

# FREE Covington Weekly



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## Covington Street Improvements And Beautification Projects

The City has released beginning dates for several Downtown Covington Revitalization Projects, set to be completed for the culmination of the City's Bicentennial Celebration on July 4, 2013.

First on the agenda is the Boston Beautification Project, also being called Boston Streetscape. This job will include repairing and replacing sidewalks, adding additional handicap ramps, and replacing old planters with 99 new ones. The project is set to begin this month.

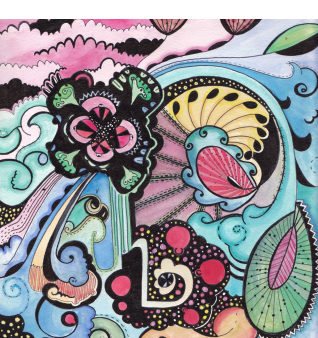
Also this month is the Boston Street Signalization Project, which will replace all hanging light signals with decorative metal light posts.

Columbia Street will be getting some well needed attention too. The street will be repaved from Boston Street to Collins Blvd, and various drainage issues will be corrected. This is being done in conjunction with the LA Department of Transportation and Development, who will then donate the state highway to the City. Owning this two mile stretch of road will be very beneficial to the City, allowing greater legislative control of the area. This project is set to begin in October.

Lastly there will be a general 2012 Street Maintenance & Improvement Project. This will involve street overlay and repairs as well as sidewalk repair. Locations determined on a priority basis, this project will begin in mid-October.



Below Left: "beatles" by Sarah Dunn (color sketchbook doodle, 2011). Below Right: Chair by Greg Arceneaux, from the Ogden Museum Furniture Collection. Meet Sarah and Greg at "Meet the Artist" at the Center of Performing Arts on Thursday.



## Covington Bicentennial Postcard Contest

### Bicentennial Postcard Contest Underway

Submit your old photos of 'Historic Covington' to the Covington Bicentennial Postcard Contest! Winning photos will be used to create a series of Bicentennial commemorative postcards for sale at local retailers. All photos will be returned to their owners after the winners are selected.

For additional information about this event, contact Sarah Chambless at [schambless@covla.com](mailto:schambless@covla.com) or (985) 892-1873.

## A Letter To All Covington Residents From Mayor Cooper (Sept. 11th)

Dear Friends:

As many of you are aware, I recently underwent emergency colon surgery and am progressively recovering at St. Tammany Parish Hospital. I would like to sincerely thank those of you who have relayed your heartfelt sentiments and gratifying thoughts and prayers.

On this particular day, I would be remiss if I did not stop and offer a moment of silent reflection in remembrance of those innocent victims of the horrendous attacks of September 11th, the loved ones they left behind, and the men and women who serve our country to assure our safety and freedom. I humbly ask you to take a moment and do the same.

While I've been kept abreast and have full confidence in the direction I've given my administration on all City matters, I'm experiencing a slow recovery and want to assure the residents of Covington that City business is first and of foremost importance to me and that it continue to be expediently and efficiently handled.

Today, our City Council, following routine procedure as stated in our City of Covington Code of Ordinances has appointed Covington City Council President, Sam O'Keefe to serve as Acting Mayor during my temporary absence. I have complete confidence in Councilman O'Keefe's service in this position and in my staff to maintain and enhance our united goals and desire to effectively serve our community while I regain my strength. I look forward to a complete recovery and returning to "active duty" as soon as possible!

Regards,  
Mayor Mike Cooper  
City of Covington

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## Quote of the Week

"We built your fort. We will not have it used against us."

John Wayne, 'Allegheny Uprising'

Sunday  
September 16



New Moon

## Signs, Signs, Everywhere There's Signs

### Code Enforcement In The City Of Covington

Code enforcement is responsible for enforcing codes and regulations related to garbage, housing, dangerous buildings and inoperable or unlicensed vehicles. The Code Enforcement Officer investigates the following complaints: substandard/dangerous structures, public nuisances (trash, debris, junk vehicles), zoning and land use violations, public health hazards, tall weeds and grass, illegal businesses and signs, visual obstructions and noise.

Recently, we have fielded concerns from a few local business owners with regard to the City's sign ordinance. We would like to acknowledge a special thanks to Councilman Rick Smith for following up with one affected business owner. The Covington Business Association has contacted the City, and a representative has been asked to attend the October CBA general meeting to answer questions and address concerns of CBA members. If you have any questions about the city's sign ordinance, you are encouraged to attend the CBA meeting, Wednesday, October 3rd at the Center of Performing Arts.

There are many vacant buildings sitting on Columbia Street, out of code, in disrepair. If a potential business owner is unable to get a loan for a vacant commercial property in downtown Covington because the building is not up to code, then how can there be an expectation of said property being rented? One of the duties of Code Enforcement is to investigate substandard and dangerous buildings. The old Star Theatre has been sitting unattended for years, with no working central air system. If the owners of all vacant commercial properties are given the same fines that operational businesses are given if they are in violation of the same codes, then property owners might have a reason to improve the properties they own.

The City's main concern should always be public safety. When defunct businesses have been sitting for years and years, they can become a hazard as well as an eyesore. Improving the downtown Historic District should start with populating the empty buildings. Covington Weekly encourages all Covington residents and business owners to report any possible violations to the Code Enforcement Officer, Wayne Mayberry. Officer Mayberry may be reached by telephone at (985) 892-1811 ext 739. Fax line is (985) 635-0076 and e-mail address is [wmayberry@covla.com](mailto:wmayberry@covla.com). The code enforcement office is located at 317 N. Jefferson Ave.

## Farmer's Market Recipes

Fresh recipes inspired by ingredients found at the Covington Farmer's Market, by Chef Sorelli

### Lamb Burgers w/ Mint Pesto and Sweet Potatoes

#### Collect:

- 1 lb of ground lamb (Justin Pitts)
- 1 small jar of mint pesto (Sorelli's at the Market)
- 1 loaf of baguette (Windfield Farm)
- 1 container of skordalia (Mother Theresa Cookies)
- 1 jar pickled red onions (Bushwood Farms)
- 1 container sweet potatoes (Father and Son Farm)
- Oil, salt and pepper from pantry

Begin by mixing the lamb meat and mint pesto with a pinch of salt and pepper. Patty out four 4 oz lamb patties and refrigerate for about two hours.

Set the oven at 375 degrees and cover the bottom of a baking dish with oil. Wash the sweet potatoes and cut in rounds about 1/4 inch thick. Salt and pepper the potatoes and spread on the baking dish flat with sides touching. Bake the potatoes for about thirty minutes, then flip them and continue baking until fork-tender.

Now it is time to decide whether to grill or pan fry the lamb burgers. Once you have decided your method, cook them to an internal temperature of 160 degrees. Spread the skordalia on the toasted baguette, add pickled red onions and lamb burger, and serve with baked sweet potato disks.

The Covington Farmer's Market is every Saturday from 8-12 at the 600 block of Columbia Street, and every Wednesday at the Covington Trailhead from 10 - 2, rain or shine. This week market vendors Steve and Elizabeth Nuccio will prepare and sell muffalottas. Come out and enjoy some of the best Covington has to offer!

## Support Local Farms

Some local farms sustained damage with the recent flooding. Please do what you can to support our local producers because they work hard to provide our community with the invaluable resource of food.

## Angelica

Angelica archangelica, referred to as Garden Angelica, Wild Celery or just "angelica", is cultivated for its sweetly scented edible stem and roots. The plant is used in many dishes, sauces and even liquors.



Angelica is harvested for various medicinal uses as well. In Appalachia, the herb is used as a treatment for colic, menstrual cramps and sour stomach. It has also been said that chewing on the dried herb might help curb desire for alcohol.

The angelica grows only leaves the first year, but in its second year it shoots out a fluted stem that can reach up to six feet tall. Because of its similarities to several poisonous species, it should not be consumed unless it is identified with absolute certainty.

Angelica is actually a genus of which there are over 60 species. Among these is the Chinese Angelica, better known as Dong Quai. This herb is famous for its proclaimed healing properties, especially aiding women with menopausal symptoms.



## September is National Honey Month!



Find fresh local honey at the Saturday Farmer's Market, Marsolan Feed and Seed, and Columbia St. Natural Foods.

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## MEET the ARTIST

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THURSDAY  
September 13, 2012



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## Local Events

**Covington Farmer's Market - Wednesday September 12, 10am - 2pm**  
 @ the Covington Trailhead Rain or shine, live "front porch jam", fresh local produce and prepared food. - 419 N. New Hampshire St.  
**Yappy Hour - Wednesday September 12, 6:30-8:30 pm @ Mellow Mushroom** The 2012 Road Tour continues this Wednesday at Covington Mellow Mushroom on Hwy. 190. Support the St. Tammany Humane Society with pizza and drinks, mellow style.

**Meet the Artist - Thursday September 13, 5pm - 7 pm @ the Center of Performing Arts located in the St. Tammany Homestead building.** Enjoy wine and refreshments, featuring work by Sarah Dunn and Greg Arceneaux. Door prizes and live music. - 205 N. Columbia St.  
**Covington Bicentennial Meeting - Thursday September 13, 6pm @ William Pitcher Jr. High** The Bicentennial Committee will be deciding on events, commemorative art and more! Come be a part of history!

**Bogue Falaya River Sweep Litter Clean-up - Saturday September 15, 8 am to noon, meet at 4th Ave. Boat Launch (Menetre)** Paddlers bring your canoes/kayaks to the Menetre (4th Avenue) Boat Launch; pick up trash as you paddle to Bogue Falaya Park; picnic at the park at 11 am. Personal Floating Device required for all paddlers. For more information call KCB 985-867-3652 or email kcb@covla.com

**Covington Farmer's Market - Saturday September 15, 8am - 12pm @ the 600 block of Columbia St.** Fresh local produce, raw and prepared foods, plants and vegetables, live music by John Hebert, food demo by market vendor Nanette Schoenewe. - 600 block of Columbia St.

**Robin Hamaker Fundraiser - Saturday September 15, 6 - 10pm @ St. Tammany Art Association** \$25 admission buys Abita Beer, Coffee Rani Sangria, Zea's Beer, Myron Bailey's Taco Truck, Gray Darling with Taste Buds (Zea's) southwestern food, Mike Sauviac's tamales, and various desserts. - 320 N. Columbia St.

**Wine Tasting with Adam Aquistapace - Tuesday September 18, 6pm @ St. Tammany Art Association** Learn all you want to know about wine from certified wine specialist Adam Aquistapace! \$20 per person.

### Covington Live Music Listings for September 12-18

**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 / Rick Samson & Friends @ Columbia St. Tap Room 8pm **Friday:** Settly + Robert Fortune Band + Small Room 9 @ the Green Room 10pm / Bag of Donuts @ Columbia Street Tap Room 10pm **Saturday:** John Hebert @ Covington Farmer's Market 9:30am / Pot Luck String Band @ Marsolan's Old Feed Store Music Series / Davy Crockett + Cons and Pros @ the Green Room 10pm **Sunday:** Karaoke w/ DJ Bobby Blaze @ the Green Room / Open Mic Poetry @ St. John's Coffeehouse 2pm

**Galleries (Featured Artists)**  
 ○○○○○○○○○○○○ **St. Tammany Art Association** 320 N. Columbia St. - **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 **Heyer Gallery** 419 E. Lockwood St. - Jennifer Heyer-Tardo **Garcia.Dunn** 609 E. Boston St. - Sarah Dunn, Meghan Garcia **Tripolo Gallery** 323 N. Columbia St. - Bill Binnings, Shanna D' Antonio, Nancy Hirsch-Lassen, Robert Cook, Craig McMillin, Juli Juneau, James Michalopoulos, Al Ormsby, Rebecca Rebouche, Scott Ewen, Ken Tate, Gail Ruggiero, Scott Upton, Donna Duffy **Three Rivers Gallery** 333 E. Boston St. - Gail Glassman, Harriet Blum, Peggy Hesse, Suzanne King, Donald Maginnis, Valeric Stangl Melancon, John Preble, Max Ryan, Charles Macgowan, Robert Seago **Roy's "Art"chery** 319 N. Columbia St. - Roy Blaum, Jessica Porter Blaum, Billy Porter

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 419 N. New Hampshire  
**SATURDAY MARKET**  
 8:00 am - 12:00 pm  
 Covington City Hall  
 609 N. Columbia Street  
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