



Newsletter - February 14, 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 & Recreation Committee Meeting – 2/11/20

Present: Chairman Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Alderman Keith Phelps, Alderman C.H. Sullivan, Alderman Jeff Morris, Alderman Danny Wallace, Joseph Mack, Barrie Foster, Robin Anderson, David Gray, Tina Dunn, Rebecca Ray, Echo Day

Airport Report – Robin Anderson

Fuel Total 2384 (December sales), 1184 (January sales), 55,539 (year-end)

Funding Request, Fuel Farm Terminal (approved) - \$28,060 grant

Working on security – cameras and LED lighting, working on getting info together for committee Waiting on new maintenance grants to come into effect

Need to address entrance to airport (driveway). May be able to use maintenance grant

Need "Welcome" sign

Report Accepted by Committee

Parks & Recreation Report – Joseph Mack

Jackson Hughey Ballers Challenge was held February 8th

- Fundraiser for Jackson Hughey, re-diagnosed with cancer
- Raised about \$2,000
- Jackson will be a ball boy at Wednesday night's game (2/12)

Community Service Opportunity

- March 23-27, Bike Park Build
- Jeff Roth Cycling Foundation Grant
- Early learning riding basics curriculum, special needs learning curriculum

Children and Family Services Center Roof

- 30K allocated in 19/20 budget
- 2 estimates, 1 local and 1 out of town
- Additional \$25K needed to replace roof
- Bid request will go out for upper and lower roof, or upper only based on approval
- Alderman Sullivan made motion that we use \$25,000 from Artesian Funds to fix the roof if funds are available after the blight removal, Chairman Bommer 2nd, approved

Covington Aquatic Center- Submitted Water Aerobics survey results

High School (Age 14-18) Flag Football League Survey

Parks & Recreation Report approved

Tipton County Museum Report – Barrie Foster

Veteran of the Month for February

- Renea McBride
- February 11, 2020, 6:30

2020 Artists in Residence are Kathryn and Lance Vaughn

Art Camp – June 1-June 5, 8-noon

Successful Gardening, Saturdays in February

Men of Valor Exhibit

- Reception February 21, 6:00 p.m.
- Exhibit Dates, February 21-June 30

Weave Your Own Easter Basket with Connie Adam, Saturday, March 14, 10-2

The Wonder of Watercolor with Barrie Foster, Wednesdays March 25-April 15, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Museum Report accepted

There being no further business, meeting adjourned

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Covington Fire Department completed 16 hours of Inservice Training on February 10th and 11th. Al Merritt with TFACA (Tennessee Fire and Codes Academy) spoke on Tactical Decision Making, Initial HazMat Threat, and Tennessee Emergency Vehicle Driving Compliance. Kim Dougherty and Danielle Faulk with Memphis Area Legal Services, along with Robin Peacock with Wo/Men's Resource and Rape Assistance Program (WRAP) conducted an annual domestic violence recognition training. We continue to sharpen our skills to provide the best service possible to our community!





Click below to learn more! **Be a Guardian of Your Community.**

BE A COVINGTON VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER

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



COVINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT





On Sunday morning, February 9th, Covington Police Chief Larry Lindsey and Covington Fire Department Chief Richard Griggs joined some of their team members, other law enforcement officers, and emergency response personnel from across Tipton County at Garland United Methodist Church for a special service honoring first responders. The minister and congregation prayed for them and thanked them for keeping us safe!



NOTICE! TDOT has lowered the speed limit on Highway 51 from Winn Ave. (near the Tipton Co. Board of Education) to the south city limits. The speed limit was changed from 50 mph to 45 mph. This change went into effect February 13th.

if you	Covington Police	901-475-1261
CLL CVV	Supervisor	901-201-7573
OLL OAT	Central Dispatch	901-475-4300
SOMETHING SOMETHING™	Tipton Co. Sheriff	901-475-3300



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>



TIPTON COUNTY M·U·S·E·U·M

VETERANS MEMORIAL NATURE CENTER

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

Saturday, February 8th: 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.

Saturday, February 15th: 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.

Saturday, February 22nd: 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.

"Southern Garden Staples & their Roots"

Support Specialist & Pollinator Expert

· Guest Speaker - Kathleen Trent: Madison County

• Guest Speaker - John Peterson: Memphis Area Master

** Saturday, February 29th: 10:00 - 11:30 A.M. **

• Guest Speaker - Sherl Rose: T.C. Museum Exhibit

• Guest Speaker - Barrie Foster: Director of the Tipton

• Guest Speaker - Dr. Chris Cooper: Shelby County Master

Gardener Coordinator & creator of WKNO's "The Family

"Feng Shui in the Garden"

"Diagnosis in the Landscape"

County Museum

"All About Houseplants"

Master Gardener

Gardener

"Medicines in the Garden"

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

Plot."



TIPTON COUNTY M·U·S·E·U·M

VETERANS MEMORIAL NATURE CENTER



ADMISSION PER PROGRAM: \$5.00 General Public

<u>FREE</u> to Museum Members

751 Bert Johnston Avenue PO Box 768 Covington, TN 38019 Phone: 901-476-0242









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, TNFee:\$30 Museum Members, \$50 General Public

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 5

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





The Tipton County Museum Celebrates Black History Month

MEN OF VALOR

M·U·S·E·U·M

Exhibit & Opening Reception

William Wakefield and younger brothers Leamon, Timothy, Ridley and Victor Wherry are five brothers who have made their family and Tipton County extremely proud. After graduating from Tipton County high schools Frazier High, George R. Ellis and Munford High, they entered military service and served their country honorably, with four of them serving until retirement. Please join us at the Tipton County Museum on Friday, February 21, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. as we honor them for their service and visit "Men of Valor", an exhibit of their military service.

Reception: Exhibit Dates: Where: Friday, February 21, 2020, 6:00 p.m. February 21, 2020 through June 30, 2020 Tipton County Museum 751 Bert Johnston Ave.,

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 & registration.

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





5000 eight graders are invited to attend!

The inaugural P2P West Tennessee will take place at the Ripley Power and Light Building in Ripley, TN on March 4th and 5th 2020 from 8:00am-3:00pm both days. All public, private and home schooled 8th graders in Tipton, Haywood, Lauderdale, Crockett, Dyer, Fayette, Gibson, Hardeman, Lake, Madison, and Obion counties are invited to attend this two day event! Community leaders, mayors, Tipton County officials and HTL Advantage gathered recently to learn more about this event.

Pathways2Possibilities (P2P) is a hands-on, interactive career exploration experience, designed to help 8th graders link their passions to a paycheck. *We are looking for area businesses to partner with P2P!*

There are three opportunities for you to join the P2P team:

Event Sponsor-email rray@covingtontn.com to request sponsorship levels

Pathway Professional-facilitate hands-on activities with the students at the event

Community Volunteer–event day activities, such as passing out materials, monitoring flow, signing in visitors, parking assistance, etc.

This is a great approach for developing our future workforce! Send us an <u>email</u> or call 901-476-9613 ext.117 to get more information on this exciting event!!

VISIT THE FACEBOOK EVENT PAGE BY CLICKING HERE!



Fieldtrip to Dyersburg State for Concert 2/17 at 7:30 PM

Rehearsals in February

February 10, 18, 24 - 6:00-7:30 PM

Music **Opportunities**

TIPTON COUNTY COMMUNITY CHORUS Come join us! Third Thursday at Liberty Vintage Marketplace, chorus performing 2/20, 5-6 PM

FAT TUESDAY CELEBRATION AND PANCAKE SUPPER, the Chorus will perform Click on the picture to hear a sampling of music from the Tipton County Community Chorus!

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



Come have **Coffee with the Mayor** Tuesday, February 18h 7:30 - 9:00 a.m.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS



Dyersburg State Community College Jimmy Naifeh Center

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 6 p.m. - Jackie Murray presents "Harriet Tubman: One Woman's Journey" in the Baptist Memorial Health Care Academic Building, Auditorium, JNC. Free admission.

Friday, Feb. 21, 6 p.m. – Jonathan Blanchard performs the Soundtrack to the Civil Rights Movement in the Baptist Memorial Health Care Academic Building, Auditorium, JNC. Free admission.

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

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





February Veteran of the Month



February Veteran of the Month Renea McBride was honored at a reception at the Tipton County Museum Tuesday, February 11th. Renea began her career in the U.S. Navy in 1989 and attended boot camp in Orlando, Florida. Over the course of her service she was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal (2), National Defense Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Ribbon (2), Battle "E" Ribbon, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (2), Overseas Service Medal (2), 45 Cal Pistol Marksman Ribbon, and Flag Letter of Commendation (2). After retuning home to Tennessee, she became a telecommunications contractor and in May of 2007, she accepted a federal job with the IRS, where she still works today.

We thank Renea Antionette McBride for her service to our country! To learn more about Renea's military career, click <u>HERE</u>.

The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center Veteran of the Month Reception Every 2nd Tuesday Evening at 6:30 751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN 38019

901-476-0242





A Special Thanks to Our Program Sponsors:

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4840 Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary Unit 116 Woodmen Life, Neil Bringle



The City of Covington Presents:



Friday, February 21, 2020 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. (Doors Open at 6:00) Covington Civic Center - Tennessean Room 100 W. Washington Ave. Covington, TN 38019

Ticket Price: \$25/couple - \$10 each additional child Chaperone may be any adult father figure

Purchase Tickets by February 14th No Tickets sold at the door, by reservation ONLY Reservations can be made at the Covington Civic Center Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

For More Info, Contact: Karen Griffin (901) 475-7139 - (901) 475-7170 - <u>kgriffin@covingtontn.com</u>





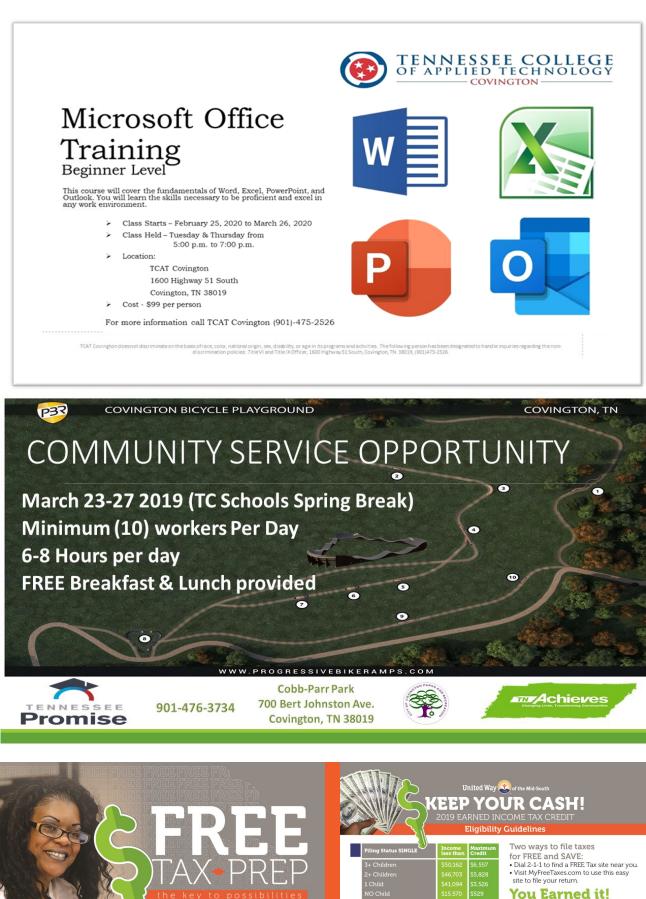
Monday, February 17

Dyersburg State Community College Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County

1:00 p.m. - Sharing & Learning Music Session Student Center

> 7:30 p.m. - Concert Baptist Memorial Health Care Academic Building Auditorium Mixer with finger foods to begin at 6:45 p.m.

Admission is a nonperishable food or monetary donation to the DSCC food pantry.



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Keep it! Save it!

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covington Lions Club's 65th Annual

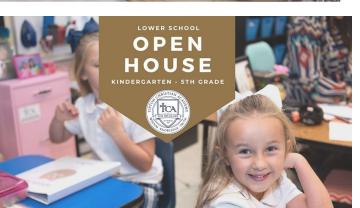
PANCAKE BREAKFAST SATURDAY, FEB. 29 from 6-11 A.M.

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

901-475-4990 tiptonchristianacademy.com

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

















SAVE THE DATE You're invited to participate in National CTE Letter of Intent Signing Day 2020!

You are invited to join us in what is becoming a revolutionary event in technical education!

Background

Signing Day, which began in 2014 at Washburn Tech, is a celebration of career and technical education. It's an event that honors students who are entering a technical field and emphasizes the importance of their career choices.

What Happens on Signing Day Individual Signing Ceremonies at each participating campus are tied together by live simulcasts from NC3's central media hub.

Check out these two great resources at www.NC3.net NC3 Signing Day PLAYBOOK NC3 Signing Day Video

Join the Movement!

Committing to a technical career is a big deal. Together, we can spread that message throughout the country.

To learn more about National Signing Day, contact Michael McAlice at michael.mcalice@nc3.net or (619) 405-5163.

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



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



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: February 6, 2020

Christi David WRAP 731-693-0176 cdavid@wraptn.org

WRAP brings awareness to local communities through Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

West Tennessee: West Tennessee – February 1st launched Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. In the United States, teen dating violence impacts 1 in 3 adolescents through verbal, physical and emotional abuse with over 1.5 MILLION high school students reporting they experience physical abuse from a dating partner annually.

WRAP provides a wide array of trauma-informed, evidence-based services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence in 19 counties in West Tennessee. All services offered are free and confidential.

During the month of February, WRAP will be hosting a variety of activities in West Tennessee high schools and after school programs to promote awareness of healthy teen dating relationships. In Tipton County, WRAP along with the Tipton County Health Department will be at Covington High School to provide awareness for Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month on February 14th.

WRAP seeks opportunities to promote awareness of and education on healthy relationships with community partners in an effort to foster widespread collaboration in creating safe, stable, nurturing relationships, families, and communities. If any organization or employer would be interested in host-ing an awareness activity, please contact WRAP at 731-668-0411.

WRAP encourages the community to participate in Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month by wearing ORANGE to show our commitment to healthy relationships. So join WRAP and "Wear OR-ANGE" this February so that together we can end violence, change lives, and give hope! Please share your activities via social media with the hashtags #loveisrespect #WRAPPEDinOrange #TDVAM and like our page on Facebook at <u>www.facebook.com/wrapwesttn</u> to keep informed about upcoming events and learn more about what WRAP has to offer. If you or anyone you know has questions about a current relationship please call our 24/7 helpline at 1-800-273-8712.

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

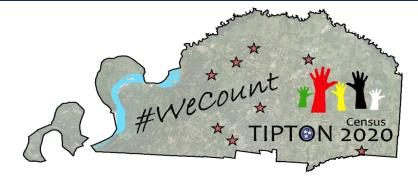
For Information Call 901-475-3479

Thomas Hayes, Adult Ed Coordinator





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#2020census

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.