



Mayor Justin Hanson

Newsletter - December 20, 2019



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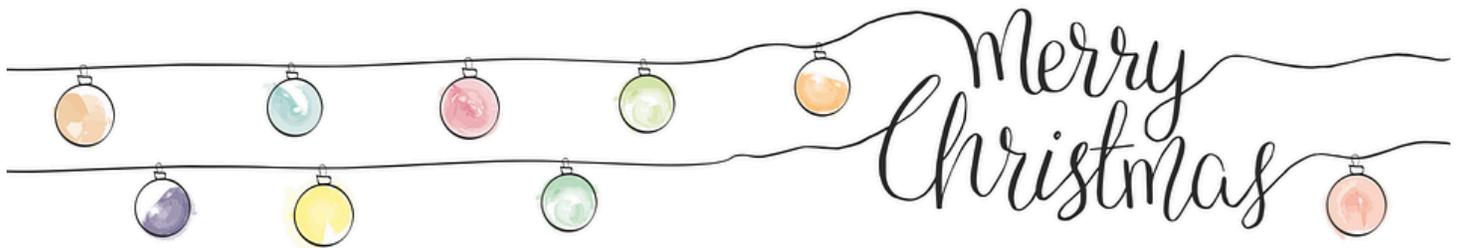
1st Tuesdays - Public Works Committee
Jeff Morris - Chairman, Minnie Bommer, Danny Wallace

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.



Here at Christmastime and throughout the year, we here at the City of Covington are honored to serve you, our citizens. It is a pleasure to serve as your Mayor and I look forward to continued progress and collaboration in 2020.

From our family to yours, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! - Mayor Justin Hanson

City of Covington Holiday Schedule

City offices will be closed from noon Christmas Eve, December 24th through 8:00 a.m. on Friday, December 27th. We will also be closed from 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 31st through 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 2nd.

Please Note - The Public Safety Committee and Board of Mayor and Aldermen meetings have been cancelled for December 24th.



This week's edition of the newsletter will be the final one for the year. I hope you've enjoyed reading them each week as much as I have enjoyed producing them! Stay tuned for the **2019 Year in Review** coming the first week in January.

I'd love your feedback!

Send me an email at rroy@covingtontn.com.

Merry Christmas! -Rebecca



Garbage Pickup - Holiday Schedule

Republic Services will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day . Garbage pickup will run one day behind each week but will run on Saturday to catch up and make sure everyone is taken care of.



The City of Covington has received a \$420,000 grant from the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development (TN ECD) for continued water line replacement and improvement in our Rialto Industrial Park. Industry expansion/development and further job creation are crucial to our local economy. We say a very special thank you to Commissioner Rolfe and TN ECD, Mark Herbison,

Covington Public Works Director David Gray, A2H - Engineers, Architects, Planner's Pat Harcourt, TN State Representative Debra Moody, and Senator Paul Rose for your work, presentations, and advocacy in making this come to fruition. We are grateful for these dollars and this improvement!



Project Play in Cobb Parr Park got new mulch last week thanks to Wyatt Combs! Wyatt and other volunteers spread the playground mulch as part of his Eagle Scout Project. The finished product looks great and we appreciate all their hard work!



Hometown Flowers and Gifts has been collecting pet products for C.A.R.E. (Covington Animal Rescue Effort). Mayor Hanson dropped off a bag of dog food this week to support this effort. For the month of December, drop off items to Hometown and they will enter your name for \$100 gift card. Thanks Hometown and C.A.R.E. for all you do for our community!



COVINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT



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COVINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

Put a **FREEZE** on Winter Holiday Fires

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

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

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.



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)



COVINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Thanks to the Robert “Bob” Yoakum Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 74 for hosting the annual “Shop with a Cop” event on Saturday, December 14th at Covington Walmart. The Covington Police Department and other law enforcement agencies were well represented as officers helped make Christmas brighter for children in Covington and Tipton County!



Thank you Crestview Elementary and Drug Free Tipton for partnering with Covington Police Department for the program “Too Good for Drugs”!



LOCK IT OR LOSE IT



Covington Police Department (901) 475-1261

REMOVE Your Valuables **LOCK** Your Vehicles



Tennessee College of Applied - Covington (TCAT) celebrated their new healthcare facility with a ribbon cutting on Monday, December 16th. Thanks to the partnership with TCAT Director Youlanda Jones, Tipton County Executive Jeff Huffman and the Tipton County Commission, the Tennessee Board of Regents, students now have a state-of-the-art facility in Covington which to learn licensed practical nursing, dental assistance, and health information technology. Congratulations as well to Director John Combs and the Tipton County School System on being awarded today the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Philanthropy. Congratulations, TCAT!





On Thursday, City employees were treated to a Christmas luncheon at the Covington Civic Center. Mayor Hanson, Vice-Mayor Johnetta Yarbrough, Alderman Keith Phelps, Alderman C.H. Sullivan, Alderman Jeff Morris, and Alderman Danny Sullivan were on hand to serve everyone. Thank you to Tiny Rose, Charlita Fowlkes, Karen Griffin, and Beth McDonald for your hard work in putting together a wonderful lunch!

You're Invited to have
Coffee with the
Mayor!

Tuesday, January 7th
7:30 - 9:00 a.m.



One Way 
Cafe

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



**South Tipton Chamber of Commerce
Nog at the Log**

Merry Christmas Celebrations



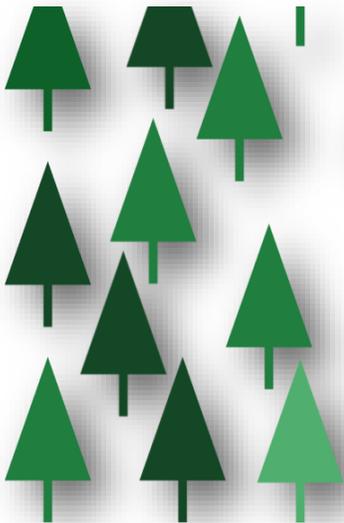
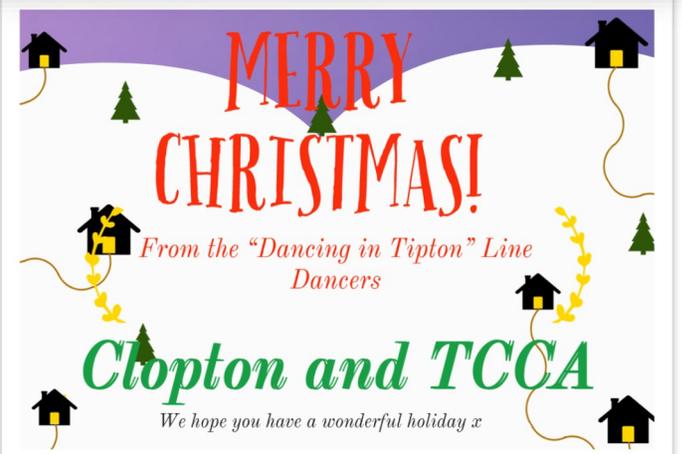
**Drug Free Tipton
Christmas Breakfast**

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



Christmas Mass
*Tipton County Community
Chorus*

*will be singing at St.
Matthew's Episcopal
Church at 10:30 P.M.*





TIM JONES NAMED CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Tim Jones, MD has been named chief medical officer for the Tennessee Department of Health. In this position, Jones will serve as an advisor to the commissioner on matters of health policy and assist in setting priorities for the department. Jones has been serving as acting chief medical officer since the retirement of David Reagan, MD.

“The people of Tennessee are very fortunate to have such an exceptional clinical and scientific leader and dedicated public servant as Tim Jones serving in this capacity,” said Tennessee Health Commissioner Lisa Piercey, MD, MBA, FAAP. “We look forward to his work in this new role in protecting, promoting and improving health and prosperity in our state.”

As chief medical officer, Jones will serve as medical director for the department and will work to assess the health needs of Tennesseans and establish statewide health objectives. He will collaborate with other members of the TDH executive leadership team to assess the health needs of the state, establish health objectives and develop, implement and evaluate coordinated, effective public health programs.

“I look forward to continuing to serve the people of Tennessee in this new leadership role,” said Jones. “The Tennessee Department of Health is comprised of some of the most experienced and dedicated professionals in the country, and I believe our team is prepared to confront the public health challenges we may face.”

Jones first came to TDH in 1997 as a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Epidemic Intelligence Service assignee. Following this assignment, he joined TDH as a general medical epidemiologist and directed the Food-Net surveillance program for foodborne diseases. He was later promoted to deputy state epidemiologist and has served as Tennessee’s state epidemiologist and director of the TDH Communicable Environmental Disease and Emergency Preparedness division since 2007. He was promoted to assistant commissioner in 2012.

Jones is an internationally-recognized expert in epidemiology and communicable and foodborne diseases. He has been a subject matter expert and consultant on foodborne disease to the World Health Organization, has worked as a CDC advisor in numerous countries and served as a Polio Eradication Project Consultant in the Republic of Yemen. He was named “Public Health Worker of the Year” in Tennessee in 2005, received the Tennessee Public Health Association Dr. William Schaffner Public Health Hero Award in 2016 and was the 2017 recipient of the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists’ Pumphandle Award.

Jones has authored more than 150 peer-reviewed publications, works as a reviewer for many journals and serves on the editorial board of the CDC *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*. He has held multiple leadership positions with CSTE including service as president in 2013–2014, has testified before the U.S. Congress and has served on numerous national advisory committees for the CDC, the Food and Drug Administration and the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials.

Jones received his medical degree from Stanford University and completed postgraduate training in family medicine and maternal and child health. He cared for underserved populations as a family practitioner in Salt Lake City, Utah before joining CDC’s Epidemic Intelligence Service. He is licensed to practice medicine in Tennessee and is certified by the American Board of Family Practice.

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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Media note: A photo of Tim Jones, MD is attached for your use.

This news release can be accessed online at www.tn.gov/health/news.html.

Connect with TDH on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#) @TNDeptofHealth!

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



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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

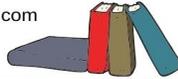
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Covington, TN 38019

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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 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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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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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

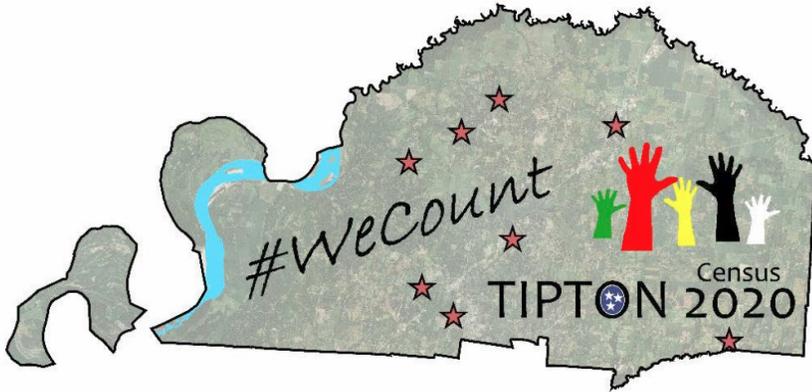
\$2.00 per bag

DECEMBER 1-31st



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Covington, TN 38019.

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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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