

# CITY of COVINGTON

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Mayor Justin Hanson



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ALDERMAN

## Committee Meetings

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### JUNE

#### Public Works Committee - July 6

Chairperson Danny Wallace, Jeff Morris, Johnetta Yarbrough

#### General Welfare/Public Relations Committee - July 13

Chairperson Jeff Morris, CH Sullivan, John Edwards

#### Finance and Administration Committee - July 20

Chairperson CH Sullivan, All Board Members

#### Public Safety Committee - July 27

Chairperson Johnetta Yarbrough, Chris Richardson, CH Sullivan

Committee meetings are at 4:00 pm in the Lower Level Conference Room at Covington City Hall. 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](http://www.covingtontn.com).

**City Board meetings are also live-streamed  
on our [Website](#) and [Facebook page](#).**



## **Public Safety Committee Meeting - 6/15/2021**

Present: Chairman Johnetta Yarbrough, Aldermen Chris Richardson, Danny Wallace, CH Sullivan, and Jeff Morris, Mayor Justin Hanson

### **Covington Police Department Report - Chief Larry Lindsey**

#### Personnel

- 3 open positions, 2 certified officers have been interviewed and one left to interview
- Remaining positions hopefully filled by end of July

#### Promotion Process

- Assessment Center for Sergeants has been moved to July 8th
- Candidates have been given guide for written test and reference materials have been ordered

#### Training

- 2 officers attended Instructor Developmental at Germantown Police Department at no cost to the City.
- Both are also scheduled to attend Firearms Instructor School later in the year

#### Grants

- Would like to move forward with 3 grants 100% funded by Community Policing Development, Crisis Intervention Teams, De-Escalation Training, Accreditation

#### New Public Crime Map

- Tool for public to stay informed about crime in Covington
- <http://communitycrimemap.com/>

#### Submitted Calls for Service Report

#### Discussed Community Policing and events

Alderman Sullivan moved to accept report, Alderman Richardson 2nd, so moved

### **Covington Fire Department Report - Chief Richard Griggs**

Community Events / Meetings: Cody Faulk was recognized as Firefighter of the Year by The Exchange Club

Twelve volunteer hours worked in the month of May

Run Report May 20-June 17

- 218 Calls
- 1,192 Calls year to date

County coverage area collections to date for 2021: \$82,540

Personnel: One employee will be out for elective surgery for at least 2 weeks

#### Arson Cases

- Three suspects from 2 arson cases in the City were recently apprehended and charged
- Two are scheduled to go to the Grand Jury

Inservice / Training: All complete except for Grain Bin Rescue Class

- UT Agriculture Extension Office will conduct grain bin rescue class, date to be determined
- CFD will receive necessary equipment needed for successful extraction of victims in grain bin emergencies
- Southwest Partners grant will be submitted to cover training cost for all CFD Members

CARE Report: Free Smoke Alarms call 901-476-2578 to schedule

#### Volunteer Firefighter Update

- Nine applicants moved to interview panel
- Eight interviewed and will proceed to training

Three new Firefighters to possibly train at Memphis Fire Department

Alderman Sullivan moved to accept report, Mayor Hanson 2nd, so moved

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned



On the third and final reading Tuesday night, June 22nd, Mayor Hanson presented his proposed 2021-2022 budget to the Covington Board of Aldermen. The budget passed with a 5-1 vote. This is Mayor Hanson's seventh budget presented and passed on time and balanced. This is also the seventh budget presented without an increase in the tax rate. In fact, our municipal tax rate has decreased from \$1.33/\$100 assessed value to \$1.24/\$100 assessed value. Included in this budget are three new firefighters, additional police cameras to further improve public safety, money to continue blight eradication, investment to further improve our utilities and utility service, a new sidearm mower, investment for playground and field improvements in parks and recreation, new public works equipment, and new firefighter turnout gear. Also implemented in this budget is the first of a five-year salary study employee compensation plan that makes certain our team members are paid according to industry standards.



On Tuesday, June 22nd, the City of Covington had the honor of hosting recent Tipton-Rosemark Academy graduate Seth Walker as a job shadow. Mr. Walker was immersed in all aspects of city government, from utilities to public safety and parks and recreation! Special thanks to the Covington Police Department, Covington Fire Department, Covington Codes Dept, Covington Public Works Covington Parks & Recreation, Covington Aquatic Center, and the Tipton County Museum for your hospitality. Mr. Walker also attended the Public Safety Committee and Board of Mayor and Alderman meeting. Seth is an incoming freshman at the University of Memphis.

*Support*  
**LOCAL**

*Covington's economy continues to thrive and remain strong! We've just received our local option sales tax collection report from the month of April. Our sales tax revenue continues on an upward trajectory. Month-to-date sales are up 16.3% (\$57,815) and year-to-date sales are up 14.4% (\$463,710). We can't thank YOU enough for choosing to shop local, because what you spend here stays here! C'mon to Covington and [#shoplocal](#)! We'll be looking for you!*





In observance of the 4th of July holiday, all City Hall offices will be closed on Monday, July 5th. We will reopen July 6th at 8:00 a.m.



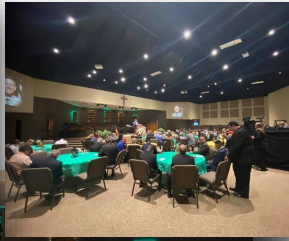
Republic Services has informed us that routes next week will be behind one day due to the 4th of July holiday. You can expect your trash to be collected a day late and they will finish up all routes by Saturday.

### **NOTICE!**

**There will be a special called meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman on Friday, July 16th at 12:00 p.m.**

**The only agenda item will be the approval of bids for paving, milling, and striping of municipal streets.**

***REMINDER: Fireworks are not permitted to be sold or discharged within the Covington City limits***



Congratulations to Tipton County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Billy Daugherty on your retirement from law enforcement! You have protected and served us well for over 23 years, and now our prayers are with you as you continue your public service as Comptroller for the Tipton County School System.

Wednesday, Mayor Hanson and Covington Police Department Chief Larry Lindsey joined others to congratulate Circuit Court Judge Jody Walker on his retirement from the bench! Judge Walker, honored today at a reception in Ripley, has served the 25th Judicial District (Lauderdale, Tipton, Fayette, Hardeman, McNairy counties) with distinction for 32 years, serving one year as Chancellor and 31 years as Circuit Court Judge. A U.S. Army veteran, Judge Walker served in the Infantry Branch and was twice awarded the Bronze Star. Sir, we are grateful for your service to country and community and wish you, your wife Dana, and your entire family the very best in the coming years!



The City of Covington gathered Thursday, June 24th for a surprise farewell reception for Covington Parks & Recreation Director Joseph Mack, who will soon become the Parks and Recreation Director for Knox County, Tennessee! Director Mack has served the city and its citizens for five years, helping rebuild and rebrand our department. He's built countless partnerships with local businesses, applied for and received grant dollars for the bicycle park construction and other park improvements, and also established the Covington Parks Foundation, which provides an opportunity for the public to donate to the park system. An active member of the Covington Rotary Club, Joe Mack has also been engaged and active in our civic community as well, establishing our "Adopt-A-Park" program. Fair winds and following seas, Master Chief! You will be greatly missed!

City of Covington Human Resources Director Tiny Rose was formally recognized during the June 22nd Mayor and Board of Alderman meeting for her 38 years of service to the City of Covington. She started part time in the Covington Parks & Recreation Department in 1981 and later served as Municipal Court Clerk and became Purchasing and Personnel Director in 2007. Tiny we congratulate you and wish you many years of health and happiness! You will be greatly missed! Congratulations on retirement!







Congratulations Covington FFA! 14 State Championships were Awarded this week to members of the Level 5 Covington FFA!



Leanna Gray = TN State Winner Agriculture Education Proficiency  
 Madison Rowland = TN State Winner Agriculture Mechanics Proficiency and TN State Winner Agriscience Fair Mechanic Systems Division 6  
 John Travis Turner = TN State Winner Beef Production Placement Proficiency  
 Mitch Hopkins = TN State Winner Diversified Crop Production Proficiency  
 Sammy Simmons = TN State Winner Diversified Horticulture Proficiency  
 Thorne Turner = TN State Winner Diversified Livestock Proficiency  
 Delaney Naifeh = TN State Winner Equine Science Ent. Proficiency  
 Jesse Bryant = TN State Winner Forage Production Proficiency  
 Mike Hopkins = TN State Winner Grain Production Proficiency  
 Bobbie Sue = TN State Winner Outdoor Recreation Proficiency  
 Evie Turner = TN State Winner Small Animal Care Production Proficiency  
 Eli Patrick = TN State Winner Vegetable Production Proficiency  
 Allan Turner = TN State Winner Wildlife Management Proficiency  
 Ethan Wilson = TN State Winner Mechanic Systems Division 6



Tipton County Schools will sponsor the USDA Summer Food Program this year. The program will begin providing meals on Tuesday, June 1st and end on July 30th.

**Meals will be available for pick up on Mondays through Fridays at the following locations:**

Covington High School	901-840-9221	10:30 - 12:30
Brighton Elementary School	901-840-9511	10:30 - 12:30
Munford Elementary School	901-840-9716	10:30 - 12:30
Drummonds Elementary School	901-840-9766	10:30 - 12:30
Austin Peay Elementary School	901-840-9342	10:30 - 12:30

**Buses will be delivering meals in the community as well.**

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**Professional Care Services' 5th Annual**

**Back to School SUPPLY DRIVE**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 2021**  
**9:00AM - 11:00AM (or until supplies last)**  
**1997 Highway 51 South | Covington, TN**  
 Child must be present in order to receive a backpack and supplies.



Mayor Hanson had the honor today of administering the oaths of office to our Class of 2024 Covington - Tipton County Chamber of Commerce Board members. Welcome to the incoming members: Nicole White - The Stitching Store, Jeff Cooley - Edward Jones, Michelle Allen Crye-Leike Realtors, Karen Vanstory - Pink Daisy Market and Bakeshop, Youlanda Jones - Tennessee College of Applied Technology - Covington, Katherine Markley - Tipton County Museum, Veterans' Memorial and Nature Center, Jason Glass - Total Fitness.

Incoming Executive Board Members include:

At large position - Kevin Gay - Mueller Fittings Co, Inc, Incoming President - Jere Mason - Huffman Mason, PLLC.

Thank you to the following individuals of the 2021 Board Member class for your leadership and service to our community through the Chamber of Commerce:

Shane Waits -Tipton County Printing

Willie Mae Chaney - BancorpSouth

Leslie Roane - Burlison Gin Company/Kelcot Warehouse

Kelvyn Thomas - Up Town BBQ "On the Square"

Will McGowan - McGowan-Stitt Insurance



Congratulations to Tammy Brigman, owner of Paradise Nutrition, on your weekend grand opening! Located at 120 West Liberty Ave., Paradise is also a new member of the Covington - Tipton County Chamber of Commerce!! Tammy and her team serve flavorful loaded teas and shakes! Welcome to Covington's business community!



The Robert "Bob" Yoakum Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 74 has officially dedicated a one mile stretch of Highway 51 in Covington to fallen Tipton County Sheriff's Deputy Richard L. "Ricky" Rose. Deputy Rose, age 22, was killed in the line of duty in November, 1988. Deputy Rose's brother, daughter, and niece were in attendance at the sign reveal ceremony. We are grateful to Deputy Rose and his service to the citizens of Covington and Tipton County. We will never forget his sacrifice.



# registration Round Up

## DYERSBURG STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Dyersburg State Community College will host registration events at the Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County inside the Jimmy Naifeh Building on June 22, July 22, and August 12 from 1p.m. to 7 p.m. in room 141. Advisors will be available to help with admissions, financial aid, and registration of current and new students! Contact Rebecca Reeves, Adult Student Coordinator, at 731-288-7514 or [reeves@dsc.edu](mailto:reeves@dsc.edu) for more information.



## Aquatic Center Classes

### 2021 SUMMER SCHEDULE

901-476-9178

901-476-3734

#### MONDAY

5AM-8AM – MASTER SWIM  
10AM – 11AM – WATER AEROBICS  
12 PM – 2 PM – PATRON SWIM  
3PM-5PM – OPEN SWIM  
6PM – 7PM – WATER AEROBICS  
7 PM – 8 PM – MASTER SWIM

#### TUESDAY

5AM-8AM – MASTER SWIM  
7AM-8AM – WATER AEROBICS  
10AM-11AM – AQUA EXPLOSION  
12 PM – 2 PM PATRON SWIM  
3PM -5PM – OPEN SWIM  
6PM-7PM – WATER AEROBICS  
7PM-8PM – MASTER SWIM

#### WEDNESDAY

5AM-8AM - MASTER SWIM  
10AM-11AM – WATER AEROBICS  
12PM-2PM - PATRON SWIM  
3PM – 5PM – OPEN SWIM

#### THURSDAY

5AM-8AM- MASTER SWIM  
7AM-8AM – WATER AEROBICS  
8AM -12PM- SWIM CAMP  
12PM – 2PM – PATRON SWIM  
3PM -5PM – OPEN SWIM  
6PM – 7PM – AQUA EXPLOSION  
7PM -8PM – MASTER SWIM

#### FRIDAY

5AM-8AM- MASTER SWIM  
10AM – 11AM – WATER AEROBICS  
12PM – 2PM – PATRON SWIM  
3PM – 5PM – OPEN SWIM

#### SATURDAY

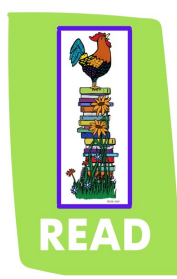
11AM-1PM – PATRON SWIM  
2PM – 5PM – OPEN SWIM

SUNDAY  
CLOSED





# 2021 SUMMER READING PROGRAM



## ALL AGES

The program includes:

- ✓ Online Reading Reporting
- ✓ Programs for all AGES
- ✓ Weekly Activities
- ✓ PRIZES!!!

**MAY 25 - JULY 31**



**TIPTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

3149 HWY 51 S. BLDG C  
Covington, TN 38019  
476-8289

[tiptoncountylibrary.com](http://tiptoncountylibrary.com)

# Coffee with the Mayor

Public Invited

7:30 am - 9:00 am

Brunch Time Café

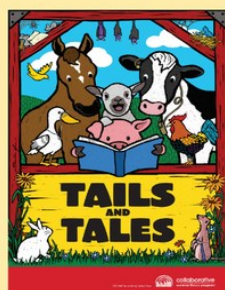
DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Ctr.

Covington, TN

**Tuesday, August 3rd**

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## Tails and Tales



Earn points by tracking reading and completing missions.

**MAY 25 - JULY 31st**

**Ages 0-100**

Sign up at

[tcpl.readsquared.com](http://tcpl.readsquared.com)



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**Get Involved!**



Each storytime will feature stories, songs, & a scavenger hunt!

Located at the  
Tipton County Museum  
Nature Trail - 751 Bert Johnston Ave  
Covington, TN

Saturday @ 10:00am on these dates:  
June 5th, June 19th,  
July 10th, July 24th



## WE ARE HIRING

### Openings:

- Production Team Members
- Warehouse Team Members
- Manufacturing Engineer

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# SPEAK UP

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## SUICIDE SURVIVOR GROUP

COVINGTON PCS OFFICE  
WEDNESDAYS FROM 10:15AM - 11:15AM  
GROUP LEADER: KATIE COLEMAN

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