



Message from Chief Ferrell

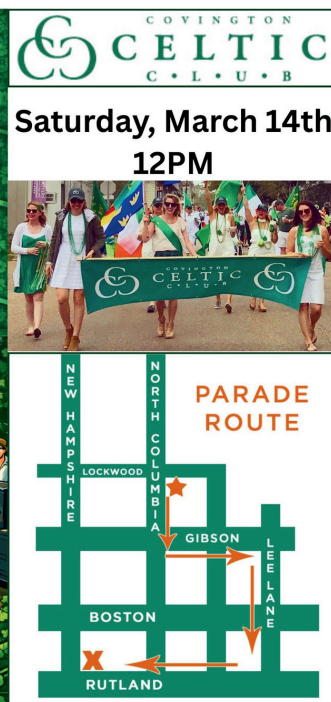


As Chief of Police for the City of Covington, I am proud to reaffirm our mission: "The Covington Police Department is dedicated to protecting and serving our citizens and visitors to the highest standards attainable. Our goal is to enhance the quality of life of every citizen through professional police services."

This mission guides every action we take and reflects our unwavering commitment to professionalism, integrity, and service. Over the past five years, through proactive policing strategies, focused enforcement, and strong partnerships with our community and allied agencies, we have achieved a significant reduction in violent crime throughout our city.

During this same period, our officers have removed a substantial number of illegal firearms from our streets, preventing potential acts of violence and directly contributing to safer neighborhoods, schools, and businesses. These accomplishments represent more than statistics; they reflect real progress in enhancing public safety and quality of life for everyone who lives in, works in, or visits Covington. While we are proud of this progress, we remain vigilant and committed to continuous improvement, transparency, and collaboration to ensure Covington remains a safe, vibrant, and thriving community.

Respectfully,
Michael L. Ferrell
Chief of Police
Covington Police Department



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2026



MARK R. JOHNSON
MAYOR

Photo by: Ron Barthet

SLOW YOUR ROLL
SLOW YOUR PACE

"One of the coolest cities in America"



Lions Club Parade



Mystic Krewe of Olympia Parade



Krewe of Bogue Falaya



Jay Saux Pirate Party



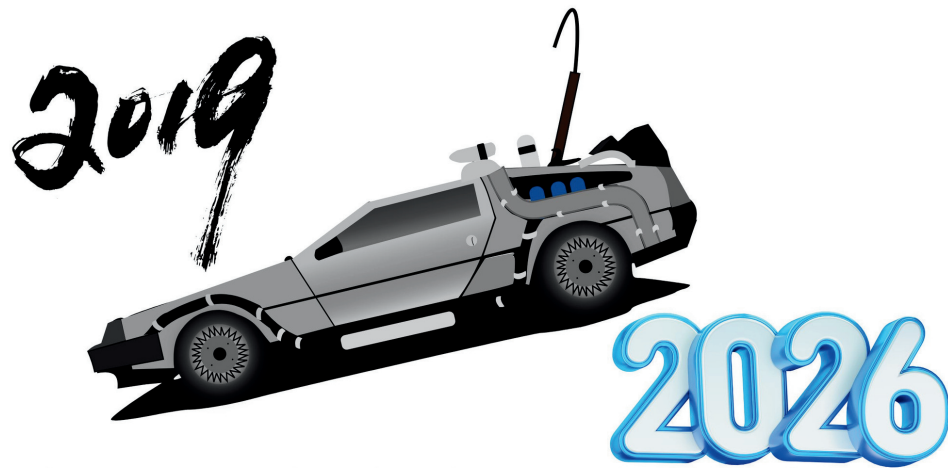
Fools of Misrule



Krewe of Covington



Mardi Paws



Director of Cultural Arts and Events Sarada Bonnett recently reviewed Mayor Mark’s e-blasts from the early days of his term. Tropical Storm Olga, Hurricane Ida, a Russian computer hack and a worldwide pandemic ... all in the first 2,000 days. It raised a few questions in Sarada’s mind:

SB: “Mayor, how’s it going in the city?”

MMJ: “I get that question almost on a daily basis. As Covington has changed over the years, my answer has changed. Now I can only say what everyone already knows: Covington is in a good place. The cleanliness of our streetscapes, the quality of our wastewater collection and treatment systems and our water system all reflect the pride our Public Works Department takes in delivering their services. Our police officers balance the need for empathy and discretion with the occasional need for force like few have before them. The Fire Department finds time to assist our most vulnerable on a daily basis while watching over the safety of all of us in ways the public does not always see. Administrative staff tucked away upstairs at City Hall are seldom seen nor heard ... which means they are quietly providing support to all the other departments in such a way that facilitates PW, PD, and FD’s success. Government cannot run like a business, but I will say that at this moment our little city is running as close to a business as one can.”

SB: “While campaigning in 2017, you were asked how to bring new businesses into downtown. Can you expound upon your answer?”

MMJ: “Bringing businesses in is quite simple: Make sure the businesses you have are successful. If they are, you won’t have to look for new businesses. If they are not, no incentive you offer will be enough. All of our departments and the City Council have adopted this philosophy. It’s visible in sidewalks, streetlighting, beautification projects, expanded parking, rebuilding subsurface infrastructure, followed by street paving and the addition of cultural events like the Lollipop Christmas Parade, Mardi Paws, Heart Association Heart Walk, Kid’s Block Party and the British Car Show. Our businesses know that if they face a challenge, City workers will be there promptly to address it.”

SB: “Mayor, how are you doing?”

MMJ: “Karen and I feel blessed. The improvements in the quality of life for all our residents in every neighborhood are not lost on us. I can’t help but feel pride in what our city workers have accomplished. Today, I can say I am happy I was chosen to be mayor and I am very happy to have served. By the way, lest we forget, I do have another 15 months on my term ;). At that time, I’ll have no qualms about stepping away.”



Marky McFly



5:30 PM - March 26th
Rev. Peter Atkins Park

FEATURING
ROCKIN' DOPSIE

	March					
1st	Zumba w/Mayor Mark		Sunday	12:00 PM	FREE	Bogue Falaya Hall
4th	Covington Business Association Meeting		Wednesday	5:30 PM	FREE	English Tea Room
12th	Saint Patrick Day Concert/4Unplugged		Thursday	5:30 PM	FREE	Covington Trailhead
14th	Covington Celtic Club Parade		Saturday	12:00 PM	FREE	Downtown Covington
15th	YSB Chef Soirée		Sunday	5:00 PM	Tickets	Bogue Falaya Park
21st	Shamrock Sprint		Saturday	7:00 AM	Tickets	Covington Trailhead
26th	Rockin' The Rails (Rockin' Dopsie)		Thursday	5:30 PM	FREE	Rev. Peter Atkins Park
27th	CBA Block Party		Friday	6:00 PM	FREE	Columbia Street
28th	British Car Show		Saturday	9:00 AM	FREE	Covington Trailhead
29th	Covington Heritage Foundation Farm to Table		Sunday	7:00 PM	Tickets	Covington Trailhead
	April					
1st	Covington Business Association Meeting		Wednesday	5:30 PM	FREE	Resource Bank
2nd	Rockin' The Rails (J & The Causeways)		Thursday	5:30 PM	FREE	Covington Trailhead
4th	Easter Eggstravaganza		Saturday	10:00 AM	FREE	Covington Trailhead
4th	Kiwanis Health Fair		Saturday	10:00 AM	FREE	Covington Trailhead
9th	Rockin' The Rails (Bucktown All-Stars)		Thursday	5:30 PM	FREE	Covington Trailhead
11th	STAA "Spring for Art"		Saturday	6:00 PM	FREE	Downtown Covington
16th	Rockin' The Rails (Bottoms Up)		Thursday	5:30 PM	FREE	Covington Trailhead
17th	Sunset at the Landing		Friday	6:00 PM	FREE	Columbia Street Landing
18th	CHF Antiques & Uniques (Also Sunday)		Saturday	10:00 AM	FREE	Covington Trailhead
19th	Zumba w/Mayor Mark		Sunday	12:00 PM	FREE	Bogue Falaya Hall
23rd	Rockin' The Rails (The Boogiemens)		Thursday	5:30 PM	FREE	Covington Trailhead
24th	CBA Block Party		Friday	6:00 PM	FREE	Columbia Street
25th	Keep Covington Beautiful "Paper shredding day"		Saturday	tbd	FREE	Covington City Hall
25th	Blue Dress Run		Saturday	8:00 AM	Tickets	Bogue Falaya Fitness
30th	Rockin' The Rails (Harvey Jesus & Fire)		Thursday	5:30 PM	FREE	Covington Trailhead

