

A publication from the City of White House  
105 College Street ~ White House, Tennessee 37188 ~ Winter 2008/2009



# Word on White House

## Celebrate the Holidays in White House

The City of White House would like to invite you to celebrate the Holidays in White House. On December 6th, we will be kicking off the holiday season beginning with the Christmas Parade at 3:00 pm. The parade will circle through the City, beginning and ending at the Municipal Park. Immediately following the parade, the City will be hosting the 4th Annual Holiday Extravaganza at the Municipal Center. Join us in celebrating with holiday music and get your picture taken with Santa. Vice-Mayor Farris Bibb will continue last year's tradition in reading the holiday classic, "The Night Before Christmas," and H.B. Williams and Robert F. Woodall elementary school choirs will be performing holiday songs to delight young and old alike. The City and the Chamber of Commerce will be drawing the winner of the \$500 Christmas Cash Giveaway and we will be lighting the Municipal Christmas Trees. In addition, there will be a drop box for Toys-for-Tots at the event to encourage citizens to drop off toys for kids who may not otherwise get them this Christmas. Enjoy hot chocolate to warm your hands and let the holiday spirit warm your heart.

We hope to see you there!

## Mayor Decker named Mayor of the Year

On November 12, 2008, the Sumner County Council of Governments presented Mayor John Decker with the Mayor of the Year award. Mr. Decker was elected as a White House Alderman in 1989 and served through 2005. In 2005, the Mayor-elect did not finish his term and Mr. Decker was appointed by the Board of Mayor and alderman to finish the term as Mayor. In 2006, Mayor Decker was elected by the citizens of White House, to serve a four-year term as Mayor. Mayor Decker also serves on many boards including the Leisure Services Board, Planning Commission, Library Board, and the Beer Board.

During the past year, Mayor Decker has beaten cancer and still worked to fulfill his duties as Mayor. He has accomplished amazing challenges this year that many would have given up on. The City has received grant applications, purchased property to build a new library as the cornerstone of a new town center development, had major increase in sales tax revenue with the openings of the Dollar General Super Market, Wal-Mart, Walgreens, and Rite-Aid. All of this has occurred during his term of leadership. Mayor Decker has helped to make White House a progressive and professional city. Thank you and congratulations!



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## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

General Information	672-4350 ext. 2100
Court Clerk	672-4350 ext. 2137
Library & Museum	672-0239
Planning & Codes	672-4350 ext. 2121
Property Taxes	672-4350 ext. 2100
Sr. Citizens Center	672-4350 ext. 2116



Animal Control	672-4903
Fire Department	672-5338
Parks & Recreation	672-4350 ext. 2114
Police Department	672-4903
Public Works	672-0215
Sewer Department	672-3654

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### DECEMBER 2008

December 6	Christmas Parade, Holiday Extravaganza	3 pm
December 8	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
December 11	City Court	9, 10 and 11 am 1:30 and 2:30 pm
December 16	Board of Zoning Appeals*	7:00 pm
December 18	Board of Mayor and Aldermen	7:00 pm
December 18	City Court	9, 10 and 11 am 1:30 pm
December 19	Vehicle Emissions Testing***	9 am-12 pm
December 24 & 25	Christmas Holiday	City Offices Closed

### FEBRUARY 2009

February 2	WHIRL Meeting	11:30 am
February 9	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
February 12	City Court	9, 10 and 11 am 1:30 and 2:30 pm
February 16	President's Day	City Offices Closed
February 17	Board of Zoning Appeals*	7:00 pm
February 19	Board of Mayor and Aldermen	7:00 pm
February 26	City Court	9, 10 and 11 am 1:30 pm

### MARCH 2009

March 5	Leisure Services Board	7:00 pm
March 9	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
March 12	City Court	9, 10 and 11 am 1:30 and 2:30 pm
March 12	Library Board	7:00 pm
March 17	Board of Zoning Appeals*	7:00 pm
March 19	Board of Mayor and Aldermen	7:00 pm
March 20-21	Board of Mayor and Aldermen Budget Retreat-Montgomery Bell State Park	
March 26	City Court	9, 10 and 11 am 1:30 pm

\*BZA meetings are held on an as needed basis. Check the city's website at [www.cityofwhitehouse.com](http://www.cityofwhitehouse.com) to confirm meeting.

\*\* WHIRL meetings are held at Granny's.

\*\*\*Vehicle Emissions Testing takes place at the Public Works Facility at 427 Industrial Drive.

### JANUARY 2009

January 1	New Year's Day	City Offices Closed
January 5	Swearing-in of New Alderman	7:00 pm
January 6	Cemetery Board Meeting	9:00 am
January 6	Economic Development/Strategic Planning Session	6:30 pm
January 8	City Court	9, 10, and 11 am 1:30, and 2:30 pm
January 8	Library Board Meeting	7:00 pm
January 12	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
January 15	Board of Mayor and Aldermen	7:00 pm
January 19	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	City Offices Closed
January 20	Board of Zoning Appeals*	7:00 pm
January 22	City Court	9, 10 and 11 am 1:30 pm
January 22	Leisure Services Board Meeting	7:00 pm



**“We all have our own life to pursue, our own kind of dream to be weaving. And we all have the power to make wishes come true, as long as we keep believing. “**

~Louisa May Alcott



## Notes from the Mayor

### Meet the People that Make Government Work for You!

There are 9 boards of citizens who are appointed to represent the community. They make decisions and recommendations for all of us, using the ordinances as their guidance. The recommendations they make to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen gives the legislative body valuable input to guide the decision-making process.

In a representative form of government it is important and necessary that the citizens are represented by their fellow citizens who serve. There is no compensation and most of the time no recognition.

A good example is our Leisure Services Board. The members are: Fran Hutson, chairman; Bill Gash, Kim Manlove, Carolyn Leftwich, Lori Herman and Farris Bibb. The leisure services board has a wide area of responsibility, ranging from the development of a leisure system, recommending sites for parks and theaters. Also recommending programs for athletics, physical fitness, artistic and natural resource needs of the City. The board also establishes goals, policies and procedures for the recreation programs of the City. This board touches an incredibly large number of their fellow citizens and does a remarkable job.

The Cemetery Board directs the management and control of the Hillcrest Cemetery. Most of us are unaware of those who serve on this important board. Our citizen members are: Randy Cline, chairman; Patsy Meadows; Sue Honeycutt; Eulis Biggs; and Finance Director, Charlotte Soporowski. The board invests all monies from the sale of lots and are self-sufficient. They do not use tax revenue in its operation.

The Library Board is responsible for the recommendation and advisory aspects for the activities of the Library. Their programs cover a large service area around the City of White House. To thrive tomorrow, the Library must redefine the services that have high value to the community. Those who are in the process of assessing the needs and desires of the citizens are beginning their work now. Chariman, Richard Lane; Joyce Partain; Lisa Hicks; Jim Bracey, Evelyn Guill, Henry Click, and Walton Plummer will be submitting a rough draft of recommendations for our new facility and its potential services. It is very important for our citizens to have the weight of their findings recognized. The importance of a library in marketing our community for economic development, is a major reason for my enthusiasm for this project.

The Beer Board manages beer permits and has the power to regulate the selling of beer within the City. The Board has the power to revoke permits and also may impose a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,500 for selling beer to minors. Those now serving in the Beer Board for you include Carl Meadows, George Tharp, Natalie Chambers and Ron Williams.

These are but four of the citizen boards and there are nine all together. I hope you can see how these thirty-two volunteers insure citizen input to make government work for you. Thank you for being diligent and fair. We owe our thanks to you for your important service to our community.

Mayor John Decker

## White House Industrial Retention League ( WHIRL)

By request of the Mayor, a new organization has been created with the assistance of the Chamber of Commerce. It is the White House Industrial Retention League or WHIRL. This organization has been developed to lead the industrial retention and expansion efforts of the White House Area in order to create an environment in which industry will remain and grow.

WHIRL has developed several goals and objective to better serve the industrial businesses in White House. The group's goals are to better understand industrial operations in White House, establish open communications between area industries and the Chamber of Commerce and monitor existing industry satisfaction and expansion possibilities. Randy Cline of First State Bank has been designated to head this organization. If you would like more information regarding this organization, please contact him at 615-285-2265 or via email at [rcline@first-state.net](mailto:rcline@first-state.net). You may also contact Julie Bolton at the Chamber of Commerce at 615-672-3937 or via email at [whcoc@bellsouth.net](mailto:whcoc@bellsouth.net).



## National Citizen Survey

The City of White House is one of several cities in the US to participate in The National Citizen Survey this year. Questionnaires will be sent to a random sample of 1,200 households, asking for feedback on the quality and usefulness of city services. The results will be included in a final report that city officials can use to guide future decisions.

The National Citizen Survey is sponsored by the International City/County Management Association in cooperation with National Research Center, Inc. Over 200 municipalities in 40 states have enrolled in The National Citizen Survey. Scientific sampling and weighting of the responses in each city ensures accurate and reliable results.

The National Research Center, which is known for producing high quality research and evaluation, has worked closely with the City to customize the National Citizen Survey to only those questions that are relevant to our community. The National Research Center will administer and collect the survey, analyze the results, and provide a report that compare the results from White House with the results from other jurisdictions across the US. This service will enhance the City's services by creating a statistically valid and reliable mechanism for obtaining feedback from the community.

The City's mission is "to work towards the daily pursuit of excellence in management and delivery of services; while balancing the preservation of our small town atmosphere by nurturing orderly, proactive growth." In its pursuit of excellence and continuous improvement, the City plans to continue administering the survey every other year. By gauging public opinion and citizen satisfaction with services, the results will be used as a tool to measure whether the City's performance is meeting residents' expectations. Results of the Citizen Survey will be used to improve the quality of services, enhance strategic planning, and focus budget priorities and capital improvement programs.

# WHITE HOUSE PLANNING & CODES

105 College Street  
672-4350 x2121

## Property Maintenance Regulations

The City of White House has property maintenance regulations relating to property located within the City limits in both the White House Municipal Code and the City's adopted property maintenance code. The property maintenance standards include high grass, accumulation of trash and debris, and the condition of all buildings. The property maintenance standards also include junk, inoperable, abandoned, and unlicensed vehicles. If a property is found to be in violation of the property maintenance standards, a notice is sent to the property owner. For more information about property maintenance issues or to file a complaint, contact the Planning and Codes Department at 672-4350, ext. 2121.



## **Comprehensive Land Use Plan**

The White House Planning Commission will be reviewing the final version of the 2008 Comprehensive Plan Review and Update project at November and December Meetings. Once the plan is adopted, the Comprehensive Plan map and text will be available on the City's web-site. The Comprehensive Plan will provide a plan for the future growth of the City.

# WHITE HOUSE FIRE DEPARTMENT

416 Highway 76  
672-5338



## Cell phones and 911

Cellular telephones have certainly made our lives much more convenient and give us instant access to our friends and family, but they can also cause confusion in an emergency. The use of cell phones have caused many residents to terminate their landline telephone service and simply rely upon the use of a cell phone. We would like to remind cell phone users that when you call 911 from your cell phone, your exact location will not be available to the 911 operator that answers your call. Calling 911 from a landline telephone will automatically give the operator your exact location and additional information about your location, though you will need to explain your specific needs for Police, Fire or EMS services. Calling from you cell phone will only give the operator information about the cell phone and not the exact location. There are currently many groups working to resolve the issue, but until a solution is in place, only a general location may be displayed. This can cause major delays in getting the help you need when you need it. Calling 911 from your cell phone may cause the call to go to a 911 center in the wrong county or city which will result in operators having to determine your location and then transferring your call to the appropriate 911 call center. Please consider this before disconnecting your landline telephone from your home or business. The following FCC website may give you additional information about the specifics of plans being implemented to better serve cell phone 911 calls:

<http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/consumerfacts/wireless911srvc.html>

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## Winter Weather

As winter weather approaches, children get excited about snow days and winter play, but we all know that winter weather can bring about disruptions and dangers that can be life threatening. Ice storms can cripple our electric grid resulting in inability to heat our homes or inability to prepare food. This oftentimes results in people using generators to provide basic services at home, but also introduces dangerous Carbon Monoxide if the generator is used inside the home. Heavy snows can stop travels to and from home or work, or the grocery store. One of the best tools that you can have to prepare for severe winter weather or severe weather in general is a weather radio. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) broadcasts locally at 162.55 MHz. This is important for properly programming your weather radio. Your radio can

also be programmed for messages specifically intended for your county of residence. For Robertson County the code is 047147 and for Sumner County the code is 047165. Your brand of radio will have detailed instructions for proper programming of your weather radio. If you experience difficulty in programming your weather radio, please stop by the fire department for assistance. Your weather radio will give you important messages regarding dangerous weather conditions for our area when the National Weather Service forecasts dangerous conditions. The system could be used to broadcast all kinds of safety messages, not just weather related issues. For more information about weather radios, storm preparedness, and types of winter weather, visit the following websites: <http://www.weather.gov/nwr/nwrrcvr.htm> ; <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/bna/nwr.php> ; <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/bna/spotter.php>.



# WHITE HOUSE POLICE DEPARTMENT

303 N. Palmer's Chapel Road  
672-4903

## Crime Prevention: Holiday Safety Tips

The following Holiday Safety Tips were compiled, in cooperation with the WHPD Crime Prevention Section, to contribute to the safety and security of people during the holiday season. The holiday season is always a special time of year. It is also a time when busy people become careless and vulnerable to theft and other holiday crime. We can never be too careful, too prepared or too aware. Please share this information with family, friends and neighbors. The White House Police Department wishes you a safe, happy and peaceful holiday season.

### VEHICLE SAFETY

- Seat belt laws were enacted to save lives. You never know when another driver will make a careless mistake. Always buckle your seat belt and the seat belts of those you love.
- If alcohol is a part of your holiday, do not drive. Designate a driver or call a taxi. For your safety and the safety of others, do not drink and drive!
- Each year, nationally, more than 1,000 people typically die between Thanksgiving through New Year's in drunk driving crashes and/or crashes where safety belts were not used.

### PERSONAL SAFETY MEASURES

- If you must shop at night, park in a well-lighted area.
  - Avoid parking next to vans, trucks with camper shells, or cars with tinted windows.
  - Park as close as you can to your destination and take notice of where you parked.
  - Never leave your car unoccupied with the motor running or with children inside.
- Do not leave packages or valuables on the seat of your car. This creates a temptation for thieves. If you must leave something in the car, lock it in the trunk or put it out of sight.



# WHITE HOUSE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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672-4903

In January of 2009, the White House Police Department will present its Eighth Annual Citizen 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 daily operations and programs. The Academy will be held on Tuesday nights from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. for eight weeks. The classes are free and open to White House residents (Sumner/Robertson Counties) and those who are employed in the City of White House. The Academy is available to those 18 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.

During this eight week-week course, officers from the Department will instruct citizens in several areas including Law, Crime Prevention, Patrol, Investigations, D.A.R.E., Juvenile Law, Traffic Enforcement, Recruitment, and Firearms training. 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. 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 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. Deadline for the submission of applications will be January 16, 2009. If you would like more information on this program, please contact Captain Jeff Mingledorff at 616-1064 at the White House Police Department.



Officer Keith Anglin attended and successfully completed 10 weeks of training at the Basic Police Course, Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy. Graduation was held on Friday, October 11, 2008. Congratulations Officer Anglin!

## TOYS FOR TOTS



**U.S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE**

For more information visit [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org)

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**NOVEMBER 5 - DECEMBER 19**

The White House Police and Fire Departments will participate and support the 2008 U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program by designating each of its buildings as a donation drop off site. 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 at 416 Hwy. 76. For further info on how to obtain toys for a family in need of support, visit [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org). Point of contact for additional information is Captain Jeff Mingledorff at W.H.P.D., 672-4903 or 616-1064.

## D.A.R.E. CAR RECEIVES "COAT OF MANY COLORS"



In an effort to support and promote the White House Police Department's drug and violence prevention efforts, the students of the Nashville Auto-Diesel College took on the project of repainting the 1995 Camaro Z28. The custom paint and graphic work were donated to the department under the guidance and generosity of the school's Director of Collision Repair and Refinishing (and White House resident) Tommy Curtis. The vehicle was seized in 1999 from a multiple DUI offender.

Pictured from left to right:  
White House Police Chief Gerald Herman  
NADC student Jake Betts  
NADC student Austin Meador  
NADC student Kyle Nolte  
NADC Director of Collision Repair and Refinishing Tommy Curtis  
NADC Instructor Troy Lynn  
White House Police Captain Jeff Mingledorff  
(NADC Instructor Rick Harris also worked on the car, but is not pictured)

# WHITE HOUSE WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

725 Industrial Dr.  
672-3654

## City Implementing Wastewater Master Plan

The City of White House Wastewater Department has recently completed a master planning effort to assist the City of White House in planning and managing the current and proposed residential and commercial growth in the City and within its Urban Growth Boundaries. The single most compelling wastewater system need for White House is to maintain or improve the level of service to the existing wastewater customers, while allowing for the expansion of the system in an orderly manner.

The Wastewater System Master Plan details the necessary improvements within the wastewater system and prepares the City for expected future wastewater flows. The recommendations in the plan are summarized and prioritized in a Service Plan and Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) that estimates costs for the recommended improvements.

The Master Plan listed a number of efforts the City has recently undertaken to more closely manage and maintain their wastewater collection, pumping, and treatment systems.

The 2008-2009 budgeted improvements to the existing collection system can be divided into three key areas, as follows:

### *Vacuum Collection System Improvements*

The removal of customers from the North Palmer's Vacuum Pumping Station collection system in order to reduce the area served.

The replacement of 102 vacuum valves and controllers.

### *Low Pressure Sewer System Improvements*

The replacement of 44 low pressure sewer pumps in the South Palmer's Chapel Lift Station collection system moving towards the demolition of the South Palmer's Chapel Lift Station.

The replacement of 65 low pressure sewer pumps in the Sage Road area.

The continued replacement of 361 low pressure sewer pumps.

### *Lift Station Improvements*

The development of a system wide supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system.



Chris Keith



David Smith



## CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY ISSUED TO WASTEWATER OPERATORS

On May 1, 2008, The Water and Wastewater Operator Certification Board issued certificates of competency to Chris Keith (Grade II Collection System Operator) and David Smith (Grade III Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator) for successfully completing the certification requirements for water and or wastewater treatment operators. To be issued a certificate of competency, a water or wastewater plant operator must meet specific education and experience requirements; and successfully complete a written exam. The "Water Environmental Health Act" establishes certification of operators. Requirements for certification operators are found in the "Rules Governing Water and Wastewater Operator Certification".

# WHITE HOUSE FINANCE DEPARTMENT

105 College Street  
672-4350

## Online Auction Increases Revenue From Surplus Assets

The City of White House has selected GovDeals {[www.govdeals.com](http://www.govdeals.com)}, a state-of-the-art, online auction service of government surplus and confiscated properties to conduct online sales of all surplus and seized property. The GovDeals solution is a win-win for us. We have the ability to immediately place a surplus item up for sale and within a matter of days the item is sold and that money is returned to the taxpayers. Items for sale will be posted continuously on the web and can be accessed through the City's website at [www.cityofwhitehouse.com](http://www.cityofwhitehouse.com) or directly through [www.govdeals.com](http://www.govdeals.com). Items that are coming up to be sold are: Gateway computers, 93 Ford F150 truck.

The pictures to the right are some of the items sold on GovDeals in the past 3 months. The generator brought an excess amount of \$5,400.00 above blue book and the sanitation truck brought an excess amount of \$11,150.00 above blue book.



## City Property Tax Information

### 2008 Tax Rate

City Property Tax Rate for properties in <b>Robertson or Sumner Counties</b>	\$1.02 per \$100 of assessed value at the following percentages:
Residential	25% of assessed value
Commercial	30% of assessed value
Industrial	40% of assessed value

Property tax notices are mailed the first week of October each year. City property taxes are due from October 1 through the end of February. Any unpaid property taxes as of March 1 are considered delinquent and will accrue monthly interest and penalties at a rate of 1.5%.

### Property Values and Owner Information

The Sumner and Robertson County Tax Assessors' offices provide the city with the property assessed values. The County Tax Assessors' office is also responsible for name and address changes. Tax notices reflect the property owner on record as of January 1. If you have a mortgage with an escrow account to cover property taxes, it is your responsibility to forward a copy of the notice to your mortgage company.

### Calculation Example

The tables below show how 2008 city property taxes would be calculated for parcels valued at \$100,000 in Robertson County or Sumner County.

#### 2008 Property Tax Collection on \$100,000 Property in Robertson or Sumner County:

	Residential Property	Commercial Property	Industrial Property
property assessment from county	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
x times the % of assessment taxed	x 25%	x 30%	x 40%
	\$25,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$40,000.00
/ divided by \$100	/100	/100	/100
	250	300	400
x times the tax rate	\$1.02	\$1.02	\$1.02
= 2008 property taxes	\$255	\$306	\$408

# WHITE HOUSE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

427 Industrial Drive  
672-0215



## Vehicle Emission Testing

Please check the website at [www.cityofwhitehouse.com](http://www.cityofwhitehouse.com) for more information regarding vehicle emissions testing. Envirotest, the company that provides the vehicle emissions testing to the City, is currently working on a mobile emissions schedule for 2009. They will notify us soon and let us know if they will continue to offer the testing in White House.

## Spring Clean Up 2009

The City of White House Public Works Department will be holding its Spring Clean Up April 18th through April 25th 2009. Please contact the Public Works Department with any questions.

## Fall Clean up 2008

During our Fall Clean up week October 25th thru November 1st there were a total of 155 citizens that utilized this service, which allowed citizens of White House (1) free pickup truckload of household refuse disposal free of charge.



## Reminder

Holiday weeks will be delayed one day after the holiday. Regular routes will resume the next week.

Monday on Tuesday  
Tuesday on Wednesday  
Wednesday on Thursday  
Thursday on Friday

## 2008 Holiday Sanitation Pickup Schedule

### Weeks or days where sanitation pickup is altered due to holiday:

Wednesday December 24 <sup>th</sup> Thursday December 25 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday & Thursday's routes will be picked up on Friday December 26 <sup>th</sup>
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## 2009 Holiday Sanitation Pickup Schedule

### Weeks or days where sanitation pickup is altered due to holiday:

Thursday January 1 <sup>st</sup>	Thursday's refuse will be picked up on Friday January 2 <sup>nd</sup> .
Week of January 19-23	For all routes, refuse will be picked up one day after the regularly scheduled day.
Week of February 16-20	For all routes, refuse will be picked up one day after the regularly scheduled day.
Week of May 25 - 29	For all routes, refuse will be picked up one day after the regularly scheduled day.
Week of September 7-11	For all routes, refuse will be picked up one day after the regularly scheduled day.
Week of October 12- 16	For all routes, refuse will be picked up one day after the regularly scheduled day.
Wednesday November 11-12	Wednesday's refuse will be picked up on Thursday November 12th and Thursday's refuse will be picked up on Friday November 13th.
Thursday November 26 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday's Route will be picked up on Wednesday November 25th.
Thursday December 24 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday's routes will be picked up on Monday December 28 <sup>th</sup> .



The recycle trailer has moved to its new location in the lower parking lot of the Municipal Center.

# WHITE HOUSE INN LIBRARY & MUSEUM

412 Highway 76  
672-0239

## White House Inn Library Hours

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
  - Thursday 12 noon to 8:00 p.m.
  - Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- COME IN AND CHECK US OUT !!!!

## Christmas Open House

The White House Inn Library and Museum will be hosting its Annual Christmas Open House on Thursday, December 4th from 4-7 p.m.

## Star Party

On Thursday, December 11th, there will be a "Star Party" hosted by the Cumberland Astronomical Society. The party begins at dusk.

## Book Club

The book club meets on the last Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. and is always open for new members.

## Story Times

- ♦ Toddlers, ages 3 and under are on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
- ♦ Preschoolers ages 4 and 5 are on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

## Museum

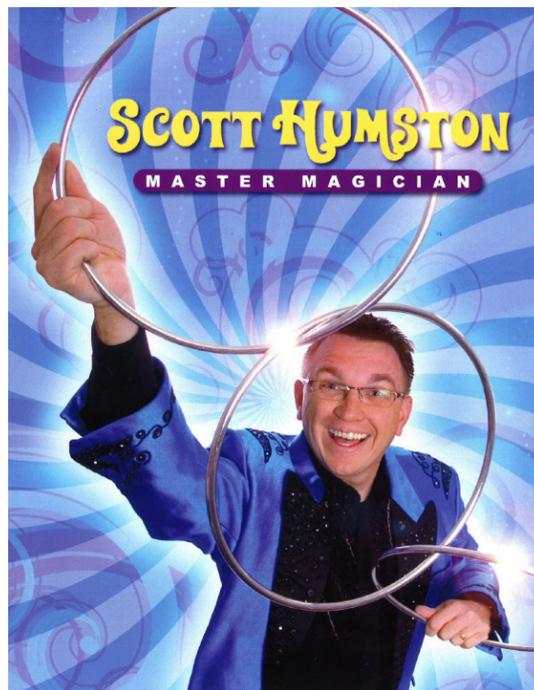
The Museum is on the 2nd floor of the Library Building and houses artifacts and memorabilia depicting life in early White House. Exhibited are early tools, furniture, photographs and historic documents that have been donated or loaned by area residents. The Museum is open during regular Library hours. Admission is free. Also available is a "virtual tour" on CD for viewing on a Library public computer or for purchase.

## Library Board

There has been a change in Board meeting times. The Board will meet at 7:00 p.m. bi-monthly in the Board Room at the Civic Center, and the meetings are open to the public. Upcoming meetings will be January 8th and March 12th.

## Friends of the Library Membership Drive

The Friends of the Library will be having a membership drive soon! Keep watching for more information.



Monday, December 8th—Enjoy the magic of Scott Humston in a show designed for children of all ages! This show will be held at the Civic Center Auditorium at 6:30 p.m.



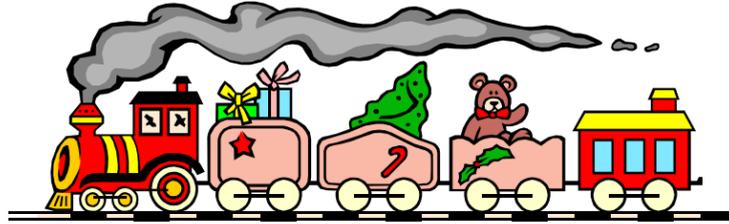
Our energetic toddlers.



Preschoolers make Thanksgiving place Mats.

# WHITE HOUSE PARKS AND RECREATION

105 College Street  
672-4350 ext 2114



## White House Christmas Parade

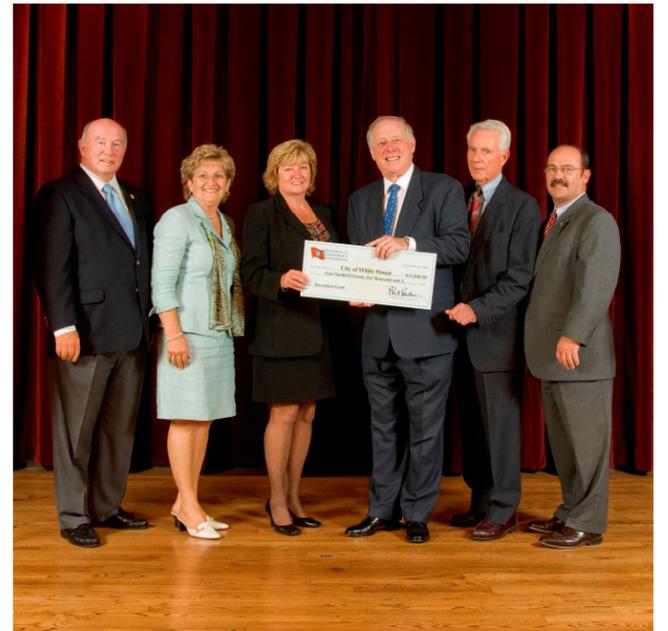
The annual Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, December 6th, and will begin at 3:00 pm. The theme is "Rockin' around the Christmas Tree". Registration forms for parade entries may be obtained in the Parks and Recreation office at 105 College Street, or at [www.cityofwhitehouse.com/parks](http://www.cityofwhitehouse.com/parks) under Programs and Activities. The parade begins and ends at the Municipal Park, following Hwy. 76, 31-W, and Raymond Hirsch Pkwy. Come join the fun!!

\*\*The Christmas Parade Grand Marshals will be the elementary school students who win the essay contest titled "What Christmas means to me".\*\*

## Local Parks and Recreation Fund Grant!!

Some incredible news was received in August! The City of White House was awarded \$425,000 by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation in the form of an LPRF grant which will be used to completely renovate 4 baseball and softball fields in the City Park. The coming months will be used to finalize architectural and engineering plans, and the demolition and new construction will start in 2009.

(Pictured from left to right): Environment & Conservation Commissioner, Jim Fyke; Sen. Diane Black; Chairman of the Leisure Services Board, Fran Hutson; Gov. Phil Bredesen; Mayor John Decker and Rep. Bob Bibb.



## A Living Legacy Tree Program



One of the goals of the White House Parks and Recreation Department is to enhance the landscape. Planting commemorative trees for future generations to enjoy is an excellent way to meet that objective. The Living Legacy Tree Program provides individuals and organizations with the opportunity to beautify the City Park System with trees that honor people and commemorate special events. For a tax deductible contribution of \$195, the department will plant trees within the White House park system, including the City Park, Soccer Complex, Northwoods Community Park, City Hall and the Greenway. A permanent record will be kept of all Living Legacy trees at City Hall for public viewing. Engraved stones are available for purchase to permanently mark donated trees.

# WHITE HOUSE PARKS AND RECREATION

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672-4350 ext 2114

## Hillcrest in Candlelight

The 3rd annual "Hillcrest in Candlelight" luminary event will be held on Saturday, December 20th as a way for family members to honor departed loved ones. Approximately 1,250 glowing luminaries will create a spectacular sight and a meaningful event. A guest speaker will precede the lighting of the luminaries. Family members and loved ones are invited to light the candles afterward. Please bring a lighter with you, preferably one with a long reach. The service will start promptly at 5:00 pm. In case of rain, the event will be attempted on Sunday evening.



Photo by Randy Cline

## Boot Camp Aerobics Classes

Instructed by Jenny Owensby, CPT

- ◆ Tuesday and Thursday
- ◆ 8:00-9:00 a.m.; 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- ◆ White House Civic Center
- ◆ \$3.00/class

## Co-Ed Church Volleyball

Registration 01/12/09-02/13/09

- ◆ The season will begin in March.
- ◆ Registration Fee: \$275 per team for city residents.
- ◆ Non-resident fees may apply to churches located outside White House city limits.
- ◆ All members of a team must be members /regular attendees of that church.

## Zumba Fitness Gold

- ◆ Monday & Friday Mornings
- ◆ 8:30 am—9:00 am.
- ◆ Cost is \$2.00 per class
- ◆ Specially designed for seniors

## Zumba Fitness

Instructed by Tina Bishop

- ◆ Monday & Friday
- ◆ 9:00 am—10:00 am
- ◆ Cost is \$3.00 per class

## Youth Basketball

Game schedules, practice schedules and league standings may be accessed at:  
[www.cityofwhitehouse.com/parks](http://www.cityofwhitehouse.com/parks).



Thank you for making  
this year's Harvest  
Moon 10K a  
success!

1st place—  
**Bonita Paul 37.13**  
2nd Place—  
**Scott Weitecha 39.27**  
For a complete list of re-  
sults please go to  
[www.cityofwhitehouse.com](http://www.cityofwhitehouse.com).



The Pointe Church  
"Best Decorated Booth" at the Trail of Treats

## Shutterbug Contest

Are you an amateur photographer? If so, check out our photo contest that the Parks and Recreation Department is starting. There will be two contests per year. Photos for fall/winter must be submitted by February 27, 2009 at 4:00 pm. Guidelines and contest details may be obtained in the Parks and Recreation office at 105 College Street or online at [www.cityofwhitehouse.com](http://www.cityofwhitehouse.com).

For more information on any of the programs provided through the Parks & Recreation Department, please call 672-4350 ext.2114.

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## 9 & 10 Nationals

Left to Right: 1st Row—Andrew Florio, Grayson Sherman, Garrett Plumlee, Blake Osborne.  
2nd Row—Jake Cruise, Trent Zuniga, Ryan Keller, Jake Jarvis, Jake White  
Coaches—Barry Jarvis, David Keller, Tal Plumlee  
Not Pictured—Mason Sears, Jarrett Nelson



## 5 & 6 Cubs

Left to Right: 1st Row—Eric Lane, Miles Suiter, Van True, Timothy Freel, Faith Redding, Maggie Weems  
2nd Row—Bryson McMahon, Logan Watlington, Avery O'Bryan, Wyatt Walter, Cody Hoover, Not Pictured—Drew Vogel  
Coaches—Shawn McMahon, Scotty O'Bryan, Rodney Hoover, Lee True.



## 7 & 8 Phillies

Left to Right: 1st Row— Mason Laborg, Brett Jones, Bryce Smith, Drake Allsup, Jacob Gable, Jordan Hamm.  
2nd Row—Jacob Peach, Nicholas Minnena, Jackson Ham, Austin Short, Talon Dobak, Noah Owsley.  
Coaches—Jamie Laborg, Trent Jones



## 7 & 8 Daisies

Left to Right: Maggie Pinson, Ashtyn Blair, Mackenzie Smith, Emilie Click, Breanna Bozeman. Coaches—Greg Shreeve, James Click, Clayton Bozemean. Not Pictured: Kailee Osborne, Lexi Corey, Gabby Townley, Sydnee Frakes, Alex Martin.

## Men's Open Softball

The winner of the Summer League was Old Hickory Bat Company. L&L won the Fall League regular season, going undefeated. The Monster Squad won the double-elimination post season tournament.



# WHITE HOUSE SENIOR CENTER

105 College Street  
672-4350 ext 2116

## EVENTS AND FUTURE TRIPS

### **December 2008**

The Senior Citizens Breakfast will be on Wednesday, **December 10th**. There is a limit for attendance, so please sign up by **December 3rd**.

Our cookie exchange will be on Tuesday, **December 16th** at 1:30 pm. Each person planning to attend will need to sign up by Tuesday, **December 9th**. Please contact Vicky at the Senior Center for more information on how the cookie exchange works.

We will have our Christmas Bingo on Wednesday, **December 17th**. If you plan to participate, each person should bring a wrapped gift. The price range should be between five and ten dollars. Women should bring gifts suitable for other women, and men should bring gifts suitable for other men.

On Friday, **December 19th**, we will travel to Lebanon to view Christmas lights and to see Santa Claus. We will have dinner at O'Charley's. We will be departing at 4:00 pm.

Birthday Potluck will be on Tuesday, **December 30th**.

### **January 2009**

We may go the Renaissance Theatre in Dickson, TN.

### **February 2009**

We may go to the Hermitage, the Home of President Andrew Jackson.



Senior Citizens "Picnic in the Park"

## White House Senior Citizens Center

Hours

Monday	8:00 am-4:00 pm
Tuesday	8:00 am-4:00 pm
Wednesday	8:00 am-4:00 pm
Thursday	8:00 am-4:00 pm
Friday	8:00 am-4:00 pm

## MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

**Creative Cards & Scrap Booking** is on the first and third Tuesday 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

**Water Aerobics** is on Mondays and Thursdays 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

**Theme Birthday Potluck** is on the last Friday of each month at 12:00 p.m. Check monthly calendar for theme of the month.

**Bingo** is on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.

**Sittersize (Chair Exercise)** is on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9:00 a.m.

**Dancing at Byrum Porter Senior Center**  
Look for dates and times in the Senior Newsletter.



Bowling at the Family Fun Center in Hendersonville. Gael, Betty, Charlene, Joan and Maureen.

## MONTHLY OUTINGS

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR REGULAR MONTHLY OUTINGS**

**SUCH AS BREAKFAST, DINNER AND DAY TRIPS!**



Dancing at the Byrum Porter Senior Center in Orlanda.

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## Spooktacular Costumes and Festivities for Halloween

On October 31st many seniors participated in the Halloween festivities including, a costume contest, a cake walk, bean bag toss, Halloween pond, ring toss, lollipop pull and wonderful dishes the seniors brought to pass. Gifts for the games and contests were graciously donated by Farmers Bank, Green Bank, Volunteer State Bank, Regions Bank, F&M Bank and Home Care Solutions. The cakes for the cake walk were donated by Al's Food Value, Becki Butler, Granny's, Sunrise Bakery, and Magnificent Coffee.

1st place winners were Eddie and Linda Romero—"Blues Brothers"  
2nd place went to Agnes Hopkins—"Besty Ross"  
3rd place went to Suzanne Peterson—"A Table"

Thank you to all of the seniors who participated!



# WHITE HOUSE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

105 College Street  
672-4350 x2113

## Request for Signs

- Help the City maintain its traffic control and street signage. If you notice someone damaging or removing roadside signs please contact the Police Department.
- Most of these signs are required by City ordinance or State and Federal laws and are expensive for the City to replace.
- If you would like to request a street sign or have a damaged or missing sign replaced, please go to the City website at [www.cityofwhitehouse.com](http://www.cityofwhitehouse.com) and in the Engineering Department section fill out the Sign Request Form.



## Traffic Signals

If you notice a red, yellow or green signal ball that does not come on properly, please contact the City Engineer at 672-4350, ext. 2113. You may report these and other traffic signal issues at the City website at [www.cityofwhitehouse.com](http://www.cityofwhitehouse.com).



If you have potholes that need repair please contact the Public Works Department at 672-0215. If you are planning on cutting or boring under a City street, don't forget to contact the Public Works Department for a Permit. For all other issues involving City roadways, please contact the City Engineer at the number above or by e-mail through the City website at [www.cityofwhitehouse.com](http://www.cityofwhitehouse.com).

## Drainage or Erosion Issues

Is there standing water in your ditch for longer than 48 hours after the storm water runoff has stopped flowing? Does an average rainfall cause your ditch to overflow onto your property? Has your ditch become filled with silt and no longer carries storm water runoff? Are there large areas of eroded soil in your ditch? Day-to-day maintenance, such as ditch repairs, should be referred to the Public Works Department at 672-0215. If you experience any other drainage or erosion concerns, please contact the City Engineer at the number above or by e-mail through the City website at [www.cityofwhitehouse.com](http://www.cityofwhitehouse.com).

## New Employees Skate into Place in White House



**Daniel Guill** (left) and **Will Vick** (right) joined the City Parks and recreation department as Civic Center Attendants in 2008. Daniel and Will are residents and students in White House. Mark is a White House resident and is active in the community.



**Jennifer Cruse** joined the City Team as a Library Aide in September of 2008. Jennifer is a White House resident and is active in the community.



**Lonnie Goode** joined the Codes Department as the City's first IT Specialist in August of 2008. Lonnie comes to us from the medical community with many years of IT and network experience.



The following new Firefighters (listed from left to right **Jason Campbell, Ryan Stone, Mike King, Mike Bogle, Cary Pettit** and **Brad Williams**) joined the Fire Department in August of 2008 as the City expanded its firefighting force to staff the new fire hall. They each bring to the department EMT certifications and many years of both volunteer and career firefighter experience.



**Jeremy Matthews** (left) joined the Wastewater Department as a Wastewater Technician in September of 2008 and **Marshall Ward** (right) in October 2008. Jeremy is a recent addition to the area, moving here from Arkansas. Marshall is an area resident with many years experience in the construction industry.



The following new Officers (listed from left to right **Nick Hurt, Bob Parks, Keith Anglin,** and **Brandon Maynard**; *not pictured Jonathan Sams*) joined the Police Department in 2008. Officers Hurt and Maynard have previously worked for WHPD, and Officers Parks and Anglin have served on the WHPD Reserve prior to full time appointment. Officer Sams comes to the WHPD with several years policing experience with area agencies.

The City of White House would like to welcome the newest members of its team. We would also like to thank them for their commitment to serve the citizens of White House.