



Mayor Justin Hanson

Newsletter - February 28, 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 – 2/25/20 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Alderman Keith Phelps, Alderman Danny Wallace, Alderman CH Sullivan, Alderman Keith Phelps, Mayor Justin Hanson, Fire Chief Richard Griggs, Police Chief Larry Lindsey, Tina Dunn, Rebecca Ray, Tiny Rose, Echo Day

Covington Police Department Report – Chief Larry Lindsey

Disposition of ordered vehicles

- 2 trucks should be here by Friday

Personnel

- No Changes in personnel
- Property and Evidence new hire is doing great

Body Cameras

- Bid closed. Only one bidder which is Intrinsic

Submitted Stats report

- Traffic stops are picking up
- Discussed gun seizures, narcotics arrests, other arrests made through traffic stops

New Unit – Street Crime Unit

- 3 officers on unit, focus on gangs, guns and drugs

Discussed Calls Report

Mayor Hanson asked about call volume and adjustment from 9-1-1 dispatch since we have corrected our calls for service reporting. Per Chief Lindsey, we should be charged based on Calls for Service. Chief will have to sit down with Renee at 9-1-1 to discuss. Chief Griggs and Chief Lindsey discussed reports and how information is run.

New equipment should be available May 1st

Motion to approve report, approved

Covington Fire Department Report – Chief Richard Griggs

Community Events

- SW Members Care Grant check presentation
- Boy Scout banquet planning luncheon
- WestStar Leadership visit to Tipton County

Inspector Jenkins has returned from FMLA

- Has been to Fire Inspector II course. Certification will be through partnership with Memphis Fire Department

Submitted Run Report January 23-February 20

Volunteer Hours were 166 for January

Submitted County Fire Fee report

- Alderman Phelps asked about districts on this report. Chief Griggs clarified that these are fire districts, not voting districts

Submitted CARE Report

Chief Griggs attended Vision 2020 Community Risk Reduction Conference

- Community Risk Assessment from TN State Fire Marshall was submitted
- Report indicated that the biggest risk in our community is kitchen fires
- State will analyze our plan and grade our community risk reduction plan

Scarlet Rope Project (Human Trafficking seminar), February 27th, Civic Center, 6-8 pm

Storm Spotters (National Weather Service), April 2nd, 6:30, Covington Civic Center

Poplar Grove Utility Fire Hydrant Use Agreement

- Sent to us for approval
- Under legal review with City Attorney
- Per Director Gray, water usage report should be submitted to Poplar Grove when we use their hydrants
- Motion made to execute agreement subject to legal approval, so moved.

Submitted updated Barry Brady Cancer Act

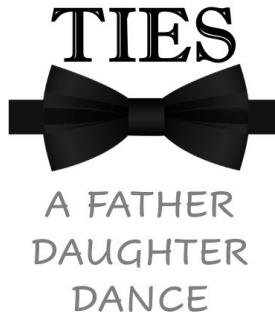
Discussed moving turnout gear from bay area due to exhaust. This was a recommendation from MTAS. Several changes have been made to reduce exposure to carcinogens. Venting, laundering, etc.

Free Smoke Alarms are always available

Volunteer recruitment update. No turnout gear for volunteers. Applying for grant.

Motion to approve report, approved.

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The Civic Center's annual Father/Daughter Dance was a huge success! Thank you to Events Coordinator Karen Griffin for organizing such a great event for our community!



Is there something you'd like to share in our weekly newsletter? Email Rebecca Ray at rray@covingtontn.com!



COVINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

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



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Station 2 Gear Room



Station 1 Gear Room



Did you know that firefighters have a higher cancer rate compared to the general public? Over the past weeks some of our firefighters have been working on cancer risk reduction initiatives. Pictured are recently completed clean fire gear rooms. "Decon buckets" for gross field decontamination have been added to a few of our apparatus, as well.

**Congratulations to
Matthew Gardiner!**



**Pumper Driver Operator
Certification**



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www.VolunteerFireTN.org

1-844-Vol-Tenn (1-844-865-8366)



COVINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



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On Friday, February 21, Covington Police Department Officers stopped a vehicle and the driver was found to have a suspended license, for which he was arrested. The female passenger was asked by officers to exit the vehicle so a search could be conducted. As she exited the vehicle, a glass smoking pipe which is commonly used to smoke narcotics, was observed in the seat where she was sitting. The female passenger was detained. Officers located two metal containers and a sunglasses case on her person. Individually packaged narcotics were found inside the containers. They included 2 grams of suspected heroin, 2.5 grams suspected meth, 3 ecstasy pills, and one 50mg fentanyl transdermal patch. Several items of paraphernalia were also located. The female passenger was arrested on drug charges.

Covington Police Department will continue to work every day to address crime and improve the safety of our citizens!



On 02/15/2020 officers responded to Baptist Tipton Hospital for a 54-year-old male who was shot. The man stated he was involved in an altercation with a man in the area of Justin Cv. and Watkins Alley. That man was later questioned by Covington Detectives. He was arrested and charged with Aggravated assault, convicted felon in possession of a firearm, possession of firearm while in the commission of a dangerous felony and reckless endangerment.



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Operation "Crime Driver" Targets Violent, Gun & Drug Criminals in Tipton & Lauderdale Counties Covington & Ripley, TN – 25th Judicial District Attorney General Mark E. Davidson announced today that the second phase of a joint federal, state and local law enforcement anti-violence initiative has resulted in the arrest and/or charging of thirteen (13) individuals in Tipton and Lauderdale Counties, TN. The agencies participating in the initiative include the District Attorney General's Office for the 25th Judicial District, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Tennessee, the Tipton County Sheriff's Office, the Covington Police Department, the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Office, the Ripley Police Department, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

On February 20, 2020, law enforcement conducted supervised release compliance checks and targeted offenders wanted on arrest warrants for criminal offenses in Tipton and Lauderdale counties, Tennessee. The following arrests and/or charges were made:

Devontez Hurdle was arrested in Covington and charged with two counts of being a Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Possession of a Firearm in the Commission of a Dangerous Felony, Possession of Schedule II Cocaine with Intent to Deliver, Possession of Schedule VI Marijuana with Intent to Deliver, Theft of Property and Violation of Probation. A Springfield .45 ACP handgun, a stolen Charter Arms .38 special, approximately 82 grams of marijuana, 16.6 grams of cocaine, \$1,311 in US currency and a 2004 Chevrolet Tahoe were seized during the arrest.

Michael Young was arrested in Covington and charged with Possession of Schedule II Cocaine with Intent to Deliver, Possession of Schedule VI Marijuana with Intent to Deliver, Child Endangerment, three (3) active warrants for Failure to Pay Child Support and a Violation of Probation. Approximately 44.6 grams of Marijuana and 9.3 grams of Ecstasy were seized during the arrest.

Shontaia Brown was arrested in Covington and charged with Possession of Schedule II Cocaine with Intent to Deliver, Possession of Schedule VI Marijuana with Intent to Deliver, Child Endangerment and Filing a False Report. Approximately 44.6 grams of Marijuana and 9.3 grams of Ecstasy were seized during the arrest.

Detayus Mason was arrested in Covington and charged with Unlawful Possession of a Firearm, Simple Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. An American .223 handgun and approximately 8.5 grams of Marijuana were seized during the arrest.

Demarius Mitchell was arrested in Covington and charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Violation of Probation. A Taurus .380 handgun was seized during the arrest.

Jodeci Young and Javonte Poe were arrested in Covington. Poe was charged with Possession of Schedule VI Marijuana with Intent to Deliver, Tampering with Evidence and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Young was charged with Tampering with Evidence and a traffic offense. \$2500 cash was seized in the arrest.

John Mason was arrested in Covington and charged with Violation of Probation.

Octavis Bady was arrested in Covington and charged with Violation of Probation.

Jasmine Carruthers was arrested in Covington and charged with Violation of Probation.

Maurizio Maurice Taylor was arrested in Ripley and charged with being a Felon in Possession of a Weapon. A .357 Interarms firearm was seized during the arrest.

Antravious Plummer was charged in Ripley with Possession of Schedule VI Marijuana with Intent to Deliver. Approximately 62 grams of Marijuana and drug paraphernalia was seized. Plummer fled from law enforcement and is still at large.

Nick Fulton Jr. was arrested in Ripley and charged with Criminal Simulation. Approximately \$900 in counterfeit bills was seized.

25th Judicial District Attorney General Mark E. Davidson said, "We are pleased to work with our federal, state and local law enforcement partners to conduct compliance checks of offenders on supervised release and those with outstanding arrest warrants. These cases will impact Public Safety in our rural communities, and we are glad to support this successful joint operation by aggressively prosecuting these offenders in State court and working with our federal partners for aggressive federal prosecution where applicable. We want to send this message: If you are a convicted criminal on supervised release in our communities, obey the rules of supervised release and the law or face the consequences. If you are wanted on outstanding warrants, we will find you and prosecute you. This will be an ongoing operation, and rest assured we will continue our focus on the drivers of violent crime in our communities: guns, gangs, and drugs."

Tipton County Sheriff J.T. "Pancho" Chumley said, "We are committed to working with our local, state and federal partners to both keep our communities safe and hold offenders accountable. Offenders on probation and parole have been given an opportunity, a second chance in lieu of serving time in jail, to demonstrate they are willing to abide by the laws of our society and the terms of their release. It is our job to make sure they hold up their end of the agreement. These individuals clearly do not value that second chance and will now bear the consequences of their poor decisions."

"We at the Covington Police Department are continually committed to getting the gangs, guns, and drugs off our streets. It is our mission to make our neighborhoods safer and give our citizens, business owners, and visitors a greater sense of security. We are always grateful to partner with our colleagues on the federal, state, and local level to help us further our cause. It takes all hands on deck at all times, and we are and will be relentless. This kind of collaboration is welcomed and makes an impactful difference," said Covington Police Chief Larry Lindsey.

"This operation was a good success and was very beneficial to our community" said Lauderdale County Sheriff Steve Sanders.

The charges and allegations contained in these cases are merely accusations, and the defendants are considered innocent until proven guilty.

Assistant District Attorneys Julie Pillow, Joni Glenn, Jason Poyner, Walt Freeland, Erik Haas, Stephanie Draughon, and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Sean Hord will be prosecuting these cases on behalf of the government.



Fish Fry Benefit supporting Covington Police Department Investigator & Tennessee Bureau of Investigation Task Force Agent Mario Hall!

In December, Covington Police Department Investigator and TBI Task Force Agent Mario Hall was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer, Low-Grade Appendiceal Mucinous Neoplasm. In late January, he underwent 14+ hours of extensive surgery at Vanderbilt. He has since encountered some complications but continues to heal and receive treatment. Mario and his wife Amy have three daughters, Aiyana, Taylor, and Brooklyn. On February 8th, they welcomed their first grandchild, Kayson.

Mario is facing mounting medical bills and other expenses. Your support will help ease his burden and allow him to concentrate on healing and ultimately returning to what he loves - serving and protecting the people of West Tennessee.

If you are unable to attend the benefit fish fry and would like to donate funds to Mario and his family, an account has been set up and the link is available below.

Donate to Mario Hall!



BENEFITING
COVINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
INVESTIGATOR
AND
TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
TASK FORCE AGENT

MARIO HALL

FRIDAY, MARCH 20TH
11:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

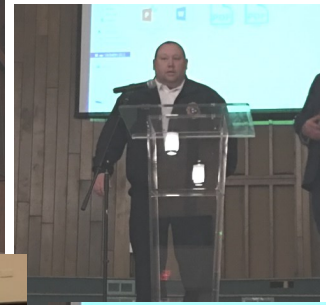
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DRINK

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On Thursday evening community members gathered at the Covington Civic Center for a human trafficking seminar. The purpose of this event was to raise awareness about the prevalence of this problem in West Tennessee, along with how to identify, provide interventions, and access resources that are available. Amber Lawrence, Special Agent Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and Julianne Stone, Executive Director Scarlet Rope Project were guest speakers. Thank you to Covington High School HOSA, Covington Fire Department, Covington Police Department, and the Scarlett Rope Project for hosting this event!

Scarlet Rope Project is a faith-based nonprofit that exists to provide a safe place for healing and restoration to survivors of sex trafficking. If you would like more information or need resources, please visit their website at www.scarletropeproject.com.

The Brunch Affair

Historic Covington Square
April 4, 2020 - 10:00 am - 4:00 pm



Make plans now to visit Historic Covington Square for The Brunch Affair!
Enjoy Spring shopping and your favorite brunch treats and beverages!

Dining with Diabetes Class

@ the Tipton County Public Library

FEBRUARY 18th, 25th & March 3rd
@ 10:00 A.M.

This program is open to anyone with diabetes, prediabetes, their family members or caretakers.
Classes will include information on diabetes management, carbs, sugar, sweeteners and important exams.
Each week we will cook a healthy recipe.

CLASS IS FREE, BUT REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED
Sign-up at the library, or by calling 476-8289



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March 5, April 2, and May 12
8am – 6pm

Please note: If you are unable to secure one of the items below, please contact the principal of your child's zoned school for assistance in enrolling your student.

Items needed to register:

- A birth certificate or officially acceptable evidence of date of birth at time of registration
- TN immunization record with current physical
- one proof of residence

The following items will be considered as proof of residence

- Property tax records which indicate the location of the homestead
- Mortgage documents or property deed
- Apartment or home lease
- Current utility bills showing residence address
- Automobile registration
- Driver's license
- State issued ID/document

Atoka Elementary (901) 840-9525
Austin Peay Elementary (901) 840-9325
Brighton Elementary (901) 840-9500
Covington Integrated Arts Academy (901) 840-9150
Crestview Elementary (901) 840-9300
Drummonds Elementary (901) 840-9750
Munford Elementary (901) 840-9700

West TN Mayor's Association



Mayor Hanson visited with Gates, Tennessee Mayor Dwayne Dixon and Town of Somerville, TN Alderman Mike French and others at the West Tennessee Mayor's Association Meeting. They heard from Tennessee Department of Human Services Commissioner Danielle Barnes about the many services her department offers including support for children and housing, the Families First wellness initiative, child support re-entry programs, transportation, and help for senior citizens (<https://www.tn.gov/humanservices.html>). Congratulations to the outgoing President City of Brownsville, TN Mayor Bill Rawls on his leadership this past year. Welcome new President Mayor Larry Sanders from Three-Way and Vice-President Mayor Cindy McAdams from Greenfield. In addition to our program and installation of officers, a resolution was passed to send to Gov. Bill Lee in support of continuing the preparation of the West Tennessee Regional Megasite to be "shovel-ready" in order to recruit additional industry and jobs to our West Tennessee region. Thanks Director Joe Barker and the Southwest Tennessee Development District for hosting!



On Tuesday morning, Mayor Hanson joined City of Brownsville Mayor Bill Rawls, Town of Collierville Mayor Stan Joyner, Tipton County Executive Jeff Huffman, West Memphis, Arkansas Mayor Marco McClendon, Crittenden County Judge Woody Wheelless, City of Bartlett Mayor Keith McDonald, City of Southaven Municipal Government Mayor Darren Musselwhite, Town of Somerville Mayor Ronnie Neill, and Fayette County Mayor Rhea "Skip" Taylor in collaboration about everything from public safety and the economy/workforce to infrastructure and transportation. These are the issues on which Mid-South Mayors are all working to improve and it is refreshing to get together and build on each community's strengths. Thanks for former Shelby County Sheriff and Mayor Mark Luttrell and Urban Land Institute Memphis for organizing these visits!



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Check out all the great events going
on at the Tipton County Museum!
Visit the museum Facebook page by
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The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center

Vincent van Gogh: Restless Genius

With 2017/2018 Artist in Residence

Richard Reed

Vincent van Gogh was a Dutch post-impressionist artist who is among the most famous and influential figures in the history of Western art. Unsuccessful during his lifetime, today his works are well known and well loved. Richard will lecture about Vincent during each class, and lead everyone in painting one of Vincent's paintings in the medium of their choice. Attendees will provide their own supplies. No previous art experience required.

When: Thursday Evenings, 6 to 8 p.m., March 5, 19, 26, & 31 & April 2, 2020

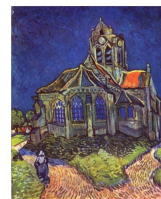
Where: Tipton County Museum, 751 Bert Johnston Avenue, Covington, TN

Fee: \$60 Museum Members, \$80 General Public

Tipton County Museum

751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN 38019

(901) 476-0242



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The Tipton County Museum Presents

Dr. Claudia Chapman in

"Women of the Civil War"

Women during the Civil War often played important roles including nurse, soldier, spy, abolitionist, and more. Please join us as Dr. Claudia Chapman, President of the Tipton County Order of Confederate Rose, talks about women's roles during the Civil War, and presents several brave women who made a difference during this turbulent time in American history. Refreshments will be served and there will be plenty of time for questions.

When: Saturday, March 28, 2020 10 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

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

Fee: Free to Museum Members, \$5 General Public

The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center

751 Bert Johnston Avenue

Covington, TN 38019

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NATURE CENTER

The Tipton County Museum Presents

The Wonder of Watercolor

With Barrie Foster

When: Wednesday mornings, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

March 25, April 1, 8, & 15, 2020

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

Fee: \$60 Museum Members, \$80 General Public

Watercolor is the only transparent medium, making it one of the most beloved art forms today! Embark on your personal journey with Barrie during this four week session. Please call (901) 476-0242 for a supply list and to reserve your spot!

The Tipton County Museum

751 Bert Johnston Avenue, Covington, TN 38019

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The Tipton County Museum Presents

For the Love of Art

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: March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 2020, 9:30—11:30 a.m.

Where: 751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN

Fee: \$60 Members, \$80 General Public

Tipton County Museum

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The Tipton County Museum

Needs

Mayfest Vendors!

Our May Festival takes place on Saturday, May 2, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and we have not yet filled all our Vendor slots. Our "Rain Date" is Sunday, May 3, from noon to 4 p.m. Vendor spaces are approximately 12 x 12, and they only cost \$25! Our May Festival is a free, family friendly event, with live music, arts and crafts vendors, children's activities, a Civil War encampment, a children's art exhibit, "Ask a Master Gardener", and more. Please call us today as we have a limited number of slots available. We'll see you at the Tipton County Museum!

Tipton County Museum

751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN 38019

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BASEBALL, SOFTBALL AND SOCCER

Registration is now open.

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

Samples of Baseball, Softball & Soccer
uniforms will be available to try
on Saturday the 29th and
Saturday March 7th
9-12 at the Sportsplex.



**HEY PARENTS
WE NEED SOME COACHES
FOR SPRING BALL.**



BASEBALL, SOFTBALL OR SOCCER

COVINGTON YOUTH
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West Tennessee Baseball Association
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 Buckie Joy

 COVINGTON

 Justin Harrell

Deadline March 8, 2020

901-476-3734

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





The City of Covington Parks & Recreation



SPRING Department
Is offering

Softball, Baseball, Soccer

Deadline to register
March 8th



SUMMER CAMPS 2020



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

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

March 23-27 2019 (TC Schools Spring Break)
Minimum (10) workers Per Day
6-8 Hours per day
FREE Breakfast & Lunch provided

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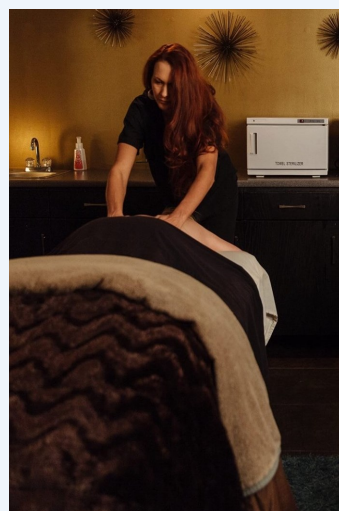
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| One & a half Hour | \$100.00 | \$110.00 |

**Tipton County Health Department partners with Covington High School for
Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) Day**

Under the guidance of Health School Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA), instructor Tab McDivitt, the Covington HOSA students celebrated HOSA Day on February 26, 2020. In celebrating HOSA Day, staff members from the Tipton County Health Department Public Health Educator Shenika Bond and Registered Nurse Brittany Shockley spoke with the Covington High School HOSA students about their professional careers, health department services, and the importance of being tobacco free in pursuing their professional goals. According to Truth Initiative Campaign's *10 Facts about Smoking*, "Smokers have a harder time getting hired. The chances of getting a job within a year reduced 24 percent for unemployed job seekers who smoked when compared to non-smokers even when other factors like substance abuse and criminal history were taken into account." Tennesseans who use tobacco and are ready to quit can call the Tennessee Tobacco QuitLine at 1-800-QUIT-NOW.



Pictured: Public Health Educator Shenika Bond, Registered Nurse Brittany Shockley, and Covington High School HOSA students

Congratulations to BOTH District 15AA Champions, Covington Charger basketball team and Covington Lady Charger basketball team!



Covington boys will move on to the Region 8-AA quarterfinals and will host Raleigh-Egypt Saturday, February 29th at 7 p.m.

Lady Chargers will host Craigmont in a region quarterfinal game TONIGHT, February 28th at 7 p.m. at Wooddale High School in Memphis.

We are very proud of our Covington Chargers!

Covington Lions Club's 65th Annual

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, FEB. 29 from 6-11 A.M.

COVINGTON INTEGRATED ARTS ACADEMY

760 Bert Johnston Avenue, Covington

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Tickets are available from any Lions Club member.
All proceeds are used to help local underprivileged
citizens with sight and hearing problems. Donations
and sponsorships are greatly appreciated.

Don't forget to bring your old eyeglasses!



Come have
Coffee with the Mayor
Tuesday, March 3rd
7:30 - 9:00 a.m.

One Way
Cafe

Wedding EXPO

HOSTED BY DYERSBURG STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
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Saturday, March 7
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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1510 Lake Road
Dyersburg, TN 38024

Get inspired and join us for a wonderful day full of wedding planning! Wedding planner Keisha Norwood will provide tips on how to design the wedding of your dreams. Vendors will include photographers, videographers, caterers, wedding planners, lighting/draping providers, florists, venues, cake designers and DJs.

Vendors may contact Kacie Haeblerle at
haeblerle@dsc.edu for more details.

Early bird special: \$10
(Register by Feb. 21)

General admission: \$12

For more information, contact
Elizabeth Jude at 731-286-3265 or ejude@dsc.edu



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Pink and Teal: Spring into Women's Health

Where: UT-TSU Tipton County Extension Office

When: March 12, 2020

Time: 11:30-1:00

Come join us for an afternoon on women's health.

Free event

Please register by calling 476-0231

Booths to visit, food and door prizes



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Programs in agriculture and natural resources, 4-H youth development, family and consumer sciences, and resource development.
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Covington Public Works Street Department



The litter problem around Tipton County continues to be an issue as we get calls from citizens each week about the amount of trash on our streets. Covington Public Works Department crews have been out this week cleaning up our roadways. We ask that our citizens be diligent in keeping trash picked up around their properties and houses. We also ask business owners to make sure their storefronts and parking lots are free of trash and debris. Litter is not only unsightly, it clogs drains and ditches which hinders water flow when it rains. Do your part to help keep Covington **CLUTTER FREE!!**

Don't
Clutter
Covington

Plans are being made for "Don't Clutter Covington", previously known at Clean Up/ Fix Up! **Mark your calendars for April 4th!** If you or your organization would like to volunteer, please contact Jennifer Nolen at 901-476 -9613, ext. 137.



We would like to thank Missy Marshall, Director of Keep TN Beautiful and Ruth Wallace, Director of Keep Tipton County Beautiful for your efforts in organizing this event!

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 visit our website and click on [Frequently Asked Questions](#). You can also contact Public Works Director David Gray at dgray@covingtontn.com.

Adult Education Classes Offered



Covington
Drummonds
Mason
Munford

**COVINGTON
DAY CLASSES**
Mondays/Tuesdays/Wednesdays
9am - 12pm
Alternative Learning Center
800 Bert Johnston Avenue
Covington, TN 38019

**MASON
NIGHT CLASSES**
Tuesdays/Thursdays
4pm - 7pm
Austin Peay Elementary School
474 Academic Drive
Covington, TN 38019

**COVINGTON
NIGHT CLASSES**
Tuesdays/Thursdays
4pm - 7pm
Alternative Learning Center
800 Bert Johnston Avenue
Covington, TN 38019

**MUNFORD
DAY CLASSES**
Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Thursdays
11am - 2pm
Munford Park and Recreation
63 College Street
Munford, TN 38058

**DRUMMONDS
NIGHT CLASSES**
Tuesdays/Thursdays
4pm - 7pm
Drummonds Elementary School
5068 Drummonds Road
Drummonds, TN 38023

**MUNFORD
NIGHT CLASSES**
Tuesdays/Thursdays
4pm - 7pm
Munford Elementary School
1200 McLaughlin Drive
Munford, TN 38058

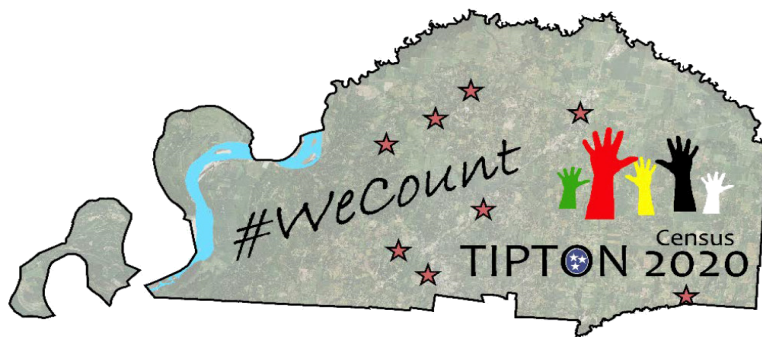
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This information is designed to help citizens of Tipton County to understand the importance of participating in the 2020 Census by completing and submitting the questionnaire. Every municipality and the County are committed to ensuring that all individuals 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.