



# Newsletter - June 12, 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](http://www.covingtontn.com).

## **General Welfare and Public Works Committee Meeting – 6/9/20 – 4:00 p.m.**

Present via Virtual Meeting: Chairwoman Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Mayor Justin Hanson, Alderman Keith Phelps, Alderman Danny Wallace, Alderman Jeff Morris, Alderman CH Sullivan, Director Joseph Mack, Barrie Foster, Robin Anderson, Tina Dunn, Rebecca Ray, Echo Day

### **Covington Airport Report – Robin Anderson**

Fuel Total – 2,912 (May sales)

Fuel Farm

- Rebel Tool will install new system
- Waiting on equipment

Entrance Sign – cost will be \$3,750

CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act funding update

Motion to accept Airport report, 2<sup>nd</sup>, roll call, accepted

### **Tipton County Museum Report – Barrie Foster**

Online Academy

- Museum programs are available online
- Updated weekly

Discussed current and upcoming Art Exhibit at Dyersburg State

The Nature Connection

Motion to accept Museum Report, 2<sup>nd</sup>, roll call, accepted

### **Parks and Recreation Report – Director Joseph Mack**

Bicycle Park Update

- Features added last week
- Trails will be done in about a week

Children and Family Services Building Roof

- One bid from Champion for \$32,000.
- \$54,000 authorized
- Further discussion on quote and what possibly needs to be repaired with the decking

Parks and Rec Revenue Proposals

- Disapproval on tobacco tax and Board decided to not move forward with sugary drink tax
- Still researching hotel tax
- Discussed sale of properties to provide additional revenue
- Motion made to move this discussion to Finance & Administration Committee for July meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup>, roll call, so moved

Presented summer camp and youth sports survey results

Aquatic Center opened this week

Drive-In Movie

- June 25<sup>th</sup> at Cobb Parr Park
- Everyone will remain in cars

Motion made to accept Parks and Rec report, 2<sup>nd</sup>, roll call, accepted

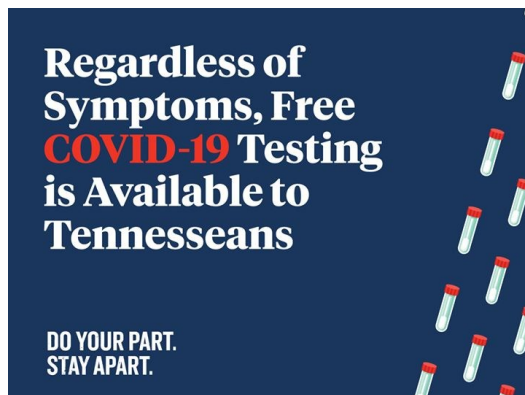
There being no further business, meeting was adjourned

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## Effective June 1 Tipton County Health Department will be offering COVID-19 testing for the community by appointment only

Effective June 1, the Tipton County Health Department will be offering COVID-19 testing for the community only by appointment. Anyone who wishes to be tested for COVID-19 should call the health department clinic at (901) 476-0235 to make an appointment for testing. “Anyone with concerns about their health or the health of a family member is invited to call us to set a time to receive testing for COVID-19,” said Chelsei Granderson, County Health Director. “We’re providing this testing at no cost to participants, and test results may be available within 72 hours after the samples arrive at the lab, depending on lab volume.” The Tipton County Health Department is located at 4700 Mueller Brass Rd. Covington, TN 38019. COVID-19 testing will be offered from 1:30-3:30 on Monday-Friday. Please call the clinic to make an appointment for testing. Health department nurses will collect nasal swabs to send to the lab for your COVID-19 test. You do not have to live in Tipton County to be tested at the health department. Those who come for testing should be prepared to isolate themselves at home while awaiting their test results, and will be given information on what to expect after their test. This information is also available online at [www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/health/documents/cedep/novel-coronavirus/TestedGuidance.pdf](http://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/health/documents/cedep/novel-coronavirus/TestedGuidance.pdf). Everyone wishing to be tested for COVID-19 should be prepared to share their contact information so health department staff members can provide their test results. Everyone tested will be contacted about their results, whether they are negative or positive, and given further instructions to protect their health and the health of those around them. Tennessee’s Coronavirus Public Information Lines are open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., CDT daily at 833-556-2476 or 877-857-2945.



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](http://www.covingtontn.com).

# Blood Drive

Because of you, life doesn't stop.  
#VitalToLife

## City of Covington, TN Blood Drive

**Wednesday, July 1**

**11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

**Civic Center, Banquet Hall**

**100 West Washington**

To ensure the safety of our donors and staff, the most up-to-date CDC guidance will apply for this blood drive. Please contact your blood drive coordinator for detailed information and guidance.

Vitalant strongly encourages you to make – and keep – an appointment to give blood. Contact Rebecca Ray at 901.476.9613 for an appointment or go to [vitalant.org](https://vitalant.org), click donate then enter sponsor code: covingtontn.



Vitalant is now testing blood donations for COVID-19 antibodies. Appointments strongly recommended. Learn more at [vitalant.org/antibodytest](https://vitalant.org/antibodytest)

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# Both Job Applications are closing this week!

## **PART TIME FITNESS LEADER II**

**Deadline**

**June 11, 2020**

**Mature individual  
desired for  
supervisory duties  
on nights and  
weekends  
Approximately 28  
hours per week.**



## **FULL TIME PARK MAINTENANCE WORKER**

**Deadline**

**June 15, 2020**

**THIS POSITION REQUIRES A  
KID-FRIENDLY ATTITUDE!**

**You will be responsible for managing  
the  
NEW BIKE PARK  
Located inside Cobb Parr Park,  
including transporting bikes to and  
from property  
and teaching children to ride bikes.  
Maintaining/Inspecting playgrounds  
and other facilities  
within the Covington Park System.  
40 hours per week**

To Apply- Submit application to the HR Department 100 West Washington Ave. 1<sup>st</sup> floor or online at [covingtontn.com](http://covingtontn.com)

# **FAMILY FUN & FITNESS DAY**

Join UT-TSU Extension Tipton County today and tomorrow to celebrate this special day that promotes the importance of parks and recreation in keeping communities healthy! 6/12 we will be posting videos of how your family can have fun and get fit

6/13 we encourage your family to video getting fit and having fun on Facebook/social media using the following hashtags **#NATIONALFUNFITNESSFAMILYDAY**  
**#TIPTONOURHATSTOREALLLIFESOLUTIONS**

We will conduct a random drawing for a family prize package for anyone who submits a video using the above hashtags.

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**TENNESSEE**  
STATE UNIVERSITY  
Cooperative Extension



1ST ANNUAL MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

**COLOR ME HAPPY 5K COLOR RUN/WALK**

October 3 | 8 AM  
Cobb Park | Covington, TN

*2 Run Options*  
FULL 5K OR 1 MILE COLOR RUN

Register at:  
[HTTPS://RUNSIGNUP.COM/RACE/TN/COVINGTON/COLORMEHAPPY5KCOLORRUNWALK](https://runsignup.com/race/TN/COVINGTON/COLORMEHAPPY5KCOLORRUNWALK)

Sponsored By:

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- ADVANCE COFFEE COMPANY Your Full Service Coffee Company
- MARVIN
- PCS

\$35 PER PERSON  
**Free Shirt**  
SAME DAY REGISTRATION AVAILABLE

QR! Scan



- Cost is \$35
- Two Run Options!
- Run, Volunteer, or Sponsor!
- Register [HERE](#) or
- Scan this QR Code



You're invited to the PCS  
**4th Annual**

**BACK TO SCHOOL**  
Supply Drive

Saturday, August 8, 2020  
9:00AM  
Professional Care Services  
1997 Highway 51 South, Covington

Child must be present to receive supplies  
Event will end when supplies run out

**WE'RE REOPENING,**  
*With Care*

**TUESDAY  
JUNE 16TH**

TOURS TUES. THRU SAT.  
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
(731) 738-2240

Visit the Historic  
**Alex Haley**  
MUSEUM

Henning, TN • Buses Welcome




*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](http://tiptoncountylibrary.com)  
476-8289



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



## COVINGTON CIVIC CENTER

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

Visit our [Facebook Page](#)

or

Visit our [Website!](#)

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

#shapeyourfuture

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

# REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

to Covington Police

Call 901-475-4300 or in an  
Emergency call 9-1-1

# FREE DRIVE IN MOVIE NIGHT



FAMILY MOVIE

WATCH WOODY &  
LITTLE BO PEEP REUNITE!



JUNE 25 (THURSDAY)  
BEGINS @ DUSK  
PLAYGROUND  
PARKING




DONATIONS ACCEPTED  
CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

# Let Us Help Plan Your Child's Next Party at the Covington Civic Center

Invite your friends to your **Paint Party** at the Covington Civic Center. Pick out a sample to paint on a Canvas board for your



birthday, special occasion, or any reason to get  together with friends for some fun.

We're going to put a little **ART** in your **PARTY!**


For Information Call 901.475.7139



Cost for a Party.....\$100.00

Total Time Allowed for Painting &  
Any Party Food to be Served.....2 Hours


Party Size.....Limited to 10

Canvas Size ..... 10 x 14 

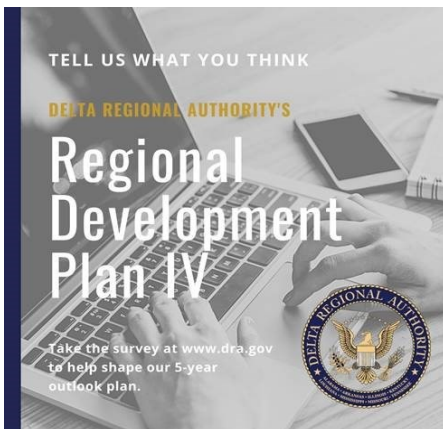


Covington Civic Center will provide all supplies for the Paint Party. This includes the art picked from our sample wall, 10 x 14 Canvas boards, paints, brushes, easels, tables and chairs. The Canvas boards will be outlined before the party and will be ready for paint.



If the Renter chooses to serve refreshments to those attending, the Renter will provide the refreshments and all necessary serving pieces, plates, cups, spoons, forks, and napkins. 





The [Delta Regional Authority](#) (DRA) has launched an online community survey to capture resident feedback about our region. This feedback is pivotal as the DRA develops a strategic plan to guide economic development efforts over the next five years, the **Regional Development Plan IV**. The plan will be based on national data, stakeholder input, and best practices to develop overarching goals, strategies, and tactics that will build upon the existing resources and infrastructure to strategically grow jobs, support businesses, raise the standard of living for citizens, and build a collaborative network to grow the Delta region's economy.

For the initiative to be successful, it is important to hear from residents. The short survey poses questions on the region's strengths and weaknesses, recruitment of industry, top goals for the region, how to retain young professionals and families, workforce and quality of life.

Follow this link to get started: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DRA>.



Three Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) students have each received a \$1000 scholarship from First Citizens National Bank (FirstCNB). Since 1993, FirstCNB has provided 258 scholarships to DSCC students. Those on hand for the scholarship presentation were (from left) Dr. Amanda Walker, DSCC vice president for institutional advancement and continuing education; recipient Cameran Lynn of Dyersburg; John Tucker, FirstCNB central market regional president; recipient Alyssa Moody of Newbern; Dr. Karen Bowyer, DSCC president; and recipient Kaylee Campbell of Newbern.



## Calling All *High School & Adult Artists!!!!*

We need *YOU* to enter

### "A WORLD OF THEIR OWN"

The 2020 Area Artists Art Exhibit at DSCC, JNC

Sponsored by The Tipton County Museum

& Dyersburg State Community College, Jimmy Naifeh Center

Exhibition dates: July 7—October 30

*Hurry! Entry Deadline is June 19*

Download the Prospectus at  
[www.tiptoncountymuseum.com](http://www.tiptoncountymuseum.com)

Or pick up the form at the  
Tipton County Museum

751 Bert Johnston Avenue, Covington, TN

(901) 476-0242



# 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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PUBLIC LIBRARY**

# FINE FREE MONTH!

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**JUNE 1 - JUNE 30, 2020**

FIND A BOOK YOU FORGOT YOU HAD?  
DON'T FRET...  
RETURN YOUR OVERDUE BOOKS, MOVIES, AUDIOS AND  
WE'LL WAIVE THE FINES!

8:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
476-8289

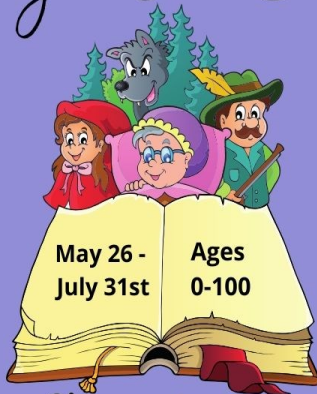
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3149 HWY 51 S BLDG C. COVINGTON, TN 38019

# DAIRY DAY

**Monday June 29 3PM-6PM**

Thanks to Prairie Farms Dairy, Gateway is hosting the USDA Farmers to Families Milk Box Program. There are 480 boxes available, each box includes the items pictured below. One box per family, first come first serve. Pick up is 3pm-6pm on Monday June 29 at Gateway on the Square, 101 W. Court Square in Covington, TN.

Imagine Your Story!



May 26 - July 31st  
Ages 0-100

Sign up at  
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