



Newsletter - September 18, 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.

Finance and Administration Committee Meeting – 9/15/20

Present via Virtual Meeting – Chairman CH Sullivan, Alderman Keith Phelps, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Alderman Danny Wallace, Alderwoman Johnetta Yarbrough, Alderman Jeff Morris, Mayor Justin Hanson, Tina Dunn, Rebecca Ray, Joseph Mack

Discussion on City of Covington Code/Charter – Department Head Dismissal

- Need to make the process uniform
- Alderman Phelps stated that the Mayor needs to make recommendation on hiring and firing and the Board approves, put in form of a motion, 2nd, discussion
 - o Ratification is established in language in the charter
 - o Language becomes more concrete in Charter, more permanent
 - o Roll call, motion carries

Discussion on sale of city property – East Pleasant & N. Main St.

- Director Mack discussed with Kelvyn Thomas and he is considering purchase or lease of the N. Main building.
- Any sale contract needs to include language that the City has use of the restrooms
- Alderman Phelps is not sure that language can be put into a sales contract
- Kelvyn and Lisa Thomas joined meeting and are interested in obtaining building, but they are concerned about the restroom issue. The Thomases would want to purchase and not lease
- Discussed tax appraisal of approximately \$15,000
- This discussion is going to be tabled until October
- Motion was made to sell property and give Thomases first right of refusal, 2nd, discussion, Alderman Phelps cannot support motion until we resolve the restroom issue, roll call, 2 ayes, 4 nays, motion does not pass.
- Motion made to pursue selling property to parties that show interest, and finding a solution to restroom issue, 2nd, roll call, 5 ayes, 1 nay, motion passes
- Chairman Sullivan asked the Thomases to bring back a figure to the October meeting
- Discussed East Pleasant and how to go about selling
- Director Fisher stated that there has to be some inspections and repairs before we can move forward with sale
- Motion made to move ahead with sale of E. Pleasant property and getting Requests for Proposals to realtors, 2nd, discussion, roll call, so moved.

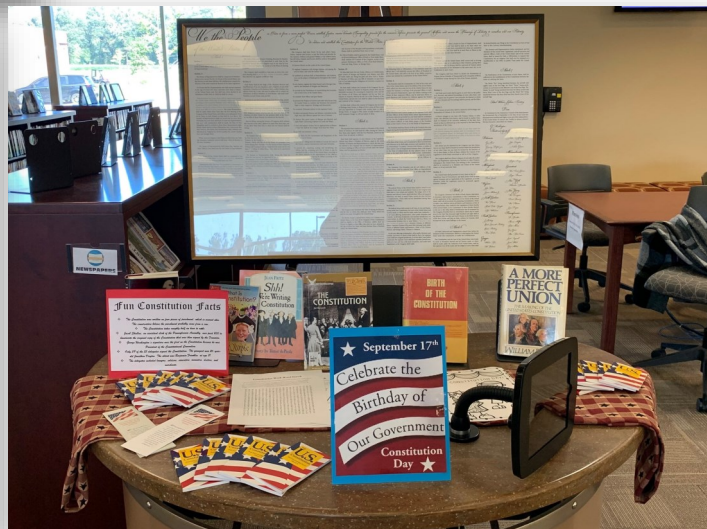
Contract for venture Auctions – for approval

- Regarding the sale of surplus property, not real estate
- Director Dunn contacted MTAS (Municipal Technical Advisory Service) and they stated that we need to get a contract approved for the new auction company
- Discussed using local company versus govdeals.com
- Motion made to accept contract from Venture Auctions, 2nd, discussion, roll call, so moved

There being no further business, meeting adjourned



It was an honor Friday for Mayor Hanson to present a proclamation to Mrs. Theta Rone recognizing this as "Constitution Week" here in the City of Covington. While we didn't have our annual recognition ceremony due to COVID-19, Mrs. Rone and others from the River City Chapter DAR, Millington, TN have provided information about our Constitution at the Tipton County Public Library. Thursday marked the 233rd anniversary of the formation and signing of our nation's founding document. It is Mayor Hanson's honor and privilege to continue to abide by his oath of preserving, protecting, and defending our founding principles.



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.



Recently, the City of Covington purchased misting units in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The units - delivered Thursday - produce a sanitizing mist that will be used in all of our city buildings and vehicles.



The City of Covington is a proud partner with Public Entity Partners (formerly the Tennessee Municipal League Pool). On Wednesday, Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn was presented a plaque celebrating Covington's 40 years of membership with Public Entity Partners (PEP). Presenting the plaque was L to R: Debbie Yeager (PEP), Ms. Dunn, and Celeste Taylor (PEP). Longtime Recorder-Treasurer and former Alderman Jere Hadley was instrumental in the city's joining this agency, which provides our risk management products and services, expert claims administration, and comprehensive insurance options.



COVINGTON CIVIC CENTER

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

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or
Visit our [Website!](#)



JUNIOR GRIZZLIES

Coaches Receive
Memphis Grizzlies Tickets*

Players Receive A Signed
Certificate From a Grizzlies Player
& Game Tickets To
Attend Grizzlies Night*

If COVID Regulations will Allow

**SIGNUPS START MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 21, 2020**

Ages 5-17 \$55

2021

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****

**Sign Up Online at
covingtontn.com/covington-youth-sports
or Covington Sportsplex
901-476-3734**

The Sportsplex is now Offering THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE



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



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

FALL INTO A GOOD BOOK!

We have returned to our normal operating hours. Curbside Service is still available for those wishing to utilize this service.

Mon-Thu 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Fri 8:00 - 5:00 PM

Sat 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM



901-476-8289

tiptoncountylibrary.com

LIBRARIES ARE WONDERFUL!

CELEBRATE LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH WITH WONDER WOMAN THIS SEPTEMBER.

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LIBRARIES TRANSFORM ALA OverDrive

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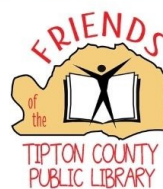


Virtual Library Cards are now available for ebooks. Please contact your library for more information at 476-8289, or visit our website tiptoncountylibrary.com

Book Sale This Month

\$2.00 per bag

Tipton County Public Library
3149 HWY 51 S. Bldg. C
Covington, TN 38019





Industrial Appreciation Golf Tournament

Thursday, September 24th 2020
Covington Country Club

Tee Off at 12:30pm Lunch Served at 11am

Join us for an afternoon of great fellowship, food, and golf as we celebrate and show appreciation of the local manufacturers and large employers that positively impact the economy in our region!



- Manufacturers get 1 FREE Team and Golf Cart
- All other teams pay \$300 which includes Green Fees, Lunches, Drinks, Snacks & Entry to Door Prize Drawing for 4 Players

****Try the Putting Contest for a Chance to Win a destination GOLF TRIP****

[CLICK HERE FOR REGISTRATION AND SPONSOR INFO!](#)



heritage festival

25th Annual



JOIN US FOR
food, music, tours &
arts crafts market
COVINGTON TN

September 25th -27th
Historic Covington Square

www.Covington-TiptonCoChamber.com/Events

WALK Across Tennessee



DON'T MISS TIPTON COUNTY'S Fabulous Fall Shape-Up!

Join us for a FREE 8-week program that includes:

When? Start October 5

How? ALL fitness activities will count. A conversion chart will be used to exchange minutes to miles.

What? 8 week trek across the state which is (roughly) 500 miles

Example- 20 minutes of golf (walking) equals 1 mile; 27 minutes of gardening equals 1 mile.

Who? This is a team challenge. Teams will have 6 members. Select a team captain who will report miles for the team weekly.

Incentives? Top teams will receive awards

Sign your team up today

Call Katie (FCS Agent) at the UT-TSU Extension office
476-0231 or email kwyatt3@utk.edu

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.

Real. Life. Solutions.



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 squarecrows in this category have been recycled or found at no cost to the designer!



#MaskUp

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



Most Traditional

These squarecrows 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

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**



DRUG TAKE BACK DAY + NARCAN KIT DISTRIBUTION

11AM-1PM
COBB PARR PARK,
COVINGTON

SATURDAY
OCT. 3RD

**Clean out those medicine cabinets and
bring your meds for safe disposal!**

- ✓ FREE medication lock boxes
- ✓ Narcan Kit distribution spot
- ✓ On-site Narcan training

for more information visit DrugFreeTipton.org



EaglesVote

DYERSBURG STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Hey Eagle Nation! The last day to register to vote is October 5, which is fast approaching. Dyersburg State is committed to ask every student to register to vote. We are hosting drive up voter registration rallies on September 22 and October 5 at the Dyersburg Campus and the Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County. We will be registering students and community members from 12-2 p.m.

For more information please contact Erin Smith at 901-475-3316 or ecsmith@dsc.edu or Stephen Thomas at 901-286-3332 or stthomas@dsc.edu.

**VIRTUAL VOTER
ENGAGEMENT**

**SEPTEMBER 29
6:00 PM**



GUEST SPEAKER: CONGRESSMAN JOHN TANNER

Zoom Meeting ID: 9014753166



Parent Support Group

You are invited to attend our first support group for parents who lost a child to a drug overdose. This initial meeting will help decide our mission and purpose.

When: Tuesday, September 22, 2020

Where: 71 Beaver Rd, Munford (Strickland Construction Building)

Time: 6:30 pm

Or you can join by Zoom clicking [HERE](#). For additional information contact Susan Hatfield at shatfield905@gmail.com

Please bring a mask if needed for social distancing purposes, if attending in person.

Second Session
8 WEEK
classes

CHECK OUT OUR

REGISTER NOW!

**FINANCIAL AID IS AVAILABLE
FOR NEW STUDENTS**

Courses Offered:

- Introduction to Art
- Introduction to Business
- Spreadsheet Applications
- Network Security
- 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

Make an appointment with your advisor and enroll today.



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Covington, Tennessee

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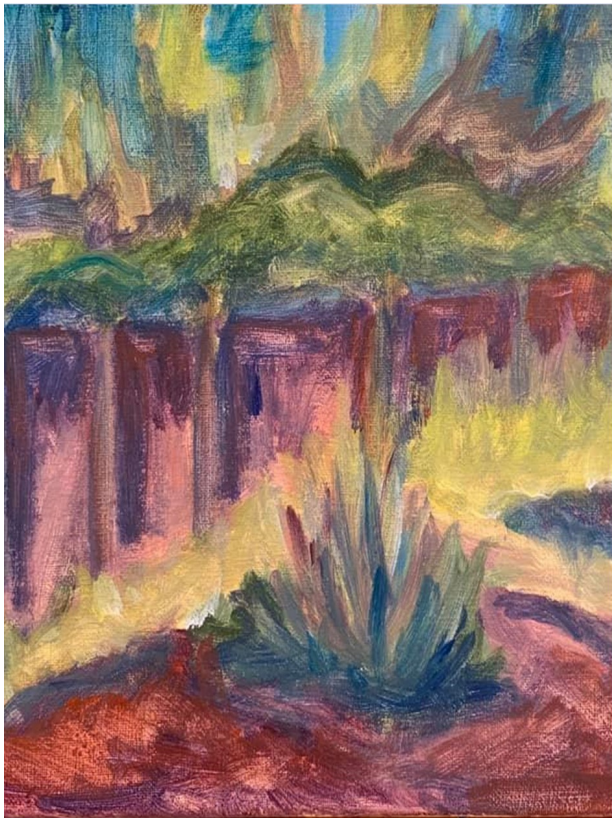
WE HOPE YOU ENJOY
HERITAGE FESTIVAL WITH ARTS & CRAFTS!

Visit again soon for these upcoming events:

- SCARECROWS ON THE SQUARE
(Sept. 21 - Oct. 31)
- CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE DOWNTOWN
COVINGTON - Nov. 5-7
(Thurs., 5-8pm, Fri., 10-6pm, & Sat., 10-5pm)
- VETERAN'S DAY PARADE
(Wed., Nov. 11 - 10am)
- CHRISTMAS PARADE (Dec. 14)
- DICKENS CHRISTMAS
(Sat., Dec. 12 & Sun., Dec. 13)



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Danny Wallace, & C.H. Sullivan



The Tipton County Museum,
Veterans Memorial & Nature Center



TIPTON COUNTY
MUSEUM

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



TIPTON COUNTY
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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

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



TIPTON COUNTY
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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



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