Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen welcomed four new members Tuesday night at Covington City Hall. The Oaths of Office were administered to newly elected aldermen Johnetta Yarbrough - District 1, Jeff Morris – District 2, and Danny Wallace – District 3. The Board then selected Keith Phelps to fill the seat in District 2 left vacant by Jere Hadley, who passed away last month with two years left on his term. It truly takes a servant’s heart to serve the people in government, and I am proud to welcome these new members. I am very excited about working with each and every one of our board members and citizens alike, as we continue to move Covington forward in positive and proactive ways in 2019 and beyond.

As always, my door is open and I am interested in your ideas, suggestions, concerns, and recommendations. As you may remember, we conducted in person and online surveys last year to see what people want – and you answered! Through our continuous improvement using strategic planning, we are still focusing on your recommended priorities – investing in public safety, blight removal, business and industrial development, and a continuous focus on improving the quality of life for all Covington citizens. We will build our goals and objectives on these things as we forge ahead with the new Board and creating new opportunities for Covington, Tennessee!

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Mayor and New Aldermen Sworn In

Circuit Court Judge Webber McCraw swore in Mayor Justin Hanson and four new members of the Covington Board of Mayor and Aldermen at Tuesday night’s meeting.
Ready for business in the City of Covington are C.H. Sullivan - District 3, Jeff Morris - District 2, Minnie Bommer - District 1, Mayor Justin Hanson, Johnetta Yarbrough – District 1, Keith Phelps – District 2, Danny Wallace – District 3, Rachel Witherington – City Attorney, and Tina Dunn – Recorder-Treasurer.
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 an application and email it to our department through the Contact Us button on our website or bring it by our office Monday through Friday 8:00am - 5:00pm.

Career Opportunities
GIS/IT Coordinator
Lifeguard
Police Dept
Brush Loader Asst

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Youth Basketball Skills Training w/Shane Butler
(Boys and Girls)

Saturday Mornings
November 17th
December 1st

More dates coming soon!!!

- Train with a former College All-American Basketball Player and College Basketball Coach (Shane Butler of Blue Mountain College (MS) and Shorter University (GA)

Ages/Times:
8-13
9am-10am

14-18
10am-11am

Develop and Improve
- Ball Handling
- Shooting
- Defense
- Quickness
- Become more explosive
- Improve basketball IQ
- Increase Confidence
- And more
The Covington Sportsplex will be a training site for Pound Rockout Workout Instructors!  
[click here to learn more]

**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 also offered, and it is available for swim fitness. The pool is equipped for those with mobility issues by way of an ADA-compliant fixed lift. **This facility is covered, heated, and open all year,** and you can purchase just a pool membership for a substantial savings and receive access to all aquatic classes. Our pool is available for private rentals for a variety of activities: such as, scout swim check, birthday parties, company outings/parties, and church events. For more detailed rental information, contact Director Mack at (901) 476-3734

**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](#).
- [Click here](#) to see Covington’s newest apparatus that is featured in Firehouse Magazine.

**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](mailto:blewis@covingtontn.com)
  - Tipton County Sherriff’s Dept. - 901-475-3300 [sheriff@tiptonco.com](mailto:sheriff@tiptonco.com)
  - Central Dispatch – 901-475-4300
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

Local Tips:
Recently, Drug Free Tipton launched the tip411 alert system. This is an interactive way to keep the community connected and informed through email, text message, and online public safety alerts. tip411 also allows the public to report crimes and other suspicious activities directly to law enforcement by sending anonymous text messages from their cell phone or via a free smartphone app. Think about that – when you see or hear of something that makes you concerned for your safety and/or the safety of those around you, this is your opportunity to play an active role in STOPPING CRIME!

Citizens of the community can register to receive alerts via email and/or text message to their cell phone by opting to receive neighborhood-specific or countywide alerts about public safety issues in their area. Community members are encouraged to sign up online by visiting www.drugfreetipton.org.

The public can also share information on crimes and other suspicious activity by sending an anonymous tip to police. While not a replacement for dialing 911 in an emergency, those wishing to share information anonymously with law enforcement can simply text “Tipton” and their message to 847411 (tip411) from their cellphone. Think about that! You can send IMPORTANT information directly to police!

The new “TIPTON TIPS” App for iPhone and Android from tip411 enables the public to share an anonymous tip with police and lets the officers respond back creating an anonymous two-way conversation. “The App can be located in the app store of your mobile device” said Sierra Butler, Program Coordinator for Drug Free Tipton.

The TIPTON TIPS App and tip411 anonymous text a tip system are 100% anonymous, as the technology removes all identifying information before police see the tips and there is no way to identify the sender. This allows YOU to report suspicious activity that may PREVENT and/or SOLVE crimes in your neighborhood.

Those with questions, or who need help signing up for alerts, are asked to Contact Drug Free Tipton at 901.378-0545 or www.drugfreetipton.org, your local Police Department (901-475-1261 or 901-476-0243) or the Tipton County Sheriff’s office (901-475-3300)

CODES:
• In the City of Covington, businesses operated from a home/residence are required to apply to the Board of Zoning Appeals for review and approval. The applications are on the City website and also available in the Department of Code Compliance office located on the second floor in Covington City Hall. You may call 901-476-7191 ext. 146 or email planning.building@covingtontn.com to schedule an appointment for assistance with this process. For additional information you may look in the Covington Municipal Zoning Ordinance which is located on the City website. A City and County business license may also be required – depends on the type of business.
• If you know of any violations or what you think is a violation of the City of Covington codes/ordinances, please contact the Department of Code Compliance at 901-476-7191 ext 146 or email. WE NEED your assistance with ensuring our City is a safe, clean place to live, work and play and greatly appreciate the input from our citizens.

The Dept. of Code Compliance has responsibility for enforcing all construction codes and zoning regulations adopted by the City.
Phone: 901-476-7191 Ext. 146  Fax: 901-476-5056
Email: planning.building@covingtontn.com
MUSEUM:

- Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day will be at the Tipton County Museum on Friday, December 7 from noon to 2:00. There will be special guests and presentations.
- Barbara McBride has completed her acrylic art classes for 2018 at the Museum, and she will continue teaching classes in 2019 on Friday mornings.
- Debra Howze will be the 2019 Artist in Residence. She will have an acrylic pouring class February 16.
- October Gardening Series was successful and there will be another series offered in February.
- Master Gardener Cheryl Rose will be doing a quick video program called A Moment on Nature on the Museum website once a month.
- Museum will have a new exhibit called Memories of Christmas Past in December.

COVINGTON PUBLIC WORKS:

- 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.

Look for our new Please Don’t Litter signs and help us KEEP OUR CITY CLEAN and BEAUTIFUL!

#COVINGTONPRIDE

WE ARE LOOKING GOOD

click here to see great Covington photos!
The Public Safety Committee held their regular monthly meeting at Covington City Hall on November 27 at 1:00. Present were Chairman Alderman Mac McGowan, Alderman CH Sullivan, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, CPD Chief Buddy Lewis, CFD Chief Michael Naifeh, Mayor Justin Hanson, Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn, and Assistant to the Mayor Sara Gangaware. Also present was Alderman John Edwards.

Chairman McGowan called the meeting to order at 1:00 with a quorum present and called on Police Chief Buddy Lewis to give his report.

Chief Lewis thanked the committee members and Chairman McGowan for working with him over the past 4 years, then proceeded with his report:

- CPD is 5 officers down – our military officers are back at work for the time being. One officer is out for knee surgery – unrelated to work.
- CPD is still accepting applications for open positions and will accept them through November 30. 5 certified officers have applied and 8 non-certified have applied so far. Lewis wants to begin interviews and make selections early in 2019.
- Pay-scale update: Lewis reported that he is working with Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn and Personnel Director Tiny Rose to research pay scale ideas and hopes to make recommendations early in 2019.
- Overtime update: 5703 OT hours since July 1, 2018. Lewis stated he is glad to have military officers back on streets for time being – as this will help cut down on overtime. However, he expects military officers to be deployed around first of March for about a year.
- Lewis and several CPD officers have been meeting with the Memphis Police Department Gang Unit to gather and share information. They are in the process of identifying active gang members in the area. They will continue to work with the MPD gang unit to research this situation and work on solutions.
- Neighborhood Watch and CPD Informational Meetings: Chief Lewis has been meeting with people who are in the process of organizing neighborhood watches in their neighborhoods. He is planning to have a large meeting in January for all citizens to help people gather information and learn how to operate neighborhood watch organizations. Look for more information to come on this.
- October 2018:
  - 100 arrests
  - 53 Citations
  - 2049 Calls
  - 16,734 Patrol miles driven
  - No major incidents reported on Halloween
- Updates:
  - Several recent burglaries at King Cotton in Covington. Several of the items have been recovered by CPD, and arrests are pending.

There being no questions/comments for Chief Lewis, Alderman Sullivan motioned to accept Lewis’s report and Alderwoman Bommer seconded. Motion passed.

Alderman McGowan then called on Chief Naifeh of the CFD for his report:
- CFD is co-hosting STOP THE BLEED training with the CHS HOSA class on November 29 at the Covington Civic Center at 6:00.
- Chief Naifeh and the Covington Fire Department welcome new hire Zach Cook, who is a certified Fire Fighter and certified Paramedic. He was hired from the CFD volunteer staff and started full time on November 26th.
Two paramedic students are going through remedial training to prepare for the certification test.

Christmas Parade preparations are going on (Parade Dec 4th)

Volunteer hours: 489 for month of October

In the month of October, CFD responded to 179 incidents that include, but are not limited to

- 140 rescue and Emergency Medical Service calls
- 14 fires
- 6 Service Calls
- 5 motor vehicle accidents with no injuries and 4 motor vehicle accidents with injuries

A monthly report was submitted by Care Officer Mark Heaston that included, but is not limited to

- 28 Welfare Checks
- Serving on DSCC EMS Advisory Committee
- Conducted 4 AHA Heart Saver AED 1st Aid classes
- Issued and installed 11 smoke alarms
- Taught one STOP THE BLEED class and preparing for the upcoming training on Nov 29 at the Covington Civic Center

Fire Inspector position expected to open in early January and Chief Naifeh expects to fill that position from within the department. He is not sure how this position’s duties might be redistributed within the department, but will submit plans for this in January.

There being no questions, Alderman Sullivan motioned to accept Naifeh’s report and Alderwoman Bommer seconded. Motion passed. There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 1:24.

Mayor Hanson recognized Jere Hadley’s work in the City of Covington

The family of long-time Recorder-Treasurer and Alderman Jere Hadley were honored with a proclamation in his memory and for his dedication to the City of Covington.
Dickens Christmas on the Historic Covington Square Dec. 8th
10am-7pm

- Santa Clause 2:30—6:30PM
- Horse Drawn Carriage Rides 11AM—6PM
- Dickens Christmas Market 10AM—6PM at Gateway on the Square
- Lighting of the Community Christmas Tree at 7PM
- Reading of, “The Night Before Christmas” at the Chamber 11-5PM each hour
- Various musical performances throughout the day

Over 8 local eateries and 15 shops to choose from as you support local!
Join our Community Choir!

MAKE A NOTE!

REHEARSALS - MONDAYS - 10/15 AND 10/29, TUESDAYS 11/13 AND 11/27, MONDAY - 12/03

Performances - Dickens 12/8, St. Matthew’s Church 12/10, times to be announced

CHORUS SCHEDULE FOR BUSY PEOPLE

Join the Community Choir and Lift up Your Voice!
Rehearsals are at 7:00 on Mondays at St. Matthew’s Church on Munford Street in Covington.

For more information, please call Barbara McBride at 901-237-4006 or Sharon Stubblefield at 901-476-3985

St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church, December 10th at 7:00 PM.

Join us for a celebration of Christmas Music performed by the Covington Community Chorus
DID YOU KNOW?

You can use paper lawn bags instead of plastic!

Find out where plastic goes and how to help reduce its use.  Click here

You can Recycle plastic, glass, and cardboard right here in Covington!

The City of Covington has two recycle bins in the parking lot just west of City Hall. One was donated by Unilever and it is used for newspaper, cardboard and aluminum. It is emptied every Tuesday. The second bin was donated by Republic and it is “plastic only”. That one is emptied as needed. Both bins are carried to the Brighton landfill which is owned and operated by Tipton County Public Works and unloaded by hand. The county partners with Fayette County’s recyclables in order to generate a larger quantity for better resale in order to help with operational costs.

Join Mayor Hanson for coffee, goodies, and lively conversations…

Tuesday, December 11  Little Jimmy’s 511 E. Liberty
Tuesday, January 8    Pappy & Jimmy’s 749 N Main St
Tuesday, January 22 Pappy & Jimmy’s 749 N Main St
Tuesday, February 5  Pappy & Jimmy’s 749 N Main St
Tuesday, February 19 Pappy & Jimmy’s 749 N Main St
Tuesday, March 5     Pappy & Jimmy’s 749 N Main St
Tuesday, March 19  Pappy & Jimmy’s 749 N Main St

7:30 am - 9:00 am
come and go as you please
• Nov 30 – Dec 9 – It’s a Wonderful Life – Ruffin Theater.  
• December 01 – Christmas Tour of Homes to Support The Carl Perkins Center. 1:00 – 5:00.  
• December 04 – Covington Christmas Parade – 7:00 pm.  
• December 07 – FREE FLU SHOTS!  
• December 07 – PEARL HARBOR DAY at the Tipton County Museum.  
• December 07 – Cookies with Santa at Mt Carmel Manor – 5:30 – 7:30  
• December 08 – A Dickens Christmas on the Historic Covington Square  
• December 11 – Coffee with the Mayor – Little Jimmy’s – 511 East Liberty.  7:30 – 9:00  
• December 17 – Vitalant (formerly Lifeblood) at Covington City Hall – 9:00 – 1:00.  PLEASE REGISTER FOR YOUR TIME – go to vitalant.org  Click on DONATE, then on LOCATE A BLOOD DRIVE. Find our event for December 17 and use code **L198** to register for your time.  
• December 24 – City of Covington employees will leave at NOON to celebrate Christmas  
• December 25 & 26 – Covington City Hall closed to celebrate Christmas  
• Saturdays in February – Gardening Series at the Tipton County Museum.  

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, or on our website at [www.covingtontn.com](http://www.covingtontn.com)

The City of Covington is an Equal Opportunity Employer

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**Stop Litter**
**Tennessee’s Had Enough**
**REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING**
Christmas Tour of Homes
To benefit the Carl Perkins Center of Tipton County

Saturday, December 1st
1:00pm until 5:00pm
Tickets $20
(Purchase tickets at the Carl Perkins Center)

Host Homes
Don & Renee Baskin
1861 South Main Street, Covington

John Anthony & LeeAnn Mashburn
1952 Garland Drive, Covington

Bill & Ann McGowan
422 South Main Street, Covington

Host Church
1st Baptist Church
2105 Hwy 59, Covington

For more information
Call the Center at (901) 476-1515
Advising and Registration Open for Spring 2019 at Dyersburg State

Registration for spring 2019 classes at Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) will open for all current, new, and readmitting students **Nov. 12 and will last through Jan. 9.** Students are encouraged to register for classes as soon as possible to ensure best class selection and meet with their advisor to discuss their educational and career goals. Classes will begin Jan. 14 with fees due before midnight Jan. 7 or at the time of registration for those registering after that date.

Students may apply online with no application fee at www.dscc.edu. Here they can also find information on courses available and programs of study including Computer Information Systems, Health Information Management, Early Childhood, Engineering Systems Technology, Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT), Nursing and Paramedic. More programs of study can be found at www.dscc.edu. Also available are 27 Tennessee Transfer Pathways (TTP) programs such as Agriculture, Business, History, Criminal Justice, Psychology, Pre-Physical Therapy and Pre-Occupational Therapy. TTP programs allow students to save money on tuition by taking the first two years at DSCC and then easily transferring to a four-year university or college in Tennessee to obtain a bachelor’s degree.

DSCC offers programs of study at three convenient locations in West Tennessee: Dyersburg, Covington and Trenton. For more information, or to make an appointment with an advisor, contact a One Stop Center at the Dyersburg campus at 731-286-3350, the Gibson County Center in Trenton at 731-855-1419, or the Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County at 901-475-3100.

Donations Accepted for Toys for Tots

Tipton County Veteran Services Office (1286 Munford Ave, Munford, TN 38058 - Phone 901-476-2456 ) is a drop off site for Toy for Tots. We have 3 boxes - one on the porch and 2 inside. If you would like to donate please bring an un-wrapped toy to the Veteran Service Office. There is a huge need and great demand for our area. We will continue to accept donations until Friday, December 14th. Thank you for the support. Happy Holidays.
Are you looking for a sweet career?
Sugaright may be just what you are looking for.

Sugaright Covington is a major supplier of Sucrose (liquid sugar).
We are recipients of the TOSHA Governor’s Award of Safety Excellence, the companies Platinum Award for Safety, SQF Certified, Bonneau Certified, Kosher Certified, Non GMO Certified, and a drug free facility. We are currently accepting resumes for:

Assistant Plant Manager

Reasons to apply:
- Privately owned
- Job Security - No Lay-offs
- Career Opportunities
- Education Assistance
- Medical Benefits 24/7 to none
- 401(k) with Company Match up to 4%
- Family-like Working Environment
- Positive Team Based Atmosphere

Wage is negotiable dependent on education and/or experience. Benefits are available the first of the month after 60 days employ which include: medical, dental, vision, AD&D, STD/LTD, 401(k), education assistance. Those interested send resumes to:

dmatthews@sugaright.com

Sugaright LLC
4000 Hwy 51 North
Covington, TN 38019

We are an equal opportunity employer.
The Tipton County Health Department will provide flu shots December 5 at no cost to anyone who wishes to receive one at the Tipton Co. Health Department (4700 Mueller Brass Rd, Covington) from 9am to Noon.

Seasonal influenza activity is spreading in Tipton County and across Tennessee and is expected to continue for months, so it’s important for anyone over six months of age who hasn’t had a flu shot this flu season to get one now. The flu vaccine is especially important for infants, young children, pregnant women, adults over age 50 and those with chronic medical conditions. The flu shot remains the best protection against influenza.

For more information about the flu and getting a flu vaccine, call the Tipton County Health Department at 476-0235
Covington Welcomes American Job Center

The staffing agency for Unilever (Randstad) is looking to fill over 100 positions. Randstad comes to the AJC in Covington every other Monday from 8:00 – 4:00 p.m. for interviews and applications - Located right behind PIZZA HUT in

Unilever currently has quite a few positions open – American Job Centers can assist you with this: Click here for details.
Get Help with your Medicare Part D during Open Enrollment at Tipton County Commission on Aging

call 901-476-3333 for more information

Medicare Part D Open Enrollment
October 15 - December 7

ONLY 2 days for Medicare Part D enrollment at TCCA in 2018:

November 27, 2018
Beginning at 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

The Aging Commission of the Mid-South and TCCA will provide counselors from 10:00 a.m. until 3 p.m. to help take the guess-work out of choosing a Medicare Part D plan for 2019. No appointment is necessary. Make sure to bring a detailed list of your prescription medications (or your prescription bottles) and your Medicare card to TCCA, downstairs at the Covington Senior Center. Please be prepared to wait.

If your total income is less than $18,210 (single) or $24,690 (married), you may qualify for extra help with your drug costs. If you think you may qualify, bring proof of income & bank statements with you.

Staff will not be available on a daily basis for enrollment appointments as in years past.

If you are not able to make any of these enrollment dates, please contact the Aging Commission of the Mid-South to find another location. (901) 222-4111
To enter your group or make a donation, please contact
DOROTHY CLEMONS at 901-570-3993 or
BOBBY CLEMONS at 901-607-5794 or
KATRINA CLELMONS at 901-229-6932
Congratulations Livestock Judging Team for a job well done at the Regional 4-H Contest! Tipton County had 18 Senior High Youth who participated!

Happy Thanksgiving

The UT/TSU Extension Office will be closed November 22 and 23.

Want more information or have questions? Contact Brigitte Passman, 4-H Youth Development Agent
Office location: 111 W. Washington Ave, Covington, TN 38019
Office number: 901-476-0231
Email: briggpass@utk.edu

It’s Portfolio Preparation Time
Project Portfolios offer youth endless possibilities! With a 4-H Project Portfolio youth win college scholarships, trips to state and national 4-H events, learn record keeping and interview skills and so much more! If interested in putting together a portfolio please contact Brigitte!

NEW! THE DOCTOR IS IN
THE 2018 4-H & FFA KNIFE

2019 Jr. 4-H Camp
SAVE THE DATE
JUNE 17-21
Covington Christmas Parade
December 4, 2018 - 7pm

If you would like to get in the Christmas Spirit, participate in the Christmas Parade with a parade entry or be a “Candy Walker” and walk the parade route and distribute candy.

GUIDELINES FOR THE COVINGTON CHRISTMAS PARADE

- Covington Christmas Parade participant forms must be completed and received by the City of Covington no later than noon, December 3rd. Each participant will be given a registration tag that must be visibly displayed on the left front side of the parade entry. Parade night check in begins at 5:30 pm on South College in front of the Covington High School Athletic Field. Further directions will be given after check in. Everyone must be lined up and ready to go by 6:45pm.

- All parade entries must be Christmas related and decorated with a Christmas theme.

- All participants must keep moving at a slow pace. Marching bands will be placed throughout the parade line up and will be allowed to stop moving during the parade to perform.

- Absolutely NO horses or horse drawn wagons will be allowed.

- Absolutely NO offensive music. All music must be Christmas music.

- The City of Covington Santa will ride atop a Covington Fire Department ladder truck and will be the only Santa allowed to ride in the parade.

- Due to safety issues, no candy will be allowed to be thrown from parade entries. If you wish to distribute candy, each entry is responsible for providing the candy and each entry MUST provide an adult “WALKER” that will travel the parade route and distribute (hand) the candy.

PARADE ROUTE

Parade night check in begins at 5:30pm on South College Street in front of the Covington High School Athletic Field. The Parade will begin headed North on College Street to Sherrod, at the 4-Way Stop, turn East on Sherrod to Main, North on Main to Court Square, around Square to Liberty, West on Liberty to College, South on College and will disband from Covington High School.
COVINGTON CHRISTMAS PARADE
DECEMBER 4, 2018
PARTICIPANT FORM
(Please Print)

Name of Organization or Business: __________________________________________________________

Mailing Address of Parade Participant: ______________________________________________________

City: ______________________________ State: __________ Zip: _______________________

Contact Person: _________________________________________________________________________

Phone: _______________________________________________________________________________

Email Address Necessary for Registration Tag: ____________________________________________
(If no email is provided, tag must be picked up at the Covington Civic Center, 100 West Washington
Avenue, Human Resource Office, by noon, December 3rd.)

**Type of Entry:**

Float: ________________________________________________________________________________

Walking Group: _________________________________________________________________________

Band: ________________________________________________________________________________

Other: ________________________________________________________________________________

_____________________________________________________________________________________

Will your entry provide an adult “Walker” with candy to distribute? Yes ____ No_____

This form must be returned by noon, December 3rd.

Return to:
Karen Griffin
City of Covington
100 West Washington Avenue
Covington TN  38019
901-475-7139
Fax: 901-475-0213
Email: kgriffin@covingtontn.com
December 7 from 5:30-7:30pm
$30 per family
Cookies, hot cocoa and a 4x6 picture
The Manor at Mt. Carmel
3904 Mt. Carmel Road, Covington
benefitting the Go Lucy Go Foundation
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
At the Tipton County Museum

When: Friday, December 7, 2018
Noon—2 p.m.

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

Please join the Tipton County Veterans Council and the Tipton County Museum as we reflect and remember on this tragic day in American History. Everyone is invited and refreshments will be served.
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.
DSCC to host artist reception featuring the works of Mike Elkins

An art exhibit by Mike Elkins of Munford is currently on display at the Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County. His paintings will be on display until Dec. 18 throughout the Ripley Power and Light Lobby inside the Learning Resource Center, Student Center and Tipton County Public Library. An artist’s reception will be held at this location Dec. 4, from 7:30-9 p.m. This event is sponsored by DSCC.

Elkins, a self-taught artist, paints still life and landscapes in oils. He paints realism, and enjoys the careful observation and discovery that comes with painting in this style. He has recently begun exploring other media, especially watercolor. A recently retired architect, Elkins began painting about 12 years ago. He has been a member of the Tipton Art League since 2011 and has won several awards in the Tipton County Art Exhibits, including Best of Show in 2018. In 2017, he taught an introduction to oil painting class at the Tipton County Museum and was awarded honorable mention in the Gibson County Visual Arts Association National Art Exhibition.

The public is invited to view his work through Dec. 18 and meet him in person during the reception Dec. 4. For more information, contact Barbara Flowers McBride at 901-237-4006.
It's a Wonderful Life

Adapted for the stage by James W. Rodgers. Based on the film by Frank Capra and the story by Philip Van Doren Stern.

Directed by Daniel Myers

November 30, December 1, 7 & 8 at 7pm
December 2 & 9 at 2pm

It's a Wonderful Life is presented by special arrangement with Dramatic Publishing in Woodstock, IL.
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FAMILY STORYTIME

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Crazy Rich Asians
Dec. 4th @ 1:00 PM [PG-13] 120 Min.
Pearl Harbor
Dec. 7th @ 1:00 PM [PG-13] 183 Min.
Little Italy
Dec. 11th @ 1:00 PM [R] 102 Min.
Holiday Affair
Dec. 14th @ 1:00 PM [NR] 86 Min.
Bundle of Joy
Dec. 18th @ 1:00 PM [NR] 100 Min.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

CHRISTMAS CARTOONS AND CRAFT
Watch cartoons and make an ornament
DEC. 21st @ 1:00 PM
STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER

Have you ever wondered what happens at the library when it’s closed? We will share our secret world with your stuffed animal at our Stuffed Animal Sleepover

THURSDAY, DEC. 27th:
Drop off your favorite stuffed animal before 4:00 p.m. for an overnight stay at the library!

FRIDAY, DEC. 28th:
Reunite with your stuffed animal! Animals may be picked up after 3:00 p.m.

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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:

The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center Presents

**Fun with Acrylics**

With Barbara Flowers McBride

When:  Friday mornings, 9:30—11:30
January 11, 18, 25, & February 1, 2019

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

Fee:  $60 Members, $80 General Public

Barb will show you how easy and fun it is to paint with this versatile medium. No previous art experience is required. Please call the Tipton County Museum for the supply list and to register for the course.

The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center
751 Bert Johnston Ave., P.O. Box 768, Covington, TN 38019
(901) 476-0242
The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial
& Nature Center Presents

**Artist Series for Kids**

**Jacob Lawrence**

**When:** Saturday, February 2, 2019, 1 to 3 p.m.

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

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

The children will learn that Jacob moved from the south to the north in an African-American migration because it was difficult for African-Americans to find work in the south. They will then paint one of his paintings in acrylics. All materials will be furnished, and a snack will be provided. A sibling discount is available. Ages 10 and up. Please call the Tipton County Museum at (901) 476-0242 to register.

Tipton County Museum
751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN
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Gioiello Featured Artist

Winston Howard

Originally from Shreveport, Louisiana, Winston and his family live in Tipton County. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems from Northwestern State University in 1990 and his Master of Arts Christian Education from Grand Canyon University in 2011. Winston is a Professor of Theology at Victory University in Memphis, Tennessee and is a Branch Manger for Hamilton-Ryker in Covington, Tennessee. His first book, ‘Being a B.A.D. Christian is the Only Way to Be!’ was published in 2017 and is for sale in the Tipton County Museum gift shop.
Successful Gardening—A February Event at The Tipton County Museum!

Saturday, February 2nd: 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.
“Nine Things to Consider for Spring”
- Guest Speaker – Dr. Chris Cooper: Shelby County Master Gardener & creator of WKNO’s “The Family Plot.”

Saturday, February 9th: 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.
“Fixing the Root Problem”
- Guest Speaker – Carl Wayne Hardeman: Shelby County Master Gardener & Creator of Collierville’s Victory Garden

Saturday, February 16th: 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.
“All About Onions”
- Guest Speaker – Tom Mashour: Tipton County Master Gardener & member of Millington City Beautiful Commission.

** Saturday, February 23rd: 10:00 - 11:30 A.M. **
“The Bluebird of Happiness”
- Guest Speaker – Sheri Rose: Pollinator Expert & Coordinator of the Tipton County Museum’s Herb Garden.

** Bring seeds and cuttings to share with others.

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

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Born on July 22, 1949 in Tipton County, James Russell Clark received his draft notice on February 9, 1968, as he was preparing for high school graduation. Not only did he receive his draft notice that day, but his family also received notice that his older brother, Thedward, had been wounded and was listed as missing in action in Vietnam. Thankfully his brother was found and able to recover from his wounds. Thedward encouraged him not to join the Army; therefore James enlisted in the Marine Corps on February 12, 1968. After graduating from Munford High School on May 26, 1968, he arrived at Paris Island for basic training on June 9th. After basic training he volunteered for Vietnam; however, his request was denied as his brother was again serving in Vietnam, and the Department of Defense would not allow them both in a combat at the same time. Thedward served three tours in Vietnam and was wounded twice before being honorably discharged in 1976 after nine years of service. A few years later, he died the day before Thanksgiving due to complications from his injuries and exposure to the chemical Agent Orange. Had it not been for Thedward’s service and desire to protect his little brother, James’ life may have turned out very differently.

James was assigned to the Aviation Ordinance section of the Marine Corps and spent thirty years working on and teaching others about the operational procedures of various aircraft platforms: Cobra/Huey/Sea Knight (floating banana) helicopters, F-4/RF4B Phantoms, A-4 Skyhawk, EA6B Intruders, AV-8B Harrier, and C-130 Hercules. He attended several military schools and was a qualified Instructor. During his first 21 years in the Marine Corps, he rose from the lowest enlisted level of Private/E1 to the highest enlisted level of Master Gunnery Sergeant/E9. He was a well-known and respected Aviation Ordinance Chief. After serving 30 years of active duty, he retired on June 30, 1998. For his service to our country he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, 2 Navy Commendation Medals, Navy Achievement Medal, 8 Good Conduct Medals, National Defense Service Medal w/one star, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon w/one star, a Letter of Appreciation, and 2 Meritorious Masts. Retiring allowed him the opportunity to pursue his initial calling - the ministry. He entered the seminary in 2001; and in January 2007, he was ordained as an Original Free Will Baptist Minister. He served as a minister in various churches in North Carolina before he and his wife Mary Sue returned to Tipton County in 2015 to live on her family’s farm, a 184-year family owned estate. James continues to serve as a lay minister locally under the direction of the West Tennessee Presbytery.

In 1971 James married the love of his life, Mary Sue Clifton; and she still puts up with him 47 years later. God blessed them with two beautiful daughters, Tracy Dianne Clark Sanderson (Kevin) and Jennifer Renae Clark Rahilly (Christopher). Tracy owns a small digital marketing business, and Jennifer is a traveling trauma nurse. James and Mary Sue also have two beautiful grandchildren, Samuel (14) and Ellie Gray (6). James was nominated by August 2018 Veteran of the Month, Charles McCorkle.
Reception Held at Museum for November Veteran of the Month
James Russell Clark was honored with a reception Tuesday night at the Tipton County Museum. He was presented a commemorative flag and certificates while surrounded by family, friends, and fellow veterans.
The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center

Veteran of the Month Reception
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