

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.

Public Safety

Safety from violent or property crimes creates the cornerstone of an attractive community. No one wants to live in fear of crime, fire or natural hazards, and communities in which residents feel protected or unthreatened are communities that are more likely to show growth in population, commerce and property value.

Residents were asked to rate their feelings of safety from violent crimes, property crimes, fire and environmental dangers and to evaluate the local agencies whose main charge is to provide protection from these dangers. Most gave positive ratings of safety in the City of White House. About 96% of those completing the questionnaire said they felt “very” or “somewhat” safe from violent crimes and 93% felt “very” or “somewhat” safe from environmental hazards. Daytime sense of safety was better than nighttime safety.

FIGURE 35: CRIME VICTIMIZATION AND REPORTING

During the past twelve months, were you or anyone in your household the victim of any crime?

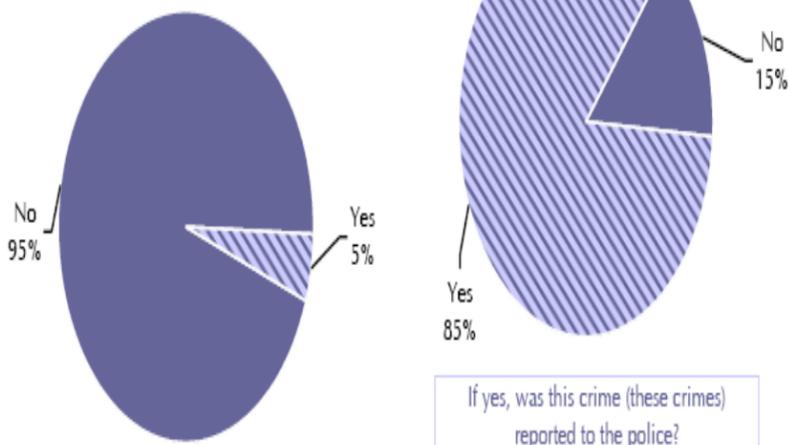
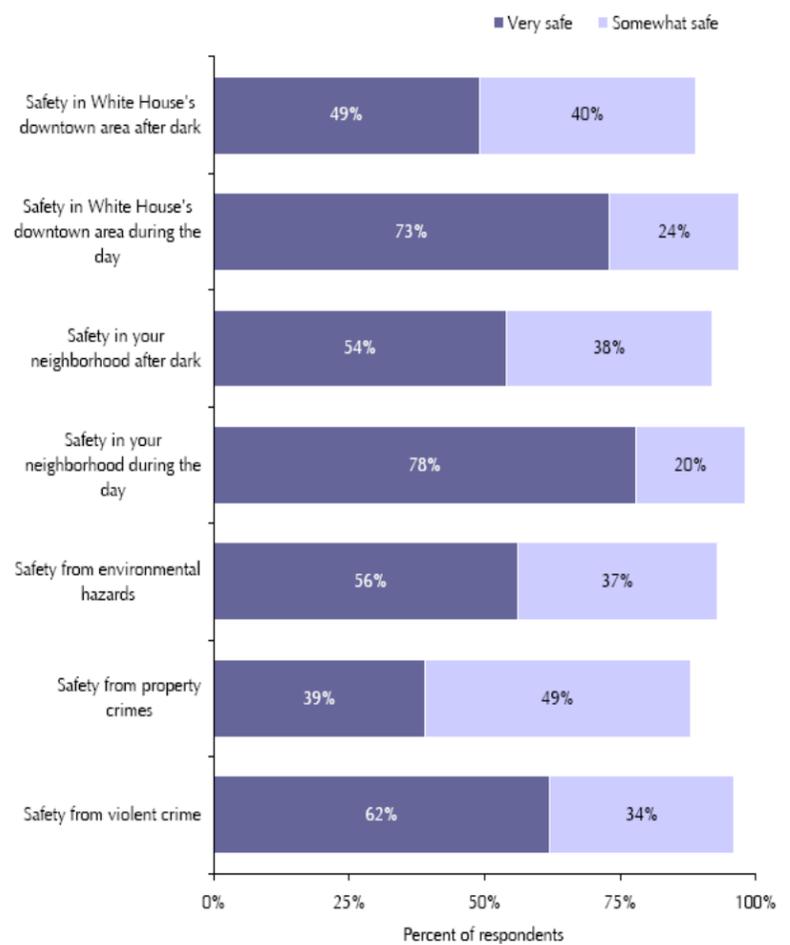


FIGURE 33: RATINGS OF COMMUNITY AND PERSONAL PUBLIC SAFETY



As assessed by the survey, 5% of respondents reported that someone in the household had been the victim of one or more crimes in the past year. Of those who had been the victim of a crime, 85% had reported it to the police. Compared to other jurisdictions fewer White House residents had been victims of crime in the 12 months preceding the survey and more White House residents had reported their most recent crime victimization to the police. (Continued on page 2)

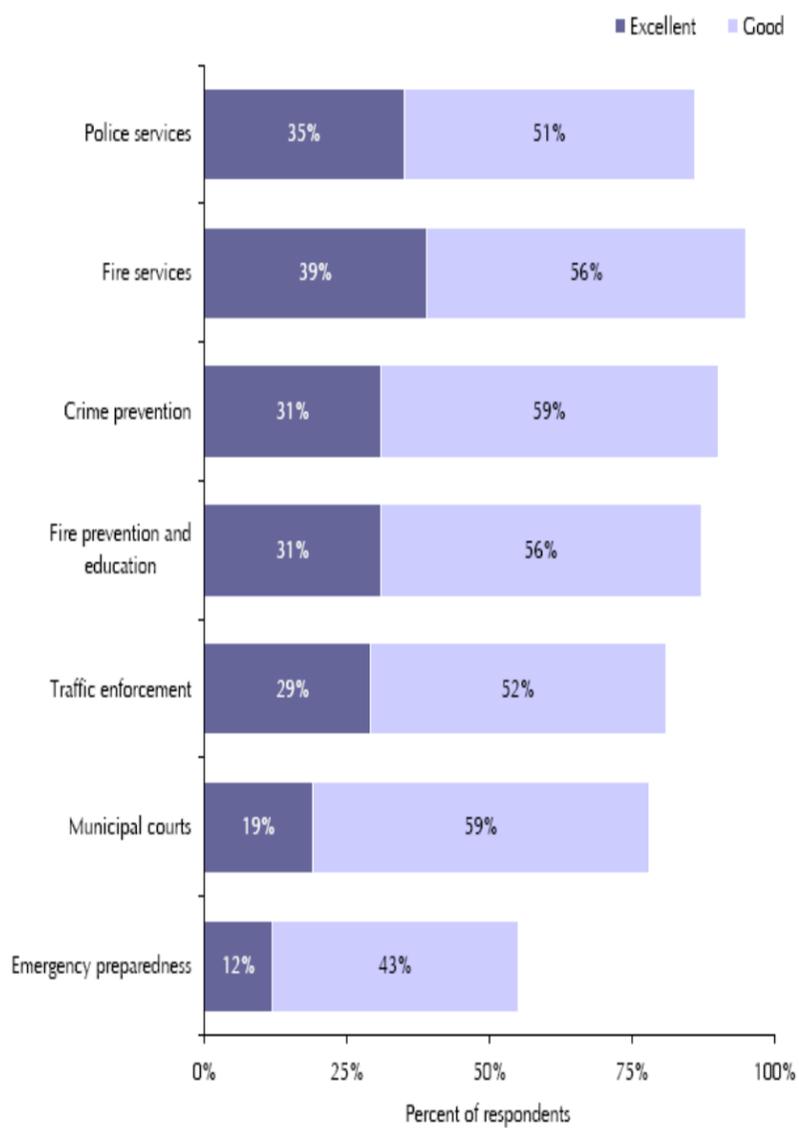


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Current Resident
 White House, TN 37188

Residents rated seven City public safety services, of these, five were rated above the benchmark comparisons and one was rated similar to the benchmark comparisons. Emergency preparedness was rated lower when compared nationally but was similar to communities with populations of 20,000 or less. Fire services and crime prevention received the highest ratings, while municipal courts and emergency preparedness received the lowest ratings.

FIGURE 37: RATINGS OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES



Police Services

On behalf of the White House Police Department, I would like to thank all of you that participated in the Citizen Survey. We are very excited that you find White House a safe place to live, work and play. It is our plan to continue to use the most advanced and proven enforcement and crime prevention techniques that help all of you stay safe.

Police Services was identified as being one of three key driver services that most strongly influences a citizens overall perception of service quality. That is a responsibility that we do not take lightly. You can expect us to be professional, courteous, efficient and effective in the delivery of police services.



New Library Director

Please welcome our new Library Director, Rebecca Whipple. Ms. Whipple comes to us from the Boone County, KY Public Library System, bringing several years of Library education and experience to our team.

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.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who participated in the Walk Through White House. The weather was not very cooperative, but thank you for your dedication and hard work in making the event a success.

Emergency Management and Disaster Preparedness

In 2007 the City of White House Fire Department along with other state and local agencies developed an Emergency Operations Plan for the City of White House. The Plan was modeled after the state and federal emergency plans and by doing so it will work in conjunction with the other emergency plans smoothly when necessary. The plan was developed in such a way that it can be utilized for a large emergency response and natural or man-made disasters. Planning and preparing for such an event is never complete considering the times we are living in with the threat of a terrorist attack, a hazardous materials spill, to a weather related disaster. The threats change constantly as does the technology and resources' we have at our disposal to prepare for and mitigate the threats.

As work continues to plan and prepare, some great things have been accomplished including a state-wide mutual-aid plan that was developed by the Tennessee Fire Chiefs Association that enables fire departments in the state to have a large mutual-aid response (example; 10 engine companies, Hazmat team, Search and Rescue teams) to their area with one phone call. And currently we are working with a local group of citizens to organize a White House Fire Corps (<http://www.firecorps.org/>) group who will act as a support group to the fire department and emergency responders in the area. Their job will be to organize volunteers, operate shelters, and other support functions when called into action. Anyone interested in being a part of the Fire Corps group please contact the fire department for group meeting times and location.

And the most important part of emergency planning is for everyone to do their part individually and as families to be prepared. All of us can learn from the mistakes of others, remember hurricane Katrina, because when we work together great things can be accomplished. The websites below can assist you in preparing you and your family.

- <http://www.fema.gov/>
- <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/stormready/>
- <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/ohx/>
- <http://www.tnema.org/>
- <http://www.firecorps.org/>

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

October

October 8	City Court	9, 10 and 11 am & 1:30 and 2:30 pm
October 12	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
October 19	Vehicle Emissions Testing ***	9:00 am—12:00 pm
October 15	Board of Mayor and Aldermen	7:00 pm
October 20	Board of Zoning Appeals*	7:00 pm
October 22	City Court	9, 10 and 11 am & 1:30 pm
October 27	Museum Board	7:00 pm

November

November 5	City Court	9, 10 and 11 am & 1:30 and 2:30 pm
November 5	Leisure Services Board	7:00 pm
November 9	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
November 11	Veterans' Day	City offices closed
November 12	Library Board	7:00 pm
November 16	Vehicle Emissions Testing***	9:00 am—12:00 pm
November 17	Board of Zoning Appeals*	7:00 pm
November 19	Board of Mayor and Aldermen	7:00 pm
November 19	City Court	9, 10 and 11 am & 1:30 pm
November 25&26	Thanksgiving Holiday	City offices closed

*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

As fall approaches, we want to remind everyone of the rules regarding outdoor burning. Leaves are not permitted to be burned at anytime. The burning of leaves is actually in violation of state law, not just local ordinance. Leaves should be bagged and placed at the curb for public works to pick up (this will not occur on your trash pick-up day) or you may take them to the public works facility located on Industrial Drive. It is permissible to burn non-treated wood products that are not construction debris which includes limbs. You do not need a burn permit for outdoor ceremonial fires or small campfires, but you may obtain one if you choose. You can now obtain burn permits at Fire Station 2 located at 120 Business Park Dr. or online at www.cityofwhitehouse.com/fire.

Additionally, if you own property outside the city limits and are clearing the property, you need to contact the Tennessee Division of Forestry for a burn permit between October 15 and May 15. You may contact the division at 1-800-337-3157 or 1-800-367-3507.



All aboard the Fire Express. Children take a break as they ride on the city's mini fire engine at Safety Day.

Trivia Answer

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

There are many different variations to fire department structure such as all career, all volunteer, and combination volunteer / career (the current structure of the City of White House Fire Department). The first fully career department was Cincinnati, Ohio Fire Department which was established on April 1, 1853. There are many cities that had different forms of combination or volunteer agencies, but Cincinnati was the first to assume an all career department.

Trivia Question:

Although many fire departments use metal ground ladders, there are a few that still use traditional wooden ladders that were once the only option for ladder making material. What wood(s) are commonly used in the production of these ladders?

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



Safety Day 2009
Firefighter Steven Likens instructs children on the proper use of 9-1-1.

Sgt. Ring and Rascal demonstrate their narcotics detection skills at this year's Safety Day event.



Halloween Safety Tips

- Carry a flashlight
- Walk, don't run.
- Stay on Sidewalks
- Obey traffic signals
- Stay in familiar neighborhoods
- Don't cut across yards or driveways.
- Wear a watch you can read in the dark.
- Make sure costumes don't drag on the ground.
- Shoes should fit (even if they don't go with your costume).
- Avoid wearing masks while walking from house to house.
- Carry only flexible knives, swords or other props.
- (If no sidewalk) walk on the left side of the road facing traffic
- Wear clothing with reflective markings or tape.
- Approach only houses that are lit.
- Stay away from and don't pet animals you don't know.
- Do not trick-or-treat alone, go with parents or in a group.
- Don't get too close to jack-o-lanterns that are lit with candles.



2009 TOYS FOR TOTS CAMPAIGN NOVEMBER 5 - DECEMBER 19

TOYS FOR TOTS



U.S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE
For more information visit www.toysfortots.org
Printing donated by Wells Fargo Financial, proud sponsor of the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation.

The White House Police and Fire Department will participate and support the 2009 U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program by designating each of its buildings as donation drop off sites. The primary goal of Toys for Tots is to deliver, through a shiny new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to needy youngsters that will motivate them to grow into responsible, productive, patriotic citizens and community leaders. Citizens are encouraged to participate by dropping off a new, unwrapped toy at either location: Police Department at 303 North Palmers Chapel Rd. or the Fire Department at 416 Hwy. 76. For

further info on how to obtain toys for a family in need of support, visit www.toysfortots.org. Point of contact for additional information is Captain Jeff Mingledorff at W.H.P.D., 672-4903 or 616-1064.

The City of White House
Has been awarded a loan through the
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 2009
Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan
in the amount of \$1,000,000.00
this includes 40% loan forgiveness

Project Description Jones Branch Lift Station

The project generally consists of the replacement of an aging lift station, Tyree Springs, with a new centrally located lift station and gravity sewer line. The proposed lift station will be located below the proposed Copes Crossing Development adjacent to Jones Branch in the City of White House. The area is down gradient from the proposed Copes Crossing and BrookHaven subdivision developments. It is also proposed to redirect flow from nearby White House High School, and Tyree Springs Lift Station via a new gravity sewer to the proposed Copes Crossing Lift Station. The high school and the areas along Tyree Springs Road are all currently served by the North Palmer's Chapel Road Vacuum Pumping Station.

There will be **NO** resulting impact on monthly sewer bills.

Need for Project

The operation and maintenance of the wastewater collection system is a continual challenge, as much of it is over 20 years old and has received little preventative maintenance until recently. Conscientious exploration of the collection system has revealed three distinct problems that can be remedied by this project. The proposed Copes Crossing Lift Station will 1) replace the Tyree Springs Lift Station, which is at its design capacity and approaching the end of its expected design life; 2) provide relief to the North Palmer's Chapel Road vacuum collection system, which has been expanded beyond its design capacity; and 3) provide adequate capacity for two proposed developments near the Tyree Springs Lift Station.

2009 Public Safety Day

On September 7, 2009 the White House Police and Fire Departments hosted their 10th Annual Public Safety Day. A special "THANK YOU" to all participants and supporters of this great event.



Did You Know...

The White House Police Department is now accepting applications. Applications are available online at www.cityofwhitehouse.com and will be accepted through October 19, 2009.

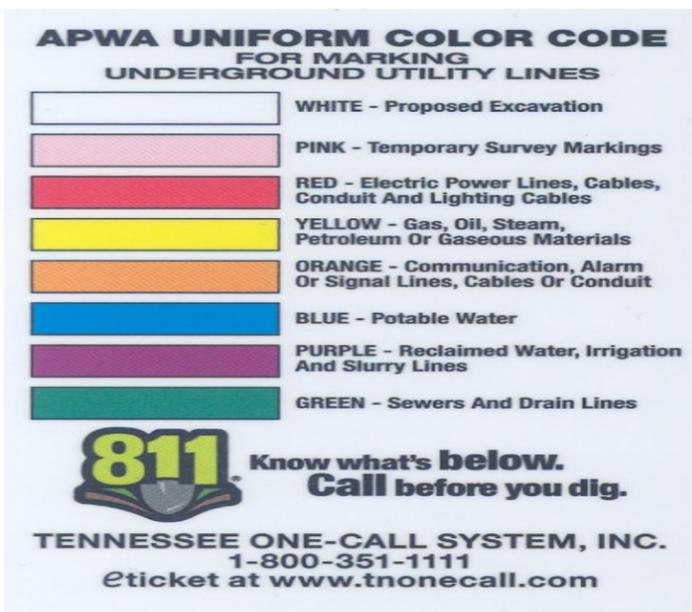
2009 Holiday Sanitation Pickup Schedule

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

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 Tues December 22 nd . Thurs route will be picked up on Mon December 28 th

TN One-Call System

To prevent personal injury or damage to utility lines, contact the Tennessee One-Call System, Inc at 1-800-351-1111 or visit web-site at www.tnonecall.com to have utilities marked prior to digging on a property. The attached diagram shows what utilities are associated with marked utilities.



Planting Trees

Proper planted trees will provide benefits to residential properties, including but not limited to reducing energy costs. Visit the Arbor Day foundation web-site at www.arborday.org/ to learn about the type and location of trees to plant. At the home page select the **trees** section and view the following slides.

- Tree Guide
- Benefits of Trees
- Right Tree, Right Place
- Your Hardiness Zone

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, property tax bill or drivers license). 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 period of July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, 704 residential and 372 commercial/industrial inspections were completed. Building inspections completed include foundations, plumbing, framing, final occupancy, etc. The local State of Tennessee Electrical Inspectors complete inspections for the City and surrounding area.

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.

Now Under Construction

It seems that everyone wants to know where things stand with the Municipal Park renovation project. On July 16th, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen voted to approve Choice Construction Inc. to be the Contractor for the project, which was the recommendation made by the Leisure Services Board on July 7th.

The next step in this process was to ask the State for their approval of the Contractor. Since Local Parks and Recreation Fund (LPRF) grant funding is a part of this project, everything has to be evaluated and approved additionally by the Parks and Recreation Technical Advisory Service (PARTAS) division of Recreation Educational Services (RES). RES is a division of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC). The Parks and Recreation Department submitted to them the bid tabulation, the accepted voluntary deductions, and the final negotiated price with the City's recommendation. The State approved the Contractor (but not a contract) on August 6th which was step one. Voluntary changes and accepted deductions from the bid form reduced the price of the new construction from the base bid of \$1,770,049.90 to \$1,628,000 for a savings of over \$142,000.

One of the items negotiated in the final price was to have the City perform all of the demolition work to save \$39,000 from the bid. Several departments from the City worked performed the demolition of 3 fields at the Municipal Park to make way for the new construction project to begin. The Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Waste Water, and Fire Departments all played a huge role in accomplishing this large task. Some asphalt paving will be removed later from the parking lot closest to the concession / restroom facility, but that needs to be done just before the pavement re-work is done to avoid an unnecessary imposition on the public.

Step two was to get a contract executed between the City and Choice Construction. It sounds easy enough but this particular process was time consuming and tedious as both parties tried to come to terms and agree on the language and intent of the contract. This matter was finally resolved on August 31st and the contract was signed. The State made the final approval on September 4th, giving the City permission to begin construction. The contract was fully executed on September 8, 2009.

The LPRF grant is in the amount of \$425,000. The difference will be made up by the sale of municipal bonds. A bond issue in the amount of \$1,300,000 was approved by resolution on August 20th by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. By the end of September, we should know what the interest rate will be for the bonds, as the City is currently obtaining bids.



Trail of Treats

Booth registration is now available for our annual Trail of Treats which will be held on October 29th at 6:00 pm. The cost is \$10 per booth and we have 45 booths available. The location is the same as last year, adjacent to the Greenway and just down the hill from White House High School.

The selection and awarding of the annual trophy for the best decorated booth is held prior to the start of the event. Defending booth winner is The Pointe Church. Parents, tell your kids to bring their goody bags!



It is fall and you know what that means, time for Youth Basketball!

Lauren Brooks, the winner of the best decorated contest for the 2009 Bike Parade.



Annual Christmas Parade

Before you know it, it will be time for the annual Christmas Parade. We have just received word from a most reliable source...Santa Claus will be in attendance! The Parade will start at 3:00 pm on Saturday, December 5th!!

Christmas Parade Theme Contest

The Parks and Recreation Department needs your help to select a theme for the annual Christmas Parade this year. The contest is open to all White House area residents of all ages. Submit your Christmas Parade Theme and tell us why you think your theme should be selected. Your entry must be received by November 12th at 5:30 pm. The winner will be notified by November 19th. Mail your entry to City of White House, Parks and Recreation Department, 105 College Street, White House, TN 37188. You may also drop off your entry in a sealed envelope to the Parks and Recreation office, located at the address listed above. For more information, call 672-4350 x. 2114.

Youth Basketball

Registration for Youth Basketball ends on October 22nd. This program is for grades 1-4. Registration fee is \$65 for White House city residents, \$77 for non-residents. Team drafts will be in November. League play will begin in December. The 1st and 2nd grades play co-ed basketball. 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 ends October 22nd. The league will accept eight (8) teams this year. Games will be scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday nights. There is a post season tournament. Registration fee is \$475 per team.

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.

For more information on any of our parks programs or events, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 672-4350, ext. 2114. Thank you!



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.



Senior Trip to the English Garden Gift Shop & Tea Room in Gallatin, TN

Did you know ...

The Senior Center has books and puzzles that you may borrow.

EVENTS AND FUTURE TRIPS

October 2009

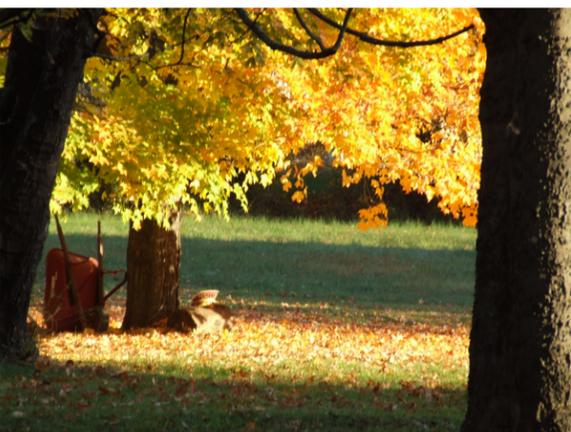
- ◇ Line dance lessons begin October 1st and will last for 4 weeks.
- ◇ On Thursday, October 15th we will be heading to Orlinda for dancing. The cost is \$5.00/ person, \$7.00 if you would like to participate in the cake walk. The dance is 7:00-9:30 pm. We depart from the center at 6:30 pm.
- ◇ Birthday Potluck will be held on Tuesday, October 27th at 10:30 am. Wear your costumes for the Halloween contest. Judging begins at 11:00 am.

November 2009

- ◇ On Monday, November 9th and 23rd at 1:00 pm we will work on the centerpieces for the Christmas breakfast. It will be a snowman globe.
- ◇ On Tuesday, November 17th we will take a trip to the Bowling Green Mall for a day of shopping. We will depart the center at 10:00 am and have lunch at the mall.
- ◇ On Thursday, October 15th we will be heading to Orlinda for dancing. The cost is \$5.00/ person, \$7.00 if you would like to participate in the cake walk. The dance is 7:00-9:30 pm. We depart from the center at 6:30 pm.

Remember our nutrition program is every Wednesday at 12:00 pm.

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.



Fall in White House



Senior Trip to the Country Music Hall of Fame to see a live taping of the Crook & Chase Show with guests, Vince Gill and Jo Dee Messina.

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.

Online Auction Increases Revenue From Surplus Assets

The City of White House sold over 30 items on GovDeals {www.govdeals.com} in the 2008-2009 budget year. The net profit from the sale of the items was \$35,829.05 after fees. The majority of the money went back into the general fund and the remainder was put in the drug fund (sales from drug seizures). Items for sale will be posted continuously on the web and can be accessed through the City's website at www.cityofwhitehouse.com or directly through www.govdeals.com.

We have already sold several items this budget year. Below are some of the items that have sold.



Wood Bleachers



2000 Crown Victoria



Scrap Metal



3 Point Hitch Box Scraper



Notes from the Mayor Some Things Haven't Changed

The thing that caused America to explode was freedom, chiefly religious freedom that was inseparable with the hope of prosperity. This simple principle was to puzzle a world who struggled to understand. The history of America is the story of the gift to mankind, of the greatest and most prosperous nation in the history of man. Amazingly created from a vast wilderness in an unbelievably short time. The question is why and how did this incredible accomplishment occur. It is a story of a nation formed on the principle that all men have yearning deep in their being to be free. Just to have the chance to see what they could accomplish and that no one can take this God given right away from them.

Five hundred years ago, not a single settler lived in this nation. Three hundred years ago only a few settlements were scattered along the Atlantic coast. Two hundred and twenty-two years ago the United States of America did not exist. The ideals that were used have been the power driving our nation and it is as important today as it was in the era of white wigs and stage coaches. The ideals fueled a strong faith and a belief that growth and progress yielded prosperity. That would validate the American Experiment. By the 1900's, the experiment that would become the United States was destined to be unique among the countries of the world. Unique because of its freedom, opportunity, wealth and power.

That small congregation from Scrooby, Nottinghamshire, County of York, could not have had the insight to predict what was about to happen. No could they imagine the significant impact they could have in the formation of this great nation. Their Mayflower Compact was about to become the instrument, that furnished the basic ingredients, to the formation of governments in this new land. Those people intended to go to Virginia, but storms blew them off course. These pilgrims that fled England because of religious persecution would become the second settlement and form the Plymouth Colony. The colony that would be an example of good and proper governing. These settlements established up and down the Atlantic coast from Maine to Georgia would become the 13 colonies.

Private enterprise was responsible for all the original 13 colonies. The King of Great Britain granted charters to, joint stock corporations to found and govern chartered or commercial colonies. Sometimes he gave grants to individuals to establish proprietary colonies. Most colonies became royal colonies, ruled by a governor appointed by the king. The Virginia colony was started by 100 men. They learned to fight, work and grow crops. They created a new crop, tobacco, that became very popular to the Europeans and the efforts in farming made this colony very prosperous. By 1619, Virginia had its own legislature and soon would be over 40,000 in population. Many people were servants, young men and women who had received grants of land to pursue a way to live and prosper. The New England colonies financed by a joint stock company, prospered by trading in furs, lumber, codfish and grain. Within a dozen years well over 20,000 courageous enterprising people raised large families, and set a high value on freedom. The charter gave the stockholder the power to elect their own government and legislature.

The stock holders governed themselves by gathering information through town meetings, like little republics, electing their own officials to represent them. They established the body politic as was promised in the Mayflower Compact. King Charles II gave his brother, the Duke of York, the Dutch settlement that was a failure, and thus it became New York. William Penn bought land from the king and received a charter grant that was to become Pennsylvania. William Penn, a Quaker, planned his colony carefully, helped poor people, proclaimed religious freedom, set up the most humane laws known anywhere in the world. English, Scottish, Irish and German settlers quickly moved to this attractive colony. Neither Pennsylvania or New York would, however, permit the people to govern themselves. New York became a royal province and in Pennsylvania, William Penn kept power and passed it to his sons. The Quakers promoted science, medicine and education. Philadelphia became a city of over 20,000 by 1750. The Germans of Pennsylvania became known for their expertise in farming.

That great region with three very different colonies, King Charles gave North and South Carolina to eight of his friends. These two colonies became inhabited by people fleeing debt, mostly French and Quakers. The Scottish/Irish and German came looking for cheap land and the region became mostly farmers. Georgia, like Pennsylvania, was established as an idealistic experiment by James Oglethorpe. He felt sorry for people who could not pay their debt and other unfortunate persons. He founded Savannah, prohibited alcohol (Rum) and slavery. He viewed things that were degrading to their society and established prohibition of those things. The British government took over Georgia in 1752.

By 1760 more than 1,500,000 lived in the 13 colonies. The population doubled every 25 years and most people lived a very comfortable life. There were a few rich people and a few poor people, but most were middle class. Almost all colonists were protestants and most had a keen interest in religion. Many in Massachusetts and New Hampshire grumbled that they felt pressure to support the congregation church.

No people on earth were more free, more hopeful or blessed with a higher standard of living. They were British subjects, but they did not think they were at all like the people of Great Britain. They had learned a new way of life and new ways from the wilderness. The pioneer spirit had changed them forever. They had melted into a new race of men. Empowered by their God given freedom, they were soon to accomplish what few could dream of, a wish, the unimagined was about to happen!



New Wastewater Employee

A new technician joined our Wastewater Dept this quarter. Please join the City in welcoming Alex Keeler.

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 Paving Projects

Expect to see roadway repair crews out on Apache Trail and Union Road over the next few weeks. After the repairs are completed then the paving crews will follow.