



Mayor Mark - SLOW YOUR ROLL



IF YOU GO SLO' ... SPEED BUMPS NO MO'

The city recently repaved S. New Hampshire St. (\$325,000). I removed the speed bumps and the speed table to allow for the new construction.

It makes absolutely no sense to pay all this money to make a street smooth only to come back and add bumps.

I don't like speed bumps. I don't like them because they penalize EVERY driver (not just those speeding). I also don't like 4-way stops used to deter speeding. They don't work.

So here's the plan: No speeding, no speed bumps. And fewer stop signs. If we can simply create a culture of 25 mph and respect for pedestrians, we could stop junking up our streets with poles, bumps and stop signs. However, if Jaymar Blackcat's data collection shows a continued problem, I will be forced to redeploy the bumps. I don't want to.

Enforcement: Ahhh, there's the key. In the last couple of years, we have created a traffic division with two officers dedicated to issuing citations. We have just added a 3rd officer. In 2024, Cov PD issued more citations than in 2020, 2021 and 2022 combined. They cannot be on every street all the time, but be forewarned ... lest it be you.

Keep Covington Covington

NEVER FORGET
SEPTEMBER

9/13/2025
5K and NEW FUN RUN INTRODUCED - 1 MILE -
RUN, JOG, WALK!!!
STARTS @ 9AM, RIGHT AFTER 5K

Register Now



MUSIC • ART • FOOD • KIDS VILLAGE

BLUES BERRY FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, OCT. 4
10:00AM - 6:30PM
Bogue Falaya Park, Covington

MAIN STAGE
Casey James

Kevin & The Blues Groovers | Julian Primeaux | J.J. Muggler Band | Jared Daws

thebluesberryfest.com

STAA
ST. TAMMANY ART ASSOCIATION

FALL FOR ART

SATURDAY OCTOBER 11 | **6-9 PM** | **DOWNTOWN COVINGTON**

#CovLA
September/October
2025



MARK R. JOHNSON
MAYOR

Photo by: Ron Barthet

"One of the coolest cities in America"

SLOW YOUR ROLL
SLOW YOUR PACE



Sparks in the Park



LMA Conference



Kokomo Stroll



CBA Block Party



White Linen Night

VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEARTBEAT OF OUR COMMUNITY

Covington enjoys a plethora of cultural events year-round. Though many are sponsored by the City, it is actually our volunteer community that make some of the most unique of them happen. The Covington Heritage Foundation coordinates Farm-to-Table, the Antiques and Uniques Festival, Memorial Day Veterans Appreciation, the Histories and Mysteries of Downtown, Cemetery #1 Whisperings and the History and Holly Home Tour. The St. John’s Fools of Misrule kick off Mardi Gras with a 12th Night Parade, host a chicken drop, Fool’s Fest and the Running of the Fools. Our Covington Business Association hosts monthly meetings for the business community, coordinates the Final Friday Block Party, Kokomo Stroll, Porch Fest, A Taste of Covington and Night On Columbia. Covington Public Art Fund puts on White Linen Night and The Northshore Traditional Music Society keeps melodies flowing through our streets year-round, while the Covington Concert Band presents LPO-like performances multiple times a year. Carnival in Covington rolls with parades by the Krewes of Olympia, Krew of Bogue Falaya, the Lions Club and Krewe of Covington. The Covington Three Rivers Art Festival puts on one of the top art festivals in the South and the St. Tammany Art Association sponsors Spring for Art and Fall for Art.

Our residents and visitors enjoy a wide variety of wonderful events all year long ... and we are grateful for those people and organizations that help make Covington one of the coolest cities in America.

HALLOWEEN IN COVINGTON

St. Tammany
Parish Sheriff's Office
37th ANNUAL
MONSTER MASH
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18th
BOGUE FALAYA PARK | 10AM - 2PM

Kids

FREE FUN FOR THE FAMILY
Trick or Treat In The Park
October 31
4:00 to 7:00 PM
Rev Peter Atkins Park
701 N Tyler St, Covington, LA 70433
Face painting . Candy .
Halloween Crafts . Games
And More!!!

Adults

FIELD OF SCREAMS
Presents **Blood Masquerade**
Saturday . October 18, 2025
Sunset to 10:00 PM . Covington Rec Complex
Covington Recreation Complex 4001 De Porres Road
Scream Trail is not for the easily frightened! (An adult or guardian MUST accompany children 12 & under.) NO SANDALS/Flip Flops

nightmare on COLUMBIA
Presented by
Saturday, October 18, 2025
Tickets \$45
Stroll: 5 - 7:30 PM
Columbia Street and the Trailhead
419 N New Hampshire St in Covington
Sponsor & Stroll Stop Invitation TO CBA MEMBERS
Get your brand in front a great, local crowd... and have fun while doing it!
nightmarooncolumbia.org

COVINGTON, LA
ROCKIN' THE RAILS
FREE CONCERT SERIES

EVERY THURSDAY
IN OCTOBER
5:30 PM
COVINGTON TRAILHEAD

PRESENTED BY:



September						
2nd	Mayor Mark's Blood Drive		Tuesday	10:00 AM	FREE	Bogue Falaya Hall
3rd	Covington Business Association Meeting		Wednesday	5:30 PM	FREE	Christwood
13th	Never Forget 5k		Saturday	7:00 AM	Tickets	Covington Trailhead
19th	Sunset at the Landing		Friday	6:00 PM	FREE	Columbia Street Landing
21st	Zumba w/Mayor Mark		Sunday	12:00 PM	FREE	Covington Food Bank
25th	Rockin' The Rails (Brass A Holics)		Thursday	5:30 PM	FREE	Rev. Peter Atkins Park
26th	CBA Block Party		Friday	6:00 PM	FREE	Columbia Street
27th	Keep Covington Beautiful "River Sweep"		Saturday	9:00 AM	FREE	Bogue Falaya Park
27th	Ultimate Tailgate Party		Saturday	7:00 PM	Tickets	Covington Trailhead
October						
1st	Covington Business Association Meeting		Wednesday	5:30 PM	FREE	Heritage Bank
2nd	Rockin' The Rails (The Blenderz)		Thursday	5:30 PM	FREE	Covington Trailhead
2nd	Saint Tammany Parish Fair (The fair runs from Oct 2-5)		Thursday	4:00 PM	Tickets	Fairgrounds
4th	Bluesberry Music & Art Festival		Saturday	10:30 AM	Tickets	Bogue Falaya Park
9th	Rockin' The Rails (Hard 8)		Thursday	5:30 PM	FREE	Covington Trailhead
11th	STAA "Fall For Art"		Saturday	6:00 PM	FREE	Downtown Covington
12th	Zumba w/Mayor Mark		Sunday	12:00 PM	FREE	Bogue Falaya Hall
16th	Rockin' The Rails (Bobby Ohler)		Thursday	5:30 PM	FREE	Covington Trailhead
17th	Sunset at the Landing		Friday	6:00 PM	FREE	Columbia Street Landing
18th	Mary Bird Perkins "Live Well"		Saturday	9:00 AM	FREE	Covington Trailhead
18th	Saint Tammany Hospital's Monster Mash		Saturday	10:00 AM	Tickets	Bogue Falaya Park
18th	Nightmare on Columbia		Saturday	5:00 PM	Tickets	Downtown Covington
18th	Field of Screams		Saturday	Sunset	FREE	Covington Rec Complex
19th	CHF Whisperings		Sunday	5:00 PM	FREE	Downtown Covington
23rd	Rockin' The Rails (PKW Band)		Thursday	5:30 PM	FREE	Covington Trailhead
30th	Rockin' The Rails (The YAT Pack)		Thursday	5:30 PM	FREE	Covington Trailhead
31st	CBA Block Party		Friday	6:00 PM	FREE	Columbia Street
31st	Trick or Treat Children's Event		Friday	4:00 PM	FREE	Rev. Peter Atkins Park
31st	Ozone Music Festival "Opening Night"		Friday	7:00 PM	Tickets	Fuhrmann Auditorium



Zumba with the Mayor in September is at the

