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“City of White House, TN” Mobile App Launches

The City of White House is excited to announce the launch of “City of White House, TN”, a free mobile app for residents to submit service requests, such as a pothole that needs to be filled or maintenance needed along the greenway, through their smartphones or tablets. The app is available in the Apple App Store or Google Play now.

This app was created to give residents easy access to City information. On the home screen of the app there are multiple widgets that are used for navigation. The users will be able to submit requests, apply for a burn permit, view public notices, pay their wastewater/refuse collection service/stormwater utility bill, view current employment opportunities, and see requests submitted by other users. The app will also provide links to the City’s Facebook and twitter sites, and a link to the White House Chamber of Commerce website. The app offers push notifications for status updates and the ability for users to comment or follow requests.

The City of White House partnered with PublicStuff, a company based in New York City that specializes in mobile apps for municipalities, to create this interactive app so that we could become more engaged with our community. However, desktop users should not feel left out as this platform provides a service request portal via the website. To access the online portal visit the City’s website at www.CityofWhiteHouse.com and click on “Service Request” on the menu bar.

The app is not to be used for emergency situations. If you are having an emergency dial 911. Please send all questions and feedback about the app to admin@cityofwhitehouse.com or under the “General Questions” service request on the app.

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CITY OFFICES HOLIDAY

February 15th - Presidents Day



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CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE



Gerald O. Herman
City Administrator

Greetings,

Happy New Year 2016!! Most of us this time of year are finding ways to stay warm. We run off to fitness gyms and cuddle with family watching in-home movies. Just the thought of cold gets me piling on layers of clothes. If you get too cold your could wander on over to our new library where you will be greeted by our warm friendly staff who can assist you in finding just the right book to read. Find a chair near one of the large windows where the sun is shining in and relax. For a break during reading stroll into the café and pick yourself up some fine tea, coffee, and a snack.

Have you been by city hall recently and seen the splash pad/water park? It is coming together really nice. Over the next few months a new restroom facility will be built that will include outdoor changing areas and family restrooms. There will be a pavilion area attached so that you could get out of the sun while the kids play and have a picnic lunch. We are planning to apply for a grant so that we can continue with the expansion of the new park. Features to be added include doubling the size of the splash pad, an amphitheater, walking trails, and a facility that will have an indoor walking track and multi-purpose gymnasium floor areas.

Have you ever noticed how many storage units we have around town? It seems that many of us have a lot of stuff. Our Planning Commission in the past year has approved new facilities and expansion of facilities on Industrial Park Road, Union Road, and Business Park Drive. Demand for these types of facilities looks promising for the future.

Smile spring is just around the corner.

IMPORTANT*IMPORTANT*IMPORTANT PROPERTY TAX NOTICE

PROPERTY TAXES DUE
OCTOBER 1, 2015—TO—FEBRUARY 28, 2016
EFFECTIVE MARCH 1
PENALTIES ACCRUE AT 1.5% MONTHLY
YOU CAN CHECK OR PAY ONLINE AT
www.cityofwhitehouse.com

Go to - I Want To – Pay – City Property Taxes
**NOT RECEIVING A TAX NOTICE
WILL NOT RELIEVE YOU OF YOUR
RESPONSIBILITY FOR PAYING YOUR PROPERTY TAXES ON TIME.**

IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE AREA, YOU SHOULD HAVE TWO TAX NOTICES; ONE FROM THE CITY OF WHITE HOUSE AND ONE FROM THE COUNTY YOU ARE LOCATED IN.

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PURCHASING & VENDOR REGISTRATION

The City contacts hundreds of businesses throughout the year to get pricing on projects. Vendor Registry provides the City with a free database that allows companies to be notified automatically if their service is needed. If you are a business owner, or know someone who is, please register to be immediately notified and never miss opportunities on partnering with the City. To register, simply go to the City's Purchasing website at the link provided below.

www.cityofwhitehouse.com/government/finance/purchasing-and-asset-disposal

If you have any questions about the City's purchasing policies or have trouble registering your company, please contact Derek Watson, Purchasing Coordinator, at 615-672-4350 ext. 2130 or by email at dwatson@cityofwhitehouse.com.



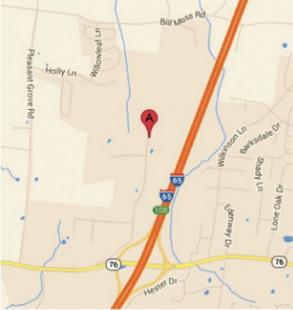
EMISSIONS TESTING

**Monday, February 8th
& Monday, March 14th
9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.**

**427 INDUSTRIAL DR.
BEHIND PUBLIC WORKS BLD.**

2016 TESTING DATES:

APR 11TH	MAY 9TH	JUN 13TH
JUL 11TH	AUG 8TH	SEP 12TH
OCT 3RD	NOV 14TH	DEC 12TH





More Vendors, More Buyers in One Place. Easy.



TOP 10 AGRICULTURAL BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR INCREASING FARM PROFITS AND WATER QUALITY

- 1) Maintain a permanently vegetated buffer (preferably woody plants) along stream banks to filter sediment, nutrients, and pesticides by slowing runoff, and increasing infiltration.
- 2) Implement no-till or conservation tillage to reduce erosion, runoff, and fuel and labor cost.
- 3) Use rotational grazing and keep livestock away from stream banks by providing alternate sources of water.
- 4) Plant cover crops to prevent erosion and enrich soil nutrients.
- 5) Implement pasture management practices such as rotational grazing to prevent soil erosion and nutrient runoff.
- 6) Get manure/litter and soil tested in order to be able to calculate and appropriate application rate. Use the sufficiency approach for nutrient application-feed the plants not the soil.
- 7) Calibrate all equipment used to apply pesticides or manure/fertilizer to increase accuracy of application rate (reduces waste and saves money).
- 8) Create grassed waterways to convert natural drainage ways into wide, shallow channels that prevent formation of gullies, intercept runoff, and increase infiltration.
- 9) Construct protected heavy-use areas in the places that receive heavy traffic from livestock to reduce sediment and organic loads of runoff.
- 10) Store and handle agricultural chemicals safely (in concrete-floored storage buildings) and recycle fluids.

Senior Center

The White House Senior Citizen Center is located in the White House Municipal Building and is available for senior activities Monday through Thursday from 9am until 5pm.

This is a great place to enjoy the winter months. We play cards, (even if you have never played some of the card games, we will teach you), bunco, pool, dominos, corn hole and hoops. We have Art Classes, Craft Projects and a Book Club. We also enjoy trips that include bowling, lunches at new restaurants, trips to the movies, a Mystery Trip and a trip to Chaffin Barn Theater in the future.

We know exercise is very important for our seniors. The gym is available for walkers daily and a sitterscise class is available every Tuesday and Thursday at 9a in the center. We take the van to Gallatin Civic Center every Monday where we participant in their water aerobics or Zumba classes.

Come join us every Wednesday in the cafeteria for lunch. For \$2.50 you can enjoy a hot lunch that includes meat, vegetables, bread, tea and dessert. Reservations are required by noon on Monday. Call Billie at 615.672.4350 ext 2116 to reserve your lunch.

We play Bingo the first and third Wednesday after lunch. Bring a \$3.00 gift labeled male or female to participant in a single Bingo. After all gifts are won we clear the cards and everyone can participant in coverall for a gift!

A special thanks to Farmers Bank for providing breakfast for the Seniors in December!!

Stop by the center located at 105 College Street, White House, TN to pick up a calendar and take a tour of our center. There is NO FEE to join and new residents are welcome!!

You can also visit the City of White House website for more information.



**Come join us for
lunch every
Wednesday**



RECREATIONAL MEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Ages: 16+

Registration: January 25th - March 7th

Fees: \$450 per team
(non-resident fees may apply)

Tuesday and Thursday games on field 7.
9 team limit.

UPCOMING EVENTS/PROGRAMS

- Splash Pad Grand Opening
- Independence Day 5K
- Basketball Camp
- Gymnastics & Tumbling

BE ON THE LOOKOUT



GIRL'S VOLLEYBALL

Ages: 3rd-8th grade

Registration: January 4th - February 15th

Fees: \$50 for City residents/\$62 for non-residents

Practices begin in March.
Games begin in April.



ADULT CO-ED CHURCH VOLLEYBALL

Registration: January 4th - February 15th
Fees: \$250 per team (non-resident fees may apply)

Tuesday/Thursday night league
Season will begin in March
Post-season tournament

ADULT CO-ED KICKBALL

Ages: 16+

Registration: January 26th - March 9th
Fees: \$350 per team (non-resident fees may apply)
10 vs. 10 (5 males/5 females)

Monday and/or Friday games
Number of games depends on participation

CHRISTMAS PARADE

The Christmas Parade was December 5th at 1:00 pm. The theme was "Storybook Christmas" and the Grand Marshal was Rachel Juillerat, Mrs. United States 2010". Congratulations to White House Warriors on being voted the "Best Decorated Float". Second place went to Revolution Church. Third place went to the Character Units 4U.



FACILITIES RENTAL

Contact the Parks Department at (615) 672-4350 ext. 2114 for additional information about reserving and renting city facilities.

- Gymnasium
- Cafeteria
- Auditorium
- Meeting Room
- Shelter 1 or 2
- Shelter 3
- Shelter 4



LITTLE LEAGUE CHALLENGER BASEBALL

This little league baseball program is for any boy or girl between the ages of 4 and 18 that faces a mental or physical challenge.

Registration: January 4th - February 29th
Fees: \$35 for City residents/\$47 for non-residents
(fee includes full uniform)

- Practices will begin in March and Saturday games start in April
- Everyone bats each inning and plays defensively
- 1 or 2 innings will be played per game (about 1 hour)
- "Buddies" can be used to assist as needed
- 6 game season

By: Museum Board Member, Terry Palmer



Jenny Lind

On Oct. 6, 1820 in Stockholm, Sweden a child was born that would become the most celebrated and popular female vocalist of the 19th century. Her name was Johanna Maria Lind, often referred to as the 'Swedish nightingale'. Better known to most as Jenny Lind, her talents on the opera stage were in constant demand throughout Europe in the mid 1800's.

At the invitation of P.T. Barnum, she came to the United States in 1850. She gave 93 large scale performances for Barnum and then continued the tour under her own management. During the two years of her stay in this country she earned the staggering amount of \$350,000. Her popularity at that time could be compared to that of a rock star today.

As she toured our country she came through Tennessee and that is where our story begins. On route from Nashville to Louisville, she came through White House on the new L & N turnpike. News of her travels spread fast because the new telegraph was up and operating.

According local lore that was passed on to me by my grandmother, as well as others, a crowd of people were waiting at the White House. At the time it was located just north of the intersection of Hwy. 76 and today's 31w. There is gas station their now and a state historical marker. She was traveling by stage and would stop there for a fresh team of horses. It wasn't everyday folks were able to see such a celebrity as Jenny Lind, so everybody that could be was there. Yes this was a 'red letter' day for the whole community.

Finally, the thunder of the six horses pulling the coach could be heard and soon was seen. Surely the excitement and anticipation was building to a huge crescendo. As the coach came to a halt at the White House, there she was peering out the window at her adoring fans. No doubt the folks were in awe to actually be looking at Europe's most celebrated and probably the World's most celebrated opera singer.

As the coach door opened, there must have been spontaneous applause to welcome her. As she stepped out and looked upon the faces of her admirers, her attention probably was drawn to the children who were present. History indicates that she loved children. As a matter of fact she donated all of her tour earnings to worthy causes most of which were for the welfare of children.

Undoubtedly to show her gratitude for her warm welcome here, she sang a song for everyone. Tradition passed down from generation to generation does not reveal the name of the song, but all that heard agreed she had the voice of angel. She truly was the Swedish Nightingale.

After her brief respite in our town, she and her entourage' continued north on the Turnpike. Tradition says she was welcomed as an overnight guest at what was once known as the Buntin Farm located a mile or so passed Red River.

Yes, that was a day long remembered...the day Jenny Lind came to White House, Tennessee.

Next edition we will tell of other happenings. Until then remember to visit the White House Library often and keep watching for the reopening the White House Museum.



Toddler Tuesdays is every Tuesday at 10:30am for those ages 0-3. Our Preschool story time is every Wednesday at 10:30am for ages 4-5. Come enjoy music, stories, and a craft. **New story time for ages 4-**

8 every Saturday at 11:00 am.

Homeschool group meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 2:00 pm. This program provides homeschool students ages 5-12 with extracurricular activities that expand creativity, learning, & social skills.

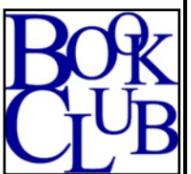


The library will start having after school programs for kids every Monday at 4:00pm. On February 1st, we will be showing Disney's *Treasure Planet*. On February 8th, kids will get to make pasta sculptures. Then on February 22nd, we will show the movie *Ratatouille*. On February 29th, kids will get to make a Dinosaur Monster Jaw.



Our teen group meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm and on 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 6pm. On Tuesday February 2nd, at 5:30pm, teens age 12-17 can come make hardware jewelry. On Thursday, February 11th, at 6pm, teens will get to re-write fairy tales to have unhappy endings. On February 16th, at 5:30, the library will be showing the movie *Pan*. Then on Thursday, February 25th, at 6pm, the library will have a Sticky Note Artwork night.

The Bookworms book club will meet on the last Thursday of the month at 10am. They will be discussing the book *All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion* by Fannie Flagg. (Contact the library for March's book title)



Tuesday Talks are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 5pm. On Tuesday, February 9th, we will have a Talking Dead discussion about the show *Walking Dead*. Then on February 23rd, we will have a Calligraphy Basics workshop.

The library will have computer classes the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 5:30pm. On February 4th, we will have a class on creating an email account. On February 18th, we will have a class on job searching and resume building.

Severe Weather Awareness and Disaster Preparedness

As we transition from the winter months to the spring months, we are likely familiar with the weather dangers that often accompany the arrival of spring. The snow and ice that we often receive in January, February and March should serve to remind us that weather can be unpredictable and can change very quickly. These sudden changes can often bring severe weather conditions with little warning. We urge everyone to be prepared ahead of time for a disaster.

One of the best ways to prepare is to gather the necessary supplies to maintain an emergency supply kit. Most people think that a basic kit has to be large, but a smaller basic kit can certainly mean the difference in a disaster. The very basics to sustain life are food and water, but there are additional considerations. The psychological effects of a disaster can be catastrophic. Simple things can be done to mitigate those effects such as simple games or activities for children or adults (puzzles, crossword puzzles, word searches, etc.). The following list does not include everything that will always be needed in a disaster, but it does provide the basics to help sustain your life.

A basic emergency supply kit could include the following recommended items:

- Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Manual can opener for food
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers, inverter or solar charger

For Baby:

- Formula
- Diapers
- Bottles
- Powdered Milk
- Medications
- Moist towelettes
- Diaper rash ointment

For Adults:

- Denture needs
- Contact lenses and supplies
- Extra eye glasses

Just as important as putting your supplies together is maintaining them so they are safe to use when needed. Here are some tips to keep your supplies ready and in good condition:

- Keep canned food in a cool, dry place
- Store boxed food in tightly closed plastic or metal containers to protect from pests and to extend its shelf life
- Throw out any canned food that becomes swollen, dented or corroded
- Use foods before they go bad and replace them with fresh supplies
- Place new items at the back of the storage area and older in the front
- Change stored food and water supplies every six months. Be sure to write the date you store it on all containers
- Re-think your needs every year and update your kit as your family's needs change.
- Keep items in airtight plastic bags and put your entire disaster supplies kit in one or two easy-to-carry containers, such as an unused trashcan, camping backpack or duffel bag.

The National Weather Service as well as the Federal Emergency Management Agency has many excellent internet resources to gather information for severe weather preparedness. Here are a couple of the links:

http://www.nws.noaa.gov/com/weatherreadynation/spring_safety.html
<http://www.ready.gov>



MEET YOUR FIREFIGHTER: Firefighter Brandon Crimmons

Firefighter Crimmons started with the City of White House Fire Department as a career firefighter in 2012. Some of the certifications that Firefighter Crimmons holds are: Firefighter I and Firefighter II, Certified Driver/Operator, and Emergency Medical Technician. Firefighter Crimmons is married and lives in White House.

NEW APP

City of White House, TN

- Report Issues
- Get Notifications
- City Information

Special Events



The second annual Shop with a Cop/Firefighter 2015 was held at Wal-Mart. This year we had the pleasure of shopping with 18 children. Thank you to White House Rotary, Wal-Mart, Subway, Soteria Health Food and Live in Harmony for financially supporting this event.



MEET YOUR POLICE OFFICER



On December 2nd, White House Police Chief, Pat Brady swore in Officer Ryan Spraggins into the White House Police Department. Officer Spraggins is a graduate of Kent State University where he received a Bachelor Degree in Criminal Justice. Officer Spraggins will be attending the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy in April.