



Mayor Justin Hanson

Newsletter - October 18, 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 – 10/15/19 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Alderman Keith Phelps, Mayor Justin Hanson, Alderman Jeff Morris, Alderman Danny Wallace, Alderwoman Johnetta Yarbrough, Lessie Fisher, David Gray, Rebecca Ray, Margaret Fleming, Mark Herbison (HTL), Nelson Williams (Chairman Industrial Development Board), Attorney Rachel Witherington

Mayor Hanson called meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Chairman Sullivan not able to attend due to illness, motion made by Alderman Morris to appoint Mayor Hanson as Chairman, Alderwoman Yarbrough 2nd, approved

Industrial Development

- 86 acres in Rialto Industrial Park (handout)
- Discussion of purchase of 65 acres from Southall family
- Would be total of 160 acres industrial development site
- Mayor would strongly encourage committee to act
- Funds would come from Gas Fund, rates on customers would not increase if we use these funds
- Industrial Development Board has met with County Executive Huffman and Mark Herbison (HTL)
- Recommend \$560,000 investment, \$21,500 per acre
- ID Board agrees to put in \$200,000, County \$637,000
- Mark Herbison discussed the economic development process
 - ◇ This site would be very marketable
 - ◇ Could develop plant larger than Unilever
 - ◇ Will get grants to get site ready, but only if we own the property
- Property Evaluation Program, this site was most ready to develop
- ◇ Per Nelson Williams, discussed process of meeting with TVA, Attorney, Southall family, Pat Harcourt. Those conversations were very positive. Those 65 acres will allow us to have flexibility.
- Mayor Hanson submitted letter of legal opinion on “community organization”
 - ◇ Conclusion that HTL Advantage is considered a community organization and in the business of economic development
- IB Board will hold the title, HTL will act as intermediary
- Mayor Hanson read email response from MTAS regarding opinion on structuring purchase by giving HTL the funds for this project.
- Alderman Phelps is concerned about passing funds through HTL, if it would be challengeable
 - ◇ Per Attorney Witherington, MTAS was concerned that giving funds directly to the ID Board would be potentially problematic. However, HTL would absolutely be considered appropriate.
- Alderman Wallace asked if we had tapped into the gas funds. Per Mayor, not this year
- Comptrollers have been involved in this discussion, some contents of discussion are noted in emails
- Mayor stated that gas fund would directly benefit from developed industrial site
- Alderman Phelps motioned for resolution to be brought before the Board. There was additional discussion regarding verbiage in resolution about funds going through HTL. Alderman Wallace 2nd, motion passed

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Finance and Administration Committee Meeting - Continued

Request to Combine Alleyway

- Lessie Fisher submitted map regarding alleys that individuals would like to acquire from city
- Per Attorney Witherington, we need to approve process before addressing specific requests
- This property is between Zion and Habitat Cove, belongs to City now and is overgrown
 - ◇ No research has been done on this property regarding utilities, etc.
 - ◇ Individual who made application has development plan that he'd like to use that will benefit neighborhood
- We need to be consistent with what we do
 - ◇ Lessie submitted form that has been developed through Codes, Public Works and City Attorney
 - ◇ With this form, by the time the individuals come to this Board, all the items would have already been approved
- Alderman Phelps motioned to authorize Codes to use submitted form as new procedure for acquiring alley ways, Alderman Morris 2nd, motion carries

Discussion on use of collection agencies

- There are currently no means available to the City to collect court costs, fines, invoices from utility equipment damage, property maintenance expenses, etc.
- Municipal court cannot enter judgement, General Sessions court would most likely easiest way to get judgement.
- Attorney Witherington would like this body to determine threshold for City attorney to file action to pursue collection of money.
- Mayor Hanson asked about other municipalities who use these avenues to collect. Attorney Witherington wasn't sure but will look into it.
- Collection agency may be the most cost-effective way to collect property maintenance fees, fines, etc.
- Alderman Phelps would like to see list of those who owe delinquent fines
- City clerk can supply that list
- We are also working on updating software used by City clerk
- Forms are already drafted, but this Committee needs to make decision on how to proceed
- Lessie Fisher recommends that collection agency be used on anything that doesn't fall under municipal court
- Alderman Wallace recommends that Lessie proceeds with getting proposals from collection agencies
- \$13.75 state litigation fee can be matched with the local litigation fee
 - ◇ Committee would like to know how many cases we are looking at
 - ◇ Will get numbers from Carolyn Scott, and how far back we can go
 - ◇ Attorney Witherington feels like the amounts could be substantial
- No action needed from this Committee, Lessie will proceed with sample RFP (Request for Proposal) to review in November and data from court clerk

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Finance and Administration Committee Meeting - Continued

Beer Board

- Beer Ordinance
 - ◇ All ordinances have been forwarded to MTAS
- Submitted packet
 - ◇ Responsible Vendor Ordinance
 - ◇ Example from Anderson County on fines, penalties, revocation
- Attorney Witherington recommended specific language needed on parameters, statute of limitations, mitigating factors, etc.
- No action needed from Committee today. Lessie wanted to give information only to add to existing ordinance which was adopted in 2015

Moratorium

- Discussed proposed language for 6-month moratorium on Hwy 51 corridor
- Recommendation is to expand Planning Commission from 7 members to 9 members
- Alderman Wallace does not think it's good for City to halt new inquiries or business openings
 - ◇ Attorney Witherington clarified that it would not affect new businesses, only new development
 - ◇ In the last year there were 2 new developments, Zaxby's and car wash
 - ◇ Alderwoman Yarbrough believes that we need to address this now for years to come
- Alderman Phelps wants to guard against turning business away, but is concerned that we will get many requests for permits once we announce our intent to tighten zoning ordinances.
- Attorney Witherington suggested that moratorium could be lifted if major prospect comes in
 - ◇ Alderman Phelps suggested moratorium for less than 6 months
- Per Alderman Morris, does not want to halt new business
- Alderman Wallace understands that action needs to be taken
- Attorney Witherington sees the only impact will be on properties zoned R1 and R2
- Alderman Phelps asked what minimal amount of time can we do a moratorium, wants to minimize impact
 - ◇ Per Attorney Witherington, moratorium does not have to be in effect while changes are being drafted
 - ◇ Attorney Witherington thinks 90 days would be minimum, could be extended if needed
- Would be resolution, which is one reading
- Consensus is that everyone wants improvement on Hwy 51
- With 90-day moratorium, would be presented in February Planning Commission meeting
- Alderman Wallace motion for resolution to come before Board of Alderman for 90 day moratorium, 2nd by Alderwoman Yarbrough. Alderman Morris abstained from vote because of possible conflict of interest, motion passed
- Motion made by Alderman Phelps to create Design Review Commission, Alderwoman Yarbrough 2nd, motion passed

Alderman Phelps motioned to adjourn, Alderwoman Yarbrough 2nd, so moved.

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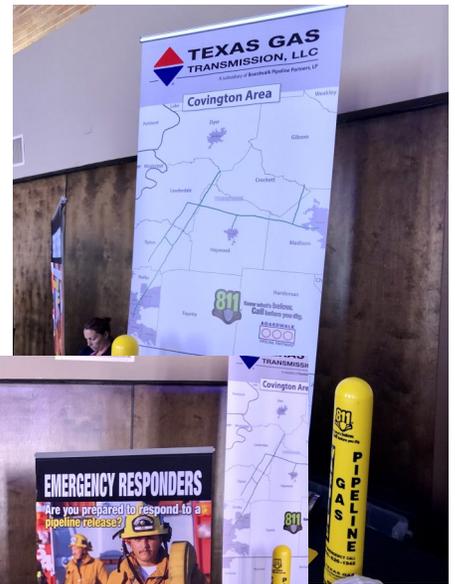


Thanks Dr. Brenda Springfield and Lisa Littlejohn with the Covington Clinic for hosting the third annual Community Health Fair at St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church on Saturday, October 12th. Vendors from across the area shared information on safety, diet, health, and overall wellness. The event also recognizes October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Thanks Clopton United Methodist Church Youth Group and Youth Director Matthew Nelson for inviting Mayor Hanson to come and speak Wednesday night! The Mayor encouraged students to keep making good choices as they continue their works and witness.

We appreciate all the great work you are doing!





Covington Public Works Department offered the P.I.P.E. (Partners in Protecting Everyone) Liaison Safety Program at the Covington Civic Center on Wednesday, October 16th. This program was offered to local contractors, excavators, first responders and public officials and was hosted by Tennessee 8-1-1 which encourages people to call before they dig.



In September the Covington High School Chargers participated in the first annual #battleofthechargers game against the Martin Westview Chargers to support the American Cancer Society. Covington High School raised \$3,330 and won this first annual battle. Thank you Covington High School and Charger Nation for your support in the fight against cancer!



COVINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT



Covington Fire Department continued their Fire Prevention Education at Methodist/ Presbyterian Nursery School on Thursday!



Thank you to Cub Scouts Pack 1261 and Boy Scouts Troop 61 for inviting CFD to educate them on Escaping Fire Danger!



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

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1-844-Vol-Tenn (1-844-865-8366)



COVINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



Covington Police Department is participating in Covington's SquareCrow Contest! They are following the Circus theme by presenting "Daring Feats of Bravery"! Go vote and donate at many of our businesses on the Historic Covington Square!

if you SEE something SAY something	Covington Police	901-475-1261
	Supervisor	901-201-7573
	Central Dispatch	901-475-4300
	Tipton Co. Sherriff	901-475-3300

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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](http://www.drugfreetipton.org)



Special thanks to Principal Jill McIntyre, Beth Owen Coulston, and the entire staff at Austin Peay Elementary for the invitation to join them Friday morning in officially recognizing October as Dwarfism Awareness Month. Students and teachers wanted to show their support for 3rd-grade student Shawn Coulston, who assisted Mayor Hanson in presenting Friday's proclamation. Many students and teachers at the school were wearing green tee shirts recognizing this month and highlighting the Dr. Seuss quote "People are people, no matter how small."





Every Friday in October is Walk with the Mayor day! This week Tipton County Head Start invited us to walk with their children around the walking track at Frazier Park. These precious little ones sang "Baby Shark" and "The Wheels on the Bus" as we walked. What a beautiful day! Thank you Team Tipton Healthier TN, the WONDERFUL staff at Head Start, and all the community leaders who walked with us! Join us next Friday at Cobb Parr Park. We will meet at noon at the Sportsplex!



Successful Gardening—An October Event at The Tipton County Museum!



TIPTON COUNTY
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NATURE CENTER



ADMISSION PER
PROGRAM:

\$5.00 General Public

**FREE to Museum
Members**

751 Bert Johnston Avenue
PO Box 768
Covington, TN 38019
Phone: 901-476-0242

Saturday, October 5th: 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.

"Preparing Your Lawn for Winter"

- Guest Speaker – Booker T. Leigh: Shelby County Extension Agent & host of "What's Growing On."

Saturday, October 12th: 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.

"Hydrangeas & Azaleas"

- Guest Speakers – Vivian England & Kim Thorn: Fayette County Master Gardeners.

Saturday, October 19th: 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.

"Vertical Gardening"

- Guest Speaker – Ginny Fletcher: Memphis Area Master Gardener.

**** Saturday, October 26th: 10:00 - 11:30 A.M. ****

"Native Plants are Better? Sorting Myths from Realities"

- Guest Speaker – Carol Reese: Research Horticulture Specialist at U.T.'s West TN AgResearch & Education Center.

**** Bring seeds and cuttings to share with others.**

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The Tipton County Museum Presents

A Passion for Art

With Barrie Foster

“I would rather die of Passion than of Boredom.” Emile Zola

During this special four week class, students will learn how to paint loosely and colorfully in oils on small canvas panels. All materials will be furnished, so this is the perfect class for anyone who has not yet painted in oils! No previous art experience required.

When: October 23, 30, & November 6 & 13, 2019. 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Where: 751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN



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

Tipton County Museum

751 Bert Johnston Avenue, P.O. Box 768,

Covington, TN 38019

901-476-0242



TIPTON COUNTY
MUSEUM

The Tipton County Museum Presents

The Painted Christmas Card Workshop

Grab your paints and blank cardstock and join us for a fun morning of creating beautiful Christmas cards! Artist Barrie Foster will guide you in painting Christmas cards in watercolor, although you may paint in the medium of your choice. Sherri Onorati, an experienced scrapbooker, will have several Christmas themed stamps to enhance your mini masterpieces. Templates and snacks will be provided. You provide the paint and cards. A family discount is available, which makes this the perfect family activity! Preregistration is required.

When: Saturday, November 2, 2019. 10 a.m. until noon.

Where: 751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN

Fee: \$15 Museum Members, \$20 General Public



The Tipton County Museum
751 Bert Johnston Avenue
Covington, TN 38019
(901) 476-0242





Art Exhibit by Cole and Simpson on Display through Nov. 5

Artist reception scheduled for Oct. 29

An art exhibit by Jo Byrd Cole and Addie Byrd Simpson, is on display at the Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County through Nov. 5. The exhibit is located throughout the Ripley Power and Light Company Lobby inside the Learning Resource Center. An artist reception will be held Tuesday, Oct. 29, from 6:30-8 p.m. inside the Lobby.

Since devoting time to painting in 2007, Jo Byrd Cole has trained extensively through classes and workshops, in-depth studies, and experimentation with a range of media and subjects. Her work and first love is to create a new image imbued with imagination and the vision of what she sees in this wonderful world. A native of Tipton County and a 1986 DSCC alumna, Jo resides in Dyersburg with her husband, Dr. Barry Cole. Jo has dedicated this exhibit to all those who graciously became part of her life and inspired her...both two and four-legged wonders.

Addie Byrd Simpson is 11 years old and is a sixth-grader at Brighton Elementary School. She began taking art classes in the first grade from Mrs. Barbara Flowers McBride. Having painted in all mediums, she prefers acrylics. Addie says she enjoys the art of painting because it lets her be creative and express herself. She especially likes to paint horses. Addie resides with her parents, Amanda and Shannon Simpson, her sister Savanna, her dog Winnie and horse, Daisy.

DSCC and the Tipton Art League are sponsoring this exhibit. For more information, contact Barbara Flowers McBride at 901-237-4006.

The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center

Invites YOU to the

Plein Air Art Experience

Sunday, October 20, 2019 2—4 p.m.



Grab your art supplies and join your fellow artists for an afternoon of pleasurable painting on the grounds of the Tipton County Museum. There are lots of subjects to paint, including the herb garden, the lake, and more. Best of all, *it's FREE!* Artists of all levels are welcome, and refreshments will be served.

The Tipton County Museum

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Tipton County Museum Genealogy Center

751 Bert Johnston Ave, Covington, TN 38019

901-476-0242

The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center is excited to announce that we are now a designated FamilySearch Affiliate Library. FamilySearch is the largest genealogical organization in the world and its resources help millions of people each year discover their family roots! This valuable resource can be viewed from the Museum's family history workstation or by accessing a personal device using the Museum's WiFi. You must be present in the Museum to access FamilySearch databases. This service is provided FREE of charge!

Hours of Operation: Tues—Friday 9am to 5pm & Saturday 9am to 3pm

5.8 Billion*

Total Researchable Records & Images Online

21 Million

New Book Scanning Images

3.98 Billion

Total Records Indexed

1.21 Billion

People in Trees

122.2 Million New

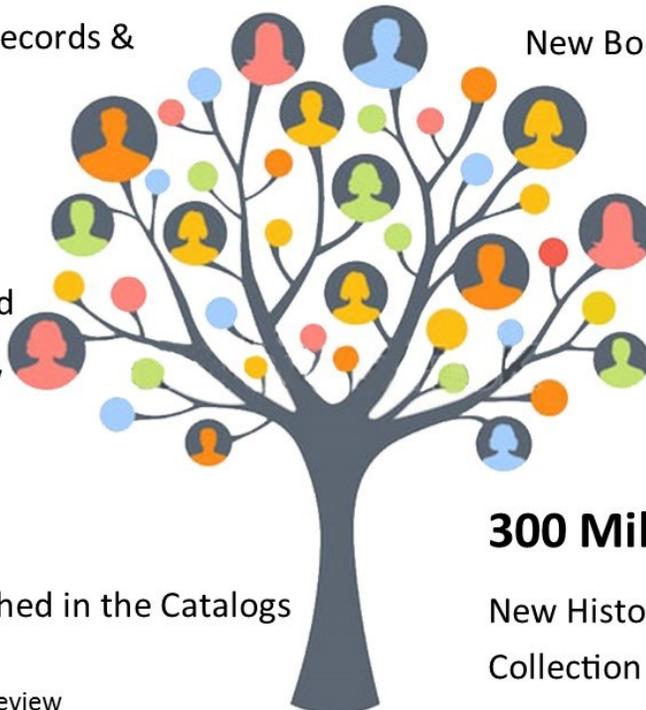
277 Million

New Images Published in the Catalogs

300 Million

New Historical Record Collection Images

* 2018 FamilySearch Review



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October 3, 10, 17, 24, **31**
Cobb-Parr Park



Thursday
Nights
@6PM



31st

Fun for the entire Family
Stick around for the BOO Bash in the Park after class



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



BOO Bash in Cobb-Parr Park



Thursday October 31st
7PM-8:30PM



Trunk Decorating Contest



Games

FREE POPCORN





As a part of our Project Diabetes bicycle grant we are conducting a survey of the children in the area to determine: 1. If they know how to ride a bike. 2. If they own a bike. As some of you may or may not know the funding for this grant will allow us to purchase loaner bikes (and helmets) for kids that don't have bikes so that they can use the Park/Playground and we were funded to hire (2) Park Maintenance Workers to help teach kids that don't know how to ride a bike. Please forward the link below to our survey to parents in the City/County. It takes less than a minute to complete.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/COVBIKEPARK>

Register now- Pay later



Season starts in January

901-476-3734

<http://www.covingtontn.com/covington-youth-sports.html>



\$55

BASKETBALL

Ages 5-17

Games will be played in January



**JUNIOR
GRIZZLIES**

Trunk or Treat
Oct. 29
5:00 - 6:15 p.m.
For children 11 yrs and under

*DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center
 at Tipton County*

Dancing in Tipton **HERE WE COME!**

YES! **TCCA**
 WE HAVE SOME SPOOKY DANCES READY! 10/30 - time TBA

MAGNOLIA CREEK 10:00 AM, 10/29	FOX HOLLOW 11:15 AM, 10/29	GLENDALE COMMONS 11:30 AM, 10/30	COVINGTON CARE 1:30 PM, 10/30
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[\(Click on the picture about to watch the TCCA Dancers on YouTube!\)](#)

Scare on the Square

10.26.19 | 4:30 PM | Covington Square

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE DETAILS!](#)

Halloween Party

Tipton County Commission on Aging

100 W. Washington St.

Covington, TN 38019

Lunch Served 11:30

DRESS: SCARY, FRIGHTFUL OR FREAKY

Prizes for Costumes

Entertainment

Kenneth Jackson

Jazz & Blues

TCCA Dancers

\$10.00 Admission

Thursday, October 31st

From 9:30 am. – 1:00 pm.

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Time-10:00a.m. to 11:00a.m

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Coffee with Mayor Hanson

Where: Pappy & Jimmie's

Time: 7:30-9:00 a.m.

Date: October 29th

Come and go as you please!

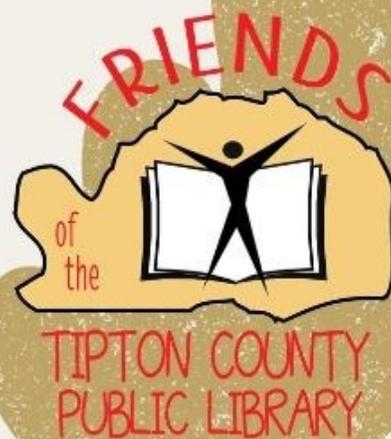
Pappy and Jimmie's is located at 749 N. Main St.

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OCT 18, 2019 10-4:00 PM
OCT 19, 2019 10-2:00 PM



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CASA Hosts A Wedding MYSTERY DINNER

Wedding Crasher's Table - \$1000

Table for 8, Full Page Ad, Recognition on website, social media and at dinner

Honeymooner's Table - \$800

Table for 8, Half Page Ad, Recognition at dinner

Always A Bridesmaid's Table - \$600

Table for 8, Quarter Page Ad

Guest Table for Party of 8 - \$400

Individual Ticket - \$50

Saturday, October 26, 2019 @ 6 PM

Liberty Hall, 204 E. Liberty Ave

Covington, TN 38019



BENEFITS CASA OF TIPTON COUNTY

TIPTON COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING

Medicare Part D Open Enrollment October 15 - December 7

ONLY 2 days for Medicare Part D
enrollment at TCCA in 2019:

October 16th

November 6th

Beginning at 8:30 am



The Aging Commission of the Mid-South and TCCA will provide counselors from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. to help take the guess-work out of choosing a Medicare Part D plan for 2019. No appointment is necessary, so make sure to bring a detailed list of your prescription medications (or your prescription bottles) and your Medicare card to TCCA, at the bottom floor of the Covington Civic Center, 100 W. Washington St. Please be prepared to wait.

If your total income is less than \$17505 (single) or \$23595 (married), you may qualify for extra help with your drug costs. If you think you may qualify, bring proof of income & bank statements with you.

Staff *will not* be available on a daily basis for enrollment appointments as in years past.

If you are not able to make any of these enrollment dates, please contact the Aging Commission of the Mid-South to find another location. 324-3399

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TIPTON COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING

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Covington, TN 38019

Phone: 901-476-3333

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Web site: www.tiptonaging.org



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 14, 2019

CONTACT: Elizabeth Hart
615-741-3446
Elizabeth.Hart@tn.gov

**TDH STATEMENT ON OUTBREAK OF
VAPING-ASSOCIATED LUNG INJURY**
Cluster of Illness in 49 States Linked to E-cigarette Use

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – The Tennessee Department of Health has received reports of 49 cases of serious lung injury among people who use electronic cigarettes or other vaping devices. This is an immediate public health concern with potentially severe consequences.

At this time, no single product or substance has been linked to all the lung injury cases and the specific chemical or ingredient causing lung injuries associated with e-cigarette use or vaping remains unknown.

While this investigation is ongoing, TDH and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend Tennesseans consider refraining from using e-cigarette or vaping products.

Regardless of the ongoing investigation, youth should not use e-cigarette or vaping products, and adults who do not currently use tobacco products should not start. TDH also advises that women who are pregnant should not use e-cigarette or vaping products. Adults who used e-cigarettes to quit cigarette smoking are advised not to return to smoking cigarettes.

TDH in partnership with CDC and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration is investigating these cases as part of a nationwide outbreak of severe pulmonary disease among people who use e-cigarettes or vape, with nearly 1,300 cases reported to date in 49 states.

TDH is providing information about this investigation and the number of Tennessee patients associated with this outbreak online at www.tn.gov/health/cedep/vaping-illness.html.

Electronic cigarettes and other vaping devices are not approved by the FDA for smoking cessation. Smokers attempting to quit should use evidence-based treatments including counseling and FDA-approved medications. If you need help quitting tobacco products including e-cigarettes, contact your health care provider, your [local health department](#) or the Tennessee Tobacco QuitLine at 1-800-QUIT-NOW or www.tnquitline.org/.

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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This news release can be accessed online at www.tn.gov/health/news.html.
Connect with TDH on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#) @TNDeptofHealth!

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
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Hours of Operation:

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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