

A publication from the City of White House
105 College Street ~ White House, Tennessee 37188
August - September 2011

Word on White House

2011 Fall Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Class Offered

The Fire Department of White House, Tennessee will be starting the 2nd CERT Class for volunteers wishing to aid the community of White House in the event of a disaster. This program will educate members so that they will have the training necessary to assist in light search and rescues, team organization and disaster medical operations. The training program is nationally recognized and highly encouraged because it will give you the necessary knowledge and preparations to handle emergency situations when emergency response teams are not able to meet the demand of the disaster at hand. The CERT class is a minimum of 20 hours, consisting of both classroom instruction and hands-on disaster training. The number of students for each class is limited to 20. After completion of the class and testing you will receive your CERT certification and a CERT kit containing many of the tools necessary to respond as a CERT member. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community. Please call Jeremy Sisk at 672-5338 for more information.



2011 Class Dates & Times:
September 1, 8, 15, 22 from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm
and
September 24 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Where: 120 Business Park Drive (Fire Station 2)

Cost: \$40.00 (includes CERT Kit)



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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
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	9:00 AM Zumba PR	9:00 AM Sittercize SC	9:00 AM Sittercize SC	2:00 PM Line Dancing SC	Sales Tax Holiday	Sales Tax Holiday
	1:00 PM Wonderful Stiches SC	9:15 AM Zumba PR	12:00 PM Hot Lunch SC	6:00 PM Adult Open Gym PR		6:00 PM Cooking Demo LB
		1:00 PM Quilting Bee SC	1:00 PM Bingo SC			
			6:30 PM Zumba PR			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Sales Tax Holiday	9:00 AM Zumba PR	9:00 AM Sittercize SC	9:00 AM Sittercize SC	Men's Open League Softball Registration Ends		Movie in the City at Sundown
	1:00 PM Wonderful Stiches SC	9:15 AM Zumba PR	12:00 PM Hot Lunch SC	2:00 PM Line Dancing SC		
	7:00 PM Planning Commission Mtg BR	1:00 PM Quilting Bee SC	6:30 PM Zumba PR	6:00 PM Adult Open Gym PR		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	9:00 AM Zumba PR	9:00 AM Sittercize SC	9:00 AM Sittercize SC	2:00 PM Line Dancing SC	6:00 PM	Movie in the City at Sundown
	9:00 AM Emissions Testing PW	9:15 AM Zumba PR	12:00 PM Hot Lunch SC	6:00 PM Adult Open Gym PR	Father / Daughter Dance	
	1:00 PM Wonderful Stiches SC	7:00 PM Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting BR	1:00 PM Bingo SC	6:00 PM Aldermen Work Session BR		
			6:30 PM Zumba PR	7:00 PM Board of Mayor & Aldermen Mtg BR	PR	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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SC - Event Sponsored by Senior Adult Center.

PW - Event Sponsored by Public Works

BR - Event Located at City Hall Board Chambers Room.

LB - Event Sponsored by the Library

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September Calendar of Events

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Alternate Sanitation Pickup Week	Labor Day Holiday City Offices Closed	9:00 AM Sittercize SC 9:15 AM Zumba PR 10:30 AM Toddler Tues LB	9:00 AM Sittercize SC 10:30 AM Preschool Wed LB 12:00 PM Hot Lunch SC	2:00 PM Line Dancing SC 6:00 PM Adult Open Gym PR 6:30 PM CERT Training FD		
	9:00 AM Bike Parade PR 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Safety Day	1:00 PM Quilting Bee SC 6:45 PM Turbo Kick PR	1:00 PM Bingo SC 6:30 PM Zumba PR	6:45 PM Turbo Kick PR 7:00 PM Library Board Meeting BR		
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2011 Safety Day



It is time once again for the White House Police and Fire Department Public Safety Day. This event will be held on Monday, September 5th, 2011 at the White House City Park. This event has grown in popularity and it gives everyone an opportunity to come out and meet the members of the White House Police and Fire Departments.

The activities will be kicked off by the Labor Day Bike Parade. If you would like to participate in the Bike Parade please arrive at 9:00 am in front of Fire Station #1 on Hwy. 76. The parade will begin at 9:20 am. Please do not forget to bring your helmet!



Beginning at 10:00 am, you and your children can explore our equipment, meet the firefighters, ask questions about fire safety, and grab some goody bags for the children. There are a number of departments that will be represented and, if the weather permits, helicopters will also be on display for everyone to tour. Multiple fire and police departments and other safety oriented groups will be displaying equipment as well. There will be a bike safety rodeo and vehicle extrication demonstrations (jaws of life).



As a part of Safety Day, the children will be able to participate in the Home Fire Safety Challenge. This challenge simulates conditions that may exist in a home if there is a fire that occurs. Children are taught to exit the home by crawling below the smoke and once safely away from the home to place a call to 911. As they exit they are taught to check doors for heat and smoke as well as other fire safety measures that may save their life if ever faced with a fire in the home.

We invite and encourage everyone to visit us on Safety Day. We look forward to the opportunity to get to know you and your family! Please be sure to arrive early as all activities will end at 2:00 pm.



The ABCs of 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. Below are several tips students, parents and bus drivers can take to reduce the danger. **School resumes in White House (Sumner and Robertson Counties) on Aug 4, 2011.**

FOR STUDENTS

Boarding the School Bus:

- Allow plenty of time to reach the designated bus stop.
- When waiting for the bus, stay safely off the street and away from traffic. Stand where the bus driver can see you!
- Avoid horsing around or other behavior that can cause inattention.
- Line up away from the street as the school bus approaches.
- Wait until the bus has stopped and the door opens before stepping onto the roadway.
- Use the hand rail when boarding the bus.

Exiting the School Bus:

- At your stop, wait for the bus to halt completely before leaving your seat. Walk to the front door and exit using the hand rail.
- If you have to cross the street in front of the bus, walk at least 10 feet ahead of the bus along the side of the road until you can turn around and see the driver.
- Make sure that the driver can see you!
- Stay away from the rear bus wheels at all times.
- Never try to get anything left on the bus after exiting.

Crossing to Safety:

- Stop at the curb or the edge of the road and look left, then right, and then left again before crossing.
- Continue looking in this manner until you are safely across.
- Always cross in front of the bus, but only when the bus driver signals it is safe to do so.
- When the driver signals, walk across the road, keeping an eye out for sudden changes.

Do not cross the center line of the road until the driver has signaled that it is safe.

FOR PARENTS

- Supervise children to make sure they get to the stop on time.
- Teach your child to ask the driver for help if he/she drops something near the bus. If a child bends down to pick up something, the driver cannot see him/her and the child may be hit by the bus. Have your child use a backpack or book bag to keep loose items together.
- Make sure clothing and backpacks have no loose drawstrings or long straps that could get caught in the handrail or bus door.
- Encourage safe school bus loading and unloading.

If you think a bus stop is in a dangerous place, talk with your school office or transportation director about changing the location.

FOR MOTORISTS

- 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!



White House Inn Library



Cooking Demonstration

Chef Christopher will be at the library on August 6th at 6:00 pm to present a cooking demonstration for adults and teens. Please call the library to register.

September is National Library Card Sign-up Month

The Smartest Card
GET IT. USE IT.

@ your library

Celebrate Library Card Sign-up Month in September

Don't have a library card? Stop by the library today and sign-up! With a library card you can check-out fiction and non-fiction, movies, music, magazines, and audio books. You can surf the Internet and access Microsoft Office. You can even download eBooks! Call the library if you have any questions about how to get started using the library.

Book Club

The Adult Book Club will meet on August 25th at 10 a.m. to discuss *Wrapped in Rain* by Charles Martin. In September, the book club will meet on the 29th at 10 a.m. All interested adults are invited to attend.

Please call Janet at the library, 672-0239, if you have any questions about the book club.

Borrower Eligibility Policy

On July 1, 2011 the White House Library implemented an updated Borrower Eligibility Policy. Library cards are free to all residents of the City of White House, persons owning property in the City of White House, employees of the City of White House, persons teaching in the City of White House, and any children attending school in the City of White House. Non-resident library cards will be available to persons residing outside the city limits of White House for an annual fee of \$10 for adults (17 years of age and older) and \$5 for juveniles (16 years of age and under). The non-resident fee will be designated for the library building fund.

Q. I already have a library card and I live in the city limits. Will this policy affect me?

A. No.

Q. I already have a library card but I live outside the city limits. Will this policy affect me?

A. Yes. Your card is already set to expire each year so we can keep up with address changes. The next time your card expires, you will be charged the annual fee unless you meet any of the previously mentioned exemptions. You will be asked to provide proof of exemption.

Q. I would like to apply for a library card. What do I need to do?

A. You will need to register at the library and present a valid picture ID with your current address. If your ID does not have your current address, you will need to bring a lease agreement, voter registration card, or utility bill with your current address.

Please call the library at 672-0239 if you have additional questions.

Fall Storytime Session

Storytime will begin on Tuesday, September 6th. Join us for stories, songs, crafts, and of course, FUN! Children ages 3 years and under meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday. Children ages 4 and 5 years meet at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays. The September Storytime dates are as follows:

Toddler Tuesday

10:30 am

Sept. 6

Sept. 13

Sept. 20

Sept. 27



Preschool Wednesday

10:30 am

Sept. 7

Sept. 14

Sept. 21

Sept. 28

Computer Use Policy

This updated Computer Use Policy will be implemented on August 1, 2011.

The White House Inn Library (WHIL) makes the Internet accessible in accordance with our mission to connect patrons with the resources and information necessary for personal growth and life-long learning. WHIL has no control over the information obtained through the Internet and cannot be held responsible for its content or accuracy. WHIL assumes no responsibility for damages, direct or indirect, resulting from the use of the Internet. In accordance with the federal Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), all library computers are equipped with filtering software. Adults 17 years of age and older may request that a staff member disable the filtering software.



Guidelines for Public PC Use

- Computers must be checked out on a library card in good-standing. Guest passes will only be issued to out-of-town guests who do not reside in Sumner, Robertson, or Davidson counties.
- Each computer session is limited to 1 hour. If no one is waiting for a computer, you may sign up for an additional hour.
- You may print for a cost of \$0.20 per black and white page or \$0.50 per color page.
- Only software owned and installed by WHIL may be run on the public PCs. You may not download software from any source or change any settings.
- The following are strictly prohibited:
 - Violation of any applicable local statute, or state or federal law
 - Unauthorized copying or use of copyright protected materials
 - Sending, receiving, or displaying text or graphics which may reasonably be construed as either obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors
 - Willful misuse resulting in destruction or damage of equipment

Guidelines for Public PC Use by Juveniles

Juveniles 16 years of age and younger may use a computer and access the Internet with approval from a parent/legal guardian. The parent/legal guardian must sign an Internet Use Agreement, which will be kept on file. Juveniles 10 years of age and younger must have an adult present while they use a computer.

Parks & Recreation Department



The back exit of the Municipal Park may be closed from 9/3 thru 10/22 on Saturdays to accommodate Jr. Pro Football games

Adult Softball

Men's Open League
Registration Ends
August 11th
Tuesday / Thursday
Night League

\$400 per Team
Games will begin in
September
Limit 8 Teams

Adult Open Gym

The Civic Center Gym is now open on Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. for anyone over the age of 18 to come and play basketball. The cost is \$3 per night.

Must show photo ID.

Movie in the City



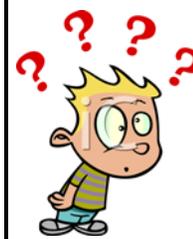
Saturday, August 13th
Despicable Me

Saturday, August 20th
Toy Story 3

Movies are held on the soccer field by City Hall and will begin around sundown!

FREE ADMISSION!

Drinks and popcorn will be available at the concessions stand.



Did you know...

Did you know that the Parks and Recreation Department has a Code of Conduct Ordinance within the City's Municipal Code?

You can access this Ordinance (Ord. 11-06) at the Parks and Recreation Department webpage, www.cityofwhitehouse.com/parks by clicking on Code of Conduct.

Father / Daughter Dance



Friday, August 19th
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
\$15 per couple
\$5 extra for each additional daughter
All ages are welcome!

Check us out on Facebook for all of the latest updates & news about events & programs!

Take Your Kids Biking On The Greenway!



Bike riding is an aerobic exercise and endurance activity that helps kids develop strength, balance, and overall fitness. It strengthens the heart, lungs, and lower-body muscles and bones. Other benefits of bicycle riding include burning up calories, and developing and strengthening knee muscles.

Bicycle riding is fun and can be an adventure for children riding solo, with other friends their age, or with their families. Children should ride their bikes in safe locations on bike paths or facing traffic going in the opposite direction for safety concerns when riding on their neighborhood streets. It is important for kids to wear comfortable clothes that will protect them from the elements. Kids should take breaks while riding. Carrying a water bottle to quench thirst from riding out in the sun is a smart idea in addition to sunglasses, sunscreen, bicycle helmet, bike locks, tire pump, and a pressure gage.

Commit to be Fit this Fall! Join one of our aerobics classes!

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
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

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



Turbo Kick

Resumes September 6th

Tuesday
6:45 p.m. - 7:45 pm

Thursday
6:45 p.m. - 7:45 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

Fire Department

The White House Fire Department takes the safety of our citizens very serious. From the youngest to the oldest, we strive to promote safety in all aspects of life. The Fire Department would like to take a moment to highlight a few of the programs that are in place to enhance the safety of our children.

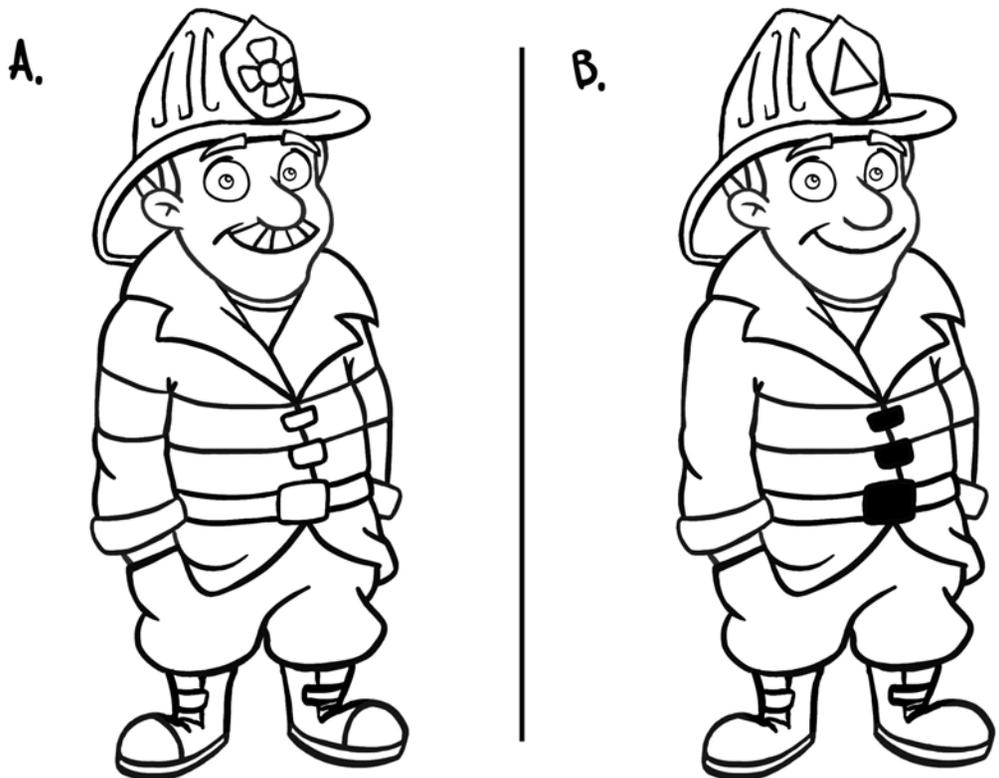
Risk Watch

For children ages 14 and under, the number-one health risk isn't drugs or disease: it is injuries. Each year, unintentional injuries kill more than 5,000 children and injure more than 6,000,000. *Risk Watch* is a school-based curriculum that links teachers with community safety experts. The White House Fire Department has just completed our first successful year of instruction in all the first grade classes at H.B. Williams and Robert F. Woodall Elementary Schools. The Fire Department will continue to educate these children every year as they enter the first grade. Some of the topics that are covered under the Risk Watch curriculum are:

- Motor vehicle safety
- Fire and burn prevention
- Choking, suffocation and strangulation prevention
- Poisoning prevention
- Falls prevention
- Firearms injury prevention
- Bike and pedestrian safety
- Water safety

Find the Differences!

Find the 5 differences between the two pictures and circle them on picture 'B'. Then, have fun coloring Firefighter Kevin!



Trivia

Last issue's trivia question: In which months do the largest number of structure fires occur?

According to the United States Fire Administration 21.5% of all structure fires occur in the months of December (10.1%) and January (11.5%).

Word Search!!

See if you can find the words below in the Word Search. Remember, words can be forwards, backwards, and diagonal.

- Axe
- Captain
- Chief
- Dalmatian
- Engine
- Firefighter
- Helmet
- Hose
- Ladder
- Nozzle
- Smoke Detector
- Sparky

S	Z	Y	W	J	A	I	E	I	Q	C	R	F
X	M	A	L	A	D	D	E	R	Q	I	X	I
M	R	O	I	Q	R	W	O	G	C	W	D	R
S	O	C	K	F	E	I	H	C	Q	A	R	E
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I	M	V	X	C	I	K	P	E	Q	E	P	T
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Hillcrest Municipal Cemetery

Rules and Regulations for the Cemetery and the current Fee Schedule can be downloaded from 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.

Attention: In order to efficiently and safely maintain the cemetery, *please do not place decorations on the ground during grass mowing season!*

1. What are the restrictions and procedures for having a monument installed at the cemetery?

- All head stones must either be on a base stone, or flush with the ground. (No slants or beveled markers)
- Government/Military markers (VA) must be flat markers. No upright government/military markers are allowed. VA flat bronze, flat marble, and flat granite markers are accepted.
- All foot markers must be flush with the ground. Minimum size of foot markers is 7" x 14".
- All monument foundations must be concrete and are poured by the City of White House. It is strongly suggested that you contact the City of White House Parks and Recreation Department Cemetery Division to verify and insure that the type of monument that you wish to have installed meets cemetery requirements. The number is 672-4350 ext. 2114. After the size and type of monument or marker has been selected, monument companies should complete the Foundation Request Form and forward this form (with the appropriate fee) to the City of White House Cemetery Division at 105 College Street, White House, TN 37188. We ask that you allow 10 days for completion of the foundation. The cost for foundations is 25¢ per square inch. The foundation fee is paid by the monument company to the City of White House-Hillcrest Cemetery, which means that cost is passed along to the purchaser as part of the cost of setting the monument or marker.

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

The fee is \$600 if a grave marker is already present. If a marker is not present, the fee is \$800. 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.

Welcome!



Cheryl Lewis-Smith
Human Resources Director



Keith Futch
Seasonal Groundskeeper

Precautions to Avoid Heat Emergencies

With the heat of summer upon us, please remember the following to avoid heat emergencies:

- Slow down. Avoid strenuous activity. If you must do strenuous activity, do it during the coolest part of the day usually between 4:00 am and 7:00 am.
- Stay indoors as much as possible. If air conditioning is not available, stay on the lowest floor, out of the sunshine. Try to go to a public building with air conditioning each day for several hours. Remember, electric fans do not cool the air, but they do help sweat evaporate, which cools your body.
- Wear lightweight, light-colored clothing. Light colors will reflect away some of the sun's energy.
- Drink plenty of water regularly and often. Your body needs water to keep cool. Drink plenty of fluids even if you do not feel thirsty.
- Water is the safest liquid to drink during heat emergencies. Avoid drinks with alcohol or caffeine in them. They can make you feel better briefly, but make the heat's effects on your body worse. This is especially true about beer, which dehydrates the body.
- Eat small meals and eat more often. Avoid foods that are high in protein, which increase metabolic heat.
- Avoid using salt tablets unless directed to do so by a physician.



WHPD Crime Prevention Unit

! AUTO BURGLARY ALERT !
Don't be the next victim!

During the first six months of 2011, there were 36 reported auto-burglaries in the City of White House. These thefts involved a loss of approximately \$10,000 in stolen property and damages. Eleven of these occurred during the month of June! Most of these burglaries did not involve forcible entry. Burglars simply opened unlocked doors and removed valuables left in the vehicle by their owners.

Auto burglary prevention, like all crime prevention, involves limiting the criminal's ability and/or opportunity to commit the crime. With very little time and effort, you can make a huge difference in your vulnerability.

The White House Police Department recommends taking these simple but important steps to maintain your car's safety:

- **LOCK ALL of your vehicle's doors.**
- **Do not leave valuables in your car:**
 - **Backpacks, briefcases, dayplanners**
 - **Checkbooks, wallets, purses**
 - **Laptop computers, PDAs**
 - **Cell phones or chargers**
 - **Gaming Devices, iPods**
 - **Jewelry, keys, personal mail**
- **Set any alarm or anti-theft device.**
- **Report suspicious activity in your neighborhood.**
- **Do NOT confront anyone. Your life is precious, property can be replaced.**



Immediately call WHPD at 672-4903 to report any suspicious activities, persons, or vehicles. Our officers cannot be everywhere and we count on good citizens to be additional "eyes and ears" and report suspicious activities as they are occurring. Do your part by taking preventive action and spread the word. You can help us make a difference. If you have questions concerning the prevention of vehicle burglaries or other crimes, please contact Captain J. Mingledorff, W.H.P.D. Crime Prevention Unit at 672-4903/616-1064.

WHPD Alert Messaging

Stay instantly informed with local messages from the White House Police Department using the free e-mail message service

What "Alert Messaging" means to White House...

Messaging technology is now being utilized in White House to send local alerts and advisories directly to citizen subscribers. An e-mail enabled cell phone and/or computer capable of reading PDF files is all you need to receive **ALERTS, ADVISORIES, COMMUNITY**, and special **TRAFFIC** notices from the White House Police Department. *There is no charge for this service* (the normal e-mail message fees that your phone service may charge will apply). Messages are from a certified source.

Contact records@cityofwhitehouse.com with the address that you want the messages sent to. When you subscribe to this account, you will only receive verified messages from the WHPD. Unsubscribe at anytime.

What messages will be sent...

The White House Police Department will send out the following using the Message Alert System:

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|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Criminal Activity Warnings | Weekly Arrest Reports | Crime Prevention Tips | B.O.L.O. (Be On The LookOut) |
| Road Closure Notifications | Upcoming Community Event Notices | Missing Person Information | |

The Message Alert system will be used sparingly (we believe that too many messages will spoil the impact). Message Alert will not be used to distribute routine news releases or advertisements. There are other practical methods of doing that via the conventional media outlets.

What to do if you need help signing up...

If you need assistance subscribing to the WHPD Alert Messaging, you may call the White House Police Department Records Division at 672-4903, ext 1177 or email Elaine Agee at records@cityofwhitehouse.com

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 2010 U.S. Census, there are 3,828 households in the City of White House.

Department	Total Operating Budget	Avg. Cost per Household
Police	\$ 1,486,026	\$ 388.20
Fire	\$ 1,216,264	\$ 317.73
Public Works	\$ 266,558	\$ 69.64
Parks & Recreation	\$ 699,520	\$ 182.74
City Court	\$ 79,727	\$ 20.83
Finance	\$ 364,798	\$ 95.30
Administration	\$ 319,606	\$ 83.50
Human Resources	\$ 117,129	\$ 30.60
Engineering	\$ 53,100	\$ 13.88
Planning & Codes	\$ 313,132	\$ 68.32
Library & Museum	\$ 197,571	\$ 51.62
Total Avg. Cost		\$ 1,322.36

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

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

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 37% 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 10.4 to 8.4.
- 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.