

### Sunday

Mayor Hanson was the guest speaker at the Junior Auxiliary Crown Club meeting at Wells Kitchen in Brighton Sunday afternoon. He spoke about leadership, accountability, and focusing on positive growth. He went through the Seven Habits of Highly Successful Women as presented by Anne Saile of Women at Work. This information [can be found here](#).



**Mayor Hanson was invited to be guest speaker with the Tipton County Junior Auxiliary Crown Club. This is a youth division of the Tipton County Junior Auxiliary. He spoke to the group on [The 7 Habits of Highly Successful Women](#).**

### Monday

Mayor Hanson and Interim Parks and Recreation Director Karen Griffin spoke to the Covington Lion's Club about [this year's application for an LPRF grant](#). They outlined items requested in this year's grant, which includes a baseball field with restrooms and concessions. Applying for this grant is just one step forward in the improvement, growth, and development of Cobb-Parr Memorial Park and adjoining Newman property, a centrally located area in Covington with the space and potential to provide a multitude of recreation and family experiences for all citizens. The grant is due in April and if funded, will provide much needed improvements to this area, as requested by people who responded to the online survey conducted last year and the three public meetings held by Griffin.



**Covington Lions Club President Charles Brasfield welcomes Covington Mayor Justin Hanson and Interim Parks and Recreation Director Karen Griffin to the noon meeting of the Lions Club. They discussed with the group the parks grant being applied for in the State's 2016 LPRF grant cycle.**

Tennessee Department of Tourism Commissioner Kevin Triplett came to Covington Monday to visit our wonderful town. He discussed some possible grant opportunities with Chamber President Lee Johnston, Covington Mayor Justin Hanson, County Executive Jeff Huffman, and Covington Economic Development Board Chairman Olean Anderson. After a walk around the square, he toured the Tipton County Museum with Director Barrie Foster and Program Coordinator Liz Newman.



**Justin Hanson, Olean Anderson, Barrie Foster, Lee Johnston, and Jeff Huffman welcome Tennessee Commissioner of Tourism Kevin Triplett (third from right) to Covington.**

## Tuesday

Coffee with the Mayor is in its second week at the Covington McDonald's. Join Mayor Hanson for coffee on the following dates and locations throughout the city. Let's talk about issues that are close to your heart and share great ideas for moving Covington forward. ***We want good ideas from you, but the coffee's on us!***

Tuesday	April 5	Covington McDonald's	7:30 – 9:00
Tuesday	April 19	Covington McDonald's	7:30 – 9:00
Tuesday	May 3	Sookie's Bake Shop	7:30 – 9:00
Tuesday	May 17	Sookie's Bake Shop	7:30 – 9:00
Tuesday	June 7	Sookie's Bake Shop	7:30 – 9:00
Tuesday	June 21	Sookie's Bake Shop	7:30 – 9:00
Tuesday	July 5	Pappy & Jimmie's	7:30 – 9:00
Tuesday	July 19	Pappy & Jimmie's	7:30 – 9:00
Tuesday	August 2	Pappy & Jimmie's	7:30 – 9:00
Tuesday	August 16	Pappy & Jimmie's	7:30 – 9:00
Tuesday	August 30	Pappy & Jimmie's	7:30 – 9:00

## Wednesday

Covington Mayor Justin Hanson, along with Kevin Gay of [Hydratrek](#), Board of Director member Houston Gordon, and Tipton County Sheriff Pancho Chumley welcomed Sheriff Julian Whittington and several of his deputies to Covington. The group from Bossier Parish, LA flew in to Covington Municipal Airport to tour the Hydratrek facility and learn more about the product. They are interested in the amphibious vehicles produced by Hydratrek as flood waters continue to rise in the Shreveport area. [Shreveport](#) is the seat of Caddo Parish and extends along the Red River into neighboring Bossier Parish.



Houston Gordon, Kevin Gay, Justin Hanson, and Pancho Chumley, welcomed [Julian Whittington, Sheriff of Bossier Parish, LA](#), to [Hydratrek in Covington](#). The Louisiana sheriff and several of his deputies flew into Covington Municipal Airport to learn more about the amphibious vehicles manufactured at the Covington facility.

The Finance and Administrative Committee held their regular monthly meeting Wednesday at City Hall. Representatives from the Memphis Area YMCA presented a proposal to the group to take over operations of the Covington Sportsplex and pool. This would be the northern-most facility for the Memphis Region. Millington YMCA Director Justin Inskeep stated the YMCA offers services for babies through seniors with an emphasis on customer service, clean facilities, new equipment, and building relationships in the community. After a lengthy presentation and discussion, the committee voted to take the proposal under advisement.

The next item on the agenda was refined language for amended refuse and trash disposal ordinances. The language was tweaked to be more specific and less confusing. Committee members all agreed on the new language and voted unanimously to accept it. The amended ordinance will be come up for public hearing and third and final reading at the next meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman.

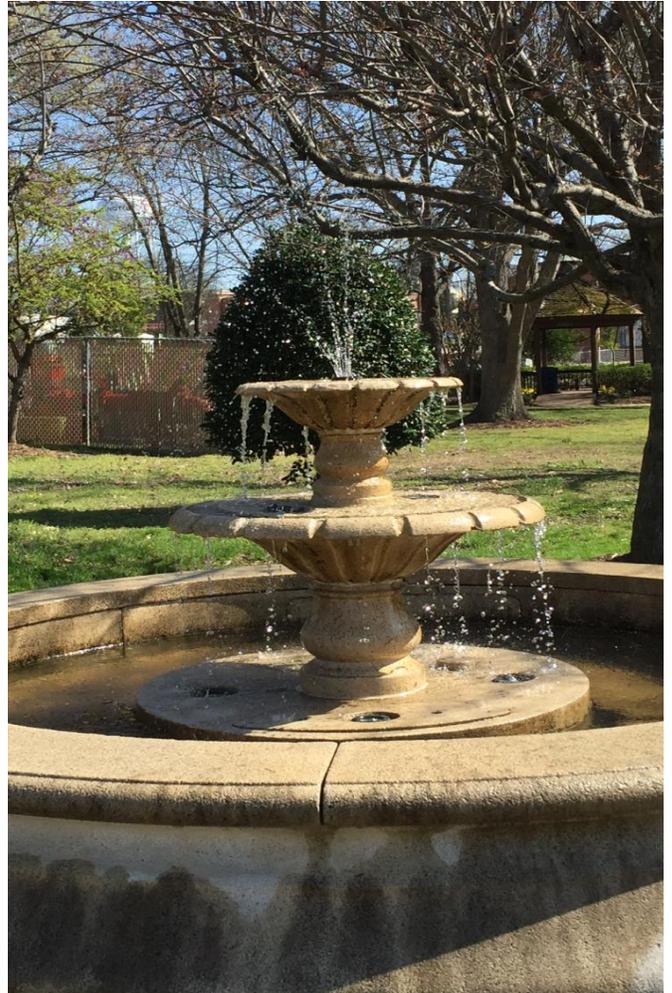
The last item on the agenda was proposed changes in fees. Code Enforcement Officer Lessie Fisher simply asked the committee to take the proposed fee changes under consideration and they will discuss at length at next month's meeting. Some of the changes are a result of changes at the State level. Fisher stated that she wants to put all the city fees and charges in one ordinance for easier access.

#### **Thursday**

Karen Griffin, Interim Director of Covington Parks and Recreation Department, spoke to the Covington Rotary Club about the LPRF grant the City is applying for this spring. This particular grant, if funded by The State, will build a baseball facility with concession and restrooms in Cobb-Parr Memorial Park. This grant is one step forward in the direction of developing and improving this area and is a result of public opinion generated through an on online survey and three public meetings. Mayor Hanson and Mrs. Griffin also spoke to Covington Lions Club about this grant earlier this week.



Karen Griffin stated writing the LPRF Grant isn't the only thing going on in our parks and invites people to walk or drive through to see improvements taking place. Baseball has started up in Cobb-Parr Park. The lights on at night and sounds of the crack of those bats are sure signs of spring! The fountain is up and running in Shelton Park – thanks to our Public Works Department. Basketball goals are going up in Frazier Park and several buildings are getting a fresh coat of paint there, as well. Spring blooms are out and spring cleaning is underway in all our parks – come out and enjoy them!



**Daffodils, the harbingers of spring, welcome guests at Covington City Hall. The fountain at Shelton Park is flowing again thanks to the Covington Public Works Department.**



CIAA **Leader in Me** students Miriam Guerrero and Mekiah Hayslett introduced County Executive Jeff Huffman at Third Thursday Business After Hours at The Chamber Center.

### **Dates to Remember...**

- March 19 – Free Legal Clinic - Covington First Presbyterian Church
- March 21 – 25 – Spring Break for Tipton County Schools
- March 22 – Regular Meeting of Board of Mayor and Alderman – City Hall – 5:30 pm
- March 22 – Reception for Resident Artist Peggy Kunkel – Museum – 6:30 pm
- March 25 – Good Friday Holiday – City offices are closed
- March 29 – Musical Tribute to Tim Sloan - 7:00 pm – DSCC, Jimmy Naifeh Center - Covington
- April 23 – 30 – Clean up/Fix up Covington.

The Tipton County Museum,  
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## 2016 Artist in Residence Peggy Kunkel

Artist in Residence Peggy Kunkel is a calligrapher with over 25 years of experience and has taught calligraphy extensively throughout the Memphis area. She is a past President of the Memphis Calligraphy Guild and is a member of the Tipton Art League. Her exhibition, “This and That”, is on display in the Conference room of the Tipton County Museum. She and her husband Keith live in Covington.

- March 22     **Reception:** Come out and meet Peggy! 6:30 p.m., **Free**
- June 4        **Lecture:** “Rock, Paper, Stone, plus a Demon” The History of Calligraphy, 10 – 11:30 a.m., Free to Members, \$5 Nonmembers
- July 23       **Workshop:** “Improve Your Handwriting”, 10 a.m. – Noon,  
\$10 Museum Members, \$15 Nonmembers
- August 13    **Workshop:** “Celtic Knots Simplified”, 10 a.m. – Noon  
\$10 Museum Members, \$15 Nonmembers
- Oct. 27       **Host:** “Museum Merchant Gala”, Meet local artists, 6 – 8 p.m.,  
Free and Open to the Public
- Nov. 19       **Lecture:** “The St. John’s Bible”, The 1<sup>st</sup> handwritten, illuminated Bible in 500 years, 10 – 11:30 a.m., Free to Members, \$5 Nonmembers
- Sept. 6, 20, 27, **Calligraphy Class:** “Italic Hand”, Tuesday nights, 6 – 8 p.m.  
Oct. 4, & 18    \$60 Museum Members, \$65 Nonmembers for the 5 week class

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**Presents:**

# Summer Lecture Series 2016

Saturday mornings in June  
10 – 11:30 a.m.,  
Free to Museum Members  
\$5.00 General Public

- June 4      “Rock, Paper, Stone, plus a Demon; the History of Calligraphy.” Peggy Kunkel,  
Artist in Residence
- June 11     “World’s Columbian Exposition of 1893; American Ingenuity on Display Then and Now.” Nancy  
Fosheé, Award Winning Author
- June 18     “A Visual Voyage: The Art & Life of Claude Monet.” Tipton County Museum Director Barrie  
Foster (Optional art class, “Painting with Monet” to follow in the afternoon. Separate  
registration required.)
- June 25     “Everyday Art for Everyday Folk; how to incorporate discarded or reclaimed objects into  
artwork.” Frank Lilly, folk artist & Vietnam Veteran

**Refreshments will be served.**

**Museum memberships start at \$25 and are available at the door.**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

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