



Newsletter - January 17, 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.

General Welfare and Public Relations Committee Meeting – 1/14/20

Present: Chairman Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Alderwoman Johnetta Yarbrough, Alderman Keith Phelps, Alderman CH Sullivan, Alderman Jeff Morris, Alderman Danny Wallace, Joseph Mack, Barrie Foster, Rebecca Ray, Nic Shaw, Echo Day

Airport Report (Director Anderson was not in attendance)

- Fuel Total 2384 (December sales)
- Discussed funding request from TDOT for \$28,600 to replace obsolete terminal at fuel farm

Move to accept Airport report, approved

Parks and Recreation Report – Joseph Mack

Eagle Scout Proclamations

- 2 Boys Scouts completed Eagle Scout Projects
- Gaga Ball pit and mulch spreading
- Will recognize them at future Mayor and Board of Alderman meeting

Healthier TN Community Grant

- Received Level II, \$3000 grant, waiting on designation signs

Project Diabetes Grant

- Bicycle Park, have ordered all features and are in the process of ordering equipment (transport trailer, bicycle repair station)
- Joe explained that maintenance person will be responsible for bike repairs

2020 Fitness Challenge

- Log 2,020 miles in 2020 (walk, run, swim, bike, etc.), Prize at end of year
- Lose to Win Challenge, winners chosen by percentage of weight loss, beginning January 6th

Teammate of the Year

- Leann Stewart, runners up Lily Yates and Sherl Rose

Joe Mack stated that we are working on the massage therapy. Attorney Witherington is getting all the legal aspects in line. The Sportsplex will get 5% of all fees. Therapist will be contracted.

Move to accept Parks & Recreation report, approved

Tipton County Museum Report

- Veteran of the Month, Sherri Onorati, January 14, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
- Art is for Everyone with Barbara McBride, Fridays in February, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- Heart to Heart: Valentine Art, January 11, 1-4 p.m.
- Vincent van Gogh: Restless Genius, Richard Reed, Tuesdays in March, 6-8 p.m.
- Discussed Museum's Inclement Weather Policy
- Watercolor Seascapes with Barrie Foster, Wednesday mornings in February, 9:30-11:30
- Gardening Series every Saturday in February, free to members, \$5 for non members

Motion to accept Museum Report, approved

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned

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COVINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

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



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WINTER FIRE FACTS

Nearly half (46.8%) of all fatal fires occur between November and February.

January leads all other months in residential fires, heating fires and fatal fires.

When the temperature drops below 32 degrees, Tennesseans are 40% more likely to have a home fire than if it were above 32 degrees.

Heating equipment is the leading cause of home fire deaths nationally and the second leading known cause in Tennessee.



Click below to learn more!

EVERY
62 minutes
Tennessee has a structure fire.



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



COVINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Lethality Assessment Program

Covington Police Department is the first agency in Tipton County to partner with LAP (Lethality Assessment Program), a program designed to help officials identify people at high risk of becoming victims of domestic violence. Many domestic violence-related homicides are preventable if the signs are recognized and action is taken immediately. The LAP program helps law enforcement investigators and victim advocates make sometimes difficult decisions that will help keep victims safe and provide critical follow-up services.

Police Chief Larry Lindsey says, "The Covington Police Department is proud to be the first agency in Tipton County to collaborate in these efforts. We are here to serve, protect, and be a voice for victims of domestic violence. We are committed to them and to vigorous prosecution of those who commit these kinds of crimes. It is because of partnerships like this that more people feel comfortable taking that 'first step' in reporting these often heinous acts of violence."

To read more about this program, visit ofs.nashville.gov. If you or someone you know is the victim of domestic violence, call (800) 273-8712 for help. A representative from WRAP (Wo/Men's Resource and Rape Assistance Program) will be there to speak with you.



We would like to send a special "Thank You!" to the Covington Police Department, Covington Fire Department, and Covington Public Works for their hard work during the severe storms last Friday night through Saturday morning. Employees were preparing before the storms arrived and throughout the day to make sure our residents were safe!



5000 eight graders are invited to attend!

The inaugural P2P West Tennessee will take place at the Ripley Power and Light Building in Ripley, TN on March 4th and 5th 2020 from 8:00am-3:00pm both days. All public, private and home schooled 8th graders in Tipton, Haywood, Lauderdale, Crockett, Dyer, Fayette, Gibson, Hardeman, Lake, Madison, and Obion counties are invited to attend this two day event! Community leaders, mayors, Tipton County officials and HTL Advantage gathered recently to learn more about this event.

Pathways2Possibilities (P2P) is a hands-on, interactive career exploration experience, designed to help 8th graders link their passions to a paycheck. ***We are looking for area businesses to partner with P2P!***

There are three opportunities for you to join the P2P team:

Event Sponsor—email rray@covingtontn.com to request sponsorship levels

Pathway Professional—facilitate hands-on activities with the students at the event

Community Volunteer—event day activities, such as passing out materials, monitoring flow, signing in visitors, parking assistance, etc.

This is a great approach for developing our future workforce! Send us an [email](#) or call 901-476-9613 ext.117 to get more information on this exciting event!!

[VISIT THE FACEBOOK EVENT PAGE BY CLICKING HERE!](#)



Veteran of the Month, Sherri Onorati



The City of Covington would like to congratulate our own Sherri Onorati as Tipton County Museum's Veteran of the Month for January! Sherri was born in Cincinnati, Ohio on February 24, 1966. She enlisted in the United States Navy as an undesignated seaman in 1984, ten days after graduating high school. Her first duty station was the Enlisted Personnel Management Center (EPMAC) in New Orleans where her talent for the visual arts was discovered, leading her to be designated as an Illustrator Draftsman (DM). Her skills led her to the intelligence community, joint assignments and two tours in Hawaii. She also served with Naval Strike Air Warfare Center (NSAWC), otherwise known as Top Gun, when it moved to Fallon, Nevada. A tour onboard the USS WASP (LHD 1) to run the ship's graphic shop and ultimately the onboard TV and radio stations and Public Affairs Office, led to a change-in-rate 17 years after she first enlisted to Journalism (JO).

Her last duty station assignment brought her to Tipton County and Covington in 2001 as the Community Service Program Manager for Naval Personnel Command (PERS-6) onboard Naval Support Activity Mid-South. She retired on August 31, 2006 as a Journalist Chief Petty Officer.

For her service to our country, Sherri was awarded two National Defense Service Medals, six Good Conduct Medals, five Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, a Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, A sea Service Deployment Ribbon, three Joint Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbons and a Navy "E" Ribbon. She is also authorized to wear the Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist (ESWS) breast insignia and the Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist (EAWS) breast insignia.

Although Tennessee was never on her radar at any time, she and her husband Gary decided to stay in Tipton County to let their sons, Riean James, Nikolai Connor, and Takoda Grey, finish high school. They also have 2 grandsons, Liam Cole and Rowan James and another grandchild on the way in June 2020!

Sherri was nominated for Veteran of the Month by Andy Dunavant, who was the March 2015 Veteran of the Month. A reception was held Tuesday, January 14th at the Tipton County Museum to honor Sherri and her service to our country.



A Special Thanks to Our Program Sponsors:

- Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4840
- Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary Unit 116
- Woodmen Life, Neil Bringle

• CEDC •

Covington Economic Development Corporation

Save the Date!

Chocolate Tour
Saturday, February 8, 2020
Historic Covington Square
10am -4pm



Follow the Historic Covington Square on FB and Insta for more details!



Dining with Diabetes Class @ the Tipton County Public Library

FEBRUARY 18th, 25th & March 3rd
@ 10:00 A.M.

This program is open to anyone with diabetes, prediabetes, their family members or caretakers.
Classes will include information on diabetes management, carbs, sugar, sweeteners and important exams.
Each week we will cook a healthy recipe.

CLASS IS FREE, BUT REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED
Sign-up at the library, or by calling 476-8289



Who's in YOUR Family Tree?

Join us at the Tipton County Museum to learn about



Come explore this FREE research tool and learn techniques to find out more about your family history.

Presented by Sherri Onorati

Saturday, January 25 @ 10am

FREE to Museum members and \$5 for non-members.

For more information call 901-476-0242 or visit the Tipton County Museum



Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center
751 Bert Johnston Ave, Covington, TN
901-476-0242

www.covingtontn.com/museum or facebook.com/tiptoncountymuseum



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Successful Gardening—A February Event at The Tipton County Museum!



TIPTON COUNTY
MUSEUM

VETERANS MEMORIAL
NATURE CENTER



ADMISSION PER PROGRAM:
\$5.00 General Public

FREE to Museum Members

751 Bert Johnston Avenue
PO Box 768
Covington, TN 38019
Phone: 901-476-0242

Saturday, February 1st: 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.

"Feng Shui in the Garden"

- Guest Speaker – Barrie Foster: Director of the Tipton County Museum

Saturday, February 8th: 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.

"Diagnosis in the Landscape"

- Guest Speaker – Dr. Chris Cooper: Shelby County Master Gardener Coordinator & creator of WKNO's "The Family Plot."

Saturday, February 15th: 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.

"All About Houseplants"

- Guest Speaker – Kathleen Trent: Madison County Master Gardener

Saturday, February 22nd: 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.

"Medicines in the Garden"

- Guest Speaker – John Peterson: Memphis Area Master Gardener.

**** Saturday, February 29th: 10:00 - 11:30 A.M. ****

"Southern Garden Staples & their Roots"

- Guest Speaker – Sherl Rose: T.C. Museum Exhibit Support Specialist & Pollinator Expert

**** Please bring plants and seeds to share ****

NEWSLETTER



Is there something you'd like to share in our weekly newsletter?
Email Rebecca Ray at [rray@covingtontn.com!](mailto:rray@covingtontn.com)





Teen Empowerment Net
Youth Club of Covington
Invites you to their
Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser
Saturday, January 18th at
9:30 a.m.
\$4 donation per person
St. John Baptist Church
1602 Hwy 59 W.
Covington, TN 38019



Coffee with the Mayor
is cancelled for
January 21st. Please join
us at One Way Café on
February 4th!



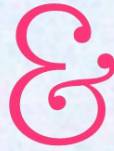
Drug Free Tipton has launched the tip411 alert system as a way to interactively keep the community connected and informed through email, text message, and online public safety alerts. Tip411 also allows the public to report crimes and other suspicious activities directly to law enforcement by sending **anonymous text messages** from their cell phone via a free smartphone app. Simply text "**Tipton**" to **847411** from your cell phone or download the tip411 app. This service is **100% anonymous!**

[Contact Drug Free Tipton at 901-378-0545 or visit www.drugfreetipton.org](http://www.drugfreetipton.org)

The City of Covington Presents:



A FATHER
DAUGHTER
DANCE



Friday, February 21, 2020

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. (Doors Open at 6:00)

Covington Civic Center - Tennessean Room

100 W. Washington Ave.

Covington, TN 38019

Ticket Price: \$25/couple - \$10 each additional child

Chaperone may be any adult father figure

Purchase Tickets by February 14th

No Tickets sold at the door, by reservation ONLY

Reservations can be made at the Covington Civic Center

Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

For More Info, Contact:

Karen Griffin (901) 475-7139 - (901) 475-7170 - kgriffin@covingtontn.com



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED
TO ATTEND OUR

*Ribbon Cutting & Building
Dedication Ceremony*

FOR OUR NEW UPPER SCHOOL BUILDING
2107 HIGHWAY 59 SOUTH
COVINGTON, TN 38019

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

2:00 - 4:00 PM

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 3:00 PM

We hope you will join us for refreshments and a
tour of the building & classrooms.

*Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His faithful
love endures forever. Psalm 107:1*

Each year, literally TONS and TONS of garbage are collected from our roadways in Tipton County. The Covington Public Works department has been hard at work making sure the streets of Covington are litter free. We would like to thank our Street Department for everything they do to keep Covington beautiful!



Reminder - Property taxes are now due! There are several ways to pay:

Pay easily online at [https://paycovingtontn.com/taxes.html/#/](https://paycovingtontn.com/taxes.html#/)

Pay by Phone: 1-844-867-1859 You must have the receipt number to complete the payment. Visa, MasterCard, Discover accepted

Pay in Person at City Hall, 200 W. Washington St., Covington, TN 38019

ATTENTION UTILITY CUSTOMERS!

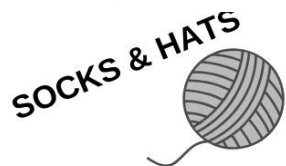
The City of Covington Utilities Department offers 4 easy ways to pay your bills:

- Pay at City Hall: Drive thru & office hours are 8 am - 4:30p.m. Monday - Friday
- Pay by Phone: Call 1-844-876-2911 (You must provide your account #)
- Pay Online: Visit www.covingtontn.com and click **“Online Bill Pay”**
- Automated Draft: Form to draft payment from your bank account can be filled out at City Hall.

As per rules that went into effect on July 1, 2015, the City of Covington is ***strictly enforcing*** due dates, cutoff dates, and late/reconnect fees for our utility customers. All payments must be received ***BEFORE 4:30 p.m. on the last day to pay.*** Any payment received ***AFTER 4:30 p.m.*** on the last day to pay will be subject to a \$50 charge. This charge must be paid in order to ensure services are not disconnected or to re-connect services in the event that they have been disconnected. ***THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS.*** Please refer to the chart below for Last Day to Pay dates and Disconnect Date:

BILL DUE DATE	LAST DAY TO PAY	DISCONNECT DATE
13th of the month	23rd of the month	24th of the month
24th of the month	3rd of the month	4th of the month

JANUARY EVENTS @ YOUR LIBRARY



TIPTON COUNTY STITCH-ALONG JAN. 18th 10-12:00 PM

Crochet & Knitting Group bring a project to work on, or if you want to learn, bring the following supplies:

Skein of Red Hear Super Saver yarn size H crochet hook or size 10 knitting needles

COLORING CLUB
JAN. 21st @ 12:00PM

BOOK CLUB
The Turn of the Key
by Ruth Ware
JAN. 21st @ 1:00 P.M.



Movie Days

Ages 18 & Up
@ 1:00 PM

Overcomer - JAN. 3rd [PG] 119 mins
Downton Abbey - JAN. 14th [PG] 122 mins.
Cool Runnings - JAN. 24th [PG] 98 mins.
Judy - JAN. 28th [PG-13] 118 mins.



JAN. 11th @ 1:00 PM

TAB is a group of teens ages 12-17, who meet once a month to help plan teen activities, select new materials, and volunteer.

Wi-Fi Printing is now Available!



Download the App Printer on or
<https://printer.net/dscctcpl/print>
BW \$0.10
COLOR \$0.25

GENEALOGY HELP
w/ River City Chapter of
the Daughters of the
American Revolution
JAN. 13th 9:30-11:30AM



ANIME CLUB

JAN. 11th @ 2:00 PM

AGES 12-17



Friends of the Library Meeting
JAN. 23rd @ 7:00 P.M.

New members are welcome!



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LEGO CLUB

AGES 11 & UNDER

JAN. 2nd @ 1:00 PM
JAN. 18th @ 11:00 AM
JAN. 23rd @ 4:00 PM

HOMESCHOOL BOOK CLUB

JAN. 16th

K-3 - 1:00 PM & 3rd & Up 1:15 PM

The Bravest Dog Ever (K-3)
by Natalie Standiford

The One Hundred and One Dalmations (3rd & Up)
by Dobbie Smith
Copies are available at the front desk for checkout

Donate your old LEGO's to our
LEGO Club!

Mother Goose Story Time
Ages 0-2
Every Thursday @ 9:00AM

Preschool Story Time
Every Wednesday & Thursday
@ 10:00AM

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Ages 0-PreK

Sign-up at the Library
READ BOOKS, WIN PRIZES



MAKE IT @ YOUR LIBRARY

JAN. 30th @ 4:00 PM



AGES 11 & UNDER



Yoga Storytime
JAN. 11th @ 11:00 AM

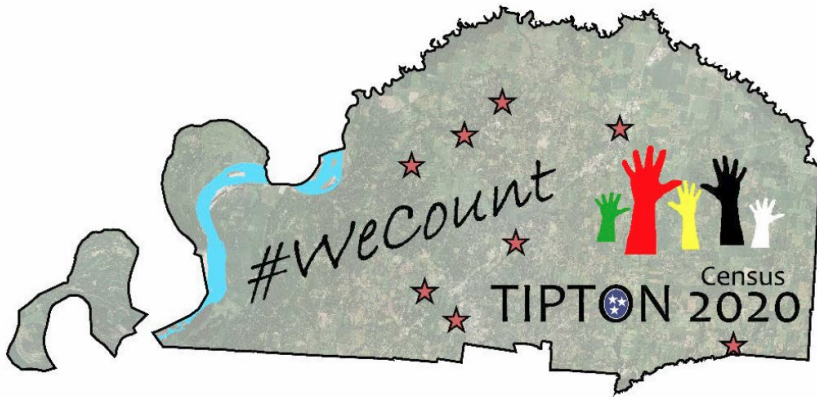
MOVIE DAY

JAN. 2nd @ 4:00 PM

CHILL OUT SCOOBY DOO!

[NR] 90 mins





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This information is designed to help citizens of Tipton County to understand the importance of participating in the 2020 Census by completing and submitting the questionnaire. Every municipality and the County are committed to ensuring that all individuals living in Tipton County on April 1, 2020, are counted in the Census. Our ultimate goal is to ensure that in Tipton County, we:

COUNT EVERYONE ONCE, ONLY ONCE, AND IN THE RIGHT PLACE.



Each year, the Federal Government distributes \$675 billion dollars in federal funds based on an area's population per the Census count. Our county will receive money to support school lunches, housing, food stamps, all manner of grants, and many other programs based on the Census. The 2020 Census will be the basis of these distributions for the next ten years. Our Constitution requires that all residents of the United States are to be counted in the Census every ten years.



The Census Count is used to determine how many representatives our district has in Congress, and can also potentially affect your county district representation.



Historically, the under-counted persons who did not participate in the Census were children under the age of five, immigrants, and people with a lower income.



A complete and accurate Census is paramount to equity, opportunity, and addressing the many issues faced by our region and the nation.



Local Census Partners: • Tipton County Government • City of Covington • Town of Mason • Town of Atoka • Board of Education • Tipton County Library • City of Munford • Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce • South Tipton Chamber of Commerce • UT AG Extension • Town of Brighton • First Utility District • STEMC • The Leader • City of Gilt Edge • Town of Burlison • Town of Garland • Community Organizations • Businesses • Local Philanthropic Organizations • Munford Memorial Library • Churches • UT/TSU

www.tiptonco.com/census2020