



Newsletter - August 21, 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 – 8/18/20

Present via virtual meeting: Chairman CH Sullivan, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Alderwoman Johnetta Yarbrough, Alderman Jeff Morris, Alderman Keith Phelps, Alderman Danny Wallace, Mayor Justin Hanson, Attorney Rachel Witherington, David Gray, Tina Dunn, Joseph Mack, Tiny Rose, Rebecca Ray, Jennifer Nolan, Lessie Fisher, Walt Downing (USDA), Joel Howard (USDA), Echo Day

USDA (U.S. Department of Agriculture) Loan Discussion

- Loan Amount \$1,000,000 for paving project
- Paid from State Street Aid Fund
- Revenue from State averages \$24,000 per month
- Interest rate is 2.25% and will be guaranteed as soon as money is obligated
- Alderwoman Bommer made a motion to submit application for \$1,000,000 from USDA for street paving project, 2nd, roll call, motion passed

2021 Multimodal Grant

- Mayor Hanson would like to move forward with application for Phase II which is the Hwy 51 sidewalk project from TN College of Applied Technology (TCAT) to Mueller Brass Rd.
- Requested funds are \$1,000,000 with \$50,000 match from the City
- Chairman Sullivan made motion to approve, 2nd, roll call, motion approved

Update on Sale of N. Main Street Property

- Director Fisher clarified Code regarding the discussion of restroom requirement for park use
- Mr. Burnett will be contacted to discuss his interest in this property
- Motion made to take discussion of the N. Main Street property to the September Parks and Recreation Committee meeting, 2nd, roll call, motion passed

Proposals for Valley Street Property

- RFP (Request for Proposal) ran for two weeks in The Leader, none were received
- Alderman Sullivan made a motion to put Valley St. property out for bid with a reserve of no less than double what the City has in the property, 2nd, roll call, motion passed

Discussion of Code for Dismissal of Department Heads

- Right now, the Fire Chief is the only department head that can be dismissed by the Board while all other department heads can only be dismissed by the Mayor
- An update to the Charter of Code regarding who is allowed to dismiss department heads will need to be completed
- Alderman Phelps made motion to bring this discussion to the Finance and Administration Committee meeting in September 2020, 2nd, roll call, motion passed

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Discussion on Payment of Overage of Vacation and Compensated Time

- Alderman Sullivan requested the personnel handbook be reviewed to show denied time will be approved by Department Head or Mayor.
- Per Director Rose the handbook states that Department Head must sign off on denied time off
- Alderman Sullivan made motion to approve the payment of overage on vacation and compensated time, 2nd, roll call, motion passed

Conversion Process, Grammar School Property

- At this time, the property is in the conversion process
- It has been decided that this property is not best suited for the new police department
- If we do not proceed with the conversion, the old police building at 133 E. Pleasant can be sold
- Mayor Hanson will inquire about a refund on the \$10,000 conversion fee
- Alderman Phelps made motion to not ask for another extension for the conversion and to bring discussion on future use of this property to Public Relations Committee, 2nd, roll call, motion passed

Asphalt Roller Discussion

- Director Gray discussed need for an asphalt roller
- Long range plan is to hot patch versus cold patch between months of March and December
- Roller purchase would be through one-time state grant revenue
- Alderman Sullivan made the motion to purchase asphalt roller at cost of \$15,680 with one-time state grant revenue, 2nd, roll call, motion passed

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

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Look Before You Lock!
Hot Cars and Children Safety

38 KIDS
Die each year by being left in an unattended vehicle

88%
Are ages of 3 & Under

54%
Were forgotten by caregiver

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 Tuesday, 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.

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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**





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The Tipton County Museum *Presents*



The TCM Online Academy provides short, educational videos on nature, history, art, art history, genealogy, and our Classroom Educational Series for kids. Please check it often as we are adding videos weekly. Please visit www.tiptoncountymuseum.com to visit this free service.

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

TO MAKE OUR VOICES HEARD

TENNESSEE WOMEN'S FIGHT FOR THE VOTE



Women throughout the United States secured the right to vote in 1920 when Tennessee became the final state needed to ratify the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The fight for this right began as early as 1848, with the Declaration of Sentiments, at the first women's rights convention in Seneca Falls, New York. The convention was inspired by the experiences of African American and white women in the abolitionist movement to end slavery.

Photograph, Suffragists Marching in Nashville, about 1915
Suffragists used parades to encourage people in their communities to support votes for women. Marching, speaking, and demonstrating in favor of suffrage in public challenged ideas that women's proper sphere was limited to the home.



TIPTON COUNTY
MUSEUM

The Tipton County Museum

Presents

To Make Our Voices Heard

Tennessee Women's Fight for the Vote

Exhibit

751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN 38019

(901) 476-0242



This project is funded in part by a grant from Humanities Tennessee, an independent affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.



Tennessee State Library and Archives
Secretary of State Tre Hargett

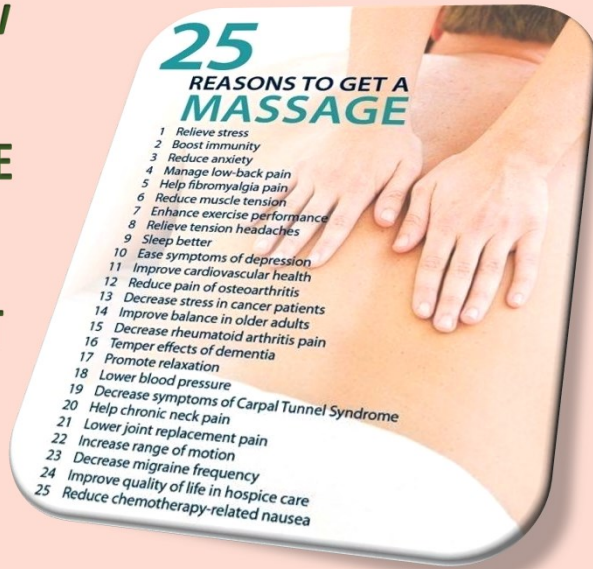


Images presented in this project have been altered from the originals.

The Sportsplex is now
Offering
THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE



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



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

SATURDAY

11AM-1PM – PATRON SWIM
2PM – 5PM – OPEN SWIM

FRIDAY

5AM-7AM- MASTER SWIM
10AM –11AM – WATER AEROBICS
3PM – 4PM – PATRON SWIM
4PM – 5PM – 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

SUNDAY

CLOSED

CHURCH GROUPS

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

OR

901-476-9178

901-476-3734

\$75.00

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

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**

ADDICTIONHOPE.COM

Stay fire-safe when you travel.

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



FEMA | U.S. Fire Administration | Fire is Everyone's Fight.

Photo Credit: Andrew Diffee, Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance

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)



Return to Classroom Plan

DSCC Announces Fall Return to Classroom Plan.
[Read More Here!](#)




The Tipton County Community Chorus is taking a break from online meetings

We will be back September 14th



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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 CIVIC CENTER

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

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

Imagine Your Story!

May 26 - July 31st Ages 0-100

Sign up at tcpl.readsquared.com

I'm challenging you to **complete the 2020 Census** today.

[#shapeyourfuture](#)

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SAT 9:00-3:00 PM

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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



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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

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_____ **\$1000 Platinum Sponsor**

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