protect our equipment. Gray stated everything else has always been there – such as bagging leaves and grass clippings – but all parts of the ordinances haven't always been enforced, as we are trying to do now.

Gray stated he wants to monitor items on the street to ensure people are well informed and make our ordinances work for the benefit of our residents as they are written. Gray stated progress has been made in terms of people bagging grass and setting out furniture and building materials. He sees an increase in calls for picking up furniture and other bulky items for additional charges. Gray stated it is a training/learning process and he wants to keep working toward making the current ordinances work. Gray stated we simply don't have the manpower to pick up everything, mow everything, and we need residents to help by complying with these ordinances.

Edwards stated he believes it is too hard to keep up with who cuts the grass, who puts limbs on the street, and who gets charged for additional services. Gray stated it is difficult, but our employees are trained, they are keeping an eye on these things, and we are all getting better with compliance and enforcement of our ordinances. McGowan asked if people who are not bagging grass are getting letters, and Gray said we are working on that and trying to ensure people are informed and that we enforce our ordinances fairly across the city.

McGowan then asked if there were other questions for Director Gray. There being none, Hanson motioned to accept his report and Edwards seconded. Motion passed. Chairman McGowan then called on Lessie Fisher for her report.

Fisher stated she met with [MTAS](#) officials, Director Gray, Attorney Witherington, Tim Taylor (landscaping), and James Dowell (streets) to discuss right-of-ways, ditches, and sidewalks. Fisher stated she felt the meeting was very beneficial and many areas of concern were clarified. Questions were raised and all those involved are doing research to bring forth answers and clarifications. Fisher stated communication will take place with citizens so people are informed and trained – residents and employees alike – so we all have the same knowledge.

Attorney Rachel Witherington stated the big things discussed were drainage, sidewalks, and right-of-ways, and offered this information:

- Codes Department is working on a list/map of all streets to determine right-of-ways. Any work done by city employees on any private property must only be done for a public purpose, which means it must primarily benefit the health, safety, welfare, and morals of the public. Witherington stated the City should think about maintaining rights-of-way because if they are obstructed and motorists cannot see, that could pose a public safety hazard.
- Sidewalks ordinance currently states that the property owners abutting a sidewalk have the responsibility to maintain the cleanliness of sidewalks. She suggested the Board look hard at this in terms of how we deal with sidewalks.
- Ditches – if ditches are stopped up and cause flooding on public streets, she feels the city should address that as it would promote public welfare and safety. Otherwise, ditches are not the responsibility of the City to maintain and unless they are posing some kind of hazard or danger to the public, and not just a nuisance to the property owner, the City should not perform work on any ditch.

Witherington stated that the primary beneficiary of any action the city may take must be the general public, and not private citizens. Witherington stated that one major place that has been an issue in the city is the Town Creek Ditch that runs parallel to Highway 51 behind some businesses and homes. That is not the city's responsibility because it is private property. Alderwoman Bommer asked if we can clean those ditches out and bill property owners for it, and Witherington stated there would have to be some kind of state statute to lien property, but that it may fall under the "grass cutting statute" which allows for removal of "debris," assuming things in the ditch constituted "debris", and if we did use that statute, we would have to abide by the notice rules. Edwards asked if the city has control of the ditches, and Witherington stated we do not – that is private property. Edwards asked what would happen if the ditch becomes stopped up and causes flooding, and Witherington replied that it depends on what is flooded. If public streets are flooding because of ditch obstruction, then the City could consider removing the debris. However, if private property is flooding then it is the property owner's responsibility to address it. Gray stated he has had conversations with representatives of MTAS and learned that it is NOT our responsibility to maintain those ditches because they are private property. McGowan stated we shouldn't go on private property not only from the cost perspective, but also because of the liability. Edwards continued his point by stating he feels the city has cleaned ditches before and that it would be in our best interest in the long term to maintain them. Witherington stated as far as she knows right now, there are no problems with Town Creek, in terms of causing flooding, etc. so, what would be the public purpose for spending dollars for a project that doesn't currently cause problems? David Gray stated that for proper draining, the entire ditch would need cleaning all the way out to the Hatchie River. Edwards stated then the County should take the responsibility for the ditch past the city limits, and stated that it does sometimes flood. Gray stated there is a culvert along that ditch on Simonton Street that is too small, and he believes if that were replaced, it would help. However, that area is on private property. Another issue Gray alluded to is work that had been done on private property by a citizen that changed the course of water flow.

Fisher stated persons who receive letters of compliance and who do not respond, can be cited into city court, and this process has begun. She stated that dealing with ditches is generally a city, county, and state collaborative and while they are on private property according to registered deeds, there are some things that can be done when public safety and security are compromised.

Alderwoman Bommer asked the committee to consider an issue on North College where it seems someone has established a full time business in a yard. Bommer stated cars are parked on the side of the road and this has created a hazardous situation. Gray stated "no parking" signs have been posted and Codes Assistant Jennifer Nolen stated letters have been sent to the property owners concerning this complaint. Bommer asked who is responsible for stopping this. Fisher stated it appears there is a zoning violation, and that investigation is already in process. Edwards produced a picture of the location showing a car parked in front of the 'no parking' sign. Bommer reiterated that it is a bad hazard and should be stopped. Fisher stated running a business in the

yard is a Codes Department issue, but the illegal parking and any other illegal activity is a police concern. Edwards stated he has called the police several times to the area due to loud music, fighting in the street, and other activity that is like a nightclub. Bommer stated those are the kinds of violations she wants to see stopped immediately. Edwards said he wants 'disturbing the peace' violations added to citations when that is precisely what is going on. Bommer stated that when people break the law, they should be held responsible for that. Fisher stated there are State laws that dictate the process for enforcing zoning laws, but police can address other issues immediately and encouraged anyone effected to call Central Dispatch at 901-475-4300.

There being no further questions nor business to discuss, Mayor Hanson motioned to accept Fisher's report and Alderman Edwards seconded. Motion passed.

The Tipton Arts Council will have auditions for **Dearly Departed and It's a Wonderful Life**

COME ONE – COME ALL - Here's the chance you've been waiting for! On Thursday, August 9th from 6 until 9 pm and Saturday, August 11th, from 1 until 4 pm, Tipton Arts Council will hold auditions for two wonderful plays – Dearly Departed and It's a Wonderful Life.

For Dearly Departed, there are parts for 5 men ages 30 to 65 and 6 women ages 25 to 65. Rehearsals begin Tuesday, August 14th with rehearsals Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, (rehearsal schedule is subject to change) with additional rehearsal dates to be added as we approach opening weekend. Run dates are September 28th, 29th, and 30th, and October 5th, 6th, and 7th.

For It's a Wonderful Life, there are parts for 12 men ages 18-75, 10 women ages 18-60, 2 boys ages 10-12, and 2 girls ages 7-9. Rehearsals begin Monday October 15, exact rehearsal schedule TBA. Run dates are November 30th, December 1st, 2nd, 7th, 8th, and 9th.

Those auditioning are asked to please prepare a 1 - 3 minute monologue from a play and be prepared for cold readings from the script of the show of your choosing, or both if interested. Auditions will be at the Ruffin Theater on the square in Covington.

Rodger Beasley
Promotions Chairman
Tipton Arts Council



A Drop Dead Funny Comedy

20-Year City Employee Retired – Celebrated for his Service

Earnest Pewitt has served the City of Covington for 20 years and his service and dedication was lauded at a reception in his honor at the City Service Barn on Ripley Street



Left, Street Department Manager James Dowell, Maintenance Shop Manager Brad Kinney, Public Works Director David Gray and Personnel Director Tiny Barton paid tribute to retiree Earnest Pewitt (c) for his service to the City of Covington. Below – employees enjoyed a luncheon in his honor and allowed him to go through the line first!



**Job
well
done!**

Memphis Church members Toured Tipton County Museum

Members from Spring Hill M.B. Church in Memphis toured the Tipton County Museum last week, after first touring the Alex Haley Museum and having lunch at the Bald Butcher. While at our museum, they got to meet WWII Veteran Andy Dunavant - a special treat!



Covington FFA Received *Highest Award* at Nationals

You may think all school children take a break during the summer, but the CHS chapter of Future Farmers of America (FFA) was still competing. Covington High's FFA received several prestigious awards from National FFA Judging. The chapter was recognized as a 3-star National Chapter Award Winner, which is the highest award a chapter can get. Averri Cole was recognized as a National Finalist for her Agriscience Fair project, and a National Gold for proficiency. She will compete at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis at the National Agriscience Fair. Alex Daniel was a bronze medal winner in Crops division. Will Turner was a National Gold in Small Animal Care and Wesley Gray was a National Bronze winner in Grain Production, while Steven Sartain was recognized for his work in Environmental Science. Agriculture Teacher and co-sponsor of the CHS chapter Jerry Johnson expressed his gratitude to the students and their families for these excellent recognitions at a National event.

Save the Date

Thursday, October 4th **Industrial Appreciation Golf Tournament** at the Covington Country Club!

INDUSTRY TEAMS PLAY FOR FREE and get first priority on team registrations!!!
Lunch will be served at 11am and Tee Off is scheduled for 12:30pm.

This is just one small way that we say, "Thank You" to our local manufacturers in Tipton County for the jobs that they provide and the economic impact that they have on our region.

If you would like more details about this event, call 901 476 9727
or email lauren@covington-tiptoncochamber.com

Sponsorship Opportunities Now Available! Registration Peckets will be shared later this month.





Congratulations to Baptist Tipton for winning the Quest Award!

QUEST 2020 is a three year program to help health systems connect with peers, evidence-based practices and data. The program is aligned with the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's National Quality Strategy to provide care for individuals and the community. The program is driven across six priority areas: Safety, communication and care coordination, affordable care, person and family experience, health and wellbeing and prevention and treatment.

Baptist Memorial Hospital Tipton was recognized as the leading hospital in their cohort (non-teaching hospitals with less than 375 beds) that met all six of these areas at the National level at this year's Breakthrough Conference (Nashville, TN. June 26-29th)



Join your Chamber Staff and Community for

Third Thursday

Business After Hours

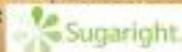
5pm - 6pm on August 16th

At Wyatt Earp's Steak House

102 Court Square East Ste. DU, Covington

Mix, Mingle, Eat, Drink, and Unwind!

**This month is Sponsored by Valued Chamber Member and
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COVINGTON TIPTON COUNTY CHAMBER of COMMERCE

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COVINGTON TIPTON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

heritage festival 2018

JOIN US FOR
food, music, tours & arts & crafts market
COVINGTON TN

farm to table dinner - Sept 20 - 6p
four historical churches - Sept 21 - 10a & 2p
art & craft merchant fair on the square & music fest
Sept 22- 9a-4p
FOR MORE DETAILS
VISIT WWW.COVDISTCO-FTTCMCC/2018/HERITAGEFESTIVAL

Farm to Table Dinner

Tickets go on sale Monday, July 16th!
Sell out expected!

2nd Annual Farm to Table Dinner and Scholarship Auction on Court Square featuring music by the highly acclaimed bluegrass band, No Time Flatt - \$40 per person

Sponsorship opportunities:

- * **Bronze- \$125**, includes two tickets and recognition in event program
- * **Silver- \$225**, includes four tickets, recognition in event program and logo or name on event banners displayed the day of the event
- * **Gold- \$325**, includes eight VIP tickets, recognition in all Festival programs, logo or name on main Festival banners displayed throughout the three day festival
- * **Premier- \$750**, one exclusive sponsorship includes all of Gold level plus- Recognition as Music Sponsor for event, Company banner displayed at event and serving as the official "ringer of the dinner bell" to kickoff the festival.

Rose Fabricating is hiring!

WELDERS & FITTERS NEEDED

Rose Fabricating is an accredited AISC steel fabrication shop. We are a drug free and safety orientated company looking to hire fitters and welders proficient in blueprint reading, able to follow direction and complete assigned job.

[Click here for more details.](#)

Please come to 290 Industrial Road Covington, TN 38019 to fill out application.
290 Industrial Rd N
Covington, TN 38019-1816

Want to your favorite recipe to be featured in the Court Square Farmers Market Cookbook?

We are now accepting recipes for a Court Square Farmers Market Cookbook!!!

Email your recipes to lauren@covington-tiptonchamber.com or bring a copy to the Chamber of Commerce office by August 18th!

All recipes must include at least one ingredient found at our [Court Square Farmers Market](#) in order to be included.

Cookbooks will go on sale during the [2018 Covington-Tipton Co Heritage Festival](#)

Call 901 476 9727 for further details.

Need Legal Advice? FREE LEGAL CLINIC



**March 10, 2018
May 12, 2018
July 14, 2018
September 8, 2018
November 10, 2018
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**First Presbyterian Church
403 South Main Street
Covington**



Only 2 Sponsor spots left for 2018!

Third Thursday

Business After Hours

**CALL TODAY TO RESERVE A MONTH TO SPONSOR SO
WE CAN FEATURE YOUR BUSINESS or INDUSTRY!**

October 18th or November 15th

Mix, Mingle, Eat, Drink, and Unwind!

Interested in hosting Third Thursday? Contact Lauren Fletcher at (901) 476-9727 or lauren@covington-tiptoncochamber.com. Host at our chosen location or at your own business.

Rose Bowl Representatives visit with Munford Band Reps and City & County Officials

Just two years ago, we saw the Munford High School band represent us at in New York City for the Macy's Christmas Parade. This year, they are Rose Bowl bound! Way to go Band Director Barry Troubaugh, Principal Courtney Fee, and all the band students and their supportive families! You make ALL of us proud! President of the 2018-2019 Tournament of Roses Board of Directors, Gerald Frenny and his wife Trina spent several days in our community learning and gathering information. In the picture below, they visited with Vice Mayor Mac McGowan and others in Covington.



L-R Covington Vice-Mayor Mac McGowan, welcomed Debbie Trobaugh, Trina Frenny and her husband Gerald Frenny - Tournament of Roses Board of Directors President – Munford Band Director Barry Troubaugh, and Munford Mayor Dwayne Cole to Covington for a visit and dinner at Wyatt Earp's.

Mayor Hanson Appointed as Vice-Chair to the Local Government Planning Advisory Committee by Governor Haslam

Local Government Planning Advisory Commission – often referred to as LGPAC – consists of seven local government officials appointed by the Governor. Functions of LGPAC are:

1. Provide advice to the governor concerning local government conditions and inclusion of those needs in the state's general plan;
2. Provide advice to the governor on the administration of local planning assistance, including the employment of professionally qualified planning personnel to provide services to local government; and
3. Exercise of powers over regional planning commissions, including the creation of regions and appointment of members.

Mayor Justin Hanson was appointed by Governor Haslam and has also been named Vice Chairman. Fellow members include Michael Matteson, Planner in Williamson County, Paige Brown, Mayor of Gallatin, Kim McMillan, Mayor of Clarksville, Crystal Ottinger, Mayor of Cocke County, Steve Simon, City Administrator in Adamsville, and Ambre Torbett, Planner in Sullivan County.

The University of Memphis is pleased to offer training workshops in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) this summer.

Professionals can earn continuing education credits.

Fundamentals and Advanced GIS courses will be offered in two formats: 1) **Instructor-led**, or 2) **Self-paced Online**. GIS & Health course will be **instructor-led only**. Instructor-led workshops are 1-2 days long and hosted at Johnson Hall, University of Memphis campus. Self-paced online courses are designed to help individuals with busy schedules who cannot make it to campus. These courses are recommended for those who are self-starters that can work with instructional videos, stay on task, and stay motivated on their own.

Please click on the link below to learn more about GIS Workshop Series and scroll down to register online.

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Direct links to specific course registration below:

2- DAY: GIS Fundamentals - offered in two formats: 1) **Instructor-led, or 2) **Self-paced Online****

August 13-14 (Mon-Tues) 9:00 am- 3:00 pm; University of Memphis Johnson Hall (Room 219) Esra Ozdenerol, PhD

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1 - DAY: Advanced GIS

August 15 (Wed) 9:00 am- 3:00 pm; University of Memphis Johnson Hall (Room 219) Esra Ozdenerol, PhD –offered in two formats: 1) **Instructor-led, or 2) **Self-paced Online****

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1 - DAY: GIS and Health

offered in one format: 1) **Instructor-led**

August 16 (Thurs) 9:00 am- 3:00 pm; University of Memphis Johnson Hall (Room 219) Esra Ozdenerol, PhD

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Courses could be customized to a particular specialty, skill or need so please ask if you require something specific that you don't see offered (i.e., GIS for emergency responders, GIS for teachers, GIS for appraisers, GIS in Logistics, GIS for Research faculty, criminology applications, etc.).

The key lecturer is Dr. Esra Ozdenerol, Director of GIS Certificate Program and Professor of Geography at the University of Memphis. If workshop participants are interested in earning university credit and graduate level GIS Certificate Degree, they can contact the GIS Certificate Program Director eozenrl@memphis.edu and can also visit http://www.memphis.edu/earthsciences/programs/graduate/gis_certificate.php to preview the GIS Certificate application process.

Why should you attend a workshop on GIS and Geospatial Technologies?

- The geo-spatial technologies has been identified as one of the high growth job training opportunities in the U.S. in this economy <http://www.doleta.gov/Brg/JobTrainInitiative/>
- CNN money list GIS as one of the top 100 jobs in America <http://money.cnn.com/pf/best-jobs/2013/snapshots/85.html>
- Salary Range <http://www.aag.org/cs/salarydata>

Museum Director Barrie Foster extends a special thanks to Joseph Auger V for a footbridge he constructed through the herb garden arbor (R). She also appreciates the work of volunteer Stephan Foster and Covington Parks and Recreation Sports Coordinator Eric McGaha, who created a quiet seating area adjacent to the herb garden. Be sure to visit the Tipton County Museum soon to enjoy these and other additions and updates.



Wildlife Removal

While the City of Covington does have an animal control unit, we cannot remove wild animals as this requires licensed professionals. Please use the list below if you have squirrels, raccoons, skunks, or other wild animals on your property.

BUSINESS	CONTACT	CITY	PHONE
The Pest Team	Linda Bollinger	Brighton	901-476-4055
American Wildlife Removal	Dennis Baker	Lakeland	731-394-0515
Titan Animal Control	Anthony Hulbert	Arlington	901-832-7452
A-1 Wildlife Service	Wesley Haley	Arlington	901-487-1728
Foundation Pest Control	Jody Robinson	Lakeland	901-302-5206
Foundation Pest Control	John Faught	Lakeland	901-302-5206
Wildlife Relief	Chris Settle	Memphis	901-493-0083
Bartlett Animal Shelter	Angela Klein	Bartlett	901-385-6484
Bartlett Animal Shelter	Jay Jones	Bartlett	901-385-6484
Bartlett Animal Shelter	Thomas Smith	Bartlett	901-385-6484
Bartlett Animal Shelter	Mirian Bradley	Bartlett	901-385-6484
Bartlett Animal Shelter	Mallory Simonton	Bartlett	901-385-6484
Bartlett Animal Shelter	John Harper	Bartlett	901-385-6484
Terminix	Frank Brown	Memphis	901-239-4782
ACB Wildlife Control	Carl Hirscheider	Memphis	901-373-4567



The City of Covington and Covington High School wish to give a big shout out to Patriot Bank for the lovely purple and gold “**CHARGERS**” banners that line our square just in time for the opening of school and football season. **THANK YOU** for this wonderful community support!

Remember to put safety first as students head back to school. A Tennessee law that went into effect January 1, 2018, **prohibits the use of hand-held cellular devices in school zones** and Covington Police **will be** in position to enforce it. While the new law applies only to hand-held use of phones, studies have shown that hands-free *calls* also are a hazard.

For example, researchers at the University of Sussex found that people distracted by conversation tend to not only respond **slower** to hazards but also to focus on a smaller area in front of them and to miss hazards in their peripheral vision, even when their eyes looked at the hazards.

Conversations with people in the car are less distracting, because passengers also see what is going on and moderate conversations based on cues that callers can't see, researchers say.

Read more about distracted driving from the National Report in Safe Kids, USA by [clicking here](#).





The Covington Civic Center is open! We are excited and ready to help you plan your big wedding event. We are the venue of choice whether you have plans for a small, intimate wedding or a large wedding. Our Tennessean room is located on the first floor of the Civic Center and can accommodate three hundred plus guests. Our rental packages include tables, chairs, tablecloths, and tableware and are flexible enough to accommodate most every bridal party.

Every bride wants a private place at her wedding venue to get dressed before her big day and we have this at the Civic Center. Our bride's dressing room is just steps away from the warming kitchen, where she and her wedding party can catch a last minute snack. We also have an area for the groom away from the crowd on our second floor. This area provides just the right, out of the way, space where he can enjoy time with his groomsmen to relax and share snacks before he takes that big step. There is also a dressing area on the second floor.

Our warming kitchen is just off the Tennessean and allows caterers to serve guests at any rental. The kitchen has large prep counters and is equipped with commercial appliances.

The Covington Civic Center has designated parking just West of our building. Our main entrance on Washington Avenue has a handicapped entrance, with an elevator, to offer assistance for anyone needing it. This entrance allows ease of access to the first floor for florists, photographers, bands, or caterers as well. For more information or to schedule a tour, call Karen Griffin, at 901.475.7139.



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**FREE ADMISSION
AUGUST 18 @ 7PM**

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mark  your **Calendar**

E V E N T S

- August 14 – General Welfare and Public relations Committee Meeting – Covington City Hall – 1:00
- August 14 – Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting – 5:30 – Upstairs Board Room at [Covington City Hall](#)
- August 18 – [Isaac Hayes Day](#) – Frazier Park – 1:00 – 5:00. Family Fun, Food, and Entertainment!
- August 18 – FREE [Elvis](#) movie at The Ruffin – 7:00 pm ELVIS: That’s the Way it Is.
- August 21 – Finance and Administration Committee Meeting - Covington City Hall – 1:00
- August 24 – Navy Day at the [Tipton County Museum](#)
- September 14 – [Party with the Pollinators](#) – 6:00 –FREE ADMISSION – [Tipton County Museum](#)
- August 28 – Public Safety Committee Meeting – Covington City Hall – 1:00
- August 28 – Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting – 5:30 – Upstairs Board Room at [Covington City Hall](#)
- September 07 – [Relay for Life](#) – 6:00 pm until 6:00 am – Brighton City Park
- September 13 – Covington Municipal Airport was selected by TDOT Aeronautics Division as this year’s **Most Improved Airport** and we are celebrating with an Open House! Please join us at the Covington Municipal Airport from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm to see our fine facility and celebrate this honor.
- September 20 – Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce presents the Farm to Table Dinner
- September 21-22 – Heritage Festival on the square in Covington
- October 04 – [Industrial Appreciation Golf Tournament](#)
- October 13 – Health Fair at St. Luke’s Church – 9:00 – 1:00
- October 16 – Nov 6 – Matisse Art Classes – Tipton County Museum. [Click here for more information](#)



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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OPEN HOUSE

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COVINGTON

MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

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2018

MOST IMPROVED AIRPORT

IN TENNESSEE

THURSDAY,

SEPTEMBER 13, 2018

11AM - 1PM

COVINGTON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT
169 AIRPORT PARKWAY DRIVE
COVINGTON, TN 38019

Quotable Quotes

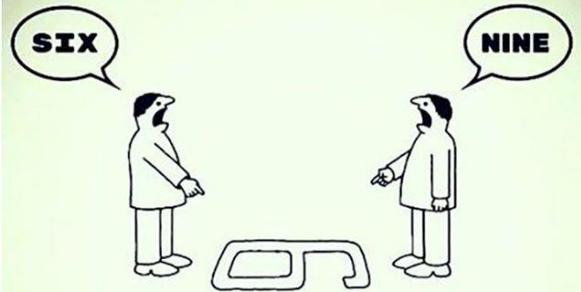
"I am not a product of my circumstances. I am a product of my decisions."

STEPHEN COVEY



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Life IS NOT
ABOUT WAITING FOR
THE STORM TO PASS
BUT LEARNING TO
DANCE IN THE RAIN
.....

Never be defined
by your past.
It was just a lesson,
not a life sentence.



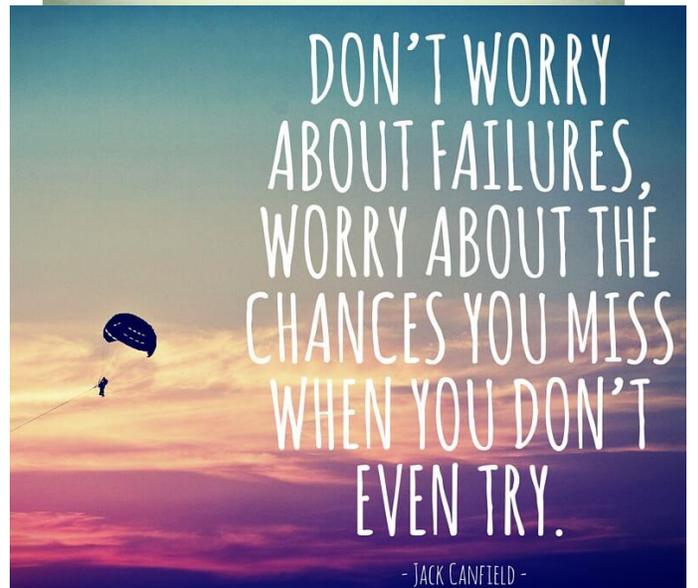
Just because you are right,
does not mean, I am wrong.
You just haven't seen life
from my side.

Don't ruin
a good today
by thinking
about a bad
yesterday.
Let it go.

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DON'T WORRY
ABOUT FAILURES,
WORRY ABOUT THE
CHANCES YOU MISS
WHEN YOU DON'T
EVEN TRY.

- JACK CANFIELD -





7:30 am - 9:00 am
come and go as you please

Join Mayor Hanson for coffee, goodies, and conversations...

Tuesday September 4 Hug-a-Mug Highway 51
 Tuesday September 18 Hug-a-Mug Highway 51
 Tuesday October 02 Little Jimmy's 511 E. Liberty
 Tuesday October 16 Little Jimmy's 511 E. Liberty
 Tuesday October 30 Little Jimmy's 511 E. Liberty
 Tuesday November 13 Little Jimmy's 511 E. Liberty
 Tuesday November 27 Little Jimmy's 511 E. Liberty
 Tuesday December 4 Little Jimmy's 511 E. Liberty
 Tuesday December 18 Little Jimmy's 511 E. Liberty

**2018
COVINGTON
FALL SOFTBALL**

SIGN-UP DATES:
 *SATURDAY, JULY 28
 *SATURDAY, AUGUST 4
 *SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

SIGN-UP LOCATION:
 *COVINGTON
 SPORTSPLEX

COST:
 \$50.00-INCLUDES T-SHIRT
 ONLY

No boundary map to follow.
 Fall Ball is not limited to girls
 within the Covington
 boundary.

Games will begin the week of September 10, 2018. With last game scheduled the week of October 22, 2018.
 *No opening or closing ceremonies
 *No All-Stars
 Come play and have fun!!!!

CALLING ALL GIRLS AGES 4 - 15....

Play FALL SOFTBALL in Covington!

- It will be **COOLER**
- **Play for fun and experience**
- **No All-stars**
- **No opening-closing ceremonies**
- **Open to girls from throughout Tipton County**





The Covington Court Square Farmer's Market strives to provide the Tipton County community with the area's freshest produce, value-added food products, plants, and hand crafted items.



During season, the Market is open on

Tuesdays 8:00am – 2:00pm
Thursdays 12:00pm – 6:00pm
Saturdays 8:00am – 2:00pm

Click on picture to learn about the benefits of shopping at your local farmers market!

Tennessee Department of Health Bans Smoking

Smoking has been prohibited in public housing units across Tennessee and the U.S. effective July 31, 2018. The smoke-free rule is part of a larger plan to decrease building maintenance and smoke-related damage costs, reduce the risk of accidental fires and create healthier environments by reducing exposure to secondhand smoke. The Tennessee Department of Health reminds Tennesseans who smoke that free help to quit smoking is available through the **Tennessee Tobacco QuitLine**. [Click here](#) to read entire news article on Tennessee Department of Health website.

The [U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development](#) *officially banned smoking on Feb. 3, 2017* and provided an 18-month implementation period for all public housing authorities.

The rule prohibits the use of all cigarettes, cigars, and pipes in all units, common areas, administrative offices and outdoor areas within 25 feet of the facility. HUD said its smoke-free rule would reduce damage and maintenance costs associated with smoking, saving the agency an estimated **\$153 million** in repairs and preventable fires.

Since 2009, HUD has strongly encouraged Public Housing Authorities to adopt smoke-free policies in their buildings and common areas, a policy many private housing developments already have in place. During this time, more than 600 PHAs and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) have adopted smoke-free policies. Through HUD's voluntary policy and local initiatives, more than 228,000 public housing units are already smoke-free. Now that the ban is fully implemented, the smoke-free rule will expand that impact to more than 940,000 public housing units, including more than 500,000 units inhabited by elderly residents and 760,000 children living in public housing.

"My office has long warned the public about the dangers of smoking, including second-hand smoke," said U.S. Surgeon General Vivek H. Murthy. "For children who are exposed to second-hand smoke, it can mean everything from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome and ear infections to asthma. Protecting our children and families from the devastation caused by secondhand smoke must be a priority for all sectors of our society, including public housing."

Congress enacted the Comprehensive Smoking Education Act of 1984 (Public Law 98-474), which required four specific health warnings on all cigarette packages and advertisements:

- SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING: Smoking Causes Lung Cancer, Heart Disease, Emphysema, and May Complicate Pregnancy.
- SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING: Quitting Smoking Now Greatly Reduces Serious Risks to Your Health.
- SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING: Smoking by Pregnant Women May Result in Fetal Injury, Premature Birth, and Low Birth Weight.
- SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING: Cigarette Smoke Contains Carbon Monoxide.

By the mid-1980s scientific evidence revealed that smokeless tobacco use causes oral cancer, nicotine addiction, and other health problems. On June 22, 2009, President Barack Obama signed into law the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act, giving the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) comprehensive authority to regulate the manufacturing, marketing, and sale of tobacco products. The new law represents the most sweeping action taken to date to reduce what remains the leading preventable cause of death in the United States.



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Dr. Brenda Springfield, D.N.P., FNP, BC

Dear Community Partners,

The St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church will be hosting A Community Affair: Tipton County's 2nd Annual Community Health Fair at the St. Luke Life Center on October 13, 2018 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

We are requesting your assistance to support our Tipton County community receiving preventive healthcare. In many circumstances, most people do not receive preventive care due to many barriers and obstacles. This is a chance to improve health, wellness, and quality of life amongst our neighbors, friends, and family.

The purpose of this health fair is to embark on a holistic approach to care that focuses on the mind, body, and spirit.

This health fair is unique in that it focuses on the spiritual, mental, emotional, social, and financial needs of the individual in addition to the traditional physical elements. We hope for free diagnostic testing, financial counseling, in addition to so many other services. It is imperative that our community band together to be an advocate of holistic care. Therefore, we are asking you as a community partner – your church, agency, individual, or organization – to assist us by participating in this ambitious event.

We welcome you to set up a table or booth, share information and education, and enlighten the children and families of Tipton County as to the services you provide.

For additional information contact Lisa Littlejohn, Administrator of Covington Clinic, P.C. at 731-225-9137.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

Dr. Brenda Springfield, DNP
The Covington Clinic, P.C.

Tipton County 4-H August Newsletter

Important Dates:

- **August 2 4pm** Life Skills practice
- **August 5-11** National Farmers Market Week
- **August 6 4pm** Meat ID practice
- **August 7 3pm** Life skill practice & Consumer Decision Making
- **August 16 4pm** Life Skill practice
- **August 16 5pm** Consumer Decision Making practice
- **August 18** State Meat Goat Show
- **August 20 5pm** Meat ID Practice
- **August 20 5pm** Outdoor Meat Cookery practice
- **August 21 4pm** Life Skill practice & Consumer Decision Making
- **August 25** Regional 4-H Judging Day
- **August 27 4pm** Outdoor Meat Cookery practice
- **September 3 UT/TSU Office Closed**
- **September 4 4pm** Outdoor Meat Cookery practice

CALLING ALL 4-H ARTISTS

Do you like to paint, draw, sculpt, or have other artistic talents? You should enter the 2019 4-H Artwork Calendar contest. Please visit this link <https://4-h.org/4-h-calendar/> for more details.

Deadline August 10, 2018.

It's Judging Team Time



What are Judging Teams?

Have you ever attended a fair or contest with ribbons on items and wondered

why they were judged that way? 4-H judging teams allows youth to learn how to judge items and learn that subject area, make new friends, and travel. 4-Hers will gain critical thinking, team work, decision making, and communication skills. And importantly it is a lot of FUN!

Be sure to look over page 2-3 about how your youth can be apart of 4-H Judging Teams!

Tipton County UT/TSU Extension Office
111 W. Washington Ave
PO BOX 523
Covington, TN 38019
901-476-0231

University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture, Tennessee State University, US Department of Agriculture and county governments are cooperating. UT/TSU Extension provides equal opportunities in program and employment.

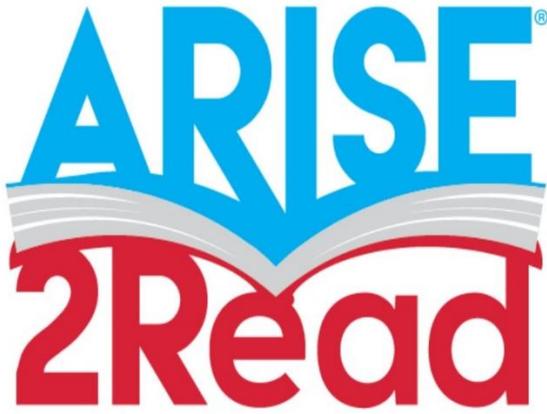
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ARISE2Read is recruiting volunteers to serve at either Covington Integrated Arts Academy (CIAA) or Crestview Elementary, investing one hour per week to tutor two - second grade students, 30 minutes each, in literacy. Training is provided and no background in education is required. Contact Liz Newman at First United Methodist Church, Covington for more Information: (901) 476-9694, or email ewnewman2@gmail.com

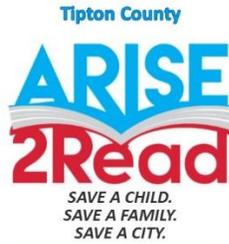


Adopt-a-School Program



A Renewal In Student Education and Evangelism

Make a difference in the life of a child, become an Arise2Read mentor.



Arise2Read is a nonprofit organization focusing on 2nd grade literacy. Utilizing a simple sight word method, volunteers assist students in strengthening their reading skills by spending one hour per week mentoring to two students. Using the team read approach, students receive one-on-one coaching twice a week focusing on simple, but essential, sight words and phrases. Arise2Read positively impacts the lives of children, teachers, parents, and the community by providing students with individualized tutoring during one of the most critical years for students. Local training is provided for volunteers to serve in Tipton County.

For more information contact:
Liz Newman, (ewnewman2@gmail.com)
Covington First United Methodist Church
901-476-9694


2/3
of students who cannot read proficiently by the end of the fourth-grade will end up in jail or on welfare.


4X
Students who aren't reading proficiently by the third grade are four times as likely to leave school without graduating.


75%
of students who struggle with reading in the 3rd grade never catch up.

Detach and return

ARISE2READ

I would like to assist 2nd grade students and serve as an ARISE2READ mentor in Tipton County**:

NAME _____

Address _____

Phone(s) _____

Email _____

School preference: CIAA Crestview Elementary No Preference

Return to: ARISE2READ
First United Methodist Church
145 W. Church Ave.
Covington, TN 38019

Arise2Read Mentors are subject to background checks



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**BE THAT CHANGE
901-476-9694**

REGISTRATION FOR TIPTON COUNTY SCHOOLS

*****Children entering kindergarten shall be five (5) years of age on or before August 15 for the 2018-2019 school year.*****

Students new to the district who are enrolling for the first time should register at the zoned school on July 24, 2018. The first day of school is an abbreviated day on August 2, 2018 with dismissal at 11:30 a.m. The first full day of school is on August 8, 2018.

Any student entering school for the first time must present the following:

- A birth certificate or officially acceptable evidence of date of birth at the time of registration;
- Evidence of a current medical examination. There shall be a complete medical examination of every student entering school for the first time. This applies to kindergarten, first grade, and other students for whom there is no health record;
- Evidence of state-required immunization;
- One proof of residence.

The following items will be considered as proof of residence:

- Property tax records which indicate the location of the homestead
- Mortgage documents or property deed;
- Apartment or home lease
- Current utility bills showing residence address;
- Automobile registration
- Driver's license
- State issued id/documents

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Any document which evidences only a post office box as an address shall not be accepted.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](#)



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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DSCC Plans TN Reconnect Open House and Registration Events for Adult Students

Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) will host open house and registration events for adult students seeking free tuition through the Tennessee Reconnect grant.

Registration events will be held at the Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County July 16 from 1-5 p.m. and at the Dyersburg campus July 18 from 1-5 p.m. Students will be able to receive help filling out their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the DSCC application for admission, the Tennessee Reconnect application, and get answers to questions regarding the grant.

Open house events will be held at the Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County July 16 from 5:30-7:30 p.m., and at the Dyersburg campus July 18 from 5:30 -7 p.m. During the open house events, students will learn more about going back to college and navigating the MyDSCC student portal, email and online programs. Students will also be able to take a tour of the campus or center and meet faculty and staff.

With the Tennessee Reconnect grant, most adult students 24 years or older will be able to attend DSCC tuition-free beginning fall 2018. Students are encouraged to start the application process now beginning with the filing of their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at <https://fafsa.ed.gov>. For more information, contact Rebecca Reeves, adult student coordinator, at 731-288-7514 or reeves@dsc.edu.

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New Student Orientation

Fall classes begin August 27

July 16, 2 - 4 p.m.

**DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County
Learning Resource Center**

Meet with instructors and staff
Learn about academic programs & financial aid
Take a tour of the Center
Obtain your student ID and parking pass
Learn about student life and organizations



DSCC Sets Orientation Dates for New Students

Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) will host orientation events in July and August before the upcoming fall semester. All new students are required to attend an orientation event. They may complete this requirement either in person or by using the online orientation option located inside their MyDSCC portal.

New student orientation will be held at the **Jimmy Naifeh Center in Covington July 16 and Aug. 14, from 2-4 p.m.**, at the Dyersburg campus July 18 and Aug. 13, from 2-4 p.m., and at the Gibson County Center Aug. 15 from 2-4 p.m.

Students will be able to meet with advisors and instructors, get information about financial aid, tour the campus, learn about academic programs offered, obtain student IDs a parking pass, and learn about student life and organizations. Students, parents and legal guardians are welcome to attend. Students are reminded that fall semester classes begin Aug. 27.

For more information, please contact Sherry Baker at 731-286-3242 or sdbaker@dsc.edu.

Tipton County Public Library News

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

A poster for "Mother Goose Story Time" featuring a cartoon fox holding a green umbrella. The text on the poster includes:

Mother Goose Story Time
For children ages 0 to 2, but all ages are welcome.

THURSDAYS @ 9:00 AM

Mother Goose Story Time is designed to promote early literacy in young children. The 20-minute program includes simple stories, finger plays, music, and nursery rhymes.

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A poster for "Preschool Story Time" with a purple background and colorful alphabet blocks. The text on the poster includes:

Preschool Story Time!
EVERY THURSDAY @ 10:00 AM

stories, music, crafts, & movement activities.

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A poster for "Movie Days" featuring a large "ADMIT ONE" movie ticket and a bucket of popcorn. The text on the poster includes:

Movie Days

15:17 to Paris
August 7th @ 1:00 PM [NR] 120 Min.
Man's Favorite Sport
August 10th @ 1:00 PM [NR] 120 Min.
I Can Only Imagine
August 14th @ 1:00 PM [PG] 116 Min.
Overboard (1987)
August 28th @ 1:00 PM [PG] 136 Min.
Overboard (2018)
August 28th @ 1:00 PM [PG-13] 112 Min.

ADMIT ONE
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POPcorn

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Ages 18 & up

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Story Time with Winnie-the-Pooh



AUGUST 11th
@ 10:00 AM

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DATE: August 11, 2018

TIME: 12:00 PM

LOCATION:
TIPTON COUNTY LIBRARY

Wink Imaging, USA

BAG BOOK SALE

JULY 1ST - AUGUST 31ST

\$2.00
per Bag



DATE: August 25, 2018

TIME: 10:00 AM

LOCATION:
TIPTON COUNTY LIBRARY

Wink Imaging, USA

[News from the Tipton County Museum, Nature Trail, and Veteran's Memorial](#)

Check out the new TIPTON COUNTY PULSE with Drug-Free Tipton!

Click here to view:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=joRbfU08oY8>



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



Randall Martin, Quartermaster/Adjutant for the VFW Ray Pinner Post 4840, presented Museum Director Barrie Foster with a completed brick application and check for \$100. The brick will be installed in the sidewalk in front of the Tipton County Museum and will become part of Tipton County history. The bricks are being sold as a fundraiser for the expansion of the museum. For more information about purchasing a brick, please call 901-476-0242





Tipton County Museum

“Artist Series for Kids”

2018 Schedule

Saturday, February 10. 1 to 3 p.m.

Edouard Manet, “Two Pears”

Presented in Acrylic on Canvas



Saturday, June 2. 1 to 3 p.m.

Salvador Dali, “The Melting Watch”

Presented in Mixed Media on Canvas



Saturday, August 4. 1 to 3 p.m.

Wassily Kandinsky, “Color Studies 1927”

Presented in Oil Pastels on Canvas



Saturday, October 6. 1 to 3 p.m.

Auguste Renoir “Windy Landscape”

Presented in Chalk Pastels on Paper

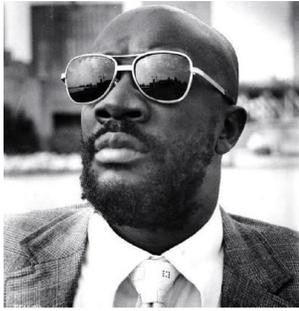


Your child will be introduced to the famous artist, then paint one of their famous paintings. All materials are included. Program Fee is \$20 for Museum Members , \$25 for General Public. A Sibling Discount is available. A snack will be provided. Ages 10 and up. Preregistration is requested.

Tipton County Museum

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ISAAC HAYES DAY

August 18, 2018

@Frazier Park

Covington TN

1PM-5PM

Music
Water Slide

Free admission
Food
Vendors



Come and celebrate the birthday of Covington's own
Entertainment Icon Isaac Hayes!

Oscar winner for Best Original Song (1972) for The Theme from Shaft!

Inducted into the **Rock and Roll Hall of Fame** in 2002!

Inducted into the **Songwriters Hall of Fame** in 2005!

Don't forget to stop in to see our Isaac Hayes Exhibit

@ the Tipton County Museum

751 Bert Johnston Ave, Covington TN



Robin Racine, Director of Drug Free Tipton (far right), filmed an episode of "Tipton County Pulse" at the Tipton County Museum in Covington. Also, Drug Free Tipton Program Coordinator Sierra Butler (far left) filmed a Public Service Announcement to be used in conjunction with events they sponsor.

The link to this episode of Tipton County Pulse is:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=joRbfU08oY8>.



The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center

Presents a Four Week Art Class

Henri Matisse: *The Art of the Interior*

With 2018 Artist in Residence

Richard Reed

Henri Matisse was known for his bold use of color and strong, simple designs. He founded the Fauvist movement in art. During this four week course, Artist in Residence Richard Reed will lead the class in painting four of Matisse's paintings of interiors, then help each student create their own paintings from photos of their own homes. Artists may paint in the medium of their choice and will provide their own supplies. No previous art experience required.

When: October 16, 23, 30, November 6, 2018. 6—8 p.m.

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

Fee: \$60 Museum Members, \$80 General Public

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Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial &
Nature Center announce

Veteran of the Month
August 2018

Charles McCorkle



Born November 16, 1948, Charles was raised in the small town of Greenwood, Arkansas and attended Barber School in 1967 following his high school graduation. Soon afterwards, however, he and four friends joined the Marine Corps. His father, a decorated WWII Army Veteran, worked at the Post Office and heard about his son's enlistment through his good friend, the Marine Corps Recruiter. To add insult to injury, the recruiter had signed up his friend's son for four years instead of the usual two! After his initial training he shipped off to Vietnam as part of the First Marine Division, which was responsible for security around Marble Mountain for the next 13 months. His follow-on station was Camp Lejeune for four months, then the USS GUAM (LSD 9), a helicopter ship. As part of that tour of duty he attended Jungle Training in Panama; he found it amusing since he and about 90% of the troops sent were seasoned Vietnam returnees! He ended up stationed once again at Camp Lejeune where, in May 1970, his unit was awakened in the middle of the night and rushed to Kent State to back the National Guard, if needed. Luckily, their services were not needed. For his service to our country, Charles was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with three stars, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm and Frame, and a Good Conduct Medal. Charles was granted an early out in September 1970 then attended school to become an EMT and firefighter. He worked as a firefighter for the federal government from 1975 to 2006, at various locations which included Ft. Chaffee, Arkansas, and Naval Air Station Millington, Tennessee. He moved to Mason in 2006, then from 2009 to 2016 he enjoyed yet a third career stocking shelves at the Walmart in Millington.

After serving his time in the Marine Corps, he met his wife Patricia Cross through his grandmother, and they married in April of 1979. They have a son Patrick McCorkle and a daughter Cassandra Bridgewater, both of whom live within a mile of them. Charles and Patricia feel extremely blessed to have their children and four grandchildren living so close. Charles and Patti are members of Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, where Charles serves as an elder. Charles is a Life Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and volunteers on Friday mornings at the Tipton County Museum. He was nominated for Veteran of the Month by his daughter, Cassandra Bridgewater, a Girl Scout Leader of Troop 13804, which has been serving refreshments at the Veteran of the Month receptions for over a year.

The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial
& Nature Center

Veteran of the Month Reception

Every 2nd Tuesday Evening at 6:30

751 Bert Johnston Ave.,

Covington, TN 38019

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