



Newsletter - August 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 – 8/25/20

Present via Virtual Meeting: Chairman Keith Phelps, Alderwoman Johnetta Yarbrough, Alderman Jeff Morris, Alderman CH Sullivan, Alderman Danny Wallace, Mayor Justin Hanson, Chief Larry Lindsey, Chief Richard Griggs, Attorney Rachel Witherington, Tina Dunn, David Gray, Rebecca Ray, Lessie Fisher, Echo Day

Covington Police Department Report – Chief Larry Lindsey

Personnel

- Seven certified applicants have been interviewed and four contingent offers have been made. Psychological tests have been completed and physicals are pending
- Physical fitness tests have been completed and passed by eleven non-certified applicants. Currently scheduling interviews
- One termination last week due to conduct issues. Will fill with one of the applicants

Technology Upgrade Status

- All new technology is installed and being used except for Mobile CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch)
- All phones have been issued and are being used
- Shelby County warrants are now linked to our system, Tipton County is going to be linked soon to (RMS) Record Management Systems
- Nic Shaw and Sgt. Ginn working with vender to get up and running

State of the Department

- August 27th will mark one year since becoming Chief
- Chief Lindsey will release a State of the Department report soon outlining accomplishments and vision moving forward

Submitted Stats and Total Calls for Service Reports

- We now have electronic traffic tickets, implemented in mid-July

Grant being forwarded to TEMA (TN Emergency Management Agency) for final approval. Not sure of timeline but we are moving forward

Submitted Fireworks Info from 6/15/20 - 7/7/20

Alderman Phelps discussed TEMA funds status. Chief Lindsey stated that funds are now available, and we can move forward.

Motion to approved Chief Lindsey's report, 2nd, roll call, so moved

Covington Fire Department Report – Chief Richard Griggs

Community Events

- Hattye Yarbrough parade for 99th birthday
- Glendale Commons parade

Volunteer Hours – 300 for the month of July

Submitted Run Report for July 23rd – August 20th

County Coverage area collections: \$79,570

Personnel Report

- Captain Tommy Dunavant retired 8/18/20 after 35 years of service
- Nick Tindall promoted to Driver
- Volunteer Firefighter Sam Simmons moved to fulltime position

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FEMA Assistance Grant

- Covington Fire Department was awarded \$125,714 with a 5% match (\$6,285) for exhaust removal system
- Asking for this committee to accept this grant and match which was not previously budgeted
- Motion made to accept grant, 2nd, roll call, so moved

Boat Project Update

- Motor and accessories being installed, to be completed 8/28/20

Ordinance to Update Occupational Health and Safety program plan

- Organizational charts have been updated and Safety Director was changed to Jason Jenkins
- Motion made to take this to the Board for proper execution as required by law, 2nd, roll call, so moved

USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) Grant has been completed

Sick Time Change

- Items were sent to Director Rose and approved
- This is an amendment to the personnel manual
- Motion made to adopt this change, 2nd, roll call, so moved

Care Report – Free smoke alarms

Bob Trotter and wife starting fire department in Greece. We have some surplus equipment to send them.

Motion made to approve donation to this cause, 2nd, roll call, so moved

Motion made to accept Chief Griggs' 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

| Statistic | Percentage |
|--|------------|
| Die each year by being left in an unattended vehicle | 38 KIDS |
| Are ages of 3 & Under | 88% |
| Were forgotten by caregiver | 54% |

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 Saturday, August 29th. 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.

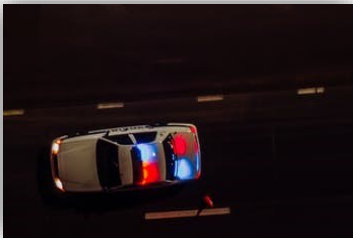


COVINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



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On Saturday, August 22nd at approximately 9:30 pm, multiple shots were fired in the area of Highway 51 and Ripley Ave. near C-Town Market. One subject was injured and transported to Regional One for treatment. Multiple vehicles and property were damaged. Investigation was able to verify the identity of two suspects involved through video evidence. Both Reginald Holmes and Kylan Peete have turned themselves in. Both are charged with first degree attempted murder, reckless endangerment, and felony vandalism. If you have any information, please contact the Covington Police Department at 901-475-1261.



On 8/27 officers with Covington Police Department responded to Discount Liquor on a complaint of a vehicle theft and kidnapping of a three (3) year old. Officers learned that the mother of the child left her child in a running vehicle while she went into the store. While in the store the suspect took her vehicle with the child. After several tense minutes of searching for the vehicle officers were notified that Brownsville PD responded to a crash involving the stolen vehicle and they had the child who was unhurt. A witness to the crash advised the suspect ran from the scene into a nearby trailer park. Covington officers responded to Brownsville to assist and while conducting the search, officers located the suspect and he was taken into custody without incident. The suspect was identified as Sean Browder and he has been charged with auto theft, kidnapping, child endangerment, vandalism, and driving on a suspended license. The investigation is ongoing. Additional charges could be announced. We would like to thank the Tipton county 911 Dispatchers, Brownsville Police Department, the Secret Service, and the Officers of the Covington Police Department for a job well done.



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



COVINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT



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FEMA

Assistance to Firefighters Grant

Covington Fire Department Receives Assistance to Firefighters Grant for Exhaust Removal System

We are excited to announce we have been selected as an award recipient of a \$132,000.00 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant to install new exhaust removal systems in both City of Covington Fire Stations. This grant will allow for the installation of modern, efficient source capture exhaust systems that will help reduce the risk of firefighters contracting chemical-related illnesses, including cancer. Firefighters face a 15% greater risk of dying from cancer in comparison to the general population, according to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).

The prolonged exposure of diesel exhaust in fire stations has been linked to carcinogens. The new systems will greatly reduce vehicle exhaust exposure to our firefighters and EMS personnel in the stations through the use a series of hoses to remove all the exhaust from the fire stations every time a vehicle is turned on. "It's important to have up-to-date safety equipment to keep our personnel safe on the job", stated Fire Chief Richard Griggs. "Without the support of the Mayor and Board of Alderman, and our Grant Writer Lee Wallace, we would not be able to seek alternative funding for these opportunities."

WHAT IS NARCAN?



Reverse an overdose,
SAVE A LIFE

Request an overdose reversal kit or schedule a training for your business or organization



Narcan (Naloxone) is a nasal spray that can reverse an opioid overdose and prevent overdose death. Drug Free Tipton is fortunate to be part of the TN Save A Life initiative which allows us to connect individuals and organizations with this life saving drug - free of cost. Not only are our police officers and first responders able to be equipped with Narcan, but it is also available to individuals and family members by request.

Call us at 901-378-0164 or email drugfreetipton@gmail.com to get connected with our Regional Overdose Prevention Specialist for more info, training opportunities, and how to get an overdose prevention kit at no cost.

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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).



Learn more at
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**



The Sportsplex is now
Offering
THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE



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



Starting September 9th



MWF

11:30AM – 12:30PM

FREE *Bike Riding
@ Covington Bike
Park

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

FREE *Swimming @
Covington Aquatic Center
\$4 per family (non CAC members)

**HOMESCHOOL
&
DISTANCE LEARNING
PHYSICAL FITNESS
FUN**

901-476-3734



Monday



Wednesday



Friday

Let us be your kids
Physical Fitness Program
Children's –
*Zumba
*Tai Chi
*Pound
*eXcelerate
*Line Dancing
*Bike riding
*Swimming

Start Slow
Covington **SPORTSPLEX**
Finish Strong

← **Fitness Leader**



**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

OUTDOOR JOB
COVINGTON PARKS & RECREATION
Maintaining the Parks
Part Time
MAINTAINING
SOFTBALL/BASEBALL
FIELDS

Apply here
200 Washington St
Covington Tn. 38019

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

*Certification preferred but not required
*Need Mornings and afternoons

SERIOUS INQUIRES CALL
901-476-9178
901-476-3734



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

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

901-476-9178

901-476-3734

\$75.00

WE HAVE SET ASIDE WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

FOR CHURCH GROUPS TO COME SWIM.

CALL TO SET UP A DATE



2020 FALL BASEBALL & SOFTBALL COVINGTON YOUTH SPORTS REGISTER AT THE SPORTSPLEX OR REGISTER ONLINE



SOFTBALL

AGES 4-16

\$55

BASEBALL

AGES 4-12

www.covingtontn.com/covington-youth-sports.html

Immunizations
protect us all:

**Don't Wait.
Vaccinate!**

national
IMMUNIZATION
awareness month 



As children head into a new school year, make sure vaccination is at the top of your checklist! During **National Immunization Awareness Month** this August, the Tennessee Department of Health encourages parents and caregivers to talk with your doctor, nurse or other health care professional to ensure everyone in your family is up to date on recommended vaccines. Visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Interactive Vaccine Guide, which provides information on vaccines recommended during pregnancy and throughout your child's life. CDC also offers an adult vaccine assessment tool to see which vaccines you need. TDH provides information on immunization requirements for child care, school and college attendance at www.tn.gov/health/cedep/immunization-program.html.



The Teen Prescription Drug Epidemic

More than
1,600 TEENS
begin abusing prescription drugs each day

1 IN 5 TEENS
who have abused prescription drugs did so before turning 14

50%
of teens believe prescription drugs are safer than illegal street drugs

Every day in the U.S.,
2,500 YOUTH
from ages 12 to 17 abuse a prescription pain reliever

65%
of teens say that home medicine cabinets are their source of drugs

2 IN 3 TEENS
who have abused prescription drugs got them from a friend or relative

Teens abuse prescription drugs more than
**ECSTASY, HEROIN, CRACK/COCAINE
& METHAMPHETAMINE COMBINED**

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Stay fire-safe when you travel.

Choose a hotel protected by both smoke alarms and fire sprinklers.



FEMA | U.S. Fire Administration | 

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EVERY **4.5 days** A Structure Fire in Tennessee Takes a Life

WHAT FUELS YOUR FIRE?



Be a Guardian of Your Community.

BE A COVINGTON VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER

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



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.

2020CENSUS.GOV

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Census
2020**



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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:

- Place items on hold through your account on our website, or by calling the library.
- Park in the designated spot.
- Call the Library when you arrive and we will bring the items to your car.

tiptoncountylibrary.com

476-8289



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



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**

_____ **\$1000 Platinum Sponsor**

_____ **\$500 Gold Sponsor**

_____ **\$100 Silver Sponsor**

Name of Business: _____

Your Name: _____

Your Telephone Number: _____

Business Address: _____