



Newsletter - August 14, 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.



COVINGTON GRIDIRON BLITZ DAY!!

Since our CHS football players are not able to go door-to-door this year selling Charger gear, a **BLITZ DAY** is scheduled for **THIS SATURDAY, August 15th** from **8am-11am** at the **Holmes School Gym**. For sale are **Chargers T-Shirts, facemasks, gaiters, license plates, decals, and new merchandise!** Mini helmets will also be ready for pickup for those who pre-ordered.

Come support our Chargers!



Covington Fire Department would like to thank Holly Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Hospitality Team for preparing and delivering a meal to the "B" shift this week! We appreciate everything you do for our community!

Look Before You Lock!
Hot Cars and Children Safety

		
38 KIDS	88%	54%
Die each year by being left in an unattended vehicle	Are ages of 3 & Under	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



Effective Monday August 10th, 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**



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 Boys & Girls
Club's
membership
applications are
available! Club
starts Monday
August 17th from
2:30-6:00**



**Call 476-0180 for more
information!**

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.



TIPTON COUNTY
M·U·S·E·U·M

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



Troop 13804 at the Tipton County Museum

Girl Scout Troop 13804 has been providing and serving refreshments for the Tipton County Museum Veteran of the Month program for over three years. Because the troop size is large, 26 members, and space is tight for our Veteran of the Month reception, they only allow 4 girls to attend each month, much to the dismay of the other 22. Having the girls involved in the ceremony has been a blessing. The Veterans have enjoyed watching the girls grow, and the girls have learned so much about history and serving the community.



TIPTON COUNTY
M·U·S·E·U·M

The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center is embarking on a new journey to link Tipton County's vibrant heritage with the 21st Century. TCM now provides exhibits, lectures, and classes online to share our military, cultural, and environmental legacy with a wider audience.

Museum admission is FREE, but we need your help to continue providing the quality exhibits and programs you have come to expect from the Tipton County Museum! Annual memberships start at \$25, please consider becoming a member or renewing your current membership to help the Tipton County Museum continue to shine a light on Tipton County's rich legacy! Sign up for membership now by visiting our website, <http://www.tiptoncountymuseum.com>.

Become a member today!

Tipton County Museum Membership Drive

**Tipton County Museum,
Veterans Memorial & Nature Center**

751 Bert Johnston Ave.

Covington, TN 38019

(901) 476-0242

<http://www.tiptoncountymuseum.com>





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

901-476-9178

OR

\$75.00

901-476-3734

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

WE HAVE SET ASIDE WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
FOR CHURCH GROUPS TO COME SWIM.
CALL TO SET UP A DATE



LOOKING FOR LIFEGUARDS IN NEED OF A JOB!

- certification preferred but not required
- morning and afternoon hours available
- dyersburg state/ TCAT students wanted,
other responsible students welcome
- reasonable wage

**SERIOUS INQUIRIES CALL
901-476-9178**



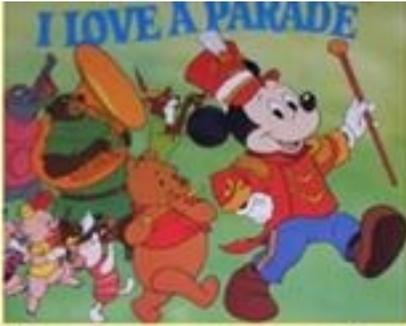
SWIM TEAM TRYOUTS*

August 11, 14, 18 & 21
4:30-6:00PM

Covington Aquatic Center
750 Bert Johnston Avenue Covington, TN 38019
901-476-9178 or 901-476-3734

Ages 6-17

*Each swimmer must be able to swim 25 yards Freestyle unassisted and without stopping.



We are having a parade!!!

The management and staff of Glendale Commons Apartments would like to have a parade for our residents. We are asking for volunteers to participate. We would love for as many people that will, to please help, by decorating your vehicle with balloons, streamers, poster boards or whatever you chose. We will have the Covington Fire Department, Covington Police Department and others participating, but we would love to have as many people as we can get, to help. We want to let our residents know that the community cares about them and are thinking about them during these troublesome times. We have many residents that never get to leave their apartment. Please help us to spread a little excitement to our residents. Please respond by Tuesday August 18th if you will be able to help.

Thank you.

For more information, please
contact Michael Pruitt at
901-476-4883 or 901-475-2027

When: August 19th, 2020

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Where: Glendale Commons Apartments

351 Mueller Brass Road

Covington, TN, 38019



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



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**

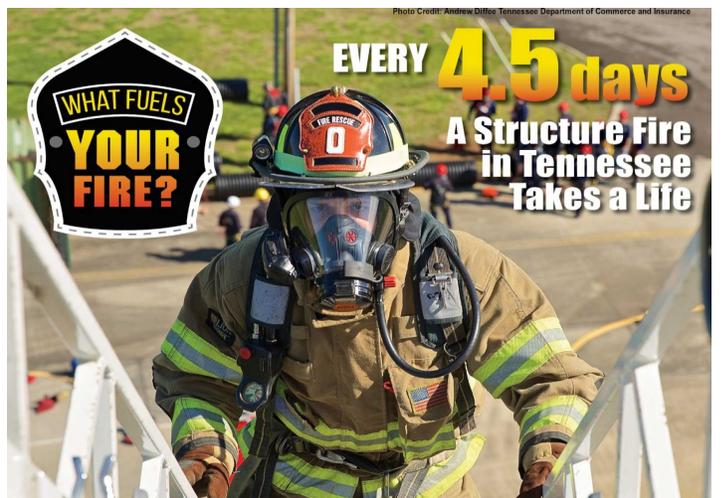
ADDICTIONHOPE.COM

Stay fire-safe when you travel.

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



FEMA | U.S. Fire Administration | 



Be a Guardian of Your Community.

BE A COVINGTON VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER

www.VolunteerFireTN.org

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



Congratulations to Century Car Wash on their grand opening and ribbon cutting! Century brings the latest in wash technology and convenience to Covington. They are located at the corner of Highway 51 and Robbins Rd., across from Wal-Mart.

Welcome to Covington, Century!

DSCC
DYERSBURG STATE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Return to Classroom Plan

DSCC Announces Fall Return to Classroom Plan.

[Read](#) More Here!



KEEP EVERYONE SAFE



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

*We will be back
September 14th*



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

Download the
READSquared Mobile APP

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

[#shapeyourfuture](#)

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