



**Covington – Living, Learning, Working Together**

# Newsletter - January 29, 2021

Mayor Justin Hanson



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**Public Works Committee**

Chairperson Danny Wallace, Jeff Morris, Johnetta Yarbrough

**General Welfare/Public Relations Committee**

Chairperson Jeff Morris, CH Sullivan, John Edwards

**Finance and Administration Committee**

Chairperson CH Sullivan, All Board Members

**Public Safety Committee**

Chairperson Johnetta Yarbrough, Chris Richardson, CH Sullivan

*Official meeting minutes and agendas can be found by visiting [www.covingtontn.com](http://www.covingtontn.com).*

## Public Safety Committee Meeting—1/26/21

Present via Virtual Meeting: Chairperson Johnetta Yarbrough, Aldermen CH Sullivan, Danny Wallace, John Edwards, Chris Richardson, Jeff Morris, Mayor Justin Hanson. Chief Richard Griggs, Chief Larry Lindsey, Directors Lessie Fisher, David Gray, and Tina Dunn. Captain Jack Howell, Asst Chief Jeremy Channell, Amanda Durham, Rebecca Ray, Echo Day, Margaret Fleming

### **Covington Police Department Report - Chief Larry Lindsey**

#### Personnel

- Currently have 6 open law enforcement positions
  - 3 non-certified officers were scheduled to attend TLETA (TN Law Enforcement Training Academy). One officer was exposed to COVID and has been rescheduled for March, one officer was dismissed due to academic failure and was terminated, and one officer is currently in week four of training
  - We began advertising for certified officers on social media and Indeed
  - On January 20, 2021 Lt. Jack Howell was promoted to Captain and will assume second in command and acting Chief in my absence
- Fleet
- On December 26, 2020, Sgt. Nelson was in an accident while en route to Region One Medical Center to follow up with a shooting victim. The other driver was found to be at fault. The vehicle was deemed totaled by our insurance company.

Submitted Calls for Service Report and Stats Report

Motion to accept Chief Lindsey's report, 2nd, roll call, so moved

### **Covington Fire Department Report - Chief Richard Griggs**

- Community Events: Sea of Blue honoring Trooper Jenks, Unilever tabletop exercise
- Volunteer Hours were 130 for November and December. Total for 2020 was 1884
- Submitted Run Report for November 20-December 31, 2020 and January 1-January 21, 2021
- Submitted in-service training schedule
- County coverage collections \$79,870 for 2020 and \$51,680 to date for 2021
- Ventilation system has been installed, waiting on tailpipe adapter and table mounts
- Tipton County Emergency Unit is no longer a resource in Tipton County
- Volunteer Firefighter Terrance Smith is now a Licensed Emergency Medical Technician
- Submitted ambulance service agreement. Per attached agreement will only be responding to full arrests
- Care Report - Free Smoke Alarms call 901-476-2578
- 24 Volunteer Firefighter applicants are awaiting COVID restrictions to be lifted

Motion to accept Chief Griggs' report, 2nd, roll call, so moved

Alderman Wallace congratulated Captain Howell on his promotion

Chief Lindsey updated the committee on the recent homicide and shootings. Four individuals are now in custody.

There being no further business, meeting is adjourned

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](http://www.covingtontn.com).

**Please note: Due to COVID-19, all public meetings are being held virtually. If you would like the link to join virtually, please email [rgray@covingtontn.com](mailto:rgray@covingtontn.com). City Board meetings are also live-streamed on our [Website](#) and [Facebook page](#).**

# COVID-19 VACCINATION UPDATE

You can now follow a simple, three-step process to learn when you're eligible for the COVID-19 vaccination and also register for a vaccination appointment:

## Find Your Phase

Find out what phase of the vaccination plan you're in by visiting

<https://covid19.tn.gov/covid-19-vaccines/eligibility/>.

## Find the Phase Your County is Vaccinating

To learn what phase your county is vaccinating, visit

<https://covid19.tn.gov/covid-19-vaccines/vaccine-phases/>.

## Register for a Vaccination Appointment

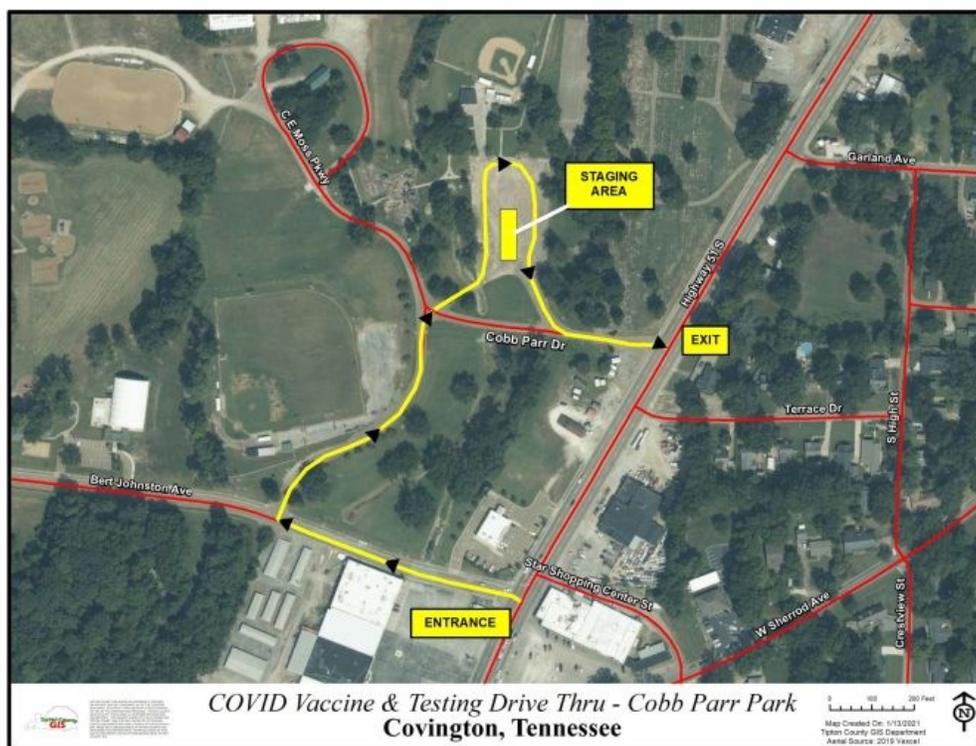
If you are in a phase currently being vaccinated in your county, you can register online at <https://covid19.tn.gov/covid-19-vaccines/vaccine-phases/> for an appointment time to receive a vaccination through the health department. Click your county on the map and then click "Make an Appointment" to register. When you register, you will be asked to enter your name and contact information to be notified of your appointment date, time, and location as soon as the vaccine becomes available.

If you know someone who does not have access to a computer or the internet, please call

The Tipton County Health Department at **866-442-5301**.

*There is a new link for residents of Tipton County to register to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. This link will tell you the county's present phase, fact sheets about the vaccine, and wait list information.*

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/tiptonco>





Parker Harris, CEO of Baptist–Tipton discussed with us the monoclonal antibody program. He says, “The Baptist- Tipton locations that infuse this (the hospital plus our infusion rooms in the metro area) have been told by state officials that we have done the second most of these in the state of TN. “ Congrats, Baptist-Tipton, for all your hard work!

*The Monoclonal Infusion Hotline number is 901-277-7070*

**Positive for COVID-19?**

Baptist now offers  
**MONOCLONAL INFUSION THERAPY**  
to fight the symptoms of COVID-19.

## ***Gov. Lee Announces ‘No Further Restrictions’ on K-12 Sporting Events Starting February 1st***

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

January 28, 2021

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### **Gov. Lee Statement on Lifting Additional School Sports Restrictions**

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** – Today, Tennessee Governor Bill Lee released the following statement in coordination with his [video announcement](#):

“Tennessee's COVID-19 numbers continue to rapidly improve with almost a 60% decline in cases and nearly a 40% decline in hospitalizations because of the efforts of Tennesseans to wear masks, wash hands and limit gatherings. When case counts were at their highest, we placed temporary, targeted restrictions on indoor school sporting events. The data now reflects rapidly falling numbers and because of that data, we are ending the recent additional restrictions around who can participate in or attend indoor school sporting events. The guidance and rules of local education agencies and the TSSAA remain in place, but Executive Order 74 will be suspended effective Monday, February 1. I encourage Tennesseans to keep up their responsible personal choices as we work towards a COVID-free Tennessee.”



Covington Police Department

## IMMEDIATE OPENINGS FOR TN P.O.S.T. CERTIFIED OFFICERS

- \$3,000 Sign-On Bonus
- Starting Salary \$46,600
- 12 Hour Shifts (6a-6p or 6p-6a)
- Every Other Friday, Saturday & Sunday Off
- Excellent Benefits
- GREAT Team!

To apply, go to:

[www.covingtontn.com/human-resources.html](http://www.covingtontn.com/human-resources.html)

Covington Police Department - 211 S. Main St. - Covington, TN 38019

*Spring Semester*  
January 19 - May 3, 2021

# REGISTER TODAY!

**DYERSBURG STATE**  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**WHAT FUELS YOUR FIRE?**

EVERY **4.5 days**  
A Structure Fire in Tennessee Takes a Life

[www.VolunteerFireTN.org](http://www.VolunteerFireTN.org)  
1-844-Vol-Tenn (1-844-865-8366)

**TN**

## Keep Your Community Safe By:

Wearing A Mask

Washing Your Hands

Keeping A Safe Distance

Visit [COVID19.TN.gov](http://COVID19.TN.gov) for more information

**COVINGTON YOUTH SPORTS**

# SHOP LOCAL & PLAY LOCAL

901-476-3734

**COVINGTON YOUTH SPORTS**

## SOCCER

SOCCER AGES 3-12 \$55

**Soccer Coming in March  
Signup online**

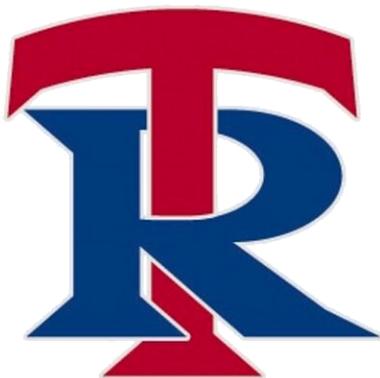
[www.covingtontn.com/covington-youth-sports.html](http://www.covingtontn.com/covington-youth-sports.html)

**COVINGTON YOUTH SPORTS**

## GIRLS SOFTBALL

AGES 4-16 \$75

**SOFTBALL COMING IN MARCH**



Mayor Hanson had the opportunity to emcee the Tipton Rosemark spelling bee on Friday! After nearly 30 rounds and 192 words, Joshua Winton came away with 1st Place, Caedon Goodrum finished in 2nd Place, and Jeb Gillon came away with 3rd Place. We congratulate all the competitors and thank Tipton Rosemark for letting us be a part of their annual spelling bee each year!





# 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Chocolate Tour

— Tour Downtown Covington —  
while tasting some delicious chocolate treats.

Saturday, February 6th  
10am-4pm

SHOP • INDULGE  
DISCOVER DOWNTOWN

Join us for our 9th Annual Chocolate Tour!

Visit your favorite downtown shops  
and find the perfect gift for your  
Valentine, as you enjoy individually  
wrapped, unique chocolate treats.

For further details call 901-476-9727

Tickets:

\$8 Advanced - \$10 Day of Event



Support  
**LOCAL**

We have some exciting news to share regarding our local sales tax figures! The local option sales tax numbers are in for the month of November 2020, and for the City of Covington they are UP 11.9% or \$39,966! Year-to-date sales are UP 12.8% or \$198,611!

These numbers are directly related to YOU shopping locally and supporting Covington businesses. Please continue to safely shop locally! We'll be looking for you!



Congressman David Kustoff visited with Mayor Hanson and County Executive Jeff Huffman on Thursday. The Congressman and Mayor Hanson discussed the state and county response to COVID-19, the Regional Megasite, and our local economy. We were pleased to host Congressman Kustoff and his staff!

You're Invited to have  
**Coffee with the Mayor**



Tuesday, February 2nd  
7:30 - 9:00 a.m.

One Way Café  
511 E. Liberty Ave, Covington

## REMOTE ACCESS TO ANCESTRY LIBRARY EDITION

Available to all TCPL Library card holders during the pandemic!

**EASY AS 1-2-3!**



**1.** Go to the Library's website at [tiptoncountypubliclibrary.com](http://tiptoncountypubliclibrary.com)  
Click on **USING THE LIBRARY** & then **CARD CATALOG**

**2.** Click **LOG IN** in the top left corner

**3.** Log into your account using your **Library Card & Password**

Please login for additional services

Select your library:  
TIPTON:Tipton County Public Library

Enter your LIBRARY CARD number:

Enter your password: USERPASS for initial log in

Remember Me? [Forgot Your Password](#)

[Don't have a library card?](#)

**4.** Click on the **Ancestry Remote Access Tab**



**5.** Click the **Remote Access icon** and start searching!



# Successful Gardening at The Tipton County Museum!



TIPTON COUNTY  
M·U·S·E·U·M  
VETERANS MEMORIAL  
NATURE CENTER



JOIN US  
ON  
**ZOOM!!!**

[www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com)

Because of COVID-19, our 2021 February Gardening Series will be held VIRTUALLY on ZOOM. Museum members are FREE. Non-members is \$5. Codes will be sent with lecture registration.

Saturday, February 6th 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.

Register: <https://form.jotform.com/210196357790158>

*“What to Prune When”*

- Guest Speaker – Celeste Scott: Madison County Extension Agent and Master Gardener Program coordinator.

Saturday, February 13th 10th: 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.

Register: <https://form.jotform.com/210217579506153>

*“Preparing your Landscape for Spring”*

- Guest Speaker – Dr. Chris Cooper: Shelby County Master Gardener Coordinator & creator of WKNO’s “The Family Plot”

Saturday, February 20th: 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.

Register: <https://form.jotform.com/210217513162139>

*“Monet’s Garden”*

- Guest Speaker – Barrie Foster: An artist, art teacher, and art historian. The former director of the Tipton County Museum.

Saturday, February 27th: 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.

Register: <https://form.jotform.com/210217591569156>

*“Getting your Lawn Ready for Spring & Summer”*

- Guest Speaker – Booker T. Leigh: Shelby County Extension Agent & creator of WYPL’s “What’s Growing On”



**Bank of Tipton**  
HOME STYLE SERVICE  
A Branch of Bank of Ripley



**Stay fire-safe when you travel.**

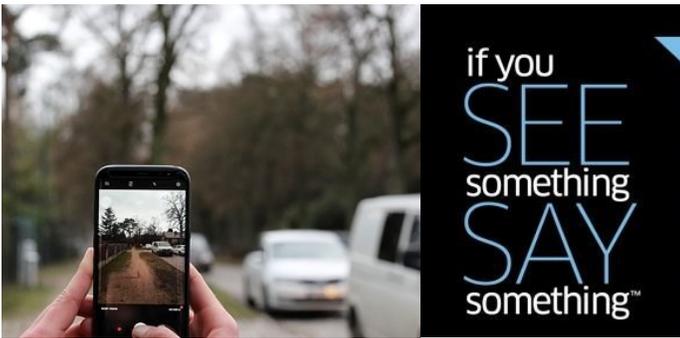
Choose a hotel protected by both smoke alarms and fire sprinklers.



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**REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** to Covington Police

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

*In an emergency dial 9-1-1*

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

