



Mayor Justin Hanson

Newsletter - June 26, 2020



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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.

Public Safety Committee Meeting – 6/23/20 – 4:00 p.m.

Present via Virtual Meeting: Chairman Keith Phelps, Mayor Justin Hanson, Alderman CH Sullivan, Alderman Danny Wallace, Alderman Jeff Morris, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Alderwoman Johnetta Yarbrough, Chief Larry Lindsey, Chief Richard Griggs, Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn, Tiny Rose, Rebecca Ray, Echo Day, Margaret Fleming

Chairman Keith Phelps discussed policies being presented in this meeting are for information only and not for approval.

Covington Police Department Report – Chief Larry Lindsey

Personnel

- New Property Room Specialist resigned to take Civil Service position at the Naval Base
- Presently 7 open law enforcement and 1 civilian position open. Three open law enforcement positions to be filled by COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) grant, remainder are unfilled to upgrade technology under 2019/2020 budget.

Equipment

- Chief is requesting approval to purchase personal protection equipment for department employees due to civil unrest
- Submitted quote from Galls for estimated cost of approximately \$18,000
- Funds are available in police department's 2019/2020 budget
- Motion to approve request to purchase out of this year's budget, 2nd, roll call, approved

Unity Walk

- On June 14th CPD assisted with the Unity Walk, covered approximately 3.1 miles, half the route on Hwy 51
- This event required full complement of CPD personnel, six Tennessee Highway Patrol Troopers, and 25 County Deputies to ensure safety of those participating
- Approximate cost to the City was \$10,000

Stats

- Submitted stats for April and May
- New technology is very helpful in obtaining these stats

Canine Policy Approval

- Canine Arko completed 10 weeks of training and is now certified as a law enforcement patrol and narcotic canine and also certified by the National Narcotics Dog Association
- After 6 months, Officer Perry and Arko will seek National Working Dogs of America Certification
- Presenting General Order 3.09 Canine policy for discussion

Chief Lindsey showed video of fireworks being shot at our officers during traffic stop. Suspect has not been apprehended.

Motion to approved report, 2nd, discussion

- Meeting with Ginny Moss regarding "8 Can't Wait" program
- Chief Lindsey discussed Duty to Intervene policy

Call for question, roll call, motion carries

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Covington Fire Department Report – Chief Richard Griggs

Community Events - PCS Backpack Supply Drive August 8

Volunteer Hours, 190 for May

Submitted Run Report for May 22-June 18

County coverage area collections to date: \$78,820

Implemented online training platform Target Solutions. Catalog of classes submitted

Firefighters Gardiner, Faulk, and Hadley completed Rope Operations at Memphis Fire Department

Tipton County Fire Department went into service in the Drummonds area 6/12/20

The department was informed that Mason Water Department was awarded a grant to extend water line around Grant Lane near Hwy 14. Map submitted

OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) committee met 6/17, Inspector Jenkins will contact departments to discuss updated organizational chart and building inspections for City buildings

Holiday Inn Express update

- Determined that firewall was not connected to central monitoring system
- Renewal for alarm monitoring had lapsed, gave additional time to take care of
- City Attorney sent letter and issue was rectified and test was passed on 6/15

New ambulance service (Baptist) update. Met with regional manager 6/22

Care Report

- Free smoke alarms

Fireworks report, 2 locations have passed inspection

Reminded Committee of dates allowable to shoot fireworks: 12/31, 1/1, 7/4

Yesterday, leaving structure fire, engine was involved in collision, struck by passenger vehicle, no injuries, damage to both vehicles, Covington Police Department has all information

Motion to accept report, 2nd, roll call, accepted

Tina Dunn clarified that Chief Lindsey's purchase is an emergency purchase and will not have to be bid.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned

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U.S. Department of Justice

D. Michael Dunavant
United States Attorney
Western District of Tennessee

800 Davis-Horton Federal Building
167 North Main Street
Memphis, Tennessee 38103

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Thursday, June 25, 2020

For Information, Contact Public Affairs
Cherri Green, (901) 544-4231

Tipton County Armed Career Criminal Sentenced to Over 17 Years in Federal Prison

MEMPHIS, TN - Maurice Nash, A/K/A "Monster," 47, of Atoka, TN has been sentenced to 210 months in federal prison for being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm. D. Michael Dunavant, U.S. Attorney announced the sentence today.

According to information presented in court, on May 3, 2019, members of the Tipton County Sheriff's Office, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, Board of Probation and Parole and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, conducted a parole check at the residence of Maurice Nash and his brother Henry Nash in Atoka, Tennessee. Maurice was home. The parole check was part of "Operation Crime Driver", a joint federal, state and local law enforcement anti-violence initiative led by the District Attorney General's Office for the 25th Judicial District, and conducted between February and May 2019, where law enforcement targeted offenders wanted on arrest warrants for violent criminal offenses in Tipton County, Tennessee.

[To read the complete story on this case, click HERE!](#)

On June 25, 2020, U.S. District Court Judge Sheryl H. Lipman sentenced Nash to 210 months in federal prison followed by 3 years supervised release. Because Nash was on state parole release status at the time of this new arrest, this federal sentence will be served consecutively to the remainder of his state custodial sentence in the Tennessee Department of Correction as a result of parole revocation. There is no parole in the federal system.

U.S. Attorney D. Michael Dunavant said, "This defendant has a long criminal history of felony convictions, and was on parole when he was found in possession of firearms and illegal narcotics. Nash has devoted his adult life to a career of repeated criminal conduct, and that prior history has finally caught up with him. 'Monster' was a real crime driver, but will no longer terrorize Tipton County. This sentence removing him from the community for more than 17 years is well-deserved, and will make Tipton County and West Tennessee a safer place."

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Tipton County Sheriff's Office, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) and the Tennessee Board of Probation and Parole.

Assistant U.S. Attorney P. Neal Oldham prosecuted this case on behalf of the government.

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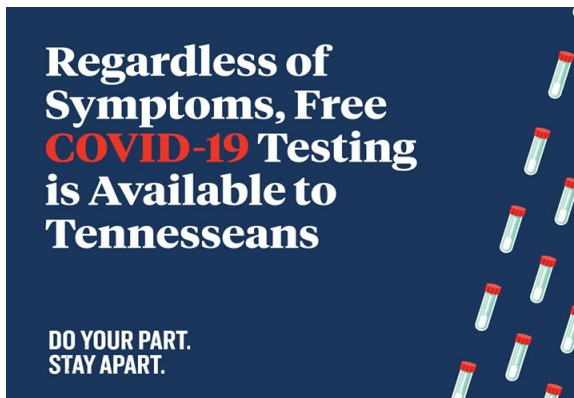
The Tennessee National Guard is back at the Tipton County Health Department to resume drive-up COVID-19 testing. Located at 4700 Mueller Brass Rd., free testing is available Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Thanks to the Tennessee Department of Health for making this service available to our residents!



Tennessee Governor Bill Lee's Economic Recovery Group (ERG) has developed the TN Strong Mask Movement, partnering with more than 30 flagship brands to distribute close to 300,000 free or low-cost cloth face coverings, at a projected value of more than \$3 million, across the state. Now, residents can stay safe while wearing brands synonymous with Tennessee from the worlds of sports, education, and business.

Each business will distribute branded cloth face coverings at little to no cost across their own channels or with the help of the State of Tennessee, which could include employees, fans or nonprofit partnerships. Companies can visit <https://tn.gov/governor/covid-19/economic-recovery/mask-movement> for additional information. The general public can also visit the link above to order a TN Strong branded mask.

Participating brands include: • Amazon • Austin Peay State University • Belmont University (courtesy Dickens Family) • BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee Foundation • Bridgestone • Bristol Motor Speedway • Chevrolet • East Tennessee State University • FedEx Express • Gatlinburg, Pigeon Forge and Sevierville of Sevier County • Gibson Brands • Graceland • Jack Daniel's • Lipscomb University (courtesy Ezell Foundation) • Memphis Grizzlies • Middle Tennessee State University • Nashville Predators • Nashville SC (courtesy Ingram Charities, distributed in partnership with United Way of Greater Nashville) • Ryman Hospitality Properties, Inc. • SomethingInked • Tennessee Bankers Association • Tennessee Farm Bureau Health Plans • Tennessee Tech University • Tennessee Titans • Tractor Supply Company • TriStar Health • Union University • University of Memphis • University of Tennessee, Knoxville (courtesy The Boyd Foundation) • Unum Group • Vanderbilt University • Volkswagen Chattanooga



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.

Blood Drive

Because of you, life doesn't stop.
#VitalToLife

City of Covington, TN Blood Drive

Wednesday, July 1

11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Civic Center, Banquet Hall

100 West Washington

To ensure the safety of our donors and staff, the most up-to-date CDC guidance will apply for this blood drive. Please contact your blood drive coordinator for detailed information and guidance.

Vitalant strongly encourages you to make – and keep – an appointment to give blood. Contact Rebecca Ray at 901.476.9613 for an appointment or go to vitalant.org, click donate then enter sponsor code: covingtontn.



Vitalant is now testing blood donations for COVID-19 antibodies. Appointments strongly recommended.
Learn more at vitalant.org/antibodytest

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COVINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



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City of Covington Fireworks Ordinance 1696

WHEN CAN I SET OFF FIREWORKS?

December 31st

January 1st

July 4th

Need to report fireworks in your neighborhood?

Call 901-475-4300

**** Violation of this ordinance shall result in the maximum penalty allowed by the State of Tennessee****



Check out Lt. McGarity and this short video on the City of Covington's firework ordinance!
... See More



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City of Covington, TN Fireworks

60-sec video about city ordinance on using...



if you
SEE
something
SAY
something™

REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY to Covington Police

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

In an emergency dial 9-1-1

GRAND OPENING

Friday July 17, 2020
@3:30PM

Cobb-Parr Park
adjacent to
the running trail

Kids & Adults
bring your bike
or borrow one of ours



Covington Bicycle Park & Playground



Giveaways



Prizes



This Park was built with funds
provided by Project Diabetes



Refreshments

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ART i FACTS



TIPTON COUNTY
MUSEUM
VETERANS MEMORIAL
NATURE CENTER

Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center Newsletter

Summer 2020



Calling All High School & Adult Artists!!!!

We need *YOU* to enter

"A WORLD OF THEIR OWN"

The 2020 Area Artists Art Exhibit at DSCC, JNC

Sponsored by The Tipton County Museum

& Dyersburg State Community College, Jimmy Naifeh Center

Exhibition dates: July 7—October 30

Hurry! Entry Deadline is June 19

Download the Prospectus at
www.tiptoncountymuseum.com

Or pick up the form at the
Tipton County Museum

751 Bert Johnston Avenue, Covington, TN

(901) 476-0242



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you travel.**

Choose a hotel protected by
both smoke alarms and fire
sprinklers.



JOB OPENING

Covington Sportsplex



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**NIGHT TIME FITNESS LEADER
WITH SUPERVISORY DUTIES**
3 hours on Saturday

Mature individual desired on nights and weekends
Approximately 28 hours per week.

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COVINGTON PARKS & RECREATION



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A little knowledge
Of how to fix a bike



Likes children...



Well at least child friendly

Apply Here



40 hours a week



**Line Dancing Class
will resume
June 26th
9:30 am**



Massage Therapy

Stress Relief
Increased Circulation
Pain Relief
Immune System Boost
Reduction in insomnia episodes

Massage	Member	Non-Member
30 Minutes	\$35.00	\$45.00
One Hour	\$65.00	\$75.00
One & a half Hour	\$100.00	\$110.00

Membership has its privileges...If you are a Sportsplex member,
You receive a special rate.

Call or Text Dee Rogers, NCMT, LMT
870-206-2294 with any questions or to book your appointment.





COVINGTON CIVIC CENTER

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at the Civic Center!

Visit our [Facebook Page](#)
or
Visit our [Website!](#)

You're invited to the PCS
4th Annual
BACK TO SCHOOL
Supply Drive

Saturday, August 8, 2020
9:00AM
Professional Care Services
1997 Highway 51 South, Covington

Child must be present to receive supplies
Event will end when supplies run out

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

I'm challenging you to
complete the
2020 Census
today.

[#shapeyourfuture](#)

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.


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476-8289



Let Us Help Plan Your Child's Next Party at the Covington Civic Center

Invite your friends to your **Paint Party** at the Covington Civic Center. Pick out a sample to paint on a Canvas board for your



birthday, special occasion, or any reason to get  together with friends for some fun.

We're going to put a little **ART** in your **PARTY**!

For Information Call 901.475.7139




Cost for a Party.....\$100.00

Total Time Allowed for Painting &

Any Party Food to be Served.....2 Hours


Party Size.....Limited to 10

Canvas Size 10 x 14 



Covington Civic Center will provide all supplies for the Paint Party. This includes the art picked from our sample wall, 10 x 14 Canvas boards, paints, brushes, easels, tables and Chairs. The Canvas boards will be outlined before the party and will be ready for paint.



If the Renter chooses to serve refreshments to those attending, the Renter will provide the refreshments and all necessary serving pieces, plates, cups, spoons, forks, and napkins. 



The Teen Prescription Drug Epidemic

More than
1,600 TEENS
begin abusing prescription drugs each day



1 IN 5 TEENS
who have abused prescription
drugs did so before turning 14

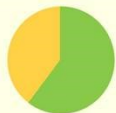


50%
of teens believe
prescription drugs
are safer than
illegal street drugs

Every day in the U.S.,
2,500 YOUTH
from ages 12 to 17 abuse a prescription pain reliever

65%

of teens say that
home medicine
cabinets are their
source of drugs



2 IN 3 TEENS
who have abused prescription
drugs got them from a friend
or relative

Teens abuse prescription drugs more than
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& METHAMPHETAMINE COMBINED**

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RETURN YOUR OVERDUE BOOKS, MOVIES, AUDIOS AND
WE'LL WAIVE THE FINES!

8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
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DAIRY DAY

Monday June 29 3PM-6PM

Thanks to Prairie Farms Dairy, Gateway is hosting the USDA Farmers to Families Milk Box Program. There are 480 boxes available, each box includes the items pictured below. One box per family, first come first serve. Pick up is 3pm-6pm on Monday June 29 at Gateway on the Square, 101 W. Court Square in Covington, TN.

Imagine Your Story!



**May 26 -
July 31st**

**Ages
0-100**

**Sign up at
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