

A publication from the City of White House  
105 College Street ~ White House, Tennessee 37188  
October 2014 - November 2014

# *Word on White House*

## **Trail of Treats**

Thursday, October 30, 2014  
6:00 pm

Begins at the White House High School Greenway Trailhead



## **Family Movie Night**

Monday, October 27, 2014  
5:30 pm

White House Inn Library



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## October & November

Please check the City of White House's website for more frequent updates to the calendar of events at [www.cityofwhitehouse.com](http://www.cityofwhitehouse.com)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5		6	7	8	9	10
	9:00 AM Emissions Testing PW White House 6:30 PM Community Initiative of the Arts GN 6:30 PM Zumba PR	9:00 AM Sittercize SC 10:30 AM Toddler Story time LB 6:30 PM Zumba PR	10:30 AM Preschool Story Time LB 12:00 PM Senior Lunch SC 1:00 PM Bingo SC 6:00 PM Zumba PR	9:00 AM Sittercize SC	Sumner Co. Recycling	All Day Harvest Moon Festival GN
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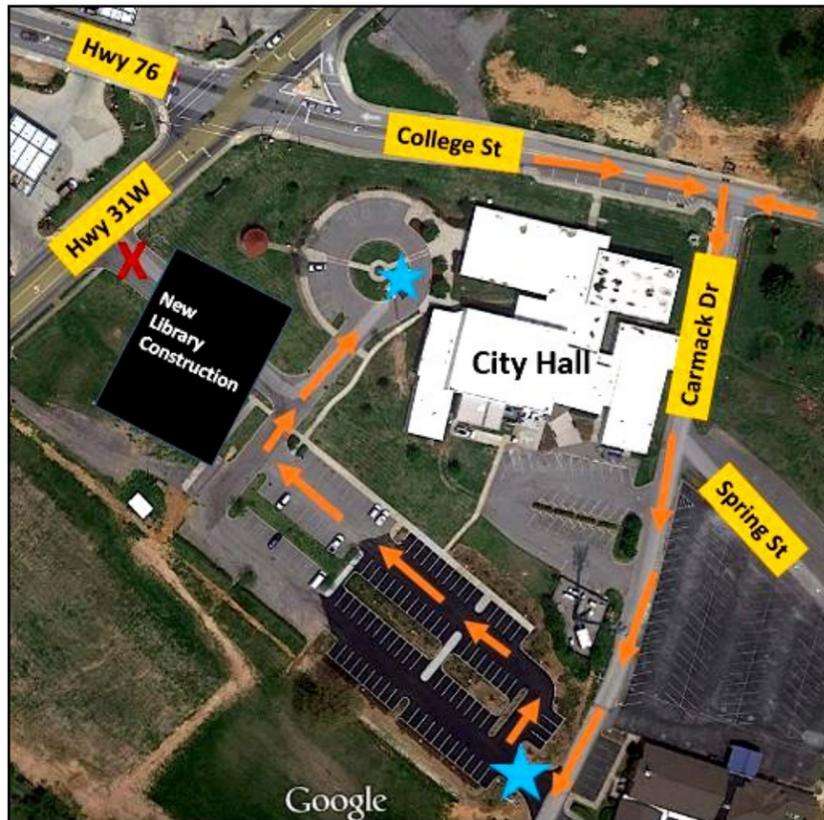
PW - Event Sponsored by Public Works  
SC - Event Sponsored by Senior Center  
PR - Event Sponsored by Park and Recreation

BR - Event Located at City Hall Board Chambers Room  
GN - General

LB - Event Sponsored by the Library  
PD - Event Sponsored by the Police Department  
FD - Event Sponsored by the Fire Department

## General Information

**The new library is now under construction! Since the Hwy 31W entrance to City Hall is temporarily closed, access to the building must be made off of College Street or Carmack Drive. There are two parking lots off of Carmack Drive that can be used for parking if you need to come into the building. If you want to leave something in the drop-box enter the lower parking lot (indicated by star) and follow the parking lot up around the building.**



### NOTICE

PROPERTY TAXES SHOULD BE MAILED OUT AROUND OCTOBER 1, 2014



**REMINDER**  
 PROPERTY TAXES DUE  
 OCTOBER 1, 2014—TO—FEBRUARY 28, 2015

EFFECTIVE MARCH 1  
 PENALTIES ACCRUE AT 1.5% MONTHLY

**YOU CAN CHECK ON OR PAY ON LINE AT**  
[cityofwhitehouse.com](http://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**

**TAX RELIEF NEWS**  
**THE STATE TAX RELIEF OFFICE WILL NO LONGER ACCEPT POWER OF ATTORNEY (POA) THE APPLICANT MUST SIGN THE FORM. IF ONLY A MARK CAN BE MADE, YOU MUST HAVE THEIR MARK WITNESSED BY TWO (2) PEOPLE AND COMPLETE THE ADDRESS BLOCK OR PRODUCE CONSERVATORSHIP OR GUARDIAN DOCUMENTS. THE STATE WILL BE CHECKING THIS WITH THE SSA OFFICE.**

**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.**

We always have a lot of Property Tax Statements returned. If you are unsure about your taxes please go on line or call the  
 City of White House 672-4350 X2100



### HOLIDAYS

**City offices will be closed**

October 13th - Columbus Day  
 November 11th - Veterans Day  
 November 26th and 27th - Thanksgiving

# White House Inn Library & Museum



## Story Times

- ⇒ Story times will be held on their normal days and time for the month of October (Toddler Tuesday at 10:30 am, Preschool Wednesday at 10:30 am, and Homeschool the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 2:00 pm).
- ⇒ During the last week of October, a Batman themed story time will be conducted for toddlers and preschoolers with Scooby-Doo meets Batman and Alvin and the Chipmunk's Batmunk video clips being shown afterwards.
- ⇒ There will be no story time on Tuesday, November 11th, as the library will be closed for Veterans Day.
- ⇒ Story times will not be held the week of Thanksgiving (November 24th - 26th). It will resume at their normal times in December through the week of the 15th.
- ⇒ There will be no story times the week of Christmas and New Years.

**The Friends of the Library will be hosting a mini Halloween carnival fundraiser on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, from 1-4 pm. The event will be held at City Hall in the cafeteria. Tickets can be purchased at the library starting October 1<sup>st</sup> up till the event for \$0.25 a piece and during the event for \$0.50. Games and food will cost between one and two tickets. This event is open to all ages. All proceeds go towards the new library building.**

## LIBRARY HOURS!

Monday: 9:00 am - 8:00 pm  
Tuesday: 9:00 am - 8:00 pm  
Wednesday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Thursday: 9:00 am - 8:00 pm  
Friday: CLOSED  
Saturday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Sunday: CLOSED

### Holidays - Library closed

October 13th - Columbus Day  
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## General Programs

- ⇒ Teen Read Week will be held at the library from October 20th through October 25th. The theme will be Batman in celebration of Batman's 75th anniversary.
- ⇒ On Monday, October 20th at 5:30 pm the library will have a special super hero game/debate night. Popcorn and soda will be provided. Come out for some fun and test your knowledge.
- ⇒ On Thursday, October 23rd the library will let teens vote on which Batman movie they would like to watch. The movie will start at 5:30 pm.
- ⇒ Continuing Batman's 75th anniversary, the library will have a special family movie night on **Monday, October 27th**. The Lego Movie will be shown at 5:30 pm. Popcorn, bags, and Batman masks will be given out at the event. All ages are welcome to attend.

## White House Inn Library & Museum

In late August , PBG Builders, Inc. started construction on the new White House Library. The new library will be located on the corner of Hwy 31W and SR 76. The library is scheduled to open in May 2015.



The Friends of the White House Library made it a goal to raise \$600,000 from private donations for the new library project. The Memorial Grant, \$200,000 has been secured but we need your help to raise an additional \$400,000 which will go toward meeting the Memorial Grant agreement, operating equipment, and debt services. Please check out our website [www.FriendsOfTheLibrary-WhiteHouse.org](http://www.FriendsOfTheLibrary-WhiteHouse.org) for more information about how you can donate. For additional information about the Friends, please visit the White House Library.

# Public Services Department

## Pac-Mac Knuckle Boom Brush Truck

The Public Works Department recently purchased a KB-20H-IH knuckleboom loader from Stringfellow, Inc. in Nashville. The City purchased the new truck off the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA), which is a national purchasing exchange for state and local governments. The NJPA offers very competitive pricing and this particular truck was about \$20,000.00 under normal cost.

*Knuckleboom Loaders (Grapple trucks) enable the collection of bulky waste.*

A large percentage of items in the solid waste stream are too large or too heavy to be safely lifted by hand into traditional trucks. Items such as tree trimmings, logs, furniture and large appliances are called bulky waste or "oversized" materials. The preferred method for collecting these items is with a grapple truck. Grapple trucks have hydraulically driven knuckleboom's, tipped with a clamshell bucket, and a large volume dump body.



The City's new knuckleboom truck is fully equipped with strobe and LED lights for high visibility for approaching motorists.

The City is keeping the old knuckleboom truck to use when the department gets inundated with tree debris which is usually right after a major storm event. Having two trucks will enable us to serve you much faster as well as prevent a roadside hazard from the debris that gets piled up at the edge of the road.

Please remember to place your tree trimmings *near* the edge of the pavement – **NOT ON THE PAVEMENT** – and keep the material away from overhead wires.

**If you have any questions, please call Joe Moss at 672-3654.**

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### Limb and Leaf Removal

Please refer to the schedule below for the collection week in your area.

1. All leaves must be bagged for collection and limbs must be no longer than **SIX** (6) feet in length.
  2. Leaves and limbs must be placed NEATLY ALONG THE curbside for the automated truck arm to reach.
  3. Please note that this program is designed for the resident who makes their own cuts, not for collection of limbs trimmed by private companies.
  4. Residents may still bring bagged leaves and limbs directly to the Public Works facility at 725 Industrial Drive free of charge during regular business hours.
  5. No dumping is allowed after hours in the front of the Public Works building or outside the gate area.
- **Week #1:** North Robertson County Residents - Includes Residences North of Hwy 76 & West of Hwy 31W
  - **Week #2:** North Sumner County Residents - Includes Residences East of Hwy 31W & North of Raymond Hirsch Pkwy
  - **Week #3:** South Sumner County Residents - Includes Residences South of Raymond Hirsch Pkwy & East of Hwy 31W

### Emissions Testing Information



#### 2014 Schedule

October 6th

November 10th

#### Hours

Monday 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

#### Location

427 Industrial Drive (Behind the Public Works Building)

**Note:** Severe Weather or operational constraints may prohibit operation of this testing unit. *Please call our hotline at 399-8995 to ensure the unit is operating.*

# Public Services Department

**TRASH PICK-UP WEEK OF THANKSGIVING:** Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 27th) – Garbage Service is moved to Friday, November 28th AND ROBERTSON County’s Recycling Service is moved to Saturday November 29th.



## KM4-48 Infrared Asphalt Repair Equipment & the KM 4000T Asphalt Hot Box

The Public Works department recently purchased an infrared asphalt repair machine and hot box recycler from KM International. KM International has the TDOT contract for this equipment which made the purchasing more convenient and much more cost effective for the City.

The KM4-48 & KM 4000T machines gives the department the extra capacity to make larger, more efficient, repair patches to better repair bird baths (depressions in asphalt), sinking areas around catch basins, pot holes, oil spots and trip hazards. Additionally, the infrared equipment can be used to repair large areas by sequentially moving the heating deck over the damaged area through the use of swivel wheels on the machine.

Before the new infrared equipment was purchased staff had to saw-cut the bad asphalt areas and remove the old asphalt and replace the entire excavation with new asphalt. This is very costly! In addition, saw cutting is a very labor intensive and time consuming process.

*And let’s not forget that we have to dispose of the old asphalt in an environmentally safe way.*

The infrared process very readily and easily *heats up* the affected bad asphalt area and makes the old asphalt malleable enough for an instant reuse and recycling process. The infrared heating element is a 1” ceramic blanket that produces 840,000 BTU’s. The most important aspect of the KM4-48 is that the ceramic blanket allows the system to *cycle the infrared heat, 30 seconds on then 20 seconds off*. Cycling the infrared heat is done so the asphalt isn’t seared (burned) which happens with other “bulb” type infrared machines.

After the material is heated to 1,800 degrees Fahrenheit, staff goes through the following steps, which I’ve laid out for you below so that you can better understand the process:

1. We rake around the old existing asphalt;
2. A liquid asphalt rejuvenator is sprayed on the old asphalt;
3. Then we simply mix in a small amount of fresh asphalt to fill in any missing asphalt (potholes have chunks of asphalt missing);
4. The asphalt mixture is raked again very thoroughly and leveled;
5. Next we use our 1-ton roller to compact the recycled asphalt to a level that matches the existing pavement – with no saw cutting seams either!
6. Done and move onto the next bad area.

The City also purchased a **KM 4000T** trailer mounted asphalt hot box. This two (2) ton asphalt capacity trailer unit has an asphalt hotbox reclaimer that allows asphalt to be maintained at working temperature for up to 3 days. Some of its features are:

- **Automatic LP changeover regulator**
- **Insulated, gravity feed shovel port**
- **Dual shovel/tool rack**
- **Thermostatically controlled heat with 100% safety shut down**

**Reclaimer:** When new asphalt is unavailable, stockpiled or used material can be loaded into the KM 4000T and be recycled. Within 12 hours the hard, cold chunked, asphalt is reclaimed to use as hot mix.



We will never have to throw asphalt away again! The asphalt can simply be stockpiled and recycled with the asphalt hotbox Reclaimer/Recycler.

This new infrared equipment will enable the Public Works department to increase the number of repairs they make, minimize the amount of fresh asphalt used for a repair and not have to deal with finding an environmentally safe home for the old asphalt.

**If you have any questions, please call Joe Moss at 672-3654.**

# Safety Day

A special “thank you” to our citizens for their participation in this year’s Public Safety Awareness Day on Labor Day.



Ella Smith  
Best Decorated Bike



Landon Graves  
2nd Place



Andrew and Mariana Castleberry  
3rd Place

## Voice of the People Award

On Monday, September 15, 2014 the City of White House won a 2014 Voice of the People Award for Transformation in Natural Environment and Safety. Based on responses from The National Citizen Survey™ (The NCS™), residents of White House report the highest increase in levels of satisfaction with natural environment and safety compared with responses from all other jurisdictions participating in The NCS™.

The NCS™ is a community assessment tool that reports resident opinions and satisfaction with local government and services based on a scientific and representative sample to inform budgeting, performance measurement and program planning.

The Voice of the People Awards are presented by the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and National Research Center, Inc. (NRC) to recognize the highest quality from the perspectives of the residents themselves in the areas of community engagement, safety, mobility, foundations of livability, recreation and wellness, education and enrichment, natural environment, built environment, and economy.



Left to right: Representative from ICMA, Amanda Brewton - Human Resource Director, Joe Palmer - Fire Chief, Pat Brady - Police Chief, Joe Moss - Public Services Director, Ashley Smith - Parks and Recreation Director, and Gerald Herman - City Administrator

**PARADE BEGINS @ 1:00 PM**

*Miracle on*  
**Main Street**  
*Festival*

December 6 • Begins @ Noon

- **Santa's Marketplace Opens @ Noon**  
Full of Crafts, Merchandise, Vendors & Food for the Holidays
- **Free Pictures with Santa After the Parade**  
Courtesy of The Credit Union of Robertson County & Subway of White House
- **Live Entertainment begins @ 3:00**  
in the Auditorium

All Activities  
Indoors @ White  
House City Hall

**Early Bird  
Registration  
for Santa's Marketplace!**  
**Booth Space  
is Only \$65**  
 after October 7th booths are \$75.  
**Space is very limited!**  
 Hurry to sign up!  
 Go online to register at  
[www.whitehousechamber.org](http://www.whitehousechamber.org)  
 or call the Chamber  
 at 672-3937

Merry  
Christmas!

# Parks & Recreation Department

**WHITE HOUSE PARKS AND RECREATION 2014**

## Trail of Treats

Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup>  
6:00p.m.

Trail will begin at the White House High School Greenway Trailhead (Tyree Springs Rd.) and continue along the Greenway



**All kids must provide their own basket or bag for candy and treats!**

For more information please contact White House Parks and Recreation at 672-4350 ext 2114 or visit [www.cityofwhitehouse.com/parks](http://www.cityofwhitehouse.com/parks)



### Zumba Fitness

Monday: 6:30p.m. - 7:30p.m.

Instructor - Carla Boze

Tuesday: 6:30p.m. - 7:30p.m.

Instructor - Tammy Taylor

Wednesday: 6:00p.m. - 7:00p.m.

Instructor - Carla Boze

**Cost: \$3 per class**

\*1<sup>st</sup> Class is FREE



### 2014-15 Youth Basketball

Registration fee: \$65 for City Residents

\$77 for Non-Residents

Practices start in November

Saturday games begin in December

**REGISTRATION ENDS OCTOBER 20th**

### Men's Open Basketball

Registration fee: \$475 per team

Regular season begins in November

Tuesday night games

Post-season tournament

**Registration Period is September 22nd-**

**November 3rd**

\*\*Out-of-City fees may apply based on majority rule\*\*

\*League limited to 9 teams\*



### Christmas Parade

The Christmas Parade is Saturday, December 6th at 1:00 pm. Anyone wishing to participate must register before December 4th at 5:15 pm with the Parks and Recreation Dept.

# Senior Center

We have so much happening! We had a Men's Double Elimination 8-Ball Pool tournament with 5 teams competing. The two winners were Eddie Romero and Gary Broderick.

We also had a Corn Toss tournament with many players and a great cheering audience. The first place winners were Myra Rorie and Newt Billings. On the Wednesdays that we do not play "Bingo" we play Corn Toss. So come join us anytime! We have between 50-65 folks here on Wednesdays.

Serendipity Senior Travelers have really been sight-seeing! Our road trips really fill up fast every month with a waiting list. So, if you want to get on the van, sign up early, otherwise you are welcome to follow us in your personal vehicle! We will be cruising on the river on the Blue Heron Riverboat this month, I think we'll be looking for a big cruise next year! We went on a visit to Miss Lucille's Restaurant and Flea Market in Clarksville. We'll don't miss a show at Chaffin's Dinner Barn Theater ever! We are planning a road trip to the Bell Witch cabin, lunch and a hayride too! We always have a lot of fun and big laughs.

Our new exercise programs are going great. We have Water Aerobics on Mondays, van departs at 9:15. We start at 9:15am with Sit and Be Fit on Tuesdays, Chair Dancing on Wednesdays, and Chair Yoga on Thursdays. We currently walk in the mornings in the gym at 9:00 and as soon as it gets cooler we will be able to walk the beautiful greenway!

We are planning a **Haunted House Dance** on **Thursday, October 23rd** with Casey and Cowboys as the house band. Sign up early! You don't want to miss this one!

Kelly Jester Elias,  
Senior Center Coordinator



Newt Billings and Myra Rorie  
1<sup>st</sup> place Corn Hole winners



Gary Broderick & Eddie Romero  
1<sup>st</sup> place 8-Ball Team Pool winners



## Hot Lunch



- ⇒ Seniors pay **\$2.50** per person for a great hot meal every Wednesday. Price includes dessert and beverage.
- ⇒ Make reservations by Monday before noon for that Wednesday by calling me at 672-4350, ext. 2116. If I do not answer, please leave a message.

## The Haunted House Dance



In the Cafeteria  
with  
**Casey and the Cowboys Band**  
7:00pm-9:30pm

\* 7:00pm band starts  
8:00pm Break for snacks/refreshments and cake walk

- \* Please see Linda in the Parks & Recreation Department to sign up and pay your \$5 ASAP  
Admission is a snack to share at the dance and \$5.00 in advance ~ pay early!
- \* We need 40 participants to pay early!

# Fire Department

## I called for an ambulance, why did I get a fire truck?

We get this question a lot. When someone is having a medical emergency, they expect that the call to 911 will produce an ambulance response, but most of the time you will also have a fire apparatus respond as well. The idea of first responders is based on the premise that no matter where ambulances may be in the county, the local fire department will always be in their jurisdiction.

White House is somewhat unique in that our city is actually in two counties. The two counties provide Emergency Medical Services to their respective residents. Depending upon which county you reside will sometimes determine longer or shorter call response times. There are a number of factors that determine response times. Distance to the station to which the ambulance is assigned, call volume, and even staffing can affect the number of ambulances that are available for calls.



The Fire Department is situated in our city and will be here to respond to your emergency. The typical response time of the City of White House Fire Department is around 5.3 minutes. This response can mean the difference between life and death. If an ambulance is 10 or more minutes out due to call volume, or simply the location of stations, the difference in response time can be catastrophic.

In cardiac arrest situations, that difference in response times is most critical. According to the American Heart Association, permanent brain damage begins in as little as four minutes and death can occur as soon as four to six minutes later. In these responses every second can count. Live saving oxygen and defibrillation can be delivered within the critical window that can truly save the life of your loved one or you.

It is often difficult to know exactly what the medical emergency is from callers that are panic-stricken or incoherent, and the nature of the call can change rapidly. A situation can rapidly go from “the patient doesn’t look well” to “the patient is not breathing”. As a result, the safer option is to dispatch the help needed and after assessment, if the fire department is not needed, we will check back into service.



## Addressing

One of the most frustrating experiences fire firefighters, police officers, and EMS personnel is to respond to an address only to not be able to find the home. Most of us think it is obvious, but simply locating an address can be difficult under ideal conditions. You add the stress of an emergency response, hour of the day, inclement weather, and other factors, and locating an address can be very difficult.

We urge everyone to properly address their property. Every home and business should be clearly marked with numbers that are visible from the street. These number should be contrasting to the background that they are affixed to. Black mailbox numbers on a black mailbox are not effective markings. Reflective numbers on a mailbox or affixed to the home or business tend to be the best solution. A minimum of four inch numbers are recommended or required by the code. The White House Fire Explorer post sells reflective address signs and can be purchased by contacting the fire department at 615-672-5338.



## Meet your firefighters...

### Firefighter Cary Petitt

Firefighter Petitt started with the City of White House Fire Department as a career firefighter in 2008. Some of the certifications that Firefighter Petitt holds are: Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Certified Driver / Operator, Fire Instructor, Fire Officer and Emergency Medical Technician. Firefighter Petitt is assigned to “A” shift. He lives in Cross Plains, is married and is the father of three.

# Fire Department

## Home Heating Precautions

As fall and winter approach, now is the time to ensure that your home heating systems are properly working. Have all heating units serviced to guarantee optimal service from these units. Not only will it save you money in the long run, it may make the difference in a house fire from an improperly working heater.

The winter months can cause residents to get somewhat creative as they attempt to heat their homes. The improper use of space heaters can lead to tragic events that could be avoided with simple safety steps. Consider these statistics from the National Fire Protection Association:

**Based on 2007-2011 annual averages:**

- ◆ **Space heaters, whether portable or stationary, accounted for one-third (33%) of home heating fires and four out of five (81%) of home heating fire deaths.**
- ◆ **The leading factor contributing to home heating fires (28%) was failure to clean, principally creosote from solid-fueled heating equipment, primarily chimneys.**
- ◆ **Placing things that can burn too close to heating equipment or placing heating equipment too close to things that can burn, such as upholstered furniture, clothing, mattress, or bedding, was the leading factor contributing to ignition in fatal home heating fires and accounted for more than half (53%) of home heating fire deaths.**
- ◆ **Half (50%) of all home heating fires occurred in December, January and February.**

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### **As a result of the above information, consider implementing the following safety steps:**

- ⇒ Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- ⇒ Have a three-foot “kid-free zone” around open fires and space heaters.
- ⇒ Never use your oven to heat your home.
- ⇒ Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer’s instructions.
- ⇒ Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- ⇒ Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- ⇒ Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- ⇒ Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- ⇒ Test smoke alarms monthly.

# Police Department

## ALERT MESSAGING

Stay instantly informed with local messages from the White House Police Department using the free e-mail message service

### What "Alert Messaging" means to White House . . .

Messaging technology is now being used in White House to send local alerts and advisories directly to citizen subscribers. An e-mail enabled cell phone and/or computer capable of reading PDF files is all you need to receive **ALERTS, ADVISORIES, COMMUNITY**, and special **TRAFFIC** notices from the White House Police Department. *There is no charge for this service* (the normal e-mail message fees that your phone service may charge will apply).

Messages are from a certified source. Contact [records@cityofwhitehouse.com](mailto:records@cityofwhitehouse.com) with the address that you want the messages sent to. When you subscribe to this account, you will only receive verified messages from the WHPD. Unsubscribe at anytime.

### What messages will be sent. . .

The White House Police Department will send out the following using the Message Alert System:

**Criminal Activity Warnings**      **Weekly Arrest Reports**      **Crime Prevention Tips**  
**Road Closure Notifications**      **Upcoming Community Event Notices**      **Missing Person Information**

#### **B.O.L.O. (Be On The LookOut)**

The Message Alert system will be used sparingly (we believe that too many messages will spoil the impact). Message Alert will not be used to distribute routine news releases or advertisements. There are other practical methods of doing that via the conventional media outlets.

### What to do if you need help signing up...

If you need assistance subscribing to the WHPD Alert Messaging, you may call the White House Police Department Records Division at 672-4903, ext 1177 or email Elaine Agee at [records@cityofwhitehouse.com](mailto:records@cityofwhitehouse.com)

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## Citizen's Academy 2015 Announcement



In February 2015, the White House Police Department will host its Fifteenth Annual Citizen's Police Academy. The purpose of the academy is to give citizens the opportunity to learn about police work in general and also gain insight into the White House Police Department's daily operations and programs. The Academy will be held on Tuesday nights from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. for ten weeks and is open to citizens 18 years of age and older and will meet at the White House Police Department at 303 North Palmers Chapel Rd. White House, Tennessee 37188. Class size is limited to 25 participants. Applications being accepted now.

The Academy is not designed to make participants certified police officers, nor does it give the graduates authority to act as police officers. The focus of the curriculum is to provide an informative overview of the fundamentals of police operations and crime prevention. This two-way communication will certainly be an effective and successful way to build a partnership between the community and the police department.

If you are interested in attending a future Citizen's Police Academy and would like an application, they are available for pick-up at the White House Police Department, or for an online application, go to [www.cityofwhitehouse.com](http://www.cityofwhitehouse.com) and click on Citizen Police Academy Application. If you would like more information on this program, please contact Captain Jeff Mingleorff at 616-1064 at the White House Police Department.

## Police Department



<b>H</b>	Hats and scarfs should be tied securely to prevent them from slipping over children's eyes.	
<b>A</b>	Always test make-up in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent skin and eye irritation.	
<b>L</b>	Look both ways before crossing the street. Use established crosswalks wherever possible.	
<b>L</b>	Lower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.	<b>S</b>
<b>O</b>	Only going to well-lit houses and remain on porches rather than entering houses.	<b>A</b>
<b>W</b>	Warn children not to eat any treats before an adult has carefully examined them for evidence of tampering.	<b>F</b>
<b>E</b>	Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats unless you know the cook well.	<b>E</b>
<b>E</b>	Exit driveways and alleyways carefully.	<b>T</b>
<b>N</b>	Never walk near lit candles or luminaries. Be sure to wear flame-resistant costumes.	<b>Y</b>
		Swords, knives, and similar costume accessories should be of soft and flexible material.
		All children should WALK, not run from house to house and use the sidewalk if available, rather than walk in the street.
		For greater visibility during dusk and darkness, decorate or trim costumes with reflective tape.
		Establish a curfew (a return time) for older children.
		To easily see and be seen, children should also carry flashlights.
		Yes, Travel in small groups and be accompanied by an adult.

**City of White House  
Trick-or-Treating Hours**  
Friday, October 31st  
6:00 - 7:30 pm

### WHPD Halloween Safety Tips

Everyone wants to have a safe and happy Halloween for themselves, their friends and their children. Using safety tips and common sense can help you make the most of your Halloween season and make it as enjoyable for your kids as it is for you!

### WHPD Participates in 2014 Tennessee Governor's Highway Safety Office Law Enforcement Challenge—Earns Statewide Honors

The Tennessee Governor's Highway Safety Office recently hosted its annual Tennessee Law Enforcement Challenge. This event is an annual competition designed to recognize and reward the best overall traffic safety programs across the state of Tennessee. This competition is judged by the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

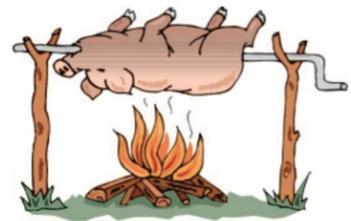
The 2014 Law Enforcement Challenge Luncheon was held at the 27<sup>th</sup> annual Tennessee Life Saver's Conference in Murfreesboro TN. All participating agencies and officers were honored for their outstanding efforts in traffic safety. The White House Police Department placed first in the state, in the category of 11-25 Sworn Officers, for the best overall Traffic Safety Programs. The White House Police Department also received an award for having the best overall Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Program in the state. Sgt. Joel Brisson accepted these awards for the police department. The White House Police Department received several prizes for the first place finishes. The main prize awarded was a 2014 Ford Police Interceptor (pictured below) valued at \$54,000. The White House Police Department takes a serious approach to Traffic Safety in order to help all persons driving on our roadways, "Arrive Alive".



# SAVE THE DATES

## 15th Annual Harvest Moon Festival

Saturday, October 11, 2014  
White House City Park  
All Day Activities



## Family Movie Night

The Lego Movie  
Monday, October 27, 2014  
The Library

5:30 pm

*Popcorn, bags, and Batman masks will be given out at the event. All ages are welcome to attend*

## Mini Halloween Carnival Fundraiser

Hosted The Friends of the Library  
Saturday, October 25, 2014  
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
City Hall Cafeteria



## Friday, Trail of Treats

Thursday, October 30, 2014  
White House High School Greenway Trailhead  
6:00 pm

## Miracle on Main Street

Saturday, December 6, 2014  
The City of White House Municipal Center  
All Day Activities (schedule pending)  
Christmas Parade at 1:00 pm



*\*Anyone wishing to participate must register before December 4th at 5:15 pm with the Parks and Recreation Department.*