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105 College Street ~ White House, Tennessee 37188  
October - November 2010

# *Word on White House*

## **2010 Public Safety Day!**

On September 6, 2010 the White House Police, Fire, and Parks Department hosted their 11th Annual Public Safety day. A special "Thank You" to all participants and supporters of this great event!



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# October Calendar of Events

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 PW - Event Sponsored by Public Works  
 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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 FD - Event Sponsored by the Fire Department

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# Parks & Recreation Department



## Shutterbug Photo Contest

Congratulations to our Shutterbug Photo Contest winner Carolyn Foshee! 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place pictures are available on our website.

## Greenway Flood Damage

The City has requested help from FEMA to repair areas of the Greenway that were damaged by the flood on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. The total funding appropriation as determined by FEMA for the Greenway flood damage repairs is \$63,519. That is the total of the 9 separate project worksheets that we submitted. All of our repairs will be reimbursed after the work is complete since the value of each project worksheet is below FEMA's threshold for large projects. The City is responsible for 12.5%, the state is responsible for 12.5%, and the federal government is responsible for 75%.

The gymnasium at City Hall is open Monday through Thursday from 7:15 am to 5:15 pm. Between 7:15 am and 10:00 am, the gymnasium is reserved for walkers. Please contact the Parks and Recreation Department if you have any questions.

## Men's Adult Church League Basketball

Registration is going on now until October 21<sup>st</sup>. \$475 per team. The league is limited to 8 teams. Regular season games will begin in November with Tuesday night games. Also, there will be a post-season tournament. Registration forms are available on our website.



## Youth Basketball

Registration is going on now until October 21<sup>st</sup>. 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teams are co-ed. There will be 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade girls teams and 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade boys teams both with post-season tournaments. The registration fees are \$65 for White House residents and \$77 for non-residents.

Saturday games will begin in December. Registration forms are available on our website.

## Facebook



Add White House Parks and Recreation on Facebook for the latest information on our programs and events!



## Christmas Parade

The Christmas Parade will be Saturday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

This year's theme is "The Sounds of Christmas."

Anyone wishing to participate in the parade must register by December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:15 p.m.



## Zumba Fitness

Please visit [www.cityofwhitehouse.com/parks](http://www.cityofwhitehouse.com/parks) for the schedule.



Noah Landry

## Labor Day Bike Parade

Congratulations to Noah Landry from White House for having the Best Decorated Bike at the Labor Day Bike Parade! 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to Trey Matthews from Cottontown. Thank you to all of the participants for making this year a huge success! Pictures are available on our website and our Facebook page.



Trey Matthews

**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](http://www.cityofwhitehouse.com/parks)**

# Parks & Recreation Department

## Hillcrest Municipal Cemetery

Rules and Regulations for the Cemetery and the current Fee Schedule can be downloaded from [www.cityofwhitehouse.com](http://www.cityofwhitehouse.com). Click on Departments / Services, then the link to Hillcrest Municipal Cemetery.

The Hillcrest Municipal Cemetery was assumed by the City of White House in 2002. The management and control of the Hillcrest Cemetery is directed by the Cemetery Board. The day-to-day operations of the cemetery are administered by the Parks and Recreation Department of the City. The Parks Department arranges burials, sells graves, and maintains the grounds.

**1. Are there any restrictions on placing a stone to mark a grave?**

Yes. Only upright markers installed with a base or flush markers are allowed. Before a stone is placed, the City of White House must be contacted at (615) 672-4350 ext. 2114. A \$25 permit fee for setting a stone is required.

**2. What does a grave at the Hillcrest Municipal Cemetery cost?**

All graves are \$750 each. Cash or check only. Credit cards are not accepted.

**3. Are Veterans' Administration (VA) markers allowed at the Hillcrest Cemetery?**

Only VA markers that are flush with the ground are permissible in the Hillcrest Cemetery.

**4. How much does the opening/closing of a grave cost?**

If a marker is not present, the fee is \$800. The fee is \$600 if a grave marker is already present. The \$200 difference is a deposit that will be refunded if the grave is properly marked within one year. Otherwise, the city will retain the \$200 to place a flush marker to identify the grave.

**5. How do I obtain possession of unused lots originally purchased by one of my family members?**

The Cemetery may require an affidavit of heirship or a probated will in order for an individual to claim property of a deceased ancestor. (Adopted July 6th, 2010). If the purchaser is not deceased, then they should designate the beneficiaries of the lots and we will identify them in our records.

## Municipal Park Renovation Project

The five new ball fields at the Municipal Park are almost complete and everything is looking great!

Progress:

- Decorative rock work around entrance sign completed
- Landscaping of the site is underway
- Seeding and stabilization of common areas underway
- Overseeding of perennial ryegrass set to begin
- Grading and infield mix incorporation completed
- Parking area improvements nearly complete
- Site signage to be installed
- Central walkway asphalt painting set to begin
- Site furnishings installed
- Scorer's tower completed



# Halloween!



## Trail of Treats



Booth registration is now available for our annual Trail of Treats which will be held on October 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. The cost is \$10 per booth and we still have several 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 White House Animal Hospital (Pictured Below). Parents, tell your kids to bring their goody bags!

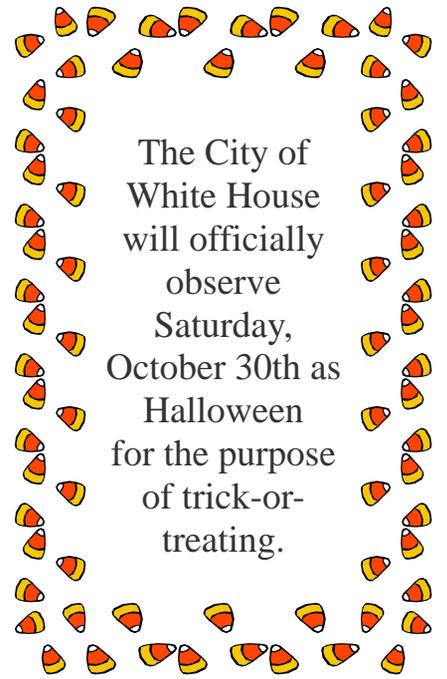


- Across**
- Float
  - Bills
  - Turkish title
  - New money
  - Cross letters
  - \_\_\_ Martin
  - Did a Halloween thing
  - Holy man
  - Repeat
  - Tom, Dick, or Harry, abbr.
  - Two or more periods
  - Cummerbund
  - What some turtles might do
  - Jazz great, Herbie
  - Aggressive foreign policy
  - Future fish
  - Did a Halloween thing
  - Put-on
  - Jack-o'-lanterns, for example
  - Wastage
  - Smart
  - Quarry
  - Shelley's shtick
  - Type of egg

- Terra-cotta instrument
  - Japan's oldest city
  - Did a Halloween thing
  - Tiny bit of land
  - Lamented
  - Smack
  - Instructions to eraser-happy proofreaders
  - "Beetle Bailey" dog
  - Desires
- Down**
- Gets hitched
  - Halo
  - Barney's buddy
  - Reggae star Peter
  - Bow, e.g.
  - So-so connector
  - It may have been burnt in the 60s
  - Spanish ayes
  - Phone alternative
  - Buddhist retreat
  - Greek walkway
  - Parasite supporter
  - Stake

## Safety Tips for Trick-or-Treaters

- Carry a flashlight.
- Walk, don't run.
- Stay on the sidewalks.
- If no sidewalk, walk on the left side of the road facing traffic.
- Make sure costumes don't drag on the ground.
- Wear a watch you can read in the dark.
- Obey all traffic signals.
- Stay in familiar neighborhoods.
- Do not cut across yards or driveways.
- Shoes should fit even if they don't go with your costume.
- Avoid wearing masks that do not fit and obscure your vision.
- Carry only flexible knives, swords or other props.
- 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.

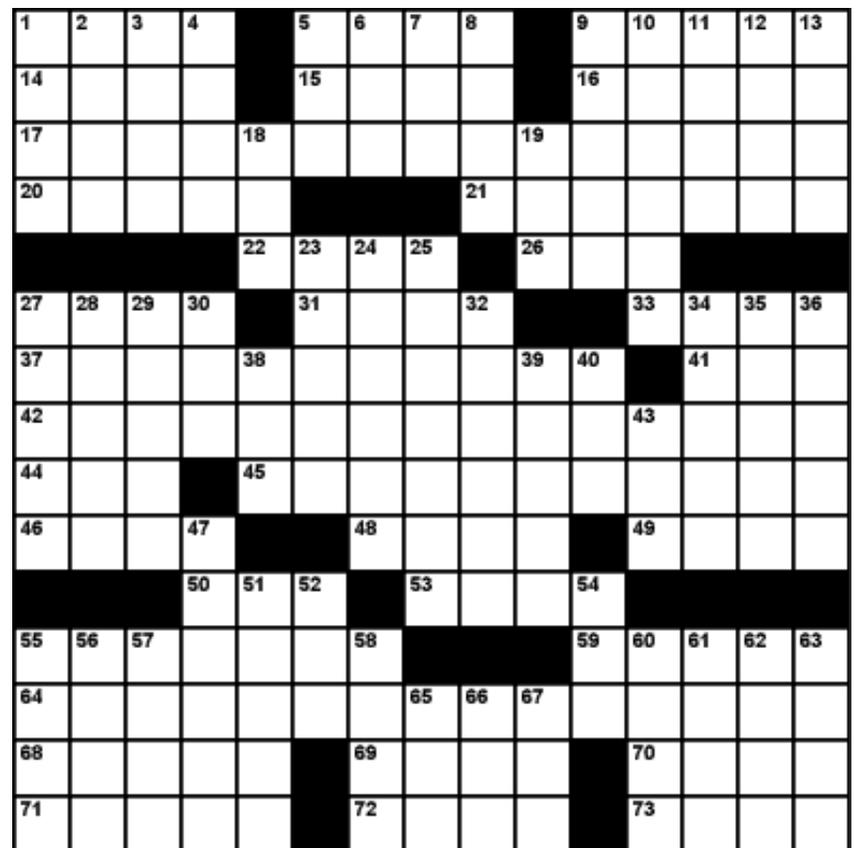


The City of White House will officially observe Saturday, October 30th as Halloween for the purpose of trick-or-treating.



## Fright Night Crossword Puzzle

by Dave Fisher



- Adder's target
- Got down
- Playwright's device
- Take rudely
- Actor Rory, star of many westerns
- Grass used for fiber
- Exxon alternative
- Dandy apparel?
- With-it
- South Dakota's capital
- Passion
- Peter of Herman's
- Informative
- Mississippi tributary
- Gets a bug
- Where Will Hunting washed floors
- Tuck's partner
- Frozen dessert
- Gives up something
- Last word in films
- A spinner's delight
- Geisha's girdles

- Amount
- \_\_\_-bodied
- Jimi's hairstyle
- Agile
- Not windward

- Eager
- Demands
- Not safe
- Inactive, abbr.
- Stir



# Senior Citizens Center

The Senior Citizens 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](http://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.

## October 2010 Calendar of Events

Monday, October 5 - Depart at 9:00 am.  
Shopping at Lebanon Outlet Mall & lunch at  
Castle Heights Chop House.

Tuesday, October 12 - Depart at 5:30 pm  
Lunch and Dancing at Lebanon Senior Center.  
Cost is \$5.00.

Tuesday, October 19 - At 1:00 pm  
Book Club "The Last Lecture" by Randy Pausch.

Thursday, October 21 - Depart at 5:30 pm  
Dancing at Byrum Porter Senior Center

Monday, October 25 - At 11:00 am  
Birthday Pot Luck and Halloween Costume Contest

Tuesday, October 26 - Depart at 10:00 am  
Trip to the Hermitage and lunch at Famous Dave's  
Cost is \$14.00

## November 2010 Calendar of Events

Monday, November 1 - At 5:30 pm  
Halloween Dance at Senior Center

Monday, November 8 - At 1:00 pm  
Art Show

Tuesday, November 9 - Depart at 9:00 am  
Shopping at Greenwood Mall in Bowling Green, KY.

November 15, 18, 22, 30 - At 1:00 pm  
Craft Days

We will be making Hymnbook Angels for our table center pieces for  
The Christmas Breakfast.

Tuesday, November 16 - At 1:00 pm  
Book Club "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson and David  
Oliver Relin

Monday, November 22 - At 1:00 pm  
Movie Day

Friday, November 19 - Depart at 6:00 pm  
Dancing at Springfield

Monday, November 29 - At 12:00 pm  
Birthday Pot Luck

*These dates and times are subject to change*

## Nutrition Program

Our meal is every Wednesday at 12:00 pm. If you would like to join us on Wednesday, then please call on Monday by 12:00 pm to reserve your spot. The cost for Seniors 55 and older is \$2.50 per person.



White House Senior Citizens Center

## Halloween Dance

Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>

5:30p.m.-7:00p.m.

Cafeteria at City Hall

**\$5.00 Per Person**



Cake Walk

Costume Contest



Refreshments

## Come and enjoy the One Man Band!

Please contact Vicky Russell for more information at 672-4350 ext 2116

## Monthly Activities

Water Aerobics is on every Monday and Thursday  
from 8:00 am to 11:00 am.

Birthday Potluck is on the last Monday of each month  
at 12:00 pm. Check the monthly calendar for theme  
of the month.

Bingo is on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 1:00 pm.

Sittersize (Chair Exercise) is every Tuesday and  
Wednesday at 9:00 am.



Line Dance Class is on every Thursday at 2:00 pm.

Blood Pressure checks every Wednesday from 10:30 am to  
11:30 am.



# Public Works Department

## 2010 Holiday Sanitation Pickup August & September Schedule

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

**Columbus Day  
Week of  
October 11th** Monday route will be picked up on  
Tuesday, October 12th. Tuesday,  
Wednesday, and Thursday routes will  
be picked up on regular schedule.

**Veterans' Day  
Week of  
November 8th** Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday  
routes will be picked up on regular  
schedule. Thursday route will be  
picked up on Wednesday,  
November 10th.

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

## Emissions Testing Information October & November Schedule

### Dates:

October 18th & November 15th

### 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 on the dates listed  
above.



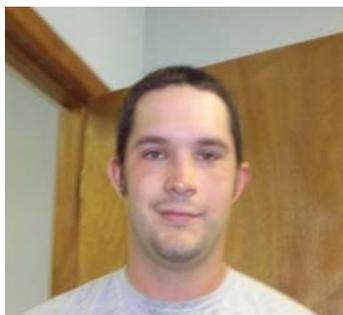
# Welcome to Our New Employees

The City would like to welcome six new employees to the City team.

Michael Fisher and Patrick Bagwell join the City of White House Fire Department as our newest Firefighters.

Danny Ward joins the City of White House Police Department as our newest Police Officer.

Ryan Joiner and Michael Travis (not pictured) join the City of White House Parks and Recreation Department as our newest Civic Center Attendants,  
while Robert Bayne (not pictured) joins the City as our new Cemetery Groundskeeper.



Michael Fisher  
Firefighter



Patrick Bagwell  
Firefighter



Danny Ward  
Police Officer



Ryan Joiner  
Civic Center Attendant

# White House Inn Library

## Magazines

Have you been missing the latest issue of your favorite magazine at the library? We apologize for the delay while we consolidated our subscriptions with one vendor. The good news is that magazine subscriptions are starting again in November. While the most current issue of a magazine stays on display at the library, you may check out back issues. Magazines check out for the standard loan period of two weeks, and you may check out five magazines per library card. We will continue to receive many of your favorite magazines and we are excited to offer several new titles as well. Whether you want to try out a new recipe, read up on current events, or check out the latest fashion, these titles will have you covered:



(\* denotes new titles)

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <i>American Heritage</i>        | <i>Parenting - Early Years</i>   |
| <i>Better Homes and Gardens</i> | <i>People</i>                    |
| <i>Birds &amp; Blooms</i>       | <i>Popular Mechanics</i>         |
| <i>Consumer Reports</i>         | <i>Practical Homeschooling</i> * |
| <i>Cooking Light</i>            | <i>Prevention</i> *              |
| <i>Disney Family Fun</i>        | <i>Psychology Today</i>          |
| <i>Forbes</i>                   | <i>Reminisce</i>                 |
| <i>Good Housekeeping</i>        | <i>Rolling Stone</i>             |
| <i>Health</i> *                 | <i>Simple &amp; Delicious</i>    |
| <i>In Style</i> *               | <i>Southern Living</i>           |
| <i>Martha Stewart Living</i> *  | <i>Sports Illustrated</i>        |
| <i>National Geographic</i>      | <i>Time</i>                      |
| <i>Newsweek</i>                 | <i>U.S News and World Report</i> |



## Calling all TEENS!

The White House Library will celebrate **Teen Read Week**, October 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>. Stop by during the week to see what we have planned!



### Hours of Operation

White House Inn Library 412 Highway 76 White House, TN 37188 Phone: 615-672-0239	Monday 10:00 am - 5:30 pm	Thursday 12:00 noon - 8:00 pm
	Tuesday 10:00 am - 5:30 pm	Friday 10:00 am - 5:30 pm
	Wednesday 10:00 am - 5:30 pm	Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

## Adult Book Club

The Adult Book Club is an informal group open to all adults interested in reading and discussing, or just reading and listening. The club meets on Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m., before the library opens. Please call Janet at the library, 672-0239, if you have any questions or would like to reserve a book for the next meeting.

The White House Book Club is currently reading *The Great Santini* by Pat Conroy for the October 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Due to the holidays, the book club will combine the November and December meeting and will meet on Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> to discuss *Jack Hinson's One Man War, A Civil War Sniper* by Tom McKenney. Join us in the new year on January 27<sup>th</sup> to discuss *Southern Daughter: The Life of Margaret Mitchell* by Darden Asbury Pyron.



### What Should I Read Next?

Series and trilogies have been exploding in popularity over the past ten years. With the success of Harry Potter and Twilight, it's no wonder authors are clamoring to create the hottest new series. The library offers series for various ages and interests. Of course we have the old favorites like Nancy Drew and The Hardy Boys, but why not stop by the library and see what else we have to offer? Check out one of the following series today!

#### For Adults and Teens:

- **Alex Rider** by Anthony Horowitz
- **Blue Bloods** by Melissa de la Cruz
- **The Chronicles of Vladimir Tod** by Heather Brewer
- **House of Night** by P.C. Cast and Kristin Cast
- **The Hunger Games** by Suzanne Collins
- **Pretty Little Liars** by Sara Shepard
- **Ranger's Apprentice** by John Flanagan
- **Sookie Stackhouse** by Charlaine Harris
- **Study and Glass** by Maria V. Snyder
- **The Yada-Yada Prayer Group** by Neta Jackson

#### For Children:

- **The 39 Clues** (various authors)
- **Disney Fairies** (various authors)
- **The Edge Chronicles** by Paul Stewart and Chris Riddell
- **Fablehaven** by Brandon Mull
- **Geronimo Stilton** by Geronimo Stilton
- **Guardians of Ga'Hoole** by Kathryn Lasky
- **Katie Woo** by Fran Manushkin
- **The Keys to the Kingdom** by Garth Nix
- **The Mysterious Benedict Society** by Trenton Lee Stewart
- **The Secrets of Droon** by Tony Abbot



# Police Department

## D.A.R.E.

### WHPD and White House Heritage Elementary School Launch Fall 2010 D.A.R.E. Program

157 students from White House Heritage Elementary School's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class are taking the D.A.R.E. pledge to stay off drugs as they begin their 10 week D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program on September 20, 2010. Given the national profile of D.A.R.E. students, it's likely that they'll keep the pledge for good.

Under the direction of D.A.R.E. Instructor, Captain Jeff Mingledorff, these students will learn the skills they need to avoid drugs, alcohol and violence. The classes include extensive role-playing with officers on practical ways to resist pressure to experiment with drugs and alcohol, and avoid violence. It also teaches them to live a consequence-oriented life and it enhances their decision making capabilities through the use of lecture, practical application, and scenario based problem solving.

Because the officers have personal experience working with drug abusers on the street, young people consider them to be highly credible instructors and role models.

The D.A.R.E. Lessons focus on four major areas: providing accurate information about the harmful effects of tobacco, alcohol and marijuana, teaching students decision making skills, showing them how to resist peer pressure, and giving them ideas for alternatives to drug use and violence.

D.A.R.E. began nationally in 1983. It is now taught in more than 300,000 classrooms in 50 states and 53 countries around the world. It was adopted in the White House schools in 1995 as a collaborative drug abuse prevention effort between community schools, parents, and the White House Police Department.



### White House Animal Control Receives New Vehicle

The White House Police Department's Animal Control Unit recently added a new 2010 Ford F150 Pick Up Truck to its fleet. This vehicle will further enable Officer Don Black to provide the citizens of White House with effective and cost efficient Animal Services by active enforcement of state and

local laws, the humane sheltering and removal of stray and unwanted animals, and the promotion of responsible pet ownership and animal welfare.

On September 10, 2010 the Governor's Highway Safety Office, Tennessee Law Enforcement Challenge annual award's luncheon was held at the Sheraton Music City Convention Center in Nashville. At this ceremony the White House Police Department was presented with a Third Place Trophy for its proactive traffic prevention and enforcement efforts. Our agency was a first time entry in the category for agencies that had between 11 and 25 sworn police officers. Since approximately 75% of law enforcement agencies in this country have less than 25 officers, there were many entries. In addition we were given a hand held radar unit to use in our continued efforts. Corporal Curtis Carney, Officer Joel Brisson, and Officer Jason Ghee worked very hard this year, which lead us to be eligible for this award. Many thanks to all police department employees for working together in our efforts to reduce the number and severity of traffic crashes in our City.



In addition the Mother's Against Drunk Drivers (MADD) recognized Officer Jason Ghee for having the most DUI arrests and a conviction rate of over 75% for agencies that have less than 25 police officers.

### Be Informed, Join Nixle

The WHPD has launched a new Community Information Service designed to deliver important and timely information to residents in our area using the latest technology. This service, Nixle, delivers trustworthy and important neighborhood-level public safety and community event notifications instantly sent to you by cell phone text message, email and web. There is NO Spam or Advertising. Nixle is completely free. Standard text message rates apply for cell phone subscribers who do not have text plans with their cell phone providers.

Register now and learn more at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com). Then, send out a welcome email to all of your friends and ask each of them to have five people that they know in the community, register to the service.

Stay connected to your world, from the public safety alerts that are relevant to you, to the important neighborhood advisories you want to know about, and other valuable community information. You decide what information you want and whether you want it sent to your cell phone, email or just simply over the web.

# Fire Department



The City of White House has been very fortunate in recent years to have avoided any large scale incidents of severe weather or other disasters. However, we that are involved in emergency management know that a disaster is not a matter of if, but when. The City of White House Fire Department takes disaster preparedness very seriously and we urge every citizen to be prepared as well. The Fire Department is continually working to prepare the citizens for a natural disaster, but we all have a responsibility to be prepared.

Recently you might have seen information in the *Word on White House* regarding the formation of the White House CERT team. This is just one avenue that is offered to help prepare the citizens for disasters. Another great program that has been developed is the Ready program that has been developed by the Department of Homeland Security. This program is designed to help prepare homeowners and business owners for a disaster. The website for the program is [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov). Once the site is accessed, an individual has a massive amount of resources available to help prepare them for a disaster. You will find checklists for emergency supplies, contacts, important numbers, and emergency plans for the home and business. You may also sign up for email updates that will notify you of recommendations and changes to the information. If you are concerned about the level of preparedness that you have in your home or business, this website will be an excellent resource for you to utilize to make you and your family safer before a disaster strikes.

**Last issue's trivia:** How and why did CERT get started?

The idea of CERT was developed by the Los Angeles Fire Department. A trip to Japan to learn about their disaster preparedness led them to develop their own program. The program was initially denied by the City due to a lack of funding. After an earthquake event, the idea was implemented. In 2003 President George W. Bush urged every American to volunteer in their community.

From this request the United States Citizen Corp was developed and CERT was the program of major emphasis. The organization has grown in popularity and there are many communities that have already learned the benefits of having a CERT team in the area.



**This issue trivia:**

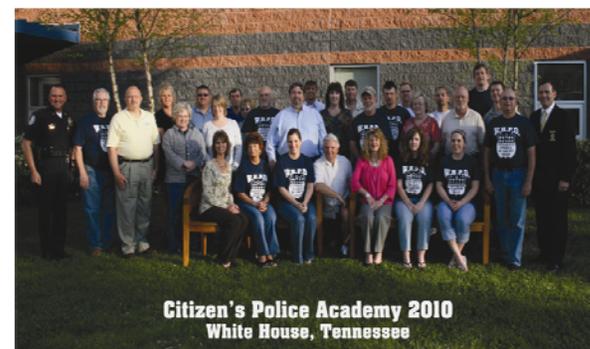
What do you feel is the most likely type of disaster likely to strike the City of White House? Are you prepared for an extended period of self-preservation without the help of any outside agency?

## WHPD Citizen's Police Academy 2011

In February 2011, the White House Police Department will host its Eleventh Annual Citizen's Police Academy. The purpose of the academy is to give citizens the opportunity to learn about police work in general and also gain insight into the White House Police Department's daily operations and programs. The Academy will be held on Tuesday nights from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. for eight weeks. The classes are open to White House residents (Sumner/Robertson Counties) and those who are employed 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. Class size is limited to 25 participants.

During this eight week-week course, officers from the department will instruct citizens in several areas including Law, Crime Prevention, Patrol, Investigations, Special Programs, Juvenile Law, Traffic Enforcement, Recruitment, and Firearms training. The Academy is not designed to make participants certified police officers, nor does it give the graduates authority to act as police officers. The focus of the curriculum is to provide an informative overview of the fundamentals of police operations. This two-way communication will certainly be an effective and successful way to build a partnership between the community and the police department.

If you are interested in attending a future Citizen Police Academy and would like an application, they are available for pick-up at the White House Police Department, or for an online application, go to [www.cityofwhitehouse.com](http://www.cityofwhitehouse.com) and click on Citizen Police Academy Application. If you would like more information on this program, please contact Captain Jeff Mingledorff at 616-1064 at the White House Police Department.



# General Information

## Social Media Connects White House



The City of White House is proud to announce that we now share upcoming events, news releases, pictures, emergency announcements, and general information on Facebook and Twitter. On Facebook please search for "City of White House" and click on the "Like" button to receive our updates in your news feeds. Also, if you prefer you can follow us on Twitter by searching for "WhiteHouseTN." If there is any

announcements that you would like to receive via Facebook or Twitter, please email your suggestions to [apriest@cityofwhitehouse.com](mailto:apriest@cityofwhitehouse.com).



## City Offices Closed

All City of White House offices will be closed on the following dates:

- Thursday, November 11 in observance of Veteran's Day
- Wednesday and Thursday, November 24 and 25 in observance of Thanksgiving

## YMCA Puts White House on Hold



Unfortunately, the YMCA has announced that plans to build in White House have been put on hold indefinitely. The past few years the City of White House and the YMCA have been working together to build support for the building of a YMCA. A program study and capital feasibility study was performed to determine the need for the facility and the capability of the community to fundraise to build. The City pledged the property to be leased for a minimal amount and pledged \$75,000/year for five years. Due to the economy and the lack of fundraising capabilities to build a debt-free facility, the YMCA announced that this pledge alone would not be enough to move forward with the plans. Of course, if the economy and the fundraising base improve, the YMCA may see White House an opportunity for the future.

## Residential Building Inspections

The City of White House completes the following building inspections on new residential projects under the 2006 International Residential Building Code:

- Under Slab Plumbing, if applicable
- Footing/Slab
- Foundation
- Exterior Sheeting
- Framing and Plumbing/Mechanical Rough-In
- Insulation



## Lead Paint Contractor Certification

Per Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations, contractors must be certified and follow specific work practices to prevent lead contamination when construction work disturbs painted surfaces in homes and residences built before 1978. Construction work includes six square feet of interior painted surfaces and twenty square feet of exterior painted projects and window replacement.

The Lead-Safe Certified Guide to Renovate Right Brochure is available at [www.epa.gov/lead/](http://www.epa.gov/lead/).

The EPA provides the following facts about lead\*:

- Lead exposure can harm young children and babies even before they are born.
- Even children who seem healthy can have high levels of lead in their bodies.
- You can get lead in your body by breathing or swallowing lead dust, or by eating soil or paint chips containing lead.
- You have many options for reducing lead hazards. In most cases, lead-based paint that is in good condition is not a hazard.
- Removing lead-based paint improperly can increase the danger to your family.



## HOPE Center Donations

Donations for the HOPE center are being collected through the White House Wastewater Department. All you have to do is check the box marked HOPE Center Donation on the bottom left hand corner of your sewer bill and write the amount that you would like to donate. Include the donation with your payment and we will take care of the rest! The donations will help to assist citizens who are having difficulty paying for their sewer bill and sanitation fee.

As always payments may be mailed, dropped off in the sewer drop box at City Hall or paid in person at the Wastewater Department.

Please use this opportunity to assist your fellow citizens. If you have any questions regarding this service, please contact the Wastewater Department at 672-3654.

# General Information

## 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	

## Winter Heating Safety Tips

As the weather cools we all know that we can look forward to another season of home heating. This is the time of year when home fires tend to increase. We want to remind everyone to be safe when heating your home this winter. Most home heating fires are avoidable by following some simple safety measures. These simple steps may save your life or your property:

- When buying a new heating unit, make sure that a qualified contractor installs it or checks your installation.
- For wood burning stoves, have a professional inspect your stove and chimney and clean according to the inspector's findings.
- Do not burn green wood in stoves; this may cause excessive creosote build-up.
- Keep heaters at least 3 feet from anything that can burn.
- Fuel portable kerosene heaters in a well ventilated area away from flames or other heat sources and only when the unit has completely cooled. USE ONLY KEROSENE, never gasoline.
- Make sure that gas fueled heating devices have adequate ventilation. Never use liquefied-petroleum gas heaters with self contained fuel supplies in the home.
- Portable space heaters should be turned off every time you leave the room or go to bed.
- Allow ashes to cool before disposing. Dispose of ashes in a metal container.

If you have questions about home fire safety, just contact the Fire Department, and we can even come to your home for a fire safety inspection. Just call 672-5338 for more information.

## Small-Town Contentment Prime Middle America

The City of White House contracted with the Shopping Center Group to help existing retailers determine their customer base and the results are described below in a Lifestyles Report which reflects the citizens of White House and is based on our population. This information is based on the population of the 2000 Census, 2009 estimates, and 2014 projections.

*A mix of young, upper-middle-class couples and families living in both small towns and mid-sized cities working in well paying white-collar and blue-collar jobs*

### Demographics

Prime Middle America features a mix of couples and families living in both small towns and mid-sized cities in the South and Northwest. Younger than average and upper-middle-class in status, these predominantly white dual-income households have well-paying blue-collar and white-collar jobs in transportation, manufacturing and public administration. Most of the households own their own homes.

### Lifestyles

Prime Middle America features a small-town, family-centered lifestyle. Households enjoy leisure activities like playing cards and board games as well as outdoor pursuits such as fishing, biking and swimming at a lake. Many are do-it-yourselfers who load up in their SUVs and pickup trucks with home improvement supplies from stores such as Lowe's, Home Depot and True Value Hardware. Their incomes afford them a wide range of mortgages, home equity loans and college savings plans. As consumers, they describe themselves as less interested in new fashions than the latest high-tech gadgets.

### Media

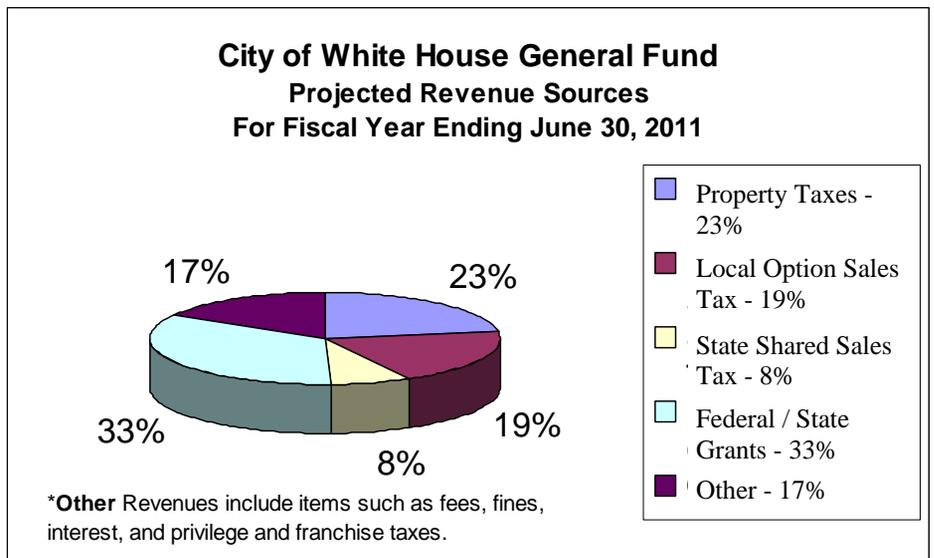
When these folks put down their hammers and saws, they enjoy a variety of media. Prime Middle America residents like to gather round their large-screen TVs to watch reality shows, sports and cable channels such as MTV, FX, Discover and Country Music Television. They're traditionalists who enjoy reading established magazines such as Woman's World, Field & Stream and Parents. The radio soundtrack usually playing features a mix of country music, classic rock and contemporary hits. The Internet has expanded the entertainment and convenience choices for residents of small towns, and Prime Middle America households are no exception. They like to go online to play games, do their banking and participate in auctions for antiques and collectibles.

# How Has the Recession Affected our Local Government?

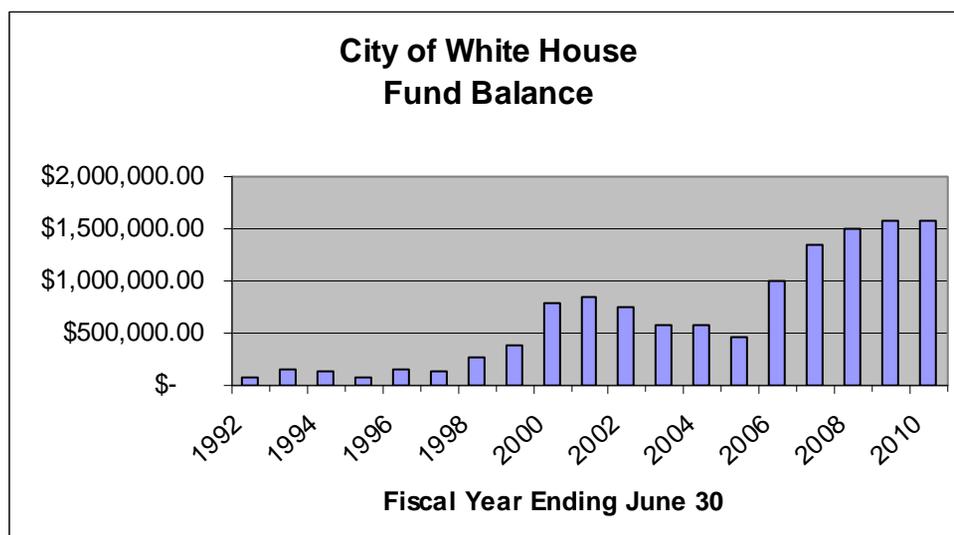
Some of you may be wondering how the recession has affected our local government. Almost all of the City's revenue streams have been negatively affected. The current budget reflects a very flat revenue projection for the City of White House, which is significantly less than it was just a couple of years ago in the areas of Local Option Sales Tax, State Shared Taxes, and a number of Fees. Just two short fiscal years ago, the City was able to enjoy enough commercial growth to shift the tax burden to local sales tax rather than property tax. The recession has shifted that balance back the opposite direction. With the decline in consumer spending, the property tax once again makes up a larger portion of the revenue stream for the City.

Even with this shift and decline in revenue, the choice has been to deal with the recession without passing on the burden to our citizens. Departments are trying to maintain a consistent level of service with less people. For almost two fiscal years we have frozen 5 full-time and 6 part-time positions resulting in approximately \$250,000 in reduced operating expenditures per fiscal year. In addition to the controlled expenditures, the City has applied for and received a number of State and Federal Grants. These grants are funding nearly every capital project that is currently underway.

The chart to the right shows the breakdown of projected revenue sources for the City of White House for fiscal year ending June 30, 2011. As you can see the Federal/State Grants category is the leading revenue source, followed by Property Taxes, Local Option Sales Tax, Other, and finally State Shared Taxes. Other sources of revenue include items such as fees, fines, interest earned, and privilege and franchise taxes. State Shared taxes are those tax revenues that the State of Tennessee shares with us based on our population. (Remember the Census?) The sources for the State Shared Taxes include the State Sales Tax, State Beer Tax, Tax on Special Petroleum Products, and Gross Receipts Tax. The City of White House has experienced budget shortfalls in almost every single one of these revenue streams during the current fiscal year.



In addition to the cost saving measures that have been put into place, the City has also strived to build a better fund balance over the past few years so that we are not in a precarious position should the recession continue or the recovery take several years to get us back to where we were in revenues. The City is actually in a better position to withstand the current economic strain than it was just a few years ago. As indicated in the chart below the General Fund balance reflects a positive trend over the past few years. This trend of consistent increases to fund balance is the result of conservative budgeting and careful spending.



While we certainly do not expect to enjoy any addition to the General Fund balance as we close out this fiscal year, we are working diligently as stewards of taxpayer dollars to maintain that Fund Balance that we have worked to build over the past few years. This increased fund balance has allowed the city to deal with the flooding and the recession while still keeping our head above water. All of this has also resulted in an improved Bond Rating. During the past fiscal year the City's Bond Rating was increased by Moody's Investor Services from Baa1 to A1.



# White House



# Holiday



# Extravaganza

*Saturday, December 4, 2010*

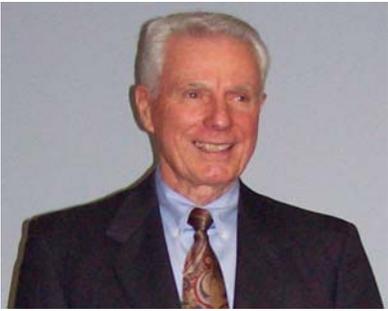
*Parade Begins 3 pm at the Municipal Park*

*Festivities continue at the City Hall*

*Gazebo with music, caroling, Tree  
lighting and photos with Santa!*



## The Constitution



The United States Constitution is the supreme law of the land. It establishes the form of the government, the rights and liberties of the American people. It is the shield under which Americans can govern themselves as a free people. The Constitution sets forth terms and conditions for governing that hold the same meaning today as they did yesterday and should tomorrow. It connects one generation to the next by retraining the present generation from societal experimentation and government excess. There is no other standard by which the Constitution can be interpreted without abandoning its principles altogether.

If the Constitution's meaning can be erased or re-written, and the framers intentions ignored, it ceases to be a constitution but instead a concoction of political experiments that serve the temporary policy agendas of the few who are entrusted with the authority to preserve it. To say the Constitution is a "living breathing document" is to give license to arbitrary and lawless activism. It is a mantra that gained purchase in the early twentieth century that paraded around by the statist as if to legitimize that which is illegitimate.

*The Origin of the Constitution:* It serves us well to examine the origin of our Constitution because it is indeed from an ancient history that our enduring principles spring. On rare occasion God has spoken directly to man, it was witnessed by man, written by ancient writers and historians recorded in history. The most prominent of these is the 10 Commandments which is the root of our legal system and the standard by which you may be judged. The bedrock of our society has been in these traditions our beliefs and the core of our values. The most powerful entity in the universe is the Creator that endows to us our unalienable rights our guaranty to freedom.

The unique nature of those who authorized this magnificent document had several things in common. They were accomplished beyond belief; they were self educated; By invention and creativity, they were productive in many different endeavors, and they were as a group deeply religious with the academic credentials.

The history they could look on included the Magna Carta from King John in 1215; The constitutional form of government came from the colonial governments that were established in America and were advanced in the world in the 1600s.

John Adams became the leader after writing the Massachusetts and the New York constitutions so there was a large body of experience where they started to write our new constitution between 1777 - 1780.

*The Treat to Freedom:* We could not have started in better hands and their creation was near perfect, the only way for us to lose our freedom would be if our citizens forget our documents and the rights they have and where they come from. The major threats come from our judiciary. The statist (he who believes that they know what is best for the society) is never interested in what is right but only what they may do so the state may rule and be the source of all benefits. The judiciary has seized for itself the most dominant role in interpreting the Constitution without a conscience to the original intent of the authors. Those who make government their religion make all judgments for political advantage.

There is a segment of our society that are sincere believers in that the average person is not smart enough to make decisions and need to be told how to think. The repository where you will find these enemies of freedom are the media, entertainment and electronic. The college educational institutions are nearly 95% leftists and now the progressives control the thinking of our young people. The media tries to separate people from their traditions and their moral values and serves up one side of the facts as presented.

*The Condition We Find Ourselves In:* Currently Cass Sunstein, former Harvard University law professor, now the leading White House advocate taking property rights and liberty and trying to make us believe they are not related. He believes that economic value and private property are an outgrowth of government and law.

So hard work didn't have anything to do with it nor did preparation. You just showed up and received success so now we can take it away from you and give it those we choose. Thus the government has become the deity. Did the Constitution have anything to do with it?