

Newsletter - September 11, 2020

Mayor Justin Hanson



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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.

General Welfare and Public Relations Committee Meeting – 9/8/20

Present via Virtual Meeting – Chairwoman Minnie Bommer, Alderman Jeff Morris, Mayor Justin Hanson, Alderwoman Johnetta Yarbrough, Alderman Keith Phelps, Alderman Danny Wallace, Alderman CH Sullivan, Tina Dunn, Lessie Fisher, Robin Anderson, Joseph Mack, Barrie Foster, Rebecca Ray

Airport Report – Director Robin Anderson

Fuel Sales

- 6207 August Sales
- 10195 July Sales

Fuel Farm – Installed

Entrance Sign – Installed

Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding Update

- Funding request ready (\$30,000)

Security Grant

- Working on funding amount

Motion made to accept report, 2nd, roll call, so moved

Parks and Recreation Report – Director Joseph Mack

Discussed park on the Square and issue with bathroom usage

- Committee discussed selling property versus leasing property
- Motion made for Director Mack to speak with Mr. Thomas who already has a business next to said property on whether he would be willing to discuss leasing or purchasing property and discussing at Finance Committee meeting, 2nd, roll call, so moved

Parks and Rec Funding

- Discussed grant webinars. Many grants have gone from 80%-20% to 50%-50%. Will not be pursuing these
- Covington Parks Foundation Board Members - William Wooten, Echo Day, Jean Johnson, Joseph Mack
- Director Mack gave status update
- Land and Water Conservation Fund using revenues from offshore drilling
- Recreation Education Services

Bicycle Lanes

- Many advantages of bicycle lanes
- Submitted design for possible Highway 51 and off Highway 51 bicycle lanes and trails

Archery Range

- Submitted plans for possible archery range at Newman Property

Continued on next page

- Also discussed possible plans for driving range at Newman Property

Home School & Distance Learners Program

- Starting September 9th
- Gives children opportunity to get some physical education while homeschooling and distance learning

Live Streaming

- Submitted information on Blue Chip TV Live Stream Sports
- Want families to be able to see sports streamed even if they don't feel comfortable or can't attend events
- For both Spring and Fall sports
- Submitted estimate for purchase

Motion made to accept report, 2nd, roll call, so moved

Tipton County Museum Report – Director Barrie Foster

Reflections of a Museum Virtual Exhibit

- Fundraiser for this year

To Make Our Voices Heard Exhibit

The Nature Connection Dragonflies, September 2020

Tipton County Membership Drive

Eagle Scout created bee houses

Added family craft sessions to online academy

Approved for Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act grant for equipment we purchased last year

Motion made to accept report, 2nd, roll call, so moved

There being no further business, meeting is adjourned

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

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NEVER FORGET

SEPTEMBER 11, 2001



On Friday morning, September 11th, at exactly 7:46 am, Chief Griggs and the Covington Fire Department, Chief Lindsey and the Covington Police Department, Mayor Hanson and Chaplain Cliff Marion observed a moment of silence in remembrance of the events that took place on September 11, 2001. Chaplain Marion led in prayer. Mayor Hanson and Chief Griggs spoke briefly before they and Chief Lindsey placed roses on the 9/11 memorial outside the fire department.

We want to thank our first responders for their service to our community and their commitment in keeping us safe.

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.

MANDATORY MASKS IN TIPTON COUNTY



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, [CLICK HERE](#).



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.



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.





**JUNIOR
GRIZZLIES**

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

**SIGNUPS START MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 21, 2020**

Ages 5-17 \$55

2021

High School Age**

Team Fee (14-18) - \$450



**Teams WILL BE ALLOWED
for High School aged players only!!**

****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**



starting September 9th

Let us be your kids

Physical Fitness Program

HOMESCHOOL/ DISTANCE LEARNING PHYSICAL FITNESS & FUN

FREE - MONDAYS
***Bike Riding**
@ Covington Bike Park



MWF

11:30AM – 12:30PM



FREE - Wednesdays
***Kids Exercise Classes**
(Body weight only)
@ Cobb Parr Park



\$4 per family
FRIDAYS
***Swimming @**
Covington Aquatic Center



MWF
11:30 AM
12:30 PM

HOMESCHOOL/DISTANCE LEARNING EXERCISE CLASS SCHEDULE -FALL



901-476-3734

Riding in the Bike Park

SEPT 14th
SEPT 21st
SEPT 28th

OCT 5th
OCT 12th - No Class
OCT 19th
OCT 26th

NOV 2nd
NOV 9th
NOV 16th
NOV 23rd

DEC 7th
DEC 14th
DEC 21th No Class
DEC 28th No Class

Exercise Classes

SEPT 9th eXcelerate w/Dee
SEPT 16th – Pound /Maddie
SEPT 23rd – Yoga/ Katie
SEPT 30th – LineDancing w/LeAnn

OCT 7TH - eXcelerate w/Dee
OCT 14TH – (fall Break) – no class
OCT 21ST - Yoga/ Katie
OCT 28TH -Pound /Maddie

NOV -4TH eXcelerate w/Dee
NOV -11TH - Yoga/ Katie
NOV – 18TH - Pound /Maddie
NOV – 25TH Thanksgiving Break – No Class

DEC – 2ND eXcelerate w/Dee
DEC – 9TH - Yoga/ Katie
DEC – 16TH -Pound /Maddie
DEC – 23RD (Christmas Break) No Class
DEC – 30TH (Christmas Break) No Class

Let's Swim Aquatic Center

SEPT 11th
SEPT 18th
SEPT 25th

OCT 9th
OCT 16th - No Class
OCT 23rd
OCT 30th

NOV 6th
NOV 13th
NOV 20th
NOV 27th - No Class

DEC 4th
DEC 11th
DEC 18th
DEC 25th – No Class

2020: A Way Forward

Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce
Online Friday, September 18 10:00am

Mo Collins

Thinking differently about Economic Development

The pandemic, economic shifts and rural workforce shortages have created unprecedented challenges (and opportunities) for businesses in Tennessee

HIGHLIGHTS

An Economic Forecast

The impact of recent economic disruptions has been profound. Mo will discuss current business recovery trends and offer an important rural economic forecast through 2030

Insight into Important Workforce Trends

We will take a deeper look at current unemployment rates and coming economic shifts to better understand current workforce challenges, and showcase options for large and small business going forward

New Workforce and Business Innovation

Communities and companies are stepping up with clever and innovative strategies to help businesses of all sizes survive in 2020, then to thrive post-pandemic - we will share some of the best ideas underway right now

Positioning the Tipton County Region

Mo will sign off with a call for four proven strategies in rural economic development to position Tipton County to navigate the current economic disruption then thrive in the coming decade

OUTCOMES

Large and small business owners will be better prepared to respond to current and coming economic changes in TN

Business and community leaders will take away specific tools to support current (and coming) economic shifts

Learn about best practices from other parts of the country making a difference in workforce, downtown economic development and business innovation

**CLICK FOR
MORE INFO!**



Mo Collins is an American speaker at the intersection of workforce, technology and entrepreneurial innovation

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☎ 319-215-2596

🖱 www.MoCollins.com

Mo Collins



Industrial Appreciation Golf Tournament

Thursday, September 24th 2020

Covington Country Club

Tee Off at 12:30pm Lunch Served at 11am

Join us for an afternoon of great fellowship, food, and golf as we celebrate and show appreciation of the local manufacturers and large employers that positively impact the economy in our region!



[CLICK HERE FOR REGISTRATION AND SPONSOR INFO!](#)

 COVINGTON
TIPTON COUNTY
CHAMBER of COMMERCE

heritage festival

25th Annual



JOIN US FOR
food, music, tours &
arts crafts market

COVINGTON TN

September 25th -27th
Historic Covington Square

www.Covington-TiptonCoChamber.com/Events



25TH ANNUAL HERITAGE FESTIVAL SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
September 26th - 27th

Please select from the following sponsorship levels.

Title Sponsor - \$5,000

- Top level logo recognition on all promotion and print materials as "Title Sponsor"
- Named as title sponsor in all press releases and media opportunities
- Top level logo recognition on website and social media for 1 full year
- Sponsor sign at event
- Company name on T-shirt
- Complimentary Booth
- Recognition as "Title Sponsor" during the concerts
- 12 Event T-shirts

Silver Sponsor - \$1,000

- Top level logo recognition on all promotional and print materials
- Top level logo recognition on website and social media
- Company name on event banner
- Company name on T-shirt
- Complimentary Booth
- Recognition during the concerts
- 5 Event T-shirts

Bronze Sponsor - \$750

- Company name on T-shirt
- Company name on event banner
- Logo recognition on website and social media
- Recognition during the concerts
- 3 T-shirts

Gold Sponsor - \$2,500

- Top level logo recognition on all promotional and print materials
- Named as Gold Sponsor in all press releases and social media opportunities
- Top level logo recognition on website and social media
- Company name on event banner
- Company name on T-shirt
- Complimentary Booth
- Recognition during the concerts
- 8 event T-shirts

Festival Supporter - \$100

- Recognized on Chamber social media pages, in e-newsletter and Festival booklet

Contacts us today to secure your sponsorship level!

Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce
106 W. Liberty Ave. Covington TN 38019
lauren@covington-tiptoncochamber.com
901 476 9727

Company Name: _____

Contact Name/Title: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

I will mail a check for \$ _____ I am a Chamber Member. Please e-mail me an invoice _____

Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____

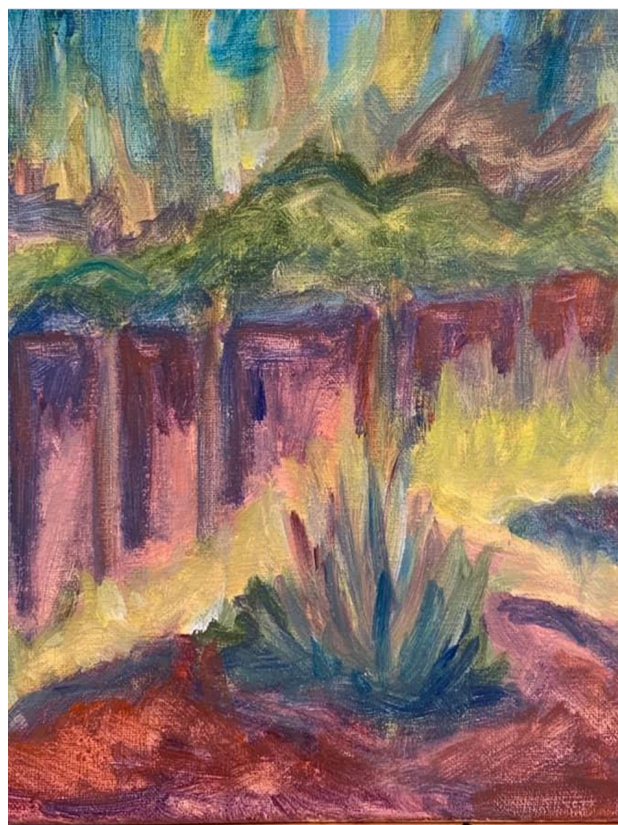
T-shirt sizes: S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ 2X _____ 3X _____ TOTAL Number of shirts _____

(ATT: Silver, Gold, Title sponsors) I want my complimentary booth please: _____ Need Electricity? _____



Thanks to Carter Sisco and his fellow scouts from Troop 135, the Tipton County Museum now has two “Bee Hotels” on the grounds; one in the Butterfly Sanctuary by the entrance to the Museum, and one in the Herb Garden behind the Museum. The hotels contain bamboo reeds for the females to lay their eggs in. The bees that use the hotels are for “solitary” bees and not honeybees, because they do not make honey. However, they are just as important as honeybees in that they are beneficial pollinators, plus they are not likely to sting you. We appreciate Carter Sisco and Troop 135 for helping our Nature at the Tipton County Museum!

[CLICK HERE TO READ THE MUSEUM NEWSLETTER!](#)



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 your 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

_____ **\$2000 Grand Sponsor**

_____ **\$1000 Platinum Sponsor**

_____ **\$500 Gold Sponsor**

_____ **\$100 Silver Sponsor**

Name of Business: _____

Your Name: _____

Your Telephone Number: _____

Business Address: _____

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
Sept. 21st-Oct. 31st	VOTE, VOTE, VOTE, for your favorites entries
Nov. 1st-4th	Pick up Squarecrows
November 9th	All 5 Winners Announced

Greenest

Absolutely all materials used to create squarecrows in this category have been recycled or found at no cost to the designer!



Most Traditional

These squarecrows should be designed to look most like a traditional fall scarecrow seen on a farm or as a yard decoration.

#MaskUp

Don't be safety blinded.
Be safety minded!
These squarecrows should include creative masks and personal protective equipment designed to prevent the spread of coronavirus.



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

Second Session **8 WEEK** **classes**

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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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Buggy Safari

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WESTERN REGION 4-H ENTOMOLOGY PROJECT GROUP

Virtual Project Group Meetings every 2nd Tuesday of the month 6pm-7:30pm

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 TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY Cooperative Extension
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4-H Learn by Doing Kits

Sign up your youth today!

Call 901-476-0231 or email brigpass@utk.edu or

Click here <https://forms.gle/TWwQgg3L8sgfP9539>



4-H Learn by Doing Kit

Learn by Doing is a monthly kit that will be mailed to your youth. The kit will include hands on learning experiences, all supplies needed for the experience, and educational materials to accompany the experience. Each kit will be tied back to a 4-H project which is a great way to explore our project areas.

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2020 Census: Census Taker Visits

What Your Community Needs to Know

To ensure everyone is counted, census takers visit households that haven't responded yet to the 2020 Census to collect their responses in person.

Health and Safety

Census takers will follow public health guidelines when they visit.

Census takers are trained to:

- Wear a mask.
- Conduct the interview outside a home in an open, well-ventilated space, when possible.
- Allow 6 feet of space between them and the person they are interviewing.
- Not allow anyone else to handle Census Bureau equipment.

- Follow healthy hygiene habits for frequent hand-washing, avoiding contact with high-touch surfaces, avoiding touching their face, etc.

If a household does not want to conduct the interview in person, they can provide the census taker with their phone number to complete it over the phone.

Confidentiality

By law:

- Interviews are confidential.
- Answers cannot be shared with immigration or law enforcement agencies.
- Census takers must keep answers confidential for life. They face stiff fines and jail time if they break that law.

2020CENSUS.GOV

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NOVEMBER GENERAL/CITY ELECTIONS

NOVEMBER 3, 2020

EARLY VOTING IS AS FOLLOWS:

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH. – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29TH.

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 MUST VOTE AT YOUR POLLING
LOCATION ON ELECTION DAY**

Do you have an announcement that
you would like to include in your
newsletter? Click [HERE](#) to email
your info to Rebecca Ray!

We're Open

MON-FRI 8:00 - 5:00 PM

SAT 9:00-3:00 PM

*Our shelves are full of books, movies, magazines and CDs. that are
just waiting for you to check them out!*

*If you're not ready to come inside the building, we also have
Curbside Service available:*

- Place items on hold through your account on our website, or by calling the library.
- Park in the designated spot.
- Call the Library when you arrive and we will bring the items to your car.

tiptoncountylibrary.com

476-8289

