

# Newsletter - September 25, 2020

Mayor Justin Hanson



- District 1 Vice Mayor Johnetta Yarbrough Alderwoman Minnie Bommer
- District 2 Alderman Jeff Morris Alderman Keith Phelps
- District 3 Alderman C.H. Sullivan Alderman Danny Wallace

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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 <u>www.covingtontn.com</u>.

#### Public Safety Committee Meeting – 9/22/20

Present via Virtual Meeting: Chairman Keith Phelps, Alderman CH Sullivan, Alderman Danny Wallace, Alderwoman Johnetta Yarbrough, Alderman Jeff Morris, Mayor Justin Hanson, Chief Larry Lindsey, Chief Richard Griggs, Tina Dunn, Rebecca Ray, Charles Walker (TNT Fireworks), Joey Rouse (TNT Fireworks), Sgt Tony Ginn, Lessie Fisher, Echo Day

Chairman Phelps introduced Mr. Joey Rouse and Mr. Charles Walker of TNT Fireworks. Ordinance 1733 was discussed. Representative from TNT wanted to discuss ideas on possibly allowing fireworks within the city limits. Suggest a tiered approach or stiffer penalties. Chief Lindsey stated that he does not have the manpower to address the amount of calls. He feels like for safety of officers fireworks should be banned. Chief Griggs addressed homes and personal property being destroyed. Alderman Sullivan addressed the amount of constituents who have contacted him regarding banning fireworks. Alderman Morris has had constituents who would like to keep fireworks. Mayor Hanson mentioned that this is a three reading ordinance and anything can be changed before the final reading. Chairman Phelps would like to postpone 2nd reading.

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

Personnel

- Hired 4 certified officers. Three have started work and the fourth will begin 9/26/20. Conditional offers made to 3 non-certified officers who will begin employment in 2-3 weeks Technology Upgrades

- Sergeant Tony Ginn gave new technology presentation

Submitted State of the Department Report

Submitted Stats Report

Submitted Total Calls for Service Report

The Venue – Parking and Complaint Issues

- Alderwoman Bommer requested Chief bring to Committee's attention several complaints about loud music and major parking issues connected to The Venue Restaurant Bar located on N. College.

- Owner has been cited for loud music, no parking signs put up, and vehicles have been towed

Motion made to accept Chief Lindsey's report, 2nd, roll called, so moved

#### **Covington Fire Department – Chief Richard Griggs**

Community Events

- Fire Prevention Week 2020, October 4-10, theme is Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen
- Drug Free Tipton Takeback/Narcan Distribution October 3rd, 11-1, Cobb Parr Park
- 9/11 Remembrance Service

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#### Public Safety Committee Meeting Continued

Volunteer Hours – 132 worked by Volunteers in August Submitted Run Report for 8/20-9/17 County Coverage area collections - \$79,720.00 Equipment – Engine-4 Repairs, Boat Status Personnel report – Lt. Baker McCool accepted position at Dyersburg State Community College as EMS Program Director but will remain on the volunteer roster. An assessment for the Lt. position scheduled for 11/5. Working with Human Resource for open hire for vacant Firefighter position Sanitizing units purchased by the city are in service Covington Fire Department hosted The Tennessee Fire Commissions Test validation at station one September 14-17 Training - 2021 Inservice submitted for approval. Rope technician class was rescheduled for some time in December due to TNTF-1 Hurricane deployment CARE Report – Free smoke alarms, call 901-476-2578 to schedule

Motion made to accept Chief Griggs' report, 2nd, roll called, so moved

There being no further business, meeting is adjourned.

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#### NOVEMBER GENERAL/CITY ELECTIONS <u>NOVEMBER 3, 2020</u> EARLY VOTING IS AS FOLLOWS: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup>. – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup>. MON-WED-FRI 8:30 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. TUESDAY & THURSDAY 8:30 A.M. - 7:00 P.M. SATURDAY 8:30-2 P.M. EARLY VOTING WILL BE HELD AT THE FOLLOWING:

TIPTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION 113 EAST CHURCH ST., COVINGTON, TN

#### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ATOKA 102 KIMBROUGH AVENUE, ATOKA, TN (Behind Dairy Queen right off of Hwy 51.) IF YOU MISS EARLY VOTING, YOU <u>MUST</u> VOTE AT YOUR POLLING LOCATION ON ELECTION DAY

#### HiSET/Adult Education Classes Offered

#### COVINGTON Day Classes

Mon/Tues/Wed 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Alternative Learning Center 800 Bert Johnston Ave. Covington, TN 38019



#### COVINGTON Night Classes

Tues/Thurs 4:00 p.m.— 7:00 p.m. Alternative Learning Center 800 Bert Johnston Ave. Covington, TN 38019

#### DRUMMONDS Night Classes Tues/Thurs

4:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. Drummonds Elementary 5068 Drummonds Rd. Drummonds, TN 38023

#### MASON Night Classes

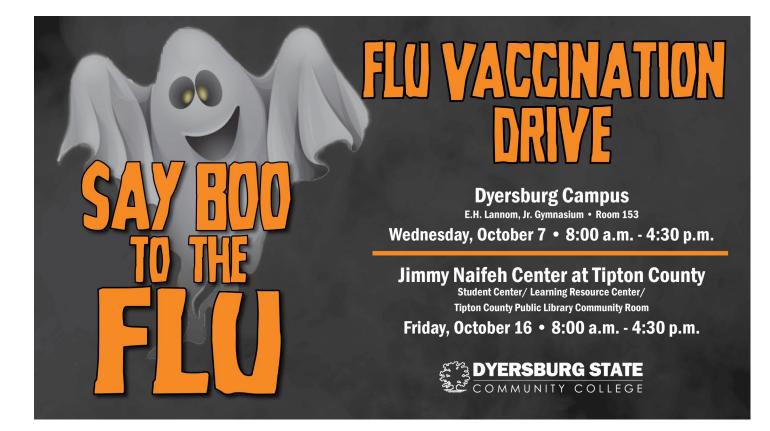
Tues/Thurs 4:00 p.m..— 7:00 p.m. Austin Peay Elem. School 474 Academic Drive Covington, TN 38019

#### MUNFORD Night Classes

Tues/Thurs 4:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. Munford Elem. School 1200 McLaughlin Drive Munford, TN 38058

#### For Information Call office: 901.475.3479 or cellular: 901.422.3394

Thomas Hayes, Adult Ed. Coordinator LeTicia Taylor, HiSET Coach Sarita Alston, Student Coordinator \*\*\*\*Distance Learning Opportunities Are Available\*\*\*\*



#### COVID DRIVE-THRU TESTING TIMES HAVE CHANGED! Monday-Friday, 8:00am-Noon



The drive-up COVID-19 testing site at the Tipton County Health Department will be giving FREE tests Monday - Friday, **8:00 a.m.**-**Noon.** The Tennessee National Guard is on hand to administer the tests. You can drive through and get your free test regardless of symptoms. Tipton County Health Department is located at 4700 Mueller Brass Rd.



Tipton County Executive Jeff Huffman has announced, per the authority granted to county mayors by Gov. Bill Lee, a mask mandate for Tipton County that began on August 4th and will continue through 11:59 pm Wednesday, September 30th. To read the complete order, <u>CLICK HERE.</u>



#### Masks Required at Tipton County Schools

After discussions with County Executive Jeff Huffman as well as updated recommendations from the Health Department, LeBonheur, and the UT HSC, Tipton County Board of Education agrees that a mandatory mask requirement is the appropriate next step to slow the spread of COVID-19. Our hope is that the mask requirement and other safety protocols such as social distancing will help keep schools open for learning.



The Tennessee Pledge was developed by Governor Lee, the Unified Command Group (UCG) and Tennessee's Economic Recovery Group (ERG) with input from health experts, state and local partners and business and industry leaders. It includes specific recommendations which enable most businesses to reopen responsibly without the burden of heavy mandates. This will be a gradual process, with room to adjust as data is evaluated. For links to all of Governor Lee's guidelines, please visit our website at www.covingtontn.com. On Wednesday, Mayor Hanson presented Marianne Dunavant, Director of Victim's Outreach for Marcy's Law for TN a proclamation recognizing Domestic Violence Awareness Month.



According to Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, there were over 73,000 domestic related offenses reported in 2018. Almost 50,000 of those were reported as simple assault. Domestic Violence affects millions of people across the country and crosses all lines of gender, race, religion, culture, and economic status.

October is recognized as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. If you are struggling in a domestic violence situation, help is available. Call 1-800-799-7233 to speak to someone.



### REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY to Covington Police

Call 901-475-1261 or 901-475-4300

In an emergency dial 9-1-1

#### **COVINGTON CIVIC CENTER**

Stay up to date on upcoming events at the Civic Center!

Visit our <u>Facebook Page</u> or Visit our <u>Website</u>!



### SIGNUPS START MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21,2020 Ages 5-17 \$55

**02** High School Age\*\* Team Fee (14-18) - \$450







Coaches Receive Memphis Grizzlies Tickets\*

Players Receive A Signed Certificate From a Grizzlies Player & Game Tickets To Attend Grizzlies Night\*

\*If COVID Regulations will Allow\*

Teams WILL BE ALLOWED

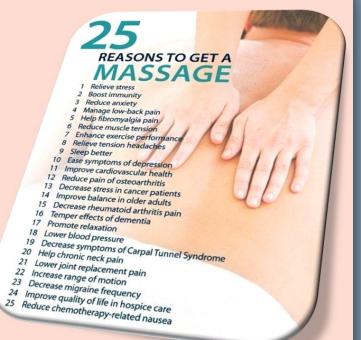
\*\*Individual Players signed up in HS group will be assigned to teams or a team will be created\*\*

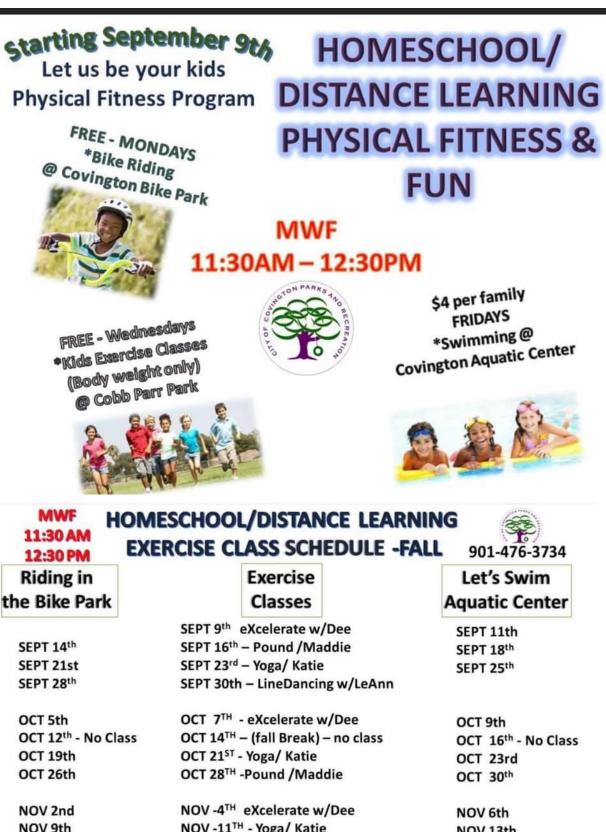
Sign Up Online at covingtontn.com/covington-youth-sports or Covington Sportsplex 901-476-3734

# The Sportsplex is now Offering THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE



Dee Rogers, NCMT,LMT Call for Appointment 870-206-2294





	SEPT 9th eXcelerate w/Dee	SEPT 11th
SEPT 14 <sup>th</sup>	SEPT 16 <sup>th</sup> – Pound /Maddie	SEPT 18th
SEPT 21st	SEPT 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Yoga/ Katie	SEPT 25th
SEPT 28 <sup>th</sup>	SEPT 30th – LineDancing w/LeAnn	
OCT 5th	OCT 7 <sup>TH</sup> - eXcelerate w/Dee	OCT 9th
OCT 12 <sup>th</sup> - No Class	OCT 14 <sup>TH</sup> – (fall Break) – no class	OCT 16th - No Class
OCT 19th	OCT 21 <sup>st</sup> - Yoga/ Katie	OCT 23rd
OCT 26th	OCT 28 <sup>TH</sup> -Pound /Maddie	OCT 30 <sup>th</sup>
NOV 2nd	NOV -4 <sup>TH</sup> eXcelerate w/Dee	NOV 6th
NOV 9th	NOV -11 <sup>TH</sup> - Yoga/ Katie	NOV 13th
NOV 16th	NOV – 18 <sup>TH</sup> - Pound /Maddie	NOV 20th
NOV 23rd	NOV – 25 <sup>TH</sup> Thanksgiving Break – No Class	NOV 27 <sup>th</sup> - No Class
	DEC – 2 <sup>ND</sup> eXcelerate w/Dee	DEC 4th
DEC 7th	DEC – 9 <sup>TH</sup> - Yoga/ Katie	DEC 11th
DEC 14th	DEC – 16 <sup>TH</sup> -Pound /Maddie	DEC 18th
DEC 21th No Class	DEC – 23 <sup>RD</sup> (Christmas Break) No Class	DEC 25 <sup>th</sup> – No Class
DEC 28 <sup>th</sup> No Class	DEC – 30 <sup>TH</sup> (Christmas Break) No Class	

# FALL INTO A GOOD BOOK!

We have returned to our normal operating hours. Curbside Service is still available for those wishing to utilize this service.

Mon-Thu 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM Fri 8:00 - 5:00 PM Sat 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

### 901-476-8289 tiptoncountylibrary.com



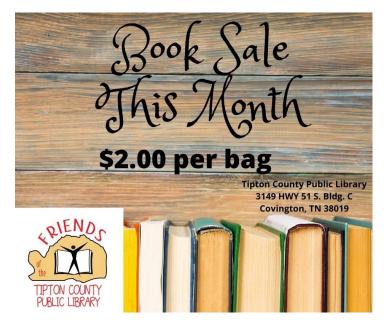
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#### **Get your Library Card today!**

Virtual Library Cards are now available for ebooks. Please contact your library for more information at 476-8289, or visit our website tiptoncountylibrary.com



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#### DON'T MISS TIPTON COUNTY'S Fabulous Fall Shape-Up!

Join us for a FREE 8-week program that includes:

When? Start October 5

What? 8 week trek across the state which is (roughly) 500 miles

**Who?** This is a team challenge. Teams will have 6 members. Select a team captain who will report miles for the team weekly.

**How?** ALL fitness activities will count. A conversion chart will be used to exchange minutes to miles.

Example- 20 minutes of golf (walking) equals 1 mile; 27 minutes of gardening equals 1 mile.

**Incentives?** Top teams will receive awards

Sign your team up today Call Katie (FCS Agent) at the UT-TSU Extension office

476-0231 or email kwyatt3@utk.edu

University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture, Tennessee State University, US Department of Agriculture and county governments are cooperating. UT/TSU Extension provides equal opportunities in program and employment.

Real. Life. Solutions.



www.Covington-TiptonCoChamber.com/Events

#### **Coming Soon...** 8th Annual Squarecrow Contest! It's time to plan your Squarecrow Designs for the annual contest hosted by the Covington Economic Development Corporation! IMPORTANT DATES Aug. 10th-Sept. 4th Submit entry form/fee & pick up frame at Chamber Sept 14th-Sept. 20th Installation week for Scarecrows Sept. 21st-Oct. 31st All Scarecrows displayed in **Historic Covington Square** ept. 21st-Oct. 31st VOTE, VOTE, VOTE, for your favorites entries Pick up Squarecrows Nov. 1st-4th November 9th All 5 Winners Announced #MaskUp Don't be safety blinded Be safety minded! Greenest Absolutely all materials used to create squarecrows These squarecrows should nclude creative masks and in this category have been recycled or found at personal protective equipment designed to no cost to the designer! prevent the spread of coronavirus 2edu **Most Traditional** These squarecrows should be designed to look most like a traditional fall scarecrow seen on a farm of as a yard decoration.

For more details call 901 289 1302 or email cedc38019@gmail.com





# DSCC's Filtz Named Assistant VP for the College and Dean of the Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County

Dyersburg, Tennessee – Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) President Karen Bowyer has announced the appointment of Dr. Joshua Filtz as the new assistant vice president for the College in addition to his current duties as dean of the DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County. This appointment will be effective October 1.

"Dr. Filtz brings a wealth of experience in the area of enrollment services and recruitment that has impressed us in the short amount of time he has served as dean of the Jimmy Naifeh Center," stated Dr. Bowyer. "His

expertise in recruiting prospective students; making improvements in the admissions process; and developing new programs to fit the needs of the community will undoubtedly be an asset to DSCC."

As assistant vice president for the College, Filtz will oversee enrollment services; assist the vice president for the College by providing leadership and guidance to the academic divisions; work with student services staff to ensure positive outcomes and continuous improvement; provide oversight of the learning support program; assist with implementation of the quality enhancement plan (QEP) required for accreditation by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC); participate in the work of the College's Instructional Council; oversee participation in the Tennessee Consortium of International Studies (TnCIS) and other international programs; and assist with substantive change requests and notifications.





Hey Eagle Nation! The last day to register to vote is October 5, which is fast approaching. Dyersburg State is committed to ask every student to register to vote. We are hosting drive up voter registration rallies on September 22 and October 5 at the Dyersburg Campus and the Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County. We will be registering students and community members from 12-2 p.m.

For more information please contact Erin Smith at 901-475-3316 or ecsmith@dscc.edu or Stephen Thomas at 901-286-3332 or sthomas@dscc.edu.



Do you have an announcement that you would like to include in our newsletter? Click <u>HERE</u> to email your info to Rebecca Ray!

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# FINANCIAL AID IS AVAILABLE FOR NEW STUDENTS

# **Courses Offered:**

- Introduction to Art
- Introduction to Business
- Spreadsheet Applications
- Network Security
- Fundamentals of Communication
- Industrial Electronic Controls
- Instrumentation Technology
- English Composition I
- English Composition II
- Computer Aided Design I

- Quality and Inspection
- Total Productive Maintenance
- Modern United States History
- Personal Health
- Computer Applications
- Precalculus Algebra
- Introductory Statistics
- Introduction to Music
- Introduction to Philosophy
- Introduction to Psychology

## October 12, 2020 - December 11, 2020

Make an appointment with your advisor and enroll today.



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The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center *Presents* 



### "Reflections of a Museum"

An International Art & Photography Virtual Exhibit Artwork & Photos of the Tipton County Museum Entry Deadline October 16, 2020 Exhibit Posted & Awards Announced November 11, 2020 Submissions accepted from around the world. Prospectus & entry form at www.tiptoncountymuseum.com The Tipton County Museum 751 Bert Johnson Ave., Covington, TN (901) 476-0242



# 'Reflections of a Museum'

### An International Art & Photography Exhibit

The Tipton County Museum is hosting its 2020 International Online Art & Photography exhibit, and we need sponsors. The exhibit is in conjunction with our 22nd anniversary, which is November 11. The exhibit will be posted on our webpage, and is open to all adult artists and photographers. Artwork and photographs must be of the Tipton County Museum or its grounds. As the contest is open to citizens of all countries, we are expecting a large audience with which to share the Tipton County Museum. This is a great opportunity for your business to be recognized both in Tipton County and beyond. We have several levels of sponsorship to meet you business needs. Please call us at (901) 476-0242 if you have any questions. Thank you for your sponsorship!

#### Please complete this portion and return it with your check made payable to the Tipton County Museum, P.O. Box 768, Covington, TN 38019

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# Successful Gardening—An October Event at The Tipton County Museum!





VETERANS MEMORIAL NATURE CENTER



# JOIN US ON ZOOM!!!

901-476-0242

Because of <u>COVID-19</u>, our 2020 October Gardening Series will be held VIRTUALLY, on ZOOM. Please use the codes below to join us for *FREE*!

#### Saturday, October 3rd 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.

#### "Let's Talk Organics"

 Guest Speaker – Dr. Chris Cooper: Shelby County Master Gardener Coordinator & creator of WKNO's "The Family Plot"

#### Saturday, October 10th: 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.

#### "Controlling Insects on Turfgrass"

 Guest Speaker – Booker T. Leigh: Shelby County Extension Agent & creator of WYPL's "What's Growing On"

#### Saturday, October 17th: 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.

#### "Certify Your Yard"

 Guest Speaker – Sherl Rose: Tipton County Museum Naturalist & Pollinator Expert

#### Saturday, October 24th: 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.

#### "Roses Through Time"

 Guest Speaker – Barrie Foster: Tipton County Museum Director

Meeting ID: 763 650 1547 Meeting Passcode: garden









