

## From the Mayor's Desk

## Thoughts and perceptions from Mayor Justin Hanson

*Hello Friends and Neighbors!*

Budgeting for the City of Covington is a tedious and time-consuming task. All of our department heads are dedicated to their specific areas of expertise and everything they bring before us for consideration is worthy. However, we must operate within our means, so the simple truth of the matter is that we simply cannot afford everything that is requested. So, we prioritize, negotiate, and think outside the box for creative ideas and solutions. We utilize grants and other State and private opportunities as much as possible. However, those usually come with restrictions, so it's not like we can just "do what we want" with that funding. Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn and I've been putting pencil to paper for this year's budget proposal since February. We scheduled multiple in-depth discussions with department heads to try to come to workable solutions that will provide the very best services possible. We are doing everything we can to pay off current debt in a timely manner, and we are seeking creative solutions, as well, such as trying to work out a lease deal for the biomass gasification facility purchased before I took office. We are also making the Civic Center available for public rentals and events, which generates revenue through that facility. We lease trucks and other vehicles rather than purchase them to keep costs down, and we seek out public/private partnerships for many of the events offered to youth in our Parks and Recreation Department. It takes a dedicated, creative team working together to keep the wheels of creativity and budgeting grinding along in a productive fashion.

I am very proud of how well our department heads and our Board of Mayor and Aldermen are working together through the budget hearings. Folks have dug deep into the proposals and have asked very valid questions. I have seen people working together in a true sense of teamwork to try to find answers and come up with solutions. That is exactly how it SHOULD work – people working together to find the best solutions that will yield the greatest benefits for all our citizens. I'm proud of our hard work and tenacity as we continue to pay down debt, thus allowing us to further utilize funds toward continuously improved essential services.

While I'm giving kudos, I must also give a shout out to all our local teachers, school staff, and of course the students on another successful academic school year. Covington High School graduation was the most well-attended in recent years and went off without a hitch. Our police department was proactively engaged in the entire situation and worked with school officials for a joyous and safe occasion. CHS has had tremendous success this year with sports teams, clubs and organizations, and of course, academically. Scholarships totaling **\$4.8 million** were awarded to this year's graduating class, 28 students graduated with honors, and ten will be joining some branch of the U.S. military. The [CHS Future Farmers of America \(FFA\)](#) was engaged in some kind of competition almost every week, it seems, and brought home so many ribbons and trophies they may have to add space just to display them all! [CHS Health Occupations Students of America \(HOSA\)](#) is sending teams to the [International HOSA Competition](#) in Orlando, FL this summer after they took **STATE** honors for the CHS chapter. MOST of the sports teams won at the district and regional levels and several competed at the State level. **How sweet it is** that the CHS Charger Baseball team **WON THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP!!** The CIAA Dance Troupe is also headed to Orlando, FL this summer to compete in an invitation-only [National dance event](#). Folks, these things happen because people are working hard, staying focused, working together, and doing their jobs *well*. We are fortunate and indeed blessed to have such good people involved in every facet of our community. I just love it and I hope you do, too!

*Justin*

# CHARGER BASEBALL WINS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP CONGRATULATIONS!!



**MOST CHS Charger athletic teams made it through district and regional play this year, however it's been since 2006 that baseball has won the STATE TSSAA SPRING FLING CHAMPIONSHIP!**



## 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 call **DIRECT** at 901- 201-7573
  - Tipton County Sheriff’s Dept. - 901-475-3300
  - 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](http://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](http://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 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.
- IF YOU SMELL NATURAL GAS – CALL US! 901-476-9631 or 901-476-7163
- Call 901-476-9613 ext 118, ext 127, or ext 146 or 901-237-8165 for questions or concerns



## Public Works Called in Overnight for Water Main Breach

A contractor inadvertently broke a water pipe deep underground along Highway 51 in the Covington City Limits on May 15. Public Works crews completed the repairs by 5:00 am the following morning.



## Public Works Employees attended Operator Qualification Training

Michael Lindsey of Tri-State Meter and Regulator Service, led Operator Qualification Certification training at the Covington Public Works training room last week. It is a Federal requirement that all Gas Department employees be properly trained and certified to perform their covered tasks.



**COVINGTON CITY HALL  
WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY,  
MAY 27, IN HONOR OF  
MEMORIAL DAY.**

**COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR** THAT WAS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, MAY 28 HAS BEEN CANCELLED. PLEASE JOIN US ON JUNE 11 AT SOOKIES BAKE SHOP ON THE SQUARE FROM 7:30 – 9:00

## **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.



**The Covington Aquatic Center 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.

To learn more about swimming, pool rentals, park rentals, youth sports, adult sports & fitness, our museum, summer camps, movies in the parks, and more - please Call 901-476-3734 or [click here](#).

## **CODES:**

- **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](mailto:planning.building@covingtontn.com)

## 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](#).

**Make a Difference  
to Your Community.**

**BE A COVINGTON  
VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER.**

**www.VolunteerFireTN.org**  
1-844-Vol-Tenn (1-844-865-8366)



### COVINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

101 Tennessee Avenue, Covington, TN 38019  
901-476-2578

**HELP GROW FIRE SAFETY  
THIS SPRING!**

Test smoke alarms to ensure they are working.  
Replace batteries, if necessary.

Place working smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area,  
and on every level of a home, including the basement.

If you need a free working smoke alarm, contact your local fire department today.



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## Smoke Alarms at Home

**SMOKE ALARMS ARE A KEY PART** of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

### SAFETY TIPS

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom. They should also be outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.
- Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.
- It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- There are two kinds of alarms. Ionization smoke alarms are quicker to warn about flaming fires. Photoelectric alarms are quicker to warn about smoldering fires. It is best to use both types of alarms in the home.
- A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from the stove.
- People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.



### FACTS

- 1 A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- 1 Smoke alarms should be installed inside every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level. Smoke alarms should be connected so when one sounds, they all sound. Most homes do not have this level of protection.
- 1 Roughly 3 out of 5 fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.



**NATIONAL FIRE  
PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**  
The leading information and knowledge resource  
on fire, electrical and related hazards



- Three out of five home fire deaths result from fires in properties without working smoke alarms
- More than one-third (38 percent) of home fire deaths result from fires in which no smoke alarms are present.
- The risk of dying in a home fire is cut in half in homes with working smoke alarms. If you need smoke detectors in your home and you are in the coverage area of the Covington Fire Dept. call 901-476-2578.

**PARKS AND RECREATION:**

**THANK YOU TO OUR**

**SPONSORS**

**BAPTIST.**



**A BIG THANK YOU TO THE SPONSORS ABOVE FOR HELPING TO BRING THE OUTDOOR MOVIE SERIES TO A PARK NEAR YOU THIS SUMMER!**

**Summer Movies in the Park**



**Summer Movies in the Park**

May 23	June 13	July 12	July 19	August 6
Sports Complex	Baltzer Field	Aquatic Center	Frazier Field	Frazier Field

**Covington Aquatic Center Swimming Lessons**



**Swim Lessons:**

- June 3-7 - Learn to Swim Level 1&2 (11-12PM)  
- Adult learning the basics (5-6 PM)
- June 10-14 - Learn to Swim Level 3 (11-12PM)
- June 17-21 - Swim Camp Ages: 6-18 (8-12PM)
- June 24-28 - Learn to Swim Level 4 (11-12)
- July 1-5 - No lessons
- July 8-12 - Preschool aquatics (ages: 4-5)(11-12PM)
- July 15-19 - Parent & Child aquatics (ages: 6 mos-3)(5-6PM)
- July 22-26 - Adult Stroke Refinement (5-6PM)

Register online:

901-476-9178

<http://www.covingtontn.com/swimming-lessons.html>

**\$50 per person**  
**Limit: 10 students**  
**per class.**



3 Races



12 Obstacles

2019  
Covington  
Rotary



3  
Sprint  
2 Mile  
Team (Relay)

Saturday June 8, 2019  
8AM 2Mile Start Time  
Covington Confidence Course  
Cobb-Parr Park  
Covington TN 38019



Sprint - \$29  
2 Mile - \$49  
Team - \$99



POUND - ROCKOUT. WORKOUT



DAY: SATURDAY

TIME: 10:15AM-11AM



**COVINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES SUMMER CAMPS FOR KIDS.**

**Register on our website or call 901-476-3734. HURRY - camps will fill up quickly!**

CAMP	INSTRUCTOR	DATES	TIMES	AGES	LOCATION
Choir	Justice Mack	June 3-7	8AM-12PM	5-10	SPORTSPLEX
Flag Football	Antonio Gaines	June 3-7	8AM-12PM	9-13	FRAZIER PARK
Arts & Crafts	Allison Coontz	June 10-14	8AM-12PM	5-9	SPORTSPLEX
Boxing	Anthony Campbell	June 10-14	8AM-12PM	8-16	JC BUILDING
Softball	Jessica Bearden	June 10-14	8AM-12PM	5-13	SPORTS CMLPX
Nature	Sherl Rose	June 17-21	8AM-12PM	10-18	TC MUSEUM
Soccer	Maddie Ray & Lily Yates	June 17-21	8AM-12PM	7-12	BALTZER FIELD
Swimming	Eva Williams	June 17-21	8AM-12PM	5-18	CAC- POOL
Baseball	Jake Winberry	June 24-28	8AM-12PM	7-10	WHITLEY FIELD
Dance	Deborah Walker	June 24- 28	8AM-12PM	5-18	SPORTSPLEX
Volleyball	Caroline Price	June 24-28	8AM-12PM	9-14	SPORTSPLEX
Futsal (Indoor Soccer)	Maddie Ray & Lily Yates	July 15-19	8AM-12PM	5-12	SPORTSPLEX
Art	Barrie Foster	July 22-26	8AM-12PM	10-18	TC MUSEUM
Basketball (Boys)	Shane Butler	July 22-26	8AM-12PM	10-13	SPORTSPLEX
Basketball (Boys)	Shane Butler	July 22-26	12PM-4PM*	14-18	SPORTSPLEX
Basketball (Girls)	Shane Butler	July 29-Aug 2	8AM-12PM	10-13	SPORTSPLEX
Basketball (Girls)	Shane Butler	July 29-Aug 2	12PM-4PM*	14-18	SPORTSPLEX
\$55 per camper					
MOST camps include breakfast AND lunch					
*Lunch ONLY camp					



**WHOOH! Parks and Recreation thanks Bancorp South for this new, beautiful scoreboard at the Covington Sports Complex on Mueller Brass Road!**

## **MUSEUM:**

The Tipton County Museum, Veteran's Memorial and Walking Trail is an active place! They have events almost *daily*. There's a wide variety of educational materials and they *welcome* school groups. You can rent their grounds and conference room for your events, as well. Come visit the facility and visit our website. Call 901-476-0242 for more information and to support their work!

Fred Bray, head of Educational Outreach for the Tipton County Master Gardeners, coordinated a visit from the TCCA Seniors at the Tipton County Museum. Sherl Rose presented "Grandma's Flower Garden" in the conference room, then everyone went outside where Sherl gave them a tour of the herb garden. They asked lots of questions, saw lots of butterflies, damselflies, and dragonflies, and learned a lot! The Museum welcomes group tours and remember there is no admission fee at the Tipton County Museum!



## **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**

- Job 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](#).
- Check out the schedule and other special events for this year's BBQ Fest. [click here to learn more](#)

## **Finance and Administration Committee Approves Audit Contract, Questions Budgetary Requests**

The Finance and Administration Committee held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 21 at Covington City Hall at 4:00 PM with the following present: Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Alderman Jeff Morris, Chairman Alderman C.H. Sullivan, Alderman Danny Wallace, Alderwoman Johnetta Yarbrough, Acting Fire Chief Richard Griggs, Covington Chief of Police Buddy Lewis, Parks and Recreation Director Joseph Mack, Public Works Director David Gray, Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn, Codes Enforcement Lessie Fisher, Mayor Justin Hanson, Assistant to the Mayor Sara Gangaware, and IT/GIS Coordinator Nic Shaw.

Mayor Hanson called the meeting to order at 4:00 because Chairman Sullivan was running a little late. Alderman Morris motioned for Mayor Hanson to Chair the meeting and that was seconded by Alderwoman Bommer. Motion passed.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Hanson called the meeting to order at 4:00 and stated there were two items before the committee for their consideration. Lessie Fisher stated there may need to have a discussion about fireworks, as this ordinance was revised last year. The time for sales and shooting fireworks was reduced

in the revisions. Fisher asked if the committee wants to take further action on this as people are calling regarding the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday. Alderwoman Bommer stated she thinks people need information in advance about expected behavior and safe practices with fireworks in the city limits. Bommer went on with her concerns, particularly about the kinds of fireworks sold within the city limits, and the times they can be fired. Hanson suggested deferring the conversation about fireworks to an upcoming F & A Committee meeting and the group agreed and moved forward with the agenda before them.

First item on the agenda was discussion of the City's audit contract. The Audit Contract from Whitehorn, Tankersley, & Davis, PLLC, was presented to Board members for their review. Alderman Wallace asked if the cost of the audit was in the city's presented budget, and Mayor Hanson stated that it is. Wallace then asked if this had been bid out to anyone else, and Hanson stated not to his knowledge. Motion was made and seconded by Alderman Morris to approve the annual audit contract. During the discussion, Wallace suggested collecting bids for the audit in the future. Personnel Director Tiny Rose clarified that because this is a professional service, the city is not required to bid it out. Hearing no further questions, Mayor Hanson asked for the vote and the motion passed unanimously to accept Whitehorn, Tankersley, & Davis, PLLC's audit contract.

Next item on the agenda was an in-depth discussion of proposed 2019-2020 budget. Board of Mayor and Aldermen have had the proposed budget to review for several weeks and Mayor Hanson asked for a transparent and honest discussion regarding the proposals therein. Hanson thanked all Department Heads for being in attendance to answer questions and engage in discussions regarding their budgetary requests. After this introduction, Mayor Hanson opened the discussion for questions from committee members and department heads, alike. At that time, Chairman Sullivan joined the meeting.

Alderman Morris asked Public Works Director David Gray about trucks being purchased and leased, and asked why some are requested to be purchased and some leased. Gray stated they simply don't have the money to purchase a truck outright, therefore leasing is the best option. Morris asked about the terms of the lease, and Gray explained. Mayor Hanson reiterated his concerns for fleet upgrades and has been actively working on this since he started as Mayor in 2014. Mayor Hanson also commented on the leasing of the current defunct biomass gasification plant. Once the permit is granted by the State of Tennessee, and the lease can become active, this will provide additional funds to the General Fund, and help with the continued debt service on the facility. Alderman Wallace asked Director Gray about a plasma cutter that was requested and why that needed item was needed. Gray stated this was requested by Brad Kinney at the City Shop for certain repairs that are currently contracted out. Having the cutter would save money and time because they can make repairs in-house. Another item discussed was roof repairs at Children and Family Services because the City of Covington owns that building and is responsible for maintaining it. Gray and Hanson reiterated the great need for roof repairs at that facility.

Alderman Wallace stated he sees little in line items for building maintenance and asked why this is. He suggested professional evaluations of the buildings to assure they are properly maintained. He also stated his concerns for tearing down abandoned buildings, such as the former police facility and the old elementary school facility on South College Street. Hanson stated Director Gray has included monies in his department's proposal for continuous maintenance at the Water Plant and other facilities in his department. Wallace stated he just wants to be proactive and stay on top of things rather than just respond to problems. Wallace suggested seeking professional consulting for building inspections and ongoing maintenance and repairs.

Alderwoman Johnetta Yarbrough asked Chief Lewis about leasing two patrol vehicles and stated that he thinks he may need more than that. She has noticed that the canine unit is out of order, and was told that there were some cars that wouldn't start. She stated it is vitally important we have police vehicles that are dependable, will start when needed, and will be able to perform throughout the long shifts. Chief Lewis stated we have gotten 5 new patrol vehicles in the past several years. Yarbrough then asked if there are enough cars to accommodate two shifts, and Lewis stated he does not. Lewis then gave an example of situations when many officers may be called in, but there aren't enough vehicles for each. Lewis stated it is about \$45,000 per vehicle to purchase

fully equipped police vehicles. Lewis stated they also lease vehicles due to the cost. Lewis stated right now, CPD has 8 totally equipped and marked vehicles, and if we could operate with 13-14, that would be ideal. There are two with transmission problems, and the canine unit was purchased several years ago and was used when purchased. Assistant Chiefs are driving vehicles that are 12-15 years old with high mileage.

Alderman Wallace stated we have started these 10 hour shifts and yet we don't have the vehicles needed to carry this out to the highest degree. We have promised the community that we are going to keep them safe, and as much as he hates to mention this, he feels perhaps we need a tax increase to provide the police with what they need to keep our citizens safe. Lewis stated he would like a regular rotation program for planning and purchasing new vehicles for continuous fleet upgrades, as most of them are run 24/7 throughout all shifts. Mayor Hanson reminded the committee that it is in the proposed budget for two additional police vehicles. This will give us 10 totally equipped vehicles in the patrol division.

Alderwoman Bommer asked if there are monies budgeted for the museum expansion, and Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn stated that is in a reserve account that is set aside for the expansion purpose. Mayor Hanson stated that public safety is paramount, and there may be additional funds that were set aside for insurance that possibly could be used for another police vehicle, depending on how rates fluctuate. Alderwomen Bommer and Yarbrough both asked if there are other needs in other departments. The committee discussed paving needs at Frazier Park, and some other needs in Parks and Recreation. Hanson stated the biomass debt service is until 2037 and that the Civic Center debt service rolls off in 2021.

Alderman Wallace asked department heads to take a look at pay raises, and asked Chief Lewis to explain purchasing undercover vehicles through the Drug Fund. Dunn referred to page 23 of the budget which addresses income from confiscated items and expenses from the drug fund. Wallace asked about a \$9,000 consulting fee for personnel, and Director Rose stated that is used for labor attorney fees.

Alderman Morris then asked Rose to explain why she requested additional personnel. Rose stated there are three people in her department and with the addition of the Covington Civic Center, they are in need of clerical help. Hanson stated Rose had asked for a full time person in the department, which he cut to part time. Alderman Wallace then asked Rose about \$5,300 in travel and car allowance in her budgetary area. Hanson then called on Recorder Dunn to explain how department heads are given a car allowance. Dunn stated that some department heads are issued a city vehicle to drive on the job, while others are not, and must use their personal vehicles. Those not issued a city vehicle get the travel allowance to compensate for that difference.

Alderwoman Bommer suggested taking a strong look at a building maintenance person who could help throughout all city departments, including at the Civic Center. Hanson suggested including that in next year's budget. Hanson went on to give the history of the purchase and upgrades in Phase I of the Civic Center, which was approximately \$1.7 million. This was just for asbestos abatement and ADA upgrades. He went on to explain that Artesian Funds were used to get phone, electricity, paint and other necessary items done to make the building available to the public, which then brought in about \$20,000 in revenue last year. Director Rose stated that in the 2017-18 budget year, the revenue generated from the Civic Center was about \$4,800. This year, that revenue has jumped to about \$20,000. She hopes this will continue to increase, which would help cover the cost of additional personnel to work in this department.

Dunn stated there are no ADA improvements included in this budget, but we are ahead of the game in terms of requirements being asked of cities. Hanson stated we have adopted a plan and will allocate funds toward continued improvements. Lessie Fisher stated that there are projects that have been done and are currently being done that also address our ADA improvement plans. Alderwoman Bommer suggested utilizing Head Start for helping us with continuous ADA upgrades, as they can also include some of these in their budget – particularly in and around their area.

Chief Buddy Lewis of the CPD stated he appreciates that we were able to replace 2 officers who are on Military leave, and when they come back, that means we will have 2 additional officers, which are budgeted in this proposal. He thanked the committee for that and for additional monies in police training.

Mayor Hanson told the committee that if they want to add additional police vehicles, he is open for those ideas. He stated he is not in favor for digging into the Fund Balance, as that practice is not sustainable. He stated that Property Tax and Sales Tax are the only available income we have. He went on to state that he is optimistic that the biomass lease will work out, which will bring some monetary relief. He stated is it a big challenge to provide necessary services while not having to ask for more money. He stated he and Recorder Dunn met with each department head three/four times to get to a balanced budget proposal that was presented today.

Alderman Morris suggested revisiting surplus property and get rid of those for additional funds. He then asked where we are in the process of selling Anderson Field, which is partially owned by Tipton County. Mayor Hanson stated we need to follow up on that with Tipton County Government. The profit of a possible sale of that property is slated for Parks and Recreation Department.

Hanson thanked the group for a hearty discussion of the budget proposal and reminded them there are further discussions scheduled for continued ideas and suggestions. He went on to state that the budget discussion can and will be continued up until the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading. He encouraged committee members to visit with department heads for more details and for further questions. Hanson went on to say that special meetings can be called if needed. Alderwoman Bommer suggested additional fees, such as a city occupancy fee of some sort, for hotel/motel use because all of the hotel-motel fees currently collected go to Tipton County Government, although about 90% are located in the City of Covington. Director Joe Mack elaborated on his ideas on this because he has lived in several areas of the country and knows that user fees can be added on fast food, hotels/motels, and other items that can help bring funds to the city.

Mayor Hanson stated the plan for approval on first reading is scheduled for next week, but again reminded the committee that amendments can be made up to third and final reading. At that time, Alderwoman Bommer motioned to send the proposed budget for first reading as it to Board of Mayor and Aldermen on May 28, and Alderman Sullivan seconded. There being no questions or concerns raised during the discussion period, Hanson called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:22 pm

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These are both fully automated lines. Phone payments only accept MasterCard, Discover and Visa. If you wish to use PayPal or American Express, you will need to make your payment online.



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# 2019 47th Annual Covington "World's Oldest" BBQ Festival Events Schedule



## Thursday, May 30th

Setup 8:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Park Closure 11:00 pm

## Friday, May 31st

Teams and Vendors Setup 8:00 am  
Meat Inspection Begins 9:00 am  
Mandatory Head Cooks' Meeting 4:00 pm- Judging Tent  
Sauce Turn-In 4:45 pm  
Anything But Turn-In 5:15 pm  
Dessert Turn-In 5:45 pm  
Corn Hole Tournament Registration 6:30 pm – Baltzer Field  
Opening Ceremonies 7:00 pm – Main Stage  
Lawn Tractor Pull 7:15pm – Equestrian Arena Cobb Parr Park  
Corn Hole Tournament 7:30 pm –Baltzer Field  
Live Music – Dr. Zarr's Funk Monsters 8:00 pm–Main Stage  
Quiet Time Begins 12:30 am

## Saturday, June 1st

Quiet Time Ends 6:00 am  
Judges Check-In 8:30 am  
Judges Mandatory Briefing 9:00 am  
Classic Chevy Car Show Registration 8:00 am - Upper & Lower Level Prkg Lots-Cobb Parr Park  
Classic Chevy Car Show Open to Public 9:00 am - Upper & Lower Level Prkg Lots-Cobb Parr Park  
Whole Hog Judging 10:00 am  
Pulled Pork Judging 11:00 am  
Ribs Judging 12:00 Noon  
On-Site Finals Judging Begins 1:00 pm  
Awards Ceremony 5:00 pm –Main Stage  
Demolition Derby 7:00 pm – Equestrian Arena Cobb Parr Park

Corn Hole Tournament \$50 Entry Fee per Team  
Dr. Zarr's Funk Monster No Admission Fee  
Lawn Tractor Pull \$10 per Person General Admission – 5 and under FREE  
Demolition Derby \$10 per Person General Admission – 5 and under FREE  
Classic Chevy Club Car Show No Spectator Admission Fee - \$25Entry Fee for Vehicles

### **After 4:00pm Cooking Teams and Vendors Must Enter West Side of Park.**

Only 1 vehicle will be allowed in the cooking area between 4:00pm, Friday, May 31st and 5:00pm Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. Vendor's vehicles must be parked in designated areas after unloading. Site breakdown is not allowed until after award presentations.

Call 901.485.3075 for More Information

Memphis Classic Chevy Club presents

# COVINGTON CAR & BIKE SHOW IN THE PARK

Saturday, June 1, 2019

In Cobb Parr Park, Covington, TN With  
*Covington's World's Oldest BBQ Contest*

Registration Begins at 8am

\$25 Registration      Spectators Free



Net Proceeds Benefit the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home



For More Information Contact Burt Milam 901-626-7731 or Billy Golden 901-438-1995

FOR MORE INFORMATION, TO  
SUBMIT ITEMS, OR TO ENTER  
VEHICLES, PLEASE CALL  
901-626-7731





# Local Smoke

This year, Covington World's Oldest BBQ Cooking Contest will add a new area for people interested in having a place of their own, but don't want to enter the cooking competition. This area will be known as "Local Smoke".

Local Smoke is for anyone who would like to put up a tent to cook and/or have a place for their friends and family to call "home" during the Friday night festivities of the BBQ Fest. Local Smoke area will be in the grassy area just outside the equestrian arena that overlooks the BBQ Fest. Participants in Local Smoke will be allowed to put up their tent beginning Friday morning, May 31, at 8 am. All tents must be staked down. If you plan to cook in your assigned area, you will need a fire extinguisher that is in good condition and properly tagged.

The fee for a 10 x 10 spot at Local Smoke will be \$25. Space here is very limited with no water hook-up and very limited access to electricity. All 10 x 10 areas will be on a first come, first serve basis. (Date application and fees are received.)

Why would you not want to participate in this fun atmosphere at the BBQ Fest?

Applications for the Local Smoke area can be picked up at the Covington Civic Center, 100 West Washington Avenue, Monday –Friday from 9am-4pm, or on line at [covingtontn.com](http://covingtontn.com). All applications must be received by May 24<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.



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

- Tuesday - June 11 Sookie's Bake Shop on the Square
- Tuesday - June 25 Sookie's Bake Shop on the Square
- Tuesday - July 9 Pappy & Jimmie's - 749 N. Main St
- Tuesday - July 23 Pappy & Jimmie's - 749 N. Main St
- Tuesday - August 6 Pappy & Jimmie's - 749 N. Main St
- Tuesday - August 20 Pappy & Jimmie's - 749 N. Main St
- Tuesday - Sept. 10 Pappy & Jimmie's - 749 N. Main St
- Tuesday - Sept. 24 Pappy & Jimmie's - 749 N. Main St

**7:30 am - 9:00 am**

**come and go as you please**

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Adult Education

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- Individualized and small group instruction
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Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development

1000 Tennessee State Capitol Building, Nashville, TN 37243

[CLICK ON ABOVE TO LEARN MORE!](#)

# The Stitching Store

[Click here to view the latest newsletter from the Stitching Store!](#)

They are coming up on their 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of being open.

They also have all sorts of new product arrivals!

[Sign up to receive their monthly newsletter today!](#)

## 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](mailto:lauren@covington-tiptoncochamber.com)**

**for further details.**



TIPTON COUNTY  
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VETERANS MEMORIAL  
NATURE CENTER

*The Tipton County Museum and Friends  
Present*

## *Tea Time at the Museum*

*Please join us Saturday, June 8, at 10:00 a.m. for a special fundraiser for the Tipton County Museum's Expansion Fund. Herb connoisseur Sherl Rose will give a brief lecture on herbs and their culinary uses. Herb based iced teas and refreshments will be prepared by our gardening friends and Covington Mayor Justin Hanson and friends will be our servers!*

**When: Saturday, June 8, 2019 from 10 -11:30 a.m.**

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

**Fee: \$20 in advance / \$25 at the door**

**Presale tickets are available from the Tipton County Museum  
or the Covington-Tipton Co. Chamber of Commerce**

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

# City of Covington Celebrates Public Works Week

[The American Public Works Association](#) serves professionals in all aspects of public works. They celebrate public works departments each year to bring respect to the variety of jobs these folks do for our cities and municipalities. With a worldwide membership more than 30,000 strong, APWA includes not only personnel from local, county, state/province, and federal agencies, but also private sector personnel who supply products and services to those professionals. It is through a large network and dedicated teamwork that APWA supports public works. Covington Public Works celebrated with a nice lunch for employees and the presentation of some certificates of recognition. Alfonzo Richardson was voted Employee of the Year by his peers.



Pay tribute to the men and women of Public Works – they keep the garbage cleaned up, the grass mowed, the sewage going, the water clean, the streets in good condition, and your gas and water running to your house!  
**THEY ARE AWESOME!**



## **Coming Soon Fall 2019 !!**



### **Dental Assistant Technology**

**A 12-month program that prepares students to become members of the dental health care team. The course includes theory with demonstrations and classroom instructions. Students receive supervised experience performing procedures using study models, mannequins, and other simulated methods.**

### **Pharmacy Technology**

**A 12-month program trains students for employment in retail and wholesale pharmacies, home health care and long term care facilities. Students learn to become skilled in medication, prescription, preparation, reconstitution and IV preparation.**



**For More Information Contact:**

**Miranda Miller  
mmiller@tcatcovington.edu  
TCAT Covington /New Healthcare Facility  
1600 Highway 51 South  
Covington, TN 38019  
901-475-2526**

# Covington – Tipton County Chamber Held Spring Industrial Appreciation Gold Tournament

Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce held their annual Spring Industrial Appreciation Golf Tournament at the Covington Country Club for some fun and friendly competition among our industrial community. This year, Mid-South BBQ sponsored lunch, Unilever provided ice cream, and volunteers David Hanks, Stephanie Pugh, Dianne Honeycutt, Ruth Ann Wallace, Karen Skelton, Joey Caldwell, Tom Fitzhugh, and the Covington Fire Department helped make the tournament a great success.

## DIAMOND SPONSORS:

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## GOLD SPONSORS:

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The Bank of Mason

Bancorp South

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Ritter Communications

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## TEAM SPONSOR:

John Brasfield Jewelers

## LONGEST DRIVE SPONSOR:

Stephanie Pugh – Shelter Insurance

## WINNERS

### Industry Flight

1<sup>st</sup> Place – CHARMS

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – MUELLER FITTINGS

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – UNILEVER

### 1<sup>st</sup> Flight

1<sup>st</sup> Place – King Cotton

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Scramblers

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Ritter Communications

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Flight

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Bancorp South

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Belles Boutique

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Bank of Mason

## HOLE SPONSORS:

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Stephanie Pugh – Shelter Insurance

Baptist Memorial Hospital Tipton

## ENTRANCE SIGNS:

Insouth Bank

Jamieson & Fisher Insurance



## West Tennessee Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America Held Breakfast

Mayor Justin Hanson was the Master of Ceremonies at the Covington First United Methodist Church Family Life Center for a breakfast held to recognize scouting in our area and help support their efforts to keep themselves physically strong, mentally awake, morally straight, and to help other people at all times. The event gave a special tribute to Ed Timberlake who began scouting when he was 11 years old and actively led scouting in Covington and Tipton County for 15 years. Also recognized was Eagle Scout Landon Lemons. Lemons, who just completed his first year at MTSU, was the first African American to earn Eagle Scout with a Brighton scout troupe. Lemons created an arboretum behind Drummonds Elementary for his Eagle Scout project. Several members of our community spoke on behalf of scouting and encouraged support for its continuation.



**DYERSBURG STATE**  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

# *New Student Orientation*

**June 13, July 18 or Aug. 20**  
**2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

**DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County**

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



# Registration Open for DSCC's College for Kids Summer Program

The Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) Division of Continuing Education will offer its annual College for Kids summer program at the Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County June 17-21 from 9 a.m. - noon each day. The program is available for children in kindergarten through fifth grade with grade levels based on the 2018-2019 academic year.

This year's program will consist of stimulating and educational classes including Art and Music, Computer Craze, Creative Cakes, STEM Innovation and Trash to Treasure.

The cost is \$85 per child and includes supplies, snacks and a T-shirt. The deadline to register is June 7.

Detailed program information and registration is available online at <https://www.dsc.edu/c4k>. For more information, contact Becky McCaslin, continuing education specialist, at 731-286-3267 or [rmccaslin@dsc.edu](mailto:rmccaslin@dsc.edu).

## College for Kids Covington Session June 17 - 21, 2019

This session of College for Kids is held at the Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County, Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Accepted age groups are Kindergarten - 5th grade. Grade is based on the 2018-2019 academic year. Below is a list of classes. Each student will choose three classes and two alternates.

- **Art and Music** - Learn how to use your artistic talents! This is a great opportunity to express yourself through visual art and sound.
- **Computer Craze** - This class is educational and fun. Students learn the basic concepts of coding by playing challenging games.
- **Creative Cakes** - Learn the basic skills in decorating sweet treats. Students will learn icing techniques and complete an entire cake by the end of the week.
- **STEM Innovation** - Be a problem solver! This class teaches innovative and critical thinking through hands-on lessons and science experiments.
- **TRASH TO TREASURE** - Use your imagination to turn trash into treasure! Discover new ways to turn everyday objects into unique works of art while learning the benefits of recycling.

## **ATTENTION ALL TIPTON COUNTY VETERANS AND/OR WIDOWS OF VETERANS -YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR VA BENEFITS**

A recent court decision has opened the doors to over 190,000 Navy Sailors of Vietnam waters for Veterans and/or survivors' benefits.

If you are one of these Veterans or a Family member of one those please call the Tipton County Veterans Service Office for assistance in seeing what benefits are available and filing these claims. Unlike the advertisements by lawyers and other claims agents, the Tipton County Veterans Service Officer is FREE. NO CHARGES EVER.

Additionally, if you are Veteran and/or a Widow of a Veteran you should contact the Veterans Service Office to schedule an appointment to see if you are eligible for benefits which you have been missing out on all these years. War Time ERA Widows and Veterans can be eligible up to \$2,000.00+.

Please call the office at 901-476-2456. Office Hours are Monday to Wednesday 8-4

# Board of Mayor and Aldermen Attended Beer Board Training

Mayor Hanson and the Board of Mayor and Aldermen wish to thank Robin Racine and Sierra Butler with Drug Free Tipton for sponsoring and hosting **TopShelf EDU** to train Beer Boards and municipal employees in the City of Covington and Town of Atoka! Elected officials are required to hold business owners responsible if alcohol is sold to minors. In this training, those in attendance learned more about how to be a responsible vendor and a more responsible public servant.

This training took place after regular business hours at the Drug Free Tipton location in Covington.



## Mayor Hanson welcomes *The Leader* Interim Publisher to Covington



Covington Mayor Justin Hanson welcomed Matthew Richardson, the interim publisher for *The Leader*, to Covington this week. Hanson gave Richardson a quick tutorial of the history of Covington and Tipton County using the book *True Tales of Tipton, Historical Accounts of Tipton County, Tennessee*, by Gaylon Neil Beasley



## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays – Public Works Committee
  - Jeff Morris, Chairman
  - Minnie Bommer
  - Danny Wallace
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays – General Welfare and Public Relations Committee
  - Minnie Bommer, Chairman
  - Keith Phelps
  - C.H. Sullivan
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays – Finance and Administration Committee
  - C.H. Sullivan, Chairman
  - All aldermen attend
- 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – Public Safety Committee
  - C.H. Sullivan
  - Johnetta Yarbrough
- May 25 – A Day of Art studying [Eugene Delacroix](#) – Tipton County Museum - [click here for details](#).
- May 26 – Bull Day at Frazier Park – [click here to learn more](#)
- May 27 – **MEMORIAL DAY** – **CITY HALL will be closed** – **SPORTSPLEX and AQUATIC CENTER will be on regular schedule.**
- May 30 – June 01 – [BBQ FEST](#) and [CAR SHOW](#)
- June 08 – Tea Time at the Museum – don't miss this! [click here for details](#)
- June 13 – New Student Orientation at DSCC – [click here for details!](#)
- June 20 – BUNCO NIGHT! [Click here for more information!](#)



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

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[South Tipton Chamber of Commerce](#)

[Boys and Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region](#)

[Covington Aquatic Center](#)

[Tipton County Museum](#)

\*Information in this newsletter is an overview of events. All *official* minutes and documents can be viewed at Covington City Hall at 200 West Washington Street, Covington, or on our website at [www.covingtontn.com](http://www.covingtontn.com)

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# Open Enrollment

Tipton County  
Head Start/Early Head  
410 Alston Street Covington, Tn. 38019  
901-476-7488  
Mondays-Fridays 8:00-3:00  
Contact: Patricia Mason, Cathy Crook, or  
Bev Roberts, Center Coordinator



The following documentation is needed to complete your child's application:

1. Proof of child's age
2. TennCare and/or insurance card
3. Name, address, and phone #s of at least 3 emergency contact people
4. Proof of income
5. IFSP/IEP

Children with disabilities are encouraged to apply. We will take applications on pregnant women, children from birth to three and children that will be 3-4 by August 15.

NWTNEDC Head Start requires no fees to participate in this program

# Tipton County 4-H May Newsletter



## Congratulations 4-H Project Showcase 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

2nd Place Horse project



1st Place Companion Animal project



1st Place Dairy Project



1st Place Engineering Project



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**DON'T MISS OUT! READ THE 4-H NEWSLETTER IN ITS ENTIRETY**  
click anywhere on the picture above

## Mayor Hanson attended West Tennessee Mayor's Association Meeting

The West Tennessee Mayor's Association held their regular quarterly meeting on the beautiful campus of the University of Tennessee's West Tennessee AgResearch and Education Center in Jackson. The meeting was well attended by mayors from all over western Tennessee, and was presided over by the group's President William "Bill Rawls of Brownsville. Mayor Keith McDonald of Bartlett gave the legislative report and Michael Skipper, the Executive Director of the Greater Nashville Regional Council was the guest speaker.



## Crestview Middle School Track Students Competed at State Level

A'Tyrun Smith and Cameron Purham competed Saturday, May 18, at the TMSAA Track and Field State Meet. A'Tyrun Smith competed in the Large School AA Shot Put event, and placed 6<sup>th</sup> with a throw of 39' 11.5". Cameron Purham competed in the Large School AA 400m event. He placed 3<sup>rd</sup> with a time of 52.24.



**Smith participated in Shot-Put**



**Parham participated in 400 Meter Race**

# 6<sup>th</sup> Annual BULL DAY



**SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2019**  
**Frazier Park**  
**412 Long Ave. Covington, TN 38019**  
**5:00-7:00**

Death is never easy. However, through the strength of God and prayers of family and friends, we are able to go on. That's why we continue to celebrate the life and memory of our brother and friend, Orlandus Kamal Cobbins, affectionately known to us as 'Lil' Bull'. In 2012, Bull was a victim of a senseless robbery turned murder. In his short 29 years of life, he was fortunate to touch and change many lives of kids as well as adults through his career as a barber.

On May 26<sup>th</sup> - Bull Day - we are celebrating his life by encouraging our community to stop the violence and crimes. We will celebrate with food, sports activities, music, and games. Our ultimate goal is to promote safety and to prevent our youth from engaging in malice and illegal activities. It's time to help *build* our neighborhoods and *heal* our community.

We invite you to Bull Day so you can share your expertise with us. We are convinced that your personal, spiritual, and educational journey can be used to inspire someone else. Please join us in this effort by setting up a tent or booth to promote peace and encourage others to be successful.

Vendors are welcome to set up FREE of charge. Volunteers are needed.

The entire community is invited to attend this peaceful day of food, fun, and fellowship.

If you would like to contribute in any way, please contact me, Ayanna Dowell @ (901) 361-8807 or [adowell@tipton-county.com](mailto:adowell@tipton-county.com).

Respectfully,  
Ayanna Dowell

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TIME!

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Potato  
Bar



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## Introduction to Services

*(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**

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and Hiring Event flyers:**  
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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.**

**GED TRAINING/TESTING AVAILABLE!**

[Click here for details.](#)

## Upcoming Small Business Seminars



### **TSBDC May Seminars located in West Tennessee!**

From QuickBooks Beginner Classes, understanding and utilizing Google Ads, to Starting a Business, there are a variety of courses available.

[Click the link to view the calendar of upcoming classes and to register today!](#)

## Learning Opportunities



*Delivering Solutions to Help Businesses Grow*

## **Course Schedule May – August 2019**

[Click the link to view the Course Schedule](#)

For further details:

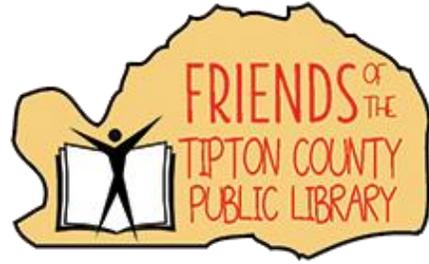
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## NEWS from the

# Tipton County Public Library

Our library is a beautiful facility with a lot to offer. Click on the link above to access their website. Click on the "Friends" link to the right to support our library.



## MAY EVENTS @ YOUR LIBRARY



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

**Monday-Thursday**  
8:00 - 7:00 PM  
**Friday**  
8:00-5:00 PM  
**Saturday**  
9:00-3:00 PM

**SUMMER HOURS**  
May 28-Sep. 3, 2019  
**Monday-Thursday**  
8:00-6:00 PM  
**Friday** - 8:00-5:00 PM  
**Saturday** - 9:00-3:00 PM

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The Friends of the Tipton County Public Library have signed up for the Kroger Community Rewards program as a way to earn money for the library. Visit the Kroger Community Rewards Enrollement page and either sign in to your Kroger account or create a new account. Register your Kroger Plus Card if you have not already. Click on your name in the Top left corner of the page to view your account summary. Scroll down to the Community Rewards section and click Enroll. The Friends of TCPL Organization Number is **YT023**

The enrollment is good for one year. So in order to continue to support the Friends you will be asked to re-enroll each year.

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## Tipton County Public Library Board of Trustees

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The Library Board normally meets at 5:30 PM on the last Monday, of every other month in the Community Meeting Room. All meetings are open to the public.

Next scheduled meeting is June 3rd @ 5:00 PM



**GENEALOGY HELP  
MAY 13th @ 9:30**

The River City DAR will be here to help you with your research

**TIPTON COUNTY STITCH-ALONG  
MAY 18th 10-12:00 PM**

Crochet & Knitting Group bring a project to work on, or if you want to learn, bring the following supplies:  
Skein of Red Heart Super Saver yarn  
size H crochet hook or size 10 knitting needles

**COLORING CLUB  
MAY 21st @12:00PM**

**BOOK CLUB**  
*A Shelter in Place*  
by Nora Roberts  
MAY 21st @ 1:00PM

**MOVIE NIGHT**  
*Ages 18 & Up*  
*Isn't It Romantic*  
MAY 23rd @6:30PM  
[PG-13] 88 mins.



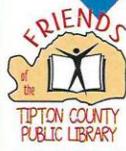
**Movie Days**  
Ages 18 & Up  
@ 1:00 PM

*Paint Your Wagon* -MAY 3rd [PG-13] 164 mins  
*Holmes and Watson* - MAY 7th [PG-13] 91 mins.  
*What Women Want*- MAY 10th [PG-13] 126 mins.  
*What Men Want*- MAY 14th [R] 117 mins.  
*Tammy and the Bachelor*- MAY 17th [NR] 89 mins.  
*Isn't It Romantic*- MAY 28th [PG-13] 88 mins



**May 30th @ 5:00 PM**

TAB is a group of teens ages 12-18, who meet once a month to help plan teen activities, select new materials, and volunteer.



**Friends of the Library Meeting**  
MAY 23rd @7:00PM



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**LIBRARY CLOSINGS:  
MAY 25-27th**



*Memorial Day*



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**AGES 11 & UNDER**

**LEGO CLUB**  
MAY 2nd @ 1:00PM  
MAY 18th @ 11:00AM  
MAY 16th @ 4:00PM

**HOMESCHOOL BOOK CLUB**  
MAY 16th @ 1:00PM  
*McBroom's Wonderful One-Acre Farm*  
by Sid Fleischman

**Make IT @yourlibrary**  
MAY 2nd @ 4:00PM  
Ages 11 & under

**Mother Goose Story Time**  
Ages 0-2  
Every Thursday @ 9:00AM

**Preschool Story Time**  
Every Wednesday & Thursday @ 10:00AM

**Muffins for Mom Story Time**  
May 11th @ 10:00AM

**1,000 Books Before Kindergarten**  
Ages 0-PreK  
Sign-up at the Library  
**READ BOOKS, WIN PRIZES**



**SUMMER READING May 28-July 31st**

**AGES 11 & UNDER Capture the Flag**  
[PG] 94 mins  
MAY 29th @ 2:00PM

**Summer Reading Kick-Off**  
MAY 30th @2:00PM **AGES 11 & UNDER**

**FAMILY MOVIE:**  
*E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial*  
[PG] 115mins. **ALL AGES**  
MAY 31st @1:00PM

**[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 Tipton County Museum Presents**  
*Summer Watercolor With Barrie Foster*

**When: Wednesday Mornings, 9:30 to 11:30,**

**June 26, July 10, 17, & 31, 2019**

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

**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**



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The Tipton County Museum Presents

# *An Artful Journey*

An Oil & Acrylics Course  
with

**Barbara Flowers McBride**

**When:** Friday mornings, 9:30—11:30

August 2, 9, 16, & 23, 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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## 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.





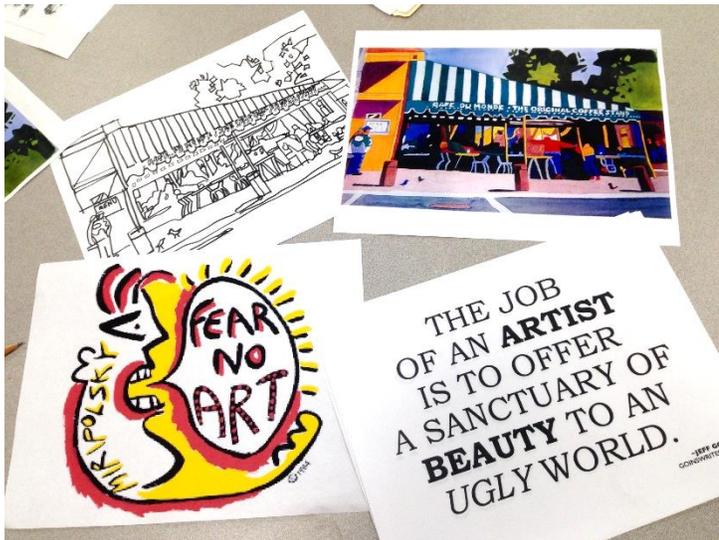
## Gioiello Featured Artist



### Elaine Weir Watkins

Elaine began making up stories and writing them down when she was in grade school. She also wrote poetry, and her fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Clark, would let Elaine read her poems to the class. Many years ago Elaine entered a featured article contest for a magazine and won. In addition to writing books and short stories, she writes a community news column for the Leader, which she has been doing since 1989. Elaine and her husband James live in Covington.

## Art Classes Continue at Museum – It’s *never* too late to get Involved!



Tipton County Museum,  
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*Veteran of the Month*  
May 2019  
**Joseph L.  
Malone**



Joseph Leno Malone was born on July 27, 1933, in the Mt. Carmel area of Tipton County and grew up on a dairy farm. While still in high school, he felt the need to serve his country; he joined the Navy Reserves, where he served from 1950 to 1953. When he transferred to active duty on January 24, 1953, his mother cried because she was afraid he would get shot. During his time in the Navy he was an Airman; his duties included taking care of the airplanes and performing rigorous preflight inspections. He was assigned to the USS Coral Sea (CV -43) as a Plane Captain where he was part of the Strike Fighter Squadron 11 (VFA 11), more affectionately known as the “Red Rippers”. Homeported at Naval Station Mayport in Jacksonville, Florida, they travelled to numerous ports, spending a month in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; the Straits of Gibraltar; Naples, Italy; Barcelona, Spain; and the Holy Land. His month in Cuba was punctuated with the fact that Marines with dogs patrolled the fences. One of his most vivid memories is also one of the scariest. While he and his pilot were traveling at altitude over Lake Pontchartrain, Louisiana, the plane’s engine failed because of a vapor lock. Frantically he and his pilot jointly worked to correct the problem. Once his pilot was able to pull back on the throttle, the problem was corrected; and they landed safely. Joseph is very proud of the fact that he always followed the rules and regulations of the Navy and was never disciplined for poor behavior or performance. He was honorably discharged on January 13, 1956. For his service to our country he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal.

He returned home after the Navy to work on the family farm, which also included raising beans, corn, and cotton. He met the love of his life, Betty, a schoolteacher; and they married on April 19, 1952. In 1957 he and Betty built their home on the family farm in Tipton County, where they raised their children, a daughter Melanie and a son Brett. Melanie lives nearby in Burlison; but sadly son Brett, who lived on an adjoining farm, died in 2018 from cancer. Joe and Betty have four grandchildren: one lives in Memphis, and the other three live in Tipton County. Joe and Betty are members of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Covington where Joe has served as Deacon for more than 60 years. Joe was nominated for Veteran of the Month at the Tipton County Museum by his good friend H.T. Ray, who was Veteran of the Month in August of 2017.

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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## Reception Held at Museum honoring May Veteran of the Month

Family, friends, fellow veterans, and other guests joined Kathy Desjarlais of the Tipton County Veteran's Council and Barrie Foster, Director of the Tipton County Museum, for a celebration in honor of May Veteran of the Month Joseph L. Malone



