

City of Covington Newsletter
Highlights from
September 22-28*

From the Mayor's Desk

*Thoughts and perceptions from
Mayor Justin Hanson*

Hello Friends!

ALL departments in any city are important. They all carry out important activities that make our lives safe, comfortable, healthy, and entertaining. We all enjoy places to live, work, and play that are clean, safe, and dependable. As your mayor, I am focused on providing all of this for our citizens and have taken great strides to put department heads in place who are well trained, smart, creative, and who are doing things on a regular basis to improve the living conditions for all the citizens of our fine city. I have great respect for all our departments, all the leadership we have in our departments, and all the hard work our employees are engaged in daily. It truly is amazing and I am humbled by their loyalty and dedication to our city.

One way our departments work is to respond to the citizens. Our Parks and Recreation Department provides opportunities for people based in large part on what the people want and ask for. Public Works does a great deal of regular and preventative maintenance, but they also respond and work overtime when called for a sudden leak or inclement weather. Our Personnel, Codes, and Financial Departments work diligently to consistently monitor, abide by internal controls, and educate and inform the public and respond to our employees for a safe, fair, and healthy working environment. Let's face it, however, none of these things are possible without public safety. We all need to know that our public safety officials are constantly on watch, ready to respond when called, and properly trained and outfitted to take care of any myriad of needs we may have. For this reason, the Covington Police and Fire Departments receive the lion's share of our annual budget – and rightfully so.

Because these are taxpayers' dollars and public safety is something that weighs heavy on our minds, I want to invite all of you to attend a Public Safety Forum at the Covington Civic Center on October 1st at 5:30. You will hear directly from law enforcement experts from the federal to the local level. You will also hear from school and church leaders who also work to ensure the safety and well-being of our community. You will hear all of these public safety servants answer questions about their respective positions and what progress is being made in our community. You will learn some of the ways the City of Covington is working to ensure your safety on a daily and regular basis. For example, Covington officers are trained and certified through an accredited police academy – usually the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy (TLETA) in Donelson, TN or the Memphis Police Academy. Our officers are outfitted with up-to-date equipment, including body cameras. We have been recognized state wide for these cameras and how we use them to protect the public. We have a SWAT team specifically trained to operate when called upon. Our department is diverse with women and men from various backgrounds and experiences, and they work in each of our Covington schools, as well as the Boys and Girls Club to monitor safety procedures, get to know the people, and help administer certain programs. Our Chief of Police has a deep and diverse background in law enforcement, including serving as Sheriff of Tipton County from 1989 to 2006 and with the Tennessee Highway Patrol from 1978 to 1989. He is recognized across the State in the law enforcement community and currently serves as Chairman of the Tennessee Corrections Institute Board which regulates, governs, and inspects all jails in the State. He is also on the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police. We want to have high standards, great expectations, and good results. We want you to be informed and assured that you are adequately being served in the most professional way. Please join us Monday night and learn even more!

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YOU'RE INVITED TO ATTEND A

PUBLIC SAFETY FORUM

featuring guest speakers



US Attorney
Michael Dunavant



District Atty. General
Mark Davidson



Tipton Co. Sheriff
Pancho Chumley



Covington Police
Chief Buddy Lewis



Covington Fire
Chief Mike Nalfeh



Minister Thomas
D. Adams, Word
of Faith Church



Brandon Armstrong
Pastor/REDI Mentor



Pastor/Chaplain
Cliff Marlon, First
Baptist Covington

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1

from **5:30-7 P.M.**

at the **Covington Civic Center**
100 West Washington Street

Hosted by the City of Covington

Moderated by Covington Mayor Justin Hanson

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.
- 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

[GIS/IT Coordinator](#)
[Lifeguard](#)
[Police Dept](#)
[Fitness Leader](#)

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**, and you can purchase just a pool membership for a substantial savings and access to all aquatic classes.

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

PARKS AND RECREATION:

- Join us at the SPORTSPLEX for WALK with the MAYOR each Friday at noon through October 19. We walk for a little over a mile through the beautiful park and walking trail. It’s a great way to enjoy your lunch break! Bring the babies in the strollers, fur babies, young walkers, friends, neighbors and loved ones! Walk at your own pace!
- **October 18 Health and Wellness Fair** – Sponsored by Baptist Tipton partnering with Covington Parks and Recreation. Fitness classes will be conducted outside in Cobb-Parr Park adjacent to the Sportsplex. The day will end with an evening 5K called the Monster Dash. Covington Parks and Recreation will time the race
- **Pick ‘em Here** college football “just for fun” will be sponsored by our sportsplex. Prizes will be provided for the winners.
- Director Mack is working on fall movies in the park – look for information on this soon.

Kids Fall Swimming Lessons



Learn to swim level 1, 2, and 3

October 8th -12th

Mon.- Fri.

11-12pm

Ages: 6-12



**American
Red Cross**

1 child- \$50

2 children- \$75

3 children- \$100

Sign up is available online



750 Bert Johnston Ave Covington TN, 38019

COVINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

- 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](#).

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
- 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 concerns about overgrown areas, please contact us (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](#)

MUSEUM:

Updates and News from The Tipton County Museum, Veteran's Memorial, and Nature Trail:

- Isaac Hayes exhibit opened at the Tipton County Museum on August 18 and is still on display.

Tennessee Waters: Shaping Our Land, Our Lives, and Our Future is a traveling exhibit that will be on display at the Tipton County Museum September 18 through November 12. Tim Henderson, Executive Director for Humanities Tennessee, and Paul McCoy, Program Officer for Humanities Tennessee, delivered the traveling

exhibit *Tennessee Waters: Shaping our Land, Our Lives and Our Future* to the Tipton County Museum. This exhibit will be on display from September 18 through November 10. This exhibit is presented by Humanities Tennessee, Tennessee Historical Society, and the Albert Gore Research Center. The exhibit reception will take place Friday evening, October 19 from 5:30 to 7:00. There will be a lecture with discussion presented by Dr. Robert Cogswell on Saturday morning October 20 at 10:00. The exhibit, reception, and lecture are all free to the public.

- Upcoming Programs and Lectures:
 - **October Gardening Series** every Saturday morning in October at 10:00. There will also be a garden lecture in the conference room.
 - **Artist Series for Kids** – Auguste Renoir will be the focus artist on Saturday, October 6 from 1:00 – 3:00
 - **Go with the FLOW** – Acrylic pouring workshop with Debra Howze Saturday, October 27 from 1:00 – 3:00

COVINGTON PUBLIC WORKS:

- Starting October 15, leaves raked into piles and windrows will be picked up by the City using vacuum machines.
- Please don't place Yard waste in drainage ditches, on the street, or on a side walk.
- Yard waste should be placed at least five feet away from potential obstacles such as mail boxes, fences, walls, water meters, telephone connection boxes and parked cars so our machines can get to it.
- Building debris, such as lumber, plaster, roofing, brickbats and other debris from construction, repair remodeling or demolition of any building or appurtenance, will not be removed by the City. The owner must cause such material to be privately moved.



Left, Public Works crews worked through the rain and into the night Monday to repair a water leak on South College Street.

Be PREPARED to detour around the MEULLER BRASS RAILROAD CROSSING beginning at 6:00 am MONDAY, OCTOBER 1st through OCTOBER 4th while the crossing is repaired.



Public Safety Committee working on Incentive Pay for Certified Officers

The Public Safety Committee held their regular monthly meeting at Covington City Hall on September 25 at 1:00. Present were Chairman Alderman Mac McGowan, CPD Chief Buddy Lewis, CFD Chief Michael Naifeh, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Alderman CH Sullivan, Mayor Justin Hanson, City Attorney Rachel Witherington, Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn, and Assistant to the Mayor Sara Gangaware. Also present were Alderman John Edwards, Echo Day, and Margaret Fleming.

Chairman McGowan called the meeting to order at 1:00 with a quorum present and called on Chief Michael Naifeh to make his presentation.

- Update on Compliance Engine – all preliminary work being done, we are set to “go live” September 26.
- Combination rescue tool purchase – combination spreader/cutter – bought used for about \$9600 with full warranty. This is improvement over what CFD had, and Naifeh reported he is still on the lookout for additional tools.
- New pumper-tanker is in service – this vehicle replaced our old tanker and it also has a pump. The old tanker was sold for \$67,500 and has been delivered. Alderwoman Bommer asked what happens when someone fails under Compliance Engine. Naifeh stated they will send a 2nd and 3rd notice. Sprinkler systems and venta-hood systems in restaurants have required inspections, and those will be followed-up on. Naifeh stated these inspections really fall more under responsibility of State Fire Marshall’s office and they will cooperate with them and share data. Naifeh went on to say Compliance Engine also does inspections for Codes Department, as well.
- Volunteer hours for month of August were 474. Naifeh expects these hours to continue to rise as we have new volunteer firemen.
- CFD responded to a total of 251 calls from August 28 through September 24. This includes, but not limited to:
 - 23 fire alarms
 - 43 sick parties
 - 12 persons unconscious
 - 7 motor vehicle crashes with injuries
 - 13 medical alarms
 - Alderwoman Bommer asked Naifeh how many overdoses they respond to, and he reported about 1-2 a week. Naifeh stated this is not a change, but is about what they usually experience.
- Two students will re-take the paramedic tests and Naifeh has full confidence they will pass. He expects all students to be operating as paramedics by mid-October.
- Naifeh provided the committee members with the CARE report that included
 - 22 welfare checks
 - Monthly inspections of fire equipment
 - Installation of 4 smoke alarms at Children and Family Services
 - Issued and installed twenty smoke alarms in other places
 - Attended tipton County Anti-Drug Coalition

There being no further information from Naifeh nor questions from the committee, Alderwoman Bommer motioned to accept Naifeh’s report and Alderman Sullivan seconded. Motion passed.

Chairman McGowan then called on CPD Chief Buddy Lewis for his report.

Chief Lewis:

- Officer Taylor is to graduate from [TLETA](#) (Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy) in Donelson, TN Friday, and Lewis plans to attend.
- Officer Stephens remains in [MPD academy](#) in Memphis.
- Shelia Wynn is back at work after being on medical leave for several months
- 3-4 officers with CPD will be deployed with US military at some time this year – no exact dates yet.
- Overtime hours worked since July 1 is 3792 and Lewis expects this to continue as we are experiencing a shortage in manpower.
- One of our officers-in training was sent home from MPD academy, and just this week, Lewis received a call from the academy in Donelson stating one of our candidates had failed out of that academy as well. Sadly, CPD has invested thousands of dollars in these officers-in-training that we cannot recoup, and we remain four officers short at this time. Lewis stated this is why we need some kind of incentive for attracting officers that are already certified.
- Chief Lewis then called on Attorney Rachel Witherington to explain the draft they have been working on for this purpose.
 - Witherington distributed draft agreement to committee members, which states that city is prepared to pay a \$3000 signing bonus for certified officers, which would be distributed over a period of 3 years. Witherington went through the draft copy with committee members and highlighted terms of the agreement. There was discussion among committee members as to how this would be distributed and the committee asked Witherington to continue to work with labor attorney, Ted Yeiser, for clarification. Mayor Hanson motioned to have this discussion moved to F & A committee meeting in October and Alderman Sullivan seconded. Chief Lewis stated the whole purpose of this is to attract certified officers to our department. Alderman McGowan stated we also need to address pay-scale for Covington Police Department. Attorney Witherington stated she is also working on agreement for newly hired officers we pay to train to keep them on staff for a period of time. Witherington stated she will bring a draft of that agreement in October as well. Motion was then voted on and did pass.
 - Chief Lewis stated he is currently working with Personnel Director Tiny Rose to create new pay scale for Covington police officers, and further stated this is a major issue in the Covington Police Department. Alderman Edwards thanked the committee for moving forward with signing bonus and stated he feels it will be much better for CPD to have a means by which to incentivize certified officers to come work for us. Bommer reiterated the faster Chief Lewis can bring a draft pay scale to the committee, the faster we can work to get this into next year's budget. Bommer told Chief Lewis to present something ASAP so details can be hammered out so we can get it approved. Lewis stated police is a para-military organization and pay must be according to rank structure. Lewis stated he appreciates Attorney Witherington's work on this and looks forward to getting this ironed out and approved.
- Lewis gave August stats, which included, but not limited to:
 - 18,374 patrol miles driven
 - 101 citations
 - Responded to 2152 calls including, but not limited to
 - 37 EMS calls
 - 21 domestic violence
 - 10 motor vehicle crashes with injury
 - 19 noise complaints
 - 6 shoplifting

- 13 calls for shots heard
- 11 suspicious vehicles
- Made 332 traffic stops

Updates:

CPD has made arrests of one adult and two juveniles in regards to home burglaries on Swan and Sunset Streets.

CPD made weekend saturations in Covington with additional officers on streets – rain kept activity down, but Lewis stated CPD was present in the neighborhoods. Only one “shots fired” complaint was called in. These saturations will continue, and do include command staff officers.

Munford Cleaning Services gave CPD a quote for cleaning - \$250 for initial service, and \$150 every other week following initial service. Lewis stated he wants this service so officers can focus all energy on safety in neighborhoods.

Department of Homeland Security launched first “If you SEE something, SAY something” Awareness Day. This calls on citizens and national public and private-sector partners to participate in activities related to this campaign. Lewis stated it is important for the public to report to police to help provide important information. For more information, go to <https://www.dhs.gov/see-something-say-something>

Alderman Edwards asked if our insurance will cover the cars that were flooded at our impound lot. Lewis stated all those vehicles are seized vehicles and Dunn stated there’s a \$5000 deductible and she didn’t believe there was that much damage to any one of them.

Edwards suggested unmarked vehicles in patrol so criminals will be paranoid of who’s looking. Lewis stated CPD uses unmarked cars in some investigations, but he also wants marked cars and uniformed officers present in all neighborhoods so people will know we are looking. Edwards stated we need both of them. Lewis said that he has both and stated CPD has 7-8 unmarked cars that operate in our city.

There being no further questions or discussion, Alderwoman Bommer motioned to accept Lewis’s report and Sullivan seconded. Motion passed.



Coming Soon...

6th Annual Scarecrow Contest!

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



IMPORTANT DATES

Aug. 27th-Sept. 14th	Submit entry form/fee & pick up frame at Chamber
Sept 24th-Sept. 29th	Installation week for Scarecrows
Sept. 29th-Oct. 31st	All Scarecrows displayed in Downtown Covington Historic Square
Sept. 29th - Oct. 28th	VOTE, VOTE, VOTE, for your favorites entries
Nov. 1st	Pick up Scarecrow Entries
November 2nd	All 5 Winners Announced

Greenest

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



A Hero's Halloween
Superman—Spiderman—
Captain America?

Most Traditional

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



For more details visit www.covington-tiptoncochamber.com/scarecrow-contest/
call 901 476 9727, or email lauren@covington-tiptoncochamber.com.



Junior Grizzlies Youth Recreational Basketball

ALL PLAYERS RECEIVE

- A Memphis Grizzlies-Junior Grizzlies reversible Nike jersey
- One FREE Memphis Grizzlies home game ticket
- Once in a lifetime Grizzlies home game experience
- A Certificate of Participation signed by a Grizzlies Player

ONLY \$60

Ages 5 -17

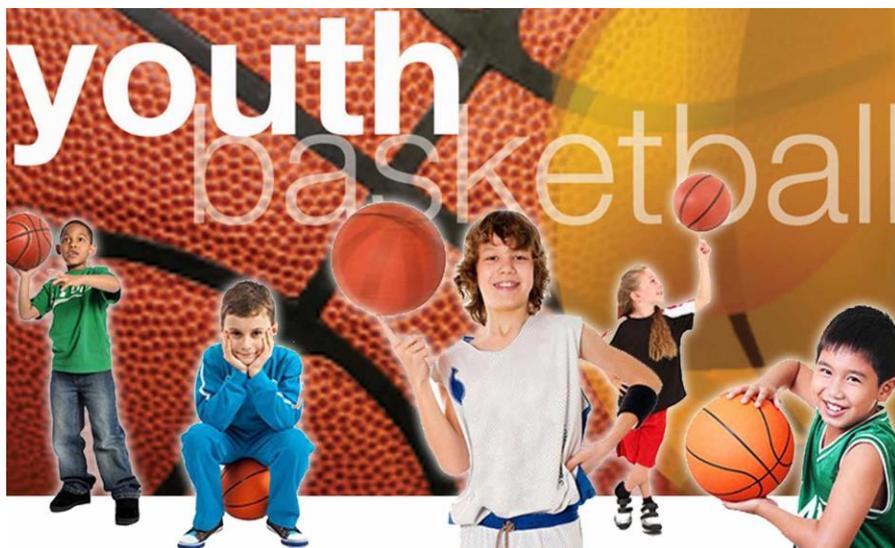


JUNIOR GRIZZLIES

Scan to sign up now!
(before the Deadline Dec. 7th)

Call 901-476-3734 for more details

no full teams can be brought in



2018 Heritage Day and Farm to Table Dinner Beautiful and Delicious

A little rain did not stop the shopping and fun at this year's Heritage Day and Farm to Table Dinner
The Farm to Table Dinner at Mt. Carmel Manor was a sold out event!







MONSTER DASH 5K FOR DRUG PREVENTION

Date: 10/18/2018

Location: Cobb Parr Park

Time: Family Fun Run Starts at 6 with
5k following after
*Costumes welcome!



**YOU CAN SIGN-UP AT
DRUGFREETIPTON.ORG OR
BY SCANNING THIS QR:**



 Register

ROCKTOBER

on the square



SIP
SHOP
REPEAT



OCTOBER 11

5-9 P.M.

Covington Police Officer Graduates Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy

A hearty congratulations to Christopher Taylor of the Covington Police Department for graduating from the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy in Donelson, TN on September 28. Covington Mayor Justin Hanson, Police Chief Buddy Lewis, Assistant Chief Cavat Bass fellow officers Andrew Hefner, Tony Ginn, and Jay Black along with Taylor's family and friends were on hand for the graduation of class 1846.

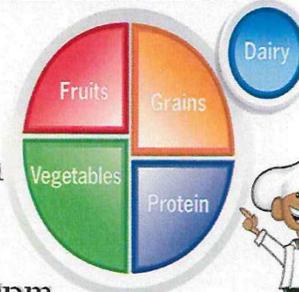


FIT AND



FINE

From the Inside



WHO: *Free* to Families with Children

WHEN: Tuesdays 11:00am – 12:00pm
October 2– Nov. 13, 2018

WHERE: Tipton County Library
3149 Hwy 51 S. Bldg C
Covington, TN 38019

Register by: September 25, 2018

*Calorie Counting, Body Image, Food Groups, Shopping Tips,
Food Storage, And Much More.....*

Programs in agriculture and natural resources, 4-H youth development, family and consumer science, and resource development.
University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture and county governments cooperating.
UT Extension provides equal opportunities in program and employment.

EFNEP

- Expanded Food & Nutrition Education Program
- Participate in hands-on fun-filled classes learning about maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

BENEFITS

- Preparing Healthy Meals
- Cooking on a budget
- Keeping your foods safe
- Reading Labels properly
- Kid Friendly recipes

EXTRAS

- Free cooking supplies upon completion of the program!
- Graduation Certificate.

CONTACT

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Jacqueline Lemons
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111 West Washington Avenue
Covington, TN 38019
(901)476-0231

**Call for Additional information

Real. Life. Solutions.



[Click here to read the Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce Newsletter](#)

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 Packets will be shared later this month.



**healthier
tennessee**
COMMUNITIES

"Team Tipton"

Walk with the Mayor/Elected Officials Schedules

Covington:

Location: Covington Sportsplex @ 12:00 noon

September 21, 2018 (Kickoff)

October 5, 2018

October 12, 2018

October 19, 2018

Munford:

Location: Centennial Park @ 5:30 p.m.
September 13, 2018 (Kickoff)
September 20, 2018
September 27, 2018
October 4, 2018

Brighton:

Location: Brighton City Park @ 6:30 p.m.
September 17, 2018 (Kickoff)
September 24, 2018
October 1, 2018
October 8, 2018

Atoka

Location: Pioneer Park @ 6:30 p.m.
October 4, 2018 (Kickoff)
October 11, 2018
October 18, 2018
October 25, 2018

Like our Team Tipton Facebook Page: @teamtiptonhtn





BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF THE HATCHIE RIVER
REGION

Steak & Burger

Boys & Girls Club Presents our
3rd Annual Steak & Burger Event
Tuesday, October 2nd, 2018
VIP Social 5:30 p.m. - Dinner 6:30 p.m.



Special Guest Speaker:
Lionel Hollins
Former NBA Player and Coach



LIBERTY HALL

204 E. Liberty Avenue
Covington, TN 38019

To Order Tickets or Make a Donation visit:
bgchrr.com/steak-and-burger.html

For More Information on this Event, Call 901-476-0180
or Email JamesMoore@bgchrr.com

GREAT FUTURES START HERE.

DSCC's Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society to Host Car Show Oct. 20

Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) is set to host a car show Saturday, Oct. 20, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the [Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County](#). The DSCC Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society is sponsoring this event with proceeds benefiting PTK activities and program needs. Participants may check-in from 9-11 a.m.

Registration is \$20 for the public and \$15 for DSCC students. Judging will take place at 11:30 a.m. with awards announced at 2:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Emily Camp at 901-562-3048 or ecamp1@my.dsc.edu, or Brigham Scallion at 901-475-3119 or scallion@dsc.edu.



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

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

7:30 am - 9:00 am

come and go as you please



It's SQUARECROW time!

Click [here](#) for SQUARECROW information and click [here](#) for packet.

An entrance fee of \$25 is due at the time you pick up a packet and frame. Please Make Checks Payable to CEDC (Covington Economic Development Corporation)

Thank you for choosing to participate in this fun annual contest! We encourage you to be environmentally conscious and recycle items to fit with the theme of your squarecrow.

**Wo/Men's Rape and Assistance
Program Invites You To A**

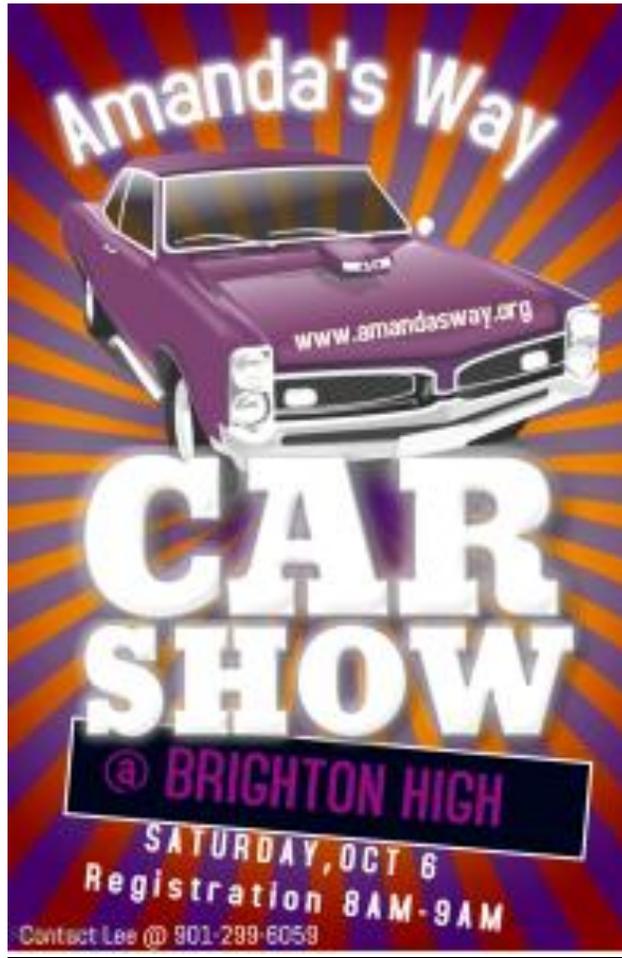


End Violence. Change Lives. Give Hope.

**Proclamation to recognize
October as Domestic Violence
Awareness Month**

On

**October 4th at 9:30 am
Tipton County Square
Please wear purple to stand up
for survivors of Domestic
Violence**



Mayor Hanson joins Healthier Tennessee Panel Discussions at the Western Regional Conference at University of Tennessee – Martin

Mayor Justin Hanson served as a panelist at the West Tennessee Regional Conference of A Healthier Tennessee Thursday in Martin, TN. He shared ideas with other regional partners in regards to engaging local leaders in "Healthier Tennessee" initiatives. Currently, 28.4% of Tennesseans report no physical activity, 34.8% of Tennesseans are obese, and 22.1% of Tennesseans smoke. Our annual cost of preventable disease stands at \$5.3 billion. Let's all continue to work together to lower these numbers. Join Team Tipton Healthier TN as we walk together and participate in other ways to live a healthier life!





FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Wednesday, September 26, 2018

CONTACT: ARRIALE TABSON
Mobile: 615-767-3242

TENNESSEE HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICE CELEBRATES NATIONAL CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK

TENNESSEE – On Monday, September 24, the Tennessee Highway Safety Office (THSO) joined the Tennessee Department of Health, the Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP), local law enforcement, local officials, and community advocates for a special event at the Rutherford County Health Department in Murfreesboro to kick off National Child Passenger Safety Week. Photos can be accessed here: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/N9jozn5Mz5s9DoRF9>

This celebratory event honored Dr. Robert Sanders, the Murfreesboro pediatrician known as “Dr. Seat Belt” due to his extraordinary role in the passage of Tennessee’s Child Passenger Protection Act in 1977. A historical marker was unveiled to commemorate Dr. Sanders and the implementation of this legislation 40 years ago. Installation of the marker was initiated by Dr. Charles E. Goodman, Jr., and sponsored by the Tennessee Medical Association.

“It is an honor for the Tennessee Highway Safety Office to participate in this commemoration by supporting Dr. Charles Goodman and Mrs. Pat Sanders,” said THSO Director Vic Donoho. “The work of Dr. Robert Sanders paved the way for agencies like the THSO to educate local communities and further prevent child injuries and fatalities. Currently, the THSO supports over 100 fitting stations across the state. These fitting stations conduct over 200 community events throughout the year.”

Dr. Sanders was born in middle Tennessee and received his education from Vanderbilt University Medical School. He served as director of the Rutherford County Health Department for 25 years. He and his wife, Pat, lobbied the Tennessee General Assembly for several years to pass a mandatory child restraint law. At the time, car seat use was less than 15 percent, and car crashes were the leading cause of death for young children.

“Forty years ago, Dr. Sanders, a public health pediatrician, helped Tennessee to lead the nation in saving children’s lives,” said Tennessee Department of Health Deputy Commissioner for Population Health Michael Warren, MD, MPH, FAAP. “We are proud to continue his legacy today and want to see every child in the right seat for every ride in any vehicle.”

MORE

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**COVINGTON ANIMAL RESCUE EFFORT
C.A.R.E.**

www.covingtonanimalrescueeffort.com



"You Can't Buy LOVE But, You Can Rescue IT"

UPCOMING EVENTS

Adoption Day: Hollywood Feed -Atoka

Saturday August 18th, 10am to 2pm

.....
Covington Heritage Day: Booth located by Something Special

Saturday September 22, 9am to 4pm

All proceeds go to our rescue efforts

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C.A.R.E. Cannery and Tasting Event

Featuring The Winter's Nest Gift Shop

Home Canned Goods, Fresh Peanut Butter (made on the Spot)

Saturday October 13th, 10am to 2pm

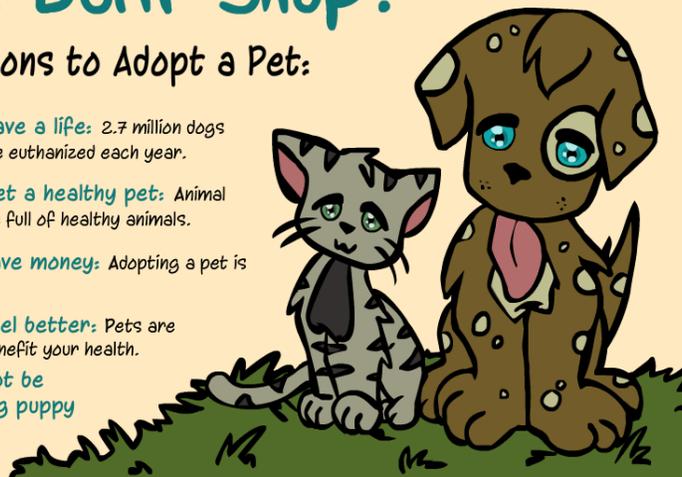
Rain date October 27th

All proceeds go to our rescue efforts!

Adopt Don't Shop!

5 Reasons to Adopt a Pet:

-  **You will save a life:** 2.7 million dogs and cats are euthanized each year.
-  **You will get a healthy pet:** Animal shelters are full of healthy animals.
-  **You will save money:** Adopting a pet is cheaper.
-  **You will feel better:** Pets are proven to benefit your health.
-  **You will not be supporting puppy mills.**





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.



- October 01 – [Public Safety Forum](#) – Covington Civic Center – 5:30
- October 02 – Coffee with the Mayor – Little Jimmy’s – 7:30 – 9:00
- October 02 – Public Works Committee Meeting – 1:00 at [Covington City Hall](#)
- October 02 – Boys and Girls Club annual **STEAK and BURGERS** dinner and fundraiser. [Click here to read all about it!](#)
- October 04 – [WRAP Proclamation](#) against Domestic Violence – **9:30** – Tipton County Courthouse steps
- October 04 – [Industrial Appreciation Golf Tournament](#)
- October 05 - [Walk with the Mayor](#) – noon - Covington Sportsplex
- October 06 – [CAR SHOW](#) benefitting [AMANDA’S WAY](#) at Brighton High School
- October 6 – 28 – [Vesta Home Show](#) – featuring landscaping and decorating by CHS students! Buy your tickets at COVINGTON HIGH SCHOOL.
- October 09 – General Welfare and Public Relations Committee Meeting – 1:00 at [Covington City Hall](#)
- October 09 – Board of Mayor and Aldermen – 5:30 at [Covington City Hall](#)
- October 11 – [Roctober on the Square](#) – 5:00 – 9:00
- October 12 - [Walk with the Mayor](#) – noon - Covington Sportsplex
- October 13 – Health Fair at St. Luke’s Church – 9:00 – 1:00
- October 13 – [CAR SHOW at Covington High School](#) – 9:00 – 3:00
- October 16 – Finance and Administration Committee Meeting – 1:00 at Covington City Hall
- October 16 – Tipton County Library [OPEN HOUSE](#) celebrating 80 years of service. 5:00 – 7:00
- October 16 – Nov 6 – Matisse Art Classes – Tipton County Museum. [Click here for more information](#)
- October 18 – [Monster Dash](#) – Family Fun Run and 5K – Cobb-Parr Park
- October 19 - [Walk with the Mayor](#) – noon - Covington Sportsplex
- October 20 – CAR SHOW at DSCC Covington. [click here for more information](#)
- October 23 – Public Safety Committee Meeting – 1:00 at [Covington City Hall](#)
- October 23 – Board of Mayor and Aldermen – 5:30 at [Covington City Hall](#)
- October 27 – Acrylic Pouring Class at Tipton County Museum. [Click here to learn more.](#)
- October 27 – [CASA Dinner and Fundraiser](#) – Liberty Hall – 6:00
- November 2-4 – [Havoc on the Hardwood](#) Basketball tournament at the Covington Sportsplex.
- November 02 – Authors & Artisans Reception – Tipton County Museum – 5:30 – 7:00. [Click here for details](#)



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

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- [South Tipton Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [Boys and Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region](#)
- [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, or on our website at www.covingtontn.com

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Covington High Design and Landscape Teams Worked for this year's Vesta Home Show



Members of the CHS Design Team met with designers at Magnolia Lighting (above) while designing for the [2018 Vesta Home Show](#) in Piperson, TN.

Below, Design Team members Leah Beasley, Jillian Hunter, Aaliyah Smith, Steven Ennis, Decadent Avenue Interior Designer, and Kelsey Caudle discuss plans and look at dimensions of rooms.



Tickets are for sale at **CHS** for \$13 per ticket; Senior Citizens \$10. CHS gets a portion of the proceeds, so please buy tickets here and support the Chargers!!! **2018 Vesta Home Show is October 6th-28th.** The Covington High Design *and* Landscaping teams played a **BIG** role!!



CHS Landscaping Team worked on the homes at the 2018 [Vesta Home Show](#)

Mayor Hanson visited with Capstone Class at Covington High School



Mayor Hanson met with the Covington Capstone class Monday morning to encourage them to stay focused on their education, set goals, make good decisions, and speak and write correctly.

Capstone is a career readiness/career exploration class for high school seniors that incorporates soft skills, interview techniques, and skills to navigate the post-secondary path. Speakers from many businesses and organizations in the community volunteer as presenters to our students. The class is sponsored by HTL Advantage, and is facilitated by our REDI college access mentors Katherine Markley, Brandon Armstrong, and Mario Hayslett, HTL Advantage CEO Duane Lavery, and Tipton County workforce development coordinator Robin Sealy. Anyone interested in participating can contact one of these facilitators.

DSCC Announces Nursing Information Sessions

Dyersburg State Community College will host nursing information sessions for new and potential nursing students at each of its locations in October. These sessions will provide students with more information on DSCC's LPN to RN Fast Track, Paramedic to RN Fast Track and Traditional Nursing programs. It will also provide students with information on the application process, deadlines and an opportunity to speak one-on-one with nursing faculty and staff. **The first session will take place at the Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County Tuesday, Oct. 2, at 3:30 p.m., inside the Jimmy Naifeh Building, rooms 141 (Traditional program), 145 (Paramedic to RN program) and 160 (LPN to RN program).** See below for more information:

DSCC Nursing Program Information Sessions

for current and potential nursing students



Get more information on DSCC's
Traditional
LPN to RN Fast Track
Paramedic to RN Fast Track
nursing programs!
Learn more about the application
process and deadlines - plus speak
one-on-one with nursing
faculty and staff!

Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County:

Tuesday, October 2 • 3:30 p.m. • Jimmy Naifeh Building

Dyersburg Campus:

Wednesday, October 3 • 3:30 p.m. • Dale F. Glover Education Center

Gibson County Center:

Thursday, October 4 • 3:30 p.m.

For more info, contact Jackie Cherry at 731-286-3390 or cherry@dsc.edu

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!

Please join us for our open house

1938 *Years of Service* 2018

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Tipton County Public Library

"LET US SERVE YOU"

October 16, 2018
5:00-7:00 P.M.

Serving Tipton County since 1938

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE
3RD ANNUAL
COVINGTON CHARGER
CAR SHOW



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

9:00 – 3:00

Registration begins at 8:00

Pre-registration = \$25

Registration day-of = \$35

FREE SPECTATOR ADMISSION – FREE PARKING

COVINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

803 s. College Street

Covington, TN

38019

In the **BAND PARKING LOT**

Contact: JESSICA HERNANDEZ

901-289-1302

covingtonchargercarshow@gmail.com



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS GREAT CAR SHOW AND
MUSIC – FOOD – RAFFLES – CRAFTS

for more information, please visit

<https://www.facebook.com/covingtonchargerband>

Support CHS Charger Band
Enjoy your Saturday
THAT'S A REAL WIN-WIN!

Over \$5000 Donated to Lebonheur from Covington schools through GO JIM GO



Memphis Meteorologist Jim Jagers made his annual bicycle ride through Covington Thursday and stopped to eat lunch at Burnett's Family BBQ and accept donations from three schools. Students from CHS, TCA, and TLC collected donations and presented them to Jim and his fellow riders to benefit LeBonheur. He also visited Austin Peay and other Tipton County schools. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/gojimgoforlebonheur/> to see all of this travels and donations! GO JIM GO!



CASA of Tipton County
Presents
Set Sail
for
Disaster

A Mystery Dinner Fundraiser
On Saturday, October 27, 2018 at 6 PM
at Liberty Hall
204 E. Liberty
Covington, TN 38019



Tickets: \$50
Contact:
901-430-2260

SEATING LIMITED

This will be fun, delicious, entertaining, and most importantly – will support CASA!

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) volunteers are appointed by judges to watch over and advocate for abused and neglected children, to make sure they don't get lost in the overburdened legal and social service system, or languish in inappropriate group or foster homes. Volunteers stay with each case until it is closed and the child is placed in a safe, permanent home. For many abused children, their CASA volunteer will be the one constant adult presence in their lives.

Mission: The National Court Appointed Special Advocate Association, together with its state and local member programs, supports and promotes court-appointed volunteer advocacy so every abused or neglected child in the United States can be safe, have a permanent home and the opportunity to thrive

[CASA of Tipton County](http://www.casa-tipton.org)

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



TIPTON COUNTY
MUSEUM

VETERANS MEMORIAL
NATURE CENTER



ADMISSION PER
PROGRAM:
\$5.00 General Public
FREE to Museum
Members

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

Saturday, October 6th : 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.

"Where the Wild Things Are"

- Guest Speaker – **Sherl Rose**, Project Manager for the Tipton County Museum Herb Garden & Founder of "The Hippy Homesteader."

Saturday, October 13th : 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.

"Pesticide Safety"

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

Saturday, October 20th: 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.

"Folklife of Tennessee Waterways"

- Guest Speaker – **Dr. Robert Cogswell**, Director, TN Arts Commission, Folklife Program, 1984-2014. This lecture is in conjunction with traveling exhibit *Tennessee Waters: Shaping Our Land, Our Lives, Our Future*. **THIS LECTURE IS FREE.**

**** Saturday, October 27th: 10:00 - 11:30 A.M. ****

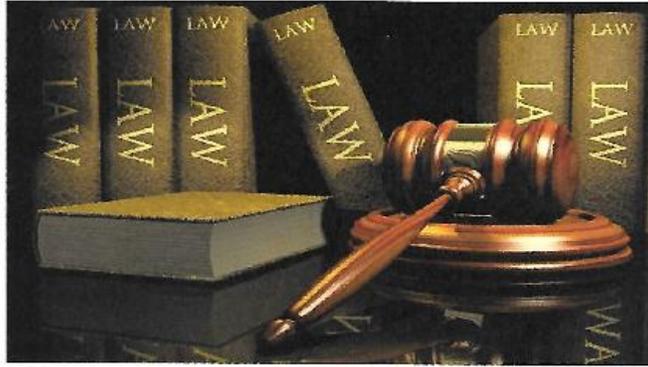
"Imagined Gardens"

- Guest Speaker – **Dominique Bellott**, Garden Historian
- ** Bring seeds and cuttings to share with others.**

This event is being made possible in part by the following
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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

Dickens on the Square



Mark your calendars and be ready to join us for an old fashioned "Dickens on the Square" in Covington on December 8, 2018

Finding Your Kin: Beginning Genealogy

6-WEEK

GENEALOGY COURSE

Sept 27; Oct 4-18 & Nov. 1-8

Thursdays

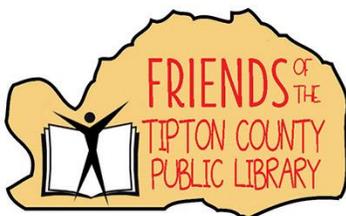
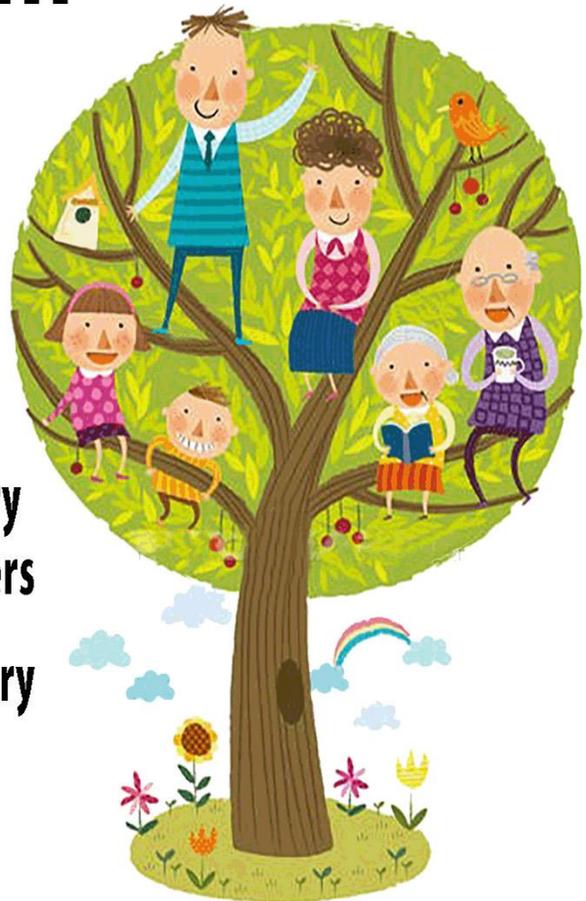
6 - 8pm

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

YOU discover YOUR family origins!

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

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



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

FALL into some great books

at the

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

BOOK SALE

OCT 25-27

**Tipton County Public Library
DSCC Covington Campus**

MEMBERS PREVIEW NIGHT:

Thursday 4-7pm

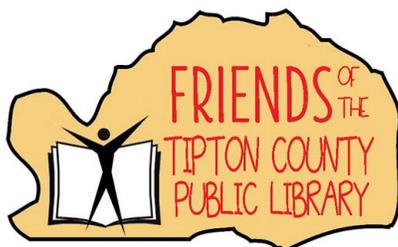
(memberships available at the door)

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Friday 10am to 4pm

Saturday 10am to 2pm

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



Tipton County Public Library News

Check out what's in store for you at our local Library this month!



TWEEN MAKERSPACE



October 10th
2:00 PM

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Covington, TN 38019
901-476-8289
www.tiptoncountylibrary.com

MONSTER STORY TIME

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20TH
@ 10:00AM



ALL AGES

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HARRY POTTER TRIVIA NIGHT

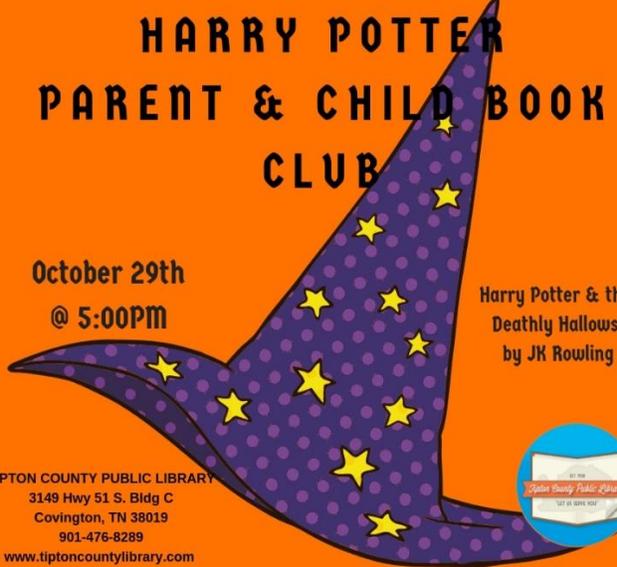
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HARRY POTTER PARENT & CHILD BOOK CLUB

October 29th
@ 5:00PM



Harry Potter & the Deathly Hallows
by JK Rowling

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HALLOWEEN STORY & CRAFTS

OCTOBER 31ST
4:00-5:00 PM

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GENEALOGY HELP

9:30 - 11:30am
on the 2nd Monday of the month
September- May

Provided by the River City
Chapter, DAR



**News from the Tipton County
Museum, Nature Trail, and
Veteran's Memorial**

Pay Tribute to your personal hero, remember your loved ones, and honor those special people in your life by purchasing bricks for the museum addition. Go visit the museum to see the memorial bricks or call 901-476-0242 for more information.

From Director Barrie Foster:

Thank you for your continued support of the Tipton County Museum. Please join us for these exciting events:

- **October Gardening Series: Every Saturday morning in October at 10. More details to follow.**
- **Saturday, October 6** from 1 to 3 p.m.: **Artist Series for Kids: Auguste Renoir.** Open to adults and children age 10 and up.
- Beginning **October 16:** ' **Henri Matisse: *The Art of the Interior***' with Artist in Residence Richard Reed. Four Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m.
- Saturday, **October 27** from 1 to 3 p.m.: ' **Go with the FLOW!**' An acrylic pouring workshop.

Please call the Tipton County Museum at (901) 476-0242 to register for a course or if you have any questions.

The Tipton County Museum Presents
Artist Series for Kids
Auguste Renoir

Saturday, October 6, 2018 , 1 to 3 p.m.

Tipton County Museum, 751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington

\$20 Museum Members, \$25 General Public



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VETERANS MEMORIAL
NATURE CENTER

Museum Director and Professional Artist Barrie Foster will introduce Auguste Renoir to your children. They will learn that he was born in France and that he was one of the "Impressionists." They will then paint one of his paintings in chalk pastels. All materials will be supplied. A snack will be provided and a sibling discount is available. Ages 10 and up, which includes adults!



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

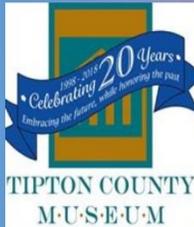
Henri Matisse was known for his bold use of color and strong, simple designs. He founded the Fauvist movement in art. During this four week course, Artist in Residence Richard Reed will lead the class in painting four of Matisse's paintings of interiors, then help each student create their own paintings 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 Authors & Artisans Reception

Friday, November 2, 2018 5:30—7:00 p.m.

Please join us to meet and support the many talented authors & artisans of the Tipton County Museum gift shop. The gift shop will be open for your holiday shopping convenience, and authors will be on hand to sign their books. Gift certificates are available & credit cards accepted.

The Tipton County Museum
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The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center
Presents

Go with the FLOW!

An Acrylic Pouring Workshop with Art Teacher & Owner of Creative Designs

Debra Howze

When: Saturday, October 27, 2018, 1 to 3 p.m.

Where: Tipton County Museum

751 Bert Johnston Avenue, Covington, TN 38019

Fee: \$40 Museum Members, \$45 General Public

Debra will show you how easy it is to create beautiful artwork using this foolproof method of pouring acrylics on a canvas. All materials are included, and refreshments will be served. Please call to register today as space is limited!



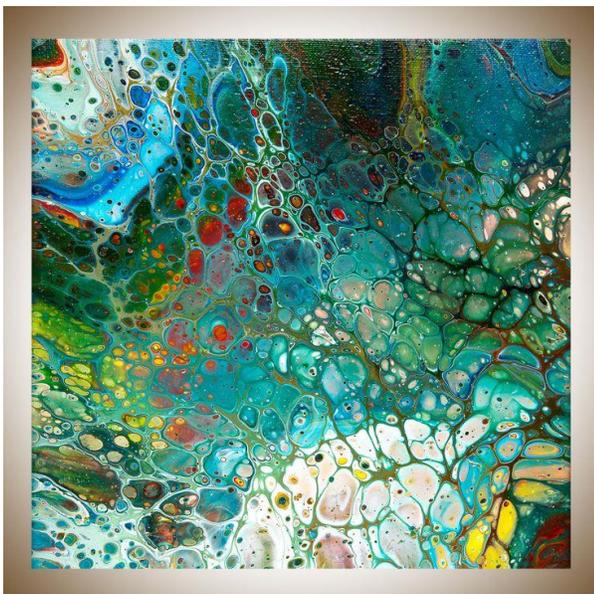
The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center

751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN 38019

(901) 476-0242

Grab a few friends and join us at the Tipton County Museum, 751 Bert Johnston Avenue, Covington, Tennessee, for an exhilarating afternoon of art! Debra Howze will show you how easy and fun it is to create beautiful and unique artwork with this technique. **No experience is required** and we provide all the painting supplies!

Program Fee: \$40 for Museum Members, \$45 for Non-Members



**Tipton County Museum
Veterans Memorial & Nature Center**

**Veteran of the Month
August 2018**

Douglas Perry Ward



Born September 21, 1935 in Holcomb, Mississippi, Doug Ward enlisted in the United States Army a year after graduating from high school. After completion of Basic Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, he was sent to Korea where he served for 16 months with the 32nd Regiment, 7th Division. His unit served along with several other United Nations units including troops from Ethiopia, Italy, and Turkey. All the troops fought using machine guns; but the Ethiopians also carried spears, and the Turks carried Kilij's – their traditional curved swords. According to Doug, the Turkish troops were the toughest he had ever seen as going barefoot in the snow during the Korean winter did not seem to bother them. Once back in the U.S., he attended the NCO Academy and trained to be an Army Ranger. He learned hand to hand combat, trained with various weapons including handguns, rifles, and machine guns. For the next three years he served with the Army Rangers in Georgia. Doug enjoyed his career in the military. In addition to being honored by being decorated by Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie, for his service to our country he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal.

After an Honorable Discharge on April 12, 1957, he returned home to Memphis, Tennessee where he began a fruitful career as an insurance adjustor until his retirement at age 65. He married his sweetheart, Billie Sue Hannah, who sadly passed away at a young age. He met his current wife, the former Shirley Johnson, in 1965 when she worked a secretary for an insurance company he was required to visit once a week as an insurance adjuster. She had planned to meet several of her coworkers for dinner one evening, and Doug was going to join them. However, due to unfortunate circumstances, each of her coworkers had to back out at the last minute, leaving Shirley and Doug as the only two diners. Her coworkers had orchestrated the whole thing! It obviously worked, for they were married in January of 1966. Shirley was just 19 years old and said that Doug was, and is, the love of her life. They were blessed with two children, Jeff Ward and Lee Ann Jones, and two grandchildren. They are members of First Baptist Church of Munford where Doug has served as a Deacon. Doug was nominated for Veteran of the Month by his wife, Shirley.

Reception was held at Museum to Honor September Veteran of the Month Doug Ward

Family, friends, fellow veterans and others gathered at the Tipton County Museum Tuesday night to honor this month's veteran of the month. As always, Girl Scout troop 13804 was on hand to help with refreshments.



Kathy Desjarlais, Chairman of the Tipton County Veteran's Council (L) and Museum Director Barrie Foster (R) presented Mr. Ward with his certificate.



Honoree Ward and his wife Shirley were visited by one of the girl scouts whose troop helps with the receptions each month.



Ward is congratulated by fellow veteran Andy Dunavant



These Girl Scouts help with all of the Veteran of the Month receptions at the Museum

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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