



Newsletter - February 22, 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 – Special Called Meeting – 2/20/20 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Alderman Keith Phelps, Alderman CH Sullivan, Alderman Danny Wallace, Alderman Jeff Morris, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Mayor Justin Hanson, Joseph Mack, Chief Larry Lindsey, Lessie Fisher, Pat Harcourt (A2H), Jeff Eakes (A2H), David Gray, Tiny Rose, Tina Dunn, Rebecca Ray, David Gwinn, Echo Day

Discussion of Covington Police Department Facility and Funding

- Alderman Phelps opened discussion regarding site for building and plans
- Chief Lindsey made visit to Atoka City Hall and felt that their facility was adequate to our needs
- Discussed 18 acres on Delfield Dr. that Industrial Development Board will give to us and reason why this property would make sense (proximity to Sheriff's Department, combined training, gun range, impound)
- Discussed FEMA funding for hazard mitigation available
- 75% federal government, 12-1/2% state, 12-1/2% City (and that can be land)
- Possible a new facility could be built with less than \$500,000 from city
- Purpose of this meeting is to decide if we would like to move forward with the grant, adopt concept of building, resolution to authorize city officials to apply for grant

Chief Lindsey discussed site and design

- Wanted a practical, functional facility that we can be proud of
- The property being discussed will give us plenty of room to expand
- Potential of having 9-1-1 in the same area if they decide to move to new facility
- There is a need for a juvenile facility. There is room on this property to build that.

A2H

- Pat Harcourt discussed site
- The road and utilities are already in place, easily available
- The property is large enough for expansion in future
- Working on grant application but need approval from this Committee and letters of support from City/ Mayor
- Building will be 6000-7000 square feet less than what we had planned before to cut some cost without sacrificing usage
- Jeff Eakes explained floor plan and elevations (handout)

Alderman Sullivan expressed concern about this location

- South College is heavily congested and railroad behind it

Alderman Wallace asked about access to Mueller Brass

- Mayor Hanson stated that we would have to request easement from County and State

Chief Lindsey reminded Committee that, with new technology in vehicles, this facility will serve as a central location, but officers will be dispersed throughout city. Congestion will not be such a factor because officers will not be in a central facility waiting for calls. They will be in their cars.

Alderman Phelps asked about cost. Pat Harcourt estimated approximately \$4.5 - \$5 million. Grant provides for \$4.25 million

Alderman Sullivan stated that if we are able to get in for \$500,000 or less, we should move forward

Mayor Hanson made motion to proceed with location, grant application, preliminary design, and proposed resolution, Alderman Sullivan 2nd, motion carries

Motion made to refer this discussion to Finance and Administration, Alderman Sullivan 2nd, motion carries

Meeting adjourned

Finance and Administration Committee Meeting – Called Meeting – 2/20/20

Present: Chairman Alderman CH Sullivan, Alderman Keith Phelps, Alderman Danny Wallace, Alderman Jeff Morris, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Mayor Justin Hanson, Joseph Mack, Chief Larry Lindsey, Lessie Fisher, Pat Harcourt (A2H), Jeff Eakes (A2H), David Gray, Tiny Rose, Tina Dunn, Rebecca Ray, David Gwinn, Echo D

Discussion on Funding & Construction of Police Facility

 Recommendation of Public Safety Committee to adopt site of Industrial Development Board at Delfield and to apply for grant funding through FEMA which could approve up to 75% of price. Also to approve general concept of plans and proceed with resolution to make application for grant funding. Alderman Phelps made motion as such, Alderman Morris 2nd, motion carries.

Discussion of TML Loan Variable Rate Bond

- Recorder/Treasurer Tina Dunn explained TML Bond, \$500 Million bond, will go from variable to fixed at 2.9%.
- Must be passed by resolution
- Tommy Green brought to our attention last week
- Alderman Wallace made motion to refinance, Alderman Wallace 2nd, discussion, motion carries

There being no further business, meeting adjourned

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Please note - The City of Covington will continue leaf pickup through the end of February. Beginning March 1st, all leaves must be bagged and placed at the curb for collection. Thank you!



Congratulations to Zac Cook



Hazardous Materials Technician Certification





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



COVINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT





On 2/19/20 officers on routine patrol made contact with two suspicious subjects in the area of Rogers Ave. and Gillepsie Dr. Both suspects fled from officers on foot. One was apprehended and identified as Martez Somerville. The other suspect, identified as Jarvis Grant, fled and was unable to be located at the time of the incident. Officers recovered ammunition, marijuana, assorted prescription medications along with drug paraphernalia.

Somerville is charged with Possession of Schedule VI and II with intent and Evading Arrest. Warrants are being issued for Grant for Possession of Schedule II, VE and VI, Drug Paraphernalia and Evading Arrest.

On 2/20/20 an officer observed three males walking in the road on the 800 block of Douglas St. The officer made contact with the individuals. One of the men, identified as Jarvis Banks, was found to be in possession of a handgun stolen out of Memphis. Banks was taken into custody and charged with Unlawful Carrying or Possession of a Weapon, Possession Stolen Property, Disorderly Conduct, and Obstructing Highway/ Passageway.





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!** <u>Contact Drug Free Tipton at 901-378-0545 or visit www.drugfreetipton.org</u>



Human Trafficking Seminar Covington Civic Center

100 W. Washington Ave., Covington, TN Thursday, Feb. 27 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Guest Speakers

Amber Lawrence Special Agent Tennessee Bureau of Investigation **Julanne Stone** Executive Director Scarlet Rope Project

Executive Director Scarlet Rope Project The Scarlet Rope Project, Jackson TN, exists to provide a safe place for healing and restoration to survivors of sex trafficking

Learn about the prevalence of this problem in West TN, along with how to identify, provide interventions and access resources that are available.

Sex trafficking is a form of modern slavery that exists throughout the United States and globally. Sex traffickers use violence, threats, lies, debt bondage, and other forms of coercion to compel adults and children to engage in commercial sex acts against their will. Under U.S. federal law, any minor under the age of 18 years induced into commercial sex is a victim of sex trafficking—regardless of whether or not the trafficker used force, fraud, or coercion.



Working to prevent exploitation and provide escape from the bondage of sex trafficking Sponsored by Covington Fire Department, Scarlet Rope Project, Covington High HOSA, and Covington Police Department



TIPTON COUNTY M·U·S·E·U·M

VETERANS MEMORIAL NATURECENTER

Tipton County Museum Presents

Weave Your Own Easter Basket

With Connie Adam

Basket weaving is easy and fun, and can be very relaxing! Please join us as Master Basket weaver Connie Adam leads you in creating this beautiful Easter Basket in one afternoon. No previous basket weaving experience is required, and we provide all the supplies. Snacks will be provided. Please note the registration deadline is March 5 so we have plenty of time to order the supplies. Please call today, as space is limited!

When: Saturday, March 14, 2020, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Where: 751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN \$30 Museum Members, \$50 General Public Fee:

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 5 Tipton County Museum

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



Successful Gardening—A February Event at The Tipton County Museum!



TIPTON COUNTY

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VETERANS MEMORIAL

ADMISSION PER

PROGRAM \$5.00 General Public

FREE to Museum

Members

751 Bert Johnston Avenue

PO Box 768

Covington, TN 38019

Phone: 901-476-0242

"Feng Shui in the Garden"

• Guest Speaker - Barrie Foster: Director of the Tipton County Museum

Saturday, February 8th: 10:00 - 11:30 A.M. "Diagnosis in the Landscape"

Saturday, February 1st: 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.

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

Saturday, February 15th: 10:00 - 11:30 A.M. "All About Houseplants"

· Guest Speaker - Kathleen Trent: Madison County Master Gardener

Saturday, February 22nd: 10:00 - 11:30 A.M. "Medicines in the Garden"

• Guest Speaker - John Peterson: Memphis Area Master Gardener

** Saturday, February 29th: 10:00 - 11:30 A.M. ** "Southern Garden Staples & their Roots"

• Guest Speaker - Sherl Rose: T.C. Museum Exhibit Support Specialist & Pollinator Expert

** Please bring plants and seeds to share **









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The Tipton County Museum Presents

Stunning Watercolor Seascapes

With Barrie Foster

- When: Wednesday mornings, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
 - February 5, 12, 19, & 26, 2020
- Where: Tipton County Museum, 751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN
- \$60 Museum Members, \$80 General Public Fee:

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

Art is for Everyone

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

When: February 7, 14, 21 & 28, 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







The Tipton County Museum

Needs

Mayfest Vendors!

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 a limited number of slots available. We'll see you at the Tipton County Museum!

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MASSAGE

Dee Rogers, NCMT, LMT

Call for Appointment 870-206-2294



The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center

Vincent van Gogh: Restless Genius 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





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

What is a massage?

Massage is a general term for pressing, rubbing and manipulating your stroking to deep pressure. There are many different types of massage,

Swedish massage. This is a gentle form of massage that uses long strokes,

Deep massage. This massage technique uses slower, more-forceful

Sports massage. This is similar to Swedish massage, but it's geared toward

Trigger point massage. This massage focuses on areas of tight muscle



BASEBALL, SOFTBALL AND SOCCER Registration is now open.

http://www.covingtontn.com/covington-youth-sports.html

Samples of Baseball, Softball & Soccer uniforms will be available to try on Saturday the 29th and Saturday March 7th 9-12 at the Sportsplex. HEY PARENTS WE NEED SOME COACHES FOR SPRING BALL.

BASEBALL, SOFTBALL OR SOCCER



Dining with Diabetes Class

@ the Tipton County Public Library

FEBRUARY 18th, 25th & March 3rd @ 10:00 A.M.

This program is open to anyone with diabetes, prediabetes, their family members or caretakers. Classes will include information on diabetes management, carbs, sugar, sweeteners and important exams. Each week we will cook a healthy recipe.

> CLASS IS FREE, BUT REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED Sign-up at the library, or by calling 476-8289



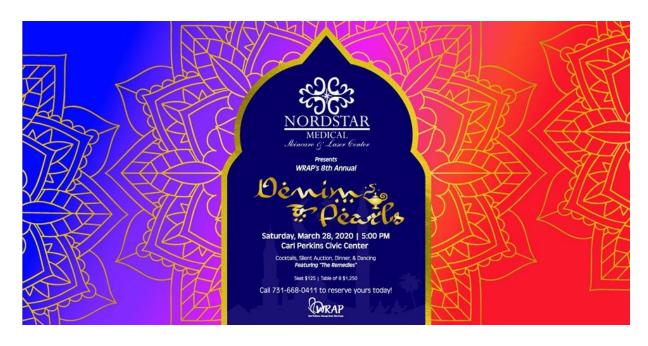
BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS

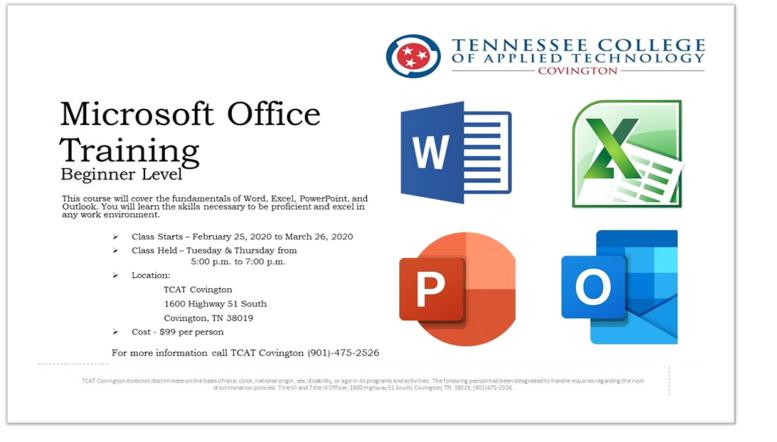


Dyersburg State Community College Jimmy Naifeh Center

Friday, Feb. 28, 6:30 p.m. – Movie Night, Learning Resource Center, Room 104, JNC. Free admission.









Tipton County students participated in the National CTE Letter of Intent Signing Day at Tennessee College of Applied Technology -Covington.

Congratulations to Covington High Chargers "TCAT Frat" Michael Barbee, Gunner Jones, Wesley Morris, Jac'Quan Perry, Colyn Rogers, Sammy Simmons, Tanner Sharp, and Daniel Thorn



covington Lions Club's 65th Annual

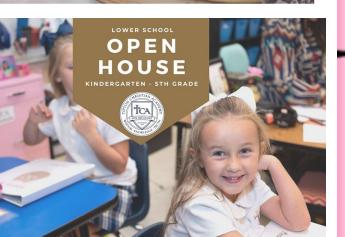
PANCAKE BREAKFAST SATURDAY, FEB. 29 from 6-11 A.M.

COVINGTON INTEGRATED ARTS ACADEMY

760 Bert Johnston Avenue, Covington



Tickets are available from any Lions Club member. All proceeds are used to help local underprivileged citizens with sight and hearing problems. Donations and sponsorships are greatly appreciated. Don't forget to bring your old eyeglasses!



Every student matters. Every moment counts.

Tipton Christian Academy 2105 Highway 59 South Covington, TN 38019

February 25 5:30 p.m.



HOSTED BY DYERSBURG STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Saturday, March 7

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Dyersburg State Community College E.H. Lannom, Jr. Gymnasium 1510 Lake Road Dyersburg, TN 38024

Get inspired and join us for a wonderful day full of wedding planning! Wedding planner Keisha Norwood will provide tips on how to design the wedding of your dreams. Vendors will include photographers, videographers, caterers, wedding planners, lighting/draping providers, florists, venues, cake designers and DJs.

> Vendors may contact Kacie Haeberle at haeberle@dscc.edu for more details. Early bird special: \$10 (Register by Feb. 21)





General admission: \$12 For more information, contact Elizabeth Jude at 731-286-3265 or ejude@dscc.edu

DYERSBURG STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Pink and Teal: Spring into Women's Health

Where: UT-TSU Tipton County Extension Office

When: March 12, 2020

Time: 11:30-1:00

Come join us for an afternoon on women's health.

Free event

Please register by calling 476-0231

Booths to visit, food and door prizes



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901-475-4990 tiptonchristianacademy.com

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 dgrav@covingtontn.com.



Reminder - Property taxes are now due! There are several ways to pay: Pay easily online at https://paycovingtontn.com/taxes.html#/ Pay by Phone: 1-844-867-1859 You must have the receipt number to complete the payment. Visa, MasterCard, Discover accepted Pay in Person at City Hall, 200 W. Washington St., Covington, TN 38019

ATTENTION UTILITY CUSTOMERS!

The City of Covington Utilities Department offers 4 easy ways to pay your bills:

| Pay at City Hall: | Drive thru & office hours are 8 am - 4:30p.m. Monday - Friday |
|-------------------|--|
| Pay by Phone: | Call 1-844-876-2911 (You must provide your account #) |
| Pay Online: | Visit <u>www.covingtontn.com</u> and click <u>"Online Bill Pay</u> " |
| Automated Draft: | Form to draft payment from your bank account can be filled out |
| | at City Hall. |

As per rules that went into effect on July 1, 2015, the City of Covington is *strictly enforcing* due dates, cutoff dates, and late/reconnect fees for our utility customers. All payments must be received *BEFORE 4:30 p.m. on the last day to pay.* Any payment received *AFTER* 4:30 p.m. on the last day to pay will be subject to a \$50 charge. This charge must be paid in order to ensure services are not disconnected or to re-connect services in the event that they have been disconnected. *THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS.* Please refer to the chart below for Last Day to Pay dates and Disconnect Date:

| BILL DUE DATE | LAST DAY TO PAY | DISCONNECT DATE |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 13th of the month | 23rd of the month | 24th of the month |
| 24th of the month | 3rd of the month | 4th of the month |

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

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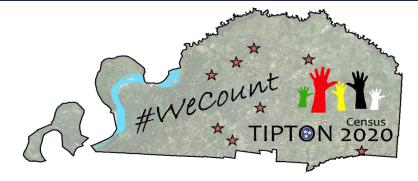
For Information Call 901-475-3479

Thomas Hayes, Adult Ed Coordinator





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This information is designed to help citizens of Tipton County to understand the importance of participating in the 2020 Census by completing and submitting the questionnaire. Every municipality and the County are committed to ensuring that all individuals living in Tipton County on April 1, 2020, are counted in the Census. Our ultimate goal is to ensure that in Tipton County, we:

COUNT EVERYONE ONCE, ONLY ONCE, AND IN THE RIGHT PLACE.