



Newsletter - May 8, 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.

Public Works Committee Meeting – 5/5/20 – 4:00 p.m.

Present and via virtual meeting: Chairman Alderman Jeff Morris, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Mayor Justin Hanson, Alderwoman Johnetta Yarbrough, Alderman CH Sullivan, Alderman Keith Phelps, Director David Gray, Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn, Director Lessie Fisher, Rebecca Ray, Calvin Johnson, Echo Day, Lynn Billings, Attorney Rachel Witherington, David Gwinn

Roll call of committee members, meeting does have a quorum

Public Works Report – Director David Gray

Bald Butcher Parking Lot

- Mr. Billings voiced concerns of parking lot at this business (Bald Butcher). Mr. Billings believes that water is coming over retaining wall and ruining his parking lot. City has suggested he dig a French drain, but Mr. Billings does not believe that is his responsibility.
- Director Gray updated Committee on what has been done, starting last year (2019). Could not locate any water leak. There may be an artesian well under property. Because parking lot dries up indicates that there is not a leak.
- Mr. Billings asked about chlorine. Director Gray ran tests last week and there was no chlorine in the water
- Chairman Morris spoke to Alderman Wallace (not present) and he has looked at problem
- Discussion about who owns the hill from where the water is running
- Alderman Sullivan stated that he has looked at the property and he will come again. He will look at the property line
- Mayor Hanson stated that he will have the City Attorney look at the issue, as well. Recommends that this item be back for discussion in June. Mr. Billings will be back with this Committee for June meeting
- Alderman Morris stated that everyone on this Committee wants a solution to this issue and we will research if there is anything the City can do legally to help solve this problem

Update on AMI (Automated Meter Infrastructure)

- Data Collection Equipment should be completed by end of month
- Meter site survey is completed, and data is going through quality control. Week of May 11, will start ordering equipment. Equipment should be in mid-July
- Scheduled completion date is February 2021

Annual Inventory Bid Schedule

- Submitted bid openings, Tuesday, May 19th. Director Gray will bring bids back to Committee in June for approval
- Will be ready to go for July 1

Reminder of Utility Board Member Training

Purchase of Sewer Truck

- Sewer truck approved 19/20 budget year. Still waiting on 2 that were ordered last July. Possibly will get them in the next few weeks
- Information in submitted packets about costs
- Motion made to move forward with purchase of truck, 2nd, roll call, approved

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Update on James St.

- 9 Right of Way acquisitions needed. We have 7 of those deeded and recorded
- Those should be completed this week
- Utility certification letter has been sent to TDOT (Tennessee Department of Transportation)
- Should be ready for bids mid-June, project should get started mid-September

Agreement for Extending Terms of Utility Bill Payments

- During pandemic, have not charged late fees or run cutoff
- Working alongside Covington Electric to be consistent with customers
- Submitted possible agreement for terms for payment for late customers
- When May 24th bills are sent out, the customer will have until June 4th, 4:30p.m. to pay their current bill and make arrangements to pay previous balance, or they will be disconnected
- Methodist church has received extra funds and has set up COVID account to help customers pay previous balances
- Motion made to approve agreement for extending the terms of payment, 2nd, roll call, approved

Chairman Morris asked for update on gasifier. Mayor Hanson stated that we are still waiting

Motion made to accept report, 2nd, roll call, accepted

Codes Department Report – Director Lessie Fisher

Grass letters are being mailed

Discussed heavy trucks

- Would like Committee to consider passing an ordinance to add more streets for truck route
- Director Fisher asked if we could put this on the Finance and Administration agenda if this committee feels like this is something with which to move forward. Alderman Sullivan agreed to add it to agenda
- Motion to accept report, 2nd, roll call, accepted

There being no further business, meeting is adjourned

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something
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Call 901-475-1261 or 901-475-4300

In an emergency dial 9-1-1

Important Information for Utility Customers

When Tennessee declared a State of Emergency in late March, the City of Covington and Covington Electric System postponed applying late payment fees and disconnection of gas, water, and electric services in an effort to help those customers that may have suffered reduced household or small business income as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Collection for these monthly utility bills was delayed at that time, with the understanding that all past-due amounts must be repaid in full after Tennessee's businesses were allowed to reopen.

Now that Tennessee has undertaken efforts to allow most businesses to return to normal operations, Covington Electric System plans to reopen its lobby for normal business transactions on Tuesday, May 26th. The City of Covington will follow suit on June 1. Concurrent with the opening of their lobbies, collection of late payment fees and disconnection of unpaid gas, water, and electric service accounts will resume.

During the first week of June, Covington Electric System (CES) will begin mailing repayment agreements to residential and small commercial customers whose accounts are in arrears. Beginning with electric bills that have a past-due date in June, the repayment arrangement will require that all residential and small commercial electric customers pay their current month's electric bill in full, plus an additional amount of up to \$100 per month until all arrears are repaid. CES customers will be required to sign and return the repayment agreement in order to avoid the disconnection of electric service for past-due amounts.

Covington Public Works will be mailing repayment agreements to residential and small commercial customers whose accounts are in arrears on May 15 and will begin disconnection of gas and water service for unpaid bills on June 4. Gas and water customers will also be required to sign and return the repayment agreement to avoid the disconnection of gas and water service.

All City of Covington gas and water customers are encouraged to contact Covington City Hall at 901-476-9613 as soon as possible with any questions concerning their account status and repayment agreements to avoid disconnection of service due to non-payment. Covington Electric System customers should contact CES with any questions at 901-476-7104.

Click on the link below to download the repayment agreement.

<http://www.covingtontn.com/utility-billing-division.html>



Covington Public Works/Utilities

AGREEMENT FOR EXTENDING TERMS FOR PAYMENT OF UTILITY BILLS

Date: _____ Account Number: _____

Name: _____

Home Address: _____ Apt #: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Other Contact: _____

Covington Gas and Water is providing an "Agreement For Extending Terms For Payment Of Utility Bills" during this state of emergency related to the COVID-19 virus.

In order to participate in the "Agreement For Extending Terms For Payment Of Utility Bills", the customer agrees and acknowledges the following:

- CG&W has deferred the collection of monthly utility bills during the time that the COVID-19 emergency exists in the State of Tennessee, and that such deferred monthly bills are still owed by the customer.
- By his/her signature below, he/she has notice of the repayment schedule provided and has received extended payment privileges from CG&W.
- Following termination of the COVID-19 emergency by the State of Tennessee, he/she must pay future utility bills in full in addition to the Monthly Repayment Amount shown below.
- Failure by the customer to pay the current monthly utility bill plus the Monthly Repayment Amount will result in termination of utility service without further notice.
- That any payments received by CG&W from LIHEAP (Delta) funds, churches or other charitable organizations will be applied first to their current amount due, with any remaining funds to be applied against outstanding balances.
- That in the event he/she fails to pay as described on this Agreement, he/she will pay all expenses incurred in the collection of this delinquent account.
- That this Agreement is subject to modification or amendment as necessary in order to comply with all rules, regulations and policies of CG&W.
- That such deferred monthly utility bills must be paid per the monthly repayment agreement shown below.

Past Due Balance \$ _____ Monthly Repayment Amount \$ _____

- \$1 - \$99.99 to be paid back in 1 month (plus current bill amount)
- \$100 - \$199.99 to be paid back in 2 months (plus current bill amount)
- \$200 - \$299.99 to be paid back in 3 months (plus current bill amount)
- \$300 - \$399.99 to be paid back in 4 months (plus current bill amount)
- \$400 - \$499.33 to be paid back in 5 months (plus current bill amount)
- \$500 - \$599.99 to be paid back in 6 months (plus current bill amount)
- Greater than \$600 to be paid back at the rate of \$100 per month until outstanding balance is paid in full (plus current bill amount)

Customer: _____ Date: _____

Approved By: _____ Date: _____



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. Please click on the links below to view the guidelines for each specific industry on the TN State Government website.

DOWNLOAD NOW

Access Our Business Guidelines




TENNESSEE PLEDGE
Reopening Tennessee Responsibly
To protect the safety and livelihoods of Tennesseans by opening businesses according to the guidelines and best practices established by the UCG, state and local government officials in partnership with industry leaders.




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Access Our Restaurant Guidelines



Restaurant Industry
The "Tennessee Pledge" is a plan to help Tennesseans get back to work in a safe environment, restore their livelihoods and reboot our state's economy.



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Access Our Retail Guidelines




Retail Industry
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Access Guidelines for Exercise Facilities



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Access Guidelines for Close Contact Businesses



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Lodging & Accommodations
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Access Guidelines for Office Buildings



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Access Guidelines for Recreation Businesses



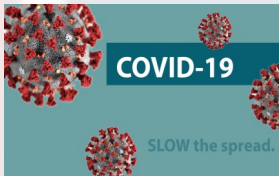
Recreation (Non-Contact, Small Group)
The "Tennessee Pledge" is a plan to help Tennesseans get back to work in a safe environment, restore their livelihoods and reboot our state's economy.



Tipton County Health Department has a drive-thru COVID-19 testing site on Mueller Brass Road in Covington. The National Guard has been deployed to assist with testing and supplies. The testing site will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturdays 9:00 a.m - 12:00 p.m. Anyone can drive-thru and be tested regardless of whether or not they are exhibiting any symptoms.



Photo by The Leader



In order to further protect our employees and our community, effective immediately, all City buildings will be closed to the public until further notice. Also keep in mind the following:

- All payments (utility bills, citations, fire fees, etc.) will be accepted through our two drive-through lanes, not in the lobby at City Hall.
- Many payments can be made via our website at www.covingtontn.com or by calling 844-876-2911.
- Business that requires face-to-face visits will be done by appointment only. To make an appointment, please call 901-476-9613.
- Job applications and many other forms can be obtained from our website at www.covingtontn.com

We want you to know that we are still here to serve you! Avoid crowded spaces, wash your hands, and if you are not feeling well, please stay home. We expect the number of confirmed cases to rise, but by putting these things in place, hopefully we can slow the spread.


HELPFUL RESOURCES

Baptist Hospital - Tipton
Tipton County Health Department
Tennessee Department of Health

901-476-2621
901-476-0235
<https://www.tn.gov/health.html>

Regardless of Symptoms, Free COVID-19 Testing is Available to Tennesseans

DO YOUR PART. STAY APART.



BUSINESSES CAN DONATE NEW, UNUSED PPE

PPE DONATIONS

INFORMATION ON ACCEPTED SUPPLIES AND DONATION LOCATIONS IS ONLINE

www.tn.gov/tema/news



TN Department of Human Services

COVID-19 Essential Employee Child Care

To help Tennesseans move forward during the COVID-19 emergency, DHS is increasing access to child care at no cost for Tennessee workers who are providing “essential businesses and services.”

This child care is available through payment assistance with licensed child care agencies and a partnership with Tennessee YMCAs and Boys & Girls Clubs.



- How do I know if I'm an essential worker who is eligible for these supports?**
For purposes of the child care payment assistance program, essential workers are: Employees of a healthcare entity, Law Enforcement, First Responders (EMS, Fire Departments), Corrections Officers, Military, Activated National Guard, Human and Social Services Workers, Postal Workers, Transportation, Restaurant and Grocery Workers. Parents seeking care at a YMCA or Boys & Girls Club temporary location should contact the facility in order to verify eligibility and to register their child.
- Do parents of children of all age groups qualify?**
Families with children under the age of 13 are eligible for this program. Families with children older than 13 that are: **a)** under court supervision or **b)** mentally or physically incapable of self-service also qualify for this program.
- Are there income restrictions for these programs?**
These programs do not have income restrictions.
- How do I apply to receive COVID-19 Essential Employee Child Care Payment Assistance?**
Parents who meet the definition of essential worker as listed above can apply online at: Tdhs.service-now.com
- How do I apply to take my child to a YMCA or Boys & Girls Club temporary care location?**
Essential employees with school-aged children who need care will be able to register at YMCA and Boys & Girls Club locations and access care at no charge, during the COVID-19 state of emergency. As they are established, you will be able to see a listing of temporary care locations here <https://www.tn.gov/content/tn/humanservices/covid-19.html>.
- How long will the application take to process?**
Typically, an application for child care payment assistance will be processed within about a week. Upon receipt of the application, a DHS team member will contact you within 2 business days if the verifications needed are not attached and request necessary verifications. If an application is received with all verifications, the eligibility process will be completed within 3 business days. *Please note: to protect the health of customers and staff, DHS offices are not open to “foot-traffic” during the COVID-19 emergency, but staff are available by phone.*
- How will payments be distributed?**
After an essential employee enrolls in the child care payment assistance program, DHS will make arrangements to pay for child care at the DHS licensed program where the child is served. A list of licensed child care providers with capacity to enroll children is available at: <https://www.tn.gov/humanservices/covid-19/child-care-services-and-covid-19.html>.
- How long will this program be available?**
Essential Employee Child Care Payment Assistance will be valid through June 15, 2020.

Visit our website at www.tn.gov/humanservices

TNDepartment of
**Labor & Workforce
Development**

Tennessee Unemployment Insurance

This video may help you understand the process:

How to Complete Certifications on Jobs4TN



Prepared by the U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR'S GUIDE TO CARES ACT RELIEF

PPP Loans/Grants
Economic Injury Disaster Loans
Unemployment Compensation

If you are an independent contractor or self-employed, you may be eligible for Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans/grants, SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL), and/or Unemployment Compensation for losses of income related to the coronavirus pandemic.

If you are an independent contractor or are self-employed and don't have any employees, here's what you need to know about each program:

<https://www.uschamber.com/report/independent-contractors-guide-cares-act-relief>

In an effort to keep our employees safe, please do not drop fire fees off at the Covington Fire Department. Please use the following options:

By Mail: 101 Tennessee Ave., Covington, TN 38019

Online: Covingtontn.com

Or visit the drive-thru at City Hall, 200 W. Washington Ave.

Get a free, washable cloth
face covering.



DO YOUR PART.
STAY APART.

Gov. Bill Lee has made face coverings available to as many Tennesseans as possible. Thanks to the Tipton County Health Department for delivering these masks to City Hall for our employees and customers. If you need a mask, simply ask one of our utility clerks at the drive-through window and they will be happy to provide you one at no charge.

Learn from the comfort of your home
with DSCC's Ed2Go Courses!



There's no better time than now to learn a foreign language!

Spanish for Medical Professionals

This course provides knowledge of basic medical phrases to communicate with your patients and their family members.

Speed Spanish

Converse in Spanish in just a few weeks. You will learn six easy recipes for gluing Spanish words together to form sentences. In no time at all, you will be able to go into any Spanish-speaking situation and converse in Spanish. ¡Qué Bueno!

Beginning Conversational French

Master the basics of conversational French. This course will provide you with the proper pronunciation of French words that you will use in future travels!

For more information visit: <https://www.ed2go.com/dscc/>

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**CBCS Certified Medical Administrative Assistant
with Medical Billing and Coding**

This comprehensive program will provide the core foundation of medical vocabulary, to help understand doctor's notes and medical record contents. This course will teach essential medical office management skills.

Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA)

In this course, you will learn medical terminology, medical law and ethics, HIPAA rules, scheduling systems, pathophysiology, pharmacology, nutrition, phlebotomy theory, injections, routine treatment and laboratory duties, and more. Upon completion of this course you will be able to take the Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA) national certification exam offered by National Healthcareer Association (NHA).

CPC Medical Billing and Coding

Whether you're just starting out or transitioning into a different field, this course will help you enter the medical billing and coding field. More than 850,000 practicing physicians in the United States rely on medical billers and coders to receive payment for their services and the demand is only growing.

For more information visit: <https://www.ed2go.com/dscc/>

Workforce Development at DSCC



Professional Bookkeeping with Quickbooks 2019

QuickBooks is the most commonly used financial software tool for small business bookkeeping. If you're a small business owner who wants to take control of your company's finances, this course is for you!

Grant Writing

A to Z Grant Writing is an invigorating and informative course that will teach you how to raise needed funds. This course speaks mainly to nonprofit organizations, schools, religious institutions, and municipalities seeking grants from foundation, corporate, government, and individual donors. It's also an excellent primer for individuals wishing to become grant writing consultants or community grant writing volunteers.

Intermediate Microsoft Excel 2016

Harness the power of Excel and become a master user of this powerful program. This hands-on course will provide skills using charts, graphs, Pivot Tables, Slicers, Sparkles, AutoFilter, macros, and other advanced Microsoft Excel 2016 functions.

For more information visit: <https://www.ed2go.com/dscc/>

**DYERSBURG STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
USE RESOURCES**

Faculty and staff are available
for assistance. Contact the One
Stop for more information!

DYERSBURG CAMPUS Student Center Dyersburg, TN 731-286-3350 mjones@dscc.edu	GIBSON COUNTY CENTER Gibson County Center Office Trenton, TN 731-855-1419 penn@dscc.edu
JIMMY NAIFEH CENTER AT TUPTON COUNTY Jimmy Naifeh Building Covington, TN 901-475-3100 ross@dscc.edu	



DSCC VIRTUAL TOUR



**DYERSBURG STATE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**



SPORTSPLEX

TENNESSEE PLEDGE
**Reopening
Tennessee
Responsibly**

**Opening Monday
May 11, 2020**



Start Slow
Covington
SPORTSPLEX
Finish Strong

Take the pledge with us to reopen the Sportsplex responsibly!

Parks & Recreation will screen customers for illness upon entry to the Sportsplex:

- ✓ Temperature checks for every customer.
- ✓ **Persons with temperatures above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit will not be permitted on premise**
- Minimum: Question customers regarding COVID-19 symptoms
 - ✓ Have you been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19?
 - ✓ Are you experiencing a cough, shortness of breath, or sore throat?
 - ✓ Have you had a fever in the last 48 hours?
 - ✓ **Anyone who answers yes to the above questions will not be permitted on premise.**
 - ✓ We recommend that persons more vulnerable or at-risk for COVID-19 as identified by the CDC—including those who are over the age of 65 or those who have chronic medical conditions—take extra precaution or refrain from use of the facility during Phase 1 of re-opening.
 - ✓ ALL Employees and Patrons are required to wear a cloth face covering.



- ✓ We will **cap fitness classes at 9 participants and 1 Instructor** unless we need to reduce it further to maintain social distancing (Spin Bike Area).
- ✓ The Sportsplex Staff will conduct regular (i.e., every 2 hours) disinfecting of high-touch surfaces, equipment and common areas of the facility using disinfectant cleaning supplies according to CDC guidelines.
- ✓ **Showers, locker rooms, and lockers will remain closed until further notice.**
- ✓ We have temporarily **closed water fountains**, common areas, break rooms,, where customers or employees may congregate. **Please bring your own water.**
- ✓ No self-service options (coffee bars, smoothie stations and other forms of communal food in facilities).
- ✓ **All basketball courts, racquetball courts**, and other places where formal and informal group or team sports may occur **will remain closed until further notice.**
- ✓ To ensure that our staffing of the facility is sufficient to enable enhanced sanitization and cleaning measures we will adjust our hours of operation to the following: 5AM-7PM Monday-Friday, Saturday 9AM- 12PM, **Closed on Sundays.**

Covington Parks & Recreation 790 Bert Johnston Ave 901-476-3734

We here at Covington Parks and Recreation recognize that these are challenging times. As a result we have cancelled our Spring Youth Sports Season. We would like to offer our patrons a few options with regards to your spring youth sports fee payment. (1) You can use your spring youth sports payment to cover your fall or winter youth sports fees. (2) You can use your spring youth sports fee to cover your Sportsplex or Aquatic Center Membership fees or towards any service that parks and recreation provides i.e. pool party, pavilion rentals, etc. by sending an email to sportsplex@covingtontn.com (3) You may request a refund. In order to expedite the refund process we have placed refund request forms and return envelopes in an outdoor brochure box on the grounds of the Sportsplex. Although we have not opened our doors yet we wanted to provide you with an opportunity to begin the refund process by providing the forms. We hope that everyone will remain safe and healthy as we look forward to seeing you soon.

YOU ARE INVITED!

Please join us for a webinar on **Friday, May 8 at 11AM** to learn more about the new **DIGITAL AGRONOMY** program at TCAT-Covington in Fall 2020!

MORE DATES & TIMES IN MAY

- Friday, May 15 @ 11AM
- Friday, May 22 @ 11AM (Students)
- Friday, May 29 @ 11AM (Students)

NEW PROGRAM COMING FALL 2020

DIGITAL AGRONOMY

Preparing individuals for the future of Ag technology.

Contact Ravan Adams-Arnold (rarnold@tcatcovington.edu) or Justin Jamerson (justin.jamerson@tcatcovington.edu) to RSVP and to receive webinar login information.

www.tcatcovington.edu | 901.475.2526



TENNESSEE COLLEGE OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY
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COVINGTON TENNESSEE


OPENING DAY

May 16th

Stay tuned for more announcements about our safe social distancing protocols! Support local businesses and farm families as you find the freshest produce from the Tipton County region!

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"Under the Water Tower"

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complete the

2020 Census

today.

www.census.gov

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TENNESSEE COLLEGE OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY
COVINGTON

Practical Nursing 2020

September 12-month Day Program
Begins September 1, 2020.
Paperwork Deadline July 7, 2020

October 18-month Evening/Weekend Program
Begins October 26, 2020
Paperwork Deadline August 5, 2020



For additional information, visit our website
<https://tcatcovington.edu/programs/practical-nursing-day-program.com>
or email rarnold@tcatcovington.edu.

Lost a job & health insurance?

Lost TennCare?



Need Help?

TENNESSEE HEALTH CARE CAMPAIGN

The Tennessee Health Care Campaign (THCC) can provide assistance to anyone that has **lost their health insurance or TennCare** due to the coronavirus.

TennCare is available to low-income families with children under the age of 19.

The Affordable Care Act (**Obamacare**) is an option for families and individuals who do not qualify for Medicaid (**TennCare**).

Feel free to give our Insure Tennessee Line **844-644-5443**, to speak with someone about your eligibility for either **TennCare** or **Obamacare**.

Or you can check out our website at www.insure-tennessee.org.

844-644-5443



HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY



Republic Services® drivers and staff will be celebrating Memorial Day with their families; therefore, the following holiday schedule will be in effect for all residential routes:

Service Day:

Monday, May 25th	—————▶	Service day will be on Tuesday the 26th
Tuesday, May 26th	—————▶	Service day will be on Wednesday the 27th
Wednesday, May 27th	—————▶	Service day will be on Thursday the 28th
Thursday, May 28th	—————▶	Service day will be on Friday the 29th
Friday, May 29th	—————▶	Service day will be on Saturday the 30th



Have a Safe and Happy Memorial Day!



We'll handle it from here.®



#preventionhappenshere



National Prevention Week May 10-16, 2020

Despite our national crisis with the Coronavirus, the war on drugs does not abate. We are still losing people to opioid and drug abuse. No longer strangers, those we are losing are our family members, neighbors, and friends. Drug Free Tipton has made major inroads in saving our youth from the danger of opioid and other drug use.

We sure don't want to stop now. We currently have a great opportunity to protect our children from becoming a statistic.

Remember- Parents are the first line of defense

How to Participate

- 1. Pick up a t-shirt from McLillie's & McLillie Ink
(Available May 5th)
1760 Highway 51 South
Covington, TN 38019
(901) 568-8404
First 100 shirts are free!**
- 2. Put on your Walk Talk Prevent t-shirt and take a walk around your community following COVID-19 guidelines.**
- 3. While you are walking use the talking points (given with each t-shirt) to have conversations about underage drinking, prescription drug abuse and tobacco use (vaping included).
TALK- they hear you.**

Don't forget to post a picture of you walking in your Walk Talk Prevent t-shirt and tag Drug Free Tipton so we can post it on our Facebook page.

Walk Talk Prevent!

WALK

TALK

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PREVENT



SHOW YOU DISAPPROVE OF UNDERAGE DRINKING AND OTHER DRUG MISUSE.

OVER 80 PERCENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE AGES 10–18 SAY THEIR PARENTS ARE THE LEADING INFLUENCE ON THEIR DECISION WHETHER TO DRINK. SEND A CLEAR AND STRONG MESSAGE THAT YOU DISAPPROVE OF UNDERAGE DRINKING AND USE OR MISUSE OF OTHER DRUGS.

1

SHOW YOU CARE ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S HEALTH, WELLNESS, AND SUCCESS.

YOUNG PEOPLE ARE MORE LIKELY TO LISTEN WHEN THEY KNOW YOU'RE ON THEIR SIDE. REINFORCE WHY YOU DON'T WANT YOUR CHILD TO DRINK OR USE OTHER DRUGS—BECAUSE YOU WANT YOUR CHILD TO BE HAPPY AND SAFE. THE CONVERSATION WILL GO A LOT BETTER IF YOU'RE OPEN AND YOU SHOW CONCERN.

2

SHOW YOU'RE A GOOD SOURCE OF INFORMATION ABOUT ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS.

YOU WANT YOUR CHILD TO MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS ABOUT ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS WITH RELIABLE INFORMATION ABOUT ITS DANGERS. YOU DON'T WANT YOUR CHILD TO LEARN ABOUT ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS FROM UNRELIABLE SOURCES. ESTABLISH YOURSELF AS A TRUSTWORTHY SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

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SHOW YOU'RE PAYING ATTENTION AND YOU'LL DISCOURAGE RISKY BEHAVIORS.

SHOW YOU'RE AWARE OF WHAT YOUR CHILD IS UP TO, AS YOUNG PEOPLE ARE MORE LIKELY TO DRINK OR USE OTHER DRUGS IF THEY THINK NO ONE WILL NOTICE. DO THIS IN A SUBTLE WAY, WITHOUT PRYING.

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BUILD YOUR CHILD'S SKILLS AND STRATEGIES FOR AVOIDING DRINKING AND DRUG USE.

EVEN IF YOU DON'T THINK YOUR CHILD WANTS TO DRINK OR TRY OTHER DRUGS, PEER PRESSURE IS A POWERFUL THING. HAVING A PLAN TO AVOID ALCOHOL AND DRUG USE CAN HELP CHILDREN MAKE BETTER CHOICES. TALK WITH YOUR CHILD ABOUT WHAT THEY WOULD DO IF FACED WITH A DECISION ABOUT ALCOHOL AND DRUGS, SUCH AS TEXTING A CODE WORD TO A FAMILY MEMBER OR PRACTICING HOW THEY'LL SAY "NO THANKS."

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KEEP IT LOW-KEY. DON'T WORRY, YOU DON'T HAVE TO GET EVERYTHING ACROSS IN ONE TALK. PLAN TO HAVE MANY SHORT TALKS. CHECK OUT DRUGFREETIPTON.ORG FOR RESOURCES ON UNDERAGE DRINKING, TOBACCO AND VAPE USE, PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE, AND MARIJUANA USE.

