



Newsletter - March 27, 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

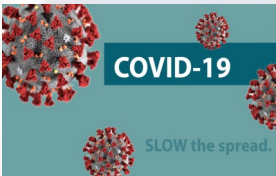
4th Tuesdays - Public Safety Committee
Keith Phelps - Chairman, C.H. Sullivan, Johnetta Yarbrough

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.



Board of Mayor and Alderman Meeting Goes Virtual!

Last week, Governor Bill Lee issued an Executive Order allowing the City to use virtual technology to conduct business during the COVID-19 pandemic. For the first time in history, our Board of Mayor and Aldermen met on Tuesday night using a meeting app and also live-streamed the meeting for the public to see. The City has also set up a designated email address for the public to submit questions or concerns. That email address is stayinformed@covingtontn.com. Thank you to Mayor Hanson, our Board Members, Nic Shaw, Sherri Onorati, Rebecca Ray, and City Attorney Rachel Witherington for helping to make this happen. This is certainly an unprecedented time we are navigating!



In order to further protect our employees and our community, effective immediately, all City buildings will be closed to the public until **April 6th**. 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>



COVINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

101 Tennessee Avenue - Covington, TN 38019 - 901-476-2578



[Visit us on our Facebook page](#)

In an effort to protect our Firefighters and Medical Personnel we ask that if you call 9-1-1 for any reason, please let the 9-1-1 call taker know if you are experiencing any flu-like symptoms.

Supporting Each Other!

Covington Fire Department would like to say "THANK YOU" to IHOP Covington for providing our "B" shift with breakfast on Thursday morning! It was GREAT! IHOP is open for carryout. Call ahead and they will get it ready for you.

Remember to shop local!



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.



COVINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



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SOCIAL DISTANCING

What does it mean?

Social distancing is the practice of reducing close contact between people to slow the spread of infections or diseases.

Social distancing measures include limiting large groups of people coming together, closing buildings and canceling events.

AVOID

- Group gatherings
- Sleepovers
- Playdates
- Concerts
- Theater outings
- Traveling
- Athletic events
- Crowded retail stores
- Malls
- Workouts in gyms
- Church Services
- Visitors in your house
- Non-essential workers in your house
- Mass transit systems

KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

- Visit a local restaurant to get take out
- Visit grocery store
- Pick up medications
- Play tennis in a park

Keep at least 6' - 8' between yourself and others

SAFE TO DO

- Take a walk
- Go for a hike
- Yard work
- Play in your yard
- Clean out a closet
- Read a good book
- Listen to music
- Cook a meal
- Family game night
- Go for a drive
- Stream a favorite show
- Call or email a friend or elderly neighbor to check in
- Group video chats



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

No Child Goes Hungry



This past week, Tipton County Schools (TCS) and several community volunteers stepped up to organize meals for the children in our community who depend on school meals each day. Hunger Stop Café is the bus that TCS uses during the summer feed program. It was parked at Boys & Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region every day this week for lunch. Also, volunteers put together lunch sacks and distributed them from Collins Chapel C.M.E. Church. They fed approximately 100 kids each day.

Many times, during a crisis, it is our children who suffer the most. Thank you to our wonderful school administrators and amazing community members who made sure each child that needed food had it available!



Dr. Amanda Walker has been appointed Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Continuing Education for Dyersburg State Community College. We would like to welcome Dr. Walker to DSCC!



A Message from Covington Country Club

Executive Order 17 was signed by Gov. Bill Lee on March 22, 2020 to go into effect March 23, 2020. With this came the question of how this Order will affect Covington Country Club. Your Board of Directors met on Monday March 23rd faced with 2 options.

1. The first option is to Completely close the Country Club.
2. The second option is to follow the path of other local businesses by offering take-out only meals & alcohol.

After much consideration it is the Board's decision to support the country club members, staff & community by regulating hours and offering only take-out meals. The Club will have take-out meals for lunch Wednesday thru Sunday from 11am – 1 pm, and take-out meals for Wednesday evening & Friday evening from 5pm – 8 pm. We are asking members to call in your order and enter through the Member's Bar door only for pick up. Although this is a smoking area, we request that there be no smoking in this area during this time. You may come inside to place or order, but the law prohibits the number of people that can be in the establishment at one time, so please pick up your order and leave. Please do not go to the Patio and eat, as this is considered part of our dining area. **SOME MENU ITEMS WILL BE LIMITED!** We will be attempting to keep down food cost and spoilage so there may be some items that will not be available.

There are several golf courses closing. It is the Board's decision that our course remain open for play. In a gesture to the golfing community, the Board would like to open the course Monday-Friday for non-members to play. These players will have to pay a discounted fee of \$35 and will have to call in advance for a tee time to ensure they do not interfere with our regular member groups and leagues. We are also asking all our golfers to check in at the Pro Shop. It is imperative that we know who is playing on the course. We will have a sign-in sheet in the Pro Shop. For your safety, the water coolers have been removed from the course, and rakes have been removed from the bunkers. In addition, we ask that you please leave the flag poles in the holes. Please practice social distancing while on the course. Sandwiches, snacks and drinks will be available in the Pro Shop. We will be observing these changes in operation until further notice. Let's all work together so you may continue to enjoy the golf course and support the clubhouse by ordering take-out. Please call Randy in the Pro Shop @ 901-476-8676 to schedule your tee time.

Keep
Covington
Clutter Free

"Keep Covington Clutter Free", previously known as Clean Up/Fix Up, scheduled for April 4th, has been postponed. Please stay tuned for new dates in the Fall! Until that time, our Covington Codes Department encourages our residents to adopt their block and help Keep Covington Clutter Free!



THE CARL PERKINS CENTER

**JOIN OUR
CHILD ABUSE
PREVENTION MONTH
EASTER EGG HUNT**

*The Carl Perkins Center will be doing a
Social Distancing Egg Hunt for Child
Abuse Prevention Month.*

**EGGS WILL BE SPREAD
THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY**

Take a car ride around town and
see how many BLUE eggs you
can find. Take a picture and post
to social media with the hashtag
#CPCEggHunt

APRIL 4TH - 12TH