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# WORD ON WHITE HOUSE

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## CRUISIN' CHRISTMAS PARADE AND MIRACLE ON MAIN STREET WILL PROVIDE A DAY OF FAMILY FUN ON DECEMBER 6TH



The theme is set and this year's Christmas parade is sure to be a crowd pleaser. The theme, "Cruisin' Christmas" should draw classic cars to the parade route and car enthusiasts to help line the streets.

This year's Grand Marshal, Stacey David of Rattletrap Productions, will add yet another element of authenticity to "Cruisin' Christmas." David has gained national notoriety as an automotive guru. His current TV series *Stacey David's GearZ®* is in its 8th season on MavTV with millions of viewers throughout the United States and around the world. Stacey's incredible project vehicles, his wild and exciting on-air test drives, his educational historical pieces, and his contagious passion and humor for what he does built his reputation as a skilled master mechanic, fabricator, and builder.

You'll see all of the traditional floats and participants too. Marching bands, churches and dignitaries will fill the parade route. Make sure you have registered to participate by contacting the Parks Department. You can also access the registration form online at [www.cityofwhitehouse.com](http://www.cityofwhitehouse.com). The jolly old elf himself, Santa Claus will bring up the rear of the parade riding on a classic trolley loaned to the North Pole by Volunteer State Bank. After the parade, Santa will visit

Miracle on Main Street for free photos to all the kids on the nice list.

Miracle on Main Street at the municipal center immediately following the parade, will include live entertainment from local choirs and churches, vendors offering their best for the holidays: handmade jewelry, gifts, paintings, decorations, baked goods, handmade soaps and more. All of the festivities will take place inside so the weather will cause no worries as you shop, eat and enjoy the sights and sounds of the season. Limited space still available in Santa's Marketplace, call the Chamber 672-3937 for more information.

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### City Offices Holidays

December 23rd - Close at 11:00 am  
 December 24th - Closed  
 December 25th - Closed  
 January 1st - Closed  
 January 19th - Closed



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**CITY OF WHITE HOUSE**



**CHRISTMAS PARADE**

**THEME: "CRUISIN' CHRISTMAS"**

**GRAND MARSHAL: HOST OF GEARZ TV -**

**STACEY DAVID**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> @ 1:00PM**



**ANYONE WISHING TO PARTICIPATE IN  
THE PARADE MUST REGISTER  
THROUGH THE PARKS & RECREATION  
DEPARTMENT BY DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> @ 5:15  
PM. CALL 672-4350 X.2114 FOR MORE  
INFORMATION.**



## CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE



Gerald O. Herman  
City Administrator

Greetings,

Some of you have been faithful readers of our Word on White House since its inception in the winter of 1992. The very first edition was one two-sided newsletter. The first paragraph stated:

*"To each of you who have requested better communications with City Hall, thank you. On behalf of the City staff and your elected officials, we appreciate your interest in knowing more about what is going on around town."*

It was very interesting reading that first newsletter. There was a photo of our brand new gazebo in front of city hall. It was decorated for the Christmas holiday.

The City was to begin its first attempt at curbside recycling. Not exactly sure how long it lasted but as you know we are trying it for a second time.

There was the typical Senior Center News; Holiday Shopping tips from the police department; Public Works reminding us of brush pick-up; the Library Staff encouraging us to stop by the library to see what is new to check out; the Tax Recorder reminding us that it was time to pay our property taxes; the Fire Department cautioning us about our use of Christmas decorations; the Parks Department told us about the new Merry-Go-Round that would be installed in the park this upcoming spring.

The Codes Administrator reported something that caught my attention. In 1992, there were 106 new single family homes built in the City. Wow! We have not seen the likes of that in many years. In the past 4½ years we have had a total of 39 single family homes built.

So there you have it folks in a nutshell, we have been faithfully communicating these same types of messages to you through these newsletters for the past 22 years. We have grown the newsletters to more than 10 pages of reading material. Last month we even added some color in the print. There is much work that your city workers do each month that we could not report all in these newsletters. Each month our department heads report on important detailed information that you can find on our web site home page under "Latest News." I would encourage you to take a look at all our various projects and performance measures that each department reports.

Every two years the City contracts with the International City Managers Association to conduct a performance community survey. Many of you may have received one of more than 3,500 survey cards that were mailed advising you that a survey mailer would be coming to you. It is very important to us that you complete the survey and mail it back to the contractor. We use the information to determine our service strengths and weakness. Two years ago you told us that our library and recreational facilities needed improvement. We listened and started sending financial resources into these areas. You told us that a splash pad would be a nice park enhancement. Again we listened and are in the process of having a splash pad designed for the City Municipal Complex. Our goal is to have it ready to open for Memorial Day weekend.

In ending I would like to thank Kerry Harville our City Recorder for gathering all the information from staff and preparing the bi-monthly newsletters. Also, we want to give a special thank you to Mandy Christenson for her assistance in lending expertise advice on enhancing the newsletter layout.

Happy Holidays!

## PROPERTY TAX NOTICE

Due to the conflict with Sumner County tax assessments we have been unable to mail out our tax notices for city property owners. This has also affected notices being mailed to our Robertson County property owners. As soon as we are able we will mail out the notices to all of our property owners. We apologize for the inconvenience this may have caused.

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.

Even though the notices are later than usual this year the property taxes are due by February 28, 2015. Effective March 1, 2015, a 1.5% monthly penalty will be enforced. Please note that not receiving a tax notice will not relieve you of your responsibility of paying your property taxes on time. If you are unsure about your taxes visit our website ([www.cityofwhitehouse.com](http://www.cityofwhitehouse.com)) or call the City of White House at 615-672-4350, ext. 2100.



## CITY HALL ENTRANCE

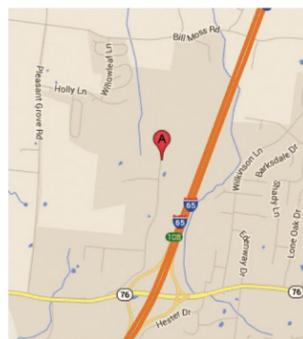
The new library is now under construction. The Hwy 31W entrance into City Hall is temporarily closed. There will be a new entrance constructed and opened once the library construction is complete. There are two parking lots off of Carmack Drive that can be used for parking if you need to come into the 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.



## EMISSIONS TESTING

**Monday, December 8th**  
**9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.**

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



### 2015 TESTING DATES:

JAN 12 <sup>TH</sup>	FEB 9 <sup>TH</sup>	MAR 9 <sup>TH</sup>
APR 13 <sup>TH</sup>	MAY 11 <sup>TH</sup>	JUN 8 <sup>TH</sup>
JUL 13 <sup>TH</sup>	AUG 10 <sup>TH</sup>	SEP 14 <sup>TH</sup>
OCT 5 <sup>TH</sup>	NOV 9 <sup>TH</sup>	DEC 7 <sup>TH</sup>

## UNDERSTANDING STORMWATER

In mid-2013, the City received notification from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) that we would be regulated for storm water under current federal laws. Due to the 2010 census, White House met the population and area (density) criteria that qualified our city as a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) and the consequent state permit requirements.

### Overview and Definition of an MS4

Clean water is important to us because it provides us with drinking water, a place for recreation, and supports habitat for wildlife. The City of White House has initiated a multifaceted program on storm water management because of its effect on our local water quality. According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, polluted storm water runoff is a leading cause of impairment to the nearly 40 percent of U.S. water bodies which do not meet water quality standards.

**Storm water is water from precipitation that flows across the ground and pavement surfaces when it rains or when snow and ice melt.** Storm water travels over land. Sometimes the ground absorbs storm water, and it never reaches streams, rivers, and lakes. Other times storm water traveling over land eventually drains into a system of conveyances. This system is referred to as an MS4. By definition an MS4 is a system of conveyances that include catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, man-made channels, pipes, tunnels, or storm drains that discharges into waters of the State. An MS4 moves water away from an area to a local water body. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and TDEC are now requiring certain urbanized municipalities, such as White House, to address storm water quality. TDEC has outlined a program for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4's). In Tennessee, Phase I of the program focused on large and medium sized cities above 100,000 population (Nashville, Memphis, Chattanooga, Knoxville). White House is one of about many small municipalities in Phase II of the program. As part of the permit requirements, we are required to establish a program that addresses six specific areas:

- Public education and outreach on storm water impacts
- Public involvement and participation
- Illicit discharge detection and elimination
- Construction site storm water runoff control
- Post construction storm water management in new development and redevelopment
- Pollution prevention/good housekeeping for municipal operations.

### Continued Storm Water Efforts

Since receiving the notification from TDEC, the City has submitted the required permit documents to TDEC and received our official MS4 Permit in February 2014. We have continued to progress our community's obligations to the permit and its intent of improving and maintaining clean waters for all appropriate uses. Initially, City effort has been to establish appropriate policy and procedures for the stormwater program and also a separate section of the Public Services Department -- Stormwater. In the month of November and December, the City will finalize this program establishment through formal ordinance adoption. Beginning January 2015, our citizens should realize a small increase in their utility bill that will facilitate the program and allow our City to remain compliant with the state and federal permit requirements.

As we continue to progress this program, local citizens and business leaders will receive more educational materials as well as requests to participate in management of local boards and volunteer efforts for storm water events. The Public Services Department is available to answer any questions you have at this point and citizens are encouraged to continually check the City website for Storm Water information and updates.



**Drainage ditch rehabilitation project on Hobbs Drive.**

Before (left) and After (right)



## !IMPORTANT NOTICE!

YOUR GARBAGE & RECYCLING CANS MUST BE MOVED TOWARD THE REAR OF HOUSE AFTER COLLECTION PER CITY ORDINANCE.

**Service will be discontinued for non-compliance.**

Title 17, Section 17-105 of the City's ordinance which is entitled, "Location of Containers" states in part that, "As soon as practicable after such containers have been emptied they shall be removed by the owner or occupant to within, or to the rear, of his premises and away from the street line until the next scheduled time for collection."

## SEWER ALERT!! GRINDER PUMPS

The City's wastewater collection system crews spend an inordinate amount of time working on the part of the sewer system referred to as the "GRINDER PUMPS"!! Our crews are repairing/replacing GRINDER PUMPS during normal working hours and during the middle of the night.

GRINDER PUMPS comprise a majority of the collection system within the City.

### How do you know if you have a grinder pump?

If you look outside your house on either side, or in the back, you will see an electrical control panel with a red light on top. On the ground directly adjacent to that panel you will see a round, green tank lid, which may protrude out of the ground a few inches. If you see those two (2) items, then you have a GRINDER PUMP.

### Why do our crews spend so much time working on the GRINDER PUMPS??

Our residential and commercial customers tend to use the sewers as a trash or garbage disposal system.

### What types of "things" are being flushed down the toilet or sinks that are causing problems for the GRINDER PUMPS??

The list is long but the most common items are baby wipes, shop towels, cotton items (clothing, rags, towels, etc.)

These items will get caught up in the "teeth" of the GRINDER and cause the pump to bind. When that happens, the pumps internal mechanism will burn out causing the pump to stop working.

Replacing grinder pumps is costly and we are changing out about 30 of these each month. That may average one pump per day, but look at the following costs associated with the work:

- Cost of a new grinder pump = \$1,200.00
- Cost of "30" grinder pumps = \$36,000.00 per month
- Cost of overtime for night work = \$30,000.00 per year

There is a \$50.00 per day fine plus reimbursement for the cost to repair the grinder pump, which may exceed \$1,200.00!

**PLEASE DO NOT FLUSH BABY WIPES OR DISPOSE OF ANYTHING ELSE LARGER THAN A 1/2 INCH IN DIAMETER DOWN THE SEWER SYSTEM!!**

## 2015 GARBAGE & RECYCLING CALENDARS COMING SOON!

Garbage holiday and recycling calendars will be mailed soon. The calendars will be county specific, so go by the calendar that is mailed to your home.

## RECYCLING EQUALS \$\$\$\$

Our Recycling Goal is 25%  
We are at 16%

**We need 9% more material recovery to meet our goal!!**

The City receives revenue from the Material Recycling Facility (MRF). Therefore, the more we recycle the more revenue we generate. The more we generate the less you will have to pay!

### Curbside recycling and metal drop-off stats from July 2013 thru September 2014:

**623 TONS** (42 tons/month average) of recyclable materials collected!  
**\$9,931.00** in revenue from the sale of recyclable materials!  
**\$27,723.00** in savings from the landfill disposal costs!

### Curbside garbage and drop-off disposal stats from July 2013 thru September 2014:

**4,088 TONS** of garbage collected and disposed of in the landfill!  
**\$181,916.00** in landfill fees paid by the City & Robertson County tax bills!

Review the information below and try to maximize your recycling efforts.

- ⇒ Recycling collection schedule is every other Friday.
- ⇒ This is an automated collection truck, so you need to keep the recycling container near the edge of the road (preferably on a flat surface), and at least 3 feet away from any obstruction.
- ⇒ Materials accepted:
  - ⇒ Newspapers
  - ⇒ Cardboard
  - ⇒ Paperboard (i.e. cereal, frozen foods, refrigerated packaging, medicines)
  - ⇒ Junk mail
  - ⇒ Magazines
  - ⇒ Plastic (i.e. baggies, bread bags, milk, laundry bottles)
  - ⇒ Aseptic containers (i.e. juice boxes, milk cartons)
  - ⇒ Aluminum (i.e. foil, pie pans, frozen food pans, soda cans)
  - ⇒ Steel cans
- ⇒ **NO GLASS** containers accepted

# Senior Center



The White House Senior Center is located in the back of the Municipal Building on the corner of 31W and College Street. We have lots of activities planned for the winter season. We always welcome new members!

### **NO FEE TO JOIN US!**

Just call **672-4350 Ext 2116** and Kelly will answer any questions you might have. If we're not in, please leave your name and phone number and we will get back with you as soon as we can. If you would like us to send you one of our Senior Activity Calendars, just leave your address too.

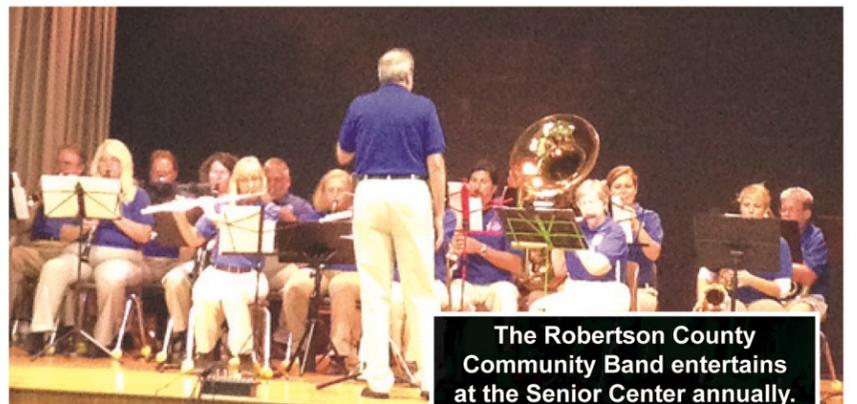
Above: Happy White House Seniors at lunch at the Riverside Restaurant!  
Below: Having fun on the Blue Heron



Barb Oguin wins 4 cruise tickets



Happy winners of the Men's 8-Ball Team  
1st Place Eddie Romero and  
2nd place Joe Broadrick



The Robertson County Community Band entertains at the Senior Center annually.  
Below: Audience enjoying refreshments during concert intermission



Pictionary fun in the Senior Center!





## December Christmas Countdown

The library will be having a countdown to Christmas celebration. See our calendar below for dates and times of each event. There will not be regular story times during this month, only on the days with 10:30 am programs. Home school group will only meet the first Thursday of this month.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> Decorate the Library 2-6pm 	<b>2</b> Story Teller 6pm	<b>3</b> Story time and pictures with Santa 10:30am 	<b>4</b> Christmas Open House 4-7 pm L&M Bakery	<b>5</b> SORRY WE ARE CLOSED	<b>6</b> Cruisin' Christmas White House Parade Saturday December 6 10-11:00 am 
<b>7</b> SORRY WE ARE CLOSED	<b>8</b> Caricatures drawings 5:30pm	<b>9</b> Fireside story time 10:30 am Christmas card making class 5:30pm	<b>10</b> Therapy Dog Reading 10:30-12:30	<b>11</b> Christmas Cookie Tree Class 5:30pm	<b>12</b> SORRY WE ARE CLOSED	<b>13</b> Scavenger Hunt 10-2pm
<b>14</b> SORRY WE ARE CLOSED	<b>15</b> Game Night, Tacky sweater contest 5:30pm	<b>16</b>  Frozen Movie 5:30pm	<b>17</b> Charlie Brown's Christmas Tales 10:30am	<b>18</b> Ernest Saves Christmas 5:30pm	<b>19</b> SORRY WE ARE CLOSED	<b>20</b> Therapy Dog Reading 10:30-12:30
<b>21</b> SORRY WE ARE CLOSED	<b>22</b> Open Craft 10:30-6pm	<b>23</b> CLOSING HALF-DAY	<b>24</b>  <b>25</b> <b>CLOSED</b>		<b>26</b> SORRY WE ARE CLOSED	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> SORRY WE ARE CLOSED	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> <b>CLOSED</b> <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR</b>	<b>2</b> SORRY WE ARE CLOSED	<b>3</b>

The Library will be closed on Monday, January 19th for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Regular story time hours will resume during January.

## TROT FOR TOTS 5K

A 5K Fun Run/Walk benefiting the Robertson and Sumner Counties Toys for Tots

**Location:** White House Park/Greenway

**Date:** December 13, 2014

**Registration:** 7:00 am

Fun Run/Walk: 8:00 am

**Entrance Fee:** 1 toy per entrant  
(T-shirts available for \$15.00)



## RE-OPENING OF NEWLY RENOVATED RECREATIONAL TRAIL

On October 25<sup>th</sup>, the City of White House Parks and Recreation Department celebrated the re-opening of the newly renovated recreational trail at the Municipal Park. This project was funded in part by a \$90,000 RTP grant from the State of Tennessee. Total project cost was approximately \$242,000. The renovated trail has been completely repaved and slopes have been corrected for compliance with ADA regulations and greater enjoyment by pedestrians and cyclists. The trail was re-routed to increase user safety by providing a more logical road crossing beside Field 7, and connectivity to the Municipal Park walkway system running through the quad ball field complex. In addition, the trail was connected to Indian Ridge subdivision and pavilion 4 by means of a new sidewalk. At approximately 1 mile long, the trail is fully connected to the city's greenway system.



From left to right at the Field 7 overlook: Gerald Herman, City Administrator; Jim Varelle, Leisure Services Board Member; Ashley Smith, Parks and Recreation Director; William Hosale, Parks Maintenance Worker; Kaitlin Akridge; Becky Mednis; Jeanette Chioccio; Michael Arnold, Mayor; Fran Hutson, Leisure Services Board Chair.



## 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 5th - March 2nd

**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



## GIRL'S VOLLEYBALL

**Ages:** 3rd-8th grade

**Registration:** January 5th - February 16th

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

Practices begin in March.

Games begin in April.

## COMPETITIVE MEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE

**Ages:** 16+

**Registration:** January 5th - February 16th

**Fees:** \$450 per team

(non-resident fees may apply)

Tuesday and Thursday double-header games on field 7.

**9 team limit.**

\*If there are not enough teams signed up in then competitive and recreational leagues will combine.\*

## RECREATIONAL MEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE

**Ages:** 16+

**Registration:** January 26th - March 9th

**Fees:** \$450 per team

(non-resident fees may apply)

Tuesday and Thursday double-header games on field 6.

**9 team limit.**

\*If there are not enough teams signed up in then competitive and recreational leagues will combine.\*



## ZUMBA FITNESS

**Monday:** 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

(Instructor - Carla Boze)

**Tuesday:** 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

(Instructor - Tammy Taylor)

**Wednesday:** 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

(Instructor - Carla Boze)

**Fees:** \$3 per class

\*1st class is FREE\*

## ADULT CO-ED KICKBALL

**Ages:** 16+

**Registration:** January 26th - March 9th

**Fees:** \$350 per team

(non-resident fees may apply)

Monday and/or Friday games

Number of games depends on participation

## ADULT CO-ED CHURCH VOLLEYBALL

**Registration:** January 5th - February 16th

**Fees:** \$250 per team

(non-resident fees may apply)

Tuesday/Thursday night league

Season will begin in March

Post-season tournament

\*Churches may enter more than one team\*

**HOW MUCH TIME DO I HAVE TO ESCAPE A FIRE IN MY HOME?**

In 2012, there were an estimated 365,000 reported home structure fires and 2,380 associated civilian deaths in the United States. Fire can spread rapidly through your home, leaving you as little as two minutes to escape safely once the alarm sounds.

Consider these facts from the National Fire Protection Association:

**Smoke Alarm Presence and Performance in Reported Home Fires**

In 2007-2011, smoke alarms sounded in half of the home fires reported to U.S. fire Departments.

- Three of every five home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. The death rate per 100 reported home fires was more than twice as high in homes that did not have any working smoke alarms (1.18 deaths per 100 fires), either because no smoke alarm was present or an alarm was present but did not operate, as it was in homes with working smoke alarms (0.53 per 100 fires).
- No smoke alarms were present in more than one-third (37%) of the home fire deaths. The death rate from reported fires in homes during 2007-2011 that had at least one smoke alarm (0.61 deaths per 100 fires) was one-third (36%) lower than in homes that had no smoke alarms at all (0.95 deaths per 100 fires).
- In one-quarter (23%) of the home fire deaths, smoke alarms were present but did not sound. The death rate was much higher in fires in which a smoke alarm was present but did not operate (1.94 deaths per 100 fires) than it was in home fires with no smoke alarms at all.

**Reported Home Fires with Smoke Alarms**

In reported home fires with smoke alarms:

- Half (48%) of the alarms were powered by battery only.
- Two-thirds (69%) of home fire deaths were caused by fires in homes with smoke alarms powered by battery only.

**In fires considered large enough to activate the alarm**

- Hardwired smoke alarms operated 93% of the time.
- Battery-powered smoke alarms operated in four out of five (79%) of the fires.

**Interconnected smoke alarms increase safety**

In a Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) survey of households with any fire, including fires in which the fire department was not called, interconnected smoke alarms were more likely to operate and alert occupants to a fire. People may know about a fire without hearing a smoke alarm.

- When smoke alarms (interconnected or not) were on all floors, they sounded in 37% of fires and alerted occupants in 15%.
- When smoke alarms were not on all floors, they sounded in only 4% of the fires and alerted occupants in only 2%.
- In homes that had interconnected smoke alarms, the alarms sounded in half (53%) of the fires and alerted people in one-quarter (26%) of the fires.

The City of White House Fire Department wants your family to be safe at home. The best method to prevent the loss of life in a home fire is the installation of a home fire sprinkler system. These systems prevent fires from growing too large and in many cases put the fire out. The next best tool is working smoke alarms. As stated above, you may have as little as two or three minutes to escape a fire in your home. If you do not have working smoke alarms, you or your family may not survive.

**Smoke Alarm Checks**

If you are concerned about your smoke alarms and their proper operation, the White House Fire Department will come to your home and provide a free examination of your smoke alarms. If you do not have a working alarm we can provide a limited number of alarms for you. To schedule an appointment, you need to call the fire station Monday through Thursday between the hours of 7:15 AM and 4:15 PM at 615-672-5338. The examination is a free service and if you would like, we can provide other fire safety tips and education during the visit as well. During the examination, no fire codes will be enforced this is simply a courtesy to help you become fire safe in your home.

**WINTER DRIVING SAFETY TIPS**

Driving on snowy or icy roads requires special attention to safety. Although it's impossible to have ideal road conditions 365 days a year, there are certain precautions you can take to make winter driving safer. Here are some tips and suggestions to help you get ready for the hazards of winter:

- ⇒ Don't go out until the snow plows/salt trucks have had a chance to do their work.
- ⇒ Always wear your seatbelt and insure all passengers wear theirs
- ⇒ Keep your gas tank at least half full
- ⇒ Allow yourself extra time to reach your destination
- ⇒ Brake gently to avoid skidding

Tennessee travelers have several options of accessing road and travel conditions using the internet at [www.TN511.com](http://www.TN511.com) or by dialing 511 on their cellular phones or their land lines.

For traffic assistance in White House, contact the White House Police Department at 672-4903 or the Central Dispatch Center at 382-6863. Remember to dial 911 for all emergencies (life threatening or in-progress crimes).

For all other roadway emergencies, contact the Tennessee Highway Patrol at \*THP (\*847).

**MEET YOUR FIREFIGHTER: MIKE BOGLE**

Firefighter Bogle started with the City of White House Fire Department as a career firefighter in 2008. Some of the certifications that Firefighter Bogle holds are: Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Certified Driver/Operator, Fire Instructor, and Emergency Medical Technician. Firefighter Bogle is assigned to "B" shift. He lives in Hendersonville, is married, and is the father of one.

**WHPD HOLIDAY CRIME PREVENTION TIPS**

The rush and good will that surround the holidays can increase the opportunities for criminal activity. The White House Police Department suggests these simple tips assist you in having a safe and happy holiday season.

**When Shopping:**

- ◇ **BE ALERT AND AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS.** Pay attention to who is around you and what activities are happening. Don't leave the safety of a building or your vehicle until you have ensured all is secure and safe. Trust your instincts; if you feel uncomfortable with a place or person(s), get away.
- ◇ **PARK IN WELL-LIT AREAS**
- ◇ **REMEMBER TO LOCK YOUR VEHICLES!!** Keep vehicle doors and windows locked while you are in it and especially when you are not! Use anti-theft steering wheel clubs or locks as well. A thief is looking for easy targets & anything you can do to deter them from choosing your car, the better.
- ◇ **MINIMIZE THE NUMBER OF VALUABLES LEFT IN YOUR VEHICLE** and keep valuables, electronics (including cell phones and DVDs), gifts and other "theft attractors" out of sight.
- ◇ **PROTECT YOUR PURSE OR WALLET** and clean out any unnecessary items before leaving home. Don't carry large amounts of cash or extra credit cards. Carry only those cards that you will need to use that day. Keep a master list of all cards so if your wallet is stolen, they can be reported promptly to the appropriate banking facility.
- ◇ **NEVER LEAVE YOUR PURSE,** wallet or cell phone unattended in a public place.
- ◇ **SHOP WITH A BUDDY**—there is safety in numbers.
- ◇ **ROLE-PLAY WITH CHILDREN** about what should happen in the event you are separated.
- ◇ **HAVE YOUR KEYS OUT** and ready when you return to your vehicle.
- ◇ **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CAR UNATTENDED** with the motor running or with the keys in the ignition – even for the very short time needed to do a quick errand or pay for fuel.
- ◇ **ONLY MAKE ONLINE PURCHASES FROM TRUSTED, SECURE WEBSITES.** Look for "https" in the web address to verify security.

**Contact the White House Police Department to report all criminal activity:**

- ◆ **Emergency:** 911 (life threatening or in-progress crimes)
- ◆ **Non-emergency:** 672-4903
- ◆ **WHPD:** Central Dispatch Center (382-6863)

**TOYS FOR TOTS****U.S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE**For more information visit [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org)

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**2014 TOYS FOR TOTS CAMPAIGN  
(November 10 - December 13)**

The White House Police and Fire Departments will participate and support the 2014 U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program by designating each of its buildings as toy drop off sites. The primary goal of Toys for Tots is to deliver, through a shiny new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to needy youngsters that will motivate them to grow into responsible, productive, patriotic citizens and community leaders.

Citizens are encouraged to participate by dropping off a new, unwrapped toy at either location: Police Department at 303 North Palmers Chapel Rd. or the Fire Department Station 1-416 Hwy 76 or Station 2 at 120 Business Park Drive Hwy 31W. For further info on how to register/request toys in Sumner or Robertson Counties: [www.nashville-tn.toysfortots.org](http://www.nashville-tn.toysfortots.org)

**Point of contact for additional information is Captain Jeff Mingledorff at W.H.P.D., 672-4903 or 616-1064.**

**OR**

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**Left to right:** Pat Brady - Police Chief; Susan Johnson - Accreditation Manager; Kevin Arnold - Smyrna Chief of Police

## WHITE HOUSE POLICE DEPARTMENT EARNS “ACCREDITED STATUS” FROM THE TENNESSEE LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCREDITATION PROGRAM

White House Police Department’s Chief Pat Brady and Accreditation Manager Susan Johnson were presented with the department’s first accreditation award from the Tennessee Law Enforcement Accreditation Program during the Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting on October 16, 2014.

The Tennessee Law Enforcement Accreditation Program exists to improve the quality of law enforcement agencies in the State of Tennessee and ultimately the quality of services provided to the citizens of Tennessee. The program was created under the direction and authority of the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police which supports and endorses the continued improvement of law enforcement and emergency communications services by establishing professional standards of accountability, management, and operations.

Out of the approximately 600 law enforcement agencies in Tennessee, White House is the 30<sup>th</sup> agency to become accredited.

Special thanks to Smyrna's Chief of Police, Kevin Arnold, for presenting the award on behalf of the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police Board of Directors.

### WHPD ALERT MESSAGING

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

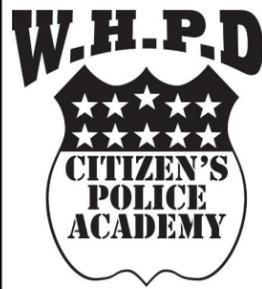
Messages are from a certified source. Contact [records@cityofwhitehouse.com](mailto:records@cityofwhitehouse.com) with the address that you want the messages sent to. When you subscribe to this account, you will only receive verified messages from the WHPD.

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.

You may unsubscribe at anytime.



### 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 are 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 Mingledorff at 616-1064 at the White House Police Department.



Citizen's Police Academy 2014  
White House, Tennessee

## 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 Subway of White House  
& The Credit Union  
of Robertson County

All Activities  
Indoors @ White  
House City Hall

For more information call the  
White House Chamber at 672-3937

## Live Entertainment Begins @ 3 pm

in the auditorium

**3:00** - London Eller

**3:30** - Life Christian Acad.

**3:45** - HB Williams Choir

**4:00** - ENCORE

Community Choir

**4:15** - Temple Baptist

**4:30** - White House

Methodist Bell Choir

**4:45** - Vice Mayor,

Farris Bibb reads

'Twas the Night

Before Christmas

**5:00** - Heritage

Elementary Choir