

HONORING THE PAST. BUILDING THE FUTURE.
TOGETHER, WE SERVE COVINGTON.

Thank You
CHIEF
MIKE FERRELL

A LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP. A LIFETIME OF SERVICE.

Police Chief Mike Ferrell submitted his letter of retirement, marking the close of an exceptional chapter in the history of the Covington Police Department.



BUILT A STRONGER DEPARTMENT

When Chief Ferrell assumed command five years ago, nearly 70–80% of the department consisted of officers with fewer than five years of experience. He built a team that is now talented, experienced and ready for the future.



CREATED A CULTURE OF EXCELLENCE

From professionalism and accountability to service and high expectations, Chief Ferrell developed a culture grounded in integrity, discipline and a commitment to mentoring the next generation.



LEAVES BEHIND A LASTING IMPACT

His greatest legacy isn't found in statistics or titles—it's found in the people he leaves behind. Chief Ferrell leaves a stronger, more experienced and better prepared department to serve the citizens of Covington.



OUR COMMUNITY IS THANKFUL

For his steady leadership and unwavering dedication, our community owes Chief Ferrell a sincere thank you and wishes him the very best in his well-earned retirement.

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*Under Chief Ferrell's leadership,
they became professionals.*

*That transformation wasn't an accident;
it was the result of steady leadership,
high expectations and a commitment
to mentoring the next generation
of law enforcement officers.*

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MEET COVINGTON'S NEW
CHIEF OF POLICE
KEVIN COLLINS



The City of Covington is proud to welcome
Chief Kevin Collins as the new Chief of Police.

LEADER. HUSBAND. FATHER. SERVANT LEADER.



A dedicated public safety professional, husband, father, and servant leader, Chief Collins has built his career on integrity, leadership and an unwavering commitment to protecting and strengthening the communities he serves.



Born and raised in New Orleans, Chief Collins has devoted his professional life to public service. He and his wife, Marice, have been married for 18 years and are the proud parents of five wonderful children. Away from the badge, he is a devoted family man and self-described homebody who enjoys coaching, playing, and watching sports with his family and friends.



Chief Collins joined the Covington Police Department in 2013 as a Patrol Officer and has steadily risen through the ranks through demonstrated leadership and professionalism. He has served as a Detective, Criminal Investigations Division Sergeant, Criminal Investigations Division Lieutenant, Director of Training, Internal Affairs Investigator, Deputy Chief, and now Chief of Police.



Before entering law enforcement, Chief Collins served as Director of Sports & Competition for Special Olympics Louisiana, where he organized and led statewide athletic competitions for individuals with intellectual disabilities. This role reflected his passion for service long before putting on a police uniform.



His commitment to excellence extends to his education and professional development. Chief Collins earned a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology from Southeastern Louisiana University, graduated from the prestigious FBI National Academy (Session 289), and received a Master's Degree in Public Safety from the University of Virginia.

#CovLA

July/August 2026



MARK R. JOHNSON
MAYOR

Photo by: Ron Barthet

SLOW YOUR ROLL
SLOW YOUR PACE

ONE OF THE COOLEST CITIES IN AMERICA



AMERICA 250 JAZZ THROUGH THE AGES



MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM



SSA BLUE DRESS RUN



JUNETEENTH



VETERANS APPRECIATION

MAKIN' GROCERIES

PUBLIC ART. REAL IMPACT. PURE COVINGTON.

By now, you've probably noticed the incredible life-sized sculptures that have been popping up throughout downtown Covington. If one has made you do a double take, that was exactly the point!

A huge thank you goes to **Lisa Ward** and **Danny Saladino** of the Covington Public Art Fund, along with **Visit the Northshore**, for bringing these amazing works to our community. Through their efforts, the sculptures have been leased for one year, giving residents and visitors the opportunity to experience public art in an unexpected and interactive way.

One thing that's especially worth noting: **no City of Covington tax dollars** were used to bring these sculptures here. This project was made possible through partnerships, fundraising, sponsorships and community support.

Personally, I love discovering these pieces by accident. There's something magical about turning a corner and suddenly finding yourself face-to-face with one of these incredibly realistic sculptures. That's why I actually prefer not having a map, it makes each encounter feel like a little surprise. But if you're determined to find them all, maps are available in the lobby of The Southern Hotel and through their social media.

Here's another fun fact: much of the funding for the Covington Public Art Fund comes from **White Linen for Public Art**, proving that sometimes supporting your community is as simple as enjoying a great evening out. The organization has also been fortunate to receive generous donations from individuals and businesses who believe public art enriches our city.



“Public art does more than beautify a community, it creates conversation, encourages exploration, supports tourism and reminds us that art belongs to everyone.”

If you've enjoyed these installations, consider supporting the Covington Public Art Fund. Every donation helps bring more art, more creativity and more opportunities to experience Covington in unique and inspiring ways.

Thank you ♥

to everyone who has helped make this project possible. Covington is a more vibrant place because of your vision and generosity.



ART HAS
A WAY OF
SHOWING UP
WHEN YOU
LEAST EXPECT IT.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN COVINGTON

★ JULY & AUGUST 2026 ★

JULY

1st	Covington Business Association Meeting		WEDNESDAY	5:30 PM	FREE	Toasted Yolk Café
3rd	Covington Celebrates America 250 Concert	🎵	FRIDAY	6:30 PM	FREE	Covington Trailhead
4th	Spark's In The Park "Happy Birthday America"	🎵	SATURDAY	5:30 PM	FREE	Bogue Falaya Park
8th	Reading of the Declaration of Independence (America 250)	🎵	WEDNESDAY	5:00 PM	FREE	Covington Trailhead
17th	Sunset at the Landing	🎵	FRIDAY	6:00 PM	FREE	Columbia Street Landing
18th	FOOLS OF MISRULE (Running of the Fools)		SATURDAY	11:30 AM	FREE	Downtown Covington
19th	Zumba w/Mayor Mark	👤	SUNDAY	12:00 PM	FREE	Bogue Falaya Hall
31st	CBA Block Party		FRIDAY	6:00 PM	FREE	Columbia Street

AUGUST

5th	Covington Business Association Meeting		WEDNESDAY	5:30 PM	FREE	Covington Beer Garden
9th	Zumba w/Mayor Mark	👤	SUNDAY	12:00 PM	FREE	Bogue Falaya Hall
15th	White Linen Night	🎵	SATURDAY	6:00 PM	FREE	Downtown Covington
21st	Sunset at the Landing	🎵	FRIDAY	6:00 PM	FREE	Columbia Street Landing
22nd	Post 16 "Great American Legion Banana Split Celebration"		SATURDAY	1-3 & 6-8	TICKETS	American Legion
28th	CBA Block Party		FRIDAY	6:00 PM	FREE	Columbia Street
29th	Never Forget 5k		SATURDAY	7:00 AM	TICKETS	Covington Trailhead

The 9th Annual
JULY 11, 2026
KOKOMO
Stroll
DOWNTOWN COVINGTON
PRESENTING SPONSOR:
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NEVER FORGET 5K
AUGUST 29, 2026
COVINGTON, LOUISIANA
★ ★ ★
QUESTIONS? neverforget5krun@yahoo.com

August 22nd
AMERICAN LEGION'S 6TH ANNUAL
GREAT AMERICAN BANANA SPLIT CELEBRATION
BENEFITING
NORTHSHORE FOOD BANK
GAMES • PRIZES • ENTERTAINMENT
TREATS • AND MORE!
TICKETS \$8 IN ADVANCE
\$10 AT THE DOOR
TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT
NORTHSHORE FOOD BANK RESALE SHOP
BEGINNING IN LATE JULY!
COME CELEBRATE & SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE!

SAVE THE DATE
COVINGTON WHITE LINEN
FOR PUBLIC ART
2026
AN EVENING CELEBRATING PUBLIC ART
AUGUST 15
PRESENTING SPONSOR:
ARENA COLLECTIVE

★ FREE PUBLIC EVENT ★
JULY 18TH 10AM-12PM
THE ST. JAMES FOOLS OF MISRULE
INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
2026 RUNNING OF THE FOOLS
THE CHASERS:
BMTD BAD MOMS' DANCE
TIME:
Preparty @ 10am
The chase begins @ 12pm
DRESS:
All white with a red accent
LOCATION:
Start and Finish @
Columbia Street Tap Room
MUSIC, FOOD AND PLENTY OF FOOLISH BEHAVIOR AT THE NOW
WORLD FAMOUS AFTERPARTY FOLLOWING THE RUN.

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