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Upcoming Covington Events

Final Friday Block Party Hits The Streets March 28th

Vintage car enthusiasts will once again stroll along Columbia and Boston Streets perusing the vast auto collection, each exhibited by their personal owners in downtown Covington. This free public event is held the last Friday of each month - March through October. The first in 2014 will be on Friday, March 28th, 6:30 p.m. Whether you're a classic car buff or novice spectator, you're sure to enjoy the display.

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Lineup Announced For Rockin' the Rails Spring Series In April

The City of Covington's "Rockin' the Rails" concerts are 'back on track' with an all-star lineup! The free concerts take place every Thursday in April from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Covington Trailhead in the downtown historic district. Concert goers are advised to bring their own chairs, as seating is limited. Beer and wine will be available for purchase, and the party continues on after the show in Covington's downtown Historic District!

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3rd Annual 'A Taste Of Covington' Four Day Food & Wine Event

The Covington Business Association's premiere culinary event features a Vintner's Dinner on Thursday, April 10, featuring ten Covington restaurants. Friday, April 11 is the Grand Tasting at Aquistapace's Covington Supermarket. "Festa del Vino" is Saturday, April 12 at the Historic Mackie House. Spring For Art also takes place on Saturday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday ends the event with a Jazz Brunch at the Seiler Bar.

www.atateofcovington.com



The English Tea Room is proud to be a part of Taste of Covington 2014! Join them April 10th at 7 p.m. for "An Evening With Churchill". (985) 898-3988

St. Tammany Art Association's Spring For Art 2014

Downtown Covington comes to life on April 12 from 6 pm to 9 pm. Spring For Art draws visitors to the historic St. John District, showcasing new work by local and regional artists, live music by local musicians, among many other activities. You'll also find gallery openings, art demonstrations, outdoor movie screenings, boutique shopping and fine dining throughout Downtown Covington. To make sure that the crowds move from one end of the map to another, the City of Covington is providing a tram to make traveling easier. Programs with locations and contact information for each participating shop will be available at STAA and at your favorite locations around Covington.

(985)892-8650 sttammanyartassociation.org

"The Beauty Queen Of Leenane" Opens At COPA

The Beauty Queen of Leenane
A dark Irish comedy by Martin McDonagh

Opens March 21st, Tickets On Sale Now



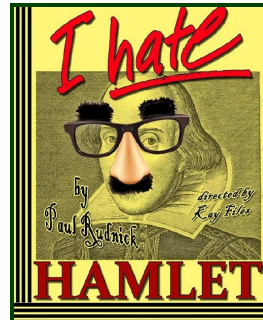
This play by Martin McDonagh takes place in the small Irish town of Leenane in the 1980's. Maureen, a middle aged spinster, takes care of her 70-year-old mother, Mag, and her manipulative ways. Mag's interference in Maureen's personal life sets the scene for a dark emotional roller coaster of a storyline. When asked why she chose to perform this play, local director Julie Generes said, "I am a huge Martin McDonagh fan. He manipulates an audiences emotions the way the characters in the play manipulate each other. It's quite a ride. Plus, who doesn't like a good Irish melodrama?"

"The Beauty Queen of Leenane" was the winner of four Tony Awards in 1998 (Best Leading Actress in a Play; Best Featured Actor in a Play; Best Featured Actress in a Play; Best Direction of a Play). This adaptation features local talent from Gina Pauratore, Melany Linder Graham, Eric Generes and Christian Core.

Center of Performing Arts, 201 N. Columbia St. Purchase tickets online: www.centerofperformingarts.net or call (985)727-4638.

Playmakers "I Hate Hamlet" A Roaring Success

The cast of Playmakers "I Hate Hamlet" delivered a knock-out performance on opening night last Friday. Entertaining from start to finish, this play will have you laughing out loud while also examining the important life lessons learned in an actors' growth. Lead actors Chase Boltin (Andrew Rally) and John Carambat (John Barrymore) shine in this smart comedy directed by Kay Files. "I Hate Hamlet" will run two more weekends, 8 pm on Fridays and Saturdays, 2 pm matinee on Sundays.



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"Pride & Prejudice" Postponed At Fuhrmann Auditorium

It is with regret that the Fuhrmann Performing Arts announces that the production of "Pride And Prejudice" will not be presented this April as planned. Due to some unexpected conditions the play has been postponed until later in the season. Future dates for the production will be announced as soon as they are available.

Spring Is In The Air At History Antiques & Interiors



History Antiques and Interiors is ready to help you with spring entertaining, bridal showers, luncheons and more! Pictured here are beautiful period place settings, silver and porcelains, perfect for a truly special occasion. History Antiques now offers a bridal registry to ensure unique, quality gifts fit for a southern bride!

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New Art At The French Mix

New original art at The French Mix! These angels are hand painted with a thick texture, lending to rich contrast in gentle pastel colors. Beautiful works perfect for most any space, they are available in varying colors and styles. As always, original art is tax free in the Cultural Arts District. Stop in the French Mix today at 228 Lee Lane.



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Recreation District 10 Meeting Wednesday

Update On Proposal Meetings From Councilman Lee Alexius

There are two meetings currently scheduled to discuss the formation of Recreation District 10. Plans for the proposed millage are out, and they include possible additions such as a skate board park and sand volleyball, among other sports and activities. Please attend one or both of the meetings to voice your opinion on Recreation District 10. The first of the two meetings will be Wednesday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Tammany Parish Library on W. 21st Ave. The second meeting will be held on Monday, April 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 222 Kirkland St.

What Is The Recreation District 10 Proposal?

Voters in the RD10 district will be asked to approve new property taxes on a May ballot to allow for the formation of a new recreation district; previous proposals by RD10 have been defeated three times. According to Covington resident Wayne Scheyd via Concerned Citizens of St. Tammany (www.ccstp.org), there are some issues to be addressed from previous public meetings: 1. The proposal requires that the City of Covington give away a bought and paid for multi million dollar facility. 2. The RD10 proposal levies a new tax in addition to what is currently dedicated to recreation. 3. Residents of Covington will bear over half of the financial burden with less than 1/3 representation on the board. 4. The RD10 will also impose additional usage fees. According to the 2014 City of Covington budget, the Recreation Department has a budget of \$535,000 that the city hopes to reduce or eliminate with RD10.

Sunset At The Landing This Friday Evening

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Friday, March 21, 2014 6-9pm

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Quote of the Week

"My reading of history convinces me that most bad government results from too much government."
- Thomas Jefferson

Monday

March 24



Last Quarter

KCB Receives Grant To Advance Nature Trail Project

Keep Covington Beautiful (KCB) has been selected to receive a grant as part of the Restaurant Community Grants program from the Darden Restaurants Foundation, Inc., the charitable arm of Darden Restaurants. The grants program, now in its third year, empowers each restaurant in the Darden family of brands to award a \$1,000 grant to support local community programs. The donation received through the local Olive Garden restaurant will enable KCB to continue work on the Blue Swamp Creek Nature Trail project at the Covington Recreation Complex. Non-profits receiving grants support one of Darden's three key focus areas: education, preservation of natural resources and hunger relief.

Keep Covington Beautiful will use the grant funds to create a demonstration garden near the trail entrance featuring native plants that are being lost to construction and development. Information will be provided explaining how these plants provide food or shelter for wildlife, help to filter pollutants from run-off into waterways or beautify natural areas and home gardens. For more information about KCB, please visit www.KeepCovingtonBeautiful.org.

The objectives of the Blue Swamp Creek Nature Trail, established by KCB in 2011, are to provide information about native plant species, to raise awareness of the importance of the city's network of waterways and to promote stewardship of the natural environment. Over 100 native species have been identified and many have been marked with informational plaques along the trail. Receiving this grant will enable KCB to add native plants and expand the educational experience of the nature trail into an easily accessible and highly visible area.

The Darden Foundation's mission is to maintain a spirit of service and community engagement as defining characteristics of Darden's family of restaurants. Since 1995, the Darden Foundation has awarded more than \$71 million in grants to leading nonprofit organizations that align with its mission and community priorities: Recipe for Success, Preservation of Natural Resources and Good Neighbor grants. Through the Darden Harvest program, Darden Restaurants has also donated more than 66 million pounds of food to hunger relief agencies across the U.S. and Canada. In 2011, the Darden Foundation introduced the Restaurant Community Grants program that is dedicated to supporting local nonprofit organizations in the hundreds of communities where they live and serve.



Read the full article at www.covingtonweekly.com.

Farmer's Market Recipes

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

No Cream Broccoli Soup

Ingredients:

- 2 bunches of broccoli, cleaned and chopped
- 1 onion, sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 cup of green onions, chopped
- 2 medium Irish potatoes, cubed
- 5 cups of vegetable stock
- 1 tblsp olive oil
- 1/4 tblsp coarse salt
- 1/4 tblsp fresh ground black pepper
- 1/4 tblsp cayenne pepper
- 1/4 tblsp basil
- 1/4 tblsp oregano
- green onions (garnish)
- 1 loaf of bread (serve with soup)



Cooking Instructions:

Heat oil in a large soup pot over medium heat, add onions and garlic and saute until translucent (5-10 minutes). Add salt, pepper, cayenne and herbs, then add the vegetable stock and potatoes. Bring to a quick boil, then reduce heat and simmer until potatoes are tender (about 10-15 minutes). Add chopped broccoli and simmer until broccoli is tender (about another 10-15 minutes). For a smoother consistency, you can mash it up with a spoon or puree the mixture in a food processor. Serve hot topped with green onions and drizzled olive oil with a side of toasted bread.

This soup gets its creaminess from the potato instead of cream or butter. These ingredients may be added for a thicker soup. Basil is helpful with inflammation, works to help oxidize the blood, and contains antibacterial properties. Oregano is also an antioxidant and a powerful antimicrobial herb. Use the two together for maximum effect!

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Music with the Maestro - Tuesdays, 6 pm @ The Lake 94.7 Local music program featuring Robert Sturcken of Center Of Performing Arts - **94.7 FM on the radio dial**

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