

From the Mayor's Desk

Thoughts and perceptions from Mayor Justin Hanson

Hello Friends and Neighbors!

The safety and security of our city and citizens is the most important, fundamental function of government. It is indeed the cornerstone of quality of life and economic development. In every survey and strategic planning session we have had, public safety has been cited by an array of stakeholders as one of the highest priorities. Consequently, the City of Covington has devoted time, attention, and resources to both fire and police services for years. I can go into much more detail about that for those who want to know, but for the purpose of this editorial, I want to point out a few other things.

First and foremost, let me tell you our police department is working hard to serve and protect us. Our officers answer thousands of calls every year, issue hundreds of citations, make hundreds of arrests, wear body cameras, use laptops in their vehicles to improve efficiency, and are highly trained – and often utilized to train others. We have also recently offered incentives for hiring certified officers. That has proven effective as we have hired several certified, experienced officers. Even though these are positive moves for continual improvement, crime continues to occur. The most recent incident occurred just this week that ended up with four active crime scenes in which the Covington Police Department, the Tipton County Sheriff's Office, and Tennessee Highway Patrol were all involved. Here is a synopsis of the night's events from Covington Police Chief Buddy Lewis:

At approximately 9:11 pm on Wednesday, February 20, Covington police officers responded to a shooting at 535 N. College Street. Upon arrival, officers found three gunshot victims. Later in the investigation, officers discovered there had actually been five gunshot victims. All victims had non-life-threatening injuries according to medical information. We found numerous shell casings in the street north of the residence. We found casings from what appears to be an automatic rifle and a handgun. During the investigation, we heard other gunshots west of our location. We made the scene and found two vehicles had been hit by gunfire on Simonton near Murphy. There were no injuries. Additional gunfire was heard at S. College and Boals. We made that scene and found a structure had been hit by gunfire, and again, there were no injuries. Shortly after that, gunfire was reported on Haynie. Another structure was hit by gunfire. No injuries. We had four active crime scenes. We pursued a vehicle on Haynie and the driver abandoned the vehicle and fled on foot. The suspect was not apprehended, but we recovered his vehicle and are gathering evidence. Later, Sheriff's Deputies pursued a vehicle on Hwy. 51, and one suspect was apprehended. We are working hard on these cases. We had almost the entire department out during the night working four crime scenes. We are sick and tired of crime situations just like everyone else. Our department is committed to resolving the crime issues in Covington.

Police officers saturated the area and were out on the streets well into Thursday morning. The Covington Police Department called in off-duty officers to assist and were operating at nearly full staff throughout the night. I was on the phone with Chief Lewis and others keeping track of the situation. We are thankful that there were no life-threatening injuries, but this kind of activity is absolutely unacceptable and something we work hard to prevent. However, we aren't omnipotent and cannot see nor predict just where the next dangerous situation might pop up. We must patrol everywhere and be ever prepared and vigilant to respond as needed – which is *exactly* what we do. This kind of activity is not unique to Covington – it happens everywhere, unfortunately. But let me assure you that **Covington** police are patrolling, investigating, working with other public safety agencies, and are making arrests *daily*. There are two press releases in this newsletter concerning recent arrests as a result of citizen feedback and good police response. We are processing evidence and sending as many criminals to the highest courts possible for the strictest prosecution. These are the facts, but obviously more

needs to be done. In addition to a much more aggressive approach to policing – a no tolerance approach - here are some things we can all do to send the message that crime will not be tolerated in our neighborhoods:

- Quit hiding behind mobile devices, computer screens, and social media platforms. Get up and take control of things in your home, on your streets, and in your neighborhoods. Get to know your neighbors and work together to watch out for each other. Organize a [neighborhood watch](#) . Talk to each other and have plans for continued vigilance and reporting. Have specific things for people in your community **to do** – communicate with each other, take notice of lights in your neighborhoods – if street lights are out or you need more of them, let us know! Talk with your neighbors, your family members, and loved ones and have high expectations for safe behavioral practices.
- In addition to your neighborhoods, work within your churches, businesses, and other clubs and organizations to stick together in being aware of your surroundings. Be as proactive as possible – keep things locked up, keep your vehicles locked, keep lights on, and keep children and teens focused on positive and productive activities and **away** from gangs and criminal activity. Get them involved in our many Covington Parks and Recreation Activities or the Boys and Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region, just to name a couple. Check their phones and see who they are talking to and what they are talking about.
- The general public is the most important tool we have in fighting crime – ***if you see something, say something***. Again, the press releases listed in this newsletter are a prime example of how the keen eye of citizens who saw something suspicious helped us make quick arrests. Every week, we publish in this newsletter several means through which you can report suspicious activity, such as the [Tip411 alert system](#). If you have *suspicions*, let the police investigate. Keep ALL of us informed about what is going on and what is needed.

We have worked so hard in this City to bring about good and positive things for continual improvement in the quality of life for our citizens, and it is a total shame that senseless violence can shatter people's views on the progress we have made. I ask you not to let that happen. Don't allow the cowards behind the keyboards to cloud the facts in this or any other situation. Name calling and finger pointing is easy from the armchair quarterbacks, but I can assure you we will continue to be vigilant, be aggressive, make every available investment into public safety, make arrests, and put an end to this. We all must work together in our families, in our schools, in our churches, in our neighborhoods, through our social media contacts, and in our governments to step up and not allow violence to consume us. We are better than that and we most certainly deserve better in our communities. We are in the midst of preparing our budget for 2019-2020. What should that look like to you? Fighting crime is costly – but what is the cost of *not* funding it appropriately? Help us be solution-oriented rather than fall into the pit of blame and shame – which accomplishes nothing. Talk with your aldermen, visit with me in my office, call me on the phone, come to our meetings and let's talk about real solutions...and let's make those happen.

In regards to this weeks' incidents, our police department is working with every available law enforcement agency to investigate, collaborate, review video surveillance, and gather information and evidence from every available source. One of the biggest obstacles in investigating is that people involved will not cooperate with the police, which drives us to having to make a case from other evidence, which we **can and will do**. Chief Lewis stated that this latest incident of gunfire is *not* random, but is targeted and is happening among people who are associated with each other. He stated the Covington Police Department, along with the Tipton County Sheriff's Department have gathered a large amount of evidence and are processing it as expeditiously as possible. They are going to address this and other criminal elements in the City of Covington **aggressively**. Chief Lewis is asking for support from the citizens in terms of information and in terms of funding so he will have the tools, equipment, and manpower that will put boots on the ground and criminals in jail now and **from now on**. Let's give it to him. Let's put an end to these repeated incidents of domestic terrorism once and for all.

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DEPARTMENTAL TIDBITS

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

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 Sheriff’s Dept.** - 901-475-3300 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 **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)**

Covington Police Department

PRESS RELEASE

February 11, 2019

The Covington Police Department has arrested four juveniles for their involvement in numerous auto thefts and auto break-ins over the past several weeks. Covington Police Chief C.D. “Buddy” Lewis stated, “Three stolen vehicles, two lap-top computers, and three guns have been recovered. The investigation is ongoing and other arrests and additional cases may be involved. The arrested juveniles have prior cases pending in juvenile court.” Lewis continued his statement by saying that the CPD officers have been dealing with these juvenile offenders on the other cases, as well. “I am very proud of the work that has been done making these arrests,” Chief Lewis concluded.

Covington Police Department

PRESS RELEASE

February 21, 2019

The Covington Police Department responded to a series of ‘shots fired’ calls in four different locations on Wednesday evening, February 20. The first location was 535 North College. The residence was struck numerous times. The gunfire struck four individuals inside the home. “There were a large number of shell casings located in the street to the north of the residence. The shell casings were from a semi-automatic rifle and a handgun,” Chief Buddy Lewis stated. All victims were transported to Baptist Memorial Hospital-Tipton in non-critical condition.

During the investigation of the shooting on North College, three additional shots fired calls were dispatched in other areas of the city. No injuries were reported in those shootings. The locations are 505 Simonton, 139 Haynie and 1326 South College.

The Tipton County Sheriff’s Office and Tennessee Highway Patrol assisted with the incident responses. “All of these shootings are under investigation. We are asking anyone who may have information regarding these incidents to call the Covington Police Department at 901-475-1261 or Tipton County Central Dispatch at 901-475-4300. Our officers are working hard on these cases and will continue to do so. We are adding additional overtime hours to allow our officers to be in the streets, be visible, and be aggressive against criminal activity. These shootings were not random acts but targeted shootings. As further details of the investigation can be made public, we will certainly share them,” Chief Buddy Lewis concluded.

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](#).

Chief Naifeh Attended [National Fire Academy](#) training in Emmitsburg, Maryland



During this 6-day course, students collected data, analyzed, compared and contrasted findings to identify base-level performance standards and changes influenced by internal and external impacts. This course was a “hands-on” opportunity requiring local fire and emergency service data. Participants had to apply and be accepted to participate in this opportunity.

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.
- [Click here to see all available job openings.](#)

COVINGTON PUBLIC WORKS:

- Civic clubs, neighborhood groups, and others interested in planning a clean-up day for any residential area, please contact the Director of Public Works for assistance in hauling off refuse and debris.
- Yard waste should be placed at least five feet away from potential obstacles such as mail boxes, fences, walls, water meters, telephone connection boxes, fire hydrants, 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.
- Rogers Hydrant Service - an independent contractor - will be in town to test flow rates of our fire hydrants beginning February 4th. If you happen to notice any discoloring of your water, please call us at 901-476-9531 to report it.
- Call 901-476-9613 ext 118, ext 127, or ext 146 or 901-237-8165 for questions or concerns

COVINGTON AQUATIC CENTER:



**COME SWIM WITH US! Try our water aerobics classes
while they are free!**

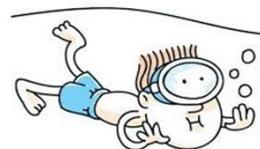
The Covington Aquatic Center offers a six-lane, 25 meter recreational and competition covered pool. The pool depth is 3 feet in the shallow end and 12 feet at the deep end. The deep end of the pool houses 2 spring boards for recreational use. We offer multiple levels of swim lessons for young children 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!** 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, family reunions, and church events. For more detailed rental information, contact Director Mack at (901) 476-3734.

Back in
action!!



Hours of Operation

Master Swim: M-F 5am-7am
 Water Aerobics: M, W, F 10am-11am
 Water Aerobics: M, T, Th 6pm-7pm
 Water Aerobics: Sat 9am-10am
 Open Swim: M-F 3:30-6pm
 Open Swim: Sat 10am-5pm
 Patron Swim (Members only): Sun 1pm-5pm
 Lap Swim: M, T, Th 7pm-8pm



All Spring Sports are played Week nights! Weekends are FREE!

Register by
March 2 online or
come see us at the
Sportsplex

2019 Spring Sports
 Games will be played throughout the week.
 Your weekends are Free!

Softball

FASA
 Ages 4-15
 Games played on
 M,T,TH
 \$65
 Jersey,Pants/shorts
 & Socks
 Discounts for
 siblings

Soccer

Ages 3-12
 Games played on
 T,TH
 \$55
 Jersey, shorts & socks



Flag Football

Ages 5-13
 Games played on Monday nights
 \$50 - NFL Jersey & flags

Baseball

T-ball – 3,4 - \$50
 Hat, t-shirt
 T-ball – 5,6 - \$85
 Full uniform
 Coach – 7,8 - \$85
 Full uniform
 Kid pitch -9-12 \$85
 Games played on
 M,T,TH
 Discounts for
 siblings



PARKS AND RECREATION:

JOIN US IN OUR CLASSES FOR IMPROVED STRENGTH AND HEALTH!

We offer a variety of classes for all your fitness levels that are taught by certified instructors who are able to assist you as needed. Come on in and try them out!



WHEN

Monday & Wednesday
9:30-10:30 AM
7:00- 8:00 PM

Covington 
SPORTSPLEX
 790 Bert Johnston Ave
 Covington TN 38019



BENEFITS

Dynamic Core Workout
High Calorie Burn
Weight Loss
Positive Self-Image
Exercise in Disguise (Dancing)

Ask us for a Coupon
 to try a class for
FREE



Start Slow
 Covington 
SPORTSPLEX
 Finish Strong

HIIT
 with Judy



Mon & Wed Nights
6:00-7:00PM

Covington Sportsplex
 790 Bert Johnston Ave



Start Slow
 Covington 
SPORTSPLEX
 Finish Strong

Yoga
 with
 Caroline & Michelle



Mondays 7:15-8PM
Tuesdays & Thursdays

8:30-9:30AM & 5:00-6:00PM

Covington Sportsplex
 790 Bert Johnston Ave
 901-476-3734



Start Slow
 Covington 
SPORTSPLEX
 Finish Strong

Cardio Mix
 with Pam



Mon, Wed, & Fri Mornings
8:30-9:30 AM

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2019 Membership Incentives

New Members

- ✓ Receive (2) FREE VIP Passes (great gift for a friend or relative).
- ✓ \$25 gift card*

Member Referral Program

Members that refer (2) NEW members before June 30, 2019 receive:

- ✓ 1 entry in our drawing to receive a FREE pool party.
- ✓ \$50 gift card*

Early Renewal Rewards Program

Members that renew their membership before June 30, 2019 receive:

- ✓ 3 additional months of membership for FREE.
- ✓ (2) VIP passes for one Free Month.
- ✓ 1 entry in our drawing to receive a FREE pool party.
- ✓ \$50 gift card*

Monthly Members pay for 3 months get 1 FREE

These membership incentives end June 30, 2019

*\$50 gift card can be redeemed for Parks and Recreation merchandise, fees (except membership fees), concessions and rentals.

+Does not apply to monthly membership renewals



CODES:

- Revised sign ordinance is on [City website](#)
- Sign applications are on the [City website](#)
- Did you know if you want to operate a business in your home there are specific steps to take?
It is classified as an Incidental Home Occupation the definition is: An occupation or profession carried on by the members of a family residing on the premises in connection with which there is no sign used; provided, however, that such use shall not noticeably increase traffic to, or significantly alter the outside appearance of the residence involved and that not more than twenty-five (25) percent of the total actual floor area is used for the home occupation. Contact Codes to schedule an appoint to start the process. 901-476-9613 ext 146
- 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. To see the Covington Municipal Code, [click here](#).
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
- Please help us keep our City clean by reporting unlawful dumping. If you see something that looks suspicious please call 901-476-9613 ext 118 or 237-8165 to report.

MUSEUM:

The Tipton County Museum, Veteran's Memorial and Walking Trail is an active place! We have events almost daily. We have a wide variety of educational materials and welcome school groups. You can rent our grounds and conference room for your events, as well. Come visit us and visit our website. Call 901-476-0242 for more information and support our work! Join us for these upcoming events:

- "The Blue Bird of Happiness" gardening lecture by Sherl Rose – Saturday, February 23, 10 a.m.
- "Artist Series for Kids: Jacob Lawrence" taught by Barrie Foster – Saturday, February 23, 1 -3 p.m.
- "Understanding the Census" genealogy lecture by Sherri Onorati – Saturday, March 2, 10 a.m.
- Reception for Alderwoman Minnie Bommer – Tuesday, March 5, 6:00 p.m.
- VFW guest servers at Little Jimmy's Lunchbox for Expansion Fund – Saturday, March 9, 6 am–2pm
- Veteran of the Month Reception, Tuesday, March 12, 6:30 p.m.
- Tipton County Veterans Council Pancake Breakfast at Restoration Church in Munford – Saturday, March 16, 7 to 10 a.m.

February Garden Series Continues at Museum

Master Gardener Tom Mashour led this session on Onions



Join us at the Tipton County Museum Saturday, February 23, for the last installment of the 2019 February Garden Series.



Finance and Administration Committee Agrees to Proceed with Agreement with Southern Environmental Solutions for Biomass Gasification

The Finance and Administration Committee held their regular monthly meeting at Covington City Hall on Tuesday, February 19, 2019, with the following present: Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Alderman Jeff Morris, Alderman Keith Phelps, Alderman Danny Wallace, Alderwoman Johnetta Yarbrough, Mayor Justin Hanson, Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn, Assistant to the Mayor Sara Gangaware, City Attorney Rachel Witherington, Covington Police Chief Buddy Lewis, GIS/IT Coordinator Nic Shaw, Public Works Director David Gray, Personnel Director Tiny Rose, Codes Enforcement Officer Lessie Fisher, and Records Clerk David Gwinn. Also present were Margaret Fleming, John Edwards, Antonius Edwards, Chris Hackett, Jena Hackett, Erik Krull, and Clay Lavelle and Bob Mouser with Ritter Communications. Alderman Sullivan joined the meeting in process.

Mayor Hanson opened the meeting with a quorum present because Chairman C.H. Sullivan was engaged in another meeting. Mayor Hanson was elected as chairman for this meeting and proceeded with the agenda.

First on the agenda was the discussion of the Biomass Gasification Plant, which was purchased in 2012 by the City of Covington. The facility has never worked according to proforma that was in place when purchased. City of Covington is paying for the facility with a debt service through 2037, therefore we are actively searching for parties to lease or purchase the facility. Southern Environmental Services (a subsidiary of Renewable Energy Solutions) is interested in operating at the facility and the committee conversed with Mr. Lloyd Lipman and Steven Scott of Southern Environmental Services over the phone during the meeting. Mayor Hanson referred to Attorney Witherington for further details regarding the lease agreement.

Witherington stated the lease agreement is similar to the one we had in place with PHG when they leased the facility for 18 months, with a few exceptions. The term of this lease is 30 years and is contingent on them being permitted to operate by the State of Tennessee. The primary concern for this are hazardous substances and a performance bond. Should this go forward, Southern Association will have to get a hazardous waste permit and agreements with the State of Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. The State can require a performance bond and the State will conduct oversight.

Mr. Lipman, introduced himself as someone who has been in medical waste and alternative energy business since 1975, specializing in waste-to-energy incinerators. He says there is a really solid piece of equipment in Covington Tn that works and he wants to use it appropriately. He emphatically stated there is absolutely no hazardous waste involved in their process. The majority of the waste going in is waste tires, and the secondary waste is medical waste - and none of those are hazardous materials. The gasifier will break down the materials when burning. Lipman went on to say that PHG (now known as Aeries Energy) built this process for burning with good technology and we are familiar with their equipment. Lipman stated they have 5-6 projects such as the one proposed here throughout the southeast, and he emphasized again that there is no hazardous waste for this project. Scott chimed in and stated he has been in the medical field for a number of years and is well vested in working with medical waste. At that time, Mayor Hanson opened questioning up from committee members.

Attorney Witherington asked if waste stream will be primarily tires. Lipman stated that there are 5 major tire chains and they are ready to bring waste to the facility within 30 days. Witherington asked if State will require a hazardous waste permit. Lipman stated hazardous waste permit never has been considered and will not be what they will need to operate. He stated he must have an air quality permit, and believes he can get this and an operating permit without any problems as he has done so already throughout the country. Alderman Wallace asked Lipman to help us understand what type of medical waste will be used. Lipman called it "red-bag waste"

– and it is not considered hazardous. Lipman stated there are also yellow and black-bag medical wastes, and those are considered hazardous, but that is **NOT** what they will handle. Wallace went on to ask if the delivery of the waste would require any kind of staging area or specialized facility to accept the waste. Lipman stated they will have a delivery area, including refrigeration, which will hold the waste until it is incinerated. Tires will come to the facility already shredded. The incinerating process will destroy any and all pathogens associated with the medical waste, which is common practice for disposing of these products. Lipman went on to say that not only will they dispose properly of products that may otherwise pollute the environment, they intend to create energy and possibly fuels in the process.

Alderman Phelps asked Lipman to repeat the information about liquid fuel. Lipman stated they will produce a liquid fuel, possibly jet fuel, which will be used by companies like FedEx. Phelps asked if this is a hazardous product, and Lipman replied it is not. Lipman went on to say that when gasification process takes place, it keeps dangerous waste out of landfills, reduces the waste from burning through emissions by up to 93% and says this surpasses even the strictest emissions limits for any state in the Nation. The liquid fuel will be taken out regularly as produced. Phelps asked if the company had environmental liability insurance and Lipman stated they do and will be glad to provide that documentation for the City. He stated they are ready to go to Nashville for appropriate permitting as soon as a contract can be agreed upon between Southern Environmental Services and the City of Covington.

Mayor Hanson then asked Jena Hackett to speak to Mr. Lipman because she was a part of several conference calls with Lipman and city officials. She stated this is different information because she initially believed the medical waste to be hazardous and that it would be the major waste stream into the facility. Lipman then backed up and reviewed his interest in the facility and why he is interested in it. He stated that medical waste is a major problem throughout the country and they are in the business of taking care of that through the gasification process. He says this keeps this waste out of landfills and oceans, gets rid of it in the most effective way, and produces a byproduct that can be used. However, he insisted that he never ever presented any idea of hazardous waste and none of what he plans to use in the gasification process in Covington will be hazardous.

Hanson stated the hazardous waste issue seems to be cleared up, and now the committee will be tasked with deciding whether or not to move forward with the agreement with the company. Alderwoman Bommer asked if the city's liability is covered within the contract, and Attorney Witherington stated she feels confident we will be absolutely covered. She reiterated Lipman's statement that they will carry and provide proof of liability insurance. Lipman stated that the first thing they would do is make sure the facility is clean and doesn't contain any hazardous materials or wastes of any kind from any previous use. Alderwoman Yarbrough asked about the storage of the jet fuel, and he stated he will get that information to the committee as soon as this is confirmed, but until they begin operation, he can't clearly state what will be produced, how much, or if or how it may be stored. He went on to say that an end product is yet to be determined by what the State allows. Chris Hackett had concerns regarding the location of the gasifier, which is adjacent to Unilever. Lipman stated he has met with Unilever technical staff and they are completely aware of his proposed gasification process, and have no reservations. Lipman stated everything will be monitored by on-site engineers, and regular reports will be shared with the State, the County, and the City. He reiterated that everything will be monitored full time by monitors on the equipment, by people on site, and the State. Alderman Wallace then motioned to move forward with the lease agreement process with a revised contract, and Alderwoman Bommer seconded. Lipman stated he does not anticipate any problems working out an agreeable contract. Attorney Witherington will revise the contract agreement, send to Lipman for review/approval by Southern Environmental Services, and will proceed to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen for approval. Any lease will be contingent upon approval by the State of Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC). Motion passed.

Phelps stated his only concern was for the City's liability. Witherington stated the lease agreement will contain strong insurance requirements and environmental liability language. Chris Hackett asked if Unilever has been contacted regarding this facility, as he certainly doesn't want to jeopardize their facilities' operations. Jena Hackett also suggested consulting with a hospital facility regarding how their materials are handled. Phelps

stated we can certainly verify all of these, but Lipman clearly stated he had met with Unilever. Witherington stated the lease states emphatically they are to have NO hazardous materials at that site, and Hanson stated that he feels strongly that TDEC will not permit or allow any facility to operate that would jeopardize our environment or existing facilities, such as Unilever. Phelps suggested and Witherington agreed that a performance bond should be changed to environmental liability insurance. Witherington also suggested surveying and fencing of the area. She feels she will have the agreement revised, to Lipman, and his response ready for approval (or not) by the next F & A meeting in March. Hanson stated his reason for considering leasing the facility is to help the city deal with the debt service on this facility that was purchased and installed and has never performed as it was supposed to. It is sitting there empty and he feels if it can be utilized and the debt can be paid via leasing with no financial or environmental liability for the city, it would create a win-win.

Item 2 – Ritter Communications – this discussion was tabled from the last F & A committee meeting and they have worked with Attorney Witherington regarding the revised ordinance for Ritter to bring cable and video systems to Covington. This ordinance revision would allow Ritter to do what Comcast and AT&T are already doing. They have a statewide approval for voice service, but the FCC stated video is at the hands of local authorities. Wallace reported that he has done his homework on Ritter’s ratings, and they aren’t that good. Ritter representative Bob Mouse stated they do a lot of services, but what they are asking for here is a business service. He says their numbers have gone much more positive for business, and they have worked out their problems and have upgraded equipment to provide greater bandwidth for improved services. CH Sullivan motioned to approve ordinance revision and Alderwoman Bommer seconded. Hanson stated the ordinance would require three readings and a public hearing. There being no further questions or discussion, the motion passed.

The next item on the agenda was regarding the sale of Anderson Field, which is in disrepair. The Parks and Rec Director, Joe Mack, suggested purging this field as it is not used and will require a great deal of improvements. Because Tipton County owns half of this land, Mayor Hanson and Attorney Witherington met with WT Bailey regarding the sale of this property with a 50-50 split with Tipton County. We are waiting on the Tipton County Commission for their approval. Hanson suggested moving this discussion the March meeting as we can’t move forward until there’s approval from Tipton County. Alderman Sullivan motioned to have the property appraised in preparation for a sale as long as Tipton County agrees to move forward. Alderman Wallace seconded – motion passed.

The next item of discussion was the repair of the roof on the Covington Civic Center. Tiny Rose, Personnel Director, made this request as her offices are in the building, and she has noticed several leaks in the building. After an initial evaluation, it has been discovered that the roof has deteriorating shingles and is beyond patching. Rose stated the pipe organ was sold for \$10,000, and that money could be used for replacing the roof, if the committee will approve it. Sullivan motioned to approve the money received from the sale of the organ be used toward roof repairs, and Alderwoman Bommer seconded. Rose believes there is enough money in the repair line for the civic center to cover the rest of the expense. There being no further discussion of Sullivan’s motion, a vote was taken and the motion passed.

Item 5 on the agenda was a discussion of the defined benefit pension plan resolution. A review is required every six years to make sure we have current laws in place, and this must be done by resolution. Alderman Phelps motioned for an updated resolution be drafted and brought before the Board for approval and Alderman Morris seconded. Motion passed.

The next item for discussion was an application by John Edwards for changing the name of two streets in Covington for Isaac Hayes and Quincy Barlow. Mayor Hanson called on Edwards to address the committee. Hanson stated the City’s Street Naming Policy is in the committee’s packet. Edwards stated he wants to rename streets to commemorate life of Quincy Barlow and Isaac Hayes, and asked for particular streets to be renamed in the City of Covington. Yarbrough asked why Edwards didn’t ask Tipton County for this renaming, and Edwards stated he would hate to give that tourism prospect away when these people did their work in the City

of Covington. He stated he wants to bring attention to the rich musical heritage in Covington. Alderman Morris stated he has a little difficulty for the Isaac Hayes renaming as he had association with Scientology and South Park, and he doesn't want anything negative reflected on our city. Edwards stated Elvis was criticized for the way he gyrated, but his name is making millions of dollars for Memphis. Alderman Wallace asked city attorney if Mr. Edwards had followed protocol for asking to rename streets in the City of Covington. She stated he has completed the applications. She also stated this may also have to go to the Historic Zoning Commission. Witherington read from the policy in place in the City, which also requires a 30 day review period. Edwards asked for clarification of Spring Street being in historic zoning district, and Lessie Fisher stated that part of Main Street that Edwards had requested for Quincy Barlow, is in the historic zoning district. Edwards then stated he could start *at* Spring Street, and avoid conflicts with historic zoning. Alderwoman Bommer stated she feels we should move forward with this as these two people have done a lot for the City of Covington. Wallace asked again if his applications met criteria, and Fisher stated there has been a quick review of the application, as this is the first request for a street name change since the city has adopted the new policy. She asked for more details to be submitted on this and all other applications so it is clearer why someone should be honored with their name on a street. Edwards stated he doesn't mind getting more details for the application. Making commemorative street names is not renaming the street, but the street will have a brown sign along with the official green street sign as was done on Shelton Street. Phelps stated he is reluctant to name things after people because he hates to sit in judgement on who deserves things to be named for them. Edwards stated he just wants to recognize our heritage, bring pride to the City, and increase tourism. Phelps stated he doesn't want to argue who deserves recognition, he just hesitates getting into the naming of streets. Alderwoman Yarbrough stated that people's legacies live on regardless of if there are streets or signs named after them. Alderman CH Sullivan motioned to move the discussion to Public Works Committee for further discussion, and Phelps seconded. Alderwoman Bommer stated that if Fisher wants further explanations and greater details in the application, then that needs to take place before moving forward with this application. A vote was called for sending further discussions to Public Works Committee, and the motion passed.

Abandoned/Vacant Property Ordinance discussion. Hanson turned the floor over to Codes Enforcement Officer Lessie Fisher and Attorney Rachel Witherington for discussion. Fisher stated the proposed ordinance is basically from the City of Memphis and it provides way to deal with blight, and bring in some revenues for dealing with blight. Witherington stated that the biggest issue we have in code compliance and blighted properties is that owners have died and there's no clear path to determining who actually owns and is responsible for said property. If we do this process, as suggested in the proposed ordinance, we will have a local person designated to deal with issues that may arise, such as mowing the grass. Phelps asked how an ordinance will entice people to register properties when many times absent owners aren't necessarily rule followers, and Witherington stated some properties have thousands of dollars in liens and an ordinance such as the one proposed will allow us to cite them into City Court. Mayor Hanson stated we will be adding information on city tax bills that informs recipients what may be owed to the city – such as liens and back-taxes - in an effort to keep property owners informed. Motion was made by Alderman Sullivan to approve the Abandoned-Vacant Property Ordinance and seconded by Yarbrough. Motion passed.

Item 8 on the agenda was concerning Building Permits and Codes Discussion – Mayor Hanson stated that citizens have raised concerns about what might replace the blighted structures that the city is currently tearing down. He called on Fisher for further explanation. She said there have been several discussions about what we want to see go back on properties where we are demolishing blight throughout the city, and it is the general consensus that we don't want to find ourselves in this same situation (with excessive blight) a few years down the road. Mayor said that bare minimum is no longer acceptable, and he feels this should apply to everything we do in the City of Covington, including our building regulations. He wants committee to consider this and put some thought into what it is we want to see throughout Covington. Fisher stated she has consulted with attorneys and MTAS in regards to single family residential regulations. Witherington stated that there are only incremental changes that will be accepted, and we should move slowly through this process. Alderwoman Bommer stated she is concerned about continuing rental property that is going up with little regard to size, shape, or the impacts on the community. Phelps stated he feels we cannot legislate aesthetics. Bommer stated

she isn't talking about aesthetics. Yarbrough asked how subdivisions enforce special requirements, and Witherington stated that subdivisions may have HOAs (Home Owners Associations) which have more power than the general law. Fisher stated that new subdivisions have a covenant and HOA registered with the plat and at the State level. Phelps stated he feels we all want the same things here, and he motioned to move the discussion to Public Works with some proposals to consider. Alderwoman Bommer stated she is in favor for stricter ordinances. Alderman Sullivan seconded Phelps's motion. Motion passed.

Item 9 – Financial Report for January 2019. Mayor Hanson asked Recorder-Treasurer Dunn to report. She asked members to review their copy and stated this is rather lengthy and went through the report to explain how it reflects each department's budget. There being no further questions, Phelps motioned to adjourn and Bommer seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 6:08 pm.

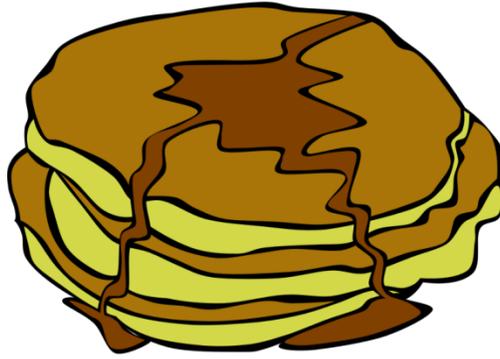
Artist in Residence Debra Howze led Acrylic Pouring Class at Museum



Watercolor Classes extended into March at Museum

Join Museum Director Barrie Foster on Wednesdays through March for *The Magic of Watercolor*. Please call 901-476-0242 for more information.





Covington Lions Club
64th Annual Pancake Breakfast

Saturday February 23, 2019
6:00 am – 11:00 am

Covington Integrated Arts Academy (CIAA)
760 Bert Johnston Av
Covington, TN 38019

Tickets: \$5.00
(Children 3 and under are free)

Get your tickets from any Covington Lions Club member.
All proceeds used to help local under-privileged citizens with
sight and hearing problems.

Donations and **sponsorships** greatly appreciated.
Don't forget to bring your old eyeglasses (including sunglasses).



**CITY OF COVINGTON CIVIC CENTER
PRESENTS
"Me and My Guy"
2019 DADDY DAUGHTER DINNER & DANCE**

WHERE: Covington Civic Center
100 West Washington Avenue Covington
DATE: Saturday, February 23, 2019
TIME: Seating Begins: 6:30pm
Dinner Served: 7:00pm
Dance: 7:30pm-8:30 pm
COST: Daddy & Daughter \$25 (\$5 per sibling)
(Chaperone May Be Any Adult Father Figure)
AGES: 4 Years Old - 12 Years Old

There will be a D.J., a photo booth, and lots of dancing.

Wear your best party attire!

Reservations **ONLY** and they must be made by noon February 15, 2019.
Reservations can be made at the Covington Civic Center, Monday-Friday, from
9am-4pm. For more information, call Karen at 901.475.7139.



 Daddy
Daughter
Dance



DATE: Feb. 23, 2019

TIME: 1:00 PM

**LOCATION:
TIPTON COUNTY LIBRARY**

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Call 901-476-8289 for more information

Successful Gardening—A February Event at The Tipton County Museum!



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

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

Saturday, 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 - Sherl Rose: Pollinator Expert & Coordinator of the Tipton County Museum's Herb Garden.

**** Bring seeds and cuttings to share with others.**

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Book & Lyrics by
Marsha Norman
Music by
Lucy Simon
Based on the novel by
Frances Hodgson Burnett

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Directed by
Rick Perry

February 15, 16, 22, & 23 at 7pm
February 17 & 24 at 2pm

click on the picture above to learn more

Junior Auxillary of Tipton County

JATC 2019 SCHOLARSHIPS
SENIORS APPLY TODAY
Applications due 2/22/19

JUNIOR AUXILIARY OF TIPTON COUNTY PRESENTS
CAREER CONNECTIONS
A JOB FAIR FOR TIPTON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
Saturday March 9
10 AM - 12 PM
Brighton High School Gym

Graduating seniors in the Tipton County School system, who plan to pursue a degree in a child-related field of study are eligible to apply for a Junior Auxiliary of Tipton County Scholarship! Applications must be submitted to their school guidance counselor by Friday, February 22, 2019.

The Junior Auxiliary of Tipton County is looking for local businesses to participate in a job fair for Tipton County high school students and graduating Seniors. The goal of this job fair is not only to assist students in finding a part-time or seasonal position, but also to help them work on their interpersonal skills such as resume writing, interview skills, business attire and mannerisms, etc.

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COVINGTON

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qualify. Fill out your 2018-2019 FAFSA
at
www.fafsa.gov**

Call: (901)-475-2526
for more information

**Complete your TCAT Admissions
application online at
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Tipton County Extension



TIPTON COUNTY EXTENSION VEGETABLE GARDEN CLASS

Saturday, March 2, 2018 – 9:00am-12:00noon

- For beginners and those who have many years' experience growing vegetables!
- Class is \$35.00 - make checks payable to UT Extension

FREE Vegetable
Calendar

For more
information call:
(901) 476-0231

Joellen Dimond
jdimond@utk.edu

Class held at
Tipton County
Extension Office
111 W.
Washington Ave.
Covington, TN
38019

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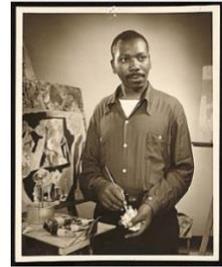
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The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial
& Nature Center Presents

Artist Series for Kids Jacob Lawrence



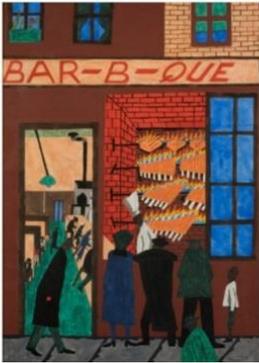
When: Saturday, February 23, 2019, 1 to 3 p.m.

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

(901) 476-0242

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



Tuesday, March 19	Pappy & Jimmy's 749 N Main St
Tuesday, April 02	Sookie's Bake Shop on the Square
Tuesday, April 16	Sookie's Bake Shop on the Square
Tuesday, April 30	Sookie's Bake Shop on the Square
Tuesday, May 14	Sookie's Bake Shop on the Square
Tuesday, May 28	Sookie's Bake Shop on the Square
Tuesday, June 11	Sookie's Bake Shop on the Square
Tuesday, June 25	Sookie's Bake Shop on the Square

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

CHS Men's Basketball Named District Champs after Defeating Bolivar 63-53



Covington Chargers are Class AA District Champions – CONGRATULATIONS to the team and to All-District and All-Tournament Teams of Brandon Alston, Tyjuan Smith, Ladarius Griggs, and District MVP Travontae Powell. Coach Mitchell was also named Class AA District Coach of the Year.

Volunteer Opportunities

Looking for a fun way to get involved with your local community?

**The Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce
has volunteer opportunities available for upcoming events!**



Call 901 476 9727

OR Email: lauren@covington-tiptoncochamber.com

for further details.

TCAT Celebrates Signing Day in Covington

TCAT Director Youlanda Jones addressed a room full of students and their families as they signed with TCAT to continue their education. Mayor Hanson, Workforce Development Coordinator Robin Sealy, Dr. Rebekah Byrd of Tipton County Schools, and others encouraged the students to continue to invest in themselves through education and training and in their communities by being involved in service using their talents and skills. 37 Tipton County Seniors signed to continue their education at TCAT.



TCAT Covington Director Youlanda Jones welcomed students and their families to signing day at the TCAT campus in Covington.



Mayor Hanson (above) along with Robin Sealy (below right) and Dr. Rebekah Byrd (below left) congratulated students for making the choice for technical training and encouraged them to continually invest in themselves and their community.





Calling All Tipton County Artists!!!!

We need *YOU* to enter

“ASPIRATIONS”

The 2019 Tipton County Art Exhibit

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Awards include Best of Show, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Best Use of Color,
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Hurry! Entry Deadline is April 12!

Download the Prospectus at www.Covingtontn.com/museum

Or pick up the form at the Tipton County Museum

751 Bert Johnston Avenue, Covington, TN

(901) 476-0242



Free Business Counseling

Considering starting a business or expanding your existing operation?

Each 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, local TSBDC Director, Mr. Van Wylie will be available at the Chamber of Commerce office from 10am – 1pm to offer assistance and direct you to helpful resources related to all things business!

*If a holiday interferes with that schedule, Mr. Wylie will be at the office the following Monday. February 25th is the next scheduled opportunity this month.



Call 731 286 3201 or email vwylie@tsbdc.org to schedule an appointment!
You can also visit www.tsbdc.org for more details of available resources.

Calling All Singing Tipton Countians.....



For more information, contact Choir Director Chuck Clark at 901-474-1052 or contact@chuckclark.online

Friends of the Tipton County Animal Shelter



T-Shirt Orders!

To purchase a t-shirt, you can fill out the form at <https://bit.ly/2tc5PQ3>

volunteer



Volunteer- We have service opportunities for businesses to support us whether it be a donation drive or team building through dog walking groups!
If interested, please contact us at volunteercas@gmail.com.

If you would like to volunteer as an individual, you can fill out a form by clicking this link: <https://bit.ly/2SdaeA7>

HERE'S ANOTHER GOOD REASON TO EAT BREAKFAST!



VFW POST 4840

Will be serving Breakfast & Lunch

at **Little Jimmy's Lunchbox**

511 E. Liberty Avenue, Covington, TN

Saturday, March 9, 2019

6 a.m.—2 p.m.

All tips & donations will go to

The Tipton County Museum

Expansion Fund

Please support Veterans in Tipton County.

For any questions, please call

The Tipton County Museum

(901) 476-0242

Upcoming EVENTS

All regularly scheduled committee meetings are at **4:00 pm** in the Lower Level Conference Room at Covington City Hall at 200 West Washington Street. These are always open to the public.

- 1st Tuesdays – Public Works Committee
 - Jeff Morris, Chairman
 - Minnie Bommer
 - Danny Wallace
- 2nd Tuesdays – General Welfare and Public Relations Committee
 - Minnie Bommer, Chairman
 - Keith Phelps
 - C.H. Sullivan
- 3rd Tuesdays – Finance and Administration Committee
 - C.H. Sullivan, Chairman
 - All aldermen attend
- 4th Tuesday – Public Safety Committee
 - Keith Phelps, Chairman
 - C.H. Sullivan
 - Johnetta Yarbrough
- Fridays in February – [Paint the World](#) in oils or acrylics with Barbara Flowers McBride
- Saturdays in February – Gardening Series at the Tipton County Museum. [click here for details](#)
- Wednesdays in February – Watercolor Classes with Barrie Foster at Museum. [click here for more info](#)
- February 15-16-17-22-23-24 – [The Secret Garden](#) at [The Historic Ruffin Theater](#) in Covington.
- February 23 – [The Nutcracker Movie](#) – Tipton County Library – 1:00
- February 23 – [DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE!](#) Covington Civic Center – mark your calendar – updates coming!
- February 23 – 64th annual Lions Club [Pancake Breakfast](#) at Covington Integrated Arts Academy.
- February 23 - [Artist Series for Kids](#) – learn about artist Jacob Lawrence: Jacob Lawrence was an African-American painter known for his portrayal of African-American life. As well as a painter, storyteller, and interpreter, he was also an educator.
- March 02 – Genealogy Workshop at Tipton County Museum. 10:00 – 11:30 [click here for more info](#)
- March 09 – Eat breakfast and/or lunch at LITTLE JIMMY’S LUNCHBOX and **all tips and donations** go to the Tipton County Museum and Veteran’s Memorial Expansion Fund. Bring the whole family – enjoy a great meal – [help the museum!](#)
- March 09 – HIGH SCHOOL JOB FAIR – 10:00 – Brighton High School. [click here for details](#)
- April 13 – [GO LUCY GO 5K-10K](#) in COVINGTON!
- April 27 – [Music on the Square](#) begins
- April 27 – 26th annual Carl Perkins Center Dinner and Auction – [click here for more information](#)



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

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(Arrive 30 minutes early)

Ripley AJC
First & Third
Monday Afternoon
12:30pm
***call center for dates**

Covington AJC
Second & Fourth
Monday Afternoon
12:30 pm
***call center for dates**

locations

Ripley AJC Location & Phone #

301 C Lake Drive

Ripley, TN 38063

731-221-1012

Covington AJC Location & Phone #

877 Hwy 51 By Pass

Covington, TN 38019

901-313-9434

Hours of Operation:

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Follow WIN on

facebook.

**for up to date information
and Hiring Event flyers:**
Workforce Investment Network

**Find WIN on
Twitter and Instagram:**
@MEM_WIN

The Workforce Investment Network (WIN) is a partner of the American Job Centers. This agency is a recipient of taxpayer funding, and serves the City of Memphis, Shelby County, and Fayette County. The Career Center System is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. TTY: 1-800-848-029

Revised 08/06/2014

Randstad comes to the American Jobs Center in Covington every other Monday from 8:00 – 4:00 p.m. for interviews and applications. AJC is located right behind PIZZA HUT in Covington.

GED TRAINING/TESTING AVAILABLE!

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April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Please make a donation to support prevention and you can get a T-Shirt!



APPAREL ORDER FORM

Tipton County



April is Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month

Make a donation of \$12 or \$15 to the Exchange Club - Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse and you will receive a t-shirt.

All apparel runs true to size.

Size	Quantity	Donation	Total Amount
Youth X-Small		\$12.00	
Youth Small		\$12.00	
Youth Medium		\$12.00	
Youth Large		\$12.00	
Youth X-Large		\$12.00	
Adult Small		\$12.00	
Adult Medium		\$12.00	
Adult Large		\$12.00	
Adult X-Large		\$12.00	
Adult 2X-Large		\$15.00	
Adult 3X-Large		\$15.00	
Adult 4X-Large		\$15.00	
Adult 5X-Large		\$15.00	
		Total	

Ordering Dates: March 8th and March 22nd (Payment due when order is placed)

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SAVE THE DATE

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Supercalifragalisticexpialidocious

*26th Annual
Dinner & Auction
Special Guest Speaker
Matthew Sandusky*



April 27, 2019
6:00pm
803 S. College
Covington, TN
Covington High School
Gymnasium



**TO BENEFIT
THE CARL PERKINS CENTER**

“Music on the Square” set to begin April 27

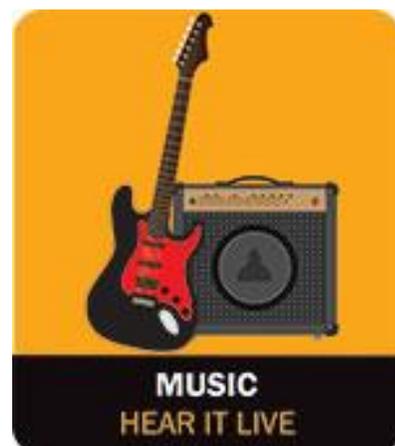
Music on the Square is set to begin April 27th. Music begins at 7pm and ends at 9pm during scheduled Saturday evenings. Non-profit organizations will be on site to provide a variety of concessions.

This year, as in the past, bands interested in showcasing their music and sharing their talents are encouraged to complete an application for consideration. Applications can be found at covingtontn.com.

For more information, contact Karen Griffin at the Covington Civic Center, 901.475.7139, or email kgriffin@covingtontn.com.



Bring your lawn chairs and come join the FUN!





Date: February 2019

TO: The 80's Rewind Advertisers and Sponsors

FROM: The 80's Rewind Event – Group of Classes Effort

RE: Sponsorship and Souvenir Book

The 80s Rewind is a celebration of the *best decade yet*. It is a two-day weekend party for The **Classes of 1980 - 1989** that will take place on June 14 and June 15. 2019 will be a milestone year for the following classes: **The Class of 1979** will celebrate "**40 Years Beyond High School.**" **The Class of 1984** will celebrate "**35 Years Beyond High School**" and **The Class of 1989** will celebrate "**30 Years Beyond High School,**" therefore making this **The Premiere Event of the Year.**

It doesn't matter how you get here - just get here! You can show up in a Little Red Corvette, as long as you are ready to party like it's 1999. So, dust off your leg warmers or leggings, miniskirts or bodysuits, and tease up your hair, or put on a muscle shirt, or acid washed jeans, or grab your baggies, parachute pants or sweat/tracksuit and put on a fat gold chain. Because this event will be like a class reunion - **on steroids**. So, tell a friend to tell a friend to tell another friend, that **The 80s Rewind** is going to be the event that you **do not want to miss**.

Entertainment will be provided by Professional Comedians and a World-Renowned Recording Artist from the 80s. This will be the first time a major recording artist of this magnitude has performed in Covington, TN, since the days of these Late Great Iconic Artists; **Isaac Hayes, Little Milton** and **BB King**. This event aims to promote two outstanding high school graduating seniors with college scholarships and **Your Business** to the World.

This two-day event is projected to attract more than **800 patrons**. As a major sponsor, **Your Business** will build brand awareness and it will generate unique revenue opportunities. With **Your Cooperation and Support, The 80s Rewind**, will be **The Premiere Event of the Year** and it will be the only one of its kind, in the City of Covington, TN.

Your participation in this historical moment will help us to continue making a positive impact in our communities. We are requesting your sponsorship, ads placements and/or ticket purchases. The attached documents contain information regarding advertisement in the commemorative booklet. Your business showcase and your presence at this event will be greatly appreciated.

CONTACT **Kelvyn Thomas, Event Coordinator - 424-215-4913** for more information, advertisement opportunities, and registration forms!

Email Camera Ready Advertisement: the80srewind@outlook.com

Mailing Address: The 80s Rewind, P.O. Box 61, Covington, TN 38019

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Tipton County 4-H February Newsletter



**Congratulations to our 4-H Public
Speaking Winners!**

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: brigpass@utk.edu

Picture immediately to the right is our 9th and 12th grade county winner
who compete at Western Regional Contest February 5. Our 9th grade contestant
Jacinta received 3rd place and our 12th grade contestant received 5th place in the
region!

Bottom Left Hand Picture is our Top five winners in the 4th grade

Bottom Right Hand Picture is our Top five winners in the 5th grade

Our 4th and 5th grade winner will move onto the Sub regional contest March 14th.
We wish them the best of luck!

**We are so proud of our public speakers who participated
in the 4-H Public Speaking Contest this year!**



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Kids in the Kitchen

A hands on cooking experience for youth 4th-6th grade. Youth will learn how to prepare simple, healthy foods that they can make for themselves and other family members at home! All programming will take place at the Tipton County Extension Office.

2/12 5:30PM-7:00PM

2/19 5:30PM-7:00PM

2/26 5:30PM-7:00PM

Program Fee \$35
Deadline 2/4/19
Space is limited!

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Tipton County Public Library News

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



Love your Library month

Winter Book Sale!

Friends of the Tipton County Public Library

February 1st - February 28th

\$2.00 per bag

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THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALES WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT DONATIONS!

DONATIONS OF BOOKS, MAGAZINES, MOVIES AND MUSIC MAY BE DROPPED OFF AT THE TIPTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
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DURING NORMAL OPERATING HOURS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

COME JOIN THE TIPTON COUNTY STITCH ALONG

All Skill levels are welcome! Bring a project to work on, or if you want to learn bring the following supplies: A skein of Red Heat Super Saver yarn and a size H crochet hook or size 10 knitting needles.

We will be meeting at the Tipton County Public Library on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 10:00-12:00PM

Preschool Story Time!

EVERY WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY @ 10:00 AM

stories, music, crafts, & movement activities.

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Movie Days



First Man

Feb. 5th @ 1:00 PM [PG-13] 141 Min.

The Secret Garden

Feb. 8th @ 1:00 PM [G] 102 Min.

Johnny English Strikes Again

Feb. 12th @ 1:00 PM [PG] 89 Min.

Pillow Talk

Feb. 15th @ 1:00 PM [NR] 103 Min.

The Patriot

Feb. 22nd @ 1:00 PM [R] 165 Min.

Eat Pray Love

Feb. 23rd @ 10:00 AM [PG-13] 134 Min.

Hunter Killer

Feb. 26th @ 1:00 PM [R] 121 Min.

Dirty Dancing

Feb. 28th @ 6:30 PM [PG-13] 105 mins



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WALK-INS WELCOME!

Monday	2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Wednesday	2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

JANUARY 28 - APRIL 15, 2019



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

[Click here to read Museum Newsletter](#)

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:**



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The Magic of Watercolor

With

Barrie Foster

Watercolor is the only transparent art medium, making it one of the most beloved forms of art today! Embark on your own personal journey with this enchanting medium during this four week class, led by nationally award winning artist Barrie Foster. No previous art experience is required. Please call the Tipton County Museum to register and for a supply list.

When: Wednesday mornings, 9:30—11:30, February 6, 13, 20 & 27, 2019

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

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



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The Tipton County Museum Presents *More Magic of Watercolor*

With

Barrie Foster

When: Wednesday Mornings, 9:30 to 11:30,
March 6, 13, 27, & April 3, 2019

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

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

Watercolor is the only transparent medium, making it one of the most beloved art forms today! Embark on your personal journey during this four week class, led by professional artist & Museum Director Barrie Foster. No previous art experience required. Please call the Tipton County Museum today to reserve your spot!



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Water color classes will continue through March, 2019. Please check out the Museum's website for all the classes and events scheduled or call them at 901-476-0242.





Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center

Presents

“Dr. Charlotte Fisher: Paving a Path in Tipton County”

Opening Reception: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Exhibit Dates: February 1, 2019—May 31, 2019

Dr. Fisher comes from a long line of Tipton County farm families and has accomplished many great achievements in her lifetime. This exhibit covers her past, her present, and her plans for the future. Please join us on February 5 as we celebrate and honor this remarkable woman!

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Tipton County Pulse with Dr. Charlotte Fisher Is now on YouTube!

Click on the link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ly6_oecotPI

The Tipton County Museum
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Tipton County Museum

2019 Artist in Residence

Debra Howze

After earning her Associate's Degree in Commercial Arts in 1975, Debra entered the world of art not sure of what aspect she would like to do. Forty years later, she has dabbled in pottery, stained glass, sculpture, calligraphy, pen and ink, acrylics, crafts, and photography. She credits the Tipton Art League as being instrumental in her success as an artist. She has taught art locally both to adults and children in the community for several years. Debra loves travelling and spending time with friends. She and her husband live in Atoka.



Gioiello Featured Artist



Charles Avent

Charles was raised the son of a career Chief Petty Officer in the United States Navy who served in World War II and Korea. His parents always encouraged his creativity with music, drama club, and the arts. He spent most of his young life in Southaven, Mississippi. In addition to writing, Charles enjoys cooking and spending time with family and friends.

He and his wife Patricia live in Atoka.



The Tipton County Museum, Veterans
Memorial & Nature Center Presents

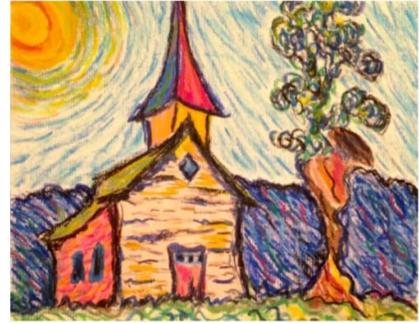
Paint the World In Oil or Acrylics

With Barbara Flowers McBride

When: Friday mornings, 9:30—noon
February 8, 15, 22, & March 1, 2019

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

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



FEAR NO ART!!!! Barb will show you how easy it is to paint in oil or acrylics.

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

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Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center
Presents

“Minnie Bommer: *A Jewel in Covington’s Crown*”

Opening Reception: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Exhibit Dates: March 1, 2019—June 30, 2019

The Tipton County Museum celebrates Women’s Month in March by honoring Minnie Bommer, an outstanding community leader who has dedicated her life to service. She has worked tirelessly to honor women in Tipton County, and now it is our turn to honor her!

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Genealogy Basics: Understanding the U.S. Census

GENEALOGY LECTURE at the Tipton County Museum

presented by
Archivist/Genealogist Sherri Onorati

**Saturday, March 2, 2019
10 - 11:30am**

Lecture cost: **FREE** for Museum Members
\$5 for non-Museum members

**Come learn how to
read the U.S. Census
and what valuable
information can be
found within its pages!**

The image shows a historical U.S. Census Population Schedule form, tilted at an angle. The form is densely packed with columns and rows of data, including names, ages, and other demographic information. The header includes "DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE-BUREAU OF THE CENSUS" and "POPULATION SCHEDULES". The form is filled with handwritten entries, likely from a 19th-century census.

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Veteran of the Month
February 2019

David Quinn



David Quinn was born in Richmond, Kentucky, on November 24, 1960. Upon graduation from high school in 1978, he attended Eastern Kentucky University prior to his enlistment in the United States Navy in August of 1980. After completing Basic Training in Great Lakes, IL, he attended Signalman "A" School in Orlando, Florida. His first of nine sea duty stations was the USS MAHAN (DDG-42) home ported in Charleston, SC. He also had tours aboard the USS Pensacola (LSD-38), USS Portland (LSD-37), USS Tortuga (LSD-46), USS Mount Whitney (LCC-20), USS Wasp (LHD-1), USS Enterprise (CVN-65), USS Essex (LHD-2), and USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN-69). His Shore Tours included Navy Recruiting Stations in Princeton, WV, and Wytheville, VA, Signalman Class "A" School in Orlando, FL, and Great Lakes, IL, and Afloat Training Group in Norfolk, VA. He loved Shore Duty so much that he terminated his last two assignments around the 18 month mark to return to Sea Duty.

While at Afloat Training Group, he became involved in a project to combine the Ratings of Signalman, Quartermaster, Boatswain's Mate and Operations Specialist where he was very vocal as to why the Navy should scrap that plan because three of the four rates required security clearances and that would potentially put an end to several Sailors' careers. While successful in stopping that project, it would eventually lead to the end of his Signalman rating and he would convert to Boatswain's Mate to finish his career after 30 years.

His awards include the Combat Action Ribbon, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (3), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (4), Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon, Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon, Navy "E" Ribbon (6), Navy Good Conduct Medal (8), National Defense Medal (2), Armed Forces Expedition Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (18), Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait) and Coast Guard Special Operations Service Ribbon.

David is the Son of a Retired Navy Machinist Mate, George David Quinn, and his wife, Darlene Kay Quinn. He has two sisters; Mariann Quinn of Carlisle, Kentucky, and Colleen Taylor of Owensboro, Kentucky.

David married Rene' Higgins Quinn of Memphis, who he met when he rented an apartment in Norfolk and she just happened to be the Resident Manager of the apartment complex. They were married on 29 June, 1985, and have two children, Shane David Quinn (Dominique) of Houma, LA, and Chance Zachary Quinn of St. Louis, MO. They have two grandchildren, Auerora Skye Quinn and Levi Ford Quinn.

David is a Past Commander and Life Member of Tipton County's Ray-Pinner Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4840 and is West Tennessee District 9 Junior Vice Commander. He is also a member of Covington's American Legion Post #0237 and a member of the Tipton County Veterans Council. He and Rene' are members of Liberty Baptist Church in Covington. David was nominated for Veteran of the Month by Wanda Bellow.

Reception Held for February Veteran of the Month

Friends, family, fellow veterans, Girl Scouts, and others gathered with the Tipton County Veteran's Council and Tipton County Museum staff Tuesday night to honor Veteran of the Month David Quinn



The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial
& Nature Center

Veteran of the Month Reception

Every 2nd Tuesday Evening at 6:30

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