

City of Covington

Newsletter

July 13 - July 19

# From the Mayor's Desk

## ***Hello Friends and Neighbors!***

Exciting things are happening in our great City!

This week, I had the pleasure of administering the Oaths of Office to several of our new team members. Municipal Judge Barney Witherington, Covington Fire Department Fire Inspector Jason Jenkins, and Property Maintenance, Code Compliance, and Animal Control Officers Jennifer Nolen and Cameron Hall were all sworn in Tuesday afternoon here at City Hall. With each new promotion or addition to our team, the possibilities of what we can do together as a community are limitless.

And speaking of our team, many of our efforts and hard work are evident with several nominations for this year's Leader's Readers' Choice Awards. The Covington Sportsplex was nominated for "Best Fitness Center/Gym"; Cobb Parr Park was nominated not only as "Best Park/ Best Place to Play" but also "Best Place to Have a Birthday Party". The Covington Aquatic Center and Covington Civic Center were also nominated in the "Best Place to Have a Birthday Party" category. The Covington Civic Center was nominated as well for "Best Wedding Venue". The Covington Fire Department's Richard Griggs and Baker McCool were nominated as "Best Firefighter" and "Best EMT" respectively. One of the nominees for "Best Law Enforcement Officer" was the Covington Police Department's own Investigator Tony Doss. Wrapping up this year's nominations, both Music on the Square and the Covington World's Oldest BBQ Fest were nominated as the "Best Place to See Live Music".

Congratulations to Director Joseph Mack and our Parks and Recreation Department, Human Resources Director Tiny Rose and Special Events Coordinator Karen Griffin, Police Chief Buddy Lewis and Interim Fire Chief Richard Griggs for so many nominations from your teams! Sometimes the focus is on what problems we face or what issues need to be addressed, but it is important to celebrate the good and take some time to remember our incredible employees and what wonderful amenities we have to enjoy right here in our own backyard.

We are in mid-summer which means that temperatures are HOT, families are wrapping up their vacations, and Back-to-School preparations are well underway. A short time ago, Fall seemed miles away, but with the first days of school just a few weeks from now, it will come more quickly than we realize.

As always, my door is open and I'm ready and eager to have conversations with you on how to further enhance our City and the way we conduct business.

-Justin



July 15-19 – Parent & Child Aquatic  
Ages 6mos- 3 (5-6PM)  
July 22-26 – Adult Stroke Refinement  
(5-6pm)



Spiderman into the Spider Verse  
July 19 – Frazier Field  
Incredibles 2  
August 6 – Frazier Field



Futsal – July 15-19  
8-12 ages 5-12  
Art – July 22-26  
8-12 Ages 10-18  
Boys Basketball  
July 22-26 Ages 10-16  
Girls Basketball  
July 29<sup>th</sup> – Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Ages 6-12

## Sportsplex Classes

Start Slow  
Covington SPORTSPLEX  
Finish Strong

**SUNDAY** 2:00 – 5:00 PM  
Sportsplex Members Only Basketball

**MONDAY:** 5 AM – 8 PM  
8:30-9:30 AM – Cardio Mix - Pam Stevens  
6:00 – 8:00 PM – Members only Basketball  
5:15 -6 PM – Pound Fitness – Maddie Ray  
6:30 – 7:15PM – TRX – Kristin Weeks  
7:15 -8:00 PM - Zumba – ON HOLD w/Carla

**Tuesday:** 5AM – 8PM  
8:30 – 9:30 AM – Yoga – Jennifer Phillips  
9:30 – 10:30 AM – Spin Bike Group – Leann  
5:00 = 6:00 PM – Zumba – Karina Longstreet  
6:15 – 7:00 PM – Circuit Training  
7:00 – 8:00 PM – Yoga – Jennifer Phillips

**WEDNESDAY** – 5AM – 8PM  
8:30 – 9:30 AM – Cardio Mix - Pam  
6:00 – 8:00 PM – MemberOnly Basketball  
5:30 – 6:15Pm Pound Fitness - Maddie  
6:30 – 7:15 PM – TRX - Kristin  
7:15 -8:00 PM - Zumba – ON HOLD w/Carla

**THURSDAY** – 5AM- 8PM  
8:30 – 9:30 AM – Yoga - Jennifer  
9:30 – 10:30 AM – Spin Bike Group - Leann  
5:00 – 6:00 PM – Zumba - Karina  
6:15 – 7:00 PM – Circuit Training  
7:00 – 8PM – Yoga - Jennifer

**FRIDAY** – 5AM – 7PM  
8:30 – 9:30 AM – Cardio Mix - Pam  
9:30 – 10:30 AM – Line dancing - Leann

**SATURDAY** 9AM-5PM



## Summer Movies in the Park

May 23



Sports Complex

June 13



Baltzer Field

July 12



Aquatic Center

July 19



Frazier Field

August 6



Frazier Field

# COVINGTON AQUATIC CENTER

The Covington Aquatic Center offers a 6-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 several levels of swim lessons for young children to adults!** Water aerobics and other fitness classes are also offered. The pool is equipped for those with mobility issues by way of an ADA-compliant fix lift. **The Aquatic Center is covered, heated, and open all year!**

**August is just around the corner! If you're looking to have a "Back to School Party" or a birthday party, act now!**

**Available August Dates as of today, 07-17-19:  
08/16, 08/18, 08/23, 08/25, 08/30**

**We are hiring Lifeguards!**  
If you are at least 16 years old and are interested (or you know someone who may be interested), give us a call for all the details. 901-476-9178



## COVINGTON PARKS & RECREATION SPORTSPLEX & POOL NEW LOWER RATES

Membership	Pool	Sportsplex	Sportsplex	Water &	Water &
	Oct-Apr	or	or	Weights	Weights
	Season Pass	Pool ONLY	Pool ONLY	Annual	Monthly
		Annual	Monthly		
Single Resident	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 30.00
Family Resident	\$ 150.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 35.00
Single Non Resident	\$ 150.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 35.00
Family Non Resident	\$ 200.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 45.00
Senior	\$ 75.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 155.00	\$ 20.00
Student(College ID Req)	\$ 75.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 155.00	\$ 20.00
Special Needs Adult	\$ 75.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 155.00	\$ 20.00
Corporate Rate	\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 25.00
Corporate Family	\$ 150.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 275.00	\$ 30.00
City Employee Single	\$ 90.00	\$ 125.00	N/A	\$ 150.00	N/A
City Employee Family	\$ 125.00	\$ 200.00	N/A	\$ 250.00	N/A
Mil/Fire/Police/Teacher Single	\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 25.00
Mil/Fire/Police/Teacher Family	\$ 150.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 275.00	\$ 30.00





# TIPTON COUNTY M·U·S·E·U·M

[Click Here to  
get more  
Museum Info!](#)



The 2019 Tipton County Art Exhibit, "Aspirations", is on display at Dyersburg State Community College's Learning Resource Center Building in Covington through August 1. This is the fourth year for this art exhibit, which is open to all artists at least 18 years old who reside in Tipton County. The judge for this year's exhibit was Bill Hickerson, Executive Director for the West Tennessee Regional Art Center in

Humboldt. This exhibit is sponsored by Dyersburg State Community College, the Tipton Arts Council, Inc., the Tipton County Museum, and Debra Moody. The award winners are: Best of Show to Mike Elkins for 'Dogwood', 1<sup>st</sup> Place to Carl Robertson for 'Stand by Me', 2<sup>nd</sup> Place to Monica Parks for 'Limitless', 3<sup>rd</sup> Place to Kristine Harrington for 'A Quiet Place', Best Creativity to Lene Brown for 'Self Portrait = Dreams Coming True' and Best Use of Color to Lynda Davison for 'Hummer'. Three honorable mentions were awarded to Cathy Kinney for 'Forced Family', Donna Rhodes for 'Temple of Isis', and Robin Porter for 'Headed to the Beach'. All of the original artwork is beautiful, and it is all for sale.

For purchasing information please call the Tipton County Museum at (901) 476-0242. Thank you.



## OPEN STUDIO

Many people have been enjoying Open Studio on Saturdays in July at the Tipton County Museum in Covington. The light is perfect in the conference room, there is an extensive art library, and refreshments are available all day. The best part is, it is free!



We had a watercolor class at the Tipton County Museum on Wednesday in which we covered elements of design, principles of art, and color theory. We also reviewed the inherent value of color, and arranged our own colors according to value. It was a very educational and fun class!



The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center  
Presents

## A Time To Honor: The Lyons Brothers of Tipton County Celebration of Honor: August 20, 2019, 6:30 p.m. Exhibit: August 20—November 30, 2019

The seven Lyons brothers of Tipton County proudly served our country, with six of them serving during a time of conflict. Miraculously, they all returned home after their service, with two brothers having served more than 20 years. One brother was injured during his service and received two Military Order of the Purple Heart medals for his valor. This exhibit not only reveals their service, but also the support of their parents, six sisters, and various other family members. Please join us on August 20 as we pay honor to these brave men.

Tipton County Museum  
751 Bert Johnston Avenue  
Covington, TN  
(901) 476-0242





# COVINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT



Jason Jenkins was sworn in on 7/15/19 as Covington Fire Department's new Fire Inspector.

Congratulations, Jason!

## 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.



## Pool Safety

### DO

- Have rules** for your pool, ensure everyone knows them—and restate them often
- Keep children away** from the filter inlet, which can draw young children underwater
- If you have children in your pool**, make sure they know how to swim or have them wear protective flotation devices, but don't rely on these devices to exclusively protect the child

### Install fencing

to keep people out of the pool area without your knowledge

Most communities require fencing at least four feet high around all sides of the pool. Determine specific regulations for your area.

### Evacuate the pool

during a thunderstorm or in the rain

### DON'T

- DON'T:** allow glass or sharp, breakable items in the pool area
- DON'T:** swim alone
- DON'T:** leave children unattended in or near the pool area for any reason

### DON'T

- DON'T:** allow adults who have been drinking alcohol into the pool area. Alcohol and swimming don't mix
- DON'T:** allow running, diving, pushing or dunking in your pool

### Pool safety checklist

- Have a cell phone in the pool area and post emergency numbers nearby **9-1-1**
- Collect all toys from the pool at end of each day so that children don't wander after them
- Make sure at least one adult supervisor in the pool area knows CPR
- Remove anything near a pool's fence that children could climb on to get into the pool, like tables, chairs, vegetation or toys
- When leaving the pool area, make sure all gates, locks, safety covers and alarms are working properly

## EXTREME HEAT

**CAUSES MORE DEATHS** each year than hurricanes, lightning, tornadoes, earthquakes, and floods **COMBINED!**

### WHO'S AT RISK?

Adults over 65, children under 4, people with existing medical problems such as heart disease, and people without access to air conditioning

## 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

## NEW CHAMBER AMBASSADOR PROGRAM KICKS OFF

Thank you to everyone that attended our Chamber Ambassador Club informational meeting and those that contacted us about this NEW program! We are thrilled to have over 20 people interested in applying and participating. Want to learn more, but missed the meeting? Contact us for more details at: 901 476 9727 or [lauren@covington-tiptoncochamber.com](mailto:lauren@covington-tiptoncochamber.com)



July Tasty Tuesday at Theo and Roe's  
Ice Cream Parlor



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)



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony July 12th  
Y Unique Floral Gift Shop



### ***Dyersburg State Appoints Dr. Reid-Bunch Vice President for the College***



Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) President Karen Bowyer has announced the appointment of Dr. Jan Reid-Bunch as the new vice president for the College.

“Dr. Reid-Bunch is an accomplished leader and has varied experiences in academic administration,” stated Dr. Bowyer. “I look forward to welcoming her as vice president for the college and anticipate that she will make a positive impact on our community.”

Dr. Reid-Bunch comes to DSCC from Itawamba Community College (ICC) in Fulton (Mississippi) where she served multiple roles over the past 16 years as dean of academic instruction, executive director of community relations and executive director of alumni affairs and the ICC Foundation. Prior to this, she was employed at Holmes Community College in Goodman (Mississippi) as assistant to the president from 1999-2003. In this position, she oversaw the areas of institutional effectiveness, institutional research, marketing and professional development. She also served as director of choral and vocal activities from 1992-2001.

Dr. Reid-Bunch earned a bachelor’s in music-vocal performance from Mississippi University for Women in 1988 and a master’s in music-vocal performance from the University of Mississippi in 1990. She received a doctorate of philosophy-community college leadership from Mississippi State University in 2006.

## **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).

**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**



Advising and registration for fall semester is open for all current and prospective students at Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC). Students who have not done so already may apply to DSCC by visiting [www.dsc.edu](http://www.dsc.edu) and clicking on the red 'Apply Now' button. Students are encouraged to meet with an advisor before registering and can do so by visiting [www.dsc.edu](http://www.dsc.edu) and clicking on 'Future Students' and 'Make an Appointment.' Students are advised to sign up for classes early for best class selection.

The DSCC website [www.dsc.edu](http://www.dsc.edu) provides information on registration requirements, financial aid and degrees and programs available such as Agriculture, Computer Information Systems, Criminal Justice, Early Childhood Education, EMT-Paramedic, Engineering Systems Technology, Health Information Management, Nursing and more. Also available are popular transfer programs such as Teaching K-6, Business Administration, Chemistry, Pre-Physical Therapy and Pre-Occupational Therapy. Several programs can be completed within a year or less. To view DSCC's "careers in a year or less" options, visit [www.dsc.edu/careerinayear](http://www.dsc.edu/careerinayear).

Students are encouraged to visit an Academic Success Center (ASC), located at each DSCC location, for assistance. The ASC provides free tutoring, preparation for and testing out of learning support classes and assistance in strengthening reading, writing and math skills. This free service is available to students year-round. For more information regarding the ASC, contact Kayci Henline, coordinator of the academic success center, at [henline@dsc.edu](mailto:henline@dsc.edu).

For more information regarding advising and registration, students may visit or contact a One Stop Center at the Dyersburg campus at 731-286-3350, the Gibson County Center in Trenton at 731-855-1419, or the **Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County at 901-475-3100.**



TENNESSEE COLLEGE  
OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY  
COVINGTON

## 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](mailto:mmiller@tcatcovington.edu)

TCAT Covington /New Healthcare Facility

1600 Highway 51 South

Covington, TN 38019

901-475-2526

# AUGUST EVENTS @ YOUR LIBRARY



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

**Monday-Thursday**  
8:00 - 6:00 PM  
**Friday**  
8:00-5:00 PM  
**Saturday**  
9:00-3:00 PM

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

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AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support the **Tipton County Public Library** every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to the **Friends of the Tipton County Public Library**. On your first visit to AmazonSmile smile.amazon.com, you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Search for the **Friends of the Tipton County Public Library**, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.



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

**YT023**

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

## Find us on Social Media



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## Tipton County Public Library Board of Trustees

Mr. Dwight Stanton, President  
Ms. Mary Kate Huffman  
Ms. Trena Jones  
Ms. Chris Christmas  
Ms. Ann McGowan  
Ms. Gwinn Stitt  
Ms. Courtney Fee

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

**Next scheduled meeting is TBA**





**TIPTON COUNTY STITCH-ALONG**  
AUG 17th 10-12:00 PM

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

**COLORING CLUB**  
AUG 20th @12:00PM

**BOOK CLUB**  
*The Lost Girls of Paris*  
by Pam Jenoff  
AUG 20th @ 1:00PM



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

*Dumbo* -AUG 2nd [PG] 111 mins  
*The Public* - AUG 13th [PG-13] 120 mins.  
*The Mustang*- AUG 27th [R] 97 mins.

*Five Feet Apart*  
AUG 3rd @ 10:00 AM  
[PG-13] 116 mins.  
TEENS & ADULTS



AUG 12th @ 4:00 PM  
or  
AUG 17th @ 11:00 AM

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



Friends of the Library Meeting  
AUG 22nd @7:00PM

**LIBRARY CLOSINGS:**  
AUG 31-SEPT 2nd



Labor Day



**ANIME CLUB**

AUG 19th @ 4:00 PM  
AUG 17th @ 1:00 PM  
*POKEMON: DETECTIVE PIKACHU*  
[G] 135 mins.

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**LEGO CLUB**

AUG 10th @ 11:00AM  
AUG 22nd @ 4:00PM

**FAMILY MOVIE:**  
**DUMBO**

AUG 2nd @ 1:00 PM  
[PG] 111 mins.

**HOMESCHOOL BOOK CLUB**  
SEPT 19th

K-3 - 1:00 PM & 3rd & Up 1:15 PM  
*Tall Tales to Read Together (K-3)*

by Mary Hoberman

*Animal Folk Tales of America (3rd & Up)*  
by Tony Palazzo

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

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

**Curious George Story Time**  
AUG 1st @ 10:00AM

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

**Wonder Park**  
[PG] 85 mins  
AUG 1st @ 2:00PM



Storytime with the Junior Auxiliary  
*Rosie the Revere, Engineer*  
Story & Craft  
AUG 24th @10:00 AM

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## COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR

Tuesday, August 6  
Pappy & Jimmie's

Tuesday August 20  
Pappy & Jimmie's

Tuesday September 10  
Pappy & Jimmie's

Tuesday September 24  
Pappy & Jimmie's

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Come and go as you please.  
Pappy & Jimmie's is located at 749 N. Main St.

## Committee Meetings

All regularly scheduled committee meetings are at 4:00 pm in the Lower Level Conference Room at Covington City Hall at 200 W. Washington St. All Board of Mayor and Alderman meetins are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings of each month at 5:30 pm in the Conference Room on the 2nd 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 - Chairwoman, Keith Phelps, C.H. Sullivan

3rd Tuesdays - Finance and Administration Committee

C.H. Sullivan - Chairman, All Aldermen/Alderwoman attend

4th Tuesdays - Public Safety Committee

Keith Phelps - Chairman, C.H. Sullivan, Johnetta Yarbrough



# COVINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

if you  
**SEE** something

**SAY** something™

**REPORT  
SUSPICIOUS  
ACTIVITY**  
to local authorities.



Covington Police Department urges all residents to report suspicious activity. ***If you SEE something, SAY something!***

**Covington Police** 901-475-1261  
**Supervisor** 901-201-7573  
**Tipton Co. Sherriff** 901-475-3300  
**Central Dispatch** 901-475-4300



Mayor Hanson administered the oaths of office this afternoon to several of our City of Covington team members. J Barney Witherington IV was sworn in as our new Municipal Judge, Jason Jenkins took the oath as our new Covington Fire Department Fire Inspector, and Jennifer Nolen and Cameron Hall took the oaths as new Covington Codes Dept Property Maintenance, Code Enforcement, and Animal Control Officers. Congratulations ! We look forward to your serving with us!



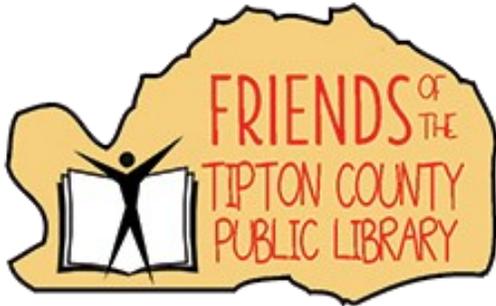
Drug Free Tipton has launched the tip411 alert system as a way to interactively keep the community connected and informed through email, text message, and online public safety alerts. Tip411 also allows the public to report crimes and other suspicious activities directly to law enforcement by sending **anonymous text messages** from their cell phone via free smartphone app. Simply text **“Tipton”** to 847411 from your cell phone or download the tip411 app. This service is **100% anonymous!**

Contact Drug Free Tipton at 901-378-0545 or visit [www.drugfreetipton.org](http://www.drugfreetipton.org)



**AUGUST 5TH, 6-7:30**  
PM, ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**JOIN US FOR A "COOL" TIME AT**  
TIPTON COUNTY COMMUNITY CHORUS



LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO DONATE  
THOSE GENTLY USED BOOKS, AUDIOS,  
DVDS, AND MUSIC CDS?  
REMEMBER DONATIONS TO THE FRIENDS  
OF THE LIBRARY ARE ALWAYS TAX  
DEDUCTIBLE

DONATIONS MAY BE DROPPED OFF AT  
THE LIBRARY DURING OPERATING  
HOURS.

TIPTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
3149 HWY 51 S. BLDG C  
COVINGTON, TN 38019

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**Thursday, July 18, 2019**

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**Willie Somerville Sentenced to Life in Prison Plus 10 Years; Four Other  
Tipton County Men Sentenced for Roles in 2017 Home Invasion Robbery  
and Murder of Timothy Edwards in Covington, TN**

**Memphis, TN** – Today, three Tipton County men were sentenced for their roles in a 2017 home invasion murder in Covington, TN, and two others pled guilty for their roles in the attempted robbery resulting in death. U.S. Attorney D. Michael Dunavant announced the sentences today.

According to information presented in court, on January 19, 2017, Willie Somerville, 21, Armoni Hall, 21, Eddie Poindexter, 21, Christian Sherrill, 24, and Darrell Owens, 32, participated in the robbery of Timothy Edwards at his home located at 1229 Douglas Street in Covington, Tennessee. They planned to rob him of drugs and drug proceeds. Somerville was armed with a 9 mm pistol and Hall with a twelve-gauge shotgun. Somerville, Hall, and Poindexter went to Edwards' residence and kicked in the door, while Sherrill and Owens waited nearby in a getaway car. As Hall entered Edwards' residence, Edwards grabbed him and they struggled over the shotgun. Somerville opened fire with the pistol, killing Edwards and seriously injuring Hall. Edwards' wife was in the back of the house and called 911. By the time police arrived a few minutes later, Edwards was already dead. Hall was found lying in the street a block away with gunshot injuries.

On December 19, 2017, a federal grand jury indicted the five men for robbery affecting interstate commerce; possession, use and discharge of firearms during a crime of violence; and use of a firearm to cause the death of Timothy Edwards. On March 5, 2019, after a week-long trial, the jury convicted Somerville of all counts, and Poindexter and

Sherrill were convicted of the robbery and use of the firearm during the robbery. Hall previously pled guilty to all counts. On April 2, 2019, Hall was sentenced to 190 months along with 3 years supervised release. Owens previously pled guilty to the robbery and firearms offenses. On March 27, 2019, U.S. District Court Judge Sheryl H. Lipman sentenced Owens to 96 months followed by 3 years supervised release.

At sentencing, the Court determined that all five defendants had prior adult criminal convictions and/or juvenile delinquent histories. Further, the Court found that Somerville was a member and leader in the Kitchen Crips street gang, and that Hall, Poindexter, and Owens were also members of the Kitchen Crips gang in Covington. During the sentencing hearing for Somerville, Timothy Edwards' wife, Katrice Edwards made a statement to the Court, calling Somerville an "evil monster" who had no remorse for what he had done, and that Somerville is a "natural born killer" who changed her life forever, and who needs to spend the rest of his life behind bars. The Court also found that after his arrest and trial, Somerville continued to threaten and intimidate cooperating witnesses who gave information and testimony against him.

On July 18, 2019, U.S. District Court Judge Sheryl H. Lipman sentenced Somerville to life imprisonment plus ten years; Poindexter was sentenced to 330 months imprisonment and 4 years supervised release; and Sherrill was sentenced to 330 months imprisonment and 4 years supervised release. There is no parole in the federal system.

U.S. Attorney D. Michael Dunavant said: "Willie Somerville and his fellow Kitchen Crips gang members have terrorized Covington and Tipton County for years with their brazen violence, robbery crews, trigger-pullers, and general lawlessness. The violent nature of these offenders' criminal acts underscores the serious threat that this group posed to the community as a whole. Somerville sowed the destructive winds of gang violence, and he shall now reap the whirlwind of a life sentence. The 4 other members of his crew had no regard for human life and no respect for the law, and will now be removed from the Covington community for decades. We commend the outstanding investigative work by our law enforcement partners, and we are pleased that justice has been achieved for the Edwards family."

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, and the Covington Police Department.

Assistant U.S. Attorneys David Pritchard and Elizabeth Rogers prosecuted this case on behalf of the government.

F&A Committee Meeting  
7/16/19

Members Present: Chairman Alderman C.H. Sullivan, Mayor Justin Hanson, Alderman Danny Wallace, Alderman Keith Phelps, Alderwoman Johnetta Yarbrough, Alderman Jeff Morris

Also Present: Tina Dunn, David Gwinn, Tiny Rose, Nic Shaw, Chief Buddy Lewis, Chief Richard Griggs, Rebecca Ray, Lessie Fisher, Margaret Fleming, Steve Caza, Covington Seventh Day Adventist Church, Walt Downing, USDA, Mark Herbison, HTL Advantage

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Agenda Item 1.

- Mayor introduced Mark Herbison, President/CEO HTL Advantage
- Mark excited to partner with others in this area and with State partners
- Will work very close with Robin Sealy, Workforce Development, to change perception and ideas about trades with our young people

Agenda Item 2

- Director Lessie Fisher introduced Pastor Steven Caza, Seventh Day Adventist Church
- Looking to build new facility
- Abandoned alley owned by City. Church is requesting the City give that piece of property to the church or possibly work something else out.
- Director Gray submitted that there are no known utilities or anything else that would be of concern.
- David Gwinn said there is precedent of give these types of properties
- Lessie Fisher would like to send notification to adjacent property owners
- Typically, the property owners would be responsible for the cost of rezoning.
- Motion was made to send letter of notification to adjacent property owners.

Agenda Item 3

- Moved Walt Downing, USDA Rural Development to Item #3
- Opportunity for Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant for possible police department project
- Program looking for larger scale projects
- Eligible for 55% grant funds
- We have approximately 70 days to get letter of intent submitted.
- Committee discussed site, Alderman Wallace wanted to clarify that we can still apply even with only tentative site. Walt Downing confirmed this to be the case.
- Alderwoman Yarbrough asked if rough design is already in place, Mayor and C.H. confirmed. Alderwoman Yarbrough asked that new Board members receive copy of designs.
- Alderman Phelps inquired if rough cost estimate is fine to submit. Walt confirmed, but we need to be in the ballpark.
- Alderman Sullivan moved to proceed with application.
- Mayor Hanson stated that we need to call a special Finance Committee meeting and get the ball rolling.
- Walt Downing to get sample resolution to Tina for the agenda for next Board meeting.

#### Agenda Item 4

- Beer Ordinance / Responsible Vender report – Lessie Fisher
- Drug Free Tipton Sierra Butler/Robin Racine joined meeting via conference call
- Included in packet is sample resolution from Anderson County Board of Commissioners. Sierra feels this policy is best example of what we should use
- Biggest difference from our current is that there is a time statute between offenses.
- Alderman Phelps asked about process of fines with and without certifications (Certified Responsible Vender), Sierra clarified.
- Alderman Phelps moved to proceed to revision of Beer Board policy.
- Mayor state that first reading will be 8/13, 2<sup>nd</sup> on 8/27, 3<sup>rd</sup> and final on 9/10.

#### Agenda Item 5

- Vehicle Purchases – Director David Gray, Public Works
- 2 Utility vehicle purchases were approved in '19/'20 budget
- Since purchase over \$25k must go back before Committee, David is requesting approval to go ahead and order the 2 vehicles.
- Service truck is approx.. \$55k, Water Dept. vehicle is approx.. \$28K
- Chairman Alderman Sullivan moved to proceed with orders, Alderwoman Yarbrough 2<sup>nd</sup>.

No further business, meeting was adjourned.

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#### July 9, 2019 - Public Relations / General Welfare Committee Meeting

Present at Meeting: Alderwoman Johnetta Yarbrough, Alderman Jeff Morris, Alderman C.H. Sullivan, Alderman Danny Wallace, Barrie Foster, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Tina Dunn, Nic Shaw, Joseph Mack

Alderwoman Bommer called meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Joe Mack –

- Project Diabetes Grant approved. Need for two part time Park Maintenance Workers for Bicycle Park and playground. These positions will be used in all parks. Budget \$30,000.
- Outdoor Movie Series continues
- Art Camp, Futsal Camp and Basketball Camp are the final camps for the summer
- Movies in the Park: July 12, July 19, August 6 (Movie plus National Night Out, partnering with Police Department)
- Knock Smoking Out of the Park Home Run Derby, Baltzer Field July 25<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30, partnering with Drug Free Tipton
- Knock Juuling Out of the Park Softball HR Derby, Covington Sports Complex, July 30<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30.
- Swimming Lessons winding down for the year
- 2019 Fall Softball, Ages 4-15, games being week of Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>

Barrie Foster –

- Veteran of the Month Allan Barrow, tonight 6:30
- Every Saturday this month, Open Studio, 10-3, bring own supplies, free event
- This Friday, "Aspirations" Art Exhibit Awards Reception 5-6:30
- Barb McBride teaching art classes on Friday mornings
- Barrie will teach watercolor classes on Wednesday mornings
- Richard Reed previous Artist in Residence, will do a class on Pablo Picasso starting August 27<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday evenings.
- Cheryl Rose presenting Flying Jewels, Monarch Butterflies, August 10, 10-11:30 am
- The Lyons Brothers Reception, Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm

Meeting adjourned



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