

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

Word on White House

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 school year.



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August Calendar of Events

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	Shutterbug Deadline PR 8:00 am Water Aerobics SC 9:00 am Zumba PR 1:00 pm Movie Day SC	9:00 am Sittercize SC 9:15 am Zumba PR 7:00 pm Beer Board Mtg BR	9:00 am Sittercize SC 10:30 am Blood Pressure SC 12:00 pm Hot Lunch SC 1:00 pm Bingo SC 6:00 pm Zumba PR	8:00 am Water Aerobics SC 3:00 pm Cornhole SC	Sales Tax Holiday	
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 BR - Event Located at City Hall Board Chambers Room.
 PR - Event Sponsored by Parks & Recreation Department.



LB - Event Sponsored by the Library
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September Calendar of Events

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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Alternate Sanitation Pickup Week	Safety Day PD	9:00 am Sittercize SC	9:00 am Sittercize SC	8:00 am Water Aerobics SC		
	Bike Parade PR	9:15 am Zumba PR	10:30 am Blood Pressure SC	3:00 pm Cornhole SC		
	Labor Day	10:30 am Storytime 3 & under LB	10:30 am Storytime 4 & 5 LB	6:30 pm CERT Class FD		
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Parks & Recreation Department

Independence Day 5K

Congratulations to all 153 participants at the 10th Annual Independence Day 5K!

Scott Wietecha was the overall winner with a time of 16:55. The female winner was Katherine Malone with a time of 24:28.



Harvest Moon 10K

The annual Harvest Moon 10K will be October 9th at 8:00a.m. There will be a different course from last year! The course will start at the White House Municipal Park and go on the entire Greenway out to 31W and then down Calista Rd. through Indian Ridge to circle back into the park by the tennis courts. Be looking for registration details soon!

Municipal Park Renovation Project

The new ball fields at the Municipal Park are really starting to take shape and progress is being made!

- Fencing is underway.
- Soil amendments are completed.
- Laser grading of fields is underway.
- Infield mix is underway.
- Asphalt trails and central walkway are underway.
- Irrigation has been completed.
- New water service installation has been started.
- Field lighting is near completion.
- Decorative parking lot lighting is underway
- Sprigging will begin the week of July 19th

Zumba Fitness

Zumba Fitness with Instructor Tina Bishop, CZ1, is offered as follows:

Monday - 9:00 am - 10:00 am
Tuesday - 9:15 am - 10:15 am
Wednesday - 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Cost: \$3 per class

*1st Class is FREE



Shutterbug Photo Contest

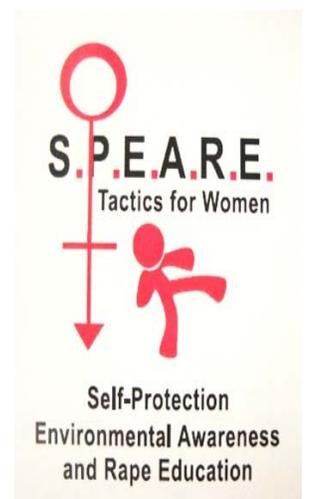
Submit your photos relevant to public parks and trails in White House. Categories include nature and wildlife, landscapes, and active living in the parks. Winners will be chosen in three age groups: Child, Teen, and Adult. The winning photos will be displayed on our website and in the Word on White House. All photos must be submitted by Monday, August 2nd. For guidelines, contest details and entry forms please visit the Parks and Recreation office or our website www.cityofwhitehouse.com/parks.

Greenway Flood Damage

The City is currently requesting help from FEMA to repair areas of the Greenway that were damaged by the flood on May 2nd and 3rd. Damages are believed to total approximately \$90,000 at this time. In addition to repairing some areas back to the pre-disaster condition, we hope to perform hazard mitigation and prevention in other places which will help to reduce the risk of similar damage in the event of another flood

S.P.E.A.R.E. Class

White House Parks and Recreation will be taking sign-ups for a September 18th women's self-defense class. S.P.E.A.R.E. stands for "Self-Protection, Environmental Awareness and Rape Education." The class will be held at the White House Police Department from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. The class is free and the limit is 35 so call 672-4350 ext 2114 or stop by our office to sign-up.



For more information regarding any of the programs and additional upcoming programs, please contact White House Parks & Recreation at 672-4350 ext. 2114 or visit our website at www.cityofwhitehouse.com/parks

Public Works Department

2010 Holiday Sanitation Pickup August & September Schedule

Weeks or days where sanitation pickup is altered due to holiday

Labor Day Week of Sept 6

Mon route will be picked up on Tues Sept 7th. Tues, Wed and Thurs routes will be picked up on regular schedule.

If you would like to be notified in advance of Alternate Sanitation Pickup dates for holidays, please email apriest@cityofwhitehouse.com.

Emissions Testing Information June & July Schedule



Dates:
August 16th
September 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.

Note

There will also be a Sumner County Clerk at The Billy S. Hobbs Municipal Center located at 105 College Street for the purchasing of vehicle tags.

Sanitation Procedures

1. The City will provide and service one residential and small commercial refuse container once a week per separate street address.
2. The containers must be placed no further than three (3) feet from the curbside and in an area that is free from obstruction of trees, shrubs, mailboxes, etc or in an alternate location approved by the public works director.
3. Only refuse in the container will be collected. If additional refuse is left on or around the container the city will not pick it up. Extra household refuse will be picked up by appointment only and a fee will be charged. (See § 17-113)

Location of Containers

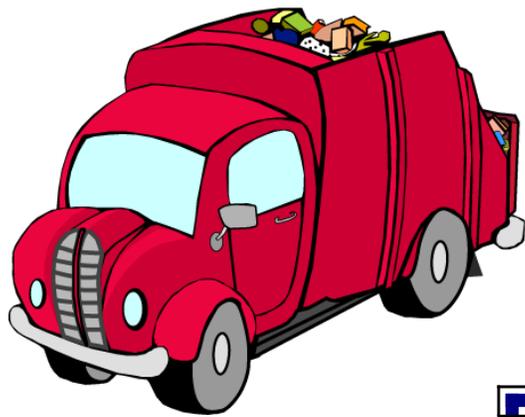
1. All residents, except those approved for special assistance due to age, handicap or illness (See § 17-105(d)) shall place their wheeled container at curbside or street-side no later than 6:30 A.M. on the date of anticipated collection.
2. As soon as practicable after such containers have been emptied they shall be removed by the owner or occupant to within, or to the rear of his premises and away from the street line until the next scheduled time for collection.

Condition of Containers

1. Each owner, occupant, or other responsible person, as foresaid, shall be responsible for keeping the refuse container clean and sanitary in compliance with health and sanitation requirements and shall keep container lids closed at all times.
2. No refuse shall be placed in container until such refuse has been drained free of all liquids and securely placed in plastic bags.

Prohibited Substances and Practices

1. The following substances are hereby prohibited and shall not be deposited in garbage containers:
 - (a) Flammable liquids, solids or gases, such as gasoline, benzene, alcohol or other similar substances.
 - (b) Any material that could be hazardous or injurious to city employees or which could cause damage to city equipment.
 - (c) Construction waste which shall include materials from construction, demolition, remodeling, construction site preparation, including but not limited to rocks, trees, debris, dirt, bricks, fill, plaster, and types of scrap building materials.
 - (d) Hot materials such as ashes, cinders, etc.
 - (e) Human or animal waste shall be prohibited from being placed in garbage container.
 - (f) Infectious waste, hypodermic needles, syringes, Pasteur pipettes, broken glass, scalpel blades, etc. used in patient care or which have come into contact with infectious agents unless placed in approved medical waste containers.
 - (g) Animal carcasses, body parts (including fluids), and bedding of animals.
2. It shall be unlawful for any person, other than the occupant-user, to move, remove, upset, scatter, tamper, use, carry away, deface, mutilate, destroy, damage or interfere with the garbage container.
3. It shall also be unlawful for any person to dump waste or grass upon any street, alley, or public place or public way.
4. The disposal of refuse in any quantity by any person in any place, public or private, other than at a site or sites designated for refuse disposal is expressly prohibited. (1979 Code, § 8-209, as replaced by Ord. #05-35, Nov. 2005).



TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE SURE THAT COLLECTING TRASH DOESN'T RISK LIVES.



We've all been there.

Stuck behind a garbage truck while we're in a hurry to get to work or school. We sigh; we curse; we check the clock. We get frustrated by having to wait behind the truck, so we impatiently pull around it - endangering the life of a worker emptying a container or walking back to the truck.

What if that worker was your husband, brother...or best friend?

The Slow Down to Get Around campaign NSWMA, McNeilus Companies and Rumpke of Ohio are providing this information to educate you and other motorists. For more information, visit www.NSWMA.org.

How you can help.

Just as you have learned to stop and wait for school buses, slow down in construction zones or move to the side of the road for emergency vehicles, the National Solid Wastes Management Association is working to educate drivers when approaching garbage trucks to prevent a collision with a collection employee or the truck.

1. **Slow down** when approaching a garbage truck making its rounds. Stop if necessary to allow workers to do their jobs.
2. **Look for workers** before attempting to pass the truck.
3. **Check for traffic** approaching from the opposite direction before proceeding around the truck.
4. **Avoid distractions** like eating, changing the radio station or talking on your cell phone when maneuvering near a garbage truck.

Notice Regarding Pools From the Planning & Codes Department

Beginning January 1, 2011 all new residential swimming pools will be required to be constructed with a pool alarm that sounds an alarm when someone enters the swimming pool. The alarm is required to emit a sound of at least fifty (50) decibels. The swimming pool alarm law is referenced as Public Chapter 850. The State General Assembly approved Public Chapter 850 in April 2010.

Per the City's adopted Residential Code swimming pools are required to have a minimum 48" barrier or fence around the pools. See the Planning/Codes section of the City's web-site at www.cityofwhitehouse.com to review the swimming pool installation requirements. Due to different property zonings and easements, contact the Planning/Codes Department at 672-4350 Ext. 2120 to discuss the zoning setback requirements for a swimming pool on your property and in your subdivision. Also check to see if your property or subdivision has private subdivision restrictions on swimming pools and fences.

The City requires a \$ 35 swimming pool permit. The State Electrical Inspector requires two State electrical permits (\$ 59) for new pool installations.



Note from Our Engineering Department!

The City has given Notice To Proceed on our federal stimulus projects. Both of these projects are funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

The City will soon be starting the ARRA Calista Road Project. We will be widening Calista Road from Volunteer Drive to Bill Moss Road. During this time we will be repairing several damaged sections of Calista Road and applying a new pavement overlay to the entire length of Calista Road from Hwy 31W to Bill Moss Road.

The City will also be starting the ARRA Fiber Optic Project. This project will allow the City to connect all of its facilities and traffic signals with fiber optic cable. What does this mean to you? When this project is complete it will allow for better services and improved traffic signal timing.

Thank you in advance for your patience with possible construction related vehicle delays. If you have any questions, please contact Ron Bailey, City Engineer at 672-4350, ext. 2113.

White House Inn Library

Library Cards are FREE!

September is Library Card Sign-up Month, and the White House Inn Library wants to make sure that all children in White House have the smartest card of all – a library card. Observed since 1987, Library Card Sign-up Month is a time when the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country remind parents that a library card is the most important school supply of all. For students the library offers a wealth of resources including Internet access, databases with age-specific content, word-processing, and the professional assistance of a library staff member.

But library cards aren't just for students seeking homework resources; a library card is also your ticket to free entertainment. With your card you can check out books, audio books, magazines, and movies. You can even download digital books to your home computer. What are you waiting for? Get your card today!

**To sign-up for a library card, simply present proof of your identity and current address. Children are eligible for library cards with a signature from a parent or legal guardian as the responsible party. Please call the library at 672-0239 with any questions.*

Now Hear This

The library offers audio books on CD or cassette for all ages and interests. We even have a few pre-loaded digital books called playaways that are small enough to fit in a pocket. Audio books are great for commuting, road trips, family vacations, exercising, or even just relaxing at home. Check out an audio book by one of these popular authors:

- Mitch Albom
- Dan Brown
- Patricia Cornwell
- Janet Evanovich
- Sue Grafton
- John Grisham
- Sophie Kinsella
- Debbie Macomber
- Nora Roberts



Read a Banned Book

Harry Potter, Captain Underpants, Catcher in the Rye, To Kill a Mockingbird...

What's your favorite book? Chances are good that someone has tried to ban it. Celebrate your freedom to read during Banned Books Week, September 25th – October 2nd. Stop by the library to pick up a copy of a banned or challenged book. Exercise your right to read!

White House Inn Library
412 Highway 76
White House, TN 37188

Phone: 615-672-0239

Hours of Operation

Monday
10:00 am - 5:30 pm

Tuesday
10:00 am - 5:30 pm

Wednesday
10:00 am - 5:30 pm

Thursday
12:00 noon - 8:00 pm

Friday
10:00 am - 5:30 pm

Saturday
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Storytimes

Join us at the library this fall for stories, songs, crafts, and more! Attending storytime is a fun way to improve your child's early literacy skills while meeting other parents and caregivers in the community. Registration is not required. The fall session begins September 7th.

Toddler Tuesday: Children 3 years of age and under will meet on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

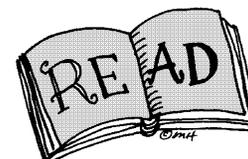
Preschool Wednesday: Children 4 and 5 years of age will meet on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. (with the exception of Wednesday, September 22nd)

Book Clubs

Tweens: Thursday, September 30th at 5 p.m.

Teens: Thursday, September 30th at 6 p.m.

Adults: Thursday, September 30th at 10 a.m.



Book Sale

The Friends of the White House Library will host a book sale at the library the week of August 16th-21st.

The book sale will be open for business during the library's regular operating hours. Drop in and pick up some great bargains. All proceeds go to the Friends of the White House Library to support the library.

NOTICE: The White House Library will be closed all day Wednesday, September 22nd for staff training.

Police Department

White House Police Department - 2009

2008 Population Estimate **10,048**

Offense Overview

Offense Total 696
 Number Cleared 319
 Percent Cleared 45.83 %

Group A Crimes per 100,000 population 6,926.8

Arrest Overview

Total Arrests 446
 Adult Arrests 361
 Juvenile Arrests 85
 Unknown Age 0

Arrests per 100,000 population 4,438.7

Average number offenses/incident 1.30

Domestic Violence Victims

Offense	Reported	Cleared
Murder	0	0
Aggravated Assault	6	4
Simple Assault	45	25
Intimidation	15	2
Stalking	1	0
Forcible Rape	2	0
Forcible Sodomy	0	0
Sexual Assault W/Object	0	0
Forcible Fondling	0	0
Incest	0	0
Statutory Rape	1	1
Kidnaping/Abduction	0	0
Total	70	32

TIBRS Group B Arrests

Offense	Adult	Juvenile
Bad Checks	0	0
Curfew/Vagrancy	0	3
Disorderly Conduct	0	2
DUI	86	0
Drunkenness	2	0
Family-Non Violent	0	3
Liquor Law Violations	31	15
Peeping Tom	0	0
Runaway	0	3
Trespass	1	1
All Other Offenses	10	12
Total Group B	130	39

TIBRS Group A Offenses	Offenses		Arrests	
	Reported	Cleared	Adult	Juvenile
Crimes Against Persons				
Murder	0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0
Kidnaping/Abduction	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	2	0	0	0
Forcible Sodomy	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault W/Object	0	0	0	0
Forcible Fondling	1	0	0	0
Incest	0	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	3	1	1	0
Aggravated Assault	10	4	4	0
Simple Assault	74	33	25	8
Intimidation	47	2	2	0
Stalking	5	0	0	0
Crimes Against Property				
Arson	1	1	0	1
Bribery	0	0	0	0
Burglary	49	2	8	0
Counterfeiting/Forgery	9	3	3	0
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism	94	9	2	4
Embezzlement	4	3	3	0
Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	0	0
Fraud - False Pretenses	9	1	1	0
Fraud - Credit Card/ATM	11	1	1	0
Fraud - Impersonation	8	3	2	1
Fraud - Welfare	0	0	0	0
Fraud - Wire	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	12	6	5	2
Robbery	2	0	0	0
Stolen Property Offenses	1	1	0	0
Theft - Pocket-picking	0	0	0	0
Theft - Purse Snatching	1	0	0	0
Theft - Shoplifting	40	28	28	3
Theft From Building	28	3	2	0
Theft From Coin Machine	1	0	0	0
Theft From Motor Vehicle	23	0	0	0
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	6	0	0	0
Theft - All Other Larceny	35	0	0	0
Crimes Against Society				
Drug/Narcotic Violations	117	116	124	25
Drug/Narcotic Equipment Violations	98	97	16	2
Gambling - Betting/Wagering	0	0	0	0
Gambling - Operating/Promoting	0	0	0	0
Gambling - Equipment Violations	0	0	0	0
Gambling - Sports Tampering	0	0	0	0
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0	0	0
Prostitution	0	0	0	0
Prostitution Assisting/Promoting	0	0	0	0
Weapon Law Violations	5	5	4	0
Total Group A Offenses	696	319	231	46

White House Police Explorers



White House Police Explorers held its first promotion ceremony on June 17, 2010. At this ceremony Aaron Akin (center) was promoted to Lieutenant. Jack Selle and Brian Speer were promoted to Sergeant.

They will assist Explorer Advisors Curtis Carney and Joel Brisson with leading and managing all Post activities.



Public Safety Awareness Day "Safety Day"

Monday, September 6, 2010
 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

Please come out and join us!



Crime in Tennessee 2009

Free Community Information Service

Register at <http://www.nixle.com> to receive local police advisories, community information, and traffic messages by text message or email.

Fire Department

White House Cert



The White House CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) is designed to prepare the citizens of White House for a natural disaster. The class teaches participants the methods and actions to be taken to ensure the safety of their own

family and home, their neighbors, and the community. The goal of the White House CERT team is to have members of every neighborhood in the city trained in CERT principles. To be most effective, every neighborhood will need to have members trained to oversee the safety of the neighborhood until help arrives. Neighborhoods such as Northwoods, Magnolia Village, Orchard Park, Hampton Village, Heritage Farms, Sumner Crossings, Bridlecreek, Briarwood, and Holly Tree are the communities that CERT is designed to assist. All city residents, regardless of neighborhood or location are urged to attend this training. In a natural disaster, emergency services are often overrun with calls for help and the CERT team is trained to provide the assistance needed until the emergency services are available.

We need your help to ensure the success of this program. The White House Fire Department will host another training opportunity in September 2010 and the classes will be September 2, 9, 16, 23 from 6:30 PM until 9:30 PM and on September 25 from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM. The cost of the class is \$40.00 and includes all the materials and a backpack that will contain: hardhat, goggles, gloves (medical and leather), first-aid kit, reflective vest, whistle, and flashlight with batteries. The class is limited to 20 participants and will be first come first served. Registration will end August 21, 2010 so please call Fire Marshal Jeremy Sisk at Fire Station # 2 at 615-672-5338 as soon as possible to sign-up.

The first class of members of the White House CERT Team graduated on June 26, 2010. The class contained nine individuals that learned and demonstrated various aspects of disaster preparedness. The class was a great success and the participants all gained knowledge of the methods and actions to take following a disaster.

Picture Top:
Participants demonstrate fire extinguisher use.

Picture Right:
Participants applying light search & rescue techniques.



Previous Trivia Questions

(Q) Is the White House Fire Department a career, volunteer, or combination (both career and volunteer) department? How many firefighters (if any) are employed by the White House Fire Department?

(A) The White House Fire Department is a combination department comprised of 17 personnel (15 career firefighters, the Fire Chief, and the Fire Marshal) and 11 volunteer firefighters.

(Q) How many stations does the White House Fire Department operate?

(A) The White House Fire Department operates two stations. Station One is located at 416 Hwy. 76 and Station Two is located at 120 Business Park Dr.

(Q) Who is the Fire Chief of the White House Fire Department?

(A) The Fire Chief is Joe Palmer. Chief Palmer has proudly served the citizens of White House as Fire Chief for 11 years. Chief Palmer has been employed by the City of White House for 21 years.

Open Burning

As autumn approaches the need to clean leaves and debris from lawns is an ongoing chore. The White House Fire Department would like to remind residents that it is a violation of City Ordinance to burn leaves. Leaves may be bagged and taken to the White House Public Works facility located at 427 Industrial Drive. The fire department encourages residents to place brush at the curb for pick-up by Public Works. The pick-up schedule may be found at www.cityofwhitehouse.com. If you are unable to move your limbs to the curb, you may obtain a burn permit at Fire Station # 2 or at www.cityofwhitehouse.com. These permits are free of charge for residential burning.

If you own or maintain property outside of the city limits, you must obtain a burn permit from the TN Division of Forestry between October 15 and May 15. You may obtain a State permit by calling 1-800-337-3157.

This issue's trivia:

Much of this newsletter is dedicated to CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) information. How and why did CERT get started?



Typical Cost of Service for a Homeowner in White House

The City provides numerous services to our residents. Based on the total budget for each City Department, we can roughly estimate the cost of services available to each home in the City. The Total Operating Budget does not include capital expenditures. Based on the 2008 special census, there are 3,587 households in the City of White House.



Department	Total Operating Budget	Avg. Cost per Household
Police	\$ 1,409,045	\$ 392.82
Fire	\$ 1,084,043	\$ 302.22
Public Works	\$ 268,947	\$ 68.20
Parks & Recreation	\$ 682,183	\$ 190.19
City Court	\$ 75,556	\$ 21.07
Finance	\$ 323,257	\$ 90.12
Administration	\$ 333,011	\$ 92.84
Human Resources	\$ 120,252	\$ 33.53
Engineering	\$ 119,373	\$33.28
Planning & Codes	\$ 313,132	\$ 87.30
Library & Museum	\$ 186,445	\$ 51.98
Total Avg. Cost		\$ 1,363.55

From the above Departments, the typical resident receives the following services:

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| Street Lighting | School Resource Officer | Senior Citizen Center |
| Police Patrol | Planning Services | Full Library Services |
| Police Detectives & Investigation | Municipal Court System | Full Time Animal Control Officer |
| Fire Protection | Economic Development | Police Crime Prevention Program |
| Fire Inspection Services | 90-Acre Park | Indoor Gym & Auditorium |
| Dispatching of 911 Calls | Four miles of Greenway | Street Paving & Signal Maintenance |
| Property and Codes Maintenance | State of the Art Soccer Complex | Storm Water Management |
| Building Inspection | Indoor & Outdoor Recreation | |

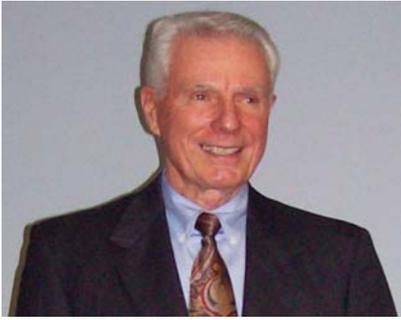


All of the above services (and many more like this) cost the local taxpayers money. The average homeowner pays about \$ 490 per year in property taxes. This represents only 36% of the actual cost of providing services to a home. It takes a combination of business taxes, sales tax collections, and shared taxes coming from the State of Tennessee to allow the City of White House to continue to provide services.

Other services offered include Wastewater and Sanitation. These services are funded directly through user fees which may not be co-mingled with the revenues and expenses discussed above.

Did you know?

- Street Lighting for White House costs nearly \$ 125,000 per year. This represents tax collections from nearly 255 typical homes in White House.
- The City carefully reviews all submissions for plans from each development and tries to ensure the City grows prudently and is not left with greater long-term costs.
- The Police and Fire Departments respond to all medical calls within the City limits. The City's public safety officers are routinely the first on-site and the Fire Department has the capability of stabilizing many medical conditions.
- The City has actually lowered the number of full-time employees per 1,000 citizens in the last five years from 10.3 to 9.7. However, the City continues to provide for all of the services promised to the citizenry.
- The Library provides a 6-week summer reading program for children of all ages, and on-going story hours and book clubs.
- The City of White House has one of only 14 city funded public libraries in Tennessee.



Let's Celebrate Liberty

We all declare for liberty, but in using the same word, we do not mean the same thing. With some the word liberty means each man may do as he pleases for himself and what he produces with his labor; while to others the same word may mean that some men may do as they please with the production of other men's' labors. Here are two incomparable things, incompatible called by their believers by the same name. But the reality is only one is liberty and the other is tyranny.

The British Version of Liberty

The government established by Britain in the colonies was patterned in America after the king's collaboration with the denomination called The Church of England. The only church permitted. They tamed up to run roughshod over their people, making serfdom, to confiscate their wealth and to use other men's' labor for their own self interest.

The Solution

In the history of all mankind, man had always been ruled by kings. Followed by dictators or alliances of those who had military power. But never was there ever a nation dedicated to the principle that man possessed the right to liberty, that the rights came from God and all had the free will to pursue their lives as they wished.

This was to become the first and only nation of the people for the people by the people. The colonies allowed more freedom than anywhere in the world and they grew like crazy fueled by freedom. The population grew from a handful to 2.5 million.

The British doubled up their efforts on the colonies and generated complaints that would later form the basis for the Declaration of Independence. 1. They would not listen to the people, could care less what they thought or what they wanted. 2. They would not enforce laws of the colonies on nationalization and migration. 3. They traded new laws for political support. 4. They called legislative sessions at difficult times held members late at night over holidays to pressure them to give up. 5. They owned the judges controlled appointments and judges pay. There was no justice. 6. They took away states or colonies rights every way possible. 7. They made new government officers like czars, the EPA, and many groups of various bureaucrats to harass the people. 8. They imposed taxes at will with no redress.

Do these complaints sound familiar? They are still here and occurring today. The colonies hated this so much they declared war on Great Britain the greatest nation in the world at that time. Two documents of freedom's origin and government structure came out of this struggle. These two icons are the play-book, for how free government must function to remain free. The Declaration you will see says the colonies derive their rights from the powers of the earth the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of natures God entitle them. That they appeal for rectitude (correctness) of their intentions to the Supreme Judge of the world and lastly for the support the firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence. The Constitution This is the bedrock on which a living evolving nation is built. Words have ordinary and common meanings that are communicated clearly like a contract that holds the same meaning today as it did yesterday and tomorrow. It connects one generation to the next restraining from experimentation with social change and government excess. There is no other interpretation this is the standard by which the Constitution can be interpreted without abandoning its principles altogether.

If the Constitution's meaning can be erased or rewritten and the writers intentions ignored, it ceases to be a constitution but instead a concoction of political experiments that serve temporary policy agenda from those entrusted with the sworn authority to preserve it.

Amendment 1 commonly called the First Amendment provides the perfect example of how the truth is twisted. I had always thought that the First Amendment was the freedom of speech guarantee only. When we read we find this, Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof or a bridging the freedom of speech, or the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

The 9th Amendment - There are 10 items of the Bill of Rights, so important that a special emphasis was made to secure these 10 rights. Number nine is continually violated by our government. 9th Amendment "The enumeration of in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people."

There is a great deal more to the 1st Amendment as you can see, how many times have you heard, "Separation of church and state?" The only mention of religion is what you read in Amendment 1. There is none other in the Constitution and what about getting locked out of the Congressional area of the US capitol during a peaceable assembly? How many times have you heard anyone in government enthusiastically proclaim that all other rights not numbered belong to you the people? And that the government cannot issue or grant rights? This serves to illustrate if you don't know the playbook you might wonder what the truth is or how it gets twisted.

If you don't read them, you can't play the game, you will lose every time.

Information is abundant, you will have to reach out of the standard sources but if you aren't educated in American history you're in for some real interesting surprises.

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