

Newsletter - October 23, 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.

Finance and Administration Committee Meeting – 10/20/20

Present via Virtual Meeting: Chairman CH Sullivan, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Alderwoman Johnetta Yarbrough, Alderman Jeff Morris, Alderman Danny Wallace, Alderman Keith Phelps, Mayor Justin Hanson, Rachel Witherington, Lessie Fisher, Tiny Rose, Kelvyn Thomas, Margaret Fleming, Tina Dunn, Rebecca Ray, Echo Day, Richard Griggs, Ronnie Neill

Discussion of City Properties – Valley St., N. Main, E. Pleasant

- No bids on Valley St., need to do some maintenance to make it more presentable, and put a "For Sale" sign on it
- Motion made to move forward with above suggestion, 2nd, roll call, so moved
- N. Main Property, Mr. Kelvyn Thomas discussed purchasing property for \$1,168.00
- Attorney Witherington discussed the requirement of having an accessible restroom
- Committee members discussed selling price
- Motion made to counteroffer \$3,500 to Mr. Thomas, 2nd, discussion, Alderwoman Bommer does not agree with that figure, Alderman Phelps discussed tax appraisal figure, roll call, 5 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. Thomas disagrees with that offer based on previous buildings sold by City. Attorney Witherington discussed fair market value. Mr. Thomas discussed his vision for his building and adjacent buildings. Mr. Thomas stated that he would need to ponder the counteroffer. The committee will do further research on appraised value.

Discussion on Anderson Field Property

- Attorney Witherington spoke with Executive Jeff Huffman. County may be willing to sell property, but concerns about how. Not conducive to new business or building. Discussed options on marketing the property.
- Alderman Sullivan also discussed clean-up of property
- Mayor Hanson asked how this property would be listed
- Attorney Witherington suggest Mayor Hanson and Mayor Huffman approach adjoining businesses regarding possible purchase.
- Alderman Wallace made motion to clear property and post it for sale
- Alderman Morris thinks adjoining industries should be contacted first before posting a sign
- Motion amended to include Mayors speaking to industries, 2nd, roll call, so moved

Code/Charter Information

- Director Fisher suggested move on Charter first and then work on Code
- Director Fisher invited this committee to contact her with any questions
- Attorney Witherington discussed how the Board needs to think about the Charter
- All other city charters are available on MTAS website, suggested looking at those
- Ronnie Neill discussed what areas in the Charter that need to be addressed

Attorney Witherington discussed what would come before the Board next week, rezoning applications

Mayor Hanson mentioned the Governors order to allow virtual meetings and giving County mayors to issue a mask mandate.

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



Announcing the 2020 Virtual 5K/10K Run! **Sponsored by King Cotton Ford**

The race will take place over the weekend of November 13-15, 2020. Run or walk wherever you are - no matter what state or country - at any time throughout the weekend! Competitors may submit times via our website at golucygo.org and virtual awards will be given for best times in age/gender categories! Not a runner or walker? Join us in spirit as a Spirit Runner. All participants/ registrants will receive a commemorative race T-shirt! More information is available on our website, but REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN. CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!

The 5K is \$25; 10K is \$35; and the Kids Fun Run is \$15. All proceeds from this race will help Go Lucy Go continue the mission of helping families facing a medical crisis.

Let's RACE!





On Friday, Tipton Christian Academy hosted another successful Trike-A-thon to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. This year brought a record amount raised of over \$16,000, with a total of over \$124,000 raised since 2011. Mayor Hanson enjoyed visiting with the students, faculty, and parents during this great event!

Tipton County Carl Perkins Center hosted their annual celebrity waiters fundraising event at the Manor at Mt. Carmel on Wednesday. Mayor Hanson and other community leaders served at waiters while raising money to assist children and families in need here in Tipton County. During the event, over \$6,700 was raised! Special thanks to Center Director Nicole Caldwell, her staff, and Board for their continuous work in making a difference in the lives of our children!







The 2019-2020 Youth TOTAL Leadership Class graduated this week under the George Pinner Pavilion in Cobb-Parr Park in Covington. The ceremony, originally scheduled for May, was postponed because of the COVID-19 pandemic. TOTAL stands for Tipton Organized To Advance Leadership. These are the leaders of tomorrow. Congratulations, Class of 2020!



The Tipton County Museum Presents

The Painted Christmas Card



Virtual Workshop with Barrie Foster

Grab your paints and cardstock and join us for a fun filled morning of creating beautiful Christmas cards! Artist Barrie Foster will guide you in painting the cards in watercolor, although you may paint in the medium of your choice. Six designs will be covered, and templates and supply list will be provided upon registration. This is the perfect family activity! Preregistration is

When: Saturday, November 7, 2020, 10 a.m. until noon (Program ends Monday, November 30.)

Where: facebook live

Fee: \$15 for person or portal

Signup at www.tiptoncountymuseum.com



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



The Tipton County Museum presents

Snowman Porch Leaner

Virtual Worskshop

With

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Tipton County Artist and owner of Create-Paint-Repeat, Cathy Kinney will lead you step by step in creating this fun and colorful snowman porch leaner, just in time for the holidays! Supply list and template will be provided upon registration.

(Program ends Monday, November 30.)

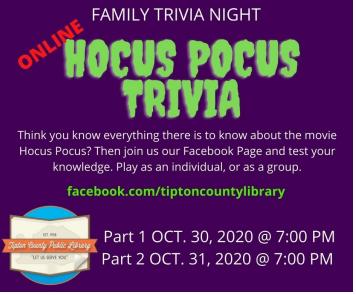
Where: facebook live

Fee: \$40 Museum Members, \$55 Non members

When: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 2-4 p.m.

Sign up at www.tiptoncountymuseum.com 751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN 38019 (901) 476-0242







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!



Our community is coming together to **Keep Covington Clutter Free!** This week, Amelia and Tanner Sullivan decided to clean up around their neighborhood. We are so proud of their efforts! Also, Boys and Girls Club of the

Hatchie River Region came by City Hall to get supplies for their Club members to clean up around their Club. It takes all of us working together!

JOB POSTING: Full-Time Public Health Educator 2

THE TIPTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
IS HIRING A FULL-TIME PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATOR 2

Interested applicants may contact the
Tipton County Health Department (901) 476- 0235 or
email demetra.pickett@tn.gov
October 21, 2020 - November 3, 2020



Do you have an announcement that you would like to include in our newsletter? Click <u>HERE</u> to email your info to Rebecca Ray!



BE A COVINGTON VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER

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



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



COVINGTON CIVIC CENTER

Stay up to date on upcoming events at the Civic Center!

Visit our <u>Facebook Page</u>
or
Visit our <u>Website!</u>