



Newsletter - October 9, 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 www.covingtontn.com.

Public Works Committee Meeting – 10/06/20

Present via Virtual Meeting: Chairman Jeff Morris, Alderman Danny Wallace, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Alderwoman Johnetta Yarbrough, Alderman Danny Wallace, Alderman CH Sullivan, Alderman Keith Phelps, Mayor Justin Hanson, Tina Dunn, Lessie Fisher, David Gray, Jennifer Nolen, Echo Day

Public Works Report – Director David Gray

Level Billing discussion

- Submitted ordinance on level billing
- Discussed reconciling level billing in April
- Chairman Phelps does not believe there is anything this committee needs to do at this time. Director Gray thanks Alderwoman Bommer for bringing up this issue. Alderwoman Bommer thanked Director Gray for looking at this issue

Republic Sanitation Discussion

- Discussed ongoing problems with trash pickup
- Met with Gretchen Lowery, General Manager and she presented info on new communication avenues and what they are going to do to rectify the problems
- Mayor Hanson stated that there is a 6-month lead time on getting out of the contract
- Republic Services was adamant that they are not trying to get out of residential business
- Committee will revisit this issue in December

USDA Loan Application for Street Paving

- There are several items involved in application process
- Director Gray and Pat Harcourt have started working on it
- Will end up getting approximately \$925,000
- Asked Committee to reach out with suggestions on what streets they feel need to be paved
- Motion made to pave College St. / Garland Ave., 2nd, roll call, so moved.

Railroad Crossing Diagnostic Team Reviews in Covington

- Looked at four crossings for safety issues
- Submitted recommendations
- This is information only, no motions need to be made this time

Street Lighting Survey

- Conducted by Covington Police Department
- Submitted report on what streetlights need to be replaced

Motion made to approved report, 2nd, discussion,

- Alderman Wallace asked if anything additional to report on gasifier. Director Gray discussed last meeting, TDEC (TN Department of Environment and Conservation) is going to allow some testing with permit variance

Motion to accept report, 2nd, so moved

Code Department Report – Director Lessie Fisher

Grass cutting winding down, focus on properties and sign concerns

Discussed possibility of tickets and summons being issued through Police Department Watson's system

Keep Covington Clutter Free – Jennifer Nolen

- Adopt a block style
- 10/24-10/31, we will provide bags, shirts, and grabbers starting 10/8
- Asking community to send in pictures

Motion made to accept report, 2nd, so moved

There being no further business, meeting is adjourned

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NOVEMBER GENERAL/CITY ELECTIONS

NOVEMBER 3, 2020

EARLY VOTING IS AS FOLLOWS:

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH. – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29TH.

MON-WED-FRI 8:30 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

TUESDAY & THURSDAY 8:30 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.

SATURDAY 8:30-2 P.M.

EARLY VOTING WILL BE HELD AT THE FOLLOWING:

TIPTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

113 EAST CHURCH ST., COVINGTON, TN



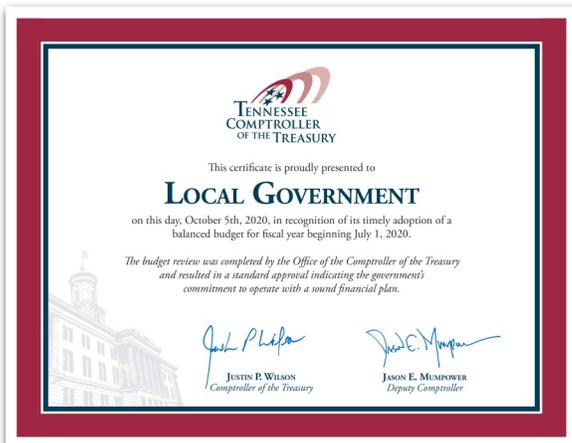
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ATOKA

102 KIMBROUGH AVENUE, ATOKA, TN

(Behind Dairy Queen right off of Hwy 51.)

**IF YOU MISS EARLY VOTING, YOU MUST VOTE AT YOUR POLLING
LOCATION ON ELECTION DAY**

Congratulations, City of Covington for receiving a Budget Certificate for Fiscal Year 2020-2021! Thanks to our Board of Mayor and Alderman and Department Heads for their hard work on this year's budget!



State law requires every county, municipality, and utility district in Tennessee to adopt an annual budget. To be effective, a budget should be adopted prior to the beginning of the fiscal year. The budget should also be based on reliable estimates, structurally balanced, provide for cash liquidity, allow for adequate reserves, monitored throughout the year, and amended as necessary. See our [Seven Keys to a Fiscally Well-Managed Government](#).

Local officials that adopt budgets meeting the following specific criteria are awarded an annual certificate from the Comptroller of the Treasury:

- The budget was adopted on or before the fiscal year end;
- The budget was filed with our office within 15 days of adoption;
- No issues of concern were raised during our review of the budget; and
- The local government is not currently under the oversight of the Water & Wastewater Financing Board or Utility Management Review Board.

*5 DIVISIONS

*BOYS & GIRLS

*PEE-WEE: 6-7 AGE

*JUNIOR: 8-9 & 10-11 AGE

*YOUTH: 12-13 & 14-15 AGE

OCTOBER 10

10AM

BALTZER FIELD

COBB PARR PARK

Scan
to
Register



FREE TO PLAY



USA FOOTBALL
FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT MODEL
KICK, THROW & GO

SHOW OFF YOUR SKILLS

KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

The Football Development Model's Kick Throw & Go® Skills Challenge helps kids sharpen and show off their skills. The safety-focused setup has one athlete per station, making space for social distance and making time for sanitizing footballs.

Young athletes use their body and mind at six skill stations covering passing, running and kicking.

KICK	THROW	GO
PUNTING - ACCURACY	PASSING - ACCURACY	RUNNING - SPEED
KICKING - DISTANCE	PASSING - DISTANCE	RUNNING - AGILITY

MISSING THIS SEASON?
DON'T MISS THE GAME WITH
KICK, THROW & GO!

FREE TO PLAY // FREE TO HOST

Loaner Bikes are available in the Bike Park

Monday –Wednesday -Friday

From 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM



Saturday

12:00PM – 2:00 PM



IT'S JR. GRIZZLIES BASKETBALL TIME



COVINGTON
YOUTH
SPORTS



SIGN UP TODAY

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

Signup have begun
Ages 5-17 \$55

High School Age**
Team Fee (14-18) - \$450

*Teams WILL BE ALLOWED
for High School aged players only!!*

***Individual Players signed up
in HS group will be assigned
to teams or a team will be created***



Click on the Grizzlybear



FALL BREAK CAMPS



OCTOBER 12-16
\$20 PER CHILD PER DAY
\$60 for all Camps
8AM-12PM
T-SHIRT /SNACK INCLUDED
AGES 4-12



MONDAY – COOKING/KATIE & BRIGITTE – 8AM-12PM - \$20
MONDAY - COOKING/KATIE & BRIGITTE – 1PM – 4PM - \$20
TUESDAY – NATURE ACADEMY - \$20
WEDNESDAY – WORK OF ART CAMP - \$20
THURSDAY – BIG SPLASH SWIM CAMP - \$20
FRIDAY – TRAIL BLAZER BIKE CAMP – FREE

\$60 FOR ALL CAMPS





COVINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT



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This week is “Fire Prevention Week” and the Covington Fire Department had a parade at the pre-schools and elementary schools in Covington. The fire trucks, along with Sparky the Fire Dog, visited Tipton County Head Start, Covington Integrated Arts Academy, Krayola Learning Academy, Tipton Christian Academy, and Crestview Elementary. Thank you to all the teachers and students on the parade route! Remember to stay fire safe!!

Did you know cooking is the No. 1 cause of home fires and home fire injuries?

Fire Prevention Week™
is Oct. 4-10.
Learn more
at fpw.org.



— SERVE UP —
Fire Safety
— IN THE KITCHEN! —





COVINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT



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Great Work Environment

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Join us in congratulating Lt. Kit Burrow for obtaining his Tennessee Commission on Firefighting Fire Officer III certification! Instructor Mark Boyd with Tennessee Fire and Codes Enforcement Academy presented Lt. Burrow with his FOIII pin. Great job, Lt. Burrow!





The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center

Presents

The Mobile Museum



The Tipton County Museum is pleased to announce the addition of "The Mobile Museum." We have created tri-fold displays of our major exhibits and programs, and they are available to come to you! These displays are available to lend for classroom use, festivals, career days, and other community events. Best of all, they are *FREE!* Please call the Tipton County Museum for further information.



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



The Tipton County Museum

Presents

The Nature Connection

Rollie Pollies

October 2020

What child hasn't picked up a rollie pollie to watch it curl up into a tight armor-plated ball? Also known as pillbugs, armadillo bugs, potato bugs and land shrimp, they are the only crustacean that lives on land. Just like their relatives, shrimp, lobsters, and crabs, rollie pollies breathe through their gills. That is why they must stay in damp places. If they start to dry out, they will roll into a ball to help conserve moisture. You will find rollie pollies under rotten wood, damp leaves, rocks and other places where they will be moist.



Female rollie pollies carry their eggs in a pouch on their underside. When the eggs hatch, the babies stay in their mother's pouch up to two months before leaving it. In order to grow, a rollie pollie has to molt its hard exoskeleton, but they don't shed their old shell all at once. First the back half of its shell splits off then a few days later it sheds its front section.

Rollie Pollies can live two to five years. So, the next time you see a rollie pollie, take a closer look at this amazing little creature.



Covington City Hall is lit up with purple in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

According to Tennessee Bureau of Investigation there were over 73,000 domestic related offenses reported in 2018. Almost 50,000 of those were reported as simple assault. Domestic Violence affects millions of people across the country and crosses all lines of gender, race, religion, culture, and economic status.

If you are struggling in a domestic violence situation, help is available. Call 1-800-799-7233 to speak to someone.

Keep Covington Clutter Free 2020 - COVID Style!

Keep Covington Clutter Free (formerly Clean Up/Fix Up) looks a little different this year due to COVID-19. This year we are asking you to adopt a block, put the garbage you collect in bags at the curb, and it will be picked up free for charge 10/24-10/31.

Garbage bags, free shirts, and litter grabbers will be available in the Codes office at City Hall starting 10/8/20.

Please send pictures of your volunteerism to CodeCompliance@covingtontn.com along with your name, phone #, and email. Only the pictures and names will be posted on our social media pages. Or, drop your photos off at City Hall. Your pictures will be entered into a drawing for prizes.

Let's work together to Keep Covington Clutter Free!



We want to give a big shout-out to Ethan Bryson who lives in the area of Sherrod Ave. Ethan got a new litter grabber and decided to clean up his neighborhood. His mom said, "2020 left us in a mess. Time to kick it to the curb!" Look at all the litter he removed off the street (yes, that's a boot!). Ethan is a 2nd grader at Crestview Elementary and we are thrilled that he is taking so much pride in his community! Way to go, Ethan Bryson!



#TNchildhealthmonth2020

TO FIND ACTIVITIES IN YOUR AREA:

tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/mch/child-health-month-2020/chm-events-calendar.html

Help us celebrate this annual campaign by getting involved with your local community organizations!



American Heart Association.

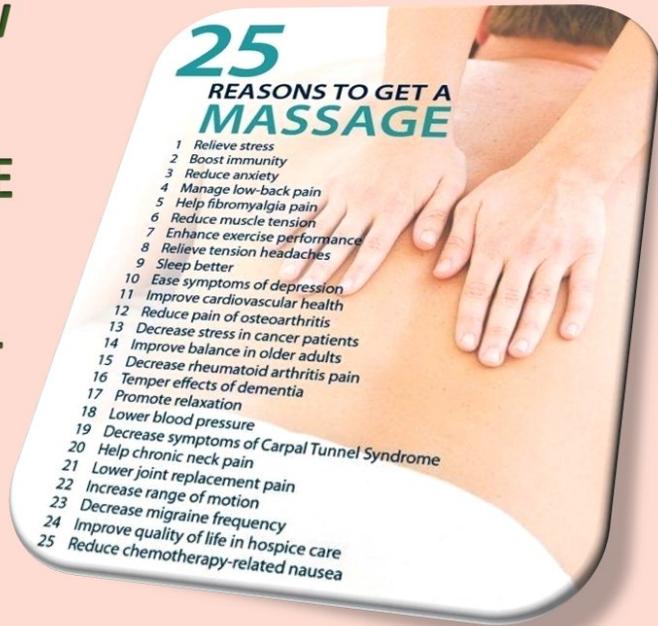
Tennessee's Child Health Month (CHM), first proclaimed by President Calvin Coolidge as Child Health Day in 1928, is a call to all families, educators, health professionals, faith-based and community organizations, and all levels of government to help ensure Tennessee's children are healthy.



The Sportsplex is now
Offering
THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE



Dee Rogers, NCMT, LMT
Call for Appointment
870-206-2294



CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN SCAVENGER HUNT!
AGES 11 & UNDER

Find all the items and return it to the desk to claim your prize!
ONE PER CHILD

ONLINE FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHT
HOCUS POCUS TRIVIA

Think you know everything there is to know about the movie Hocus Pocus? Then join us our Facebook Page and test your knowledge. Play as an individual, or as a group.

facebook.com/tiptoncountylibrary

Part 1 OCT. 30, 2020 @ 7:00 PM
Part 2 OCT. 31, 2020 @ 7:00 PM



The Tipton County Museum,
Veterans Memorial & Nature Center
Presents



"Reflections of a Museum"

An International Art & Photography Virtual Exhibit

Artwork & Photos of the Tipton County Museum

Entry Deadline October 16, 2020

Exhibit Posted & Awards Announced November 11, 2020

Submissions accepted from around the world.

Prospectus & entry form at

www.tiptoncountymuseum.com

The Tipton County Museum

751 Bert Johnson Ave., Covington, TN

(901) 476-0242



Come have
Coffee with the Mayor

Tuesday, October 20th
7:30 - 9:00 a.m.

Pappy and Jimmie's
749 N. Main St.



Stay fire-safe when you travel.

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



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



SOCAT at Professional Care Services presents

A FREE OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

October 16 Open @ 6PM
Movie Starts @ 6:30 PM

1997 Hwy 51 S
Covington, TN 38019

RSVP to rachel.meyer@pcswtn.org

Bring a chair or a blanket and come watch
The Addams Family with us!
Snacks and drinks will be provided.
Everyone is welcome, but we ask you RSVP
and wear a mask.



Having an Event?

One of the first steps for anyone wishing to have an event within the City of Covington, on any City property, is to pick up an Events & Facilities Usage Application at the Covington Civic Center, complete that application and get that application back to the Special Events Committee for review. The next step is to come before the committee for any necessary event discussion. The Special Events Committee meets the first Thursday each month, at 10:00am, at the Covington Civic Center, 100 West Washington Avenue.

Applications must be filed not less than sixty (60) days prior to the proposed event dates.

For questions or information, please contact the City of Covington Events Coordinator, Karen Griffin, at 100 West Washington Avenue.

901.475.7139

kgriffin@covingtontn.com

**VIRTUAL VOTER
ENGAGEMENT**

**OCTOBER 15
6:00 PM**



**EAGLES
Vote**

GUEST SPEAKER: MAYOR JUSTIN HANSON

Zoom Meeting ID: 9014753166

Successful Gardening—An October Event at The Tipton County Museum!



TIPTON COUNTY
M·U·S·E·U·M

VETERANS MEMORIAL
NATURE CENTER



JOIN US
ON
ZOOM!!!

901-476-0242

Because of COVID-19, our 2020 October Gardening Series will be held VIRTUALLY, on ZOOM. Please use the codes below to join us for *FREE!*

Saturday, October 3rd 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.

“Let’s Talk Organics”

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

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

“Controlling Insects on Turfgrass”

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

Saturday, October 17th: 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.

“Certify Your Yard”

- Guest Speaker – Sherl Rose: Tipton County Museum Naturalist & Pollinator Expert

Saturday, October 24th: 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.

“Roses Through Time”

- Guest Speaker – Barrie Foster: Tipton County Museum Director

Meeting ID: 763 650 1547
Meeting Passcode: garden



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