

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

# *Word on White House*

## **Change in Hours for City Hall**

In an effort to save money, the City will be moving to a four day work week. All of the administrative offices that you would normally reach Monday through Friday will now be available Monday through Thursday. We will have extended hours during these days, so employees are actually working a 40 hour week in four days. This allows us to close down several of our buildings and conserve on the energy costs of that additional day. For example, City Hall could see a 20% reduction in energy costs. Emissions testing will no longer be offered on Fridays, but on Mondays instead. Trash pick up days will remain the same as our sanitation crews will be going to this schedule as well. You will see the Parks Department seven days a week as their workforce has been stretched to cover each day of the week. Public Safety departments such as Police and Fire will remain on 12 and 24 hour shifts respectively, however, their administrative staff will be changing over to the four day work week.

Several other cities have recently changed to this schedule. Cities such as Crossville, TN, Loudon County, VA and Gainesville, FL have already implemented this schedule and have seen positive results. Together they report reduced turnover, decreased absenteeism, increased public access lower energy costs and increased production. We are hoping to experience similar results.

This will hopefully allow citizens who work outside the City more access to city services. As we deal with the volatility in the economy, we strive to provide the level of excellence that citizens expect. Sometimes it takes a little creativity and a move from the norm in order to accomplish. The City is experiencing a lower percentage of property and sales taxes paid this year, than at this time last year. That coupled with the slow in revenues normally gained through growth, such as building homes and businesses, the City is preparing for more challenging times. Like most families, the City is also feeling financial strains. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

### **City's New Administrative Hours**

**Monday through Thursday**

**7:15 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.**



City of White House  
Billy S. Hobbs Municipal Center  
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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

### MARCH 2009

March 5	Leisure Services Board	7:00 pm
March 9	Vehicle Emissions Testing ***	9:00 am—12:00 pm
March 9	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
March 12	City Court	9, 10 and 11 am 1:30 and 2:30 pm
March 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—Fire Hall	Friday 12 pm—6 pm Saturday 8 am—3 pm
March 26	City Court	9, 10, 11 am 1:30 pm

### MAY 2009

May 5	Board of Mayor and Aldermen Budget Study Session	5:00 pm
May 7	Leisure Services Board	7:00 pm
May 11	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
May 11	Vehicle Emissions Testing ***	9:00 am—12:00 pm
May 14	City Court	9, 10 and 11 am 1:30 and 2:30 pm
May 14	Library Board Meeting	7:00 pm
May 19	Board of Zoning Appeals*	7:00 pm
May 21	Board of Mayor and Aldermen	7:00 pm
May 25	Memorial Day	City Offices Closed
May 28	City Court	9, 10 and 11 am 1:30 pm

### APRIL 2009

April 7	Cemetery Board Meeting	9:00 am
April 9	Observance of Good Friday	Closed
April 9	City Court	9, 10, and 11 am 1:30, and 2:30 pm
April 13	Vehicle Emissions Testing ***	9:00 am—12:00 pm
April 13	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
April 16	Board of Mayor and Aldermen	7:00 pm
April 21	Board of Zoning Appeals*	7:00 pm
April 23	City Court	9, 10 and 11 am 1:30 pm

### JUNE 2009

June 8	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
June 8	Vehicle Emissions Testing ***	9:00 am—12:00 pm
June 11	City Court	9, 10 and 11 am 1:30 and 2:30 pm
June 16	Board of Zoning Appeals*	7:00 pm
June 18	Board of Mayor and Aldermen	7:00 pm
June 25	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.

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

"Happiness does not depend on outward things, but on the way we see them." ~ Leo Tolstoy



## Notes from the Mayor

### Meet the Rest of the People who make Government Work for You!

In our last edition, I introduced you to the members of our key boards. Now it is time to meet some more citizens that work for you, as a gift of service to our community.

The planning commission may have more impact for the long term of any of our boards. Their decisions effect how our community looks and the quality of life aspects that face the City. Those that serve on this board must study, prepare and make decisions. That is sometimes hard to do in the face of pressures and emotional pleading. Your board members are remarkably well grounded and will serve you well. The planning commission board members include: Bill Thompson, Mary Miller-McNutt, Clif Hutson, Mike Arnold, Amanda Brinkley and Paula Eller.

The Board of Zoning Appeals hears all of the unusual requests that are not permitted, but seem to have a reasonable reason for an exception or a solution that provides relief. The most difficult thing about this board is that most of the time, requests are unique and require creative solutions. Those who labor for you on the Board of Zoning Appeals are: John Wilkinson, Dolly Peay, Bill Colvin, Mike Arnold, Matthew West and Addam McCormick.

The Construction Board of Appeals is another board that requires a creative approach to solving problems. In this case, experience is critical to good solutions. Those who serve your interests are Jesse Wilkinson, Craig Johnson, Ken Carver, Homer Gibson and Walton Plummer.

There are two other boards, the Property Maintenance Board and the Industrial Revenue Board. We owe a debt of gratitude for all those who give their service free of charge in order to make government work for all of us.

We are in search of those who are willing to serve on occasion of need. We are looking for individuals who may have skills and talents in needed areas. Before the end of the month of May 2009, I will be making key decisions in appointments to the Library Board, the Board of Zoning Appeals, the Planning Commission and the Museum Board. If you have a desire to serve, please submit an application to Christie Odenwald, our City Recorder. There is a good deal of self satisfaction in serving. I will interview each applicant to explain these positions, any requirements and answer any questions.

*Mayor Decker*

### Have you paid your 2008 property taxes yet?

City property taxes were due between October 1, 2008 and February 28, 2009. As of March 1, 2009 penalties will begin to accrue at 1.5% monthly. The City currently has 246 parcels outstanding in Robertson County and 251 parcels outstanding in Sumner County. City taxes may be paid in person or online at [www.cityofwhitehouse.com](http://www.cityofwhitehouse.com). Just look under Departments/Services, click on the Finance page, and choose the appropriate county to locate your tax information. In addition, tax relief applicants must bring their tax cards in order to retain their status on tax relief. Please contact the Tax Clerk at 672-4350 ext. 2100 if you have any questions regarding your property taxes.



# WHITE HOUSE FIRE DEPARTMENT

416 Highway 76  
672-5338

## New Business Hours for the Fire Department

Greetings from the City of White House Fire Department. The Fire Department will be observing new business hours beginning March 2, 2009. The hours of business operations will be Monday through Thursday from 7:00 AM until 5:30 PM. This will not affect emergency responses in any way. The firefighters that you have relied on will still be here 24 hours a day 7 days a week 365 days a year to serve you should an emergency arise. This change only affects administrative personnel. If you need a residential burn permit you can still obtain one free of charge at either of the stations as you have before. If a commercial burn permit is needed you will need to visit Station 2 during the business hours listed above. For commercial permits, you will need to allow extra time for an inspection to be performed, so please consider this for commercial burn permits.



## Station 2 Opening

We want to tell everyone in the community thank you for your support of our department and the recent Open House of the newly opened Station 2. The response and attendance was great and we hope that everyone had the opportunity to tour the facility and see the wonderful building that the city has built to serve each of you. The new station incorporates energy efficiency, functionality, and an excellent location to serve the residents of the City of White House. The Fire Department is extremely proud of this building, and hope that you will take a moment to visit the new station if you haven't already done so. Please feel free to stop by during the new business hours of 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM Monday through Thursday.



## Severe Weather

As spring approaches, we all start to make plans to enjoy the outdoors and anxiously want to feel the warmth that comes with the new season. This new season also has a dangerous side with the threat of tornados and severe thunderstorms. As always, we encourage you to take steps to prepare for severe weather outbreaks. Have an emergency kit, weather radio, and plans for extended times of power outages. There are numerous resources available to help you plan for severe weather events. Here are several links that help you prepare:

<http://wtvf.images.worldnow.com/images/incoming/Storm5SafetyFlipbook/index.html>

WTVF Channel 5 Severe Weather Booklet

[www.nws.noaa.gov](http://www.nws.noaa.gov)

National Weather Service

[www.fema.gov/hazard/tornado/index.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/hazard/tornado/index.shtm)

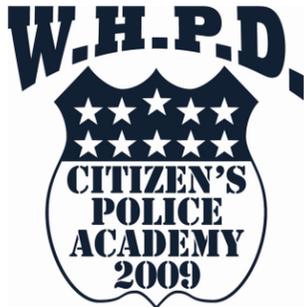
Federal Emergency Management Agency Tornado Information Page

<http://www.nssl.noaa.gov/edu/safety/tornado.html>



# WHITE HOUSE POLICE DEPARTMENT

303 N. Palmer's Chapel Road  
672-4903



On February 24, 2009, the White House Police Department began its Ninth 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 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, Special Programs, 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. If you would like more information on this program, please contact Captain Jeff Mingle-dorff at 616-1064 at the White House Police Department.



R.F. WOODALL D.A.R.E. GRADUATION FEBRUARY 12, 2009



Rotary Club President Mike Gaines and Police Chief Jerry Herman present the 2008 Officer of the Year Award to Sgt. Eric Enck. Congratulations Sgt. Enck!

## WHITE HOUSE POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME PREVENTION UNIT How to Safely Use the Greenway

- General Emergency Number: 615-672-4903 for White House Police Department.
- Crime in progress, or a serious life-threatening injury can be reported to the White House Police Department by dialing 9-1-1.
- Suspicious activity, strange behavior, threatening presence, loitering: Call White House PD.
- Illegal camps or litter related to alcohol or public inebriation: Call White House PD.
- Incidents involving domestic animals: Call 615-672-4903 White House Animal Control.
- Trail erosion, trail obstruction, graffiti, trail hazards: Call 615-672-4350, ext. 2114 White House Parks.

### Trail Safety Tips

- Carry a cell phone in case of emergency. Program the White House Police Department's number into your cell phone before you leave: 615-672-4903.
- There is safety in numbers. Use the buddy-system and enjoy the trail with a companion.
- Park in a well-lit, heavily-trafficked area. Lock your vehicle and do not leave valuables such as purses, wallets, jewelry, or cell phones inside.
- Be prepared for your enjoyment of the trail by bringing plenty of fluids to drink, and a snack or medications to address any personal health condition.
- Carry identification including your name, phone number, critical medical information, and a contact name/number in case of an emergency.
- Wear comfortable sport shoes, loose-fitting clothing appropriate for the weather, and use proper safety equipment. Protective clothing and equipment help to prevent injuries and helmets save lives.
- Wear bright and/or reflective fabrics and carry a whistle or noisemaker. Tell friends or family the route you will be taking and when you expect to return. If you are going to be late, give them a call.
- Stay on the designated trail.
- Be alert and aware of your surroundings. Avoid areas where visibility is poor, and be aware of sounds in your environment. Headphones are discouraged.
- Be confident. Look people in the eye and let others know you are aware of their presence with a polite "Hello!" Follow your intuition about unfamiliar people and areas.
- When you approach your car, have your key ready. Check the floor and back seats before you get in.



# WHITE HOUSE WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

725 Industrial Dr.  
672-3654

## Leak Detection and Annual Valve Timing Adjustments Scheduled for North Palmers and Calista Vacuum Sewer Systems

During the months of March, April and May the City of White House Wastewater Department will be performing a leak detection survey and make necessary annual valve controller adjustments on the North Palmers and Calista Vacuum Sewer Collection Systems.

During the leak survey, City crews will check the vacuum collection system for leaks in piping, vacuum pods, and isolation valves. This testing is performed with acoustic equipment (sensitive microphones), which detects the sound or vibrations caused by air entering the vacuum sewer line. During the monitoring, City crews will need to access the sewer mains, isolation valves, and vacuum pods, some of which are in the rear of Customers' properties.

City crews will also make necessary valve timing adjustments to the vacuum collection valve pods during this time frame. This adjustment is part of ongoing maintenance that helps ensure that the vacuum sewer system operates as efficiently as possible.

No significant interruptions of service are planned due to these activities.

For questions about the leak detection survey or annual vacuum valve adjustments, please contact Chris Keith, Collection Supervisor, at 672-3654

## CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY ISSUED TO WASTEWATER OPERATORS

On November 6, 2008, The Water and Wastewater Operator Certification Board issued certificates of competency to Joe Lemmons (Grade II Collection System Operator) and Robert Allen (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 PLANNING & CODES

105 College Street  
672-4350 x2121

## White House Regional Planning Commission

The White House Regional Planning Commission consists of seven members. Five members are residents of the City and two members are residents of the City's planning region outside of the City. The Commission meets the second Monday of every month at 7pm in the Board Room of the Billy S. Hobbs Municipal Center.

The Planning Commission reviews plans for residential, commercial, and industrial developments in the City limits. The City also has a limited review of development plans in the City's Planning Regions in Robertson and Sumner Counties. The Planning Commission reviews and makes recommendations to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen regarding property rezoning requests, approval of extending city services in annexed areas, and amendments to the zoning ordinance and commercial design standards.

The Planning Commission reviews plans for compliance with the City's adopted Zoning Ordinance, Commercial Design Standards, and Subdivision Regulations. The Zoning Ordinance regulates uses permitted and prohibited in different zoning districts, building setbacks, street access standards, sign requirements, and landscaping requirements. Examples of zoning districts are the R-20, Low Density Residential district, and C-2, General Commercial district. The Commercial Design Standards provide site development and exterior architectural design regulations for commercial, industrial, and multi-family residential developments and buildings. The Subdivision Regulations list construction standards for streets, drainage, and utilities. The Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Regulations, and Commercial Design Standards are available on City's website.

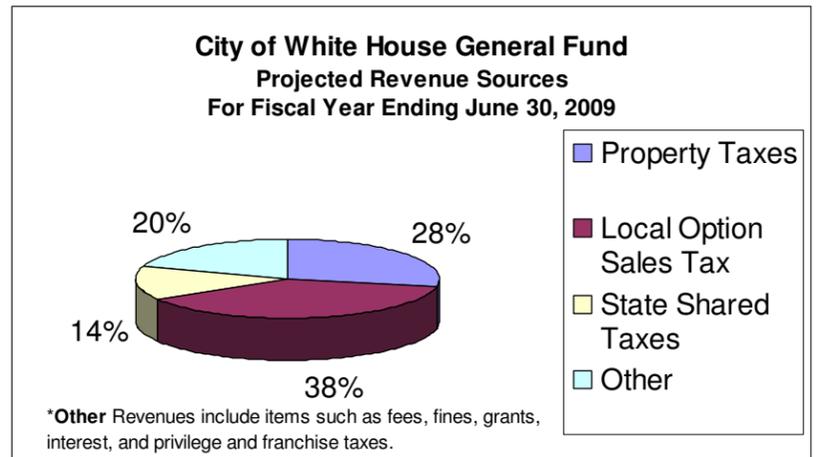
The Planning/Codes Office maintains minutes of all Planning Commission meetings. The agendas of the meetings are available on city's web site or by contacting the Planning/Codes Office at 672-4350, Ext 2120.

## How Does the Recession Affect our Local Government?

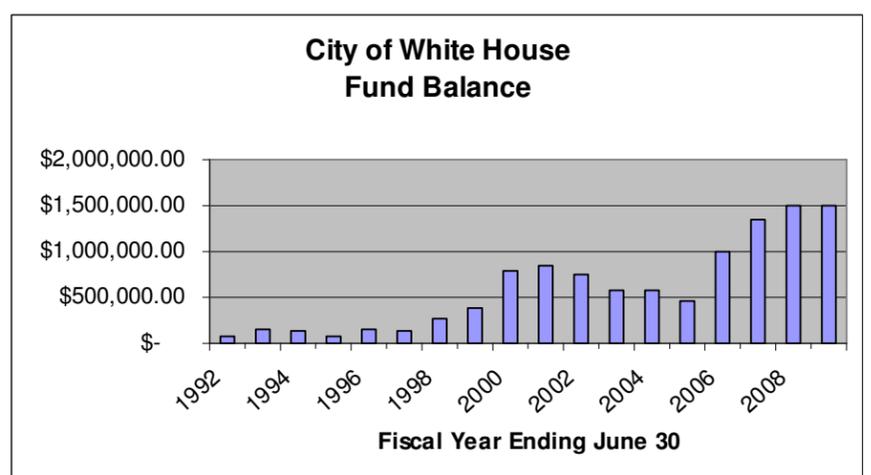
Some of you may be wondering if the recession is affecting our local government right here in White House. Well, the answer is yes. Almost all of the City's revenue streams have been negatively affected. Revenue determines the capacity of the City to provide services. Revenue should be balanced between elastic and inelastic sources with respect to economic base and inflation, meaning that some revenue sources should grow with the economic base and inflation, while others should remain relatively constant. Revenue should be diversified by source so as not to be overly dependent on residential, commercial, or industrial land uses, or external funding sources such as Federal or State monies.

Elastic revenues are highly responsive to changes in the economy and inflation. As the economy grows and inflation increases, elastic revenues increase in approximately the same proportion, and the opposite is true in the current economy. For example, sales tax revenues rise and fall with increases and decreases in retail sales and corresponding economic growth or decline. Inelastic revenues such as fees and user charges are normally unresponsive to changes in economic conditions, however in the current economy these normally inelastic sources of revenue are being negatively affected as well. The result is a decline in expected revenue for the City of White House.

On a more positive note the tax burden has made a welcome shift. For many years the City of White House has been very dependent on Property Taxes as the primary revenue source. During the current fiscal year, that dependency has shifted to the Local Option Sales Tax. This means that property owners in White House are no longer carrying the majority of the tax burden for the City. The tax burden is now being shared with those non-residents and non-property owners who shop and eat here in White House. The chart below shows the breakdown of projected revenue sources for the City of White House for fiscal year ending June 30, 2009. As you can see sales tax is the leading revenue source, closely followed by Property Taxes, Other Sources, and finally State Shared Taxes. Other sources of revenue include items such as fees, fines, grants, interest earned, and privilege and franchise taxes. State Shared taxes are those tax revenues that the State of Tennessee shares with us based on our population. (Remember the Census?) The sources for the State Shared Taxes include the State Sales Tax, State Beer Tax, Tax on Special Petroleum Products, and Gross Receipts Tax. The City of White House has experienced budget shortfalls in almost every single one of these revenue streams during the current fiscal year.



So, how will the City weather the economic downturn and deal with the shortfall in budgeted revenues? Our first focus is to control expenditures to ensure that they do not exceed the projected revenues for this fiscal year. Several measures have been put into place to accomplish this, and as a last resort, there is fund balance available for unrestricted use. The City is actually in a better position to withstand the current economic strain than it was just a few years ago. As indicated in the chart below the General Fund balance reflects a positive trend over the past few years. This trend of consistent increases to fund balance is the result of conservative budgeting and careful spending. While we certainly do not expect to enjoy any addition to the General Fund balance as we close out this fiscal year, we are working diligently as stewards of taxpayer dollars to maintain that Fund Balance that we have worked to build over the past few years.



# WHITE HOUSE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

427 Industrial Drive  
672-0215

## The City of White House is Excited to Announce its New Recycling Program!



The City of White House, in conjunction with QRS Recycling, has begun a new single stream recycling program. This form of recycling allows residents to put all accepted recyclables into one container without sorting materials.

### Locations

The City of White House has additional recycling locations. Recyclables can be dropped off at the following locations:

- ◆ The Billy S. Hobbs Municipal Center, which can be accessed via the Hwy 31W entrance.
- ◆ The White House Police Department, located at 303 N. Palmers Chapel Rd.
- ◆ The White House Fire Department, located at 416 Hwy 76.
- ◆ Walmart parking lot, located at Wilkinson & Hwy. 76

### Recyclable Items:

Aluminum Cans, Cardboard, Junk Mail, Magazines, Newspapers, Plastics (1-7), Steel Cans, Telephone Books and Tin.

### Non-recyclable Items:

Glass, Herbicides, Insecticides, Motor Oil, Paper Towel, Styrofoam.

Please recycle any used motor oil at the Public Works Facility. Please be considerate of others who are trying to recycle and break down all cardboard prior to placing it in the bins. Please also remember that we are fortunate to be part of this program, so please do not deposit household trash in these dumpsters. Thank you.

### Vehicle Emission Testing

Due to the change in the City's work week, the vehicle emissions testing schedule has changed. Vehicle emissions testing will now be offered on the following Mondays: March 9th, April 13th, May 11th, June 8th, July 13th, August 10th, September 14th, October 19th, November 16th and December 14th. Vehicle emissions testing will be 9:00 am—12:00 pm at the Public Works Facility located at 427 Industrial Drive. The Sumner County Clerk's Office will also be located at City Hall during these times to issue tags.

## 2009 Holiday Sanitation Pickup Schedule

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

Week of February 16-20	For all routes, refuse will be picked up one day after the regularly scheduled day.
Week of April 6-10	Mon & Tues routes will be picked up on their regular schedule. Wed & Thurs routes will be picked up on Thurs April 8th
Week of May 25 - 29	Mon & Tues routes will be picked up on Tues May 26 <sup>th</sup> . Wed & Thurs routes will be picked up on their regular schedule.
Week of June 29-July 3	Mon & Tues routes will be picked up on their regular schedule. Wed & Thurs routes will be picked up on Wed July 1 <sup>st</sup> .
Week of September 7-11	Mon & Tues routes will be picked up on Tues September 8 <sup>th</sup> . Wed & Thurs routes will be picked up on their regular schedule.
Week of October 12- 16	Mon & Tues routes will be picked up on Tues October 13 <sup>th</sup> . Wed & Thurs routes will be picked up on their regular schedule.
Week of November 9-13	Mon and Tues routes will be picked up on their regular schedule. Wed & Thurs routes will be picked up on Wed November 13 <sup>th</sup> .
Week of November 23-27	Mon & Tues routes will be picked up on Mon November 23 <sup>rd</sup> . Wed & Thurs routes will be picked up on Tuesday November 24th
Week of December 21-25	Mon & Tues routes will be picked up on Mon December 21 <sup>st</sup> . Wed route will be picked up on Tue December 22 <sup>nd</sup> . Thurs route will be picked up on Mon December 28th

### Spring Clean Up 2009

The City of White House Public Works Department will be holding its Spring Clean Up April 18th, 21st, 20th, 22nd, 23rd and 25th, 2009. City residents may drop off their household refuse on Saturday, April 18th from 9:00 am—12:00 pm, and on the weekdays listed above from 7:15 am—5:15 pm. Citizens are allowed one (1) truckload per household. Please contact the Public Works Department with any questions.

# 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 !!!!

## Library Closed for Circulation Maintenance

The Library will be closed Friday March 20th and Saturday March 21st for Circulation Maintenance. We will re-open on Monday, March 23rd. Thank you for your patience

## Teen Reading Club

The Library is currently forming a Teen Reading Club. Please sign up at the Library if you are interested.

## 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.
- ◆ Homeschoolers meet every third Wednesday at 1:00 p.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

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 March 12th and May 14th.

## Friends of the Library Membership Drive

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



"Be Creative at the Library" is the theme of Tennessee's Summer Reading Program. Registration for the program will begin May 11th. All ages are welcome to participate!

## Coming Soon!

Soon there will be new additions to the Lida Kirby Ragland Memorial Collection on Gardening and also the W.A. Ragland Memorial Collection on Home Improvement and Renovation.



# WHITE HOUSE PARKS AND RECREATION

105 College Street  
672-4350 ext 2114

## Doyle Academy

Area baseball coaches will have an opportunity to attend a Coaches School conducted by the nationally recognized Doyle Baseball School on March 7, 2009. The Coaches School will be held from 8:00 am until 11:00 am at the White House Municipal Park, Field 3. This training is required to be a head coach in the White House Dixie Youth League.



The Doyle Players School will be held after the Coaches School. America's #1 Camp will instruct baseball and softball players between the ages of 6 and 15 in hitting, throwing, and fielding during the one day school. The school will be held from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the White House Municipal Park, Field 3.



## **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 League**

The season begins on March 17th.  
The 13 teams in the league consist of:

White House Methodist (2 teams)  
White House First Baptist (2 teams)  
Northridge Church  
Church at Grace Park  
White House Church of Christ  
Mt. Carmel Baptist Church (3 teams)  
Temple Baptist (2 teams)  
Long Hollow Baptist Church

## Easter Egg Hunt

**The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 11, 2009. The event is being sponsored by Northridge Church.**

**Registration time is 9:00 a.m.**

**Grand prizes: 1 boy's bike and 1 girl's bike, plus other door prizes!**

**This event is free to the public.**



## **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 Certified ZUMBA Instructor,  
Tina Bishop (CZ1)

- ◆ Monday 9:00 am—10:00 am
- ◆ Tuesday 9:15 am—10:15 am
- ◆ Wednesday 6:00 pm—7:00 pm
- ◆ Cost is \$3.00 per class

## Men's Church League

The White House Church of Christ won the Men's Open Church Basketball League for the 2008-2009 regular season. Players participating on the team were: Jonathan Shelton, Chance Shular, Tommy Nichols, Garrett Shular, Darrell Rippey, Jeff Keith, Jared Cummings, Rodney Honeycutt, Kelly Jones, Mac Garner and Nic Garner.

### Regular Season Standings (heading into tournament play)

1. White House Church of Christ	13-1
2. South Haven Baptist Church	12-2
3. Adairville (KY) Baptist Church	10-4
4. The Pointe	7-7
5. Goodlettsville C. Presbyterian	5-9
6. Temple Baptist	5-9
7. Christian Gospel Temple	4-10
8. Hillcrest Church of Christ	0-14

Thank you to all of the players who participated!

## **Hillcrest Cemetery**

Rules and regulations for the cemetery and the current fee schedule can be downloaded at  
[www.cityofwhitehouse.com](http://www.cityofwhitehouse.com). Click on Departments/Services and then go to the Hillcrest Cemetery tab.

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

## Basketball



WHYB RED DEVILS 2008-2009

## Basketball



WHYB NAVY TEAM 2008-2009

## Basketball



WHYB PURPLE PYTHONS 2008-2009

## Basketball



WHYB ORANGE TEAM 2008-2009

## Basketball



WHYB ELECTRIC DRAGONS '08-'09

## Basketball



WHYB BLACK BEARS 2008-2009

1st & 2nd Grade Co-ed Teams  
(Not Pictured is the Green Team)

# WHITE HOUSE PARKS AND RECREATION

105 College Street  
672-4350 ext 2114

## Youth Basketball League

The 2008-09 Youth Basketball regular season concluded on Saturday, February 21st. The regular season winner in the 3rd and 4th Grade Girls Division was the White Team, coached by Shannon Groves and Dwayne Dotson. Team members who participated in the White Team's perfect 10-0 season were: Megan Groves, Jada Dotson, Erin Kramm, Mary Lynn Keith, Jodie Bryant, Olivia Adams, Jackie Davis, Hannah Montgomery and Hailee Ellis.

The 3rd and 4th Grade Boys regular season winner was the Orange Team, coached by Mick Weber and Bryan Berry. The boys finished their season with a 9-1 record. Team members include: Mason Weber, Brandon Berry, Christian Koster, Landon Deming, Micah Roberts, Noah Thurman, Bryant Reynolds and Kaleb France.



3rd and 4th Grade Girls Division Winners  
The White Team



3rd and 4th Grade Boys Division Winners  
The Orange Team

## Regular Season Standings

### 3rd & 4th Grade Girls

1. White Team	10-0
2. Purple Team	8-2
3. Navy Team	5-5
4. Lt. Blue Team	1-9
5. Red Team	1-9

### 3rd & 4th Grade Boys

1. Orange Team	9-1
2. Lt. Blue Team	7-3
3. Red Team	7-3
4. Navy Team	5-5
5. Black Team	4-6
6. Green Team	2-8
7. White Team	1-9



## 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

# WHITE HOUSE SENIOR CENTER

105 College Street  
672-4350 ext 2116

## EVENTS AND FUTURE TRIPS

### March 2009

We will have someone here to explain the ABC's of Medicare on Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in the Cafeteria

Starting on Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> we will be starting a new beginner's line dancing class, It will be from 3:00 to 4:00 pm on Thursday's. The cost will be \$3.00 per person per class. The instructor is George Buck

Our regular dance class will be on Thursday's at 2:00 to 3:00 pm. The cost is \$3.00 per person per class. If you would like to stay for the beginner's class the cost will be \$1.00 more. The instructor is George Buck.

We will depart at 11:30 am for the Lawn and Garden Show at the Nashville Fair Grounds on Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. Lunch will be at the Garden Show. The cost is \$9.00 per person. You will pay at the gate.

### April 2009

We may go to Adams to the School House Cafeteria. Check newsletter for details.

### May 2009

Thursday, May 14, 2009 is Senior Day on the General Jackson. The cost is \$17.00/person. Please register with Linda Brooks in the Parks Department by March 25, 2009. The senior van only carries 14 participants.

We may go to Chaffin's Barn Dinner Theatre to see "The Second Time Around". Check newsletter for details.



Our day trip out to see the Rock Castle, Cragfont, and lunch at the Chocolate Covered Strawberry.

## White House Senior Citizens Center

	Hours
Monday	7:15 am-5:15 pm
Tuesday	7:15 am-5:15 pm
Wednesday	7:15 am-5:15 pm
Thursday	7:15 am-5:15 pm

## MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

- ◆ **Creative Cards & Scrap Booking** is on the third Tuesday 1:00 to 3:00 pm.
- ◆ **Water Aerobics** is on Mondays and Thursdays 8:00 to 11:00 am.
- ◆ **Theme Birthday Potluck** is on the last Monday of each month at 12:00 pm. 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 pm
- ◆ **Sittersize (Chair Exercise)** is on Tuesdays and Wednesday at 9:00 am.
- ◆ **Zumba Gold Exercise class**, every Monday 8:30 to 9:00 am. Cost \$2.00 per person per class
- ◆ **Blood Pressure checks** every Wednesday 10:30 am. to 11:30 am.
- ◆ **Beginners Dance lesson Class** every Thursday 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Cost \$2.00 per person per class.



2008 Cookie Exchange  
Carolie, Gael, Suzanne, Betty, Mable, Maureen, Barbara, Kay



2008 Line Dance Class

# WHITE HOUSE HUMAN RESOURCES

105 College Street  
672-4350

## Administrative Assistant, Margaret Cherry Retires after 13 Years of Service!



**Thank You Margaret Cherry!**

Margaret Cherry, Fire Dept. Secretary, will be retiring from the City on April 3, 2009 after thirteen years of service to the community. Margaret came to the City in April of 1996 to work as the Secretary for the Public Works Department. After more than eight years of service to Public Works, Margaret transferred to the Fire Department and has served there since October of 2004. We would like to thank Margaret for her service to the City and the citizens of White House. We would like to wish her the best in her coming retirement.

# 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).