



Newsletter - December 6, 2019

Mayor Justin Hanson



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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.



COVINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

During the November Public Safety Committee meeting, Covington Police Department Chief Larry Lindsey reported to the members that crime in Covington is down year to date. Our officers and investigators have been working hard and solving cases. We have, year to date, seen a 20% decrease in rape, a 50% reduction in burglary, an 11% reduction in larceny, a 34% decrease in assault, and a 29% reduction in domestic violence cases. While we still have much work to do, we are certainly proud of our department, our chief, and our officers! Their hard work in combination with a solid relationship with our Tipton County Sheriff's Office, District Attorney Mark Davidson, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Tennessee, Tipton County Juvenile Court Services, and our many non-profit agencies who contribute has led to this crime reduction!

<p>if you</p> <h1>SEE SAY</h1> <p>SOMETHING SOMETHING™</p>	Covington Police	901-475-1261
	Supervisor	901-201-7573
	Central Dispatch	901-475-4300
	Tipton Co. Sherriff	901-475-3300



COVINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT



[Visit us on our Facebook page](#)

Put a **FREEZE** on Winter Holiday Fires

Did you know?

A heat source too close to the Christmas tree causes **1 in every 4** winter fires.

As you deck the halls this season, be fire smart.

Read manufacturer's instructions for the number of light strands to connect.

Make sure your tree is **at least 3 feet away** from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators and space heaters.

Covington Christmas Parade



Merry Christmas!



**Congratulations to Covington Charger Football Team
on a great season! We are very proud of you!**



Join the Covington Code Compliance / Animal Control Department as we collect items for all the babies of the City of Covington this Christmas. We will be collecting items for the children that the Carl Perkins Center assists, as well as collecting items for the fur babies that C.A.R.E. assists to get adopted.

Items can be dropped off at City Hall in the Codes Department.

Thank you for your generosity and MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Carl Perkins suggested donations:

Unwrapped toys, clothes of all sizes (boys & girls)

C.A.R.E. suggested donations:

Dog food, toys, blankets, and kennels





Congratulations to these Covington businesses on their Ribbon Cutting ceremonies!



Congratulations to **MIX South** and **Charmingly Southern** on your grand openings and ribbon cuttings this week. We are so happy you chose to open your business in Covington! Remember to shop local and support our new merchants!





This holiday season, make your shopping dollars count by keeping those dollars in the community and supporting our local small business owners.

Shopping local not only grows our local economy...

- * **You save time and gas money by shopping within the community.**
- * **You get expertise from shop owners who specialize in the products they sell.**
- * **You can be original! The gifts you purchase at local small businesses are usually unique. That makes your gift giving that much more special!**

Plus, our local merchants are your neighbors and we love to support each other! Have a Merry Christmas and shop local this season!

You're Invited to have
Coffee with the Mayor!

Tuesday, December 10th

Pappy & Jimmie's

749 N. Main St., Covington

Come and go as you please!

7:30-9:00 a.m.





Mayor Hanson was honored to recently graduate from the Local Government Leadership Program (LGLP) hosted by the Naifeh Center for Effective Leadership, an agency of The University of Tennessee Institute for Public Service. He joined other public servants from Tipton County and across our state in this multi-day program in Knoxville. The program offers local government leaders an opportunity to explore ideas and strategies with each other, with LGLP alumni, and with UT faculty members. In addition, speakers and trainers from outside the government sector shared their insights and experiences.



The U.S. Census Bureau is ramping up for the 2020 Census and is recruiting for temporary jobs available in Tennessee. By visiting the [2020 Census Jobs](#) applicants apply for a range of positions, including *recruiting assistants*, *office operations supervisors*, *clerks*, *census field supervisors*. The positions will be located across the state of Tennessee and have flexible work hours, including daytime, evenings and weekends.



Dickens Christmas on the Historic Covington Square

Dec. 7th
10am - 7pm

Dec. 8th
1pm - 5pm



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



The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial
& Nature Center

Veteran of the Month Reception

Every 2nd Tuesday Evening at 6:30

751 Bert Johnston Ave.,

Covington, TN 38019

901-476-0242



The Tipton County Museum Veteran of the Month for December 2019 is Ruben Lee Batson. Ruben was born in Many, Louisiana on 14 September 1930 and enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps in DeQuincy, Louisiana on 8 October 1947 as a Heavy Equipment Operator. Eleven years later he laterally transferred to the still new U.S. Air Force and reclassified as an Explosive Ordnance Technician. He retired on 01 September 1968 at Grand Rapids Air Force Base in North Dakota with 21 years of honorable service. While attending Explosive Ordnance Disposal training in Denver, Colorado, Ruben met the love of his life - Charlotte Sexton. Their relationship withstood his transfer to Maryland to complete his training, and they eventually married on 25 April 1959. Ruben and Charlotte have four children: William Batson of Millington, Tennessee; Ruth Ann McClain of Leander, Texas; Judith Kay Hampton of Oakland, Tennessee; and Mark Batson of Henning, Tennessee. During SSGT Batson's career he was stationed at Kadena Air Force Base on Okinawa in Japan where his Engineering Unit constructed the runways for the base aviation operations, runways that are still in use today. While at Edwards Air Force Base in California, he was involved with the testing of the X-1 aircraft (the first aircraft to break the sound barrier at level flight), the X-2 aircraft (the first aircraft to exceed Mach 3), and the unmanned X-10 aircraft (the only surviving aircraft was also the first one to ever fly and is now on display at the National Museum of the Air Force in Dayton, Ohio). All of these were highly classified at the time. For his service to our country, Ruben was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, two Air Force Good Conduct Medals, and four Air Force Longevity Awards. After retiring in 1968, Ruben and Charlotte yearned for warmer weather, so they moved to California where Ruben enjoyed working in a winery. In 1972 they moved to Colorado, where he enjoyed a career as a welder, machinist, and hydraulic operator. In 1978 they returned to his hometown in Louisiana before moving to Jackson, Tennessee in 1986. In 1989 they decided to move to Mason, Tennessee to be closer to their children, who were grown and living in Memphis. Ruben and Charlotte are members of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Dyersburg, Tennessee, where Ruben serves as a Deacon.

Ruben was nominated for Veteran of the Month by David Quinn, who was the February 2019 Veteran of the



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Woodmen Life, Neil Bringle



TIPTON COUNTY
MUSEUM

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



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VETERANS MEMORIAL
NATURE CENTER

Tipton County Museum

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Tipton County Museum

Holiday Hours

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



TIPTON COUNTY
MUSEUM

The Tipton County Museum Presents
A Family Craft & Storytime Series

“The Christmas Spider”

When: Saturday, December 14, 2019, 10:00 a.m.—noon
Where: 751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN 38019
Fee: \$5.00 General Public, Free to Museum Members

Please join us for a magical morning at the Tipton County Museum in Covington as Sherri Onorati reads a heartwarming story and Sherl Rose leads the children in creating their own Christmas spider! People of all ages will enjoy this event, and refreshments will be served. This event is FREE to Museum Members and \$5.00 General Public. Annual Museum Memberships start at \$25 and are available at the door.

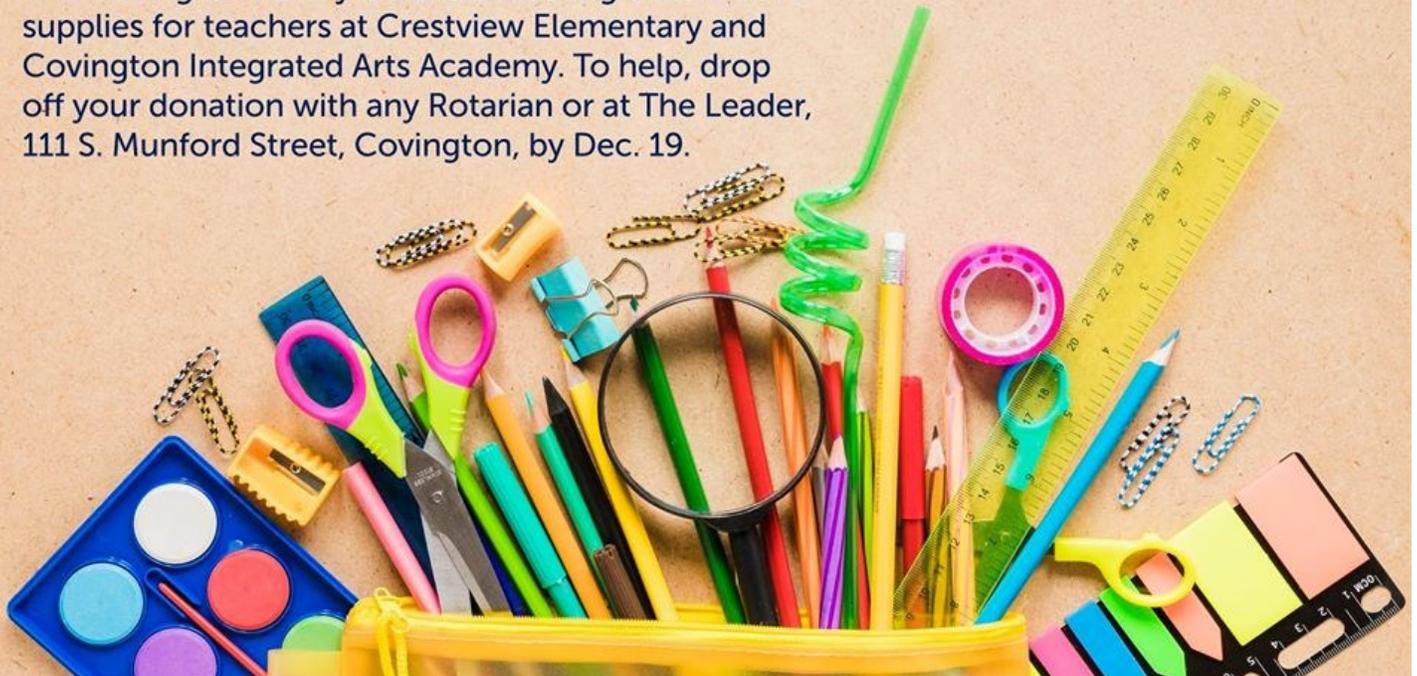
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Stock the Supplies

The Covington Rotary Club is collecting classroom supplies for teachers at Crestview Elementary and Covington Integrated Arts Academy. To help, drop off your donation with any Rotarian or at The Leader, 111 S. Munford Street, Covington, by Dec. 19.

Rotary 
Club of Covington
[facebook.com/covingtontnrotary](https://www.facebook.com/covingtontnrotary)





MERRY
CHRISTMAS



PLEASE JOIN US FOR
**THIS SPECIAL
TIME ON THE
COURTHOUSE LAWN.**

WILL BE LEADING CAROLS
**AT THE ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS
TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY**

**THE TIPTON COUNTY
COMMUNITY
CHORUS**

**December 7th, carols
beginning at 6:30
PM**



Clopton Line

Dancers,

12/7 at 2:00

PM

TCCA Line Dancers

12/8 at 2:00 PM

Dancing in

Tipton

Dicken's On the Square

**in front of Lowell Friend's
office, West side of Square**



COVINGTON-TIPTON COUNTY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Christmas OPEN HOUSE

December 19 | 4:30-6:30PM

at the Chamber of Commerce office
106 West Liberty Avenue, Covington

DYERSBURG STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Memphis Symphony Orchestra and Chorus

Friday, December 20, 2019
7:30 p.m.

DSCC Dyersburg Campus
E.H. Lannom, Jr. Gymnasium



DECEMBER EVENTS @ YOUR LIBRARY



TIPTON COUNTY STITCH-ALONG
DEC. 21st 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
DEC. 17th @ 12:00PM

BOOK CLUB
The Christmas Wedding
 by James Patterson
DEC. 17th @ 1:00 P.M.



Movie Days

Ages 18 & Up
 @ 1:00 PM

Angel Has Fallen -DEC.3rd [R] 121 mins
Holiday Inn - DEC. 10th [NR] 101 mins.
The Goldfinch -DEC. 31st [R] 149mins



DEC. 28th @ 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.

TEEN & TWEEN CHRISTMAS PARTY
DEC. 20TH 4:00-6:00 PM

AGES 10-15



ANIME CLUB
DEC. 28th @ 1:00 PM

AGES 12-17

Wi-Fi Printing is now Available!



Download the App Printer or
<https://printer.net/dscctcp/print>

BW \$0.10
COLOR \$0.25



Friends of the Library Meeting
JAN. 23rd @7:00 P.M.

New members are welcome!

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



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LEGO CLUB

AGES 11 & UNDER

DEC. 5th @ 1:00 PM
DEC. 7th @ 11:00 AM
DEC. 19th @ 4:00 PM

HOMESCHOOL BOOK CLUB

DEC. 19th
K-3 - 1:00 PM & 3rd & Up 1:15 PM
Christmas Stories(K-3)
 by Laura I. Wilder

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever (3rd & Up)
 by Barbara Robinson
 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 Wendseday & Thursday
@ 10:00AM

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



MAKE IT @ YOUR LIBRARY

DEC. 5th @ 4:00 PM
Christmas Cartoons and
Ornaments

AGES 11 & UNDER



Noon Year's Eve

DEC. 31st @ 11:00 AM

Balloon drop at Noon

AGES 11 & UNDER



DECEMBER EVENTS @ YOUR LIBRARY



Monday-Thursday

8:00 - 7:00 PM

Friday

8:00-5:00 PM

Saturday

9:00-3:00 PM

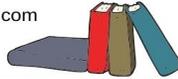
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Covington, TN 38019

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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 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.

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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

DEC. 24-26th

&

JAN. 1st

CLOSING AT 5:00 P.M.

DEC. 23rd-31st

Now Available

WI-FI PRINTING

Did you know that you can now print documents directly from your own phone, tablet or laptop? You no longer need to log in to a computer in the library

It's so easy to do; just follow these easy instructions:

- Go to <https://printer.net/dsccpl/print> or download the app **Printeron**
- Upload your document.
- Click on the desired printer. **Black & White or Color**
- Go to the front desk of the Library/LRC and pay as you normally would.



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Delightful December Deals



BAG BOOK SALE

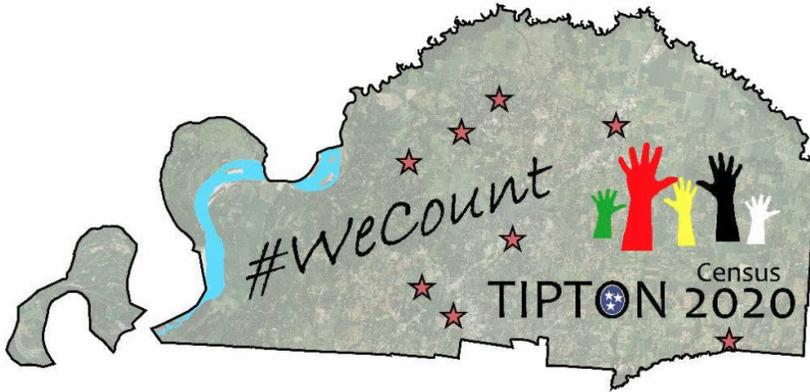
\$2.00 per bag

DECEMBER 1-31st



Tipton County Public Library
3149 Hwy 51 S. Bldg C
Covington, TN 38019.

New items will be added as space allows



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#2020census

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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