

From the Mayor's Desk

Thoughts and perceptions from Mayor Justin Hanson

Hello Friends and Neighbors!

It's B-B-Q time in Covington, Tennessee! We have put together a great lineup of fun and entertainment for this year's event in Cobb-Parr Park. Please see the entire schedule in this newsletter, but I will tell you there are some fun events you won't want to miss! For example – don't miss this year's Corn Hole tournament! Come on up to Baltzer Field Friday night and get in on this fun! There will be a lawn tractor pull in the riding arena Friday night as well and you can dance the night away with the Amazing Funk Monsters, who will take the stage at 8:00. Saturday morning begins with a fabulous car & bike show sponsored by the Memphis Chevy Club and is free and open to everyone! Come see these vehicles! BBQ judging will take place Saturday morning, as well, and we will present prizes at 5:00 on the Main Stage. We will cap off the weekend with the demolition derby at the riding arena at 7:00 Saturday night. It's looking like good weather this weekend and we hope everyone enjoys our beautiful park and all the fun events of the 47th World's Oldest BBQ Festival.

We are all so proud of the Covington Chargers Baseball for winning the State Championship! What a boost of pride that brings to our entire community. Congratulations to all the coaches, players, parents, and teachers involved in that journey to the top. Read more about it in this week's [The Leader](#). Let's keep in mind that there's a journey to every championship and to every form of success. Those journeys consist of practice, focus, instruction and constructive criticism, hard work, positive attitudes, tenacity, self-confidence, determination, and trust. All of those things work together to build skills, strength, expertise, and the confidence to succeed at whatever you do. I work with our department heads on a regular basis to build these kinds of relationships, cultivate positive attitudes, and provide constructive feedback that will result in positive growth and development. I frequently consult with other mayors from across West Tennessee for ideas and suggestions. I believe that open communication is vital to success – both big and small – and that is surely something I try to cultivate throughout our city. Congratulations Coach Warmath – you have worked hard, mentored, and coached this team to victory and I am proud of you. Congratulations to all the coaches who stepped up when needed – you understand the importance of loyalty and teamwork, and I am proud of you. Congratulations to the players – you stayed the course with steadfast determination, and I am proud of you. I am proud of all our schools, the hard work of teachers, principals, students, and other team and club members. I am proud of the work that is being done in the City of Covington, the dedication of our Aldermen and Alderwomen, and the focus and tenacity of our department heads and managers. I'm proud of Covington-Tipton County Chamber Director Lauren Fletcher for her teamwork with all of us in moving this city forward. She recently received funding for a grant for [Retail Academy 201](#) – a \$5000 value that will help us improve our retail landscape and promote economic growth. We are looking for great things from this, as well.

Be proud, Covington! These are shining moments for us! We at the City of Covington want you to know that we expect you to see these kinds of accomplishments from us, as well. Just as hard work and tenacity has paid off for County Executive Huffman and the Tipton County Commissioners to become debt free, the City of Covington is also working to pay down debt and be more fiscally responsible, all while redeveloping our neighborhoods, bringing in businesses and manufacturing, and providing superior services to all our citizens. We live in a dynamic community where great things are indeed happening, and we should be proud and loyal to continued improvements and growth.

Justin

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.

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 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**



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, or Aquatic Director Eva Dale Williams at 901-476-9178.

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

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.

TN Department of
Commerce &
Insurance

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:



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



TIPTON COUNTY
MUSEUM
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

Summer Movies in the Park



COMING SOON

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



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

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



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					

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!



Last Saturday, Art and Garden Historian Dominique Bellott (above) lectured about the French Romantic Artist Eugene Delacroix at the Tipton County Museum.



He was one of the first artists to use bright colors in his paintings and is considered the father of modern art. After the lecture, Museum Director Barrie Foster led a group in using Delacroix techniques.



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](#)

Roof Repairs underway at Civic Center



After selling the pipe organ that came with the purchase of the former First Baptist Church, Personnel Director Tiny Rose saved that money to apply to a new roof for the facility. Now that it is used as offices for the Personnel Department and is open for public use as the Covington Civic Center, this repair was imperative, and we are delighted to see progress continue. The new roof work is completed!

CPD ready to Hire Two Officers; CFD Preparing for Evaluation

The Public Safety Committee held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at Covington City Hall with the following present: Chairman Alderman Keith Phelps, Covington Police Chief Buddy Lewis, Covington Fire Department Interim Chief Richard Griggs, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Alderman Jeff Morris, Alderman Danny Wallace, Alderwoman Johnetta Yarbrough, Mayor Justin Hanson, Assistant to the Mayor Sara Gangaware, Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn, and IT/GIS Coordinator Nic Shaw. Also present were Assistant Police Chief Cavat Bass and Officer Larry McGarity.

Chairman Phelps called the meeting to order at 4:00 with a quorum present and welcomed committee members. He then called on Police Chief Buddy Lewis to make his report.

Chief Lewis:

- Interviews will take place this week for two additional police officers. Both candidates being interviewed are certified and if hired, will be able to begin their jobs quickly. Several non-certified applicants are taking the certification test and may have the opportunity to advance to the police academy.

- CPD is preparing for BBQ Festival event in Cobb-Parr Park this weekend. They will be headquartered on the hill close to the riding club arena and will continuously walk through and monitor the event.
- Unity Rally – Lewis called on Assistant Chief Bass and Officer McGarity to update the committee concerning the Unity Rally and what is asked of the Covington Police Department. Chief Bass distributed flyers about the event to the committee members and explained the purpose of the event, which is to unify the neighborhood to work cooperatively with the police. Their mission is to bridge the gap between the community and local law enforcement by reducing crime and mending broken relationships. The organizers are also working on a Back to School Rally later in the summer. The Unity Rally is sponsored by Alderwoman Johnetta Yarbrough and Alderwoman Minnie Bommer along with the Covington Police Department. Mayor Hanson will welcome guests and several guest speakers are scheduled, including – but not limited to, Ayana Dowell, K-97 D.J. Stan Bell, and Covington Police Chief Buddy Lewis. The event will take place in Frazier Park on Saturday, June 29th from 10:00 am - Noon. The entire community is invited. Chief Lewis said the ultimate goal is to make a difference in our community to build relationships and help people work together in proactive ways that will reduce crime. Alderwoman Bommer thanked the officers in attendance and recognized they are both ministers and also working for unity in their churches, as well. Alderwoman Yarbrough stated there will be information booths set up as well as the guest speakers.
- Chief Lewis addressed overtime, stating there were 227 hours of overtime this week due to a special saturation in the city during the Memorial Day weekend.
- There was an apartment fire at Broadmeadow Apartments in Covington a couple of weeks ago. CPD had two officers who were taken to the hospital after entering the burning apartment to get people out. Lewis stated there was tremendous support from the community who came together to save the lives of the children who were inside.
- April Statistics:
 - 109 Arrests
 - 84 Citations
 - 2099 Calls responded to
 - 16 drug arrests
 - 4 guns seized
- Officer Hall has completed his training with TBI Task Force and will be working with them for a year.
- Lewis read a recent report about the time it takes to get results to have evidence processed from TBI, many of those being over 30-40 weeks. Lewis stated Hall's presence with the TBI will be an asset to them and to us, as we navigate through evidence processing.
- Large police saturation Memorial Day weekend – particularly on Friday night. During that time, there were 16 arrests made and 31 citations issued.
- Lewis will attend the Chief's Conference this week in Franklin, Tn.
- Alderwoman Bommer and Alderwoman Yarbrough both commented on the nice Bull Day event at Frazier Park on May 26, and thanked Lewis for the police presence. CPD had a large police presence in the park and there were no problems or issues, but rather a nice, peaceful memorial event for the community.

Mayor Hanson motioned to accept Chief Lewis's report, and Alderwoman Yarbrough seconded. Motion passed.

Chairmen Phelps then called on Richard Griggs for his report from the Covington Fire Department.

- Griggs stated the CFD had attended multiple school events in the past month, including CHS Honors Day, CHS Career Day, and Head Start Health Walk.
- CFD has a new battery-operated extrication tool and it is in service.

- Lt. Assessment took place on May 15. CFD had four firefighters to apply. Griggs hopes to hear from the assessments within the week.
- ISO grading evaluation – things look promising, CFD is waiting on inspection, which Griggs expects to be in early June. Chairman Phelps stated how much he appreciates MTAS representative Dennis Wolfe (former Fire Chief in Germantown), who has been very helpful through this process. He stated he believes CFD will perform well as they have been working on this for quite some time. Covington hopes to lower our ISO rating, which is currently a 4.
- Pre-Planning in process, which is done annually, and will be part of the evaluation.
- Month of April: 396 volunteer hours worked. Griggs submitted the Run Report from 4-18 through 5-22 which listed 203 incidents, including – but not limited to...
 - 171 rescue and emergency medical service
 - 9 fires
 - 8 false alarms
- One CFD employee is out on FML (family medical leave).
- Griggs has a BBQ Fest emergency plan, which he explained to the committee.
- Griggs also reported on the Broadmeadow Apartment fire stating he has never seen the unity of the community as he did at this incident, where citizens broke a second story window to get in and rescue people. Nick Bland, Aaron Hall, and Quintin Weathers worked together to get up to the second story window and get one of the children, who was trapped in the burning apartment. They will be recognized at the June 25 meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, as well as at the Unity Rally on June 29. Griggs reported that the children have been released from the hospital and are doing well. Tipton County Fire Chief Jon Piercey was also on the scene and was also able to bring a child out of the apartment.
- Please call the Covington Fire Department for FREE SMOKE ALARMS – they will install them free of charge, as well.
- Griggs included the CARE Report in his documents, which outlined the work of Care Officer Mark Heaston. This included, but is not limited to:
 - 24 Welfare Checks
 - Monthly inspection of fire and medical equipment
 - Attended State Coalition meeting at Tipton County Justice Complex
 - Assisted a live childbirth with C-Shift – mother and child doing well
- CFD is recruiting volunteer firefighters and will start a new class at the end of the summer. Appropriate recruits will undergo several months of training before being used as active volunteers.

Mayor Hanson motioned to accept Chief Griggs' report and Alderwoman Yarbrough seconded. Motion passed.

Chief Lewis stated that two CPD officers had sons on the State Champion Baseball team from Covington High School. Both Officer Tony Ginn and Officer Larry McGarity's sons are part of the CHS championship team. Kyle Ginn's homerun went viral on social media, as well as on ESPN.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm



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 1st. 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. All applications must be received by May 24th at 4pm.

City of Covington Offers On-Line Bill Pay

We have a new payment system to accept your online and pay-by-phone payments. Click the link to make your payments online.

If you would like to call in to make a **TAX payment by phone, you can dial 844-867-1859**, toll free. REMEMBER you must have your receipt number to complete your payment.

To make a **UTILITY payment by phone, you can call 844-876-2911**. You will be asked to enter your account number.

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.



[click here to access our online options](#)



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

TN Department of Labor & Workforce Development Adult Education 844-721-8800
tn.gov/adulteducation

EARN YOUR DIPLOMA FOR FREE!

Earn \$10,000 more per year than those without a High School Diploma

Qualify for 1000 Scholarships, TN Promise, and TN Recognition

Qualify for a new job or promotion

Get Started Today!



Tennessee Adult Education Offers:

- High School Equivalency prep classes during the day, at night, and on the weekends
- Online classes for distance learners
- Basic computer skills
- Workforce Preparation
- Individual and small group instruction
- English classes

© 2014 Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development. All rights reserved. This document is for informational purposes only. For more information, visit tn.gov/adulteducation.

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

Ladies Night Out

Thursday,
June 13th, 2019

5pm - 8:30pm



Historic Covington Square

The Stitching Store

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

They are coming up on their 7th 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
for further details.



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**

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.

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

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
 - C.H. Sullivan
 - Johnetta Yarbrough
- May 30 – June 01 – [BBQ FEST](#) and [CAR SHOW](#)
- June 08 – Tea Time at the Museum – don't miss this! [click here for more information](#)
- June 08 – OBSTACLE COURSE CHALLENGE – [click here for details](#)
- June 13 – New Student Orientation at DSCC – [click here for details](#)
- June 13 – LADIES NIGHT OUT on the SQUARE in COVINGTON! [click here for more info](#)
- June 20 – BUNCO NIGHT! [Click here for more information!](#)



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

[City of Covington](#)

[Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce](#)

[Tipton County](#)

[Covington Sportsplex](#)

[Drug Free Tipton](#)

[Tipton County Schools](#)

[South Tipton Chamber of Commerce](#)

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

[Covington Aquatic Center](#)

[Tipton County Museum](#)

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

The City of Covington is an Equal Opportunity Employer



TENNESSEE'S HAD ENOUGH

Sponsored by TDOT and Keep Tennessee Beautiful

[REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING](#)



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



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

Real. Life. Solutions.™

UTEXTENSION
INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE
AN AGENCY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE
STATE UNIVERSITY
Center of Excellence



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

It's
BUNCO
TIME!

Baked
Potato
Bar



Door
Prizes

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE CARL PERKINS CENTER
THURSDAY, JUNE 20TH @ 6:00 PM

\$20 PER PERSON

RESTORATION CHURCH

60 SOUTH MAIN STREET, MUNFORD

CALL THE CENTER TO REGISTER 901-476-1515





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

facebook.

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

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

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

Revised 08/09/2018

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:

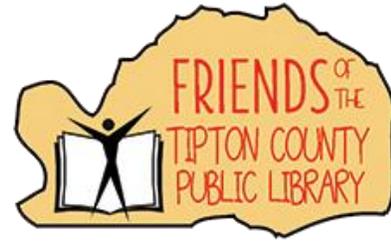
Visit: www.cis.tennessee.edu

Email: CISregistration@tennessee.edu

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.



June is PACKED with fun, educational, and exciting events at the library – CHECK THIS OUT...

TWEEN MAKERSPACE



AGES 8-13

WEDNESDAYS
June & JULY
2:00 PM

TIPTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
3149 Hwy 51 S. Bldg C
Covington, TN 38019
901-476-8289
www.tiptoncountylibrary.com



JUNE 6, 2019 @ 10:00AM

MAGIC MR. NICK

ALL AGES

TIPTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
3149 HWY 51 S. BLDG C
COVINGTON, TN 38019
476-8289
tiptoncountylibrary.com




Mr. Bonds & the Science Guys

ALL AGES

June 13 @ 10:00 AM

TIPTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
3149 HWY 51 S. BLDG C
COVINGTON, TN 38019
476-8289
tiptoncountylibrary.com



STORYTIME: DONUTS WITH DAD



JUNE 15th 10:00 AM

TIPTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
3149 HWY 51 S. BLDG C
COVINGTON, TN 38019
901-476-8289
www.tiptoncountylibrary.com



BOOK CLUB



BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE FRONT DESK FOR CHECK-OUT

June 18th & July 16th @ 1:00 PM





Teen Advisory Board
Ages 12-18



TAB is a group of teens ages 12-18, who meet once a month to help plan teen activities, programs, and volunteer at the library.

Please call the library at 476-8289 for more information.

May 30th @ 5:00 PM
June 26th @ 3:30
June 31st @ 3:30

JOIN TODAY!



BIRDS OF PREY

Presented by Ft. Pillow and Reelfoot State Parks

JUNE 27th
@ 10:00 AM

TIPTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
3149 HWY 51 S. BLDG C
COVINGTON, TN 38019
901-476-8289
TIPTONCOUNTYLIBRARY.COM



Story Time in the Park

Cobb-Parr Memorial Park
Covington, Tennessee

Join us for an outdoor story time experience.
Stories will be read near the playground.
All are welcome to attend!

10:00-10:30AM

June 18th

June 25th

July 2nd

July 9th



[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
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**





TIPTON COUNTY
M·U·S·E·U·M
VETERANS MEMORIAL
NATURE CENTER

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

(901) 476-0242



TIPTON COUNTY
M·U·S·E·U·M
VETERANS MEMORIAL
NATURE CENTER

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,
Veterans Memorial & Nature
Center



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



A Special Thanks to Our Program Sponsors:

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4840
Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary Unit 116
Woodmen Life, Neil Bringle

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



