



Newsletter - November 22, 2019

Mayor Justin Hanson



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clicking on the email links below.**

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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 - 11/19/19 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Alderman C.H. Sullivan, Alderwoman Johnetta Yarbrough, Alderman Keith Phelps, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, HR Director Tiny Rose, Mayor Justin Hanson, Alderman Danny Wallace, Alderman Jeff Morris, Fire Chief Richard Griggs, Public Works Director David Gray, Parks and Rec Director Joseph Mack, Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn, Codes Director Lessie Fisher, Walt Downing (USDA), Assistant to the Mayor Rebecca Ray, David Gwinn, Karen Griffin, Margaret Fleming, Echo Day, Police Chief Larry Lindsey, City Attorney Rachel Witherington

Chairman Sullivan called meeting to order

Update on Biomass Facility – Rachel Witherington

- Conference call with Mr. Lipman, concerned about payment schedule as written in lease, Atty. Witherington proposes that rent be \$12,500/mo.
- Change name to LLC company
- Access to facility, used GIS map, storage building will be included in lease, access to that facility (gravel road) will be the access that is guaranteed to them.
- Discussed expansion of plant, City would do whatever necessary to not impeded their business. Will have to get a more definite answer at a later date.
- Mr. Lipman's team is meeting with TDEC this week, State may want environmental services to test emissions.
- Hope to have answer on air quality permit by December
- Discussed disposal of ash produced from facility
- Alderman Wallace asked about the pilot run, what feedstock?
- Alderman Phelps wanted to ensure the City would not have liability during test period.
- Alderman Phelps asked Director Gray about expansion.
- We are in position to take on some industry at the wastewater facility lot. If we needed to increase, we would need that property to expand. Atty Witherington read expansion provision in lease.

Alderman Sullivan made motion to approve contract as revised, Alderman Phelps 2nd, so moved

Police Facility / USDA Grant Update – Walt Downing / Chief Lindsey

- Application is partially complete
- Grant funding is capped at \$250,000 with minimum of \$3 million loan
- Alderman Phelps asked about \$3 million minimum loan. Walt explained special allocation grant funds.
- Need application completed by January 7th if we move forward.
- Chief Lindsey stated that we are re-evaluating scope of this project. He feels like we can get into facility that meets our needs for much less money. Would like to go back to Public Safety and discuss it.

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Finance and Administration Committee Meeting - Continued

Events / Facilities Usage Application Discussion – Karen Griffin

- Has been working on this policy for some time with every department
- If someone within the city wants to have an event, will meet with Karen, then with the event committee, then to this Committee for approval.
- Overtime dollars will now be passed on to person having the event
- We will let the public know of new policy via website, social media, newsletter, etc.
- Alderman Sullivan asked if there is a list of rates for bleachers, equipment, etc. Director Mack stated that the cost of those items is built into an hourly rate for personnel to set up. Fees will be based on manpower.
- Director Mack clarified that there is a provision within policy to waive fees. Event coordinators will need to fill out application, come before event committee who will assess fees, then come before this Committee to request fees be waived.
- Mayor Hanson asked if cities our size have similar policies. Karen stated that they do, and their fees are much more than what we are proposing.
- Alderwoman Bommer stated that what we need to do here today is to approve this application
- Director Fisher stated that a letter will be sent to those who historically have events
- Advanced notice must be given 60 days prior to event

Alderman Sullivan made motion that we approved application as presented, Alderwoman Bommer 2nd, discussion: Alderman Phelps wanted to clarify that this agreement is for all City property excluding the Civic Center. Karen Griffin clarified that the Civic Center has a specific contract, so correct. So moved.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

Official meeting minutes and agendas can be found by visiting www.covingtontn.com.

You're Invited to have
Coffee with the Mayor!

Tuesday, November 26th

Pappy & Jimmie's

749 N. Main St., Covington

Come and go as you please!

7:30-9:00 a.m.





COVINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT



Early Wednesday morning extrication tool and lifting bag training

KEEP ANYTHING THAT CAN BURN AT LEAST THREE FEET AWAY FROM HEATING EQUIPMENT.

Stay warm *and* safe during cold weather.



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

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COVINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

101 Tennessee Avenue, Covington, TN 38019
901-476-2578



Larry D. Lindsey
Chief of Police



Covington Police Department

211 South Main Street Covington, TN 38019

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News Media Release

Date: November 20, 2019

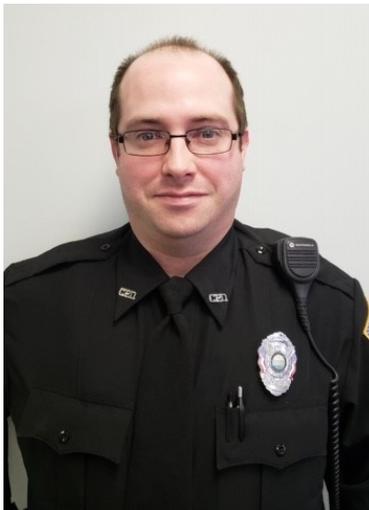
Narrative:

On September 12th, 2019, Officers with the Covington Police Department responded to a call of shots fired in the 800 block of Barlow Ave. Upon investigating, it was learned that the victim was driving in the area when he was shot at by a black man. The victim's vehicle was struck by gun fire, but the victim was not injured.

As a result of an investigation by the CPD Criminal Investigation Division, investigators were able to identify the responsible as 24-year-old Andrevius Collier.

On November 17, 2019, Andrevius Collier was apprehended and charged with Attempted First-Degree Murder, Employing a Firearm During the Commission of a Dangerous Felony and 2 counts of Reckless Endangerment. Again, this was outstanding work by the CPD's Criminal Investigations Division.

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Covington Police Department would like to introduce Officer Jeffrey Norton. Officer Norton was hired November 16, 2019. He is P.O.S.T. (Peace Officer Standard Training and Commission) certified with four years experience with Piperton Police Department. He is a 2015 graduate of the Shelby County Sheriff's Office Training Academy. Welcome, Officer Norton! We are looking forward to serving alongside you!



Congratulations to Covington Public Works for being given the Water Fluoridation Quality Award from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. CPW is commended for keeping the water system consistent in its adjustment of the fluoride content to the recommended level for 12 consecutive months. Director Gray, we are proud of your department's hard work!

DIGITAL ACCESS FORUM

Presented by



Monday, November 25, 2019

Dyersburg State Community College
Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County
3149 Highway 51 South, Covington, Tennessee

Comcast believes the digital economy has the power to transform lives, strengthen communities, and inspire a new generation of leaders. With the support of the State of Tennessee, we are proud to have invested \$2.4 million to expand rural broadband availability in Tipton County. We are hosting these events to celebrate and share what we have learned.

Press Event & Panel Discussion: 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM
Baptist Memorial Healthcare Academic Building & Auditorium

Governor Bill Lee will join Comcast and Commissioner Bob Rolfe of the Tennessee Department of Economic & Community Development in a ceremonial ribbon cutting. A panel of economic development and industry experts will then share best practices for broadband expansion in other rural communities.

Work From Home Expo & Job Fair: 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Learning Resource Center

This dynamic job fair will highlight the digital economic opportunities created by rural broadband expansion in Tipton County.

RSVP: jennifer_amundsen@comcast.com





Congratulations to these Covington businesses on their Ribbon Cutting ceremonies!





TIPTON COUNTY
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The Tipton County Museum Presents

Stunning Watercolor Landscapes

With Barrie Foster

When: Wednesday mornings, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

November 20, December 4, 11, & 18, 2019

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

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 with Barrie during this four week session. Please call (901) 476-0242 for a supply list and to reserve your spot!

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



IN MEMORY & HONOR

of

TIPTON COUNTY VETERANS

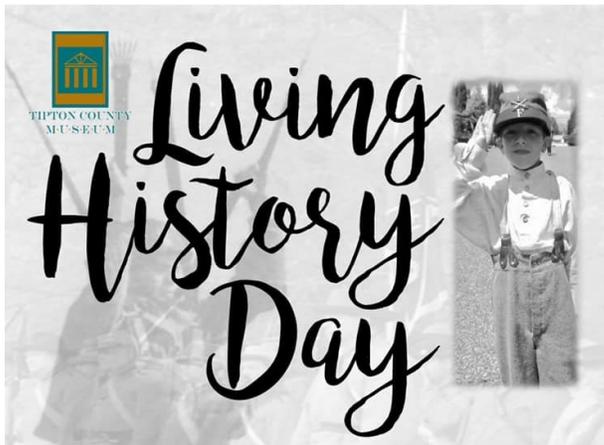
Patriotic Art Exhibit
&
Tipton County Community Choir

Tipton County Veterans Service Office
1286 Munford Ave.
Munford, TN 38058

November 23, 2019
10:00am - 4:00pm

Hotdog lunch provided 11:00am - 2:00pm.





Saturday, November 16th was Living History Day at the Tipton County Museum in Covington. There were encampments of WWII and Civil War re-enactors, cannon and musket firing demonstrations, plus several lectures. The VFW had delicious food for sale, and the weather was perfect! Grayson Huggins presented the WWII Rifle Company, Dr. Claudia Chapman presented Women's Roles in the Civil War, Nathan Colvin presented The Numbers of WWII, the History of the 39th Regiment, and Ken Chrestman presented the History of C.S. Richmond Musket used in the Battle of Gettysburg. Thanks to all the participants and volunteers who made today a great success!



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VETERANS MEMORIAL
NATURE CENTER

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

Tipton County Museum *Holiday Hours*

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|------------------------|----------------|
| Wednesday, November 27 | Close @ Noon |
| Thursday, November 28 | Closed |
| Friday, November 29 | Closed |
| Tuesday, December 24 | Close @ Noon |
| Wednesday, December 25 | Closed |
| Thursday, December 26 | Closed |
| Tuesday, December 31 | Close @ 3 p.m. |
| Wednesday, January 1 | Closed |



Pastor Antonio Jordan and Old St. John Church would like to invite the public to come have Thanksgiving Dinner with them this Saturday, November 23rd, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. or until they run out of food. Come and enjoy a delicious meal and good fellowship!

Old St. John Church is located at
1602 Hwy 59 W. in Covington

Rehearsal - "Caroling at Dickens on the Square"

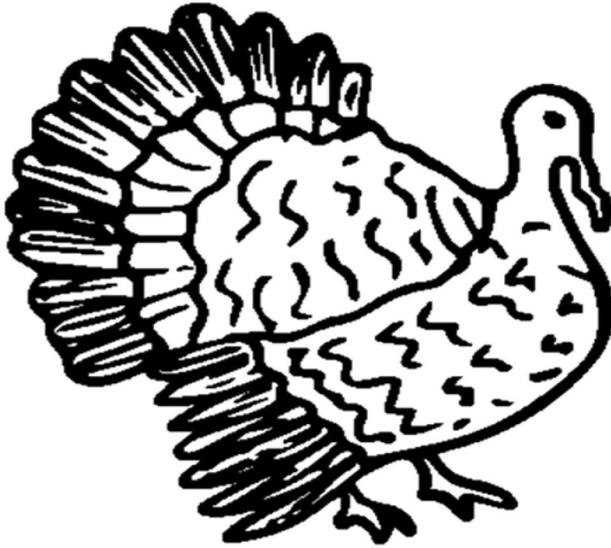
*Add your
voice at
Christmas*



*Monday night, November 25th, 6:00 PM, St. Matthew's
Episcopal Church*

Covington Christmas Parade December 3, 2019 - 7pm

The Covington Christmas Parade is set for December 3, 2019. Parade participant forms must be completed and received by the City of Covington no later than noon, December 2nd. Parade night check-in begins at 5:30 pm on South College in front of the Covington High School Athletic Field. Everyone must be lined up and ready to go by 6:45pm. Parade Participant forms can be found on the City's web page or can be picked up on the first floor of the Covington Civic Center, HR Office, Room 108. For more information, you may contact City Events Coordinator, Karen Griffin at 901.475.7139, email kgriffin@covingtontn.com or Fax: 901.475.0213.



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NOVEMBER
6PM-8PM

FREE!

TURKEY, DRESSING
AND ALL THE FIXINS

COMMUNITY
THANKSGIVING
DINNER

AT GATEWAY ON THE SQUARE

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COVINGTON, TN 38019
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Sunday, November 24th, 6:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY
THANKSGIVING SERVICE

First United Methodist Church

145 W. Church St.

Covington, TN 38019



Christmas Tour of Homes

To benefit the Carl Perkins Center of Tipton County

Sunday, December 8th

2:00pm until 6:00pm

Host Homes

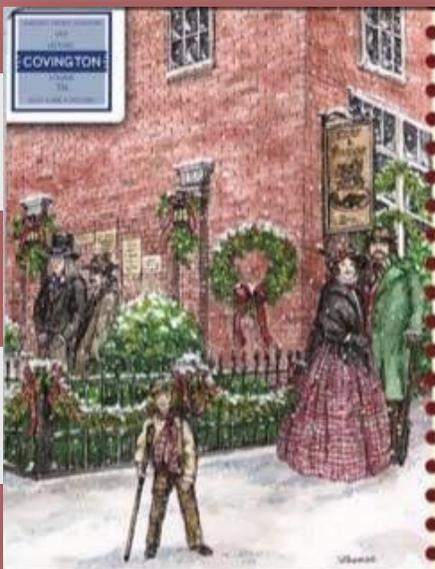
Shane & Felicia Gargus, Brighton
Blake & Adrian Gazaway, Covington
Hunter & Amber Scott, Brighton

Host Venue

Liberty Hall Event Center, Covington

Tickets \$20

More Information: 901-476-1515

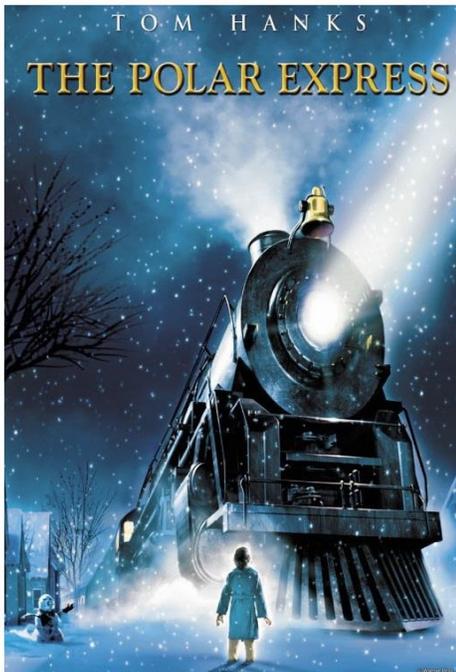


Dickens Christmas on the Historic Covington Square

Dec. 7th
10am - 7pm

Dec. 8th
1pm - 5pm

ALL ABOARDRRRRD!!!



Make plans now and get your Christmas started with a magical train ride.

The Polar Express movie will be shown at the Covington Civic Center, Thursday evening, December 5th, at 6pm.

- Make a photo on Main Street at our very own train before entering the station.
- Only children require a Golden Ticket to enter the Main Street Station for refreshments. Cost of each Golden Ticket is \$8 for the first child, additional children \$5 each. One adult is required to attend with children at no charge. Additional adults, \$8 each.
- Hot – Hot – Hot Chocolate & Cookies will be served beginning at 5:30pm. The movie will begin at 6pm after refreshments are served and all boarding tickets have been punched.
- Pajamas are the encouraged attire.
- Seats are limited. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Covington Civic Center. For more information, call 901.475.7179. Each child will leave with a special bell. Come share the adventure with your family and friends.

*The Bell Still Rings For
Those Who Truly Believe!*



BE A MENTOR

Apply at tnAchieves.org
by December 6

tnAchieves, the local partnering organization for TN Promise, needs volunteers to serve as mentors for the Class of 2020! TN Promise allows any graduating high school senior the opportunity to attend a community or technical college tuition and fee free. Many of the students will be the first in their family to attend college and may also need some additional, non-financial support. tnAchieves provides this support by pairing each scholarship applicant with a volunteer mentor. The program needs more than 9,000 mentors across the state!
Locally, Tipton County needs 133 mentors to support our students!



tnAchieves mentors spend about one hour per month working with a group of students to help eliminate the barriers associated with the transition from high school to college. Mentors remind students of important deadlines, serve as a trusted college resource and, most importantly, encourage students to reach their full potential. The time commitment is small, only about one hour per month, **but the impact on the students can be life changing.** To learn more and apply you can visit www.tnachieves.org/mentors/apply or contact Graham Thomas with tnAchieves at graham@tnachieves.org or (615) 604-1306.

NOVEMBER EVENTS @ YOUR LIBRARY



Monday-Thursday

8:00 - 7:00 PM

Friday

8:00-5:00 PM

Saturday

9:00-3:00 PM

Tipton County Public Library

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Covington, TN 38019

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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 Enrollment 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.

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Tipton County Public Library Board of Trustees

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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 NOV. 25th

HOLIDAY HOURS

CLOSED

NOV. 11th



NOV. 28-30th

CLOSING AT 5:00 P.M.

NOV. 27th

NOVEMBER EVENTS @ YOUR LIBRARY



TIPTON COUNTY STITCH-ALONG NOV. 16th 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 NOV. 19th @ 12:00PM

BOOK CLUB
An Unwanted Guest
by Shari Lapena
NOV. 19th @ 1:00PM



Movie Days

Ages 18 & Up
@ 1:00 PM

The Lion King -NOV. 5th [PG] 118 mins
Angel of Mine - NOV. 12th [R] 98 mins.
The Preacher's Wife -NOV. 22nd [PG] 124 mins
The Kitchen- NOV. 26th [R] 80 mins.



NOV. 16th @ 11:00 AM

TAB is a group of teens ages 12-17, who meet once a month to help plan teen activities, select new materials, and volunteer.

West Tennessee Historical Society on the Road: Early 20th Century in Tipton County NOV 9th @ 10:30 AM

Lecture provided by Mr. David A. Gwinn,
WTHS board member and Tipton County Local Historian & Genealogist

GENEALOGY HELP
w/ River City Chapter of
the Daughters of the
American Revolution
DEC. 9th 9:30-11:30AM



ANIME CLUB NOV. 16th @ 1:00 PM

AGES 12-17



Friends of the Library Meeting NOV. 21st @ 7:00 PM

New members are welcome!



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LEGO CLUB

AGES 11 & UNDER

NOV. 7th @ 1:00 PM
NOV. 21st @ 4:00 PM
NOV. 23rd @ 11:00 AM

HOMESCHOOL BOOK CLUB

NOV. 21st
K-3 - 1:00 PM & 3rd & Up 1:15 PM
November Night (K-3)
by Ron Roy

Mayflower Secret (3rd & Up)
by Dave Jackson

Copies are available at the front desk for checkout

Donate your old LEGO's to our
LEGO Club!

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

Preschool Story Time
Every Wednesday & Thursday
@ 10:00AM

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Ages 0-PreK
Sign-up at the Library
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MAKE IT @ YOUR LIBRARY

NOV. 7th @ 4:00 PM



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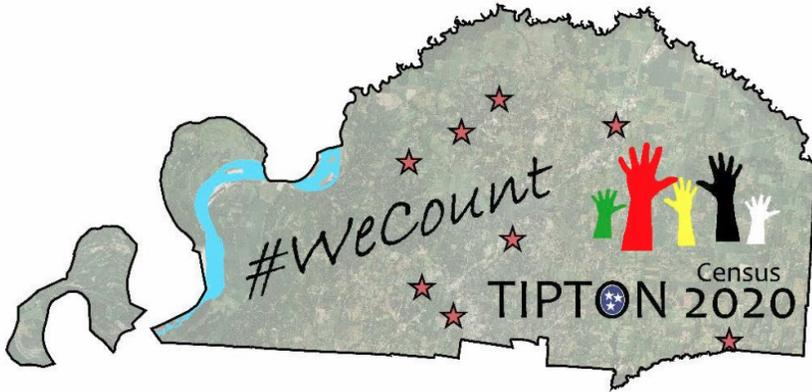


FAMILY MOVIES

ALL AGES

Spider-Man: Far From Home
Nov. 25th @ 1:00 PM [PG-13] 129 mins
Toy Story 4
Nov. 26th @ 10:00 AM [G] 100 mins





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This information is designed to help citizens of Tipton County to understand the importance of participating in the 2020 Census by completing and submitting the questionnaire. Every municipality and the County are committed to ensuring that all individuals living in Tipton County on April 1, 2020, are counted in the Census. Our ultimate goal is to ensure that in Tipton County, we:

COUNT EVERYONE ONCE, ONLY ONCE, AND IN THE RIGHT PLACE.



Each year, the Federal Government distributes \$675 billion dollars in federal funds based on an area's population per the Census count. Our county will receive money to support school lunches, housing, food stamps, all manner of grants, and many other programs based on the Census. The 2020 Census will be the basis of these distributions for the next ten years. Our Constitution requires that all residents of the United States are to be counted in the Census every ten years.



The Census Count is used to determine how many representatives our district has in Congress, and can also potentially affect your county district representation.



Historically, the under-counted persons who did not participate in the Census were children under the age of five, immigrants, and people with a lower income.



A complete and accurate Census is paramount to equity, opportunity, and addressing the many issues faced by our region and the nation.



Local Census Partners: • Tipton County Government • City of Covington • Town of Mason • Town of Atoka • Board of Education • Tipton County Library • City of Munford • Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce • South Tipton Chamber of Commerce • UT AG Extension • Town of Brighton • First Utility District • STEMC • The Leader • City of Gilt Edge • Town of Burlison • Town of Garland • Community Organizations • Businesses • Local Philanthropic Organizations • Munford Memorial Library • Churches • UT/TSU

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