

# CITY of COVINGTON

200 W. Washington  
Covington, TN 38019  
901-476-9613



Mayor Justin Hanson



**EMAIL  
YOUR  
ALDERMAN**

## Committee Meetings

### District 1

Vice Mayor Johnetta Yarbrough  
[1122jwyatt@gmail.com](mailto:1122jwyatt@gmail.com)

Alderman John Edwards  
[aldermanedwards@gmail.com](mailto:aldermanedwards@gmail.com)

### District 2

Alderman Jeff Morris  
[aldermanjeffmorris@gmail.com](mailto:aldermanjeffmorris@gmail.com)

Alderman Chris Richardson  
[aldermanchrisrichardson@gmail.com](mailto:aldermanchrisrichardson@gmail.com)

### District 3

Alderman C.H. Sullivan  
[aldermanchsullivan@gmail.com](mailto:aldermanchsullivan@gmail.com)

Alderman Danny Wallace  
[aldermanwallace@gmail.com](mailto:aldermanwallace@gmail.com)

### September

#### **Public Works Committee - September 7**

Chairperson Danny Wallace, Jeff Morris, Johnetta Yarbrough

#### **General Welfare/Public Relations Committee - September 14**

Chairperson Jeff Morris, CH Sullivan, John Edwards

#### **Finance and Administration Committee - September 21**

Chairperson CH Sullivan, All Board Members

#### **Public Safety Committee - September 28**

Chairperson Johnetta Yarbrough, Chris Richardson, CH Sullivan

Committee meetings are at 4:00 pm in the Lower Level Conference Room at Covington City Hall. 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).

**City Board meetings are also live-streamed  
on our [Website](#) and [Facebook page](#).**



## **General Welfare/Public Relations Committee - 9/14/21**

Present: Chairman Jeff Morris, Mayor Justin Hanson, Aldermen/woman Danny Wallace, Chris Richardson, Johnetta Yarbrough. Recorder Treasurer Tina Dunn, Directors Molly Glass, Katherine Markley, Robin Anderson

### **Covington Airport Report - Director Robin Anderson**

Fuel total last month was 8,536

Security Grant Update - Outside lighting replaced, lighting in 2 hangars done, 1/2 of camera wiring has been run, cameras should be in by the end of October

Submitted a funding request on 8/25 for COVID relief, \$13,000, 100%

Alderman Sullivan motioned to approve report, Mayor Hanson 2nd, approved

### **Parks and Recreation Report - Director Molly Glass**

Update on current programs - Fall sports start 9/14 with 130 kids playing, flag football every Monday in Frazier Park, adult softball league is in the making

New Fitness Classes - Spin classes, yoga, line dancing, cardio mix, body tone up, water aerobics, and aqua explosion.

One employee is beginning classes to become Zumba instructor, Fitness Coordinator is getting personal trainer and group fitness instructor certification

Recreation department is beginning "Homeschool Program", Walk Across TN begins in October

Versacort for Frazier Park has been ordered and we are waiting on delivery, Frazier Park playground will be resurfaced next week, cameras have been installed at Frazier Park and will be in operation soon

Four employees attended grant writing class at UT Martin Ripley

Project Diabetes Rep Joan Cook came to tour facilities

This month - Dive In Movie, CIAA swim, TOTAL Youth, CHS Basketball water workout

Aquatrek stairs have been ordered for pool

Submitted Special Events Committee Report

Alderman Sullivan motioned to accept report, Mayor Hanson 2nd, approved

### **Tipton County Museum Report - Director Katherine Markley**

Veteran of the Month for September was Jimmy Lee Blakely

Submitted August Numbers - Visitors, social media traffic, sales, fees, fundraisers

Sprinkler system compressor replaced, lock updated on PIV valve

Completed Events - Awesome Women's Conference, Cars & Coffee, National Dog Day Event

Nature and History Education Events

Submitted list of upcoming events

Alderman Sullivan motioned to accept report, Mayor Hanson 2nd, approved

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned



if you  
**SEE**  
something  
**SAY**  
something™

**REPORT SUSPICIOUS  
ACTIVITY** to Covington Police

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

*In an emergency dial 9-1-1*




Due to the increased demand for COVID-19 testing, the Tipton County Health Dept. is offering drive-thru testing Monday-Friday starting August 20, 2021. The new hours are: Monday and Friday 1:30-2:30pm, Wednesday 8:30 – 9:30am, Tuesday and Thursday 1:30 – 3:30pm. They are also offering the Everlywell self-test kits anytime outside of these hours. The health department is also continuing to offer the COVID vaccine Monday-Friday. Appointments are available at [www.vaccinate.tn.gov](http://www.vaccinate.tn.gov) or walk-ins are welcome.

**TN**

## Lifesaving COVID-19 Treatment is Available in Tennessee

Learn about **Monoclonal Antibodies** at [COVID19.TN.gov](http://COVID19.TN.gov)



WE  OUR TEAM MEMBERS



Covington Fire Department would like to thank our friends at Sugaright and Pink Daisy Market for delivering sweet treats to us! We love our community!



Mark your calendars for September 23rd-26th for the 26th Annual Heritage Festival!

**Thursday, September 23rd** will be the Farm to Table Dinner at The Manor at Mount Carmel barn and serves as a fundraiser for the Court Square Farmers Market.

**Friday, September 24th** includes an evening reception at the Tipton County Museum along with a play at the Historic Ruffin Theater.

**Saturday the 25th and Sunday the 26th** will be the arts, crafts, food, and music festival in our beautiful Historic Covington Downtown!

Click [HERE](#) for all the details on this great annual event!



**COVINGTON TN**  
*farm to table* DINNER  
Sept 23rd  
6:00pm

*tickets on sale now*

at  
**COVINGTON  
TIPTON COUNTY  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

FOR MORE DETAILS  
VISIT [WWW.COVI-CTCO-TIPTON.CC/CHAMBER.COM/HERITAGEFESTIVAL](http://WWW.COVI-CTCO-TIPTON.CC/CHAMBER.COM/HERITAGEFESTIVAL)

**Thursday,  
Sept 23rd 6pm**

4th Annual  
Farm to Table Dinner  
in the original barn at  
The Manor at Mt. Carmel  
featuring music by  
local bluegrass band,  
River Bluff Clan

**\$40 per person**

*Benefits Court Square  
Farmers Market*

---

**Sponsorship Opportunities:**

**Premier- \$1000**

One exclusive sponsorship includes all of Gold level plus- Recognition as Music Sponsor for event, Company banner displayed at event and serving as the official "ringer of the dinner bell" to kickoff the event

<p><b>Gold- \$600</b> includes eight tickets (full table), recognition on social media platforms, in Festival programs, and logo or name on event banners</p>	<p><b>Silver- \$300</b> includes four tickets, recognition in event program and logo or name on event banners displayed the day of the event</p>
	<p><b>Bronze- \$150</b> includes two tickets and recognition in event program</p>

*America the Beautiful*



THE 26TH ANNUAL HERITAGE FESTIVAL'S

# PATRIOTIC CHILDREN'S PARADE

SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 25 | 9AM

Line up in front of the Post Office by 8:45 a.m.  
Decorate your scooter, trike, wagon or bike in true American spirit!

Sponsored by:  
Tipton Christian Academy Preschool





Thanks to Pastor and First Lady Troy Hall and the Antioch M.B. Church family for the invitation to Mayor Hanson to join you last Saturday at your inaugural Community Cookout! Pastor Hall says this event will be held annually on or around September 11th as a way to not only recognize those on the front lines but also bring our city and community together!

**Get Involved!**

A night of mystery and mayhem in the Wild West  
**COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES (CASA) OF TIPTON COUNTY PRESENTS:**  
**MURDER AT THE DEADWOOD SALOON**

**SHERIFF** It's the 1st Annual Deadwood Poker Tournament Party!

For weeks, people have been pouring into the small western town of Deadwood for the biggest poker tournament this side of the Mississippi. From outlaws to marshals to saloon girls, the vast array of visitors and residents of Deadwood have made this small western frontier town THE place to be.

As the festivities of the poker tournament conclude, a celebration party is planned at the Deadwood Saloon to award the prize money for the tournament and to celebrate what is hoped to be a very financially successful venture for the saloon.

With a smattering of bandits, bank owners, saloon girls, gamblers, east coast debutantes, and a few of the locals, this is guaranteed to make for a very interesting evening indeed.

**You would be a fool to miss this celebration!**

**Date:** Saturday, September 25, 2021  
**Time:** Arrival Between 5:30 - 6:00 pm  
**Place:** Liberty Hall, Covington, TN  
**Individual Tickets \$50.00 / Table Sponsorship Available \$1,000.00**  
**For Info and Tickets Contact - Janet Wynn 901-927-0650**

**Dyersburg State Community College**

**TRUNK OR TREAT**

**October 28, 2021 • 5:30-6:30 p.m.**  
**Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County**  
**Parking lot next to future soccer field**

**October 29, 2021 • 5:30-6:30 p.m.**  
**Dyersburg State Campus**  
**E.H. Lannom, Jr. Gymnasium parking lot**

**\*\*\* Limited to ages 11 and under \*\*\***

For more information, contact  
**Stephen Thomas, Director of Student Life**  
 at 901-475-3166 or sthomas@dsc.edu

**support local.**

## REMEMBERING 9/11



What an honor to come together as a community last Saturday to remember and reflect on the tragedies on September 11th. Thank you to the Town of Atoka for hosting such a wonderful event. We are so grateful for our police, fire, and first responders who are always on the front lines. May we never forget!



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

Congratulations to our Tipton County Museum September Veteran of the Month Mr. Jim Blakley. Jimmy Lee Blakely was born on Sept. 24, 1947, to James "Jack" and Jewell Mae Sims Blakely in Selmer, Tennessee, the second of four children. His family moved to Tipton County when Jimmy was young, and he and his siblings attended Byars-Hall High School. At 18, Jimmy met the love of his life, Peggy Ann Bryan of Covington, and they married on Jan. 8, 1966. Ten months later, at the height of the Vietnam War, the newly-wedded groom, was drafted into the United States Army, and sent to Fort Campbell, Ky., for training, and as if the thought of going into the Army wasn't scary enough, they sent him to boot camp on Halloween day, Oct 31, 1966. After boot camp, he spent six weeks training as a Supply Clerk at Ft. Lee, Roanoke, Virginia, and was then sent to Ft. Dix, New Jersey to await transportation to Germany. Seven months after entering military service, Blakely found himself in Munich, Germany, where he remained for the rest of his service. Attached to the Med Det, 225 Station Hospital, young Blakely worked as a supply clerk, supplying uniforms and materials needed for base personnel. His extra duty consisted of KP (kitchen police), guard duty, and driving the hospital's laundry truck to the area's various hospitals to pick up laundry. In his spare time, he ran the hospital's movie theater at night. Corporal Blakely was discharged from service on Oct 8, 1968, having earned the National Defense Service Medal and the Army Good Conduct Medal for his service. Returning to Tipton County, Jimmy worked in a body shop until opening his own business, Jim's Towing and Body Shop, located in Covington, in 1984. He retired from the business in 2008, and the popular automotive shop is now run by Jimmy's son, Jimbo Blakely. Jimmy and Peggy are members of Liberty Baptist Church, and they are the proud parents of three children, Leigh Ann Combs, Melissa Rose, and Jimbo; three grandchildren, Mikala Calvert, Carson, and Caleb Rose, and one great-grandchild, Blakely Stewart. Jimmy Lee Blakely was nominated for Veteran of the Month by David Quinn. Salute sir - thanks for your service!



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

The Tipton County Museum Presents

## Art with Barbara

With Barbara Flowers McBride

Renowned artist Barbara McBride is returning to teaching acrylic painting on Friday mornings at the Tipton County Museum. Barbara will review the properties and applications of acrylic paint and will help you create beautiful artwork. Participants will provide their own supplies. Please call (901) 476-0242 for a supply list & registration.

Friday, Aug. 13, 20, 27 &

Sept. 10, 17, 24, 2021

9:30-11:30 am

\$15 Museum members / \$20 non-members PER CLASS

Tipton County Museum  
751 Bert Johnston Avenue, P.O. Box 768,  
Covington, TN 38019  
901-476-0242

# Coffee with the Mayor

Public  
Invited

7:30 am - 9:00 am  
Brunch Time Café  
DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Ctr.  
Covington, TN

Tuesday, October 5th



SHOP. EAT. ENJOY.

# LOCAL

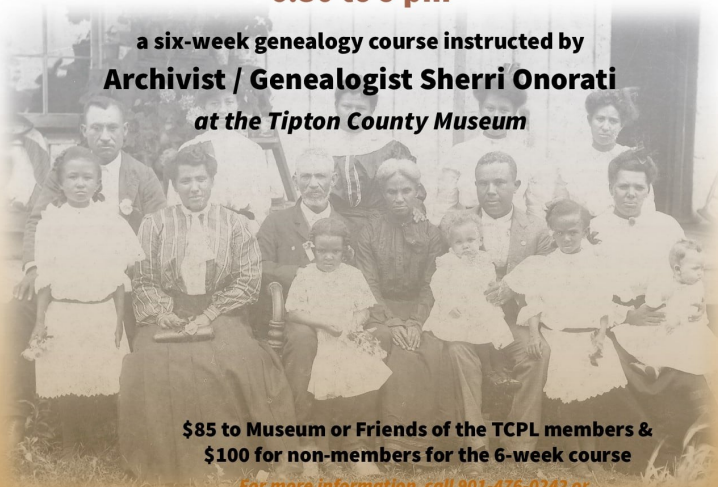
## DIGGING FOR ROOTS:

### Discovering Your "Lost" Ancestors

Mondays, Sept. 20 & 27, Oct 4, 11, 18 & 25

6:30 to 9 pm

a six-week genealogy course instructed by  
Archivist / Genealogist Sherri Onorati  
at the Tipton County Museum



\$85 to Museum or Friends of the TCPL members &  
\$100 for non-members for the 6-week course

For more information call 901-476-0242 or  
visit the Tipton County Museum

Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center  
751 Bert Johnston Ave, Covington, TN  
901-476-0242

[www.covingtontn.com/museum](http://www.covingtontn.com/museum) or [facebook.com/tiptoncountymuseum](https://facebook.com/tiptoncountymuseum)



## The Essentials of Nature Journaling

Every Thursday in October

10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Led by Naturalist Sheri Rose



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

\$30 for members / \$45 for non-members

No artistic ability necessary!

All ages welcome.

Art supplies provided or bring your own.

### FROGS

Wet, smooth skin  
Lay eggs in clusters  
Long legs for jumping  
Live in the water  
Small teeth

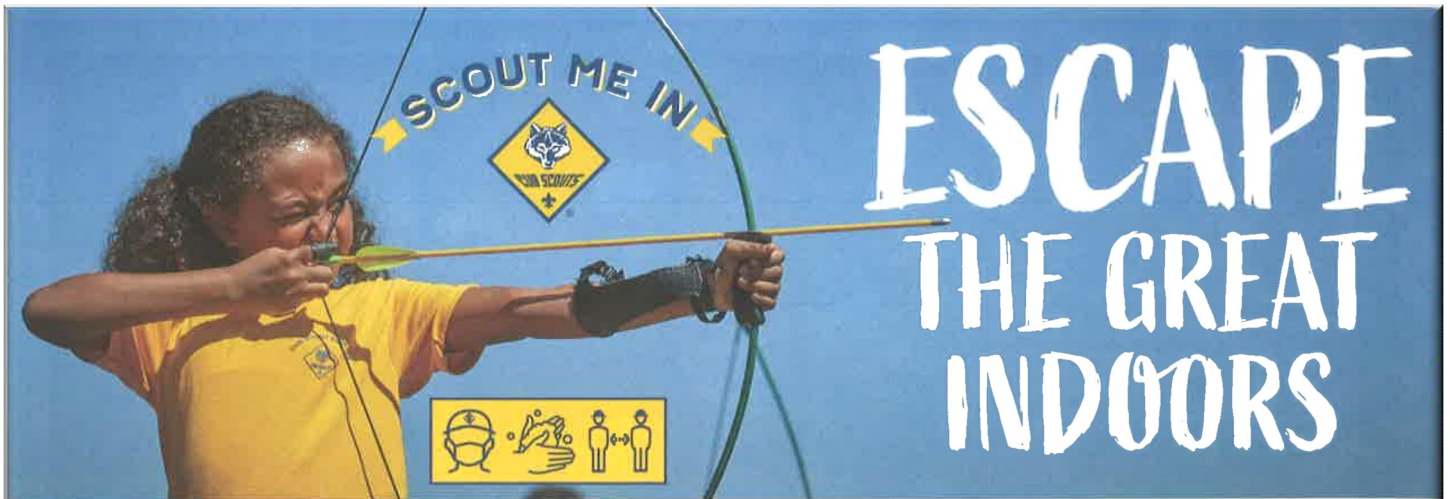


GREEN FROG



AMERICAN BULL FROG





Sign  
Up  
Night

**Tuesday, September 21, 2021 • 6:00 pm  
at Scout Hut @ Cobb Parr Memorial Park  
for Boys, K-5<sup>th</sup> grades**

Registration Fee: \$52 through 12/31/21, & \$4 Optional Scouts' Life magazine

For additional information contact Keith Underwood (901-299-4618)  
or Casey Dugger (731-608-7836 or [casey.dugger@scouting.org](mailto:casey.dugger@scouting.org))

BeAScout.org ♦ [www.wtacbsa.org](http://www.wtacbsa.org)



Join us for *Gifts in a Jar Canning Class*  
 September 30th  
 10:00-noon  
 UT-TSU Extension office  
 \$20.00  
 Call 901-476-0231 to register

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

Support  
**LOCAL**

SHOP • EAT • SPEND • ENJOY  
**LOCAL**

**SPEAK UP**

SEE SOMETHING  
 SAY SOMETHING

**WALK Across Tennessee**

**DON'T MISS TIPTON COUNTY'S**  
**Walk Across TN in your Pink and Pearls for Breast and Lung Cancer Awareness**

Join us for a **FREE 6-week team challenge**

This program is a team challenge with up to 8 team members on a team. Each team will need a Team Captain who will report the team miles to Katie each Monday.

The challenge starts October 3rd

Wrap Up Rally will be on November 15th at the UT/TSU Extension Office

You don't want to miss this chance to walk with friends for better health!

Sign up today with the link below  
<https://forms.gle/UsusFuiw1qb8Lmr97>

Call Katie (FCS Agent) at the UT-TSU Extension office  
 901-476-0231 or email [kwyatt3@utk.edu](mailto:kwyatt3@utk.edu) with questions.

University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture, Tennessee State University, US Department of Agriculture and county governments are cooperating. UT/TSU Extension provides equal opportunities in program and employment.



Walk-in Today &  
Get a COVID-19  
Vaccine

GIVE COVID-19 VACCINES A SHOT.



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

Be safe. Remain informed.  
Count on CodeRED.  
**SIGN-UP TODAY!**



DRUG FREE  
*Tipton*



**9-1-1**  
POLICE • FIRE • MEDICAL  
**EMERGENCY**




COVINGTON CIVIC CENTER

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

Visit our [Facebook Page](#)  
or  
Visit our [Website!](#)



*Working*  
**SMOKE ALARMS  
SAVE LIVES**

**Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery**

Free Smoke Alarms are available!  
Call 476-2578 to schedule