

## From the Mayor's Desk

## *Thoughts and perceptions from Mayor Justin Hanson*

### *Hello Friends and Neighbors!*

It is very disheartening to work so hard to bring about positive change, institute best practices, and improve living conditions in our neighborhoods and then have a shooting take place that tarnishes the reputation of the town for everybody. I just don't know what to think about people who take to the streets in vigilante justice with deadly weapons to settle a dispute of some kind or another. To add insult to injury, victims and witnesses will not divulge information to the police – the very entity we pay, train, equip, and depend on to provide and implement justice. In this latest incident, we are offering a cash reward for witnesses who bring forth information we can use to prosecute those responsible for this ridiculous violence. While this and previous such acts are targeted to specific individuals, and not random acts of violence, it is still unacceptable, unlawful, disgraceful, and senseless acts that destroy property and indeed can bring bodily harm to people – including innocent children and bystanders. It is absolutely repugnant and offensive behavior that we will prosecute to the fullest extent of the law. But, we need help with this. While we are growing our police force, increasing our training budget, and putting more officers on the streets at peak hours, clearly they are not all knowing and omnipotent. We need the eyes and ears of this community to share information. If you see something that seems strange, something that is not just right, something that alarms you – REPORT IT! We have a fine tuned constitution and set of laws in our state and city designed to keep us safe – and a well-trained, and well equipped police department (and sheriff's department) prepared to enforce these laws and defend us. We must call on everybody to assist in this effort so these men and women can do their jobs! We enforce laws to ensure beer is not sold to underage people, we enforce traffic laws to ensure people are safe on our roadways, and we patrol our neighborhoods to ensure safe practices are taking place. But, when someone decides to engage in illegal activity, we must be informed, we must be able to gather information, and we must be able to thwart this illegal and dangerous activity and prosecute those who break the law and endanger the lives of others. If you see a strange vehicle driving around again and again – write down the license plate number and report it; If you see strange activity at the house down the street – report it; If you hear loud music or shouting around the corner – report it; If you see folks crammed into the back of a truck – report it; If you hear squealing tires or gun shots – report it. Don't take chances – let the police get involved and do the work they are trained to do. Let the troublemakers know we are sticking together here in Covington and not going to allow these shenanigans. If you have security cameras – keep them activated and share the information from those cameras with police. Right now, there is a \$2500 reward for information leading to arrests in the shooting incident on South College. If you know something, please call 901-569-7313 or 901-275-9003. We want to take EVERY means possible to stop violent behavior in our beautiful, quiet, peaceful city. We are working diligently to keep this place clean, safe, and bring about changes that improve the quality of life for EVERYBODY. We have a dedicated staff working to implement positive change, and we will continue to push for the best in protection, services, activities, and opportunities. Be a part of this progress and be proud of your efforts to team up with us. Join us in Frazier Park Saturday for UNITY in the COMMUNITY rally and get to know your police officers. These are people who are trained and equipped to **serve and protect us** – help them do just that. You may be able to earn a monetary reward for your information, and certainly you will help create a safer Covington for all of us!

*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

### **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**



## **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 – we are your HOME TOWN place for all things aquatic! For more 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](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](http://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.



- **KNOW** our codes and ordinances about **FIREWORKS!** Don't risk any problems! *click the sign at left for more information.*
- It's **THE LAW** – as of July 1, the State of Tennessee will enforce a new law about using your cell phone while driving. [click here for details](#)
- As of July 1, 2019, Covington City Hall will **close** at 4:30 pm daily. We offer online bill pay, automatic bank draft pay, and more options. Let us know if you have questions!

## Covington Firefighters Completed Advanced Training



Congratulations to Covington Fire Department staff Firefighter Gene Coltrane (above) for completing the Basic EMT Course and Firefighter Clay Max (right) for completing the Paramedic Course.



## Covington Fire Department Seeking Volunteers



[click on the picture above to learn about becoming a volunteer firefighter](#)

## Firefighter Ed Moss Sworn in as Lieutenant



Chief Richard Griggs swore in longtime firefighter Ed Moss as a lieutenant with the Covington Fire Department at the June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting of Board of Mayor and Aldermen. Moss's family and friends from the CFD were on hand for the event.

## PARKS AND RECREATION:

### 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!

### **Nature Camp at Museum – Learning through Exploration**



## **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](#)

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COVINGTON AND TIPTON COUNTY](#)



# **Finance and Administration Approves People Helping People Fund to Delta Human Resources for Utility Assistance**

The Finance and Administration Committee held their regular monthly meeting at City of Covington on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. with the following members present: Chairman Alderman C H Sullivan, Mayor Justin Hanson, Aldermen: Danny Wallace, Johnetta Yarbrough, Minnie Bommer, and Keith Phelps. Also present were Building Official Lessie Fisher, Police Chief Buddy Lewis, Public Works Director David Gray, Personnel Director Tiny Rose, Fire Chief Richard Griggs, Parks and Recreation Director Joe Mack, GIS/IT Coordinator Nic Shaw, and Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn.

Chairman Alderman C H Sullivan called the meeting to order at 4:00 with a quorum present.

Mayor Hanson began discussion on the 2018 Multimodal Access Grant Application. This grant is 95% state share with a 5% match from the City. The application was presented for Phase II for the Highway 51 Connector. The primary focus of this project is providing multimodal connections and pedestrian path improvements along Highway 51. This proposed project will begin at Lanny Bridges Road and end on Mueller Brass Road at the South Fire Station. The total amount of funded requested is \$998,276.00. The city match will be approximately \$50,000.00.

Motion was made by Alderman C H Sullivan and seconded by Alderwoman Minnie Bommer to submit the Multimodal Access Grant Application. Motion passed.

Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn began discussion on the People Helping People Fund. This fund was created in November, 2005 when the City partnered with Delta Human Resource Agency to provide assistance to customers with high gas bills. There are approximately 58 customers donating \$1.00 per month to this program. The account balance is \$16,841.00.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Minnie Bommer and seconded by Alderman Keith Phelps to send the People Helping People balance to Delta Human Resource Agency with the stipulation the funds are used for City of Covington Gas & Water customers. Motion passed.

Building Official Lessie Fisher began discussion on fireworks ordinance. There have been applications submitted for the sale of fireworks. These applications are not complete at this time, but applicants will be contacted to make them aware they have to complete applications by Friday, June 21, 2019. It was noted there will be disciplinary actions if the Fireworks Ordinance is not followed. This can include fines and the confiscation of fireworks. [Read ALL Covington codes, including fireworks ordinance.](#)

Discussion began on the proposed 2019-20 budget. The third and final reading of the 2019-20 budget will be at the Covington Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting on June 25, 2019.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

# Public Safety Committee Discussed Fireworks, Officer Training, and Unity in the Community Rally

The Public Safety Committee held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at Covington City Hall at 4:00 pm. Present were Chairman Alderman Keith Phelps, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Alderman Jeff Morris, Alderman C.H. Sullivan, Alderman Danny Wallace, Alderwoman Jhonna Yarbrough, Mayor Justin Hanson, Assistant to the Mayor Sara Gangaware, and Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn. Also present were IT-GIS Coordinator Nic Shaw, Echo Day from The Leader, and Rebecca Ray. Chairman Phelps called the meeting to order at 4:00 with a quorum present and called on Police Chief Buddy Lewis to make his report.

Chief Lewis:

- Chief Lewis thanked all the aldermen and mayor for their support during his tenure as Chief of Police in Covington. He stated he is forever grateful to Mayor Gordon for calling him for this position and for Mayor Hanson's continued support as well as that from all the aldermen for whom he has worked. He stated he will continue to do his job until his resignation takes place on or before September 1, 2019.
- New hires – trying to complete the hiring process for two new certified officers.
- BBQ Fest wrap-up – no major incidences reported. CPD had officers on duty and visible at the event throughout, and Lewis reported the operation was successful.
- CPD plans to have saturation on July 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm to 1:00 am. CPD will have additional officers working that day and will pay overtime for them to be on duty to monitor the streets and keep everyone safe. The saturation will be a full scale operation.
- City of Covington has a [fireworks ordinance](#) and that will be enforced. Fireworks are only allowed from 12:01 am on July 4<sup>th</sup> until midnight. CPD will not allow any fireworks to be shot before or after July 4<sup>th</sup> and will also respond to any reports of fireworks being shot at people, vehicles, homes or other forms of private property at any time, including July 4<sup>th</sup>. Lewis stated he wishes we wouldn't even sell them so soon before the holiday, and stated they are already responding to calls accordingly. He encouraged all citizens to familiarize themselves with the fireworks ordinance in Covington and comply accordingly.
- New State Law will go into effect July 1 which relates to the use of cell phones while driving. Chief Lewis refers everyone to [www.handsfreetn.com](http://www.handsfreetn.com). To read the law, search [TCA 55-8-199](#)
- Unity in the Community rally from 10:00 – noon Saturday (June 29) in Frazier Park in Covington. **Everyone in the CITY of Covington is invited and urged to attend.** The point of the event is to bridge the gap between the community and the police – the public servants who depend on the public for reporting and information. Lewis thanked Alderwoman Yarbrough and Chief Bass and Lt. McGarity for organizing the event and stressed how important it is to have these good relations within the community. He encourages everyone to attend and get to know our officers and develop personal and professional relationships that will help keep all of us safe.
- Update on South College Street shooting – matter is still under investigation, so Lewis was not able to give much information. However, he did state this was a targeted incident that the TBI is investigating, one of the individuals in the house was involved in a prior shooting incident in Covington, and the victims involved have stated that they believe it is retaliation. Lewis talked about what a shame it is that this kind of behavior put children in the house and others in the neighborhood in harm's way. One child was transported to the hospital in non-critical condition. There is a \$2500 reward for information that will lead to an arrest in this case.
- May statistics:
  - 108 Arrests
  - 94 citations
  - 2103 calls responded to
  - 4 gun seized

Alderman Sullivan motioned to accept Chief Lewis's report and Alderwoman Yarbrough seconded. Motion passed. Chairman Phelps then called on Chief Richard Griggs of the Covington Fire Department for his report.

Chief Griggs:

- Edward Moss will be sworn in at Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting as a Lieutenant with the Covington Fire Department.
  - Chief Griggs and others with CFD attended DSCC EMS graduation where Clay Max graduated as paramedic, and Gene Coltrane earned EMT.
  - ISO grading on June 11 was a long, tedious process, but was a good, comprehensive visit. Griggs anticipates positive results from this evaluation.
  - 331 volunteer hours were worked in the Month of May, 2019. CFD is seeking volunteers and encourages all interested to apply for the program through <http://volunteerfiretn.org>
  - Run Report: 154 incidences were responded to by the CFD from May 22 – June 19, 2019, which included...
    - 48 rescue, EMS incidences
    - 42 Emergency Medical Services
    - 19 Medical assistance
    - 4 motor vehicle accidents with injury
    - 2 building fires
  - Glen Travis has returned from FML and is doing well.
  - Three individuals will be honored tonight at Board meeting for stepping up as citizens to save lives in a local apartment fire. Nick Bland, Quinten Weathers, and Aaron Hall all went into a burning apartment and helped get people out, including young children. CFD is honored to acknowledge their bravery.
  - There is a pond behind the North Fire Station, and the CFD is posting signs around this area to keep people out, as it is a private area and not for public use.
  - CFD will host officer training in October at DSCC, with Board approval. This will be for all officers in the CFD and will feature Dr. David Griffin, who is a National speaker about fire services. Volunteer firefighters will also participate, and the money raised will go through the Volunteer Firefighters Association, which will be used toward training.
- Alderman Sullivan motioned to approve this project and Alderwoman Yarbrough seconded. Alderwoman Bommer asked if all local firefighters will be invited, and Chief Griggs stated this is open to the public and for all firefighters in West Tennessee. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken and the motion passed.
- Fire Chief Assessments will take place tomorrow for 4 candidates for the fire chief position.
  - Drivers' promotional process was posted on June 19<sup>th</sup> – individuals interested can now apply for this.
  - CARE report was included in committee's packet.
  - Smoke alarms are available and **FREE**. Please let CFD know if you want smoke alarms.
  - Volunteers are being recruited – please go to [volunteerfiretn.org](http://volunteerfiretn.org) and register for this opportunity.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:38 pm.

## City Honors Citizens who Saved Lives

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen, Covington Fire Department, and Tipton County Fire Chief Jon Piercy united behind the heroic efforts of Nick Bland, Quinten Weathers, and Aaron Hall who went into an apartment fire and saved children.



Nick Bland (upper left) and Quinten Weathers (upper right) received plaques and support & recognition from firefighters and the Board of Mayor and Aldermen for their heroic efforts in saving the lives of children from an apartment fire at Broadmeadow Apartments last month. Aaron Hall also assisted in the rescues, but was unable to attend the Board Meeting. Mr. Hall received his commendation at Covington City Hall (below).





**June 29, 2019  
Frazier Park  
412 Long Ave. Covington, TN 38019  
10:00-12:00**

In the wake of recent incidents, concerned citizens have expressed a need to bridge the gap between our community and local law enforcement. The ultimate goal is to reshape our community by reducing crime and mending broken relationships. On June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019, community leaders will kick off this quest with 'Unity in the Community', a peaceful day of food, fellowship, information, music, and fun. More importantly, this event is an urgent attempt to unite our neighborhoods and make them safe again. The entire city is invited to celebrate. Community partners are also encouraged to attend.

We invite you to Unity in the Community to share your expertise with us. We are convinced that your personal, spiritual, or educational journey can be used to inspire others. Please join us in this effort by setting up a booth to promote peace or donating to the cause.

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

Respectfully,

*Alderwoman Johnetta Yarbrough*

# Seminar hosted by BancorpSouth



BancorpSouth will host a

## Homebuyer SEMINAR

Saturday, June 29 | 10:30 am to noon  
Dyersburg State Community College  
3149 Highway 51 South | Covington, TN

*During the seminar you will learn:*

- How to build / repair your credit score
- What incentives are available to homebuyers
- What programs are available to veterans & special needs buyers
- The roles of real estate agents and lenders in the homebuying process
- How much you can afford on your present income
- The importance of a home inspection and home maintenance
- The need for Mortgage Insurance and Home Insurance and their differences

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To register or for more info contact:  
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**DATE: Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**TIME: 2:00-5:00 PM**

**PLACE: City of Covington City Hall  
200 West Washington Street**

**CONTACT: Ms. Sara Gangaware**

[sgangaware@covingtontn.com](mailto:sgangaware@covingtontn.com)

[click here to make appointment](#)

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## Mayor Hanson Swears in New Chamber Board

Mayor Justin Hanson sworn in the Executive Board and new Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors at their June meeting at Covington Country Club.



Executive Board Members sworn in are L-R Willie Mae Chaney, David Gwinn, and Lisa Keith



New Chamber Board members are Will McGowan, Diane Honeycutt, Benton Lindsey, Jere Mason, Rosie Hughey, Judson Naifeh, William Wooten, Dino Grisanti, David Quinn, and Verna Adams.

***Congratulations and Thank You for serving our community!***

# 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 – 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**

	<b>Fourth of July</b> <i>Celebration on the Square</i>	<b>9:00 - 10:30 AM</b> LIBERTY AVENUE ON THE <b>SQUARE</b>
<b>CHILDREN'S PARADE AND TCCA LINE DANCERS</b>		SPONSORED BY THE TIPTON ARTS COUNCIL INC. AND DEBRA MOODY
<b>For more information - Contact Barbara Flowers McBride, (901) 237-4006</b>	<b>MUSIC =</b> JIM HARDIN AUSTIN MASON DION CHRISMAN THE TIPTON COUNTY COMMUNITY CHORUS	

I-CARE Ministries at St. Luke Church combined with the Boys and Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region to Honor Public Works Employees  
Lunch was served, high fives given, and much love and appreciation was shown to the workers in Public Works from the participants in I-CARE and BGCHRR



Court Square Farmers Market  
**NOW OPEN!**

<b>Tuesday</b> 8am-2pm	<b>EST. 2010</b> <b>COURT SQUARE FARMERS MARKET</b> COVINGTON TENNESSEE	<b>May-November</b>
<b>Thursday</b> Noon-6pm		 follow the WATER TOWER
<b>Saturday</b> 8am-2pm		117 N. Main St.



# CONGRATULATIONS TO CHS HOSA

The Covington High School's Chapter of [Health Occupation Students of America](#) attended the [HOSA International Convention](#) in Orlando, Florida and put us on the map! HOSA's Medical Reserve Team (Tucker Roach, Ellie Naifeh, Madi Maxwell, Melea Edmonds, Zoe Antrican) placed in the Top 10 at this International Conference. The Health Education team (Jalen Faulk, Maddie Smith, Kaleigh Easley, & Jessie True) took the 2nd place award. Also, HOSA Member Ella James McCalla received the International Recognition for HOSA Happenings! Special thanks to HOSA Sponsors Jennifer Downing and Tab McDivitt for your mentorship of these students.



*Ella James McCalla*



*Medical Reserve Team*



*Health Education Team*

# DSCC Honor Society Planning Golf Tournament

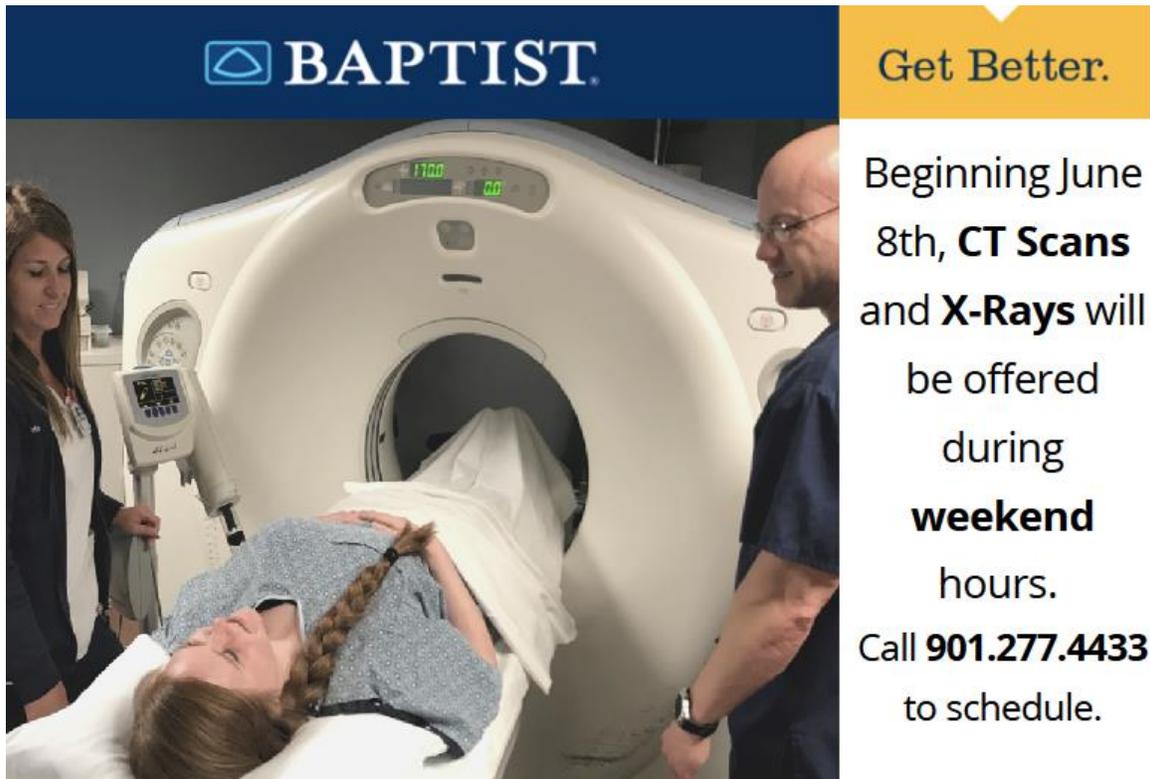
*Participants could win \$1 million, free rounds of golf and more!*

Dyersburg State Community College is set to host the 2019 Honor Society “Go for the Green” Golf Tournament Saturday afternoon, **July 27**, at the **Covington Country Club**. The DSCC Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society is sponsoring this event with proceeds benefiting PTK activities and program needs. The tournament will begin with a shotgun start at noon.

In addition to the traveling trophy, participants have the chance to win cash prizes in various contests including a putting contest, a hole-in-one contest, a longest drive contest and a closest-to-the-pin contest. There will be an opportunity for the top two winners of the closest-to-the-pin contest to win **\$1 million** by hitting a hole-in-one. Door prizes will be awarded at the end of the tournament.

The cost for a team of four is \$400 and includes a catered lunch beginning at 11 a.m. Cash prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place teams in two flights. Teams are welcome to bring their own carts; however, carts are available to rent for \$40 per team. Cart rentals must be reserved before the event by contacting Brigham Scallion at 901-475-3119 or [scallion@dsc.edu](mailto:scallion@dsc.edu).

Registration forms are available at the DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County, the Covington Country Club and inside the Eller Administration Building on the Dyersburg campus. They are also available electronically at [www.dsc.edu](http://www.dsc.edu) or by contacting Brigham Scallion at 901-475-3119 or [scallion@dsc.edu](mailto:scallion@dsc.edu).

The advertisement features a central photograph of a patient lying on a table inside a CT scanner. A female medical professional stands to the left, and a male medical professional stands to the right. The patient is wearing a blue hospital gown and has a white blanket covering her. The CT scanner is white with a large circular opening. Above the photo is a dark blue banner with the Baptist logo and the word "BAPTIST" in white. To the right of the photo is a yellow banner with the text "Get Better." Below the photo, the text reads: "Beginning June 8th, CT Scans and X-Rays will be offered during weekend hours. Call 901.277.4433 to schedule." The entire advertisement is framed by a dark blue border at the top and bottom.

1995 HIGHWAY 51 SOUTH | COVINGTON, TN | 38019

## Police Chief Buddy Lewis Named Lions Club President



Covington Police Chief Buddy Lewis (R) accepted the role of President of the Covington Lions Club from out-going President W.T. Bailey.

# Leave fireworks to the experts.

**Reduce the risk of injury or property damage by attending a professional fireworks display!**

**Avoid potential injury:**

Fireworks injuries, by body part:

Eye 19%	Head, face 19%
Hand, Arm 41%	Other 11%
Leg 10%	

Males accounted for almost three-quarters (74%) of all fireworks related injuries.

**Nearly one in three (26%) people injured by fireworks were under the age of 15.**

**Since 2013, fireworks have caused over \$1 million in property damage in Tennessee.**

**Avoid property damage:**

Property Damage Caused By Fireworks in TN

2015	2016
\$48,750	\$225,952

All statistics and information are from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS), and the Tennessee State Fire Marshal's Office.

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Since 2013, fireworks have caused over \$1,000,000 in property damages in Tennessee *alone!* That doesn't take into account the personal injuries that are inflicted. The City of Covington has clear codes regarding the use of fireworks. [Click here](#) to make sure you are informed before you participate in any fireworks activities. The Covington Police Department will be monitoring fireworks use over the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday. It is highly recommended that people enjoy professional fireworks displays rather than personal use. Also, several kinds of fireworks have been RECALLED due to safety hazards. [Click here](#) to read about that and do not use these products. Action News 5 in Memphis issued [this warning](#) about fireworks. Vanderbilt Children's Hospital stated simply that fireworks and children don't mix! [Read about that here.](#) According to the National Fire Protection Association, fireworks start an average of 18,500 fires a year and cause an average of \$43 million in direct property damage. Please use extreme caution when enjoying holiday celebrations and leave fireworks to the professionals – see below!

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FIREWORKS CELEBRATION!



**JUNE 30 7:00pm - 9pm**  
2105 Highway 59 South, Covington



LOCALLY OWNED FOOD TRUCKS AVAILABLE  
*please bring cash to purchase*

MIDSOUTH BBQ



Food,  
Fellowship  
&  
Fireworks

EL TORO TACO TRUCK



KEE'S COOL CREAM



Bring a lawn  
chair  
and a friend!

THE SNO COTTAGE



FIREWORKS START AT DUSK

GET INVOLVED – BE PART OF THE PROCESS!

## NEW CHAMBER AMBASSADOR CLUB

### YOU'RE INVITED...

To an informational session at 5PM Monday, July 8th at  
106 West Liberty Avenue, Covington.



*Learn about this new and exciting program, have all your questions answered  
and sign up to get involved and have fun giving back to the community!*  
**REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED. RSVP BY FRIDAY JULY 5<sup>TH</sup>.**

## TIPTON COUNTY YOUNG TALENT



### 7:30-9AM, FRIDAY JULY 12th

Join us in room C104 at the Jimmy Naifeh Center of DSCC for our next Tipton County Young Talent session. Breakfast will be available! We will hear from guest speaker [Brandi Jo Middleton](#) (Mrs. Tennessee International candidate) about her five points to confidence and discuss our schedule for the remainder of the 2019 calendar year! Mark your calendar and join the coolest 40's and under group in Tipton County!

Be sure to bring a friend!

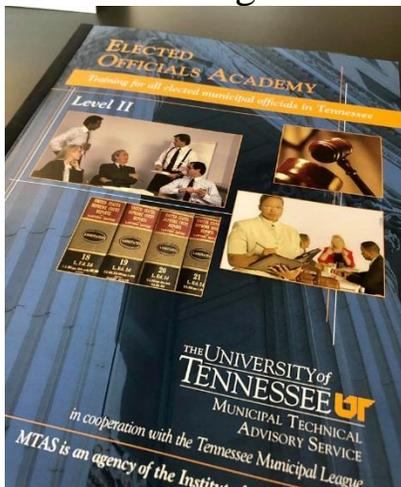
## *Tipton County Health Department Wears Blue for Men's Health Week.*

On June 14, 2019, the Tipton County health Department Staff wore blue to recognize Men's Health Week. The purpose of Men's Health Week is to increase awareness of preventable health problems, encourage early detection and treatment of disease among men and boys. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 12% of adult men in the United States are in poor or fair health. This National Health Observance gives the community an opportunity to encourage men and boys to take care of their health by getting regular scheduled exams, asking their doctors questions and treating their illnesses in order to live longer and healthier lives.





## Covington Elected Officials Attended Conferences



Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) sponsored the [Elected Officials Academy](#) for municipal elected officials, which Mayor Hanson and Alderman Danny Wallace attended. Alderwoman Minnie Bommer attended the [TML Annual Conference](#) that followed. Both were hosted in Downtown Memphis, TN.





## **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**



## LOCAL JOB OPPORTUNITY

Are you looking for a sweet career?

Sugaright may be just what you are looking for.



Sugaright Covington is a major supplier of Sucrose (liquid sugar). We are recipients of the TOSHA Governor's Award of Safety Excellence, the companies Platinum Award for Safety, 90F Certified, Bonsucro Certified, Kosher Certified, Non GMO Certified, and a drug free facility. We are currently accepting resumes for:

### Tech 1 Entry Level Position

Reasons to apply:

Privately owned	Medical Benefits 2 <sup>nd</sup> to None
Job Security – No Lay-offs	401(k) with Company Match up to 4%
Career Opportunities	Family-like Working Environment
Education Assistance	Positive Team Based Atmosphere

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

[dmatthews@sugaright.com](mailto:dmatthews@sugaright.com)

Sugaright LLC  
4000 Hwy 51 North  
Covington, TN 38019

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## SHARE YOUR SMALL BUSINESS STORY



We're looking for the best privately-owned businesses in America and you, the entrepreneurs behind it all.

Become an Entrepreneur 360™ company so we can celebrate your grit, passion and success in front of the world.

The 2019 Entrepreneur 360 List will be published on [entrepreneur.com](http://entrepreneur.com) in October 2019 and top companies will be featured in the Oct/Nov 2019 print edition of *Entrepreneur* magazine.

Your business must be a privately owned, U.S. based company and cannot be a franchisee or franchisor.

## 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
  - Keith Phelps, Chairman
  - C.H. Sullivan
  - Johnetta Yarbrough
- June 29 – UNITY in the COMMUNITY event in Frazier Park – EVERYONE IS INVITED! [click here for info](#)
- SATRUDAYS in JULY – OPEN STUDIO at the MUSEUM. [click here for info](#)
- July 02 – BLOOD DRIVE at COVINGTON CITY HALL – 2:00 – 5:00. [click here to make your appointment!](#)
- July 04 – FOURTH of JULY celebration on the Covington Square! [click here for details](#)
- July 12 – AQUAMAN movie shown at Covington Aquatic Center – call 901-476-9178 or 476-3734 for details
- July 18 – New Student Orientation at DSCC in Covington. [click for details](#)
- July 19 – BACK TO SCHOOL FEST – Covington High gym...[click here to learn more](#)
- July 19 – SPIDERMAN: Into the Spiderverse movie shown at Baltzer Field in Cobb-Parr Park. Call 476-3734
- July 27 – DSCC Golf Tournament at Covington Country Club. [click here to learn more](#)
- September 28 – [Covington Heritage Festival](#)



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

[City of Covington](#)

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

[Tipton County](#)

[Covington Sportsplex](#)

[Drug Free Tipton](#)

[Tipton County Schools](#)

[South Tipton Chamber of Commerce](#)

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

[Covington Aquatic Center](#)

[Tipton County Museum](#)

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

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Sponsored by TDOT and Keep Tennessee Beautiful

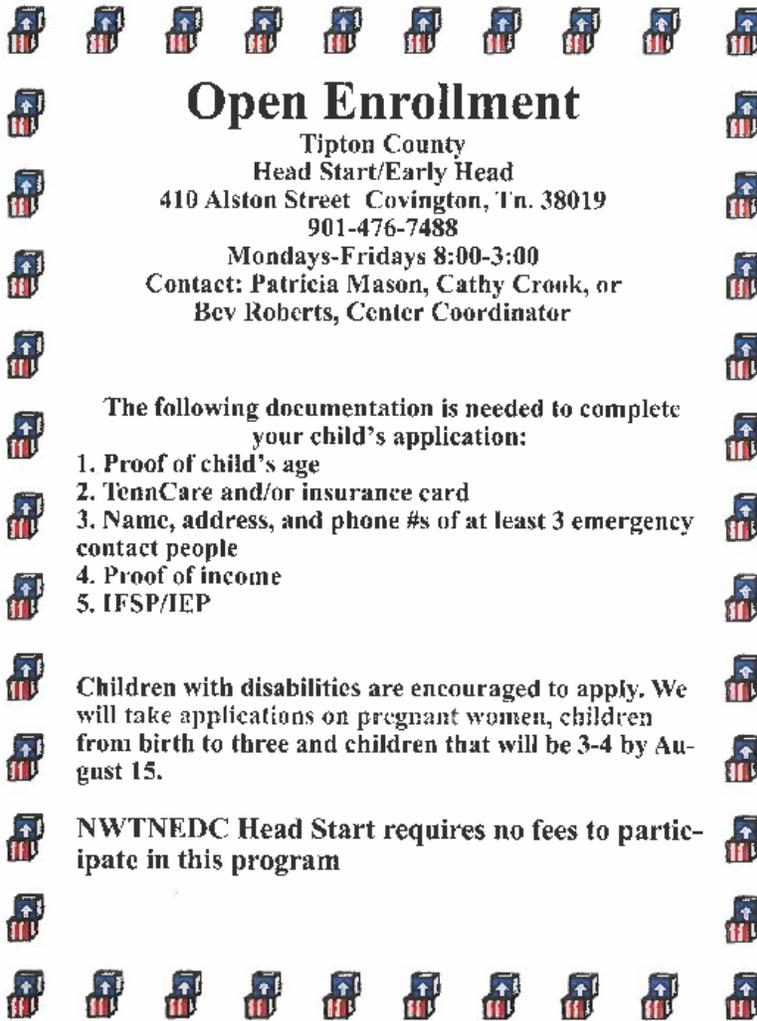
[REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING](#)

# Hamburgers for Heroes

Neil Bringle of Woodmen Life cooked hamburgers for local public safety personnel at Cobb-Parr Park in Covington. Members of the Boys and Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region assisted.



Members of the Covington Fire Department, Tipton County Sheriff's Department, and the Tipton County Fire Chief were among the public safety employees who enjoyed Hamburgers for Heroes.



**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

[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](http://www.cis.tennessee.edu)  
 Email: [CIRegistration@tennessee.edu](mailto:CIRegistration@tennessee.edu)

## Municipal Judge Beth Ziarko Retires



After serving the people of Covington as municipal judge since 1993, Beth Ziarko (L) received farewell wishes from Municipal Court Clerk Carolyn Scott. Barney Witherington has been named as new Municipal Judge and will assume duties immediately.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**COVINGTON TOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

*heritage festival*



JOIN US FOR  
*food, music, tours & arts & crafts market*

**COVINGTON TN**

9AM - 4PM  
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28th  
Historic Covington Square

FOR MORE DETAILS VISIT:  
[WWW.COVINGTON-TIPTONCOCHAMBER.COM/EVENTS](http://WWW.COVINGTON-TIPTONCOCHAMBER.COM/EVENTS)

# Tipton County 4-H June Newsletter



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](mailto:brigpass@utk.edu)

## Congratulations Wildlife Judging Team



Tipton County had a total of six youth participants coached by volunteer leader Jake Yoes a TWRA Agent and UT/TSU Extension Agent Brigitte Passman. Team members learned how to determine wildlife management practices needed for a given situation, how to match foods to the different species of wildlife, and how to match the different habitats used by each species of wildlife.

Our junior team consisted of Hannah Jones, Anna Jones, and Bradley Cobb who placed 1<sup>st</sup> in their division. Anna Jones received highest scoring individual and Hannah Jones placed 7<sup>th</sup> highest scoring individual. Our junior high team placed 6<sup>th</sup> within their division and consisted of team members Ashlynn Watkins, Kateri Fritz, and Christen Lemons. Kateri Fritz received fifth highest scoring individual in her division.

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 opportunities in program and employment.

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INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE  
AN ARS INSTITUTION

**TENNESSEE**  
State University  
Cooperative Extension



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



# Movies in the Park

- May 23- Covington- Sports Complex (Ralph Breaks the Internet)
- June 13- Covington- Baltzer Field (Mary Poppins)
- June 16- Munford- Centennial Park (Daddy Day Care)
- June 21- Atoka- Nancy Lane (A Dog's Way Home)
- July 12- Covington Aquatic Center (Aquaman)
- July 19- Covington- Frazier Field (Spiderman: Into the Spider Verse)
- July 26- Atoka Splash Pad (How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World )
- Aug. 6- Covington- Frazier Field (Incredibles 2)

## SPONSORS:



FREE admission

FREE popcorn and drinks

Movies begin at dark

Bring your blankets, bean bags, and lawn chairs and join us for great family fun!



**BACK TO  
SCHOOL  
FEST**



**2019**

**Sponsored by:**

**Tipton County Community Advisory Board**

**TIPTON COUNTY...**

**Come get your FOOD and SCHOOL SUPPLIES!**

**JULY 19**

**Covington High School Gym**

**10:00 – 1:00**

**For additional information, please contact:**

**Doris Frazier, Tipton County Health Department, 901-476-0235 ext 143**

**Diane Wynn, Children & Family Services – 901-476-2364**

**Barbara Bond, DCS Resource Linkage Coordinator – 731-431-4064**

**Earnestine Walk – TCCAB Memberr – 901-619-1409**

**EACH CHILD MUST BE PRESENT AND ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT TO RECEIVE  
FREE SCHOOL SUPPLIES.**



## 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

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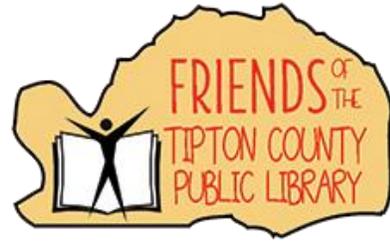
**Randstad comes to the American Jobs Center in Covington every other Monday from 8:00 – 4:00 p.m. for interviews and applications. AJC is located right behind PIZZA HUT in Covington.**

**GED TRAINING/TESTING AVAILABLE!**

[Click here for details.](#)

**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.



**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

**BOOK CLUB**

BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE FRONT DESK FOR CHECK-OUT

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

**T A B**

**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. 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**



## The Tipton County Museum

Presents

## Open Studio

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

**When: Saturdays in July, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**July 6, 13, 20, & 27, 2019**

**Where: Tipton County Museum**

**751 Bert Johnston Avenue, Covington, TN**

**Fee: FREE!!!**

Bring your art/craft supplies, bring your friends, and enjoy a day of creativity at the Tipton County Museum. Coffee & refreshments will be served all day. See you there!





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  
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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.





The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center

Presents a Four Week Art Class

## Pablo Picasso: *Life at Its Fullest*

With 2017/2018 Artist in Residence

*Richard Reed*

Pablo Picasso was known for his many periods in art history, including cubism and surrealism. During this four week course, Richard Reed will lecture about this famous artist, and lead the class in recreating four of Picasso's famous paintings, each from one of his different phases. Artists may paint in the medium of their choice and will provide their own supplies. No previous art experience required.

When: Tuesday Evenings, 6 to 8 p.m., August 27, September 3, 17, & 24, 2019

Where: Tipton County Museum, 751 Bert Johnston Avenue, Covington, TN

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

Tipton County Museum

751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN 38019

(901) 476-0242



## Summer Campers get Special Treat



Ranger Ryan from Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park and Rangers Robbie and Tyson from Ft. Pillow State Park brought some live animals and other organic material / animal artifacts from our local wildlife areas to share with the children in Nature Camp.



## Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center



### *Veteran of the Month* June 2019 **Fred W. Bray Jr.**

The Tipton County Museum Veteran of the Month for June, 2019, is Fred Walker Bray, Jr. Fred was born on February 16, 1954, in Caruthersville, Missouri, and moved to Tipton County in 1967. One week after graduating from Covington High School in 1972, he got married, and a week after that he was at Parris Island, South Carolina, for Marine Corps Reserves Basic Training. Fred felt a strong need to serve his country as his father was part of the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division and part of the occupational forces in Japan.



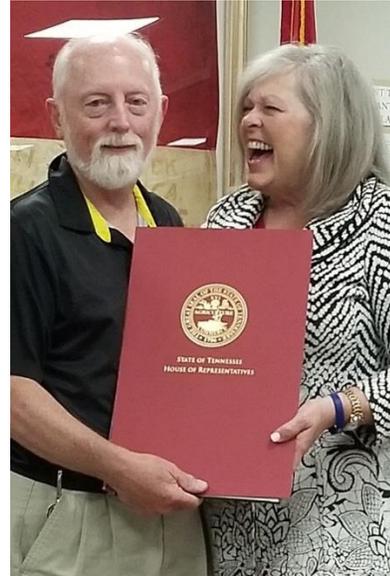
During his time in the Marine Corps Reserves, Fred worked with the A-4E Skyhawk planes - first as a mechanic, then as a plane captain. During this time his daughter Nicki Lee Bray Miller was born. As a young man with a family, he wanted to learn skills that would be readily transferred to the private sector after serving his country. With no opportunity for a different job classification with the Marine Corps, he looked to the Air Force, which guaranteed him a job as an air conditioning and refrigeration specialist. After spending four years in the Marine Corps Reserves, he joined the Air Force in 1976, hoping for a better life for him and his family. He attended Air Force Basic Training at Lackland Air Force Base, later describing Air Force basic training as “more genteel” than Marine Corps basic training. Because of his previous military service, he was appointed Dorm Chief, and he was affectionately known as “Baby Bird.” He became a Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Specialist and worked in the Mobile Command Centers as was part of the 507<sup>th</sup> Technical Air Command Center out of Sumter, South Carolina. During this time he was blessed with a son, Michael James Bray. Being gone for over a month with each command center activation or deployment was difficult on him and his growing family. Trying to do what was best for all concerned, he chose not to reenlist and received an honorable discharge from the Air Force. He and his family moved back to Tipton County in 1980, and he went to work for the State of Tennessee as an air conditioning mechanic. For his time in the military he was awarded the Rifle Marksmanship badge, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, the Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon, the Air Force Good Conduct Medal, and the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal.

It wasn't long after his first marriage ended that Fred met his second wife, Carol, at the Arlington Developmental Center, where she was working as a nurse. She had two small boys, Matthew and Jason, and in 1983 they all became a family. In 1998 he went to work for the Tennessee Department of Corrections starting as a Facilities Supervisor before being promoted to Facilities Manager. He retired in 2014 after serving a total of 37 ½ years with the State of Tennessee. Sadly, his son Michael passed away at a young age. However, today his daughter Nicki works as an RN at Methodist North Hospital; stepson Jason works in Arlington, Tennessee, at Plasma Coatings; and stepson Matthew lives in Lexington, Tennessee, and is a long distance truck driver. In addition, Fred and Carol have 12 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren, with another one on the way. Fred continues to serve his community. In 2016 he joined the Sons of Confederate Veterans; and he and Carol became Tipton County Master Gardeners that same year. Then in 2017 they both joined the Order of the Confederate Rose and became members of the Tipton County Museum. Fred was nominated for Veteran of the Month by fellow Master Gardener Paula Sweatt.

# Reception Held at Museum honoring June Veteran of the Month Fred Bray



Family, friends, fellow veterans, and girl scouts honored June Veteran of the Month Fred W. Bray, Jr. Left, Kathy Dejarlais of the Tipton County Veterans Council presents Bray with certificates honoring his service in the U.S. Marine Corps. Below, Representative Debra Moody presented a certificate of appreciation.



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## Veteran of the Month Reception

Every 2nd Tuesday Evening at 6:30

751 Bert Johnston Ave.,

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