



Mayor Justin Hanson

Newsletter - September 4, 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 Works Committee Meeting – 9/1/20

Present via Virtual Meeting – Chairman Jeff Morris, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Alderman Danny Wallace, Alderman CH Sullivan, Alderman Keith Phelps, Alderwoman Johnetta Yarbrough, Director David Gray, Director Lessie Fisher, Tina Dunn, Kristin Mathis, Rebecca Ray, Gerry Burke (Republic Services), Robin Sealy (Covington Resident), Echo Day

Public Works Report – Director David Gray

Republic sanitation discussion – Republic Manager Gerry Burke

- Mr. Gerry Burke addressed the committee, he realizes there are currently issues on residential service but believes things are moving in the right direction
- Republic has had issues with COVID-19 and a shortage of employees
- Working on changes with personnel, routing, carts
- Alderman Wallace thanked Mr. Burke for participating in this meeting. Addressed communication issue and felt like communication and service had improved
- Chairman Morris stated that it is good to be able to respond to constituents positively about changes that are being put in place

Level Billing Discussion

- We have contacted Covington Electric to see how they handle level billing. Also contacted Local Government. Process is complicated but working to get enough information to implement
- Would like to further investigate and bring back to this committee in October
- Alderwoman Bommer asked for clarity between budget billing and level billing
 - o Budget billing, customer pays the same every month
 - o Level billing, customer pays different amount every month
- Senior Accountant Kristin Mathis explained how budget billing was calculated
- Committee discussed how to deal with credits on accounts and how to return that to customers

Rialto Water Main Replacement with SDG (Site Development Grant)

- Open bids last Thursday
- Low bidder was Rose Construction
- Motion made to accept bid from Rose Construction, 2nd, roll call, so moved

Request for Speed Humps on Erwin Lane

- Have put up Slow Children at Play signs and moved speed sign
- Will collect data and get to police department
- We cannot put speed humps on a collector street
- Submitted Speed Hump Policy
- Committee would like data at next meeting

Gas Fund Year End Audit Information

- Gas fund as of June 30th, approximately \$98,000 in the black
- Rialto Industrial park payment will show up as expense

Motion made to accept report, 2nd, roll call, so moved

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Code Division Report – Director Lessie Fisher

Sign Ordinance Update

- Need to update ordinance regarding election signs

Working on document filing

Working with police department and judges regarding animal control issues

Alderman Wallace inquired about report of new business licenses (22) for August

- Director Fisher stated that applications have increased

Resident Robin Sealy addressed dog issue with neighbors

- Has worked with Animal Control and police department
- Would like to make this committee aware and ask for help with what to do further
- Director Fisher stated that, since there has been a citation, it is now the judge's decision on how to rule
- Court date is tomorrow, 9/2
- Ms. Sealy plans on being at court
- Alderman Wallace suggested Ms. Sealy asks for report when police respond

Motion made to accept report, 2nd, roll call, so moved

There being no further business, meeting is adjourned

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Look Before You Lock!

Hot Cars and Children Safety



38 KIDS

Die each year by being left
in an unattended vehicle



88%

Are ages of 3 & Under



54%

Were forgotten by caregiver



100% of These Deaths Can Be Avoided!

Statistics courtesy of noheatstroke.org

COVID DRIVE-THRU TESTING TIMES HAVE CHANGED! Monday-Friday, 8:00am-Noon



The drive-up COVID-19 testing site at the Tipton County Health Department will be giving FREE tests Monday - Friday, **8:00 a.m.- Noon**. The Tennessee National Guard is on hand to administer the tests. You can drive through and get your free test regardless of symptoms. Tipton County Health Department is located at 4700 Mueller Brass Rd.

MANDATORY MASKS IN TIPTON COUNTY



Tipton County Executive Jeff Huffman has announced, per the authority granted to county mayors by Gov. Bill Lee, a mask mandate for Tipton County that began on August 4th and will continue through 11:59 pm Wednesday, September 30th. To read the complete order, [CLICK HERE](#).



Masks Required at Tipton County Schools

After discussions with County Executive Jeff Huffman as well as updated recommendations from the Health Department, LeBonheur, and the UT HSC, Tipton County Board of Education agrees that a mandatory mask requirement is the appropriate next step to slow the spread of COVID-19. Our hope is that the mask requirement and other safety protocols such as social distancing will help keep schools open for learning.



The Tennessee Pledge was developed by Governor Lee, the Unified Command Group (UCG) and Tennessee's Economic Recovery Group (ERG) with input from health experts, state and local partners and business and industry leaders. It includes specific recommendations which enable most businesses to reopen responsibly without the burden of heavy mandates. This will be a gradual process, with room to adjust as data is evaluated. For links to all of Governor Lee's guidelines, please visit our website at www.covingtontn.com.

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**BLOOD
DRIVE**

**Thursday, September 10th
10:30 am - 3:00 pm
Covington Civic Center**

**[CLICK HERE TO SCHEDULE
YOUR APPOINTMENT](#)**



COVID-19 Antibody Testing Now Available

Vitalant is now testing blood donations for COVID-19 antibodies.

- Appointments are strongly recommended
- Do not donate if you are sick. This antibody test does not test for the presence of COVID-19 disease
- All successful donations will be tested for antibodies to SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19
- Donors can view results in your online donor account 2 weeks after you donate

Note: Due to the significant cost of this test, reward points are suspended for the time being (except for apheresis donors, who give specific blood components via special equipment).



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vitalant.org/antibodytest

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Receive automated early-warning severe weather alerts directly to your mobile device.

Be safe. Remain informed.

Count on CodeRED.

SIGN-UP TODAY!

The new CodeRED system, a high-speed emergency notification service provided by OnSolve, will allow administrators to communicate with residents and personnel by sending text messages, emails, posts to social media and mobile app messages to inform residents of emergencies and better protect life and property.

The service includes the CodeRED Weather Warning system, an automated weather warning technology that delivers text messages, and emails to registered residents and businesses within the direct path of severe weather. The CodeRED Weather Warning system is an opt-in service that automatically notifies those enrolled of tornado, flash flood, and severe thunderstorm warnings just moments after an alert is issued by the National Weather Service (NWS).

ALL residents living within Tipton County are encouraged to enroll by selecting the CodeRED logo below using their desktop, laptop or mobile device OR residents may also text 'TiptonTN' to 99411 from your mobile phone to receive the link to register and input your contact information.

 **CodeRED™**

**TEXT "TiptonTN"
to 99411 to
enroll in CodeRED
public safety alerts**



starting September 9th

Let us be your kids

Physical Fitness Program

HOMESCHOOL/ DISTANCE LEARNING PHYSICAL FITNESS & FUN

FREE - MONDAYS
***Bike Riding**
@ Covington Bike Park



MWF

11:30AM – 12:30PM



FREE - Wednesdays
***Kids Exercise Classes**
(Body weight only)
@ Cobb Parr Park



\$4 per family
FRIDAYS
***Swimming @**
Covington Aquatic Center



MWF
11:30 AM
12:30 PM

HOMESCHOOL/DISTANCE LEARNING EXERCISE CLASS SCHEDULE -FALL



901-476-3734

Riding in the Bike Park

SEPT 14th
SEPT 21st
SEPT 28th

OCT 5th
OCT 12th - No Class
OCT 19th
OCT 26th

NOV 2nd
NOV 9th
NOV 16th
NOV 23rd

DEC 7th
DEC 14th
DEC 21th No Class
DEC 28th No Class

Exercise Classes

SEPT 9th eXcelerate w/Dee
SEPT 16th – Pound /Maddie
SEPT 23rd – Yoga/ Katie
SEPT 30th – LineDancing w/LeAnn

OCT 7TH - eXcelerate w/Dee
OCT 14TH – (fall Break) – no class
OCT 21ST - Yoga/ Katie
OCT 28TH -Pound /Maddie

NOV -4TH eXcelerate w/Dee
NOV -11TH - Yoga/ Katie
NOV – 18TH - Pound /Maddie
NOV – 25TH Thanksgiving Break – No Class

DEC – 2ND eXcelerate w/Dee
DEC – 9TH - Yoga/ Katie
DEC – 16TH -Pound /Maddie
DEC – 23RD (Christmas Break) No Class
DEC – 30TH (Christmas Break) No Class

Let's Swim Aquatic Center

SEPT 11th
SEPT 18th
SEPT 25th

OCT 9th
OCT 16th - No Class
OCT 23rd
OCT 30th

NOV 6th
NOV 13th
NOV 20th
NOV 27th - No Class

DEC 4th
DEC 11th
DEC 18th
DEC 25th – No Class



Aquatic Center Schedule School Year: 2020-2021 (Effective August 17th 2020)



MONDAY

5AM-7AM – MASTER SWIM
10AM – 11AM – WATER AEROBICS
3PM – 4:15PM – PATRON SWIM
4:30PM-6PM – OPEN SWIM
6PM – 7PM – WATER AEROBICS
7PM – 8PM – MASTER SWIM/ PATRON SWIM

TUESDAY

5AM-7AM – MASTER SWIM
7AM-8AM – WATER AEROBICS
10AM-11AM – WATER AEROBICS
3PM – 4:15PM – PATRON SWIM
4:30PM –6PM – OPEN SWIM
6PM-7PM – AQUA EXPLOSION
7PM-8PM – MASTER SWIM/PATRON SWIM ADULT ONLY

WEDNESDAY

5AM-7AM - MASTER SWIM
10AM-11AM – AQUA EXPLOSION
3PM – 4:15PM - PATRON SWIM
4:30PM-6:30PM– OPEN SWIM

THURSDAY

5AM-7AM- MASTER SWIM
7AM-8AM – WATER AEROBICS
3PM – 4:15PM– PATRON SWIM
4:30PM-6PM– OPEN SWIM
6PM – 7PM – WATER AEROBICS
7PM -8PM – MASTER SWIM/PATRON SWIM

FRIDAY

5AM-7AM- MASTER SWIM
10AM–11AM – WATER AEROBICS
3PM – 4PM – PATRON SWIM
4PM – 5PM – OPEN SWIM

SATURDAY

11AM-1PM – PATRON SWIM
2PM – 5PM – OPEN SWIM

SUNDAY

CLOSED

CHURCH GROUPS

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

OR

901-476-9178

901-476-3734

\$75.00

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

WE HAVE SET ASIDE WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

FOR CHURCH GROUPS TO COME SWIM.

CALL TO SET UP A DATE



Start Slow
 Covington  **Fitness Leader**
 SPORTSPLEX
 Finish Strong



EMPLOYMENT Opportunities

200 West Washington St
 Covington Tn. 38019



<http://www.covingtontn.com/human-resources.html>
 HIT - Apply online button

Apply here
 In person or
 online

**LOOKING FOR LIFEGUARDS
 IN NEED OF A JOB!**

*Certification preferred but not required
 *Need Mornings and afternoons

SERIOUS INQUIRES CALL
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Massage	Member	Non-Member
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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

Coming Soon... 8th Annual Squarecrow Contest!

It's time to plan your Squarecrow Designs for the annual contest
hosted by the
Covington Economic Development Corporation!



IMPORTANT DATES

Aug. 10th-Sept. 4th	Submit entry form/fee & pick up frame at Chamber
Sept 14th-Sept. 20th	Installation week for Scarecrows
Sept. 21st-Oct. 31st	All Scarecrows displayed in Historic Covington Square
Sept. 21st-Oct. 31st	VOTE, VOTE, VOTE, for your favorites entries
Nov. 1st-4th	Pick up Squarecrows
November 9th	All 5 Winners Announced

Greenest

Absolutely all materials used to
create scarecrows
in this category have been
recycled or found at
no cost to the designer!



#MaskUp

Don't be safety blinded.
Be safety minded!
These scarecrows should
include creative masks and
personal protective
equipment designed to
prevent the spread of
coronavirus.



Most Traditional

These scarecrows should be
designed to look most
like a traditional fall
scarecrow seen on a farm or
as a yard decoration.

For more details call 901 289 1302 or email cedc38019@gmail.com

Second Session
8 WEEK
classes

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- Fundamentals of Communication
- Industrial Electronic Controls
- Instrumentation Technology
- English Composition I
- English Composition II
- Computer Aided Design I
- Quality and Inspection
- Total Productive Maintenance
- Modern United States History
- Personal Health
- Computer Applications
- Precalculus Algebra
- Introductory Statistics
- Introduction to Music
- Introduction to Philosophy
- Introduction to Psychology

October 12, 2020 - December 11, 2020

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Buggy Safari

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WESTERN REGION 4-H ENTOMOLOGY PROJECT GROUP

Virtual Project Group Meetings every 2nd Tuesday of the month 6pm-7:30pm

FREE FOR ANY YOUTH 6TH-12TH GRADE

4-H Learn by Doing Kits

Sign up your youth today!
 Call 901-476-0231 or email brigpass@utk.edu or
 Click here <https://forms.gle/TWwQgg3L8sgfP9539>

4-H Learn by Doing Kit

Learn by Doing is a monthly kit that will be mailed to your youth. The kit will include hands on learning experiences, all supplies needed for the experience, and educational materials to accompany the experience. Each kit will be tied back to a 4-H project which is a great way to explore our project areas.

Sign up your youth today!
 Call 901-476-0231 or email brigpass@utk.edu or
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2020 Census: Census Taker Visits

What Your Community Needs to Know

To ensure everyone is counted, census takers visit households that haven't responded yet to the 2020 Census to collect their responses in person.

Health and Safety

Census takers will follow public health guidelines when they visit.

Census takers are trained to:

- Wear a mask.
- Conduct the interview outside a home in an open, well-ventilated space, when possible.
- Allow 6 feet of space between them and the person they are interviewing.
- Not allow anyone else to handle Census Bureau equipment.

- Follow healthy hygiene habits for frequent hand-washing, avoiding contact with high-touch surfaces, avoiding touching their face, etc.

If a household does not want to conduct the interview in person, they can provide the census taker with their phone number to complete it over the phone.

Confidentiality

By law:

- Interviews are confidential.
- Answers cannot be shared with immigration or law enforcement agencies.
- Census takers must keep answers confidential for life. They face stiff fines and jail time if they break that law.

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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

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

We're Open

MON-FRI 8:00 - 5:00 PM

SAT 9:00-3:00 PM

Our shelves are full of books, movies, magazines and CDs. that are just waiting for you to check them out!

If you're not ready to come inside the building, we also have Curbside Service available:

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- Park in the designated spot.
- Call the Library when you arrive and we will bring the items to your car.

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‘Reflections of a Museum’

An International Art & Photography Exhibit

The Tipton County Museum is hosting its 2020 International Online Art & Photography exhibit, and we need sponsors. The exhibit is in conjunction with our 22nd anniversary, which is November 11. The exhibit will be posted on our webpage, and is open to all adult artists and photographers. Artwork and photographs must be of the Tipton County Museum or its grounds. As the contest is open to citizens of all countries, we are expecting a large audience with which to share the Tipton County Museum. This is a great opportunity for your business to be recognized both in Tipton County and beyond. We have several levels of sponsorship to meet your business needs. Please call us at (901) 476-0242 if you have any questions. Thank you for your sponsorship!

Please complete this portion and return it with your check made payable to the Tipton County Museum, P.O. Box 768, Covington, TN 38019

_____ \$2000 Grand Sponsor

_____ \$1000 Platinum Sponsor

_____ \$500 Gold Sponsor

_____ \$100 Silver Sponsor

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