

Chief Mike Ferrell Names Lieutenant Kevin Collins to Deputy Chief of Police

The Covington Police Department is proud to announce the promotion of Lieutenant Kevin Collins to Deputy Chief of Police. This promotion follows the upcoming retirement of Deputy Chief Stephen Culotta, who has honorably served the City of Covington for 28 years.

Deputy Chief Collins, a 12-year veteran of the department, has held key roles in the Criminal Patrol Division and Criminal Investigations Division, where he served as commander. Most recently, he has led as the Training Director in the Professional Standards Division. In addition to his extensive experience, Deputy Chief Collins is a 2024 graduate of the prestigious FBI National Academy, Class 289.

Please join us in congratulating Deputy Chief Collins on this well-earned promotion and in extending our gratitude to Deputy Chief Culotta for his decades of dedicated service. We wish him a happy and fulfilling retirement!



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May/June
2025



MARK R. JOHNSON
MAYOR

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Rockin' The Rails



CHF's Farm To Table



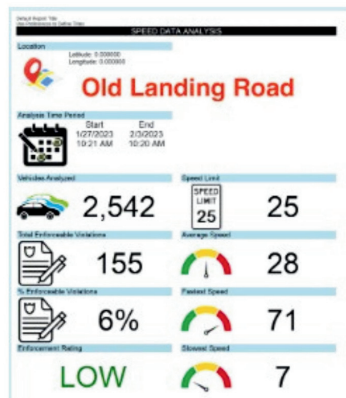
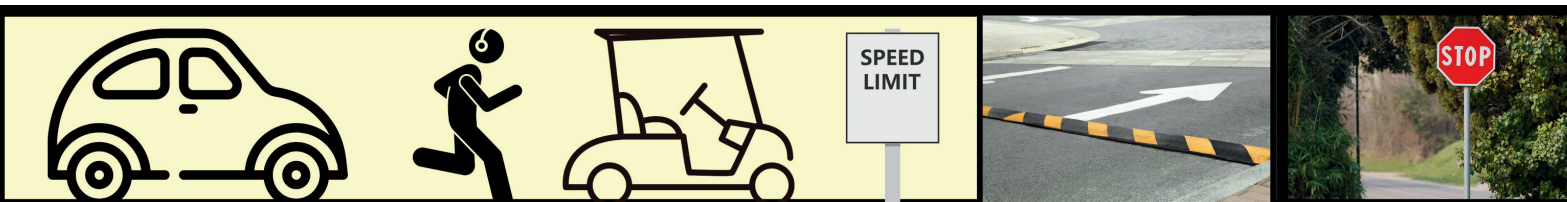
STAA Fundraiser



Covington Business Assn.
Rockin' The Rails



"Beth" at the
Block Party



While campaigning for mayor several years ago, the most often repeated complaint I received was speeding. The complaint was made in every part of town and in every neighborhood. It was and it still is the most repeated complaint. The second most often repeated complaint is running stop signs. Over the past few years, I have repeatedly pontificated on the ineffectiveness of stop signs.

Something I've learned since becoming mayor: Signs don't work. Stop signs don't work. Speed limit signs don't work. "Slow, Children at Play" signs don't work. "No Parking" signs don't work.

"No Left Turn" at 19th Ave. and Tyler St. doesn't work (still more wrecks than any other intersection in the city caused by drivers turning left).

I've recently discovered another Truism: Drivers don't always do what they are supposed to do. Some speed. Some run stop signs. Some don't yield properly in the red bean-about. Some don't yield properly at crosswalks. Some look at their phones when they should be looking at the road.

What I have found to be effective is speed bumps, speed tables and delineators (white poles). Enforcement also works. In the past couple of years, we have fully staffed our PD department (thanks to the Council and the taxpayers for much needed raises). We now have a traffic division with two officers that focus entirely on issuing citations.

To: Mayor Mark Johnson

Total citations for all CPD officers for the past 5 years.

2024 >	2668
2023 >	1581
2022 >	871
2021 >	896
2020 >	808

Respectfully,



Michael L. Ferrell
Chief of Police
Covington Police Department
609 N. Columbia Street
Covington, La 70433

In 2024, our PD issued 2,668 citations. That is more than 2020, 2021 and 2022 combined.

I, along with the Council, are now considering adding a third officer to this division (not an inexpensive undertaking). Two years ago, I stated that it was impossible for two Public Works employees on two boom mowers to properly maintain and mow all the ditches in the city. We purchased a 3rd mower, employed a 3rd driver and today, our roadsides look far better for it.

I now maintain that it is impossible for two traffic officers to properly monitor and patrol the entire city. I know River Forest, for one, could use more presence. Though an expensive undertaking, I am now asking the Council to add a 3rd officer to the Traffic Division.



FOOLS OF MISRULE

FOOLSFEST

SATURDAY, MAY 17TH, 2025

11AM - 9PM COVINGTON TRAILHEAD



14TH ANNUAL

A Taste of Covington

FESTA DEL VINO

May 10, 2025 | 7:30-10 p

St. Tammany Art House

INFO + TICKETS: ATASTE OF COVINGTON.COM



Pie Eating Contest



Hot Dog Eating Contest



Games For the Kids

SPARKS

IN THE PARK

Fireworks

June 28, 2025

5:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Bogue Falaya Park



Covington Concert Band



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THE RIGHT PIECES

	May					
7th	Covington Business Association Meeting		Wednesday	5:30 PM	FREE	Stone Creek
10th	American Heart Walk		Saturday	8:00 AM	Tickets	Covington Trailhead
10th	A Taste of Covington "Festa del Vino"		Saturday	7:00 PM	Tickets	STAA Art House
16th	Sunset at the Landing		Friday	6:00 PM	FREE	Columbia Street Landing
17th	FOOLS FEST (Cowboy Mouth)		Saturday	11:00 AM	FREE	Covington Trailhead
26th	CHF Veterans Appreciation Lunch		Monday	11:00 AM	FREE	Bogue Falaya Hall
29th	OnSTAGE (Britain's Finest Beatles Tribute)		Thursday	7:00 PM	Tickets	Fuhrmann Auditorium
30th	CBA Block Party		Friday	6:00 PM	FREE	Columbia Street
	June					
1st	Zumba w/Mayor Mark		Sunday	12:00 PM	FREE	Bogue Falaya Hall
3rd	City of Covington's Blood Drive		Tuesday	10:00 AM	FREE	Bogue Falaya Hall
4th	Covington Business Association Meeting		Wednesday	5:30 PM	FREE	The Greyhound
19th	Juneteenth Parade		Thursday	11:00 AM	FREE	Rev. Peter Atkins Park
20th	Sunset at the Landing		Friday	6:00 PM	FREE	Columbia Street Landing
27th	CBA Block Party		Friday	6:00 PM	FREE	Columbia Street
28th	Sparks In The Park (Covington Concert Band)		Saturday	5:30 PM	FREE	Bogue Falaya Park
29th	Zumba w/Mayor Mark		Sunday	12:00 PM	FREE	Bogue Falaya Hall



ZUMBA WITH THE MAYOR

June 1st
June 29
July 20
August 10

Bogue Falaya Hall 12:00 PM
For information email: mayormark@covla.com



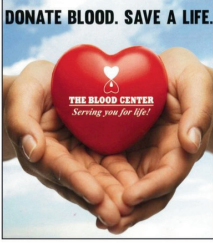
ZUMBA WITH THE MAYOR



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City of Covington's BLOOD DRIVE

DONATE BLOOD. SAVE A LIFE.



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Serving you for life!

Bogue Falaya Hall from 10:00 to 5:00

March 5th | June 3rd
September 2nd | December 16th





Sunset at the LANDING

3rd Friday of the month!
Columbia Street Landing

6:00 to 9:00



FINAL FRIDAY BLOCK PARTY

DOWNTOWN COVINGTON

CLASSIC CAR SHOW

6PM - 9PM
COLUMBIA ST.

LAST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH
MARCH - OCTOBER



See You On Street!