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Dec. 26, 2012 - Jan. 1, 2013

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2012 and join in celebration with family and friends this holiday season, we frequently take the time to reflect on the past year and eagerly await the opportunities that

lay ahead in 2013 with hope and enthusiasm. In reflection, we recognize and are thankful for those "genuine treasures" we have enjoyed throughout the year with our loved ones, and excitedly anticipate those to

In addition, I am thankful for the "genuine treasures"

As a City, one of our "genuine treasures" is that

On behalf of the City of Covington, I extend our warmest regards and best wishes. May the spirit of this wonderful season be with you and your loved ones throughout the holidays and the New Year. And may you gather with us

New Year's Traditions Around the World

The Oldest Continually Celebrated Holiday

News Year's celebrations have a long history of rich

tradition in almost every culture. It is dated back to the

ancient Babylonians sometime around 4000 BC. The

celebration began on the first new moon after the Spring

Equinox and continued for eleven days, each day with a

different activity. This was the start of the New Year's

resolution tradition, and there is a common symbolism of

renewal, revitalization and self-improvement in many

Ancient Europe had many traditions for the new year. It

is said that the first person to enter a home at the start of

the new year represented the fortune of the household in

the upcoming year. This "first-footer", as they were called,

should carry a gift, such as a coin for prosperity, bread for

food, salt for flavor or whiskey for good cheer. In Ireland,

mistletoe was handed out to ward off bad luck, and often

hung around the house to remain until the next new year. Home owners would pound on their windows and doors

with bread, to cast out evil spirits and ensure food for the

year to come. The Chinese, however, had a different

method to chase away evil spirits - noise makers and

fireworks. Their new year is celebrated on the second new

moon after the solstice, a date chosen to signal farmers

that it is time to begin preparing their crops. People will

wear red, and the dragon and lion will dance in the street. In Japan there is also much preparation for the new year.

The house must be thoroughly cleaned, all disagreements

are resolved and forgiven, all debts are paid. The new

year is started with a clean slate, and the first day of the

year is called "First Writing Day", when people write their

hopes and dreams for the new year. Firework displays are

held around the world, some of the most famously lavish

at Sydney harbor, Rio de Janeiro, Madeira, London,

Disney World in Orlando Florida, and New York City,

where the descent of the giant crystal ball marks the last

moments of the new year.

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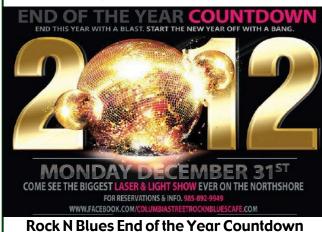
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Covington's the Place to Be This New Years! Wino's & Tacos Grand Opening



The long awaited Winos and Tacos grand opening is here! Starting with a special Grand Opening menu of contemporary rustic Mexican cuisine by chef Joel from 7 - 10 pm. Live music starts up at 9 pm with jazz band Cafe Au Lait. \$15 cover, champagne toast at midnight. There will be a limousine service available on a first come, first serve basis for the Mandeville/Covington area, \$30 round trip.



Rock N Blues Cafe will have its official grand opening on New Year's Eve Night as well, with DJ Racks, DJ Hollywood, DJ Khemical and DJ U-Neek bringing the beats, a laser and light show, drink specials and more. Admission is \$5, and every 25th entry wins a door prize. Must be 21 to enter.



Quote of the Week

"For last year's words belong to last year's language and next year's words await another voice, And to make an end is to make a beginning."

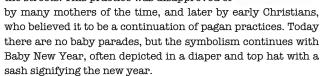
- T. S. Eliot, Little Gidding

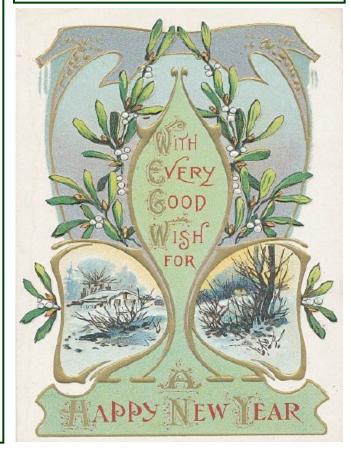
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Full Moon

Baby New Year - A Controversial Tradition

The tradition of using a baby to personify the rebirth of a new year actually came from the Greeks, around 600 BC. Many cities would watch for the first baby of the new year, local merchants would shower it with gifts and the people would parade it through the streets. This practice was disapproved of





Farmers Market Recipes

Fresh recipes inspired by ingredients found αt the Covington Farmers Market Hoppin' John

is on

Happy New Year

Covington Weekly

Hoppin' John is a traditional Southern United States New Year's day dish that is thought to bring good luck in the new year.

Ingredients:

2 cup dried black - eyed peas

- 1 pound of slab bacon or ham hocks
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 tomato, chopped
- 1 bell pepper, chopped crushed red pepper flakes
- salt & pepper
- 4 cups of water or chicken broth

2 cups of uncooked long grain rice

Spices/seasonings:

green peppers, vinegar, and spices have also been added to this dish.



Cooking Instructions:

Before preparing the peas, sort and remove any pebbles or other debris. Soak, rinse, and drain peas. Place in a large soup pot and cover with cold water, cook over medium-high heat until it reaches a good boil. Remove from heat, cover and let sit for 1 to 2hours. Drain and rinse peas again.

Using the same large soup pot, add soaked peas, bacon or ham hock, onion, spices, and water or chicken broth, and cook over medium-high heat. Bring to a boil, and then reduce heat to medium-low and cook for $1\ 1/2$ to 2 hours, until peas are tender. Do not boil too long or the peas will burst.

Remove meat and cut into bite sized pieces, return to pot. Add uncooked rice and cover, cook for 25-30 minutes or until rice is tender and liquid is absorbed. This dish is usually served with cornbread.

Why Fireworks?

Fireworks date back to 7th century China, where they originated. China remains the largest producer and exporter of fireworks in the world. They hold both religious, aesthetic and entertainment value, and the tradition stems from the belief that noise and fire will dispel evil spirits and bring good luck.



The Most Familiar Song to which nobody knows the words

"Auld Lang Syne" became an instant New Years standard when Guy Lombardo and his Royal Canadians played it New Years Eve of 1929,

broadcasting from the Waldorf Astoria in New York City. The song originated from an old Scottish poem published in 1788 by Robert Burns and set to the tune of a traditional folk song. The title remains in it's original gaelic language, and translates roughly to "old long time". This song is referred to affectionately as "the most familiar song to which nobody knows the words", and usually only the chorus and first verse are sung. Impress your friends this year with the whole song!

Auld Lang Syne

Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and never brought to mind? Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and days of auld lang syne? For auld lang syne, my dear, for auld lang syne.

We'll take a cup o' kindness yet, for days of auld lang syne. We two have run around the braes,

> And pulled the gowans fine. But we've wandered many a weary fit Since the days of auld lang syne.

We two have paddled in the stream From morn'n sun till dine. But seas between us two have roared



Since days of auld lang syne. So here's a hand my trusty friend! Give us a hand of thine! We'll take a good-will drink again For days of auld lang syne.





As we draw near to the end of

come in the New Year.

expressed in our City throughout the year. It has been heartwarming to witness the thoughtfulness of caring neighbors, the community service and involvement of active and engaged residents. My utmost gratitude goes out to those committed and devoted volunteers, community groups and organizations who work tirelessly during the year to enrich our lives in Covington. On a personal note, I am thankful to my City staff and Councilmen, who are committed to working together with the community to make productive and lasting contributions to our City and I feel extremely fortunate to serve with such a dedicated group.

expressed in our community spirit as we gather and celebrate throughout the year at the many annual events held in Covington, bringing together family, friends, and visitors. The year ahead of us is particularly unique in that Covington will observe our 200th birthday, having numerous occasions to enjoy community activities leading to our closing bicentennial celebration ceremony on July 4th. Covington is a town of legacies, shared by each of us that choose to live here, dissimilar from most cities in that we truly protect our past in order to enhance our future. Commemorating our bicentennial will serve to preserve that legacy perpetually.

in 2013 to enjoy the "genuine treasures" of Covington.















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IMPORTANT NOTICE:

THE COVINGTON FARMERS MARKET WILL NOT HAVE A WEDNESDAY MARKET DECEMBER 26 & JANUARY 2 DUE TO THE HOLIDAYS.

Covington Farmer's Market - Saturday December 29, 8 am - 12 pm @ the 600 block of Columbia St. Fresh local produce, raw and prepared foods, plants and vegetables, live music by Brian Bonura beginning at 9:30, and Chefs Keith and Nealy Frentz of LOLA Restaurant will drive their food truck Lola Deux to the market. - 600 block of Columbia St.

Winos & Tacos Grand Opening – Monday December 31, starting at 6pm @ Winos & Tacos
Contemporary rustic Mexican cuisine prepared by chef Joel from 7 - 10 pm. Live jazz band, Cafe Au Lait plays at 9 pm. Champagne toast at midnight. \$15 cover. Limousine service first come first serve Mandeville/Covington area. -321 N. Columbia St.

Columbia Street Rock N Blues Cafe End of the Year Countdown – Monday December 31, doors open at 5pm @ Rock N Blues Cafe Come see the biggest laser and light show ever on the Northshore and four DJs starting at 9pm -til. Admission is \$5 per person, and every 25th entry receives a door prize. Must be 21 to enter. – 407 N. Columbia St.



Happy New Year

St. Tammany Art Association 320 N. Columbia St. - Wax On Covington Trailhead Museum 419 N. New Hampshire - David and Clariza Kern Henry Hood Gallery 325 E. Lockwood St. - Maggie McConnell, Suzy Moritz Brunner Gallery 215 N. Columbia St. - Rick Brunner, Byron May Tripolo Gallery 323 N. Columbia St. - Bill Binnings, Craig McMillin, Juli Juneau, James Michalopoulos, Al Ormsby, Rebecca Rebouche, Scott Ewen, Ken Tate, Gail Ruggiero, Scott Upton, Donna Duffy, Barbara Hansen Three Rivers Gallery 333 E. Boston St. - Roy Robinson, Roy Pfister, Harriett Blum, Robert Baumgartner, David Barfield, Gail Glassman, Peggy Hesse, Suzanne King, Charles Macgowan, Donald Maginnis, Valerie Stangl Melancon, John Preble, Max Ryan Roy's "Art"chery 319 N. Columbia St. - Roy Blaum, Jessica Porter Blaum, Billy Porter

Covington Live Music Listings for Dec. 26 - Jan. 1

Wednesday: Front Porch Jam @ the Wednesday Covington Farmers

Market (Covington Trailhead) / Harpist Jessica Meltz @ The English

Tea Room 12:30-2:30pm / Open Mic Night @ The Green Room

Thursday: Ladies Night with DJ Gene @ The Green Room / Mike

Epstein @ Columbia Street Tap Room 8 pm Friday: Open Mic Night @

St. John's Coffeehouse 7pm / The Mockingbird @ the Green Room 10

pm / The Justin McCain Project @ Columbia Street Tap Room 8:30pm

Saturday: Brian Bonura @ Covington Farmer's Market 9:30am /

Marcos Maciera + Crescent City Groove Trio @ the Green Room 10pm /

Five Finger Discount @ Columbia Street Tap Room 10pm Sunday:

Open Mic Poetry @ St. John's Coffeehouse 2pm / Karaoke with DJ

Bobby Blaze @ the Green Room 9pm Monday: Cafe Au Lait @ Winos &

Tacos 9pm / DJ Racks + DVJ Hollywood + DJ U-Neek + DJ Khemical @

Columbia Street Rock N Blues 9pm / All Requests with DJ Jacob Durr

Save the Date

@ the Green Room Tuesday: Singer/Songwriter Timothy AG @ The

English Tea Room 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

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