



Mayor Justin Hanson

Newsletter - August 23, 2019



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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/Alderwomen attend

4th Tuesdays - Public Safety Committee
Keith Phelps - Chairman, C.H. Sullivan, Johnetta Yarbrough

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 Aldermen meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings of each month at 5:30 pm in the Board Room on the 2nd floor at Covington City Hall. ALL are open to the public. Official meeting minutes and agendas can be found by visiting www.covingtontn.com.

Finance and Administration Committee Meeting 8/20/19 - 4:00 p.m.

Present: Alderman C.H. Sullivan - Chairman, Alderwoman Johnetta Yarbrough, Alderman Jeff Morris, Alderman Keith Phelps, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Mayor Justin Hanson, David Gray, Chief Buddy Lewis, Chief Richard Griggs, Tiny Rose, Nic Shaw, Tina Dunn, David Gwinn, Lessie Fisher, Walt Downing (USDA), Pat Harcourt (A2H), Dawn McGee (Regions), Hall Gardner (Regions), Margaret Fleming, Echo Day

USDA Community Facility Grant Discussion - Pat Harcourt & Walt Downing

- Distributed handout for new police facility, estimate \$7.75 million
- Combination of grant and loan. Must spend the loan portion first, grant portion last
- 40 years - 3-1/2%, ask for entire amount and then scale back project to fit dollar amount
- This is a rare opportunity for this type project
- Walt Downing suggested we get application in very quickly and not wait until deadline which is 9/30
- Discussed affordability of loan, Board felt that \$4 million is doable
- Still waiting on conversion process
- Alderman Sullivan suggested we ask for \$4 mil in loan and \$3.75 in grant
- Several payments coming off in upcoming budget years, per Tina Dunn
- Walt clarified that we are not obligated to do anything until we take the first draw, which has to be within 24 months
- Grant amount is determined off of total project cost
- Per Pat Harcourt, there are several items that could be scaled back to save on project cost
- Alderman Wallace motioned \$4mil loan request and the rest in grant request
- Approved

All plans, discussions, cost estimates, etc. are by no means final or binding. This is a preliminary discussion on the feasibility of moving forward with a new police facility and determining how many grant dollars are available for this project.

Regions Bank

- Discussed Account Overview, performance of assets, returns
- Asset allocation: Equity, Fixed Income, Alternative Investments, Cash and Equivalents

No further business, meeting adjourned

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Blight Eradication



As part of the effort to remove vacant and abandoned properties in the City of Covington, here are several facts you should know about the Blight Eradication process which continued this week:

- The Grant focused on vacant properties. The Grant dollars have been spent to prioritize vacant, single family homes because the cost to demolish those structures is much less expensive than demolition of commercial properties.
- Property owners of identified properties contacted the City regarding voluntarily participating in the program.
- Public hearings and informational meetings were held to answer any questions the property owners and/or public had.
- Property owners voluntarily signed and had notarized an Authorization for Demolition form.
- Property owners that voluntarily participated in the program retain ownership of the property and no lien for the demolition cost is recorded against the property.
- Demolishing these properties increases property value and inhibits criminal activity.

As always, the City of Covington is happy to answer any questions the public may have regarding this or any other program. Give us a call at 901-476-9613.



Covington Police Department Chief Buddy Lewis was honored with a reception held at City Hall on Thursday, August 22nd. Chief Lewis has been in law enforcement for 47 years. He has served not only as a trooper with the Tennessee Highway Patrol and a deputy Sheriff in Tipton County, but also as Tipton County Sheriff before coming to the Covington Police Department in 2013. He was once named Tennessee Sheriff of the Year and is well respected across the State. We thank Chief Lewis on his years of service to the State of Tennessee and most especially to our community. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors as he continues to serve others.



Free Spectator Admission

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The Covington Charger 4th Annual Car Show



Saturday September 07, 2019

9:00am until 3:00pm
Registration begins at 8:00am

Pre-registration Fee: \$25.00
Registration Day of: \$35.00

Covington High School
803 S. College St.
Covington, TN 38019
(in the band parking lot)

Contact: Jessica Hernandez
901-289-1302
email:

covingtonchargercarshow@gmail.com

There will be music, food, raffle, craft booths and
much more!

For more information see our Facebook page:
The Covington Charger 4th Annual Car Show
<https://www.facebook.com/CovingtonChargerBand>



Sponsored by the Covington High Band Boosters





[Click here to visit our FB page!](#)

CLASS SCHEDULE FALL 2019

MONDAY

5-6 AM eXcelerate w/Dee
 5-7 AM Master Swim (W)
 8:30 – 9:30 AM Cardio Mix w/Pam
 10-11 AM Water Aerobics (W)
 5:30 – 6:15 PM Pound w/Maddie
 6-7 PM Water Aerobics (W)
 7-8 PM Master Swim (W)
 6:30 – 7:15 PM TRX w/Kristin
 7:15 – 8 PM Zumba w/Carla



FRIDAY

5-6 AM eXcelerate w/Dee
 5-7 AM Master Swim (W)
 8:30 – 9:30 AM Cardio Mix w/Pam
 10-11 AM Water Aerobics

TUESDAY

5-6 AM Yoga w/Jennifer
 5-7 AM – Master Swim (W)
 7-8 AM Water Aerobics (W)
 8:30 – 9:30 AM Yoga w/ Jennifer
 5-6 PM Restorative Waves w/LeAnn
 5-6 PM Zumba w/Karina
 6-7 PM Water Aerobics
 6-7 PM eXcelerate w/Dee
 7-8 PM Yoga w/ Jennifer
 7-8 PM Master Swim (W)

SATURDAY

9-10 AM Aqua Explosion w/LeAnn

SUNDAY

No Classes

WEDNESDAY

5-6 AM eXcelerate w/Dee
 5-7 AM Master Swim (W)
 8:30 – 9:30 AM Cardio Mix w/Pam
 10-11 AM Aqua Explosion w/LeAnn
 5:30 – 6:15 PM Pound Fitness w/Maddie
 6:30 – 7:15 PM TRX w/Kristin
 7:15 – 8 PM Zumba w/ Carla



THURSDAY

5-6 AM Yoga w/Jennifer
 5-7 AM Master Swim (W)
 7:00 – 8:00 AM Water Aerobics (W)
 8:30 – 9:30 AM Yoga w/Jennifer
 5-6 PM Aqua Yoga w/LeAnn
 5-6 PM Zumba w/Karina
 6-7 PM Aqua Explosion w/LeAnn (W)
 6-7 PM eXcelerate w/Dee
 7-8 PM Yoga w/Jennifer
 7-8 PM Master Swim (W)



(W) – Water Class

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!**





Parks & Recreation Team Member in the Spotlight



SHERL ROSE
MUSEUM EXHIBIT SUPPORT
SPECIALIST

A lifelong resident of Tipton County, Sherl grew up on a small farm in the Cotton Lake Community where she acquired her love for nature. She spent her leisure time exploring the woods and fields around the farm. Working in the family vegetable gardens she learned how to grow her own food which fostered an interest in gardening. In 2007, Sherl became a certified Tennessee Master Gardener.

Sherl combined her love of gardening and nature when she had her property certified as a Backyard Wildlife Habitat through the National Wildlife Federation Backyard Wildlife Habitat Program. Her property also is a certified Monarch Waystation through Project Monarch Watch. Sherl is also an avid birder and has become certified in e-bird Essentials and Be a Better Birder through the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology Bird Academy.

She has been on the Board of Directors of the Tipton County Museum and Keep Tipton County Beautiful, a Cub Scout Leader and is currently the project director for the Pollinator and Herb Gardens at the museum.



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BE A COVINGTON VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER.

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



COVINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
101 Tennessee Avenue, Covington, TN 38019
901-476-2578

HEAT INDUCED ILLNESSES

Heat Exhaustion & Heat Stroke

Symptoms

Heat Exhaustion

- Headaches
- Dizziness or lightheadedness
- Weakness
- Mood changes such as irritability
- Confusion or the inability to think straight
- Upset stomach—vomiting
- Fainting or passing out
- Pale, clammy skin

Heat Stroke

- Dry, pale skin with no sweating
- Hot, red skin that looks sunburned
- Mood changes such as irritability
- Confusion or the inability to think straight
- Seizures or fits
- Unconsciousness with no response

What You Can Do

- Learn the signs and symptoms of heat-induced illnesses
- Build up tolerance to heat and work activity slowly
- Drink plenty of cool water, about a cup every 15 to 20 minutes
- Wear loose fitting clothing
- Take frequent, short breaks in cool, shaded areas
- Avoid eating large meals in hot environments
- Avoid alcohol or beverages with caffeine
- Have workers trained about heat-induced illnesses

Relative Humidity

Air Temperature	Relative Humidity																
	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	100	Heat Index (Apparent Temperature)			
110	136																
108	130	137															
106	124	131	137														
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80	80	80	81	81	82	82	83	84	84	85	86	86	87				

NOTE: Exposure to full sunshine can increase heat index values by up to 15°F

With Prolonged Exposure and/or Physical Activity

EXTREME DANGER
Heat stroke or sunstroke highly likely

DANGER
Sunstroke, muscle cramps, and/or heat exhaustion likely

EXTREME CAUTION
Sunstroke, muscle cramps, and/or heat exhaustion possible

CAUTION
Fatigue possible

[Click here to learn more about Heat Related Illness](#)

AN IBEW SAFETY REMINDER

Printed in the U.S.A.

if you **SEE** something **SAY** something™

REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY to local authorities.

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



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 a 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



TIPTON COUNTY M·U·S·E·U·M

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



TIPTON COUNTY
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VETERANS MEMORIAL
NATURE CENTER

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



TIPTON COUNTY
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The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center

Presents

COLOR BURSTS

**An Alcohol Ink and Ceramic Tile Workshop
with 2019 Artist in Residence Debra Howze**

Grab your family and friends for a fun afternoon of 'artifying' ceramic tiles with the Tipton County Museum's Award Winning Artist in Residence, Debra Howze. Your tiles can be used as trivets, coasters, or as artwork for your walls! All materials will be provided, and refreshments will be served. This is the perfect family activity, with a family/sibling discount available. Ages 10 and up. Call today, because seating is limited!

When: Saturday, September 7, 2019 1 to 4 p.m.

Where: Tipton County Museum, 751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN 38019

Fee: \$15 Museum Members, \$20 General Public,
with sibling/family discount available

Tipton County Museum

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A Time to Honor: The Lyons Brothers of Tipton County



There was a reception honoring the Lyons Brothers of Tipton County at the Tipton County Museum on Tuesday, August 20th. All seven of the Lyons brothers served in the military dating from the early 1960's until 2010 when the last brother retired from the Navy. Miraculously, all returned home safely after their service. Friends and family gathered to celebrate and thank them for their service to our Country. While all the brothers could not attend, several brothers were able to travel back to Covington for the ceremony. They were presented with a proclamation from the City of Covington.

The Tipton County Museum will host an exhibit honoring these hometown heroes from August 20th - November 30th. The exhibit not only reveals the Lyons Brothers' incredible service, but also shows the support of their parents, their six sisters, and various other family members.

Come by the museum and learn more about this amazing family and the sacrifices they made in service to our Country!



**You're Invited to have
Coffee with Mayor Hanson**

Where: Pappy & Jimmie's
Time: 7:30-9:00 a.m.
Dates: September 3
September 17

*Come and go as you please!
Pappy and Jimmie's is located at 749 N. Main St.*

**Homecoming Sunday
September 15, 2019**

Join us in worship at 11 AM
on Sunday, September 15,
as we celebrate our past, our
present and our future.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, music and
festivities to follow in Cobb Parr Park.

Bring a side dish and enjoy the
fellowship!



Established 1838



Covington First
United Methodist Church
145 West Church Avenue
Covington, Tennessee
(901)476-9694



Save the Date! September 11, 2019
More Information Coming SOON!

**2019 Employee Fest is Coming
to the Covington Civic Center!**

COVINGTON TN

Farm to Table Dinner



Tickets on sale now

at
**COVINGTON
TIPTON COUNTY
CHAMBER of COMMERCE**

**Thursday,
Sept 26th 6pm**

3rd Annual
Farm to Table Dinner
in the barn at
The Manor at Mt. Carmel
featuring music by
local bluegrass band,
The River Bluff Clan

\$40 per person

FOR MORE DETAILS VISIT:
WWW.COVINGTON-TIPTONCOCHAMBER.COM/EVENTS

[Click for more
info!](#)

Sponsorship Opportunities:

Premier- \$750

One exclusive sponsorship includes all of Gold level plus- Has featured sign displayed during entire festival to include Saturday and Serves as the official "ringer of the dinner bell" to kickoff the festival.

Gold- \$400

includes eight tickets,
recognition in all
Festival programs, logo or name
on event banners displayed the
day of the event

Silver- \$225

includes four tickets,
recognition in event program and logo
or name on event banners displayed the
day of the event

Bronze- \$125

includes two tickets and recognition in
event program

Dr. Jeff Wright

Awe-inspiring Photography Exhibit

On display at

Dyersburg State Community College
Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County
now through October 10, 2019.

Artist Reception

August 28

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Learning Resource Center, Student Center
and Tipton County Public Library
3149 Hwy 51 S, Covington, TN 38019

DSCC
DYERSBURG STATE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE



TENNESSEE
Promise

CLASS OF 2020

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BY NOV. 1, 2019

ADMINISTERED BY: **TN Achieves**
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50th ANNIVERSARY
Gala
Dinner & Silent Auction
Friday, Sept. 27 at 6:30 p.m.

*Join us as we celebrate our
50th anniversary!*

Dyersburg State Community College
E.H. Lannom, Jr. Gymnasium
1510 Lake Road
Dyersburg, TN 38024

Special musical entertainment provided by
DSCC Alumnus Steven Whitson

Ticket Information:

\$30 per person • \$50 per couple • \$20 DSCC faculty/staff/students
Tickets may be purchased at the Business Office inside the
E.B. Eller Administration Building on the Dyersburg campus.

**RSVP by Sept. 16! For more information, contact
Constance Clay at 731-286-3349 or clay@dsc.edu**

QPR

QUESTION, PERSUADE, & REFER

A SUICIDE AWARENESS TRAINING

organized by Professional Care Services of West Tn

TIPTON COUNTY
LIBRARY
SEPTEMBER 13
12-1:30

RS
VP
VALENTINE'S DAY



Use your phone's camera
to scan code to RSVP

Did you know that more people annually die by suicide than by homicides or car accidents? QPR is aimed at anyone who is in contact with humans! QPR is just like CPR, but for suicidal thoughts. The fact is that even the most “normal” & “happy” people can be affected by suicide BUT anyone can prevent the tragedy of suicide. To attend this training get your free ticket by clicking [HERE](#).

Free Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services

Who Qualifies for the Tennessee Behavioral Health Safety Net Program

The Behavioral Health Safety Net Program is funded by the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and designed for adults with no health coverage and who meet certain criteria

Currently funds are available to provide mental health and substance abuse services for adults ages 18 and older who meet the following criteria:

- Do not have TENNCARE or other health coverage
- Be a US Citizen
- Be a resident of Tennessee
- Be 18 years of age or older
- Have a household income at or below 138% of the Federal Poverty Level:
 - Single Adult less than \$17,236 per year
 - A family of 2 making less than \$23,336 per year
 - A family of three making less than \$29,435 all qualify

If you or a loved one is interested in learning more about PCS and the BHSN program, you can contact our Call Center at 1-844-727-2778 or any of our staff. We will be glad to help you!



**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE IN DANGER OF
OPIOID OVERDOSE?**

COME TO A FREE NARCAN TRAINING!

**Provided by the
Jackson-Madison Prevention Coalition**

**DATE:
SEPTEMBER 16-2019 MONDAY**

**TIME:
6:00 PM -7:30 PM**

**LOCATION:
TIPTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
3149 HWY 51 S BLDG.C
COVINGTON TN**

**PRESENTER: MARK MASON
CONTACT: 731-694-0741**

Introduction to Services

(Register for JOBS4TN.GOV)

**Angelus St. &
Walnut Grove:**

**Mondays
& Tuesdays
at 8:30 a.m.**

**Covington:
Second & Fourth**

**Monday
at 12:30 p.m.**
*call center for dates

Hickory Hill:

**Every other
Monday
at 8:30 a.m.**
*call center for dates

Oakland:

**First & Fourth
Tuesday
at 8:30 a.m.**
*call center for dates

Ripley:

**First & Third
Monday
at 12:30 p.m.**
*call center for dates

locations

Shelby- 155 Angelus Street

Memphis, TN 38104
T: (901) 707-8426
F: (901) 779-4955

Shelby- 3040 Walnut Grove Road

Memphis, TN 38111
T: (901) 543-7850
F: (901) 549-2453

Shelby- 4240 Hickory Hill Road

Memphis, TN 38141
T: (901) 365-3205
F: (901) 365-3219

Fayette- 6250 Highway 64 Suite 8

Oakland, TN 38060
T: (901) 466-7656
F: (901) 466-1826

Tipton- 877-C Highway 51 North

Covington, TN 38019
T: (901) 313-9434
F: (901) 313-9531

Lauderdale- 301-C Lake Drive

Ripley, TN 38064
T: (731) 221-1012
F: (731) 221-1759

Hours of Operation:

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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Workforce Investment Network

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1-800-848-0299





FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
August 20, 2019

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TDH URGES TENNESSEANS MOST AT RISK FOR HEPATITIS A TO GET VACCINATED

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – The Tennessee Department of Health and numerous state and local partners continue to investigate and respond to a large, multi-state hepatitis A outbreak. More than 2,000 cases of hepatitis A have been confirmed in Tennessee, including 13 resulting in the deaths of the patients.

“The deaths in Tennessee associated with the hepatitis A outbreak are extremely sad,” said TDH Commissioner Lisa Piercey, MD, MBA, FAAP. “The Tennessee Department of Health, metro health departments, jails and many other community partners are working every day to ensure people at high risk of infection with the hep A virus are vaccinated to prevent more illness and save lives.”

Hepatitis A is a liver infection caused by a virus. It can be transmitted through contact with feces or consumption of contaminated food or water. The groups most at risk for hepatitis A in the current outbreak include people who use recreational drugs, men who have sex with men and people experiencing homelessness.

“It’s critical for people in these high-risk groups to receive the hepatitis A vaccine to protect themselves and others around them,” said Tennessee Immunization Program Medical Director Michelle Fiscus, MD, FAAP. “We know this vaccine is safe and effective.”

Other steps to prevent infection with hepatitis A include washing hands with soap and water after using the bathroom, before eating and before preparing or serving food.

Local health departments are offering free hepatitis A vaccine for people in high-risk groups. Contact your health care provider or the local health department for more information on preventing hepatitis A.

Learn more about Tennessee’s response to this outbreak at www.tn.gov/health/cedep/tennessee-hepatitis-a-outbreak.html.

The mission of the Tennessee Department of Health is to protect, promote and improve the health and prosperity of people in Tennessee. Learn more about TDH services and programs at www.tn.gov/health.

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