

From the Mayor's Desk

Thoughts and perceptions from Mayor Justin Hanson

Hello Friends and Neighbors!

I am so pleased to see Daylight Savings Time! This ushers in spring, warmer temperatures, and more daylight – things I dare say we have all been looking forward to! As we focus on springtime and all that comes with it, let's talk about what's coming up and how we can make the best of living, working, and having fun together in our fine city!

Youth spring sports are being organized and we are ready to enjoy some baseball, softball, spring soccer, and flag football. Our fields are much improved and ready for practices and games to begin. Our Sportsplex offers all kinds of fitness opportunities for adults from yoga to water aerobics to the new [pound rockout workout](#). Please visit our [sportsplex](#) to see all of the activities you can enjoy. Our museum hosts all kinds of classes as well as walks through nature and more. Visit our [museum](#) for a complete listing of their events and be sure to join us on May 4th for the museum's annual May Festival. Remember you can schedule a great field trip or birthday party at our museum – give them a call at 901-476-0242 to learn all about the options we offer! Please join your neighbors from across the city on April 6 for our annual CLEAN UP – FIX UP day. This is a great opportunity for neighborhoods, civic organizations, school groups, teams, and clubs, and church groups to get some exercise and enjoy fellowship while walking through our neighborhoods picking up and cleaning up. The need is especially great this spring after all the torrential rains – we have a better understanding of how important it is to keep our drains free and clear of debris! This is our opportunity to show pride in our city and invest a little elbow grease to clean the place up! Bring your friends & neighbors and join us on April 6 at 8am at 410 East Ripley Street – we will provide cleaning gear and supplies and lunch!

Speaking of bringing friends and neighbors, please round them up and join us this Tuesday, March 19 at the Covington Civic Center at 7:00 p.m. for a Neighborhood Watch informational meeting. The City of Covington and Covington Police Department want to help neighbors and neighborhoods across our city become organized and work together to be proactive in ensuring safe neighborhoods. See the flyer just beyond this column for more information.

While being proactive, go ahead and sign up for the GO LUCY GO 5K-10K race set to take place throughout our beautiful town on April 13th. The Go Lucy Go Foundation works in so many ways to help families whose children are experiencing health issues. Check out their [website](#) and register for the event in Covington. These are hometown people helping local folks and certainly worth our support! Join us as well on April 13th from 10AM – Noon at Simonton & Murphy Streets for the annual children's carnival at Paradise Baptist Church! We have so much good happening – be a part of it!

And last, but certainly not least, spring also brings back our beloved [Music on the Square](#)! The bands have been scheduled beginning April 27. See the schedule in this newsletter and bring your lawn chairs for fun, music, and fellowship on our lovely downtown square. We look forward to continuing to provide fun, informational, and family-friendly events throughout our city – please join us!

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INFORMATIONAL MEETING

You're invited to attend a

NEIGHBORHOOD

WATCH

The City of Covington and the Covington Police Department would like to invite all Covington citizens and city leaders to the forming of a Neighborhood Watch initiative

WHEN

TUESDAY, MARCH 19
at 7 p.m.

WHERE

Covington Civic Center
100 West Washington Avenue



We would like to encourage anyone and everyone to attend who is willing and dedicated to becoming a key factor in the reduction of criminal behavior and a safer community.

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and the Covington Police Department*



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
 - **Bring your neighbors and attend the Neighborhood Watch informational meeting at the Covington Civic Center on March 19 at 7:00 pm**

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!**

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 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.

- JOIN US for Clean-Up – Fix Up week and day in Covington. Call 901-476-9613 ext 146 for information, planning, and assistance.
- 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 FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Keep up with CFD on our [Facebook Page](#).
- Please report ANY fire safety concerns you have to the Covington Fire Department at 901-476-2578. For emergencies, dial 911. To learn more about CFD operations, [click here](#).

Covington Fire Department Hosted Inservice



Covington’s North Station was the scene for Covington and Atoka Fire Departments Pumper-Driver inservice training last week. Also, CFD Chief Richard Griggs completed Fire Officer IV training in Bellbuckle, TN at the Tennessee [Fire Services and Codes Enforcement Academy](#).

Congratulations!



Covington Fire Department Chief Richard Griggs (4th from right) was part of the Fire Officer IV training and one of only 60 such certified officers in the State of Tennessee.

City of Covington and Covington Fire Department Mourn loss of Retired Chief Jerry Craig

The City of Covington mourns the loss of retired Covington Fire Department Chief Jerry Craig. He began his career with the Covington Fire Department as a volunteer in March of 1977, was hired as Assistant Chief on January 19, 1981 and was promoted to Chief on April 26, 1986. He retired in November of 2014 having served the citizens of Covington for over 38 years.

Condolences to his wife Debbie, who is employed with the City's Accounting Department, their family, and members of CFD who worked with him over the years.



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!** 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.

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](#)
- MARK YOUR CALENDARS for [MUSIC on the SQUARE](#) which beings April 27!

CODES:

- Revised sign ordinance is on [City website](#)
- Sign applications are on the [City website](#)
- Inoperable Motor Vehicle as defined in the 2012 International Property Maintenance Code, is a vehicle which cannot be driven upon the public streets for reason including but not limited to being unlicensed, wrecked, abandoned, in a state of disrepair, or incapable of being moved under its own power. In Chapter 3 of the Property Maintenance Code, 302.8 Motor Vehicles. Except as provided for in other regulations, no inoperative or unlicensed motor vehicle shall be parked, kept or stored on any *premises*, and no vehicle shall at any time be in a state of major disassembly, disrepair, or in the process of being stripped or dismantled. Painting of vehicle is prohibited unless conducted inside an *approved* spray booth. Exception: A vehicle of any type is permitted to undergo major overhaul, including body work, provided that such work is performed inside a structure or similarly enclosed area designed and *approved* for such purposes. Please report all CODES issues to 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.



SHOW YOUR COVINGTON PRIDE
JOIN US FOR:
CLEAN UP / FIX UP
MARCH 29TH— APRIL 5TH 2019
CLEAN UP WALK – SATURDAY
APRIL 6TH 8 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.
BEGINS AT 410 E. RIPLEY AVE.

#COVINGTONPRIDE



Lunch will be provided after the event. Door Prizes Too!!

BECAUSE YOU CARE – SHOW YOUR PRIDE
NOT ONLY AT YOUR HOME
– BUT ALSO IN OUR CITY
BY JOINING US DURING CLEAN UP/FIX UP WEEK



Visit the city website:

WWW.COVINGTONTN.COM and
Covington Public Works on Facebook
For ongoing Clean Up/ Fix Up ideas
And programs.

#COVINGTONPRIDE

PARKS AND RECREATION:

**JOIN US IN OUR CLASSES FOR IMPROVED STRENGTH, FITNESS, 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!**



SPIN BIKE GROUP



DAYS: TUES & THURS

TIME: 9:30AM-10AM

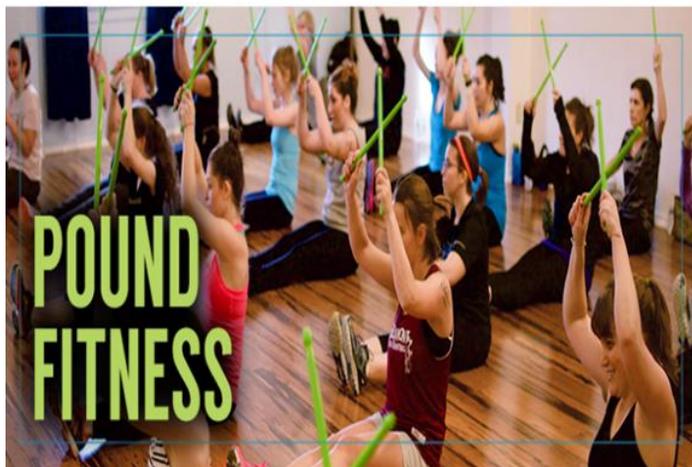


POUND - ROCKOUT. WORKOUT



DAY: SATURDAY

TIME: 10:15AM-11AM





WHEN

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



790 Bert Johnston Ave
 Covington TN 38019

STARTING FEB. 11TH

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**



TRX



With these moves, you'll jumpstart your fitness journey as you build muscle and melt away fat.

- TRX PLANK.
- TRX LOW ROW.
- TRX OVERHEAD BACK EXTENSION.
- TRX SQUAT.
- TRX CHEST PRESS.
- TRX LATERAL LUNGES.
- TRX ROTATIONAL WARD.
- TRX HAMSTRING CURLS.

Starting March 5th

Tuesdays & Thursdays

12:00 PM – 12:30 PM w/Shane

Start Slow
 Covington 
SPORTSPLEX
Finish Strong

Yoga

with **Caroline & Michelle**



New

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

Covington Sportsplex
 790 Bert Johnston Ave
 901-476-3734





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



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:

- Museum continues to offer oil and acrylic classes on Fridays. Barbara Flowers McBride teaches these classes. Fee is \$60 for Museum Members and \$80 for the general public
- Museum will offer an Open Studio on Saturday, March 16 for painting, scrapbooking, journaling, and other crafts. Call 901-476-00242 for more information. This event is free and open to the public
- Sherl Rose will host a Nature Walk and Garden Tour at the Museum on April 27 in honor of Earth Day. This event will take place at 10:00 and is free and open to the public.
- May Fest is shaping up at the Tipton County Museum and will take place on May 4th. There will be food, crafts, music and fun. Please call 901-476-0242 for more information. This event is free and the public is invited.



TIPTON COUNTY
MUSEUM
VETERANS MEMORIAL
NATURE CENTER

The Tipton County Museum

Presents

Open Studio

PAINTING ::::: **SCRAPBOOKING** ::::: **JOURNALING** ::::: **CRAFTING**

When: Saturday, March 16, 2019, 10—3

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

Fee: FREE!!!!

Bring a few friends & enjoy a day of creativity at the Tipton County Museum. Coffee & refreshments will be served all day. See you there!



SAVE THE DATE!



SATURDAY
APRIL 13, 2019

Don't miss this opportunity to gather on the beautiful Covington Square and race-run-walk for the [Go Lucy Go Foundation](#). You can register to participate as an *active* runner or as a *spirit* runner by clicking [here](#). There's a kids race, as well! Please enjoy the music, awards, food, and fabulous shopping on our lovely town square after the race. This is a WIN-WIN for all of us – particularly the children at [LeBonheur Children's Hospital](#), and we thank the Go Lucy Go Foundation for the work they do helping families of children in need. Email info@golucygo.org for more information.



Free Business Counseling

Considering starting a business or expanding your existing operation?

Each 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, local TSBC 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.

Public Works Committee Considers Water in Parking Lot, Equipment Repairs, and Street Naming

The Covington Public Works Committee held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, March 11, at Covington City Hall at 4:00 pm. Present were Chairman Alderman Jeff Morris, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Alderwoman Johnetta Yarbrough, CPW Director David Gray, Utilities Manager Calvin Johnson, Waste Water and Water Plant Manager James Mason, Codes Enforcement Officer Lessie Fisher, Mayor Justin Hanson, Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn, and Assistant to the Mayor Sara Gangaware. Also present were Records Clerk David Gwinn, John Edwards, Antonious Edwards, and Bald Butcher owner Lynn Billings.

Chairman Alderman Jeff Morris called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm with a quorum present and called on Covington Public Works Director David Gray for his report.

David Gray:

- Repair to Well #7 – behind former library – no repairs since 2009. Calvin Johnson and James Mason used pictures that were provided to committee members to explain what kinds of repairs need to be made. Johnson, Mason, and Gray stated this well has never been cleaned, but you really don't want to open them up and do much internally without cause because this can lead to damages and contamination. Johnson stated that he was called out to listen to problems at the well earlier this year when it was undergoing a routine inspection, and because of the noises he heard, he had it shut down. Gray stated complete job to clean and repair this well is \$93,572.00, and this is not budgeted. Mayor Hanson stated Gray could use Water Funds for this project, as this is exactly the kind of thing those funds are for. Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn stated there are sufficient funds in the Water Fund for this and she recommended going on and making repairs now as we don't want to leave this well down. Alderwoman Bommer then motioned to move on and have the repairs done and Mayor Hanson seconded. Motion passed.
- Gray then recognized Bald Butcher owner Lynn Billings, who was present to address committee about water in his parking lot. Gray said his department has been working with Mr. Billings for several months concerning the water in his parking lot and he has investigated and found no evidence of a water leak from City of Covington water supply. Gray went on to explain how he and members of his department have addressed this issue and provided a map to committee members that shows the water mains the City of Covington has in the vicinity of Billings' restaurant. Gray stated he believes this is a result of the amount of rain we have had recently and the fact that this parking lot is at the bottom of a hill. He has tested the water for traces of chlorine and fluoride, and has also dug down to our water main in two different locations and found no evidence of a water leak. Alderwoman Bommer stated this was in same general location where we had a sinkhole about 18-20 years ago. Billings said that was across the street from him and further stated that he has dug into that bank (adjacent to his parking lot) and found no evidence of water coming from the bank. Gray, Billings, and committee continued to study the map Gray provided and discuss the steps CPW has taken to investigate the problem. Billings stated he is being told his water pressure is 60 psi, yet he is feeling pressure like never before. He went on to say that clear water is coming up through the concrete floors in the restaurant. Billings wonders if there may be a capped well somewhere that is leaking, but he feels his water pressure has been turned up. Director Gray distributed a timeline to committee members indicating how much the CPW was done to investigate and solve this problem, which involved investigations for over a year in this location. Gray stated the water pressure is generated from the elevated tanks and they are set. He went on to say that 60 psi is normal, and that nothing has been done by the City to increase the pressure at the Bald Butcher location. Gray stated that he has been in the parking lot and in the restaurant several times, and he is puzzled, but after all the digging, inspecting, and testing he still feels it is groundwater, as there is

no clear evidence of a leak. Alderwoman Bommer and Alderman Morris asked what else can be done. Gray suggested using some kind of listening device, but we would have to contract this with an external service because we don't have that kind of equipment. Mayor Hanson asked Billings if he has noticed any change in his water meter readings, and he said he has not noticed any change there. Gray stated he has investigated the retaining wall to the east of the parking lot and noticed water draining from under it. Billings said he has been told it is runoff water from the hills behind him, yet that retaining wall still stands and he doesn't believe that much water in his parking lot is draining down from the hills around him. Billings says he has asked people about this and everyone says it must be a leak. He asked for help in covering the bad spots he has right now, because he feels he has a liability with the parking lot being wet and torn up. He doesn't know what it is, but he observes a steady flow and he finds it hard to believe this is just runoff. Gray stated he can contract for someone to come up here with listening devices to see if they can detect a leak somewhere underground, and he feels this is the best and most economical way to address it at this time, as he has dug down to the water main in two different locations, and has found no leaks. Hanson stated he feels we should proceed with caution in terms of working on private property, but we need to be sure if, in fact, it is a leak. Johnson stated that no one has complained that they are losing pressure (indication of a leak) in this area. Hanson stated he wants to do whatever we can do to determine if there is a water leak. Billings asked for the city to fix his parking lot as it is right now with rocks/gravel and smooth it out, and Gray said he cannot do work on private property. Hanson called on Lessie Fisher for clarification on there being a city street through that parking lot, and she stated she has conferred with Skip Erwin and analyzed city maps and have **not** found any recording or other evidence of a city street existing through that parking lot. Billings stated ambulances, buses, and all kinds of vehicles run through that parking lot to the highway. Fisher stated she knows there were a lot of investigations and conversations when the stoplight was placed on Hwy 51 by Bald Butcher, and noted that TDOT does not reference a right-of-way in this parking lot. Billings reiterated he is just asking for some help to repair his parking lot. Alderwoman Bommer suggested for Director Gray to continue to investigate if there is a leak from any Covington pipes, and that will help determine what our next step will be. Gray stated there might be an old tap somewhere that has been cut off and might be leaking, but otherwise, there is just no evidence that this is a leak from our system. Hanson asked Gray to exhaust all resources to continue his investigation and help find a solution for this problem, and he also reiterated that we can't go onto private property without clear evidence and proper authorization. Chairman Morris stated we will do everything we can to determine the source of the water, and if it is, in fact, our problem, we will work to fix it. Otherwise we cannot go onto private property. Morris then asked for Gray to continue with his report.

- City has three aerators that take iron out of our water and put oxygen in. Two are not working properly. Director Gray called on James Mason to explain how this system works and what is going on to require attention at this time. Mason explained how the aerators work and stated it has been 19 years since we have had these cleaned or repaired. He feels some can be salvaged, but he feels most of the system will need to be replaced. It will cost about \$3800 to get in there and clean them, and we can't know what other costs may be incurred from the cleaning and inspection. Mayor Hanson asked if water funds can be used for this, and Dunn said yes. Mason, Gray, and committee continued to discuss how these work, how much they need to be inspected and cleaned, and if this needs to take place now or in the new fiscal year. Johnson and Mason stated that because these are not working properly, we are close to being in violation of standards. At that time, Mayor Hanson made a motion to amend the budget to attend to these, and Alderwoman Bommer seconded. Motion passed. Alderwoman Bommer asked about maintenance and why it has been 19 years since this equipment has been cleaned. Mason stated the local department does clean them out and have a regular routine of washing and cleaning, but after some time, we need to contract inspection and cleaning with equipment we don't have. Gray stated there are people who can do this and he knows people who do excellent work. He stated it will only take a couple

of days to get them repaired, unless parts/fixtures need to be replaced. Bommer stated she wants this to happen as quickly as we can to keep us being in violation.

- Cross-Connection Control Plane Ordinance – this was provided in agenda for committee members. Gray stated he has gone through this with City Attorney and with Lessie Fisher to put in ordinance form. He asked committee to review it and be prepared to discuss is in April, when he will submit in ordinance form for approval. Bommer motioned to table the discussion until April and Hanson seconded. Motion passed
- Street Naming Request – Gray stated this came to Public Works Committee from Finance and Administration Committee and called on John Edwards to discuss. Mr. Edwards provided handouts for committee members that provided information regarding Commissioner Barlow and what he did as Tipton County Commissioner and in City of Covington to support why we should name a city street in his honor and memory. Edwards read through the list with committee members. Edwards also distributed information regarding Isaac Hayes, including ways in which Hays has been commemorated in the State of Tennessee, Nationally, and in the City of Atlanta. Edwards stated that the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and other entities list Covington, TN as his home. He stated this puts Covington on the map and promotes tourism. Edwards then read some statistics regarding tourism at Graceland and how Memphis makes money on Elvis’s name. He also stated Tupelo is also taking advantage of Elvis being born there. He stated he doesn’t see a downside for re-naming streets commemorating Hayes and Barlow. Alderwoman Bommer stated the criteria listed in our own street naming policy is what we should use now, even if we think we need to change this in the future. She went on to state that she feels Edwards has addressed the requirements of our existing policy and she feels we should move forward with Edwards’ requests. She then motioned to move this forward to the full board for approval. Hanson stated he would like to look at the information more, as he just received it. Bommer asked why wait, as Edwards has done what was required to investigate. Hanson stated he just wants some time to take a further look at the information Edwards submitted. Bommer again stated that these people are important people and she feels Edwards has justified their importance. Bommer stated we started Isaac Hayes Day in Covington two years ago to bring people in to Covington, so it stands to reason we might have a street named for him. Hanson reiterated that he just received the information and he would just like to take a look at it further. He stated he is not saying this won’t happen, but that he just wants more time to look over the information that was just submitted. Bommer then stated that her motion failed because of a lack of a second. Hanson then motioned to move the discussion to the April Public Works committee for further discussion and Bommer seconded. Motion passed.
- Lessie Fisher was called on to address Abandoned – Vacant Property Ordinance. She has researched this and discovered that Covington is not of the size (population) to adopt this kind of ordinance at this time. Hanson stated that is quite unfortunate, but thanked Fisher for her research.
- Fisher continued with discussion of Building Permits & Codes. There is continued research on this topic, and Planner Will Radford and City Attorney Witherington are researching in their respective areas along with Fisher. Hanson explained to the committee that this is in reference to changing the bare minimum that is now required by our building codes. He is hopeful we can improve upon these to include guidelines that are more than just bare minimum. Bommer and Fisher had discussion about this and Bommer stated she is in favor of improving the bare minimum in our building permits. Fisher stated they will continue their research on this.
- Mayor Hanson motioned to accept Director Grays’ report and Bommer seconded. Motion passed
- Hanson motioned to accepted Fisher’s report, and Bommer Seconded. Motion passed.
- Gray reminded all about CLEAN-UP – FIX UP on April 6.

There being no further business to report, the meeting was adjourned at 5:18 pm



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

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

Calling All Singing Tipton Countians.....

The Tipton Community Chorus meets on Mondays from 6:00-7:30 PM, at St Matthew's Episcopal Church on Munford Street in Covington - right across from the Covington City Hall. Like the Marines, we are looking for a few good men....and ladies too, of course! Please join us!



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

General Welfare and Public Relations Committee Approves Reports from Parks and Recreation, Airport, and Museum

The General Welfare and Public Relations Committee held their regularly scheduled monthly meeting at Covington City hall on March 12, 2019 at 4:00 pm with the following present: Chairman Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Alderman Keith Phelps, Alderman C.H. Sullivan, Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn, Mayor Justin Hanson, Assistant to the Mayor Sara Gangaware, Airport Director Robin Anderson, Parks and Recreation Director Joe Mack, and Museum Director Barrie Foster. Also present were Alderman Jeff Morris, Alderman Dannie Wallace, Alderwoman Johnetta Yarbrough, Public Works Director David Gray and Margaret Fleming.

Chairman Bommer called the meeting to order at 4:00 and called on Airport Director Robin Anderson for his report.

Airport Director Robin Anderson:

- Anderson began his report with update on fuel sales: 989 gallons of AV fuel and 1051 jet fuel for a total of 2040 gallons in February, 2019.
- Item #2 was to inform the committee of an upcoming expense, which is an update for the automated fuel sales system at the airport. Our system is about 20 years old, and it will have to be updated as parts aren't available and tech support is running out. Anderson stated the cost of the hardware itself is about \$14,000, and he will plan to include this in the 2020 budgeting process. He will gather information on installation and software costs for discussion during budget hearings and upcoming committee meetings.
- Ground Maintenance Equipment grant is in place and Anderson is currently placing orders and looks to be mowing grass by first of April utilizing equipment from this grant.
- LED Lighting project grant also in place. Tentative start date for starting this project is May 1st, 2019. Anderson expects the project to begin on time.
- Tree Survey should go before TDOT Projects Board March 21st, so Anderson should have report for committee at April meeting.

Mayor Hanson motioned to accept Director Anderson's report and Alderman Sullivan seconded. Motion passed.

Chairman Bommer then called on Joe Mack to report from Parks and Recreation Department.

Joe Mack:

- Project Diabetes Grant is State initiate to address the problems of obesity and related illnesses. Major goals are to decrease obesity across the State, prevent of delay onset of Type 2 diabetes, educate the public about obesity prevention, and promote community, public-private partnerships to solve health problems related to obesity and diabetes. Mack has applied for this grant under **Performance Goal 1 – Make physical activity an integral and routine part of life**. Mack's grant proposal is for a bicycle playground and park for children. Parks and Rec will have bicycles for use as well as safety equipment. Mack showed the committee several pictures of such parks in various places around the US. The bicycle playground is a safe and structured place for learning to ride, is designed for ages 3 – 12, and can be used to develop strength, balance, and overall fitness in children. If funded, there is NO local match for this project.
- Mack is working on outdoor movie series in our parks for summer 2019. Movies in our parks is a result of a partnership with Drug Free Tipton. These events are free to the public, and sponsorships ARE AVAILABLE. Sponsorships help provide snacks and other items for participants. Mack has conducted a public survey regarding what people want to see, and will be looking into getting movies that are requested.

- Covington Parks and Recreation is conducting a membership drive which offers new members VIP passes so they can bring friends or invite others to join them at the Sportsplex FREE FOR A MONTH. New members also receive gift cards that can be used for Sportsplex apparel, concessions, and rentals.
- Summer Camp planning is underway for the following camps:

○ Dance	○ Flag Football
○ Choir	○ Soccer
○ Art	○ Volleyball
○ Nature	○ Softball
○ Basketball	○ Swimming
○ Baseball	
- Jr. Homerun Derby will be held on April 6, 2019 at 1:00 at Meuller Brass Fields. It is open to BOYS and GIRLS in the following categories: **ages 12 and under and 14 and under**. Participants have the opportunity to advance all the way to the National Finals during the MLB ALL STAR WEEK. Contact Eric McGaha at 901-476-3734 for more information and to enter.
- Pitch-Hit & Run will be held on April 6 in conjunction with Opening Ceremonies at Meuller Brass Fields. Participation is FREE! Call 901-476-3734 to register.
- Pump-house roof had to be replaced at the Aquatic Center. This structure houses the new pool heater and electrical panel, as well as the chlorinator, and was beyond simple repairs. The new roof was installed for \$2250.
- Baseball and Softball drafts have been underway and fields are ready for practice and play.

Alderman Sullivan motioned to accept Director Mack's report and Alderman Phelps seconded. Motion passed.

Chairman Bommer then called on Museum Director Barrie Foster to make her report.

Museum Director Barrie Foster:

- Veteran of the month reception will be held tonight (March 12) for March Veteran of the Month retired Marine Victoria Outlaw-Coone.
- Museum continues to offer oil and acrylic classes on Fridays. Barbara Flowers McBride teaches these classes. Fee is \$60 for Museum Members and \$80 for the general public
- Museum will offer an Open Studio on Saturday, March 16 for painting, scrapbooking, journaling, and other crafts. Call 901-476-00242 for more information. This event is free and open to the public
- Sherl Rose will host a Nature Walk and Garden Tour at the Museum on April 27 in honor of Earth Day. This event will take place at 10:00 and is free and open to the public.
- Director Foster is working with City Attorney Rachel Witherington to create a photography permit for anyone wishing to take pictures on the museum grounds. This will help protect the grounds, avoid scheduling conflicts, keep Parks and Recreation informed on who is on the grounds, and allow staff to monitor museum access. Foster is compiling a list of professional photographers and will contact them as progress is made.
- May Fest is shaping up at the Tipton County Museum and will take place on May 4th. There will be food, crafts, music and fun. Please call 901-476-0242 for more information. This event is free and the public is invited.
- Museum has special exhibit honoring Alderwoman Minnie Bommer. A reception was held last week in her honor where a large crowd of friends, family, and community supporters gathered to hear from Mrs. Bommer and her friends, and to view her exhibit.
- Foster requested assistance on funding computer/server updates, and Foster said this is expected to cost about \$5000. The Museum Board of Directors had recommended those funds come from the fund

balance in museum account, which is about \$75,000. Both the Covington Board of Mayor and Alderman and Tipton County Commission must approve. Alderman Sullivan moved to approve the request and Alderman Phelps seconded. Motion passed.

- VFW held fundraiser at Little Jimmy's Lunch Box last Saturday for museum expansion. There was \$566 raised and two bricks sold. Look for more events to help raise funds for expansion at museum.

Alderwoman Bommer motioned to accept Foster's report and Alderman Phelps seconded. Motion passed. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.



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Saturday April 6, 2019 @1pm



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Mayor Signs Contract for Expansion at Boys and Girls Club



Mayor Justin Hanson, along with Walt Downing of USDA, representatives from [TLM Associates](#) from Jackson, TN and [Rose Construction](#) of Covington, met at Covington City Hall to sign for the expansion in the city-owned building where the [Boys and Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region](#) resides. This expansion was approved by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen several months ago, and we are all glad to see construction begin.

Art is in the Air at the Tipton County Museum



Art classes are offered on Fridays and Wednesdays and often on Saturdays, along with many other classes and opportunities. Check out all the offerings from the Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial, and Nature Trail. Call 901-476-0242 for more information or [click here](#) for their website.

Check out more from our Parks and Recreation and all we have to offer at 901-476-3734 or [click here](#).



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Comcast Foundation presents \$10,000 Grant to Boys & Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region



Pictured L to R: Evangeline Parker-Guest (Comcast), Morgan Davanzo (BGCHRR Board President), Deborah Reed (BGCHRR Board Secretary), Feisha Mason (BGCHRR Program Director), Justin Hanson (Mayor). Second Row: Joseph Mack (BGCHRR Board Member), James Moore (BGCHRR Chief Executive Officer), and Joey Caldwell (BGCHRR Board Member).

Covington, TN (March 13, 2019) The Boys and Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region was recently presented a \$10,000 MY.FUTURE Red Nose Day Technology grant from the Comcast NBCUniversal Foundation.

Mayor Justin Hansen introduced the special awards presentation during the Tuesday, March 12th City of Covington Council Meeting. “Thank you to Comcast for making a generous investment in our Boys and Girls Club,” said Mayor Hanson. “Without the help of private partners like you, the good work of organizations like the BGCHRR would be difficult if not impossible” added, Mayor Hanson.

“Comcast is proud to present a technology grant to the Boys and Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region to assist in the launch of the **My.Future** digital technology program,” said **Evangeline Parker-Guest, Comcast External Affairs Manager**. “We are committed to bridging the digital divide.

“We are truly appreciative of this grant award and the new Comcast partnership,” said **James Moore, Chief Executive Officer, Boys and Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region**.

MY.FUTURE is a cutting-edge digital experience designed to teach digital literacy skills and introduce the endless possibilities that technology offers.

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You're invited to our **Open House**



DATE: March 21, 2019

TIME: 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

ADDRESS:

Hamilton-Ryker Office

100 Peeler Rd.

Covington, TN 38019

Phone: (901) 475-0350

Drinks and light hors d'oeuvres will be provided.

*Join us for a demonstration
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our Open House, which
begins at 4:00 p.m.*



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for further details.

Dyersburg State and TCAT-Newbern/Covington/Ripley Chosen to Co-host [CMT's Empowering Education Tour](#) April 3

CMT's Next Women of Country Courtney Cole to Perform on DSCC's Dyersburg Campus

In an effort to increase the number of work-ready residents in the state, Country Music Television (CMT) has joined forces with Tennessee Board of Regents - The College System of Tennessee - for a free multi-city concert tour targeting rural areas of the state this spring to encourage Tennesseans to pursue higher education. The tour will begin on April 3 and travel to four Community Colleges across the state. Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) and Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT)-Newbern/Covington/Ripley will kick-off the tour as they co-host the event on DSCC's Dyersburg campus April 3 at 6 p.m. inside the E.H. Lannom, Jr. Gymnasium. Tickets are free and can be reserved online at www.dsc.edu. Even though the event is free, a ticket is required for entry – so be sure to get yours quickly!

The event is free to the public and will include a resource fair beginning at 5:30 p.m. with free hot dogs and drinks for all attendees. Doors will open at 6 p.m. with CMT to open up the show at 6:30. The Dyersburg High School Choir, under the direction of Dustin Walters, will perform as an opening act for Courtney Cole.

The partnership between CMT and the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) was announced last fall at the TBR Presidents' Meeting in Nashville and aims to encourage more Tennesseans to attend college – whether to earn an academic degree or a technical or occupational degree or certificate – paving their way to successful careers that will benefit themselves and their families. CMT's "Empowering Education" initiative offers four community colleges across the state the opportunity to receive additional support at a local level, including a free concert at each stop featuring CMT's Next Women of Country, Courtney Cole.

"As someone who graduated from college in Tennessee, I am thrilled to be working with CMT and TBR to spread the message of the potential education has to change your life," stated Cole. "I can't wait to tour the state, put on a really fun show, and encourage people to follow their dreams." For more information, contact Amy Finch, director of public information, at 731-286-3347 or finch@dsc.edu.

Dyersburg State Generates an Annual Economic Impact of \$61 Million

Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) pumped an average of \$61 million each year into the local economy over the past five years, a recent study shows. The analysis of the economic impact of the College on its service area revealed that the value of business volume and individual income generated amounted to about \$306 million in the 2013-2018 period, and at least 10,922 jobs were created.

The study shows that local business volume—the total amount generated locally by businesses from the College's direct and indirect expenditures—was \$153 million for the five-year period. Of that total, more than \$125 million came from non-local revenues, such as state appropriations, state/federal contracts and grants, and state/federal student financial aid revenues.

Although DSCC had an average of only 221 full-time-equivalent employees per year during the period, the total employment created by the College's expenditures was estimated at 10,922 jobs for the five years. Of that number, 8,850 jobs were created by external or new funds. Using the more conservative of two different calculations, the study estimated that the impact of the College's expenditures on individual income amounted to \$153 million during 2013-2018, of which \$129 million came from external or new funds.

Of the College's \$306 million total economic impact, more than \$254 million (\$51 million per year) could be attributed to the infusion of new non-local revenues. This impact would likely not have occurred without the presence of DSCC in the area.

The economic impact study notes that each dollar of local revenue coming into DSCC generated a "return on investment" of about \$2.93 in local business volume. The individual income return on investment was at least \$2.94, for a total ROI of at least \$5.87 on the local dollar.

The study also estimated that an associate degree graduate could expect to earn about \$470,000 more over their work lifetime than if they only had a high school diploma. For the most recent class of DSCC graduates, this difference could mean an additional \$169 million in lifetime earnings, plus about \$682,000 in additional annual tax payments.

Finally, the study described a number of benefits to society that are proven to accompany higher levels of education, including lower unemployment, reduced poverty, decreased crime and incarceration rates, improved personal health, etc.

The results of this economic impact study clearly demonstrate that DSCC continues to be a major contributor to the economic base of Northwest Tennessee. This economic impact is expressed in this study in terms of jobs created, business volume generated and personal income earned.



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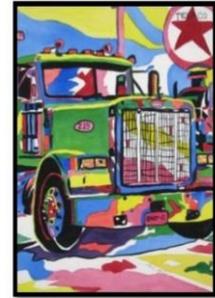
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Download the Prospectus at www.Covingtontn.com/museum

Or pick up the form at the Tipton County Museum

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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. All Board of Mayor and Aldermen meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings of each month at **5:30** in the Conference Room on the second floor at Covington City Hall. ALL are 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
- March 15 – Art with Barbara Flowers McBride – Tipton County Museum – 9:30 [click here for details](#)
- March 16 – OPEN STUDIO at the Museum – bring whatever craft you like to work on – [click here for details](#)
- March 19 – Finance and Administration Committee Meeting – 4:00 – Covington City Hall
- March 19 – [City-Wide Neighborhood Watch Meeting](#) – Covington Civic Center – 7:00 pm
- March 21 – Open House and Ribbon Cutting at Hamilton Ryker Employment Service. [click here for more info](#)
- March 26 – Public Safety Committee Meeting – 4:00 – Covington City Hall
- March 26 - Board of Mayor and Aldermen – 5:30 – Covington City Hall
- March 28 – Transfer and Career Day at DSCC in Covington – 9:00 – 1:00. [click here for more information](#)
- April 06 – CLEAN UP – FIX UP COVINGTON – 11:30 am beginning at 410 Ripley Street in Covington
- April 06 – Lawn and Garden Expo – Brighton High School -9:00 – 4:00
- April 06 – Pitch – Hit – Run at Meuller Brass Fields in Covington. [click here for more information](#)
- April 06 – Jr. Homerun Derby – Meuller Brass Fields in Covington. [click here for details](#)
- April 13 – [GO LUCY GO 5K-10K](#) in COVINGTON!
- April 13 – Paradise Church Children’s Carnival – [click here to learn more](#)
- April 27 – A Walk in Nature – 10:00 am – Tipton County Museum [click here for details](#)
- 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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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

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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.

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Tipton County Extension Master Gardeners

12th Anniversary



LAWN & GARDEN EXPO

Brighton High School

Saturday, April 6th, 9am – 4pm

EXPO Guest Speakers



10 am

Backyard Chickens: Tips on Coop Construction and Maintaining your Flock

Blair Combest, a Horticulturalist and resident, self-proclaimed chicken wrangler with the Memphis Botanic Garden, cares for the MBG's Buff Blue Columbian Brahma chickens (yes, we mean Blue Chickens!), and will help you to select the right location, design, and construction methods for your backyard coop, deal with predators, select the right breed for you and understand chicken feed and supplemental nutrition.



12 noon

A Garden Humming with Visitors

Carol Reese, Ornamental Horticulture Specialist for the Western Region Extension in Jackson, Tennessee, will help you invite more hummingbirds to meet you in the garden with these plants. She will emphasize a few great vines in this presentation, along with some innovative structures to support them. She'll also spotlight some of her favorite perennial salvias, which always provide good supplies of nectar for these feathered jewels.



2 pm

How SMART are Your Trees?

Joellen Dimond will talk about the ways trees help people and how we can care for and enjoy them. Joellen Dimond is currently a Tennessee State University Extension Agent in Tipton County, a regular guest on *The Family Plot Gardening in the Mid-South* PBS show, and one of the authors of the Herbaceous Ornamentals Chapter of the Extension Master Gardener Handbook.



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Saturday April 13, 2019 10am

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Advising and Registration Open for May, Summer and Fall Semesters at DSCC

Advising and registration for May semester, summer semester and fall semester opens March 11 for all current and prospective students at Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC). Students who have not done so already may apply now to DSCC by visiting www.dsc.edu and clicking on the red 'Apply Now' button. Students are encouraged to meet with an advisor before registering and can do so by visiting www.dsc.edu and clicking on 'Future Students' and 'Make an Appointment.' Those who are enrolled this spring semester and are not working toward a degree do not need to meet with an advisor. Students are advised to sign up for classes early for best class selection.

The DSCC website also provides information on registration requirements, financial aid and degrees and programs available such as Agriculture, Computer Information Technology, Criminal Justice, Early Childhood Education, EMS and EMT-Paramedic, Health Information Management, Nursing, Paramedic to RN, and more. Also available are popular transfer programs such as Teaching K-6, Business Administration, Chemistry, Pre-Physical Therapy and Pre-Occupational Therapy.

Students are encouraged to visit an Academic Success Center, located at each DSCC location, for assistance. The Academic Success Center provides free tutoring, preparation for and testing out of learning support classes and assistance in strengthening reading, writing and math skills. This free service is available to students year-round. Contact Kayci Henline, coordinator of the Academic Success Center, at henline@dsc.edu. For information at the Jimmy Naifeh Center in Covington, call 901-475-3100.

DSCC to Host College Transfer and Career Fairs

Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) will host several College Transfer and Career Fairs during the month of March. The fairs will welcome current DSCC students seeking to transfer to a four-year college or university after graduation and those seeking employment opportunities, internships or job shadow placement. Those seeking employment are encouraged to dress in business casual attire and bring several copies of their resume. Employers may choose to interview candidates on the spot.

The fairs will be held at the DSCC Dyersburg campus March 26, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., inside the Dale F. Glover Education Center; **at the DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County March 28, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**, inside the Learning Resource Center, Ripley Power and Light Company Lobby.

Exhibitors wishing to secure space during the event should RSVP as soon as possible as space is limited and will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. To RSVP exhibitors are asked to contact Tracie Langley at 731-286-3324 or langley@dsc.edu or Carmen Pfeifer at 901-475-3137 or pfeifer@dsc.edu.

[Dyersburg State Community College Annual College Transfer and Career Fair](#)

RESERVE YOUR SPACE TODAY!

Thursday, March 28, 2019
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Dyersburg State Community College
Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County
Learning Resource Center, Student Center and Tipton County Public Library
3149 Highway 51 South, Covington, TN 38019



This event is for current DSCC students seeking to transfer to a four-year college/university after graduation and for those seeking employment opportunities, internships, and/or job shadowing placement. If you would like to be a vendor at this event, please contact us by February 25, 2019.
NOTE: Exhibition space is limited and will be assigned on a first come first served basis so RSVP today to reserve your spot.

[RSVP to the Fair on 3/28 at the Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County](#)

Harlem Legends Basketball Show Coming Back to Dyersburg State April 6

The Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) Alumni Association has announced that it will host the Harlem Legends Celebrity Basketball Show April 6, at 12 p.m., inside the E.H. Lannom, Jr. Gymnasium on the Dyersburg campus. A Harlem Legends Youth Clinic will be offered before the show at 10 a.m. All proceeds will benefit the DSCC Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.

The Harlem Legends, a group of former Harlem Globetrotters, NBA players, NFL players, USA Olympians and other professional athletes, will play against the Dyersburg State All-Stars. The Dyersburg State All-Star team will be comprised of alumni as well as local business and community leaders including mayors, coaches, teachers and more who have agreed to an afternoon of family fun as they challenge the Harlem Legends in a friendly game of hoops.

Youth ages 7-14 years old are invited to attend the Harlem Legends Youth Basketball Clinic beginning at 10 a.m. The cost to attend is \$25 per child and includes admission to the 12 p.m. show, fun basketball instruction from the Harlem Legends, an autographed team photo and a workout booklet. The Clinic will also stress the importance of education and leading a drug-free lifestyle.

The opportunity to purchase an autographed basketball from the team for \$20 will also be available. The Youth Clinic is limited to 70 children.



This event was completely sold out in 2017 and we are looking forward to another successful event. Please let us know if you would like to schedule an interview with Michael Douglas or any of the other team members on April 5 or April 6. Interviews will fill up quickly as they did before! Contact - Amy Finch Director of Public Information
Dyersburg State Community College, 1510 Lake Road,
Dyersburg, TN 38024 **731-286-3347**

Tipton County 4-H March Newsletter



*Congratulations to our county 4-H
Middle School 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



8th grade County Winner



7th grade winners



Congratulations to our 4-H Horse Bowl and Hippology Team who competed at the state contest in Knoxville, Tennessee. They placed 10th out of all the Junior Teams who competed statewide. We are so proud of all their hard work!



6th grade County Winners

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

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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.



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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	

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Jerry Sandusky*



**April 27, 2019
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Covington High School
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Music begins at 7pm and ends at 9pm during scheduled Saturday evenings on our historic square.

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Bring your lawn chairs and come join the FUN!

Call Karen at the Covington Civic Center for more information.

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2019

GALA AND AWARDS

Tuesday

April 30th

PRE EVENT SOCIAL: 5PM

DINNER & PROGRAM: 6PM

\$30/PERSON OR \$300/TABLE OF 8



**AWARD NOMINATIONS AND EVENT
REGISTRATION BEGINS MARCH 4TH!**



Date: March 5, 2019

TO: The 80's Rewind Advertisers and Sponsors
FROM: The 80's Rewind Event (A Class Group Effort)
RE: Sponsorship and Souvenir Book (Corrected Copy)

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.**

We cannot throw an event of this magnitude without a purpose and fortunately for us, we have two: first to have fun obviously and the second more deserving reason is, to provide scholarships to high school students. We all understand the importance of students getting a college education and how expensive that education can be so, we are having a party to raise money. With your assistance in the form of ads in our memory book, donations & sponsorship, we will be able to achieve our ultimate goal.

We would love to have you aboard in case you have any ideas that you would like to share with us, and which will help improve the scale and reach of our project. 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.

Sincerely,

KELVYN A. THOMAS
Event Coordinator

KEY CONTACT: Kelvyn Thomas, (424-215-4913) (Owner Burnett and Family BBQ) is a Covington High School Graduate (Class 1984). He worked at The Veranda Restaurant (1985-1988) and he was a DJ at Rollies Roller Rink (1985-1988). Kelvyn joined The United States Air Force in 1988 and after 24 years of active duty service, he retired in 2012. Email Camera Ready Advertisement:

the80srewind@outlook.com Mailing Address: The 80s Rewind, P.O. Box 61, Covington, TN 38019



[CLICK HERE TO HEAR DEMO FROM HEADLINING ARTIST FOR THE 80'S REWIND EVENT](#)

Tipton County Public Library News

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



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

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

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American Girl Tea Party

March 30, 2019 • 11:00 AM

Tipton County Public Library
 3149 Hwy 51 S. Bldg. C
 Covington, TN 38019
 476-8289

Featuring Felicity

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

This program is part of Revisiting the Founding Era, a three-year national initiative of the Glider Lehrman Institute of American History presented in partnership with the American Library Association and the National Constitution Center, with generous support from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR VETERANS AND THEIR INFLUENCE ON TIPTON COUNTY HISTORY

Presented by Mr. David A. Gwinn, Tipton County Genealogist and Local Historian

March 30, 2019 at 10:00AM

Tipton County Public Library
 3149 Hwy 51 S. Bldg. C
 Covington, TN 38019
 901-476-8289

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Movie Days

ADMIT ONE

A Star is Born
March 5th @ 1:00 PM [R] 135 Min.

Mary Poppins
March 8th @ 1:00 PM [G] 139 Min

Mary Queen of Scots
March 12th @ 1:00 PM [R] 124 Min.

Johnny Tremain
March 22nd @ 1:00 PM [NR] 80 Min.

Mary Poppins Returns
March 26th @ 1:00 PM [PG] 130 Min.

10 Things I Hate About You
March 28th @ 6:30 PM [PG-13] 97 Min.



Ages 18 & up

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DATE: March 26, 2019

TIME: 10:00 AM

LOCATION:
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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:**



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!



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



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.





The Tipton County Museum,
Veterans Memorial & Nature Center

Presents

“Nature Walk & Garden Tour
with Sherl Rose”

When: Saturday, April 27, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

Where: Tipton County Museum
751 Bert Johnston Ave.
Covington, TN 38019
(901) 476-0242

Fee: FREE!!!!

Please join us for an enchanting morning at the Tipton County Museum as Sherl Rose shows you the magic that lies within the half mile Nature Trail, then leads you through a tour of the herb gardens. Refreshments will be served, and everyone is invited. See you there!



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.





The Tipton County Museum Presents

It's an Arty World: An Oil & Acrylics Course

With Barbara Flowers McBride

When: Friday mornings, 9:30—11:30
March 15, 22, 29, & April 5, 2019

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

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

These classes are ongoing, so you have plenty of time to work on your painting!
No previous art experience required. Please call the Tipton County Museum at
(901) 476-0242 to register or for questions.



The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center
751 Bert Johnston Ave., P.O. Box 768, Covington, TN 38019
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Gioiello Featured Artist



Jean Wheeler

Jean attended the Memphis Academy of Art in the late 1960's and moved to Tipton County in 1982. She has had a career in Graphic Arts, then in Screen Printing. An award winning artist, she enjoys painting local landscapes in oils. She is a member of the Bartlett Art Association and the Tipton Art League. Jean also loves gardening and in 2017 Jean became a Tipton County Master Gardener. She lives on a small farm in Tipton County where she has a large vegetable garden every year.



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VETERANS MEMORIAL
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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!

Tipton County Museum
751 Bert Johnston Avenue
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Reception Held at Museum in Honor of Minnie Bommer

The Conference Room was full of guests and supporters who gathered to support the work of Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, who is being highlighted this month at the Tipton County Museum



L-R Museum Director Barrie Foster, Archivist Sherry Onorati, Master Gardener Sherl Rose, and Vice-Mayor Johnetta Yarbrough stand with Alderwoman Minnie Bommer (C) at the reception honoring her and her work in the community.

Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center



Veteran of the Month
March 2019

Victoria Outlaw-Coone



Born and raised in Alabama, by the age of seventeen Vickie knew she wanted to leave Alabama and felt that joining the Army would provide that opportunity. However, once she arrived at the recruitment center and saw the Marine recruiter in his dress blues, she chose the Marine Corps instead! Under age and still in high school, she signed up under the delayed enlistment program with the approval of her mother. After boot camp at Parris Island, she was stationed at Cherry Point, North Carolina, for three years. She reenlisted for another three and was transferred to Millington Naval Air Station where she worked as an administrative clerk and was promoted to Sergeant. At the end of her second enlistment, she had a difficult decision to make: she could continue her career in the Marine Corps, or she could get out to raise her infant son. She chose her son and never looked back. It was definitely the right decision. He grew up to earn his Doctorate Degree in Theology and is now Pastor of Redeemer Baptist Church in Memphis.

For her service to our country Vickie was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, Meritorious Mast, and Letter of Appreciation. Vickie is proud of the fact that four out of five of her promotions were meritorious. After her honorable discharge from the Marine Corps, she sold real estate for a year, then went to work for World Color in the traffic department when it opened in Covington in 1989. Seven years later, she started a new career managing the Memphis terminal for Cargo Master, a freight brokerage company. She yearned to own her own business, so in 2005 she opened Outlaw's Furniture & Mattress in Atoka. Her business was so successful that she opened her second store last year, Victoria's Furniture Gallery in Memphis.

During her training at Parris Island, she met a special fellow Marine, Teddy Coone. They dated for a year but ultimately split, because they were both pursuing careers in the Marine Corps. Many years later they found each other on Facebook; and on April 6, 2013 they were married. Teddy has a full time job onboard Naval Support Activity Mid-South in Millington and works at the furniture store as well. Vickie's son Jeremy is married to Alicia; they live in Memphis and have four children: Gabriel, 9; Luke, 7; and two year old twins Amia and Aleigh. Vickie and Teddy are members of the Combat Vets Motorcycle Association and the Marine Corps League. Vickie was nominated for Veteran of the Month by H.T. Ray.

Reception held at Museum for March Veteran of the Month

Family, friends, and fellow veterans gathered at the Tipton County Museum and Veteran's Memorial to honor March Veteran of the Month Retired Marine Victoria Outlaw-Coone.



The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial
& Nature Center

Veteran of the Month Reception

Every 2nd Tuesday Evening at 6:30

751 Bert Johnston Ave.,

Covington, TN 38019

901-476-0242



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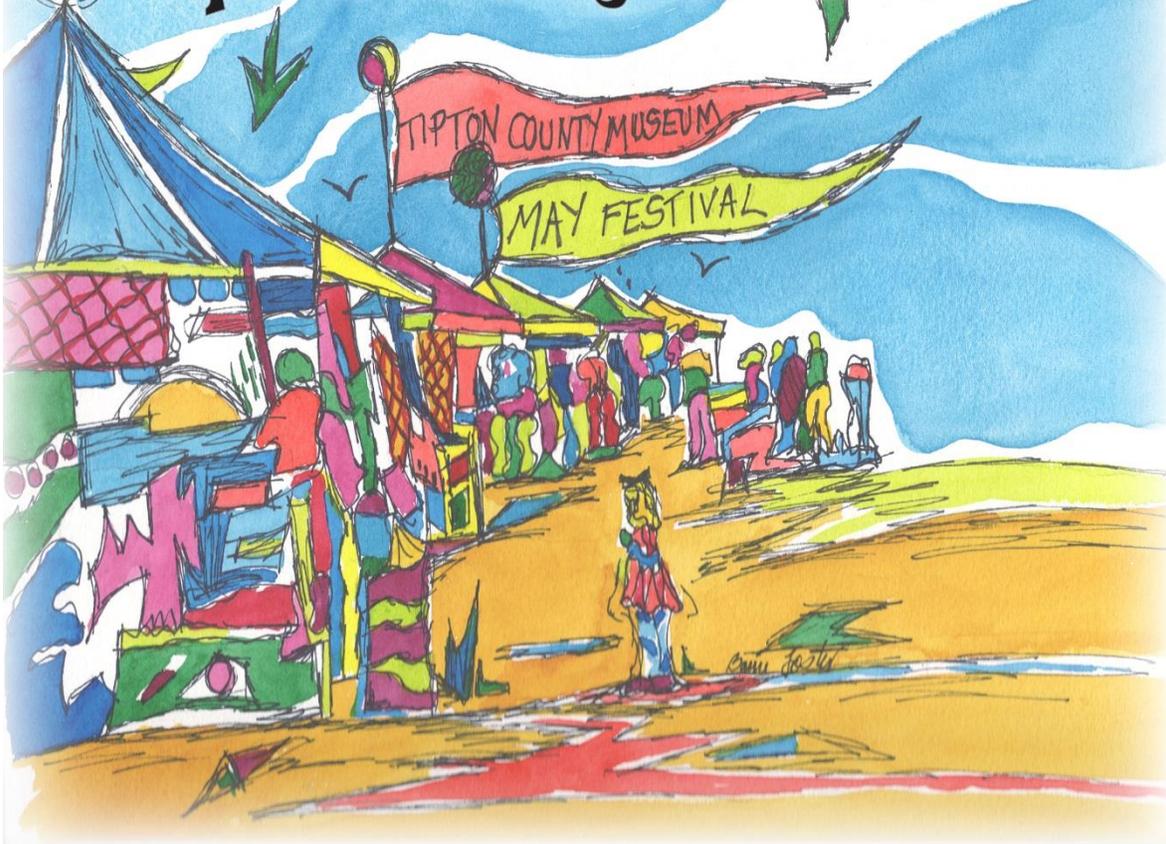
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Tipton County Museum



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