Welcome to COVINGTON
Located in the heart of the Ozone Belt, 40 miles from New Orleans via the Pontchartrain Causeway (longest bridge in the world). Founded in 1813. Incorporated in 1816. Became the Parish Seat in 1829.

Covington, Louisiana, famous for its ozone air, spiced with the rich fragrance of pine trees, is located in the heart of the ozone belt. There are only two other ozone belts in the world. One is in Arizona and the other one is in the Hartz mountains of Germany.

Covington is blessed with a multitude of live oak trees, pine, dogwood, and redbud trees which lend color and charm to springtime in the area. Azaleas and Wisteria are both bountiful and colorful and add measurably to the pleasure of Spring.

Lush green is the color of summer as there is plenty of rainfall to keep the area green and it helps to keep us a good 4 to 6 degrees cooler than neighboring New Orleans.

In the fall of the year our crisp October days turn the woods surrounding Covington into lovely shades of orange and gold.

The winters are mild with many balmy days between cold snaps.

Visitors, newcomers and long time residents alike enjoy Covington’s Mardi Gras season complete with balls, costumes, parades, marching bands and throngs of people with the familiar cry of “Throw me something mister.”

In September a week long celebration called “Old Town Days” is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. The town turns back the clock to the early 1900’s.

In October Covington looks forward to the St. Tammany Parish Fair which is held on the fair grounds located in Covington. Exhibits, contests, midway, hot dogs, and entertainment are the order of the day.

For entertainment Covington turns to: The Community Concert Series, which consists of three professional programs per year.

Playmaker’s Inc., Covington’s Little Theatre presents four plays a year in Playmaker’s Barn Theatre in San Souci Forest.

St. Tammany Art Association has delighted Covingtonians with their many exhibits of sculpture, pottery, art work, crafts, photography, and stained glass.

Covington boasts horse shows, gun shows, livestock shows, barbecues and square dancing.

Covington is dotted with many fascinating antique and gift shops and many fine restaurants.

### Covington’s Climate
- **Average Annual Temperature:** 69
  - January — 54
  - July — 81
- **Average Annual Rainfall:** 62 inches
- **Prevailing Winds Southernly**
- **25 Ft. Above Sea Level**

### Taxes
- **State Sales Tax**
  - 3% on most items
  - 2% on prescription drugs and food
- **Parish Sales Tax**
  - 2%
- **City Sales Tax**
  - 2%
- **State & Parish Personal Income Tax**
  - 2% up to $10,000 net income
  - 4% on $10,000 to $40,000 net income
  - 6% over $40,000 net income
- **Exemptions**
  - $2,500 single person
  - $5,000 married couple
  - $4,000 dependent
  - There is no personal state property tax in Louisiana (ad valorem)
- **City Assessments:** The same as state and parish but with no exemptions on city taxes.

### Population
Covington has 8,000 citizens within the corporate limits, however many subdivisions, have sprung up in the area bringing the immediate Covington area to 20,000. The Covington Post Office services 31,000 people which includes the rural areas surrounding Covington.

### Voting
To vote you must register 30 days prior to election. Register to vote at the Registrar of Voters, 510 E. Boston Street, 892-2382.

### Camping
Camping parks and playgrounds are plentiful in the Covington area.
- Fountainbleau State Park, Highway 190 near Mandeville.
- Fairview State Park, Highway 22 near Madisonville.
- Just North of Covington:
  - Tochefuncte Family Campgrounds off Highway 40, Folsom, 796-3654.
  - Land O’Pines off Highway 25 on Million Dollar Road, 892-6023.

### Building Permits
Building permits are required and are obtained at the City Hall.

The Greater Covington Chamber of Commerce is here to serve the people of Covington. For information regarding any of the above material please feel free to call 892-3216.
GENERAL INFORMATION

Greater Covington Chamber of Commerce 806 E. Boston St. 892-3216

HOSPITALS
St. Tammany Parish Hospital Tyler St. 892-3380
Highland Park Hospital Hwy. 21 892-5900

LIBRARY
St. Tammany Parish Library 400 N. Jefferson St. 892-2456

SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE
St. Tammany Parish School Board Office 212 W. 17th Ave. 892-2277 or 892-2276

ST. TAMMANY PARISH HUMANE SOCIETY 892-0551

HEALTH UNIT
St. Tammany Parish Health Unit 639 N. Theard 892-2252

CITY SERVICES
Covington City Hall 606 Columbia St. 892-1811
Sheriff's Office 510 E. Boston St. 892-4145 or 892-4141
Covington Police Dept. 606 N. Columbia St. 892-8500
Louisiana State Police Mandeville Hwy. 190 892-5151
Fire Alarm 434 N. Theard 892-4242
Courthouse 510 E. Boston St. 892-5214

SOCIAL SERVICES
Associated Catholic Charities 214 N. Massachusetts 893-0640
Better Business Bureau of New Orleans 1-581-6222
Consumer Protection Agency 925-4401
Council on Aging 406 E. Boston St. 892-0377
Covington Community Center N. Columbia St. 892-1811
Home Health Agency 424 S. Tyler St. 892-3947
Pogue's Home Care 309 S. Jefferson Ave. 892-9632
La. Department of Employment N. Florida & 33rd St. 892-5818
Off. of Family Security (Medicaid) (Welfare) Bogue Falaya Plaza 892-4410
Parish Extension Service N. Florida & 33rd 892-2208
St. Tammany Parish Police Jury Courthouse 892-2911
St. Tammany Parish District Attorney 428 E. Boston 892-3090
St. Tammany Parish Economic Dev. Fndn. P.O. Drawer 1899 - Hwy 190 893-3333
St. Tammany Planning Commission 428 Boston St. 892-7854
St. Tammany Tourist Commission Slidell, Louisiana 649-0730
Social Security Administration (Medicare) 207 Lockwood St. 892-3893
U.S. Parcel Service Hwy. 190 Bypass 892-4909
U.S. Post Office 406 N. Florida 892-2435
Veterans Affairs Southern Motel Plaza Rm. 310 892-2050
Y.M.C.A. 116 S. Jefferson St. 892-9622

ELECTRICITY
Central Louisiana Electric Co. 427 N. Theard St. 892-1700

NATURAL GAS
Louisiana Gas Service Co. 100 Tyler Square 892-2121

Some areas outside Covington City Limits are serviced by United Gas Corp.

TELEPHONE
South Central Bell Telephone Bogue Falaya Plaza 892-9011

WATER
Water is furnished from wells that are owned and operated by the City of Covington
For information call (City Hall) 606 Columbia St. 892-1811