

Newsletter - March 13, 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 <u>www.covingtontn.com</u>.

General Welfare / Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting – 03/10/20 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairperson Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Alderman CH Sullivan, Alderman Danny Wallace, Alderman Jeff Morris, Alderman Keith Phelps, Mayor Justin Hanson, Director Robin Anderson, Director Barrie Foster, Director Joseph Mack, Dee Rogers, Justin Harrell, Buckie Joy, Leah Price, Tina Dunn, Rebecca Ray, Shenika Bond (Tipton Co. Health Dept.), Echo Day, Sherri Onorati,

Parks and Recreation Report – Director Joseph Mack

Community Service Opportunity

- March 23-27 (Tipton County Schools' Spring Break)
- 10 workers per day needed, 6-8 hours per day
- Free breakfast and lunch provided

Corona Virus Precautionary Procedures

- Started new process for cleaning equipment, door handles, etc. Done once per hour.
- Submitted CDC & Health Department info that was given to managers

Parks and Recreation Tourism and Health Tax

- Additional revenue from people who come to visit our community, not our residents
- City Tourism Taxes, added to hotel bill, discussed New Orleans, Nashville, Chattanooga as examples
- Currently County receives all revenue on hotel taxes even though Covington has most of the hotels
- Discussed benefits and potential revenue
- Gave examples of what we can do to create more opportunities
- We have to start looking at ways we can maintain and replace aging equipment
- We also need to work on ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliance. That takes funding
- City Health Taxes Intended to prevent or reduce unhealthy food, beverages, etc., consumption
- Showed examples of other cities who have implemented health taxes on sugary drinks and how much revenue they have collected.
- We have a responsibility to help our residents live healthier lives
- Director Mack showed slides of some of our areas that desperately need to be updated and replaced.
- Motion made to accept report, 2nd, discussion, Committee feels like we need to have more discussion on this issue and revisit in April, report approved.

Tipton County Museum Report – Director Barrie Foster

Veteran of the Month – Brenda Cooper May Festival, Saturday, May 2nd Good for the Soul, Barbara McBride & Barrie Foster Men of Valor, great turnout, exhibit up until the end of June Certify Your Yard, Sherl Rose, 10:00 am, April 18th Nature Walk and Garden Tour, Sherl Rose, March 28th Nature Camp, June 22-26, \$55 for the week Women of the Civil War, Dr. Claudia Chapman, March 28th 10:00 a.m. Motion to accept report, 2nd, approved

Airport Report – Director Robin Anderson

Fuel Total 2,565 for February, expect a good amount for March Airport Conference is March 15-17 Discussed paving drive, hoping to use maintenance grant Discussed fuel farm, new computer system Motion to accept report, 2nd, approved

Baseball/Softball signups have been extended until March 15th

There being no further business, meeting adjourned

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COVINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

101 Tennessee Avenue - Covington, TN 38019 - 901-476-2578

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Covington High School HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) completed skills for the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) at Covington Fire Department. The students in this class will be a vital part of our community's ability to help their neighbors in case of a natural disaster. We are thankful for our partnership with Covington High School!



Click below to learn more!

Be a Guardian of Your Community.

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www.VolunteerFireTN.org 1-844-Vol-Tenn (1-844-865-8366)



COVINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Fish Fry Benefit supporting Covington Police Department Investigator & Tennessee Bureau of Investigation Task Force Agent Mario Hall!

In December, Covington Police Department Investigator and TBI Task Force Agent Mario Hall was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer, Low-Grade Appendiceal Mucinous Neoplasm. In late January, he underwent 14+ hours of extensive surgery at Vanderbilt. He has since encountered some complications but continues to heal and receive treatment. Mario and his wife Amy have three daughters, Aiyana, Taylor, and Brooklyn. On February 8th, they welcomed their first grandchild, Kayson.

Mario is facing mounting medical bills and other expenses. Your support will help ease his burden and allow him to concentrate on healing and ultimately returning to what he loves serving and protecting the people of West Tennessee.

If you are unable to attend the benefit fish fry and would like to donate funds to Mario and his family, and account has been set up and the link is available below.



Donate to Mario Hall!



As you may have heard by now, the novel Coronavirus has made its way to Tennessee. Governor Bill Lee confirmed Thursday morning, March 5, 2020, that a 44-year old man in Williamson County tested positive for COVID-19 (scientific name for this coronavirus). According to doctors the patient had not traveled internationally, but he had recently traveled, roundtrip, between Nashville and Boston, Massachusetts. Governor Lee announced that Tennessee was the first of five states to test for COVID-19 and testing will continue in our state. The Tennessee Department of Health released more information today on this first case of the virus in Tennessee. You can find that information <u>here</u>.





While this virus poses a serious public health risk, especially to those who are already vulnerable with underlying health conditions, this is not a time to panic. As the adage goes "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." I simply want to share information with our citizens, so you are informed and prepared. All indications from medical and healthcare professionals is that the overall risk to the general public is low. This is the time

to prepare and educate yourself on the symptoms of COVID-19, what to do if you feel sick, and the best ways to prevent infection. This is especially true if you or anyone in your household has recently traveled outside our community to areas where there are confirmed cases of the Coronavirus. I encourage you to visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website <u>here</u>. The Tennessee Department of Health has also established a Tennessee Coronavirus Public Information Hotline, which is available every day from 10:00am to 10:00pm. The number for the hotline is 1-877-857-2945. Those individuals who may not have internet access may call the hotline for information.

Common sense is key, folks! Wash your hands regularly with soap and water. If you are feeling sick, stay at home if you are able and stay away from others who are especially vulnerable. If you are feeling sick and must go out in public, keep your distance from others and cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing. If you have symptoms and are seeking medical attention call your doctor or healthcare provider ahead so that they can take appropriate safety measures. Perhaps most importantly, stay updated on the situation with information from reputable sources. The Centers for



Disease Control and Tennessee Department of Health (TN.gov/health) are excellent resources. Rumors, conspiracy theories and other misinformation that tend to spread on social media during times of uncertainty are dangerous.



We at the City of Covington are keeping track of the situation and taking all appropriate steps to ensure our first responders, law enforcement and other municipal officials are prepared in the event the Coronavirus comes to our community. My first priority is to protect the health and safety of our citizens and community, our first responders, and our healthcare providers. If there is any further information about the Coronavirus that pertains to our community, I will share that information with you.



TIPTON COUNTY M·U·S·E·U·M

VETERANS MEMORIAL NATURE CENTER

Check out all the great events going on at the Tipton County Museum! Visit the museum Facebook page by clicking <u>HERE!</u>



The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center Vincent van Gogh: Restless Genius

TIPTON COUNTY M·U·S·E·U·M With 2017/2018 Artist in Residence Richard Reed

Vincent van Gogh was a Dutch post-impressionist artist who is among the most famous and influential figures in the history of Western art. Unsuccessful during his lifetime, today his works are well known and well loved. Richard will lecture about Vincent during each class, and lead everyone in painting one of Vincent's paintings in the medium of their choice. Attendees will provide their own supplies. No previous art experience required.

 When: Thursday Evenings, 6 to 8 p.m., March 5, 19, 26, & 31 & April 2, 2020

 Where: Tipton County Museum, 751 Bert Johnston Avenue, Covington, TN

 Fee:
 \$60 Museum Members, \$80 General Public

Tipton County Museum 751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN 38019 (901) 476-0242





The Tipton County Museum Presents Dr. Claudia Chapman in

"Women of the Civil War"

Women during the Civil War often played important roles including nurse, soldier, spy, abolitionist, and more. Please join us as Dr. Claudia Chapman, President of the Tipton County Order of Confederate Rose, talks about women's roles during the Civil War, and presents several brave women who made a difference during this turbulent time in American history. Refreshments will be served and there will be plenty of time for questions.

When: Saturday, March 28, 2020 10 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

- Where: Tipton County Museum, 751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN
- Fee: Free to Museum Members, \$5 General Public

The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center 751 Bert Johnston Avenue Covington, TN 38019 (901) 476-0242





The Tipton County Museum Presents

The Wonder of Watercolor

With Barrie Foster

When: Wednesday mornings, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

- March 25, April 1, 8, & 15, 2020
- Where: Tipton County Museum, 751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN
- Fee: \$60 Museum Members, \$80 General Public

Watercolor is the only transparent medium, making it one of the most beloved art forms today! Embark on your personal journey with Barrie during this four week session. Please call (901) 476–0242 for a supply list and to reserve your spot!



The Tipton County Museum 751 Bert Johnston Avenue, Covington, TN 38019 (901) 476-0242



The Tipton County Museum Presents For the 1 ove of Art

With Barbara Flowers McBride

Renowned artist Barbara McBride is returning to teaching oil and acrylic painting on Friday mornings at the Tipton County Museum. Barb will show how easy it is to get started painting today. No previous art experience or talent required! Please call (901) 476-0242 for a supply list & registration.

When: March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 2020, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Where: 751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN

Fee: \$60 Members, \$80 General Public

Tipton County Museum 751 Bert Johnston Avenue, P.O. Box 768, Covington, TN 38019 901-476-0242





M·U·S·E·U·M

The Tipton County Museum

Needs



Our May Festival takes place on Saturday, May 2, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. , and we have not yet filled all our Vendor slots. Our "Rain Date" is Sunday, May 3, from noon to 4 p.m. Vendor spaces are approximately 12 x 12, and they only cost \$25! Our May Festival is a free, family friendly event, with live music, arts and crafts vendors, children's activities, a Civil War encampment, a children's art exhibit, "Ask

a Master Gardener", and more. Please call us today as we have limited number of slots available. We'll see you at the Tipton County Museum!

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We congratulate Marine Brenda Cooper, our March 2020 Veteran of the Month. Family and friends gathered at the Tipton County Museum Tuesday night to honor Brenda

and thank her for her service to our country. Thank you to the Girl Scouts for providing refreshments. If you would like to nominate a Tipton County Veteran to be our Veteran of the Month, please call 901-476-0242. To read more about Brenda Cooper, click <u>HERE</u>.



A Community Arts Coalition

For Típton County

When: Thursday, March 26, 2020, at 4:30 p.m. Where: Típton County Museum,

751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN

We are seeking interested parties who would like to be part of Tipton County's new Community Arts Coalition. Arts Coalitions can promote art in the community, bring the community together, increase business revenues, and enhance quality of life. Please join us at the Tipton County Museum in Covington on Thursday, March 26, at 4:30 p.m. as we discuss our plans for the future. Light refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome!

> The Tipton County Museum 751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN (901) 476-0242





Improve your Balance

Massage 30 Minutes One Hour One & a half Hour

\$35.00

\$65.00

\$100.00

Non-Member \$45.00 \$75.00 \$110.00

MARCH EVENTS @ YOUR LIBRARY



TIPTON COUNTY STITCH-ALONG MAR 21st 10-12:00 PM Crochet, Tatting & Knitting Group bring a project to work on, or if you want to learn, bring the following supplies: Skein of Red Hear Super Saver yarn size H crochet hook or size 10 knitting needles COLORING CLUB MAR. 24th @ 12:00PM

BOOK CLUB Under Currents by Nora Roberts MAR. 24th @ 1:00 P.M.





Movie Days

Ages 18 & Up @ 1:00 PM

The Good Liar- MAR. 3rd [R 109 mins Playing With Fire -MAR 6th [PG] 95 mins. Midway - MAR.10th [PG-13] 138 mins. Once Upon a Time in Hollywood -MAR. 17th [R] 161 mins. Frozen II -MAR 27th [PG] 103 mins

Knives Out -MAR 31st [PG-13] 100 mins



TAB MAR. 21st @ 1:00 PM

TAB is a group of teens ages 12-17, who meet once a month to help plan teen activities, select new materials, and volunteer.



MAR 21st @ 2:00 PM AGES 12-17

Wi Fi Download the App Printeron or https://printeron.net/dscctcpl/print

BW \$0.10 COLOR \$0.25

Wi-Fi Printing is now Available!

Friends of the Library Meeting MAR. 26th @7:00 P.M.

New members are welcome!

GENEALOGY HELP

w/ River City Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution MAR. 9th 9:30-11:30AM





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AGES 11 & UNDER MAR. 5th @ 1:00 PM MAR. 12th @ 4:00 PM MAR. 28th @ 11:00 AM

> HOMESCHOOL BOOK CLUB MAR.12th

K-3 - 1:00 PM & 3rd & Up 1:15 PM Next Spring and Oriole (K-3) by Gloria Whelan he Wonderful Flight on Mushroom Planet (3rd & Up by Eleanor Cameron Copies are available at the front desk for checkout

Donate your old LEGO's to our LEGO Club! Mother Goose Story Time Ages 0-2 Every Thursday @ 9:00AM A Preschool Story Time Every Thursday @ 10:00AM

FAMILY MOVIE Frozen II March 27th @ 10:00 AM & 1:00 PM

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Ages 0-PreK Sign-up at the Library READ BOOKS, WIN PRIZES MAR. 19th & 26th @ 4:00 PM AGES 8-15

READ ACROSS AMERICA MAR. 5th @ 4:00 PM

MY PLATE FOR MY FAMILY

is program is designed to offer research-based information concerning family health and nutrition. MAR. 4th @ 3:30 PM



Make plans now to visit Historic Covington Square for The Brunch Affair! Enjoy Spring shopping and your favorite brunch treats and beverages!

Mhat's up, Buttercup? CLOPTON LINE DANCERS' MARCH SCHEDULE 17th, 10:00 AM - Magnolia Creek 11:00 AM - Fox Hollow 1:30 PM - Wesley Towers 24th - 1:15 PM 4 Glendale Commons

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Is there something you'd like to share in our weekly newsletter? Email Rebecca Ray at <u>rray@covingtontn.com</u>!



March 19th

THIRD THURSDAY

Business After Hours Networking Event Featuring our Boys and Girls Club "Youth of the Year" 5PM at The Chamber of Commerce 106 West Liberty Avenue, Covington

> Come have **Coffee with the Mayor** Tuesday, March 17th 7:30 - 9:00 a.m.

> > One Way

Cafe







TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2020 AT 9 AM – 9:30 AM CDT Gordmans Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening 975 TN-51 N, Covington, TN 38019



Congratulations to Tipton County Community Chorus on their Ribbon Cutting at the Covington-Tipton Chamber of Commerce on Friday morning. They provided breakfast and some music to start the day! If you would like more info on Tipton County Community Chorus, visit their <u>Facebook</u> <u>page!</u>



Drug Free Tipton has launched the tip411 alert system as a way to interactively keep the community connected and informed through email, text message, and online public safety alerts. Tip411 also allows the public to report crimes and other suspicious activities directly to law enforcement by sending **anonymous text messages** from their cell phone via a free smartphone app. Simply text **"Tipton"** to **847411** from your cell phone or download the tip411 app. This service is **100% anonymous**!

Contact Drug Free Tipton at 901-378-0545 or visit www.drugfreetipton.org

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Annual College Transfer and Career Fair



Tuesday, March 24, 2020 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Dyersburg State Community College Dale F. Glover Education Center 1510 Lake Road, Dyersburg, TN 38024

Thursday, March 26, 2020

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Dyersburg State Community College Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County Learning Resource Center, Student Center and Tipton County Public Library 3149 Highway 51 South, Covington, TN 38019

This event is for current DSCC students seeking to transfer to a four-year college/university after graduation and for those seeking employment opportunities, internships, and/or job shadowing placement.

Exhibition space is limited and will be assigned on a first come first served basis. RSVP today to reserve your spot by contacting <u>pfeifer@dscc.edu</u>.

Keep Covington Clutter Free

Plans are being made for "Keep Covington Clutter Free", previously known as Clean Up/ Fix Up! *Mark your calendars for April 4th!* If you or your organization would like to volunteer, please contact Jennifer Nolen at 901-476-9613, ext. 137.

We would like to thank Missy Marshall, Director of Keep TN Beautiful and Ruth Wallace, Director of Keep Tipton County Beautiful for your efforts in organizing this event!



Notice Covington Utilities Customers

The City of Covington is in the process of installing AMI (Advanced Metering Infrastructure) to replace its aging water and gas meters. Beginning the week of February 10, 2020, Utilities Department employees and contractors will be conducting a site survey at each home and business. The survey is to collect information necessary to replace all water meters as well as install data collection for gas meters. This first phase should take approximately one month. Phase II will begin after all material has been ordered and shipped. Installation will require a very short interruption of service for each customer. We expect this last phase to be completed in twelve to fifteen months. We regret any inconvenience this may cause but it will greatly improve insight into system operation and customer service. If you would like more information, please visit our website and click on Frequently Asked Questions. You can also contact Public Works Director David Gray at <u>dgray@covingtontn.com</u>.



March 13, 2020

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Media Contact: Office of Public Information 1510 Lake Road, Dyersburg, TN 38024 Ph: 731-286-3347 • Fax: 731-288-7788 Dyersburg State Community College

Dyersburg State Changes Operational Plans for March 13 – April 3 Amidst COVID-19 Concerns

Dyersburg, Tennessee - In an effort to address the COVID-19 pandemic and growing concern for the health and safety of students, faculty and staff, Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) will extend spring break for students through March 22. All in-person lecture courses are scheduled to transition to an online format beginning March 23 through April 3.

While no known cases of COVID-19 have been reported at any of the DSCC locations, the College will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates through a dedicated webpage at https://www.dscc.edu/coronavirus. The College will also utilize the RAVE Emergency Alert Notification System as needed for urgent updates to students, faculty and staff who are urged to log in to RAVE to add their contact information if they have not done so.

Students should check their MyDSCC email for updates from their instructor regarding labs, clinicals, and technical programs. Alternate schedules will apply during this time. Computer labs will be open for students who do not have technology at home.

DSCC Online classes and TN eCampus classes will continue on normal schedules as planned.

Registration for May session and summer and fall semesters will be delayed one week and begin on March 23.

For detailed information and regular updates, please check the DSCC website at <u>https://www.dscc.edu/</u> <u>coronavirus</u>.

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Dyersburg State Community College

Dyersburg State Community College is an open access, learning-centered institution that serves seven counties in West Tennessee. Founded in 1969, DSCC's vision is to elevate the region's educational attainment thereby enhancing the quality of life in West Tennessee. The home campus of DSCC is in Dyersburg, and centers are located in Covington and Trenton. DSCC offers Tennessee Transfer Pathways programs, career technical certificates and degrees; learning support courses, continuing education and public service programs. The college is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award the associate degree. Learning is enhanced by a variety of student organizations, international learning opportunities, state of the art technology and intercollegiate athletic programs.

The Tennessee Board of Regents

The Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) is Tennessee's largest higher education system, governing 40 post-secondary educational institutions with over 200 teaching locations. The TBR system includes 13 community colleges and 27 colleges of applied technology, providing programs to students across the state, country and world.

Adult Education Classes Offered



Covington Drummonds Mason Munford

COVINGTON DAY CLASSES Mondays/Tuesdays/Wednesdays 9am - 12pm Alternative Learning Center 800 Bert Johnston Avenue Covington, TN 38019

COVINGTON NIGHT CLASSES Tuesdays/Thursdays 4pm - 7pm Alternative Learning Center 800 Bert Johnston Avenue Covington, TN 38019

DRUMMONDS

NIGHT CLASSES Tuesdays/Thursdays 4pm - 7pm Drummonds Elementary School 5068 Drummonds Road Drummonds, TN 38023 MASON NIGHT CLASSES Tuesdays/Thursdays 4pm - 7pm Austin Peay Elementary School 474 Academic Drive Covington, TN 38019

MUNFORD DAY CLASSES Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Thursdays 11am - 2pm Munford Park and Recreation 63 College Street Munford, TN 38058

> MUNFORD NIGHT CLASSES Tuesdays/Thursdays 4pm - 7pm Munford Elementary School 1200 McLaughlin Drive Munford, TN 38058

For Information Call 901-475-3479

Thomas Hayes, Adult Ed Coordinator