Mayor Justin Hanson

Newsletter - December 13, 2019

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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.

General Welfare and Public Relations Committee Meeting – 12/10/19 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Mayor Justin Hanson, Alderman Jeff Morris, Alderwoman Johnetta Yarbrough, Alderman C.H. Sullivan, Alderman Keith Phelps, Parks and Rec Director Joseph Mack, Museum Director Barrie Foster, Airport Director Robin Anderson, Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn, Assistant to the Mayor Rebecca Ray

Airport Report – Robin Anderson

Fuel Sales 3784 gallons

LED Project completed, waiting on final tally to finish it out (PAPI)

- Most likely going to hit our budget on this project
- Had to put in $15,000, project was $5,700. Will be refunded approx. $9,300

Report approved

Parks and Rec Report - Joseph Mack

Eagle Scout Project

- Gaga Ball Pit now at Project Play
- Zero cost to the City
- Would like to get more built at other parks
- Next Eagle Scout project – spread mulch at Project Play this Saturday

Jr. Grizzlies, Jr. NBA Skills Challenge

- Giving out tickets, jerseys, Sportsplex passes at tonight's Covington basketball game
- Adding high school age group this year, will play during the week and have a tournament
- Registration will close near end of this month
- Gift Certificates for $55 for basketball are available

Teammate of the Year Luncheon

- Nominees Sherl Rose, Leann Stewart, Lily Yates

Report Approved

Museum Report – Barrie Foster

Veteran of the Month tonight 12/10/19

- Ruben Lee Batson

Movie Screening last night *The Girl Who Wore Freedom*

Places and Memories Artist Reception 12/19, 6:30 p.m.

A Time for Art with Barbara McBride, Fridays in January 9:30 a.m.

The Art Program (flyers available)

Memories of Christmas Past, A Vintage Christmas Exhibit 12/7-1/11

Stunning Watercolor Seascapes, Wednesdays in February 9:30 a.m.

The Mouse in the Tractor, by Elaine Weir Watkins, illustrated by Barrie Foster

Discussed Museum expansion fundraising efforts

Report Approved

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

Please Note - The Finance & Administration Committee meeting has been cancelled for December 17th, and the Public Safety Committee and Board of Mayor and Aldermen meetings have been cancelled for December 24th.

COVINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Visit us on our Facebook page

Several new and recently promoted members of the Covington Fire Department were sworn in to their new positions by Chief Richard Griggs during Tuesday night's Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting. Congratulations to Jeremy Channell sworn in as Assistant Chief, Baker McCool sworn in as Lieutenant, and Zach Moffett and Andrew Owen sworn in a firefighters. We are looking forward to serving with you!

Click below to learn more!

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

COVINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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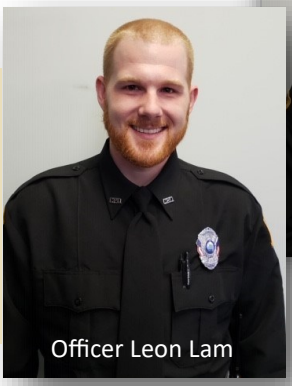
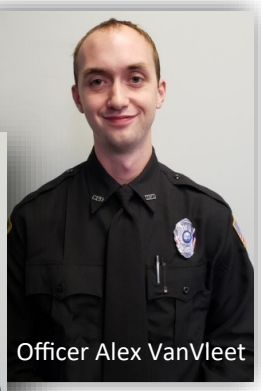
We would like to welcome Officer Alex VanVleet and Officer Leon Lam to the Covington Police Department. Both officers will attend the Memphis Police Department Training Academy in January. We look forward to serving alongside you both!


Officer Leon Lam


Officer Alex VanVleet

Cash Express asked the Covington Police Department to partner with them to collect coats and toys for Exchange Club Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect. Our officers were taking donations at Dollar General on Mueller Brass Rd. last Saturday.

If you would like to support this effort, your items can be dropped off at Cash Express, 525 Hwy 51 N. in Covington any time before December 15th. Please spread the word and help make a child's Christmas extra special this year!

if you SEE SAY SOMETHING SOMETHING™

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

Covington Police Department was honored to meet with representatives from Drug Free Tipton this week. Officers were allowed to grow beards in November and December if they made a donation to Drug Free Tipton. The Department collected $365. We would like to thank all of the officers who supported this great organization. We would also like to thank Drug Free Tipton for their continued support of our local communities and their efforts to raise awareness regarding drugs and alcohol.

Community members, elected officials, the Board of Mayor and Alderman, and many others showed their support for our Covington Police Department and Chief Larry Lindsey on Thursday night at the chief's Welcome Reception held at City Hall. We are grateful for the work they're doing to continue making our streets and city safer! Special thanks to Summer Hamilton, Julie Folk, Amy Beasley, and Rebecca Ray for coordinating the gathering.

Ribbon Cutting

BMG
BAPTIST MEDICAL GROUP

Congratulations to Dr. Joe Freeman on his ribbon cutting today! Dr. Freeman is a new family medical physician with Baptist Medical Group. He is a graduate of Covington High School and has said that he couldn't wait to come back to Covington to open his practice! Go visit Dr. Joe Freeman in the North Physician Building at Baptist - Tipton!

City of Covington Code Enforcement Director Lessie Fisher was the guest speaker at Thursday's Rotary Club. Director Fisher updated club members on several City projects, including our blight eradication efforts and our revision of our zones rules and regulations along the Highway 51 corridor. She also provided members a general overview of her department duties, including code enforcement, property maintenance, plan review, animal control, business permitting, and cemetery perpetual care and maintenance. The Department of Code Compliance also serves as staff for the Covington Municipal Regional Planning Commission, Historic Zoning Commission, and Board of Zoning Appeals.

The City of Covington mourns the loss of former Vice-Mayor and long-time Alderman William Beasley. A U.S. Army veteran, William Oliver Beasley was elected in 1979 as Alderman for District 2, where he served 5 consecutive terms (20 years). During that time, he was instrumental in building the Waste Water Treatment Plant, the North and South Fire Stations, and the Terminal Building at the Covington Municipal Airport. In the 1990's, he was appointed and served as Vice Mayor of Covington for 6 years. In 2003, Mr. Beasley retired from being self-employed in the family's residential and commercial construction business, Beasley Lumber Company. Mr. Beasley, we thank you for your service to our city, county, and country and are praying for your family during this difficult time.

Mayor Hanson had the opportunity to serve as the official pronouncer for the Tipton Rosemark Academy's Spelling Bee on Thursday, December 5th. It was a tense competition that went an amazing 43 rounds!! One thing is for sure, these students can spell! Congratulations to Addie Thorpe (7th grade) for placing 3rd, Riley Taylor (5th grade) for placing 2nd, and to Haley Blevins (8th grade) for winning 1st place! *Visit the TRA Facebook page here!*

The U.S. Census Bureau is ramping up for the 2020 Census and is recruiting for temporary jobs available in Tennessee. By visiting 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.

United States Census 2020

December
Veteran of the Month

Friends and family gathered at the Tipton County Museum Tuesday night to honor Mr. Ruben Lee Batson, the Tipton County Museum December Veteran of the Month. Mr. Batson received a certificate of honor signed by Tipton County Veterans Council Chairman H.T. Ray and Museum Director Barrie Foster. He was also given a special flag and proclamation from Tennessee State Representative Debra Moody. The Girl Scouts provided and served refreshments. Thank you, Mr. Batson, for your service to our country!

Click here to read more about Ruben Lee Batson and his military service!

TIPTON COUNTY
M·U·S·E·U·M

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.

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

TIPTON COUNTY
M·U·S·E·U·M

The Tipton County Museum Presents

Stunning Watercolor Landscapes

With Barrie Foster

Click here to visit the Museum Facebook Page!

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

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

You're Invited to have Coffee with the Mayor!

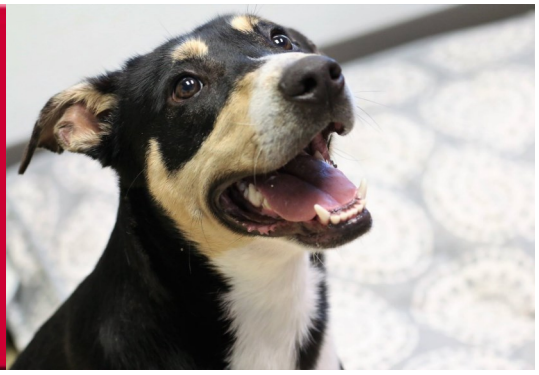
Tuesday, January 7th

7:30 - 9:00 a.m.

One Way Café
511 E. Liberty Ave.
Covington, TN 38019

C.A.R.E.

Covington Animal Rescue Effort



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

Exchange Club Carl Perkins Center FOR THE PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE

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!

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

SOCKS & HATS

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

TAB

Teen Advisory Board
Ages 12-18

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 Printeron or https://printeron.net/dscctcpl/print
BW $0.10
COLOR $0.25

FRIENDS of the TIPTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

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

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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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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
DEC. 24-26th
&
JAN. 1st
CLOSING AT 5:00 P.M.
DEC. 23rd-31st

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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://printeron.net/dscctcpl/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.**

FRIENDS OF THE TIPTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Delightful December Deals

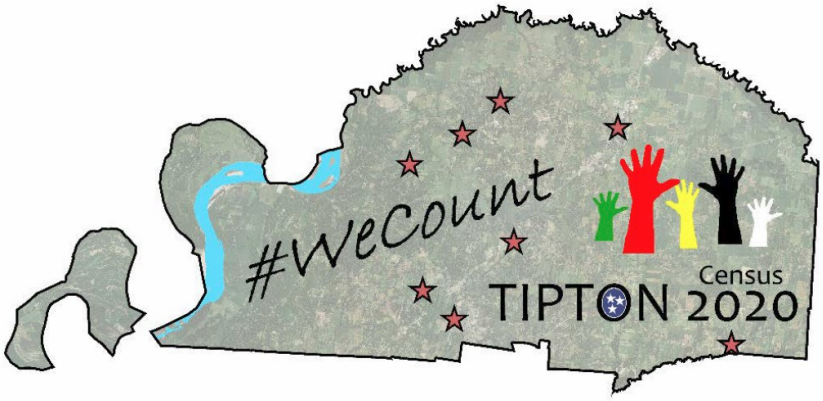
BAG BOOK SALE

$2.00 per bag

DECEMBER 1-31st

New items will be added as space allows

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



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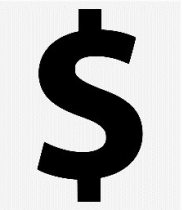
United States® Census 2020

#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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