

Mayor Justin Hanson

Newsletter - January 31, 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 - 1/28/20

Present: Alderman Chairman Keith Phelps, Alderwoman Johnetta Yarbrough, Alderman Jeff Morris, Alderman Danny Wallace, Chief Richard Griggs, Chief Larry Lindsey, Mayor Justin Hanson, Tina Dunn, Sgt.Tony Ginn, Asst. Chief Jeremy Channell, Rebecca Ray, Nic Shaw, Echo Day

Covington Police Department Report – Chief Larry Lindsey

Vehicle Disposition

- · Chief's vehicle has arrived and is in service
- · 2 Explorers may not be ready until April or May
- Dealer has several F150's that we could get by the end of February. Rated as Law Enforcement vehicles across country. More heavy duty than Explorers
- · Will cancel 2 Explorers and get 2 trucks

Personnel

- · Hired 2 non-certified officers who will start Memphis Police Academy on Feb 17th
- · Hired civilian property evidence specialist
- Alderman Phelps asked about time frame to get the evidence room in order. Chief Lindsey stated about two months
- · We will hold off on hiring additional personnel in order to complete the technology upgrades

Tech Upgrades

- Met with reps from Data Driven, Sgt. Ginn working with in-house cleanup and changeover
- State has some class requirements and there is a backlog in availability. Was hoping to start in March but will be pushed back to May
- Equipment working with Nic Shaw on which vendor to use
- We will go live on May 1

Discussed 911 service and how we are charged

3 military personnel are back, and Chief met with them. Expecting all to come back to work

Tony Doss has requested to come back to our department from the Sheriff's Department

Training

- Dylan Daniels graduated and is in a car on the street. Doing a great job
- · 3 officers sent to FTO (Field Training Officer) Program
- · Corporal Maclin taking over FTO training. Sending her to FTO program management school.
- · Captain Black will attend Law Enforcement and Administration School in April
- · Property / Evidence employee will do online class, will be certified and accredited
- MTAS (Municipal Technical Advisory Service) came in to work with us on property and evidence policies and procedures

Body Cameras

- It is time to update our system
- Paying \$18,000/year to Intrensic (body camera cloud service provider)
- · Received 3 quotes
- · Quote from Intrensic, over 4 years will save up to \$22,000
- Sgt Ginn explained system
- Motion made to proceed with purchase, 2nd, approved

Public Safety Committee Meeting Continued

Submitted Crime Stats report and gave explanation

Discussed decrease in domestic violence cases. Working closely with WRAP (Wo/Men's Resource & Rape Assistance) LAP (Lethality Assessment Program)

Motion to accept Chief Larry's report, approved

Covington Fire Department Report – Chief Richard Griggs

Reported on Community Events

Awarded SW Electric Safety Partners Grant \$10,000.

· Will use funds to purchase additional extrication tool

Barry Brady Act Update

- Met with MTAS (Municipal Technical Advisory Service), recommend that we adopt the Brady pre-employment physical exam
- · Submitted sample form

Volunteer Hours are 273 for December 2019

Submitted County Fire Fee report

· Included totals from 2008-2021

Storm Spotters class April 2nd, 6:30 p.m. at the Covington Civic Center

· Covington Tipton County EMA hosting

Scarlet Rope Project (Human Trafficking), February 27th

 Covington Fire Department, Covington Police Department, and HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) are partnering

Firefighters Matt Massey and Matt Gardiner honored as Exchange Club Firefighters of the Year

Submitted Run Report Nov 21-January 23

Free Smoke Alarms are available by calling the Covington Fire Department

Volunteer Recruitment Update

- May need to be put on hold because we do not have the turnout gear for volunteers
- · We are reaching out to try and find avenues to get gear so that we can move forward

Move to accept Report, accepted

There being no further business, meeting adjourned

Official meeting minutes and agendas can be found by visiting www.covingtontn.com.



COVINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

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



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



COVINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



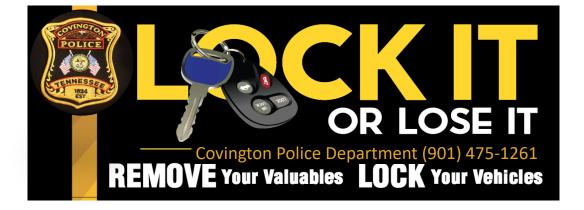


 Covington Police
 901-475-1261

 Supervisor
 901-201-7573

 Central Dispatch
 901-475-4300

 Tipton Co. Sheriff
 901-475-3300





The Tipton County Museum Presents

Artist Series for Kids

(and adults, too!)



Alma Thomas & the Abstraction

Alma Thomas was the first African American woman to hold a fine arts degree. She loved children, and she loved to paint with bright colors. Her beautiful gardens were a source of her inspiration, and she created many abstract paintings based upon images from those gardens. During this class the artists will learn about this fascinating woman, her beautiful artwork, and then create their own abstract painting using acrylic paint on a stretched canvas. No previous art experience required, and we provide all the materials. A family/sibling discount is available, which makes this a great family activity! Refreshments will be served

Saturday, February 1, 2020 1 to 4 p.m.

Where: Tipton County Museum, 751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN

Fee: \$15 Museum Members, \$20 General Public

A sibling/family discount is available

Tipton County Museum 751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN

(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



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



M·U·S·E·U·M

VETERANS MEMORIAL NATURE CENTER



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

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

"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"

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

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 **











The Tipton County Museum Celebrates Black History Month

MEN OF VALOR

TIPTON COUNTY 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: Friday, February 21, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

February 21, 2020 through June 30, 2020 Where:

Tipton County Museum 751 Bert Johnston Ave.,

Covington, TN 38019

(901) 476-0242





ART EXHIBITS BY Bellott & Foster

> on display now through February 10, 2020

DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County

Dominique Bellott & Barrie Foster



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





Tipton Christian Academy celebrated an open house and ribbon cutting on Sunday, January 26th. Faculty, staff, students, and parents were on hand to take members of the community on a tour of the new facility and answer any questions. We congratulate TCA on their continued growth and we appreciate their investment in our students, city and community! If you would like more information on Tipton Christian Academy, you can visit their website at www.tiptonchristianacademy.com.







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 <a href="mailto:email

VISIT THE FACEBOOK EVENT PAGE BY CLICKING HERE!





Eagle Scout Projects Completed

Two Eagle Scouts, Mr. Wyatt Combs and Mr. Nolan Clement, were recognized during the Tuesday's Board of Mayor and Alderman meeting for the work they completed at Cobb-Parr Park. Wyatt managed a project of spreading over one hundred cubic yards of mulch at Project Play. Nolan supervised approximately 20 people to complete a Gaga Ball Pit at the park. We congratulate these exceptional young men on their Eagle Scout designation!

Director Joseph Mack stated that 8 Eagle Scout Projects have been completed within our Covington Parks and Recreation system during his tenure. Those include 6 Eagle Scout Projects at the Tipton County Museum, 2 Eagle Scout Projects at Project Play, and 1 Wood Badge Project (Adult Leader Achievement) on the Obstacle Course. We appreciate the collaboration between the City of Covington and the Boy Scouts and look forward to working with them on future projects!



WestStar Class of 2020 Visits Tipton and Haywood Counties











On Thursday, WestStar Leadership Program Class of 2020 visited Tipton and Haywood Counties as part of their Fundamentals of Economic Development session. Participants began their day at Covington Civic Center with breakfast and opening remarks from Mayor Justin Hanson, County Executive Jeff Huffman, Covington-Tipton Chamber of Commerce Director Lauren Fletcher, and South Tipton County Chamber of Commerce Director Rosemary Bridges. They also visited the Atoka's Railroad Adventure Plus, DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center, Tennessee College of Applied Technology's new healthcare facility, and Sugaright. Lunch was provided at the Covington Civic Center and there was a panel discussion including Mark Herbison, CEO HTL Advantage, Marty Marbry, West TN Department of Tourist Development, and USDA Rural Development Director Jim Tracy, Area Directors, Arlisa Armstrong and Joel Howard.

WestStar is a premier leadership program that establishes an elite group of people that are committed to the educational, economic, and social development of West Tennessee. To learn more about the UT Martin WestStar Leadership Program, visit https://www.utm.edu/departments/weststar/leadershipprogram.php.











Dyersburg State Community College Jimmy Naifeh Center

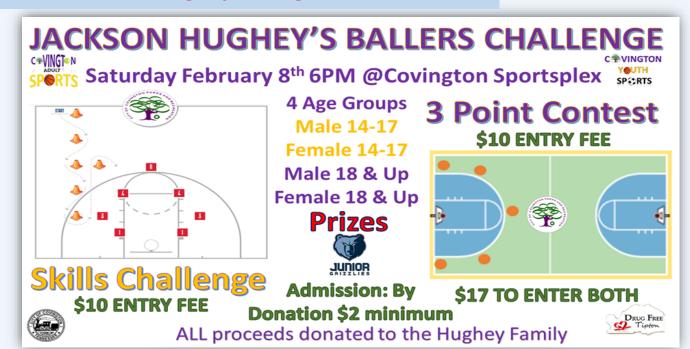
Tuesday, Feb. 11, 6 p.m. - Jackie Murray presents "Harriet Tubman: One Woman's Journey" in the Baptist Memorial Health Care Academic Building, Auditorium, JNC. Free admission.

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 rray@covingtontn.com!







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 - kgriffin@covingtontn.com

You're Invited to have Coffee with the Mayor! Tuesday, February 4th 7:30 - 9:00 a.m.



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 call 901-476-9531 ext. 118 or 113. You can also contact Public Works Director David Gray at dgray@covingtontn.com.

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 www.covingtontn.com and click "Online Bill Pay"

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:

| 13th of the month | 23rd of the month | DISCONNECT DATE 24th of the month |
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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

There are several career opportunities available with the City of Covington for Accountant, Utility Repair Person, Water/Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator Trainee, and Lifeguard.

Click <u>HERE</u> to see complete job descriptions and requirements!





FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Gordmans: A Great New Hometown Store Offers Jobs & Brands You'll Love! Your local Goody's and Peebles Department Stores are Converting to Gordmans Off-Price Stores

HOUSTON – January 27, **2020 – #GotltAtGordmans** means you can get a great new job **and** your favorite brands at your hometown's newest store, Gordmans. The apparel and home décor retailer is **now hiring** at 15 new store locations in Tennessee. These Tennessee Gordmans stores will open March 31.

Gordman is part of the Stage community of stores. Stage is converting its Goody's, Peebles and other department store name plates to Gordmans in 2020, an off-price concept offering everyone's favorite brands at prices way lower than department stores.

Gordmans is hiring for a variety of full-time, part-time and temporary positions, and offers competitive wages. The retailer offers flexible work schedules in an energetic and engaging work environment. Positions, which vary by store location, include sales associate, stockroom associate and more.

Interested candidates are invited to first apply online at gordmans.com/career and then visit a job fair from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, February 4 at the locations noted below.

Walk-ins are welcome!

<u>Covington Gordmans</u>: 975 Highway 51 North (At the Goody's location, soon to be Gordmans)

About Gordmans and Stage

Off-price retailer Gordmans has brands you expect at prices you don't. New fabulous finds arrive each week, including everyone's favorite brands priced way lower than department stores. Merchandise selection includes apparel and footwear for the family, home décor, accent furniture, wall décor, bedding & bath, kitchen gadgets, fashion jewelry, designer fragrances, toys and pet accessories. There's also the added convenience of an Amazon Counter inside its stores.

Gordmans is part of the Stage community of stores. Through its Community Counts programs, Stage and Gordmans give back by supporting local and national causes. In 2020, Stage (NYSE:SSI) is converting over 500 department stores (BEALLS, GOODY'S, PALAIS ROYAL, PEEBLES and STAGE) to Gordmans. Once the conversion is complete, Stage will be operating approximately 700 Gordmans store locations, making Gordmans one of the prominent off-price retail chains in the U.S. For more information, visit gordmans.co and stage.co. Connect with Gordmans on Faceboo, Instagra and Twitte.

Media Contact: Sydney Edens, 402-895-2552 ext. 312, sedens@lukaspartners.co

JANUARY EVENTS @ YOUR LIBRARY



TIPTON COUNTY STITCH-ALONG JAN. 18th 10-12:00 PM

Crochet & 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 JAN. 21st @ 12:00PM

BOOK CLUB The Turn of the Key by Ruth Ware JAN. 21st @ 1:00 P.M.





Movie Days

Ages 18 & Up @ 1:00 PM

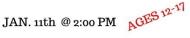
Overcomer - JAN. 3rd [PG] 119 mins Downton Abbey - JAN. 14th [PG] 122 mins. Cool Runnings -JAN. 24th [PG] 98 mins. Judy -JAN. 28th [PG-13] 118 mins.



JAN. 11th @ 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.

ANIME CLUB



Wi-Fi Printing is now Available!



COLOR \$0.25



Friends of the Library Meeting JAN. 23rd @7:00 P.M.

New members are welcome!

GENEALOGY HELP

w/ River City Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution JAN. 13th 9:30-11:30AM



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LEGO CLUB

AGES 11 & UNDER JAN. 2nd @ 1:00 PM JAN. 18th@ 11:00 AM JAN. 23rd @ 4:00 PM

HOMESCHOOL BOOK CLUB

JAN 16th

K-3 - 1:00 PM & 3rd & Up 1:15 PM The Bravest Dog Ever (K-3) by Natalie Standiford

he One Hundred and One Dalmations (3rd & Up by Dobbie Smith

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

Preschool Story Time **Every Wendseday & Thursday** @ (0:00AM

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Ages 0-PreK Sign-up at the Library **READ BOOKS, WIN PRIZES**



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JAN. 30th @ 4:00 PM



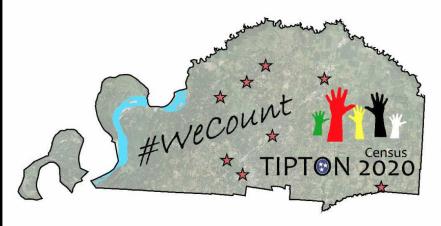


MOVIE DAY JAN. 2nd @ 4:00 PM

CHILL OUT SCOOBY DOO

[NR] 90 mins





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Census 2020

#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.



Each year, the Federal Government distributes \$675 billion dollars in federal funds based on an area's population per the Census count. Our county will receive money to support school lunches, housing, food stamps, all manner of grants, and many other programs based on the Census. The 2020 Census will be the basis of these distributions for the next ten years. Our Constitution requires that all residents of the United States are to be counted in the Census every ten years.



The Census Count is used to determine how many representatives our district has in Congress, and can also potentially affect your county district representation.



Historically, the under-counted persons who did not participate in the Census were children under the age of five, immigrants, and people with a lower income.



A complete and accurate Census is paramount to equity, opportunity, and addressing the many issues faced by our region and the nation.



Local Census Partners: • Tipton County Government • City of Covington • Town of Mason • Town of Atoka • Board of Education • Tipton County Library • City of Munford • Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce • South Tipton Chamber of Commerce • UT AG Extension • Town of Brighton • First Utility District • STEMC • The Leader • City of Gilt Edge • Town of Burlison • Town of Garland • Community Organizations • Businesses • Local Philanthropic Organizations • Munford Memorial Library • Churches • UT/TSU

www.tiptonco.com/census2020