

Word on White House

The City of White House is working 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.

Parks and Recreation

Quality Parks and recreation opportunities help to define a community as more than the grind of its business, traffic and hard work. Leisure activities vastly can improve the quality of life of residents, serving both to entertain and mobilize good health. The National Citizen Survey contained questions seeking resident's perspectives about opportunities and services related to the community's parks and recreation services.

Recreation opportunities in the City of White House were related somewhat positively as were services related to parks and recreation. City parks received the highest rating and was similar to the nation but above the custom benchmark. Recreation centers or facilities received the lowest ratings and was lower than the benchmarks.

Resident use of White House parks and recreation facilities tells its own story about the attractiveness and accessibility of those services. The percent of residents that used White House recreation centers was greater than the percent of users in comparison jurisdictions. Recreation program use in White House was higher than the national comparison while similar to jurisdictions included in the custom benchmark.

FIGURE 45: RATINGS OF COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

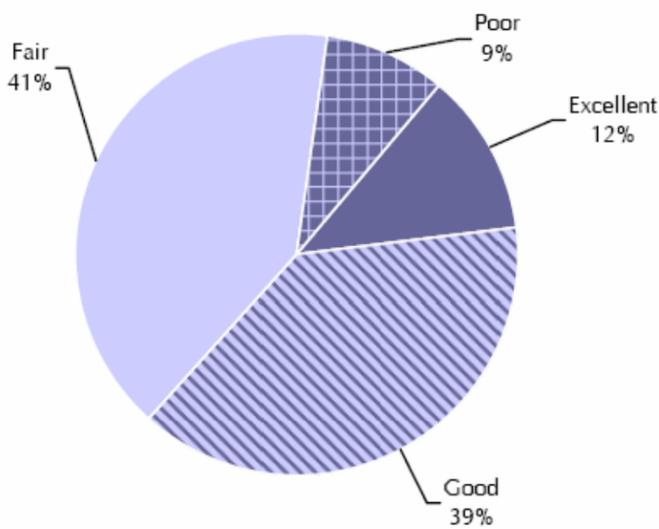


FIGURE 47: PARTICIPATION IN PARKS AND RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

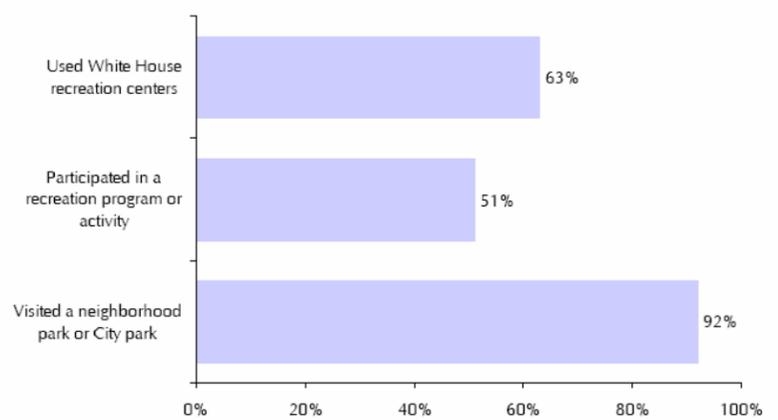
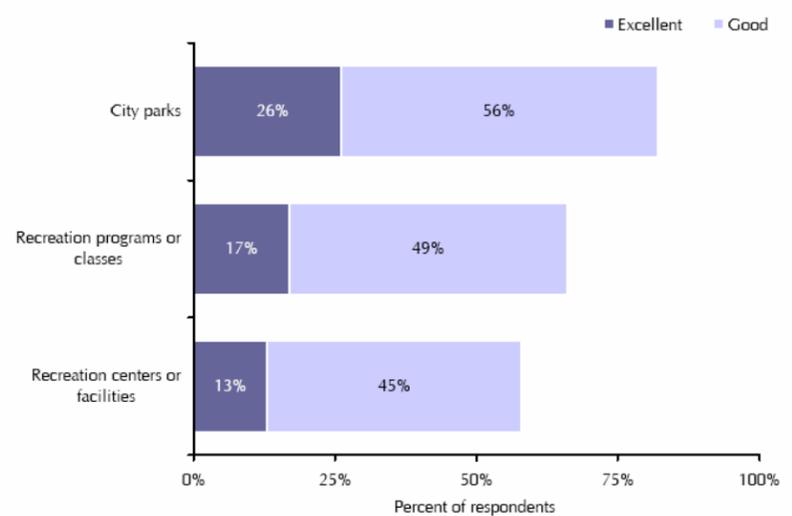


FIGURE 49: RATINGS OF PARKS AND RECREATION SERVICES



This information was collected by the National Research Center as part of our National Citizen Survey. The full report is available online at www.cityofwhitehouse.com.



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Excitement abounds with the Park Renovation Project

An exciting and much anticipated construction project at the Municipal Park is about to begin! In 2008, the City was awarded an LPRF grant by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Recreation Services Division, in the amount of \$425,000 for renovations to the Municipal Park. The award marked the culmination of a process that actually started three years earlier in 2005. These grants require a 50% match, and are only awarded every 2 years. Since receiving this award, the state of Tennessee has suspended the program for 2010 since the Tennessee General Assembly redirected funds from the real estate transfer tax to the General Fund to balance the budget. Therefore, we are very fortunate that the White House grant application was funded this time around!

This project involves the construction and laser grading of five new fields, ADA accessible walkways and plazas, a centralized scorer's tower, irrigation systems, state of the art athletic field lighting, new fencing, and dugout construction. The Board of Mayor and Aldermen approved the bid of Choice Construction Company on July 16th after being recommended by the Leisure Services Board on July 7th. The development cost for the construction project is \$1,628,000 and the total development budget is \$1,728,845 which includes architectural and engineering fees plus the cost of relocating electrical utilities.

Throughout the design process, comments and ideas were obtained from a multitude of sources including a public input meeting, the project steering committee, and from City staff. By seeking out opinions from many people, we are confident that the resulting improvements will benefit the community for years to come both in form and in functionality.

A steering committee of citizens, Leisure Services board members, and City staff members was selected to help provide insight throughout the design process. Committee members are Kim Manlove, Bill Gash, Clif Hutson, Farris Bibb, Keith Futch, Mark Smith, John Scannell, Jerry Kirby, Charles Abbott, Ashley Smith, Addam McCormick, Joe Palmer, Steven Russell, and Joe Best. These members met as a group to discuss design objectives and goals for the project on March 26th, May 5th, and May 18th. A public input workshop was held on April 21st to gain input from the community regarding the plans.

Four of the new fields will be in a quad configuration for youth baseball and softball. A new 350' baseball and softball field will be located northeast of the football stadium, and it involves relocating the nature trail and the removal of some trees. The fields are being re-numbered as well. The quad will be numbered as fields 1, 2, 3, 4. The fields currently numbered 5 and 6 will remain unchanged. The new 350' field will be field 7 and the current field 1 will become field 8.

In the quad, field 1 will be dedicated to youth only, with a 165' center field and a 16' raised outfield fence in left field; right field will be approximately 148'. Field 2 will have a 16' raised outfield fence in right field next to the road; left field will be 200' down the line. Field 3 and field 4 will be 200' down the lines, with a 220' center field. Field 7 will be 350' in center, and 320' / 313' down the 3rd base and 1st base lines, respectively.

All of the new fields will be sprigged with Tifway 419 bermudagrass, which is widely regarded as a quality turfgrass. In addition, the infield will contain subsurface drainage pipes to collect water, allowing the skinned area to dry faster. Each field will be irrigated; the irrigation controller will utilize evapotranspiration (ET) data to adjust the watering cycles automatically according to what the turf actually needs.

In the center of the quad design is an icon element in the form of
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Walk Through White House

On September 26, 2009 from 9 am through 3 pm, there will be a "Walk Through White House" history tour beginning at the White House Inn Library and Museum. There will be recreations of historical figures and much more! For more information, please contact the City at 672-4350 ext. 2114.

Library Director Judy Speight Retires

Judy Speight, our Library Director for the past eight years is retiring. We wish her the best of luck and leisure.



Julie and Eddie Bolton read one of their Bailey and Canteen Adventures for the "BE Creative" summer reading program.

Storytimes

Storytimes will begin on September 8th at 10:30 am for Toddlers ages 3 years and below. Storytime for preschoolers ages 4 and 5 begin on September 9th at 10:30 am.

Book Clubs

Our adult book club meet on the last Thursday of the month at 10:30 am. The library has also begun a teen book club that meets the last Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm.



The Mad Scientist amazed both young and not as young during the Library's "BE Creative" summer reading program.

Check out the City of White House on Facebook and Twitter!

The City of White House has recently entered the age of social networking and now posts information on Facebook and Twitter. If you are interested in becoming a "fan" or "follower" of the City of White House, just log on to the City's website at www.cityofwhitehouse.com. We now have links to both sites on the homepage of our website.

City Phone Numbers

General Information.....	672-4350 ext. 2101
Animal Control.....	672-4903
Court Clerk, Sharon Jessee.....	672-4350 ext. 2137
Engineering, Ron Bailey.....	672-4350 ext. 2113
Fire Department.....	672-5338
Human Resources.....	672-4350 ext. 2109
Library & Museum.....	672-0239
Parks & Recreation.....	672-4350 ext. 2114
Planning & Codes.....	672-4350 ext.2120
Police Department.....	672-4903
Property Taxes & Business Licenses.....	672-4350 ext. 2100
Public Works.....	672-0215
Senior Citizens Center, Vicky Russell.....	672-4350 ext. 2116
Sewer Department.....	672-3654
Emergency.....	911

City Calendar

August

August 4	Beer Board	7:00 pm
August 10	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
August 10	Vehicle Emissions Testing ***	9:00 am—12:00 pm
August 13	City Court	9, 10 and 11 am & 1:30 and 2:30 pm
August 18	Board of Zoning Appeals*	7:00 pm
August 20	Board of Mayor and Aldermen	7:00 pm
August 27	City Court	9, 10 and 11 am & 1:30 pm

September

September 3	Leisure Services Board	7:00 pm
September 7	Labor Day	City offices closed
September 10	City Court	9, 10 and 11 am & 1:30 and 2:30 pm
September 10	Library Board	7:00 pm
September 14	Vehicle Emissions Testing***	9:00 am—12:00 pm
September 14	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
September 15	Board of Zoning Appeals*	7:00 pm
September 17	Board of Mayor and Aldermen	7:00 pm
September 24	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 to confirm meeting.

***Vehicle Emissions Testing takes place at the Public Works Facility at 427 Industrial Drive. The Sumner County Clerk is also located at City Hall during those times to register vehicles.

Home Fire Sprinkler Information

A recent change to the International Code Council family of codes and standards recently added the addition of residential sprinklers to the residential code. This means that the writers of the code have studied the facts about residential fire deaths and recognize the need to protect the citizens of our country. 80% of all fire deaths occur in the home. While there will be some states that have chosen not to adopt this particular section of the code, the State of Tennessee has left the issue up to the local municipalities to adopt or exempt this portion of the code.

When looking at the facts about a residential sprinkler system, it only makes sense to include this simple life saving system into a home. There are many untruths and misconceptions about sprinkler systems that are being circulated by groups that are opposed to the inclusion of this code for fear that it is a tremendous cost associated with a residential sprinkler system. The goal of the White House Fire Department is simple; we want to protect lives and property. We have been very fortunate not to have many fire fatalities in the history of our department and we would like to keep it this way. One way that this can be better ensured is by implementing residential sprinkler systems into our codes. Our current codes call for residential sprinkler system in many multi-family homes and apartments as well as hotels and motels. Many commercial structures are also sprinkled but are a different kind of system.

One of the most powerful tools anyone has is statistics. The most famous statistical data with regards to residential sprinklers came from Scottsdale, Arizona. The City of Scottsdale decided in 1986 to require residential sprinklers in homes. After 15 years the statistics were gathered and some of the results are as follows:

- In Scottsdale, there were 598 home fires. 49 of these fires were in single-family homes.
- There were no deaths in homes that had a residential sprinkler system installed in them.
- There were 13 deaths in homes without sprinklers.
- The average fire loss in a sprinklered home was \$2,166.
- The average fire loss in a non-sprinklered home was \$45,019. While most people say this is not a big deal because the insurance company takes the hit, we all pay when insurance premiums go up due to larger losses.
- Fire sprinklers average about 25 gallons per minute of water output.
- Fire department nozzles average 250 gallons per minute of water output.
- Sprinklers on average controlled the fire using 341 gallons of water.
- Firefighters on average controlled the fire using 2,935 gallons of water.
- Only the sprinkler closest to the fire will activate to control the fire. Many movies and television shows portray the system to open everywhere in structure this is simply for dramatic effect. Most of the time a fire is controlled with a single sprinkler activation. You have an 82% better chance of surviving a home fire with a sprinkler system and smoke detectors than without these life saving devices.



Trivia Answer

Why are Dalmatians associated with the fire department?

- Dalmatians are a very loyal breed of Dog and are very muscular and able to run long distances.
- Dalmatians seem to have a calming effect on horses, and when fire engines were horse drawn, the Dalmatians were perfect companions to the horse both in the stable and at the fire scene.
- Dalmatians are very protective and this made them perfect to protect the horses and the fire engines at the scene of the fire. This loyalty made them good pets for the horses and the firefighters and forever tied them to the fire service.

Trivia Question:

What was the first career fire department in the United States?

Look for the answer in the next edition of the *Word on White House*.



Cpt. Holman and Fire Marshal Sisk work with students from the Youth Leadership Sumner Program.

Guns in Parks

On July 16, 2009 the Board of Mayor and Aldermen in a 3-2 vote decided not to opt out of the Guns in Parks law. What this means for citizens is that beginning September 1, 2009, handgun carry permit holders will be able to carry handguns in any of the municipal parks and on the greenway. Because park facilities are used by both of our public schools, handgun carry permit holders who choose to carry in the park must pay attention to what functions are going on at these facilities. Per state law, handguns are not permitted if there is a school function at any of our park properties. If you experience any problems at the park, soccer complex or on the greenway with regard to this law change, please contact the White House Police Department at 672-4903.

Please Remember to Move Over for Emergency Vehicles!



Please remember to move over one lane (or slow down if unable to move over) when you see an emergency vehicle with its lights activated and yield to emergency vehicles with their lights and sirens activated. It could save a life!

School Bus Safety

School buses are one of the safest forms of transportation for students. However, potential dangers do exist. The riskiest time of the commute for students is when they board and exit the bus.

Motorists please remember the following traffic rules concerning school buses:

- Yellow flashing lights on the bus indicate that it is preparing to stop and load or unload children. This means cars need to slow down and prepare to stop.
- It is illegal to pass a school bus with its red flashing lights and stop signal arm activated. Vehicles may not pass until the flashing red lights and signals are turned off or when the bus driver motions them through.
- Vehicles traveling in the same direction as the bus are always required to stop.
- Vehicles moving in the opposite direction as the bus are also required to stop, unless they are on a divided highway.
- Never pass on the right side of the bus where children are entering and exiting!

Please keep these rules in mind when driving during the upcoming



Public Safety Awareness Day “Safety Day”

Monday, September 7, 2009
White House City Park
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Crime Prevention • Fire Safety • Youth Injury Prevention •
Child ID • Bike Parade • Child Seat Installation • Bicycle
Rodeo for Kids • Free Admission

Red Cross Blood Drive at Fire Station 1 - 416 Hwy 76
For more information on blood donations please go to:
<http://www.givelife2.org/sponsor/quickfacts.asp>

Police Explorer Program

The purpose of Law Enforcement Exploring is to provide young adults who may be interested in a career in law enforcement with a comprehensive program of training, competition, service and practical experiences. Character development, physical fitness, good citizenship and patriotism are integral components of the overall program. Through their involvement in the program, Explorers develop an awareness of the purpose, mission and objectives of law enforcement agencies. The support of the chief executive officer of the agency, along with a dedicated cadre of law enforcement professionals and adult volunteers who provide adult leadership, is essential to the success of any Post. Although Exploring depends on volunteer leadership, professional Exploring/Learning for Life executives are available to provide assistance and support. The Post falls under the Rules & Regulations of the Boy Scouts of America and any rules and regulations this department sets forth. This is a wonderful program to help teach young



people in our community about the law enforcement profession.

For more information about Exploring opportunities in White House, contact Cpl. David Segerson at dseger-son@cityofwhitehouse.com or Ofc. Scott Bilbrey at sbilbrey@cityofwhitehouse.com.



2009 Holiday Sanitation Pickup Schedule

Weeks or days when sanitation pick-up is altered due to holiday

Week of September 7-11	Mon & Tues routes will be picked up on Tues September 8 th . 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 th . 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 Thurs November 12 th .
Week of November 23-27	Mon & Tues routes will be picked up on Mon November 23 rd . Wed & Thurs routes will be picked up on Tuesday November 24 th .
Week of December 21-25	Mon & Tues routes will be picked up on Mon December 21 st . Wed route will be picked up on Tue December 22 nd . Thurs route will be picked up on Mon December 28 th .



Tall Grass?

Please help the City and your neighbors by cutting tall grass on your property. Tall grass can be problematic as it tends to become a home for mice, snakes and other animals. City ordinance requires property owners to keep grass and weeds below twelve (12) inches.

RESIDENTIAL BUILDING INSPECTIONS

The City of White House adopted and is currently under the 2006 International Building Code Series, including the Residential Code for one and two family homes. The Planning/Codes Department typically completes 6-9 inspections for each new home. The City completes the following residential inspections:

Underground Plumbing, if applicable (Slab or Garage Homes)
Footing /Slab Inspection
Foundation and Anchorage Inspection
Exterior Wood Sheeting Inspection
Framing/Utility Rough-In (Plumbing/Gas/Mechanical) including coordination with State Electrical Inspector
Insulation
Final Inspection including coordination with State Electrical Inspector and White House Waste Water Department.

Not sure when to put your trash out on a holiday week? Your sewer bill will have an informational note for that month to let you know when to put out your bin.

City Announces Changes to Clean-up Days

In an effort to better serve the citizens of White House there have been some changes made to the City of White House sponsored "Clean up Days". Starting January 1, 2010 each household will be allowed to bring in (2)two pick up loads of household refuse to the Public Works Facility; located at 427 Industrial Drive during our normal business hours Monday – Thursday 7:15 am until 5:15 pm during the calendar year (January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010). Photo identification and or proof of residency will be required (examples: copy of your sewer or property tax bill). This information will be logged in our billing system and attempts to use this free service more than twice during the calendar year will be denied. If the citizen wishes to utilize the service after the (2) two free loads have been utilized then normal charges will apply.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Public Works Department at (615) 672-0215.

Did you know?

During the months of May, June and July White House citizens recycled an average of 19 tons of mixed recyclables!

What Is Zoning?

The term zoning is used in many different ways. Under city planning in White House, zoning is defined as the designation of property into districts and the establishment of property regulation. White House's zoning is set up by a zoning ordinance listing all districts and regulations and a zoning map which defines the different districts. The City's authority for zoning is under State Law, [TCA 13-7-201 Municipal Zoning](#). The White House Board of Mayor and Aldermen reviews and **approves** all zoning ordinance and map changes, including rezoning proposals. The Planning Commission reviews and **recommends** to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen all ordinance and map changes.

White House has multiple zoning districts including residential, commercial, industrial, and floodplain districts. Example regulations include the uses allowed in the zoning districts, building area and height, property setbacks, parking, landscaping, signs, accessory buildings, and temporary uses. The zoning ordinance also provides provisions for the Board of Zoning Appeals. The Board of Zoning Appeals reviews zoning variances and appeals.

The White House Zoning Ordinance is available on line at www.cityofwhitehouse.com.

FENCES

The Planning/Codes Department recommends all fencing to be off property lines to allow for maintenance on both sides of fences and not to block an easement that contains utilities **or underground drainage pipes. Fences shall not be installed on easements that will block the flow of water in ditches and drainage ways or to prevent access for the servicing of major utilities.** Permits are required for fences over 6ft to ensure proper foundation support due to height of fence. Contact Home Owner's Association or check for property restrictions to determine if there any private fencing regulations for your property. **Contact Planning/Codes Department for any questions about fencing.**

Prior to construction of fence contact TN One-Call System Call Before You Dig number at 8-1-1 or 1-800-351-1111 for marking of underground utilities.

a 2-story scorer's tower. The bottom level will have a room for storage and a room for housing electrical controls for the lighting and irrigation systems. A centralized staircase leads to the upper level, where scorekeepers can view 4 fields from a high vantage point. An ADA accessible concrete plaza surrounds the scorer's tower, and bleachers will be positioned in this area as well.

Accessible walkways will link all of the fields together, and an overlook and grassy embankment will provide spectators a very unique perspective when watching a game on field 7. Park visitors who enter from the greenway will have an 8' pathway that leads straight to the middle of the quad, and they will no longer be led into traffic on Stadium Drive due to a realignment of the greenway connection. This will allow greenway users to travel directly to the nature trail if they chose.

Eventually, the City hopes to attract tournaments to this new facility, which will generate revenue both directly and indirectly by bringing in people from outside White House who will undoubtedly shop, eat, purchase gasoline, and reserve hotel rooms here in our community.

City staff worked over a two week period to demo the fields in preparation for earthwork to begin thereafter. The Parks and Recreation, Fire, Waste Water, and Public Works Departments all worked together and contributed in a huge way to accomplish this large task efficiently. (Continued from page 2).

Harvest Moon 10K

The Harvest Moon 10K registration will be available August 3rd. The 10K race will be held on Saturday, October 10th. A registration form will be online on the Parks Department webpage under Programs and Activities.

Please visit www.cityofwhitehouse.com/parks for more information on these and other recreational programs, or please call 672-4350, ext. 2114.

9th Annual Independence Day 5K



The 9th annual Fourth of July Independence Day Fun Run/Walk was held on Saturday, July 4th. There were 101 participants that entered the race/walk. The Overall event winner was Bonita Paul. Ms. Paul is a native of Cape Town, South Africa, but now resides in Bowling Green, KY. Ms. Paul's time for the challenging 5K was 18:53.

Photo above: Participants as they began the race.

3rd Annual Labor Day Bike Parade



On Monday, September 7th, the White House Parks and Recreation Department will host the 3rd Annual Bike Parade. Please arrive at 9:00 am. The parade will begin at 9:20 am in front of Fire Station 1, 416 Hwy 76. Parents and children are encouraged to decorate their bicycles, tricycles, wagons and strollers with streamers, flags and balloons to make the event as festive as possible. A prize will be awarded for the "best decorated" entry. All children must be accompanied by an adult. The parade will precede other Safety Day activities held at the City Park.



Did you know?

On average, the Parks Department disposes of over 14,000 lbs of trash per month that is left throughout the park system during ball seasons.

Charles Harding School of Gymnastics



The Charles Harding School of Gymnastics and Creative Arts began gymnastics classes in June. The classes were for a period of six weeks. The participants were instructed in the techniques of bar, vault, tumbling, and jump. This annual event, offered by the city, is held during the months of June and July.

Youth Basketball

Registration for the Youth Basketball League, 1st Grade through 4th Grade will begin September 9th. There will be a co-ed league for 1st and 2nd Grade students. The 3rd and 4th grade league will include both a boy's and girl's league as well as a post season tournament.

Men's Church Basketball

Registration for the Men's Adult Church Basketball League will be available September 14th. There is a post season tournament for this league.

Fall Baseball and Softball

The regular ten game season opener is scheduled for Saturday, August 22nd. Team and individual picture day is also planned for that day. All Star Photography is the official photographer. The fall League will consist of 14 youth teams from ages 4 to 10.

ZUMBA Fitness

Fee \$3.00/class
Monday 9:00-10:00 am
Tuesday 9:15-10:15 am
Wednesday 6:00-7:00 pm
Certified ZUMBA Instructor, Tina Bishop (CZ1)

ZUMBA GOLD

Fitness (a class designed for older, active adults)
Monday 8:30-9:00 am.
Cost is \$2.00/class
Instructed by Tina Bishop
For registration and further information please call the Parks Office at: 672-4350 ext. 2114.



White House Senior Citizens Center

The center is open Monday thru Thursday from 7:30 am until 5:30 pm. If you would like a monthly newsletter come by the center or go on line at www.cityofwhitehouse.com, click on Departments/Services, then on Senior Center, then on Senior Activities, then click on senior citizens newsletter. The newsletter is put out on the last week of the month.



This photo is from the senior trip to the Mennonites.

Did you know ...

The Senior Citizen Center provides transportation to the Gallatin Civic Center every Monday and Thursday morning from 8:00 am to 11:00 am for Water Aerobics Class? The cost is \$1.00 per class. Water Aerobics is good for senior citizens because the water supports the weight of the body, taking it off painful knees and hips and making it much easier to exercise them thoroughly and increase muscle tone."

EVENTS AND FUTURE TRIPS

August 2009

- ◇ On Tuesday, August 18th we will head to Gallatin TN to have lunch at the English Garden Tea Room. We will depart the center at 11:00 am.

September 2009

- ◇ On Thursday, September 17th we will go to Chaffin's Barn Dinner Theatre to see FILTHY RICH by Nate Eppler. The cost will be \$27.50 per person. This covers the show and a box lunch. You will have to sign up and pay Linda Brooks in the Parks Office by Wednesday, August 12th.
- ◇ On Tuesday, September 22nd at 12:00 pm at the large pavilion we will be having our annual picnic in the park. The Fire Department will do the grilling for us. The Senior Center will furnish the hamburgers and hot dogs and all participants are asked to bring the side dishes. Please sign up in the Senior Center if you plan to attend, so we will know how much food to prepare.

If you have any questions regarding the White House Senior Center Activities, please contact Vicky Russell at 615-672-4350 ext. 2116 or you may email her at vrussell@cityofwhitehouse.com.

Monthly Activities

Consider joining the Senior Center for one of the following monthly activities:

Creative Cards and Scrapbooking	Water Aerobics
Birthday Potluck	Bingo
Sittersize	Zumba Gold
Blood Pressure Checks	Dance Lessons

Contact Vicky Russell at 615-672-4350, ext. 2116 or check our website for more information on days and times at www.cityofwhitehouse.com.



This is from our Fishing Trip in June. Nadean Arrington caught a Bluegill .

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 and in the Engineering Department section fill out the Sign Request Form.

Engineering Projects

The Engineering Department has several projects for the upcoming year, one of which is our Fiber Optics Project. This project includes installing dedicated fiber optics communications lines to all City buildings and traffic signals. \$660,000 of the total cost reimbursable through the Federal Stimulus package. This communication upgrade will allow the City to provide better service to its citizens.

Engineering Quiz

Q: Do you know how to change a two sided piece of paper into having only one side?

A: Take a 12" strip of paper (1" wide) and twist one end 180 degrees. Tape the ends together. **You have a Mobius Strip!** Start drawing a pencil line all around, from the inside to the outside and back where you started. You'll find you never lifted the pencil off the paper and yet the one surface has a complete line through it. The inside becomes the outside and the outside becomes the inside. Continue by cutting along the pencil line. Instead of 2 separate strips of paper, you have ONE long Mobius Strip. Cut along the center of this strip again and you'll get two totally intertwined strips that don't separate. Do this forever, and you'll get an infinite number of intertwined strips that never separate!



Extra Point Question: Have you seen a Mobius Strip in you everyday life?

Extra Point Answer: The Mobius Strip has been chosen as the Universal symbol of recycling. It represents the process of transforming waste materials into useful resources.

Did you know ...

The City of White House has nearly 55 miles of paved roadways. The City added nearly one mile of new roads in the past 12 months.



Notes from the Mayor: Small Towns are the Origin and Guardians of Freedom—So What About Scrooby?

I would like to tell you a story about a small town, a small group of people and two men and an orphan boy. They decided to pledge to each other in a covenant relationship to find true freedom. They suffered to the sacrifice of their lives, they were persecuted, imprisoned and forced to leave their homes. In spite of all obstacles, this small group accomplished amazing and everlasting results.

They had to hide from their government, threatened with imprisonment they ultimately left their homeland with great difficulty they moved to a foreign land and established themselves with honor, but still weren't able to live as they desired. After 11 years of preparation this small town moved so that they might establish their own government. Their own laws, their very own principles all based on what their faith directed and inspired.

They ultimately succeeded and left a remarkable legacy. That established a new nation that guaranteed freedom. Political freedom, religious freedom, economic freedom, and a new form of government.

So what did Scrooby have to do with it? This small band of people led by James Robinson, William Brewster and an orphan boy, William Bradford. All lived in the small town of Scrooby, Nottinghamshire, England. They were actually a small congregation that in 1606 decided they would no longer be persecuted and would act to do something about it. Rev. James Robinson died after leading his people 11 years and William Brewster, who was trained at Cambridge, would shoulder the leadership load and the orphan boy, William Bradford was adopted by Brewster and became the second governor of the Plymouth Colony. Bradford is known today as the father of American history because of his considerable writings.

These people of course were the pilgrims, over 1/2 of them died on the 66 day voyage and the winter weather. These people gave us so much, all were from this small town.

This year marks the 220th anniversary of the swearing in of our first president, George Washington on April 30th, 1789. He was sworn in under the Constitution of the United States which was patterned after the Mayflower Compact. This document was authored by the pilgrims from Scrooby and is called the birth certificate of the Constitution and the basis of our independence.

The compact is a little difficult to read but the intent is undeniable. We owe our eternal gratitude to these few people for their sacrifices, their gifts and their patrimony. I am amazed at how I benefit from the efforts and sacrifices of others and often I don't even know who to thank, but in this case, thank you to those few people from Scrooby. A small town that delivered, big time.

John Decker,
Mayor

Figure 1 is an excerpt taken from the World Book Encyclopedia, Vol. 13, p 262-264. 1968.

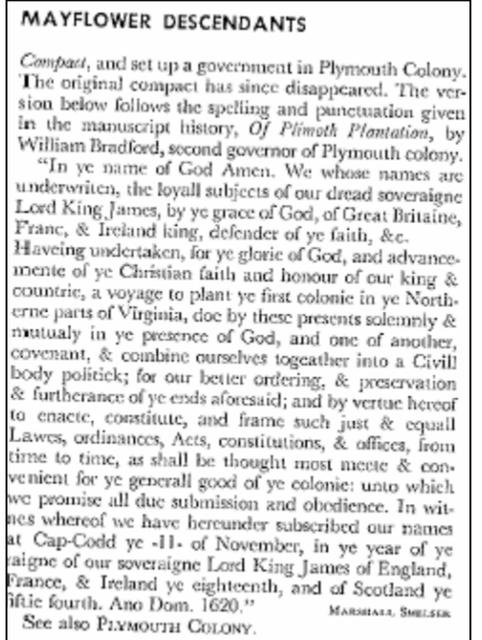


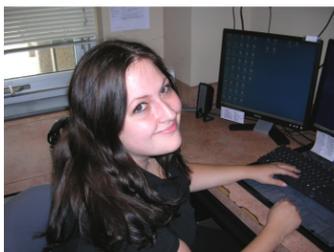
Figure 1. Mayflower Compact.

The City of White House Participates in the Summer Youth Work Program

The City participated this summer in the State of Tennessee's Summer Youth Work Program. The program, in conjunction with Workforce Essentials, placed youth at various places of employment throughout Tennessee using grant monies. The program was designed to allow employers to partner with qualifying youth in need of work experience at no cost to the employer. The youth working in White House were (from L to R) Eric Briley, Ty Davis, DeAnna Payne and Robert Gwynn.



The City Welcomes New Faces to our Public Safety Staff



Two new dispatchers joined our Police Department in June. Please join the City in welcoming Virginia Crusenberry and Kendra Pitt.

Two Fire Department Volunteers hired as Full-time Firefighters



Keith Jerde (L) and Matthew Detlefsen (R) have joined our team as full-time firefighters. Both have previously served as volunteer firefighters for the city and we are fortunate to have them.