

A publication from the City of White House
105 College Street ~ White House, Tennessee 37188
April - May 2010

Word on White House

Werthan Packaging Expanding to White House

Werthan Packaging announced March 19th a two-year plan to move its offices and most production operations from Nashville to White House in Robertson County, Tennessee. The new facility will provide space for additional capacity and product lines as well as improve operating efficiency. A Nashville landmark since the early 1900's, the company has operated at its current location since 1928. Werthan manufactures multiwall paper packaging for the pet food industry and plans to employ over 200 people at the White House facility. The company intends to continue a printing operation at the current location.

"We've finally outgrown and outlasted this facility," said Tony Werthan, Chairman of the Board. "We have been considering how to accommodate the growth of the business for several years. When we found the facility in White House, we decided it was time to make a move," he said.

Werthan will occupy about 185,000 square feet of the former OshKosh B'Gosh distribution center on Highway 76 in White House, ½ mile off I-65 North and just 25 miles from the current location. After considering more than 30 potential locations, this site provides the company the opportunity to consolidate most production operations in a single building with room to grow.

Angie Carrier, City Administrator of White House said, "We are excited and proud to have Werthan Packaging make White House its new home and look forward to the company becoming part of our community."



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May Calendar of Events

Please check the City of White House's website for more frequent updates to the calendar of events or additional information regarding events at www.cityofwhitehouse.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 8:00 am Water Aerobics SC 9:00 am Zumba PR 1:00 pm Art Show SC	4 9:00 am Sittersize SC 9:15 am Zumba PR 10:30 am Storytime (up to 3) LB 6:00 pm Volleyball Tourn. PR	5 9:00 am Sittersize SC 10:30 am Storytime (4 & 5) LB 12:00 pm Hot Lunch SC 1:00 pm Bingo SC 6:00 pm Zumba PR	6 10:00 am Computer Class LB 6:00 pm Volleyball Tourn. PR		7 8
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23	24 8:00 am Water Aerobics SC 9:00 am Zumba PR 12:00 pm Birthday Pot Luck SC	25 9:00 am Sittersize SC 9:15 am Zumba PR White House 10:00 am Middle School DARE Graduation PD	26 9:00 am Sittersize SC 12:00 pm Hot Lunch SC 6:00 pm Zumba PR	27 10:00 am Adult Book Club LB 5:00 pm Tween Book Club LB 6:00 pm Teen Book Club LB	28	29
30 Alternate Sanitation Pickup Week	31 Memorial Day City Offices Closed					

SC - Event Sponsored by Senior Adult Center.
PW - Event Sponsored by Public Works
BR - Event Located at City Hall Board Chambers Room.



LB - Event Sponsored by the Library
PD - Event Sponsored by the Police Department.

Seniors Citizen Center



Trip to Lovelace Cafe

Upcoming Events & Activities April 2010

On April 13th at 1:00 pm we will be watching the movie Julie and Julia.

On April 20th we will be heading to Mallards for breakfast. After breakfast we will head to the new Kroger Marketplace in Gallatin. We will depart from the center at 8:30 am.

On April 26th at 12:00 pm, we will celebrate the birthdays of the month with a pot luck lunch. So bring your favorite pot luck dish and come join the fun.

General Information

The Senior Center is open Monday thru Thursday from 7:15 am until 5:15 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 during the last week of the month.

Acrylic Art Class

On April 5th we will start our third art class, the cost is \$52.50 per person for (5) three hour classes. Four of the classes will be on Mondays from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. The Fifth class will be on Tuesday, April 27th from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm. You can pick up a supply list when you sign up and pay in the Parks office.

Upcoming Events & Activities May 2010

On May 3rd from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm the center is having an art show to display the paintings from our three sets of art classes. Refreshments will be served.

On May 6th the White House Middle School Course will be here to perform for the seniors. The performance will be in the Auditorium at 10:30 am. Please come and show your support for these children.

On May 10th we will be taking our cruise on the General Jackson. We will depart the center at 10:15 am. If you would like to get on a waiting list just contact the Senior Center.

On May 20, we will be heading to Orlinda TN. to The Byrum Porter Senior Center for their dance. The cost is \$5.00 per person and an extra \$2.00 if you would like to participate in the cake walk. The dance is from 7:00 pm to 9:30pm. We will depart at 6:30 pm. You will need to sign up.

On May 24th we will celebrate the birthdays of the month with a pot luck lunch. So bring your favorite pot luck dish and come join the fun.



Water Aerobics

Water aerobics classes are held at the Gallatin Civic Center in Gallatin every Monday and Thursday at 9:00 a.m. We depart the Seniors Citizen Center at 8:00 a.m. The classes are designated for seniors only. The cost is \$1.00 per session.

If you are not interested in the water aerobics class, then there is a Ti-Chi class for \$3.00, walking trail for \$1.00 and work out room for \$3.00. The Gallatin Civic Center also offers the Silver Sneakers Program.

5 Day 4 Night Trip

The trip to Savannah, Jekyll Island & Beaufort is full. If you would like to be put on a waiting list in case we have someone to cancel then call the center at 672-4350 ext. 2116. The cost is \$419.00 per person, double occupancy. The trip will be June 14-18, 2010.



Sittercize

Sittersize class is held at the Senior Center every Tuesday and Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. This is an exercise that is done from a chair as each person follows along with an instructional DVD.



Public Works Department

Announcing 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 two (2) 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 two (2) free loads have been utilized then normal charges will apply.

Emissions Testing Information 2010

January 11th	May 10th	September 13th
February 8th	June 14th	October 18th
March 15th	July 12th	November 15th
April 12th	August 16	December 13th

Hours:

Monday 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Location:

427 Industrial Drive (Behind the Public Works Building)

Note: Severe Weather or operational constraints may prohibit operation of this testing unit. *Please call our hotline at 399-8995 to ensure the unit is operating.*

You can have your vehicle tested at any of the five (5) permanent inspection stations in Rutherford, Sumner, Williamson, and Wilson counties. The closest location to White House is 951 Grassland Place, Gallatin, TN. Monday and Tuesday 7:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M., Wednesday - Friday 7:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. and also Saturday 8:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.



2010 Holiday Sanitation Pickup Schedule

Weeks or days where sanitation pickup is altered due to holiday



Good Friday Week of March 29	Mon, Tues & Wed routes will be picked up on regular schedule. Thurs route will be picked up on Wed March 31th.
Memorial Day Week of May 31	Mon route will be picked up on Tues June 1st. Tues, Wed and Thurs routes will be picked up on regular schedule.
Independence Day Week of July 5	Mon route will be picked up on Tues July 6th. Tues, Wed and Thurs routes will be picked up on regular schedule.
Labor Day Week of September 6	Mon route will be picked up on Tues Sept. 7th. Tues, Wed and Thurs routes will be picked up on regular schedule.
Columbus Day Week of October 11	Mon route will be picked up on Tues October 12th. Tues, Wed and Thurs routes will be picked up on regular schedule.
Veterans Day Week of November 11	Mon, Tues & Wed routes will be picked up on regular schedule. Thurs route will be picked up on Wed November 10th.
Thanksgiving Day Week of November 22	Mon, Tues & Wed routes will be picked up on regular schedule. Thurs route will be picked up on Wed November 24th.
Christmas Week of December 20	Mon & Tues routes will be picked up on Mon December 20th. Wed routes will be picked up on Tues December 21st. Thurs route will be picked up on Mon December 27th

If you would like to be notified in advance of Alternate Sanitation Pickup dates for holidays, please email apriest@cityofwhitehouse.com. You will be added to a distribution list to receive an email notifying you of the upcoming schedule.

Planning & Codes Department

I-65 Exit 108 Improvements and Proposed Southern Interchange

The City of White House has discussed with Tennessee Department of Transportation representatives the need for improvements to the I-65 Exit 108/SR 76 Interchange. The City is the initial phase of requesting federal funding for the improvements to this Interchange. The improvements include moving north bound exit ramp west closer to I-65 to allow additional room for traffic flow onto SR 76 into White House. The improvements also include signalized traffic intersections at both north and south bound ramps and additional travel lanes and turn lanes on SR 76 and interstate ramps.

The Federal Highway Department is currently reviewing a planning level proposal for a new southern interchange on I-65 between the existing Union Road and New Hall Road overpasses. The proposed southern interchange would relieve pressure on SR 76 due to the current and future development of the area and to provide an additional connection into the City of White House area. Based on 2008 Tennessee Department of Transportation Traffic Data, SR 76 traffic counts are in excess of 26,000 vehicles per day. The traffic counts on SR 76 are split between 18,864 trips on SR 76 East into White House and 7,661 trips on SR 76 West. The new interchange proposal would include new local roadway construction and improvements to existing roadways including Webster, Union, Melton, Marlin, and Sage Roads to provide interconnected local access.

Visit City of White House Website at www.cityofwhitehouse.com to review planning maps of the proposed improvements and changes.

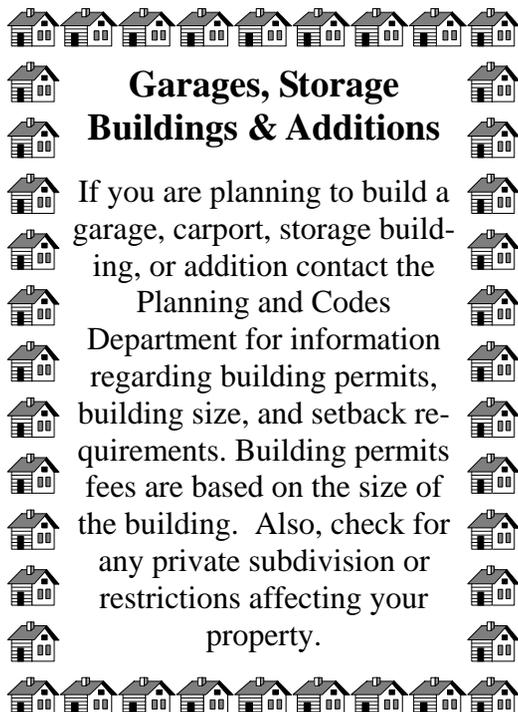
Fences

The Planning/Codes Department recommends all fencing to be off property lines to allow for maintenance on both sides of fence and to not 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 the height of the fence. Contact your Home Owner's Association guidelines or check for property restrictions to determine if there any private fencing regulations for affecting your property.

Contact Planning & Codes Department for any questions.

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.

Property Maintenance



Garages, Storage Buildings & Additions

If you are planning to build a garage, carport, storage building, or addition contact the Planning and Codes Department for information regarding building permits, building size, and setback requirements. Building permits fees are based on the size of the building. Also, check for any private subdivision or restrictions affecting your property.

The City of White House has property maintenance regulations relating to property located within the City limits in both the White House Municipal Code and the City's adopted property maintenance code.



The property maintenance standards include:

- High grass
- Accumulation of trash and debris
- The condition of all buildings
- Junk, inoperable, abandoned, and unlicensed vehicles.

If a property is found to be in violation of the property maintenance standards, a notice is sent to the property owner.

For more information regarding property maintenance issues or to file a complaint, contact the Planning & Codes Department.

Planning & Codes Department
672-4350
Extension 2120

White House Police Department



CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY 2010

In February 2010, the White House Police Department commenced its Tenth 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 is being held on Tuesday nights from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. for eight weeks. The classes are open to White House residents (Sumner/Robertson Counties) and those who are employed here or own businesses 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. 31 citizens are enrolled, making it the largest class in the ten year history of the program.

During this ten 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 and crime prevention. This two-way communication will certainly be an effective and successful way to build a partnership between the community and the police department.

If you are interested in attending a future Citizen's Police Academy and would like an application, they are available for pick-up at the White House Police Department, or for an online application, go to www.cityofwhitehouse.com and click on Citizen Police Academy Application.

If you would like more information on this program, please contact Captain Jeff Mingledorff at 616-1064 at the White House Police Department.



Crime Prevention Unit: Home Burglary Prevention Tips

Each year in the U.S, there are more than five million home burglaries. During 2009, 48 homes were burglarized in the City of White House. 90% of these crimes were preventable. The risk of being burglarized can be greatly reduced by taking simple steps to make your home more difficult to enter and less enticing to would be burglars. Remember the greatest weapons in the fight to prevent burglaries are LIGHT, TIME, AND NOISE.

~ Keep all doors and windows closed and securely fastened. An open window or door is an invitation to burglars and they are also quick to spot weak locks that may be forced open easily. Doors should have deadbolt locks with a 1 inch throw and reinforced strike plates with 3 inch screws. All windows should have window locks.

~ Secure sliding glass doors. Place a metal rod or piece of plywood in the track and install vertical bolts. This will help prevent burglars from forcing the door open or lifting it off its track.

~ Always lock the doors on any attached garage. Do not rely on your automatic garage door opener for security.

~ Create an illusion that you are home by using timers on lights, radios and tv's. Making your residence appears occupied, even when no one is home, will deter criminals.

~ Keep the perimeter of your home well lit. Consider buying motion-sensitive lights, which are now available at economical prices.

~ Keep shrubbery trimmed away from entrances and walkways. While large, ornate hedges may be beautiful, they also provide hiding places for burglars who need only a minute to break through a window or door.

~ Install a monitored alarm system. Strategically place signs near the front and rear entrance of the residence warning all of its presence.

W.H.P.D. And Woodall Elementary School Celebrate D.A.R.E. Graduation

On December 21, 2009, 150 5th grade students from R.F. Woodall Elementary School graduated from the 10 week D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program. Under the direction of their Instructor, White House Police Department Captain Jeff Mingledorff, these students learned of skills they will need to avoid drug use and violence. The D.A.R.E. curriculum focuses on four major areas; providing accurate information about the dangers of alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana, teaches students decision making skills, shows them how to resist peer pressure and provides them ideas for alternatives to drug use. The D.A.R.E. program began nationally in 1983. It is now taught in more than 300,000 classes in all 50 states as well as 53 countries around the world. It was introduced to White House schools in 1995 as a collaborative educational effort between schools, parents, and the White House Police Department.

Fire Department

Fire Safety for Kids



The City of White House Fire Department is very concerned about your children and fire safety. Many of you know about our common events for the children such as the City of White House Public Safety Day and that we often talk to school-aged children about fire safety at their schools. But these brief sessions that we get with the children is hardly enough to make them totally conscious about fire and their personal safety.

One way that we have taken steps to protect children is by passing a local law in the city to prohibit the sale of novelty lighters (lighters that look like toys or other visually attractive themes) in any store within the city limits. Nationwide there have been many instances of children playing with lighters that they thought were toys, only to have the lighters ignite the carpet or other flammable items in their home. If you see these lighters for sale, we ask you to call the Fire Department at 615-672-5338 during normal business hours and report it so that we may address it with the store owners.

You will also find a link to the United States Fire Administration website for kids on our website www.cityofwhitehouse.com/fire. This link has a number of resources for parents and the children will find many fun activities that will teach them about fire safety while they “play”. We encourage all guardians to spend time talking with their children about fire safety. Let the children help you test and change the batteries in your smoke detectors. Practice exit drills in the home by going over your escape routes and meeting places. Practice Stop, Drop, and Roll with them as well. Do it yourself and you will likely hear your children laughing as they watch you, but they are also learning that if you do it, they need to be prepared as well.

CERT

CERT stands for Community Emergency Response Team and is a concept that was started after President Bush encouraged Americans to volunteer in their community and to prepare for disasters in their respective community. This program will be valuable for anyone that wants to learn about disaster preparedness and is interested in helping themselves, their neighbors, and their community. Initially, the program will be introduced as part of the White House Fire Corp, but will later be extended to the community as a whole. The initial steps have been taken to institute the program here and will be know as the City of White House CERT. Two fire department personnel have attended a Train the Trainer program and are now eligible to train the community to be prepared. The areas covered in the program are disaster preparedness, fire safety, disaster medical operations, light search and rescue, CERT organization, disaster psychology, and terrorism. The program will involve classroom and hands-on training. More information will be made available about times and dates for the training.

Fire Corps

The newly founded White House Fire Corps is established and is always looking for individuals to participate. The Fire Corps is a group of people that have a desire to help their community, but are not seeking to be a firefighter. The Fire Corps is a great way to give back to the great community we call home. The Fire Corps will be assisting the Fire Department in such areas as disaster preparedness and fire service assistance as well as many other areas. The Fire Corps is designed to assist the fire department during emergencies in ways that will allow us to do our job more effectively. Volunteers may assist with providing hydration and nourishment, assist in establishing shelters and many other activities. The possibilities are endless, but the possibilities will not be realities without volunteers to meet the needs. If you would be interested in volunteering the White House Fire Corps, call the Fire Department during normal business hours (Monday through Thursday from 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM) and speak to Chief Palmer about the opportunities that exist within this great organization.



Why is the Maltese Cross a symbol of the fire service?

The Maltese cross is a symbol that has a rich history that is closely related to the fire service. There are actually two schools of thought about the emblem. One is that the symbol of the fire service comes from the "Knights of Malta" and their battles with Ottoman pirates or the Saracens. The story says that these knights had a cross on their tunics and that the Saracens used fire as a weapon. There were many knights who risked their lives to save their comrades or structures from the fires.

The other thought is as follows, this is the cross of Saint Florian design. St Florian is often credited as being the patron saint of firefighters. (He is also the patron saint of Poland, Linz, Austria, and chimney sweeps.) His cross/emblem design may have nothing to do with the "Knights of Malta" but looks very familiar. It is often reported to be shaped roughly like the one above. Given Florian's historic connection with firefighting, it would make sense if his cross was the original inspiration for the design of the current symbol. (Although there isn't much evidence to suggest that this is true.) Florian (250-304 AD) was a soldier and high ranking officer in the ancient Roman army. He is credited with helping to organize and lead early fire brigades that defended the city of Rome from fire. Pictures often show him dressed in the distinctive green tunic of the Roman firefighter, with himself or someone else pouring water on a fire.

Next Issue Trivia

Who is often cited as the
“Father of the American Fire Service”?

White House Inn Library

Check it out!

Ever wonder what else the library provides in addition to books? One incredible resource you might not be aware of is the Tennessee Electronic Library. Whether you want to prepare for the GED or ACT, research a health condition, find out more about a current event, or discover your family history, the Tennessee Electronic Library has what you're looking for.

What is the Tennessee Electronic Library (TEL)?

It is a virtual library that is free to all Tennessee residents. Through TEL you can access magazine and scholarly journal articles, newspapers, test preparation, genealogy resources, health and wellness information, and more.

Who would be interested in TEL?

Everyone! TEL has resources that are great for:

- ~ K-12 Homework
- ~ Homeschoolers
- ~ College level research
- ~ Test preparation including ACT, SAT, GED, Civil Service, Firefighters, Law Enforcement, and more
- ~ Health and Wellness research including prescription drug information
- ~ History and Genealogy research
- ~ Current issues

How can I use the Tennessee Electronic Library?

You can use TEL from any computer that has access to the Internet, including the computers at the library.

Go to: www.tn.gov/tsla and click on TN Electronic Library. If you are using TEL at home and have any questions please call the library at 672-0239.

Want to know more?

Stop by the library and we will be happy to get you started using TEL. You can also call us at 672-0239.

Storytime!

Join us at the library for stories, songs, crafts, and more! Storytimes are a great way to have fun with your child while also building early literacy skills.

The current storytime session will continue through April and the first two weeks of May. Toddlers (ages 3 and under) meet on Tuesdays at 10:30 and Preschoolers (ages 4 and 5) meet on Wednesdays at 10:30.



White House Inn Library
412 Hwy. 76
White House, TN 37188
(615) 672-0239

NEW!

You can now check out back issues of magazines at the library. Any magazine except the most current issue can be checked out for two weeks with one renewal for an additional two weeks, just like a book.

A total of 5 magazines may be checked out on one library card. Ask a staff member the next time you stop by the library if you have any questions.

Computer Classes

Are you interested in learning how to use a mouse and set up an email account? The library will offer an adult Computer Basics class during the summer. The class will meet four times on Thursday mornings beginning in May. Please refer to your calendar of events for specific dates.



New Faces at the City of White House



Officer Patrick Bagwell



Officer Erinn Martin



Officer Jason Shapton

Welcome



Amanda Priest
City Recorder



Candyce Shelton
Human Resource Director

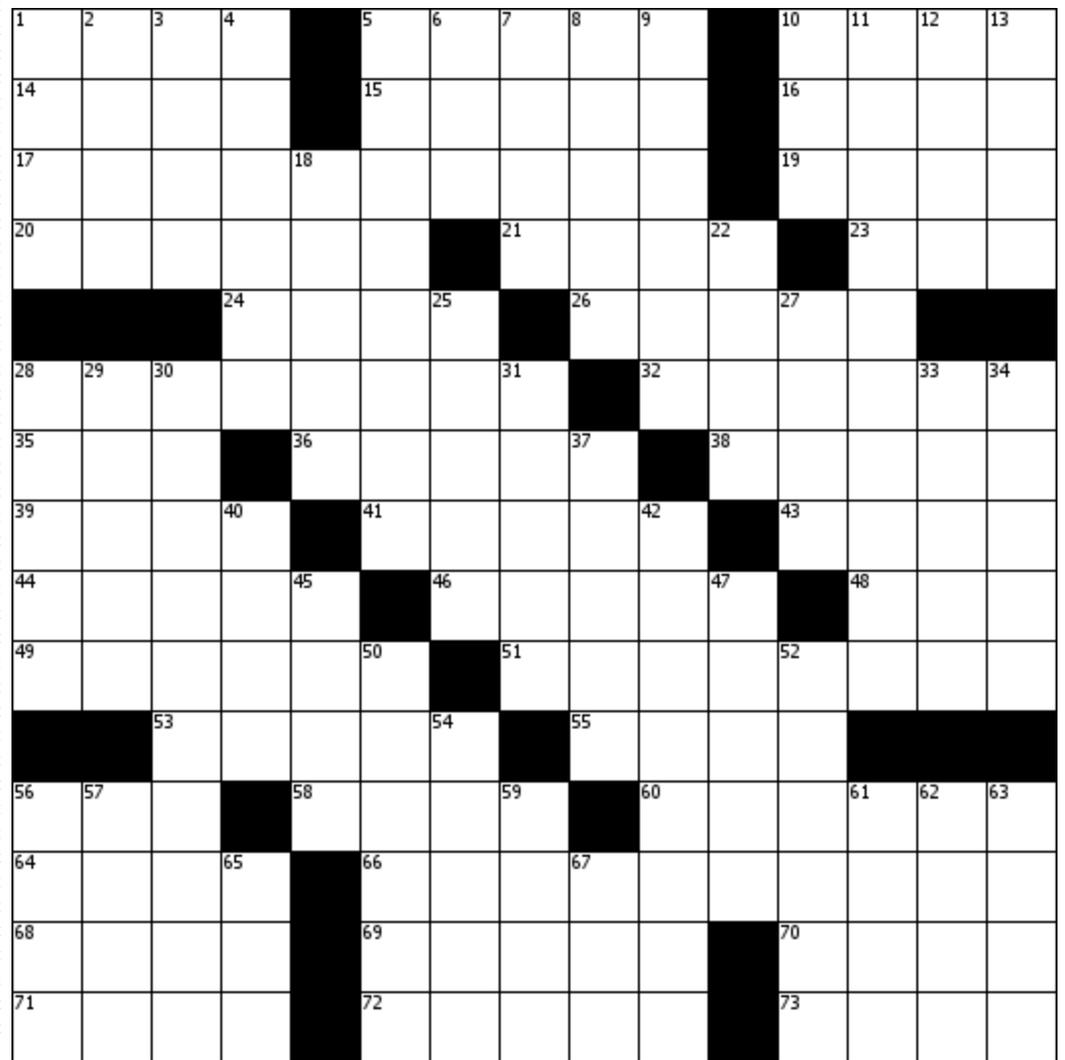


Allison Green
Parks Recreation
Superintendent

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	672-4350	Ext. 2116
Sewer Department	672-3654	
Emergency	911	

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 01.** Touched down
05. Dons
10. Responds in "Jeopardy!"
14. Caribbean country
15. De Niro film of '98
16. Type of carburetor or personality
17. How you look when you leave?
19. Capital on a fjord
20. Six-line sonnet section
21. The enemy
23. Use a scythe
24. Galena and bauxite
26. Bingham of "Baywatch"
28. Prodigious
32. Latin hymn (with "Mater")
35. Beatle bride
36. System of values
38. Rub out

39. Beginning on

- 41.** Seeing pink elephants
43. Jocular Johnson
44. Stalin's predecessor
46. Foundation
48. Card player's cry
49. Designs
51. Hiking necessities
53. Place to crash on a train?
55. Not a movie
56. American equivalent of kPa
58. "Buenos ____"
60. Like royal descent, usually
64. "Hello" preceder
66. Dirty work of Kipling?
68. Advantage
69. Implied
70. When hands are at their highest point
71. Orange cover
72. Make a case
73. Korbut the gymnast

DOWN

- 1.** Deck tetrad
2. Elegance
3. Egyptian sacred bird
4. It's only skin-deep
5. Drops a note
6. Aurora's counterpart
7. Biol. subject
8. Avenge
9. Looks from Snidely
10. Brouhaha
11. Delicacy's import vessel?
12. Cabbage kin
13. Tap the brakes
18. Guest work?
22. Kasparov kayo
25. Indian term of respect
27. Irene of "Fame"
28. Ingle nuggets
29. Initiation
30. Overeating episode on the funny farm?
31. Pale purple
33. TV's Gomez Addams
34. Future adults
37. French film award
40. Item on a disk, perhaps
42. Eat at ten, say
45. Pocket-protector wearer, stereotypically
47. Prim and proper
50. The scarlet letter, e.g.
52. Weather phenomenon
54. Actor Rutger
56. Ready for surgery
57. Word with bar or car
59. Catch
61. Organic compound
62. Bug-eyed
63. Musical Horne
65. Hair raiser?
67. African antelope



The Second Continental Congress met in Philadelphia with two new distinguished members, Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson. The New England Colonies shared with Virginia the leadership of the independence movement. The Middle Colonies, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland hung back especially Pennsylvania and New York. The remnants of their reluctance still persist today.

Thomas Paine so stirred the public's determination that every colony in the Continental Congress except New York voted for independence on July 4th and adopted the Declaration of Independence written by a committee under Thomas Jefferson. He borrowed ideas from many writers but the majesty, earnestness and grace of its language made it one of the most important and persuasive documents in the history of human liberty.

The Declaration blamed Great Britain for a long list of grievances. But the most important and persuasive part of the Declaration emphasized man's natural rights that were derived from the Creator. Man has no right in the granting of these rights and may overthrow any government that denied their rights.

Americans had declared their independence from Great Britain but now they would find it may have been easier to declare than to achieve. They still would have to fight to win it.

They stated their case succinctly and with undeniable clarity. "When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation."

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

The Declaration goes on to describe their expectations and evaluation of the notion that their government belongs to the people and answers to them for acceptance.

They listed 27 complaints and listed here are just a few as you can see complaints above government remain the same until today.

1. He refused the laws for wholesome public good.
2. Forbid the governors to pass Laws of Importance.
3. Called together legislative bodes at places and times away from the public for the purpose of fatiguing them into compliance.
4. Obstructed the administration of justice appointed judges to subvert the law.
5. Conduct mock trials protecting from punishment of murders committed on inhabitants of certain states.
6. Tried to elevate the military over civil authority.
7. Made a multitude of new offices to harass the people.
8. Ignored the constitution, made up laws of pretended legislation, made up laws to gain the assent.
9. Imposing taxes without our consent
10. Depriving us of the benefits of a fair trial.
11. Taking away our charters, abolishing our most valuable laws XXX our form of government.

"In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people."

"We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States."

"And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."

It is indeed a refreshing trip that again reminds us of the things and actions that are the source of trustnation and disgust with government. The same spirit remains until this day, could it be that no matter how hard we try we cannot rid ourselves of this evil?

"It is apparent that our vigilance is required if we are to ward off government and to protect freedoms. Now we must win the freedom and make a new government, establishing a more perfect union."