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105 College Street ~ White House, Tennessee 37188
December 2010 - January 2011

Word on White House

2010 Toys for Tots Campaign November 10 - December 15

The White House Police and Fire Department will participate and support the 2010 U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program by designating each of its buildings as donation drop off sites. The primary goal of Toys for Tots is to deliver, through a shiny new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to needy youngsters that will motivate them to grow into responsible, productive, patriotic citizens and community leaders. Citizens are encouraged to participate by dropping off a new, unwrapped toy at either location: Police Department at 303 North Palmers Chapel Rd. or the Fire Department at 416 Hwy 76 or 120 Business Park Drive. For further info on how to obtain toys for a *family in need of support, visit www.toysfortots.org. Point of contact for additional information is Captain Jeff Mingledorff at W.H.P.D., 672-4903 or 616-1064.

**Toys collected in Sumner and Robertson Counties are distributed back to families in Sumner and Robertson Counties.*

TOYS FOR TOTS



U.S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE

For more information visit www.toysfortots.org

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White House Postal Routes

December Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			9:00 am Sittersize SC	8:00 AM Water Aerobics SC		Holiday Extravaganza
			10:30 pm Blood Pressure SC	2:00 pm Line Dancing SC		
			10:30 am Preschool Wed LB	4:00 pm - Library LB		
			12:00 pm Hot Lunch SC	7:00 pm Open House		
			1:00 pm Bingo SC			
			6:30 pm Zumba PR			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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9:00 am Zumba PR	9:15 am Zumba PR	10:30 pm Blood Pressure SC	2:00 pm Line Dancing SC			
	10:30 am Toddler Tues LB	10:30 am Preschool Wed LB				
	7:00 pm Beer Board Meeting BR	12:00 pm Hot Lunch SC				
		6:30 pm Zumba PR				
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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	10:30 am Toddler Tues LB	10:30 am Preschool Wed LB				
7:00 pm Regional Planning Commission Mtg. BR		12:00 pm Hot Lunch SC	7:00 pm Board of Mayor & Alderman Mtg. BR			
		1:00 pm Bingo SC				
		6:30 pm Zumba PR				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Alternate Sanitation Pickup Week	8:00 am Water Aerobics SC	9:00 am Sittersize SC	Christmas Observed	Christmas Observed	Library Closed	Library Closed
	9:00 am Zumba PR	9:15 am Zumba PR	City Offices Closed	City Offices Closed		
	9:00 am - 12:00 pm Emissions Testing PW	7:00 pm Municipal Board of Zoning Appeals Mtg. BR		Library Closed		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Alternate Sanitation Pickup Week	8:00 am Water Aerobics SC	9:00 am Sittersize SC	9:00 am Sittersize SC	New Year's Day Observed	Library Closed	
	9:00 am Zumba PR	9:15 am Zumba PR	10:30 pm Blood Pressure SC	City Offices Closed		
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Alternate Sanitation Pickup Week	MLK Day Observed	9:00 am Sittersize SC	9:00 am Sittersize SC	8:00 am Water Aerobics SC		
	City Offices Closed	9:15 am Zumba PR	10:30 am Blood Pressure SC	9:00 am Cardio Combo PR		
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		6:30 pm Zumba PR				
30	31					
8:00 am Water Aerobics SC		SC - Event Sponsored by Senior Adult Center.				
9:00 am Zumba SC		PW - Event Sponsored by Public Works				
12:00 pm Birthday Pot Luck SC		BR - Event Located at City Hall Board Chambers Room.				
		LB - Event Sponsored by the Library				
		PD - Event Sponsored by the Police Department.				

Police Department

WHPD Holiday Crime Prevention Tips

The rush and goodwill that surround the holidays can increase the opportunities for criminal activity. The White House Police Department suggests these simple tips to assist you in having a safe and happy holiday season.

When Shopping:

Be ALERT and AWARE of your surroundings. Pay attention to who is around you & what activities are happening. Don't leave the safety of a building or your vehicle until you have ensured all is secure & safe. Trust your instincts; if you feel uncomfortable with a place or person(s), get away.

Park in a well-lit area.

Remember to lock your vehicle!! Keep vehicle doors & windows locked while you are in it & especially when you are not! Use anti-theft steering wheel clubs or locks as well. A thief is looking for easy targets & anything you can do to deter them from choosing your car, the better.

Minimize the number of valuables left in your vehicle and keep valuables, electronics (including cell phones and DVDs), gifts and other "theft attractors" out of sight.

Protect your purse or wallet and clean out any unnecessary items before leaving home. Don't carry large amounts of cash or extra credit cards. Carry only those cards that you will need to use that day. Keep a master list of all cards so if your wallet is stolen, they can be reported promptly to the appropriate banking facility.

Never leave your purse, wallet or cell phone unattended in a public place.

Don't overburden yourself with packages while shopping.

Shop with a buddy – there is safety in numbers.

Role-play with children about what should happen in the event you are separated.

Have your keys out and ready when you return to your vehicle.

Do not leave your car unattended with the motor running or with the keys in the ignition – even for the very short time needed to do a quick errand or pay for fuel.

Only make online purchases from trusted, secure websites. Look for "https" in the web address to verify security.

Contact the White House Police Department to report all criminal activity: Emergency call 911; Non-Emergency call 672-4903



This Holiday Season, If You Catch a Buzz, Catch a Ride

Highway Safety and Law Enforcement Officials Remind Everyone to Designate a Sober Driver Before All Holiday Events Between Thanksgiving and New Year's.

The holiday season between Thanksgiving and New Year's Eve is one of the busiest on the nation's roadways and also one of the most dangerous, due to a high incidence of alcohol-related traffic crashes.

From January 2009 through November 2010, there were 42 Driving Under the Influence related arrests in the City of White House alone. It is always our goal each year to reduce that number through education and enforcement.

That's why **White House Police Department** is joining with other national, state and local highway safety and law enforcement officials to remind everyone this holiday season to always designate a sober driver before each holiday party or event involving alcohol.



Citizens' Police Academy 2011

In February 2011, the White House Police Department will host its Tenth Annual Citizens' 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 ten 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 30 participants.



If you are interested in attending a future Citizens' 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 Citizens' 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.

The Sounds of Christmas Holiday Extravaganza



- Schedule of Events*
- 3:00 pm The Christmas Parade will begin at the City Park
 - 4:15 pm The Christmas Parade will end at the City Park
 - 4:15 pm Pictures with Santa will begin at the City Hall gazebo
 - 5:00 pm Vice-Mayor Farris Bibb will read “The Night Before Christmas” at City Hall
 - 5:15 pm Heritage Elementary Select Choir will perform at City Hall
 - 5:45 pm “Spend Christmas at Our House” Giveaway will be given away at City Hall
 - 6:00 pm H.B. Williams Elementary Choir will perform at City Hall
 - 6:30 pm Tree Lighting Ceremony will begin at City Hall

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Lelan Statom to Preside as the Grand Marshal for this Year’s Christmas Parade

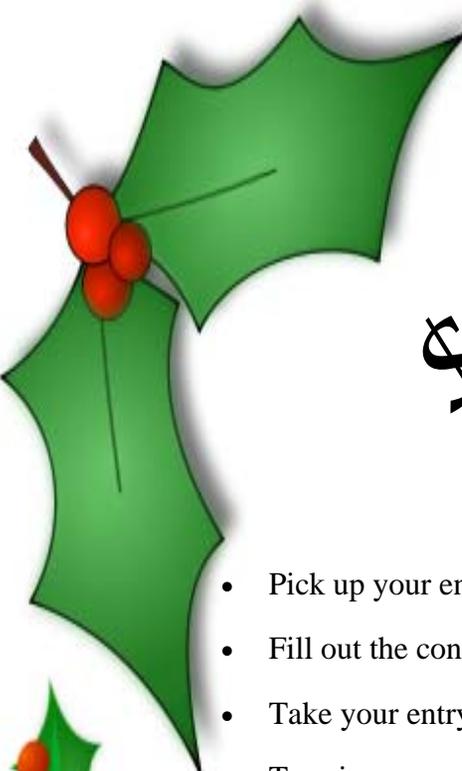
Lelan A. Statom is an Emmy Award winning meteorologist who has been helping Mid-Southerners start their day for more than 15 years. Since 1999, he has been part of the NewsChannel 5 This Morning newscast. Lelan joined the NewsChannel 5 Network in 1993 as weather anchor for the weekend morning and evening newscasts.

2010 Christmas Parade

Hosted by White House Parks and Recreation Department

The Christmas Parade will be Saturday, December 4th at 3:00p.m. This year’s theme is “The Sounds of Christmas.”. Anyone wishing to participate in the parade must register by December 2nd at 5:15p.m. Parade agreement and guidelines can be found in the Parks and Recreation office or on our website at

<http://www.cityofwhitehouse.com/parks>.
It is located under Programs and Activities.



Spend Christmas At Our House... Rules

Enter for your chance to win \$500 in Christmas Cash redeemable at any of the participating merchants.

- Pick up your entry card at any participating business listed below, the Chamber of Commerce, or City Hall.
- Fill out the contact information located on the entry card.
- Take your entry card to **at least twenty (20) participating businesses** and have them mark your card on the reverse side.
- Turn in your entry card to either the City Administrator's office at the White House Municipal Center (105 College Street) or the Chamber of Commerce (414 Highway 76) **by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 1st**. Those cards not completed correctly will not be entered in the drawing.
- Correctly completed entry cards will be entered into a drawing held at the Holiday Extravaganza at the White House Municipal Center (105 College Street) on December 5th at approximately 5:45 p.m.
- You do not have to be present at the drawing to win. No purchase necessary.

Drawing not open to city employees or their immediate family members.



Participating Businesses



- Ace Hardware
- B & B Signs
- Big D's Ice Cream Shoppe
- Broad Horizons Learning
- Community Eye Care
- Dance South
- Dessert's First Café
- DHC Comfort, Inc.
- Express UR Way
- Family Hair Design
- Flowers by Judy
- Dr. Chris Givens
- Little Caesar's Pizza
- Home Sweet Home



- Images Hair & Nail Salon
- Kalista Granite & Marble
- Magnificent Café
- Mahalo Photography
- Mid-Tenn Guns & Ammo
- Papa John's Pizza
- PCMD Plus
- P.I.M. Physical Therapy
- Second Chances
- Sky Mesa
- Soteria Health Food & Coffee Café
- T & T Sales
- Totally Tan

- The Bar-B-Que Place
- The Beauty Salon
- The Lemon Cottage
- The Paint 'N Paper Shoppe
- The Stone Cottage
- Think Ink Promotions
- White House Chiropractic
- White House Florist
- White House Gold & Diamond Outlet
- White House Mini Storage
- White House Printing
- Wildfire BBQ
- Wireless Supermart

Public Works Department

2010 HOLIDAY SANITATION SCHEDULE

Weeks or days where sanitation pickup is altered due to holiday

Thanksgiving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mon - Regular Schedule • Tues & Wed - Collected on Tues, November 23rd • Thurs - Collected on Mon, November 29th
Christmas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mon & Tues - Collected on Mon, December 20th • Wed - Collected on Tues, December 21st • Thurs - Collected on Mon December 27th

2011 HOLIDAY SANITATION SCHEDULE

Weeks or days where sanitation pickup is altered due to holiday

New Year's Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mon, Tues & Wed - Regular Schedule • Thurs - Collected on Mon, January 3
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mon - Collected on Tues, January 18 • Tues, Wed & Thurs - Regular Schedule
President's Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mon - Collected on Tues, February 22 • Tues, Wed & Thurs - Regular Schedule
Good Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mon, Tues & Wed - Regular Schedule • Thurs - Collected on Mon, April 25
Memorial Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mon - Collected on Tues, May 31 • Tues, Wed & Thurs - Regular Schedule
Independence Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mon - Collected on Mon, July 5 • Tues, Wed & Thurs - Regular Schedule
Labor Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mon - Collected on Tues, September 5 • Tues, Wed & Thurs - Regular Schedule
Columbus Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mon - Collected on Tues, October 10 • Tues, Wed & Thurs - Regular Schedule
Veteran's Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mon, Tues & Wed - Regular Schedule • Thurs - Collected on Mon, November 14
Thanksgiving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mon & Tues - Regular Schedule • Wed & Thurs - Collected on Tues, November 22
Christmas Eve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mon & Tues - Regular Schedule • Wed & Thurs - Collected on Tues, December 20
Christmas Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mon - Collected on Tues, December 27 • Tues, Wed & Thurs - Regular Schedule

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

Clean-Up Days



Citizens are allowed to bring in two free pick up loads of household refuse to the Public Works Facility; located at 427 Industrial Drive, Monday – Thursday 7:15 am until 5:15 pm throughout the calendar year. (January 1st thru December 31st)

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 free loads have been utilized then normal charges will apply.

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

Emissions Testing Information

2010 Remaining Date
December 20th

2011 Schedule

January 10th	May 16th	September 12th
February 14th	June 13th	October 17th
March 14th	July 11th	November 14th
April 11th	August 15th	December 12th

Hours

Mon 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. Mon and Tues 7:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M., Wed - 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.



White House Inn Library



You are cordially invited
to

A Christmas Open House

December 2, 2010

4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

at

The White House Inn Library and Museum

Please join us for refreshments, music, and holiday cheer.

Sponsored by White House Inn Library, White House Inn Museum,
White House Area Chamber of Commerce, and Becki's Catering

Is That a Fact?

If you haven't checked out the adult non-fiction section of the library lately, you're missing out. A quick look around the non-fiction collection will reveal books on a variety of topics: American History, World History, Religion, Parenting, Education and Homeschooling, GED Preparation, Weight Loss and Exercise, Health and Wellness, Cooking, Home Repair, Gardening, Crafts, Drawing and Painting, Quilting and Sewing, Art, Photography, Interior Design, and much more! We also have field guides, memoirs, biographies, and poetry. Make an early New Year's resolution to stop by the library and check-out a non-fiction book today!

Hours of Operation

	Monday	Thursday
White House Inn Library	10:00 am - 5:30 pm	12:00 noon - 8:00 pm
412 Highway 76	Tuesday	Friday
White House, TN 37188	10:00 am - 5:30 pm	10:00 am - 5:30 pm
Phone: 615-672-0239	Wednesday	Saturday
	10:00 am - 5:30 pm	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 28th meeting. Due to the holidays, the book club will combine the November and December meeting and will meet on Thursday, December 2nd to discuss *Jack Hinson's One Man War, A Civil War Sniper* by Tom McKenney. Join us in the new year on January 27th to discuss *Southern Daughter: The Life of Margaret Mitchell* by Darden Asbury Pyron.

Save Money with the Library

Don't forget that you can apply for a library card and check out books, movies, audiobooks, and magazines for free. While you're at it, check out one of these titles to get your budget under control:

- *The money answer book* by Dave Ramsey
- *Pricele\$\$: straight-shooting no-frills financial wisdom* by Dave Ramsey
- *Financial peace* by Dave Ramsey
- *Money 911: your most pressing money questions answered, your money emergencies solved* by Jean Chatzky
- *The difference : how anyone can prosper in even the toughest times* by Jean Chatzky
- *Women & money : owning the power to control your destiny* by Suze Orman
- *Save big : cut your top 5 costs and save thousands* by Elisabeth Leamy
- *Healthy meals for less : great-tasting simple recipes under \$1 a serving* by Jonni McCoy
- *Instant bargains : 600+ ways to shrink your grocery bills and eat well for less* by Kimberly Danger
- *Be thrifty : how to live better with less* edited by Pia Catton and Califia Suntree.



Special Event at Storytimes

Children will make special holiday ornaments on December 7th and December 8th!

Fire Department

Holiday Safety

As the busy holiday season approaches, many of us will decorate for the various holidays in many different ways. These decorations enhance our celebrations and activities, but they can also be a source of a devastating fire. The White House Fire Department wants everyone to be safe during this festive season. The following ideas can help keep you and your family safe:



- If you decorate with cut trees, live trees, or cut branches, make sure that the decorations have an adequate water supply and do not allow them to dry out.
- Make sure that decorative lighting is UL listed for the area that it is being used.
- Use caution not to overload circuits when plugging in lighting.
- Never leave candles unattended in any room.
- Always keep portable heaters at least three feet away from combustible items such as curtains, furniture, and decorations.
- Also install Carbon Monoxide detectors in your home if you have a fireplace or furnace that burns any fuels such as kerosene, propane, or natural gas.
- Have your chimney inspected annually before use each year.



Last Issue's 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?

The most likely disaster scenario for the City of White House is a severe weather event. We have been quite fortunate to have avoided many of the tornado outbreaks that have occurred in recent years. These devastating events shatter lives and communities but you can be prepared by equipping your home with a weather radio that is programmable for your county and by having disaster kits ready in your home. National experts recommend that every home maintain stocks of non-perishable food items for at least three days and at least one gallon of water per day per person. You may also consider joining the White House

CERT team that will assist the whole community should a disaster strike.

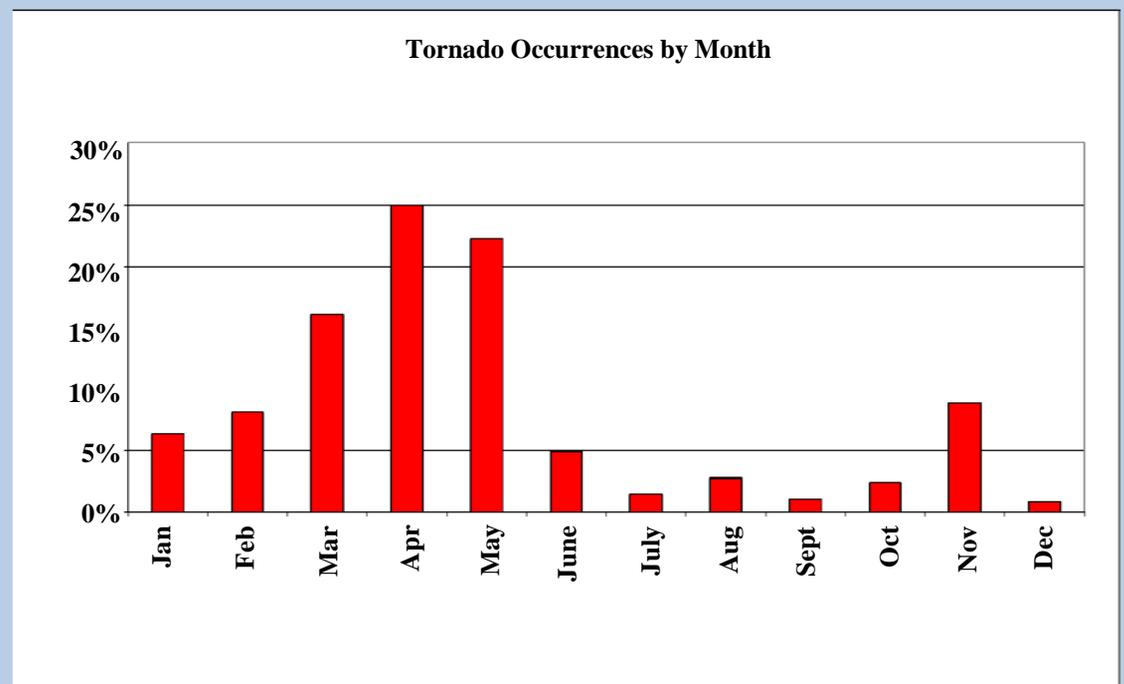
Natural disasters are not the only threat. Sadly, terrorism has become a part of American culture and no city is immune from acts of terrorism. A major interstate passes through our city limits and this is another potential area for a disaster to occur. Many chemicals are safely transported every day along the nation's interstate system, but accidents can and do occur.

Next issue's trivia: How many fire engines does the City of White House Fire Department operate?

Weather Safety

The National Weather Service is predicting a milder winter temperature wise with above average precipitation. This may come as a welcome fact to those that do not tolerate cold temperatures, and the school children may be disappointed by the news. Unfortunately, this means that there is potential for more severe weather outbreaks during the winter months than normal. November is a month that is a "second severe weather season" here in Tennessee. The graph below shows the potential for tornadoes throughout the year in Tennessee.

Middle TN Tornadoes



As this warmer and wetter pattern approaches, we ask that all our citizens pay particular attention to weather forecasts and we encourage everyone to purchase a weather radio. There is no way to predict exactly when and where severe weather will occur, but we can be prepared before disaster strikes.

Parks & Recreation Department

Aerobics

****All Aerobics Classes are cancelled through the end of 2010. They will resume at the beginning of January 2011****

Turbo Kick
Tuesdays
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Cardio Combo
Thursdays
9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

Intervals
Thursdays
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

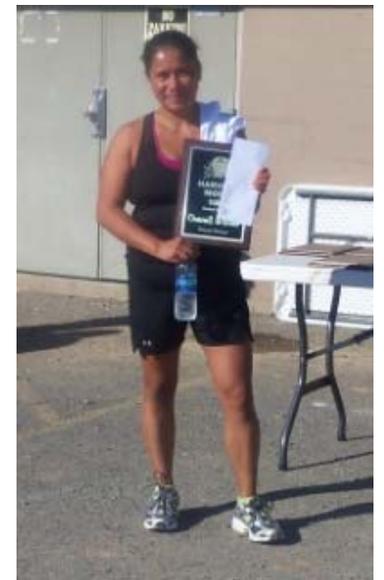
Cost: \$3 per class
*1st Class is FREE



Harvest Moon 10K

Congratulations to Justin Groves and Emilia Hernandez for being the Male & Female Overall Winners in our Harvest Moon 10K held Saturday, October 9th!

Justin finished in 36 minutes and 52 seconds and Emilia ran the 6.2 miles in 53 minutes flat. For a full list of results check out our website and Facebook page.



Trail of Treats

On Thursday, October 28th the Trail of Treats brought out 2,500 spooks to the White House Greenway. Congratulations to STAR Physical Therapy for winning the award for Best Decorated Booth (*pictured below left*)!



Now that fall is upon us with winter quickly approaching come to the White House Civic Center to walk. The gym is open for walkers only Monday - Thursday from 7:15 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.



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

Municipal Park Renovation Project

The Municipal Park Renovation Project is nearly complete! Considering all of the planning, grant proposal submission, design, and construction, it has taken 5 years to get to this point! The Park has literally transformed in the past 14 months while construction has taken place. It is such an exciting time for our city to see this dream come true that many have shared for a long time. Perennial ryegrass seed has been sown on the fields to provide a temporary turf until the bermudagrass sprigs grow in completely next year. A date for the grand opening celebration will be determined soon.



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

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

Senior 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, 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.

December 2010 Calendar of Events

Tuesday, December 7 – Cookie Exchange is at 1:00 pm. Each person attending will need to sign up by Thursday, December 2. You will need to prepare ½ dozen cookies in a container for each person to take home. Also prepare enough cookies for all attending to sample at the exchange.

Wednesday, December 8 - Christmas Breakfast is at 9:30 am. There is a maximum number so please sign up by December 1. Refer to the monthly newsletter for the location.

Thursday, December 9 - Dancing will be at Byrum Porter Senior Center. We will depart at 5:30pm.

Monday, December 13 – Christmas Light Viewing and Dinner will be at O’Charley’s. We will depart at 4:00 pm.

Tuesday, December 14 - The Book Club will meet at 1:00 pm. The book that will be discussed *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett.

Wednesday, December 15 – Christmas Bingo will be at 1:00 pm. If you plan to participate, each lady should bring a wrapped ladies’ gift and each man will bring a wrapped men’s gift. The gift should cost around \$10.00. You will have to participate in this game to be able to play the cover all game.

Thursday, December 16 – We will take a trip to Cheekwood for lunch at the Pineapple Room. Refer to the monthly newsletter for the departure time and cost.

Monday, October 25 - Birthday Pot Luck at 12:00 pm. Bring your favorite recipe.

January 2011 Calendar of Events

Thursday, January 6 - We will attend lunch at the School House Cafeteria in Adams TN. Departure time is at 10:30 am.

Tuesday, January 11 - The Book Club will meet at 1:00 pm. The book that will be discussed is *Oceans Apart* by Karen Kingsbury.

Thursday, January 20 - We will attend dancing at Byrum Porter Senior Center. The departure time is 5:30 pm.

Monday, January 24 - Movie Day will be at 1:00 pm.

Monday, January 31 - Birthday Pot Luck is at 12:00 pm. Bring your favorite recipe.

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.

Photos from Our Halloween Party



**Gael Evans
and
Agnes Hopkins
(Pictured Left)**



**Eddie and
Linda Romero
(Pictured Right)**

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 1st and 3rd 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.

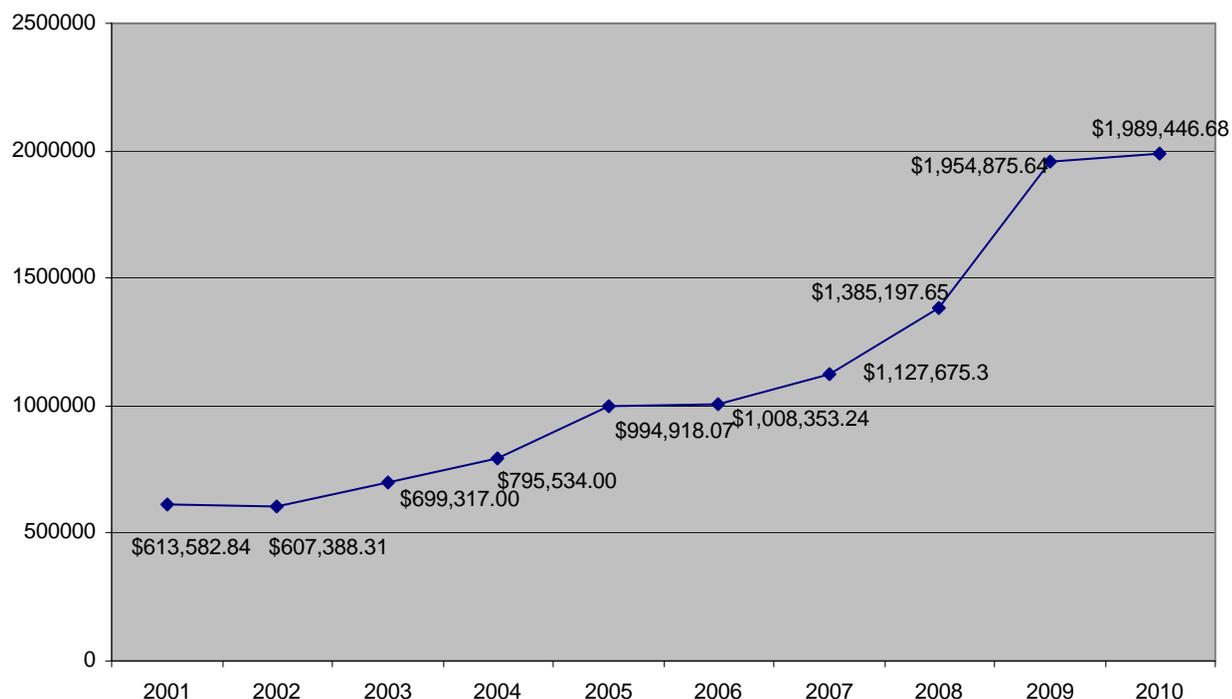
Blood Pressure checks every Wednesday from 10:30 am to 11:30 am.



The picture to the left is from our Halloween Dance.

General Information

City of White House
Local Sales Tax Revenue
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2001 through Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2010



How has the Recession affected Local Sales Tax?

As indicated in the Chart above, White House has definitely seen the recession put a damper on the sales tax growth that we have been enjoying for the past several years. However, we haven't fared as poorly as some other cities. Goodlettsville actually saw a 5% decline last year, while Gallatin was flat with a .2% increase which was identical to our performance. Portland was the only city bucking the trend with a 13% increase.

Even as this article is being typed our economic development efforts continue. When deciding where to expand, retail chains consider more than just the demographics of the City. The trade area of approximately a 10 mile radius is taken into account. Our trade area has an excellent outlook with an estimated population growth of nearly 9,000 in the past ten years, and a projection of about 4,000 more in the next five years. While population is a consideration for retail chains in the decision making process, it is certainly not the only factor. Perhaps one of the strongest determining factors in what type of retail growth an area could achieve is the average household income. The average for our trade area has increased from about \$51,000 to \$62,000 over the past ten years or 2.2%, These demographics poise the City of White House for continued retail growth.

Human Resources



The City would like to welcome the new Facilities Maintenance Technician, Bob Grant (*pictured left*). Mr. Grant brings many years of experience to the position, and the City is pleased to have him as part of the team.

Correction: The individual pictured right is Patrick McLaughlin of the City of White House Fire Department, not Patrick Bagwell of the City of White House Police Department.



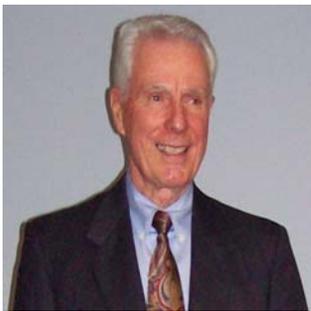
City of White House Office Closings

- November 24th & November 25th in observance of Thanksgiving
- December 22nd & December 23rd in observance of Christmas
- December 30th in observance of New Year's Day
- January 17th in observance of Martin Luther King's Day



We would like to offer our congratulations to Addam McCormick, Planning and Codes Director. On November 10th, he was presented with the Sumner County 2010 Municipal Public Servant of the Year Award. We appreciate his years of service to the City of White House.

***Pictured:** Anthony Holt - Sumner County Executive (left) presenting award to Addam McCormick (right).*



They Signed It, But They Wouldn't Ratify It

Less than 3 months after the Constitution had been signed, Delaware became the first state to ratify it on December 7, 1787. New Hampshire was the ninth state on June 21, 1788. But they weren't sure that the Constitution would be given a fair trial until some key states could be satisfied, men like Patrick Henry and George Mason spoke against ratification and most critics objected that a Bill of Rights had not been included.

Those that held back were concerned because they believed the president would have too much power, the senators would be too aristocratic, the congress would have too many powers, and the national government would have too much authority in the beginning, and today we still have reason to fear our government.

Critics came in 2 groups: the Federalists those who supported ratification and the Anti-Federalists those who were in fear of governmental power. These two groups became known as our first political parties.

Virginia ratified in 1788 and New York in 1789. Rhode Island and North Carolina refused to approve the Constitution or take part in the new government until the first congress adopted a Bill of Rights. George Mason quieted the fears that most Americans believed or no Constitution would be considered. He was responsible for the first and most famous American Bill of Rights; the Virginia Declaration of Rights in 1776. If the Federalists had not agreed to Mason's proposal he could prevent ratification. James Madison led the New Congress in proposing the amendments to the Constitution. By December 15, 1791 enough states approved the 10 amendments and made them permanent.

It took less than one year in 1787 to put the Constitution together, much preparation had been done but it took until December of 1791 (four years) to get a finished product of the Bill of Rights. Without these 10 amendments we would have nothing to hold back the power of government and within the next 100 years by the early 1900's a full blown move was on to overthrow constitutional government.

The Progressive Movement. Tyranny hiding behind a favorable name. The Bill of Rights as our rights, those that the individual citizens possesses that are hard to change and misinterpret, it really is all we have. (Today the 4th Amendment is our only shield. I can see that may restrain the Congressional efforts to take Americans' retirement plans, 401K's and other and use them to help pay failing union plans.)

Here is a Sample of Four of Our Bill of Rights:

- Amendment I - Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of press or the right of people to peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.
- Amendment IV - The right of the people to secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures. And no warrants shall be issued but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, etc.
- Amendment IX - The enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights shall not be construed to deny others retained by the people.
- Amendment X - The powers not delegated (plainly shown) to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states are reserved to the states or to the people.

The Restraining Principles of the Republic The overriding declaration of the people's rights and the principles are clear and concise.

1. The people assume the powers of earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and nature's God entitle them (No human is superior to God's laws.)
2. All men are created with an equal opportunity for freedom.
3. They are endowed by their creator with unalienable rights (they cannot be given away or taken away) among these are life, the pursuit of happiness, and liberty.
4. Governments are to make sure these rights are instituted and guaranteed among all men.
5. Governments derive what few powers they have from the consent of those who are governed.

Five overlaying principles that apply to how you use and implement the Constitution and Bill of Rights. Whereas conversely, when you govern by whim, polls, popular demand, what is known as small "d" democracy, men feel like they should make their own rules to solve the immediate need or desire. In doing so they want to change our hard fought contract and principles on the basis of individual desire. Man does not have the power to replace nature's God or grant unalienable rights or act as the Creator and endow certain rights. This form of governing rims roughshod over the people's contract and leads to chaotic unreliable living without unalienable rights.

The use of our government that was never intended. Among these, we have allowed taxes to be used to fund unions and other contrived organizations to cement a political party in control of our government to create a leviathan that was not permitted by our Constitution resulting in government intruding in every corner of our lives. Our citizens want this to change but our politicians are behind the curve. We have a lot of education and guidance and care to achieve the change desired.

We owe eternal gratitude: to those who labored to launch a new kind of government. They were never to be successfully surpassed. They were not only wise and providential in their creation but were equally adept with the required maintenance and care to safeguard this new instrument of freedom. It should behoove us to listen to their advice if for no other reason than to not let our children have a reason to curse us for giving up those rights which our fathers delivered to us.