

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

Word on White House

Save the Date! White House Holiday Extravaganza!



*Saturday, December 3, 2011
Parade begins 3 pm at the Municipal Park.
Festivities continue at the City Hall Gazebo with music,
caroling, Tree lighting and photos with Santa!*

*Be on the lookout for more details in the December - January Edition
of the Word on White House.*



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SC - Event Sponsored by Senior Adult Center.
 PW - Event Sponsored by Public Works
 BR - Event Located at City Hall Board Room.
 FD - Event Sponsored by the Fire Department.
 LB - Event Sponsored by the Library

PD - Event Sponsored by the Police Department.
 PR - Event Sponsored by Parks and Recreation



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NOTICE

REMINDER

Property Taxes Due October 1, 2011 to February 28, 2012

Effective March 1st

Penalties Accrue at 1.5% Monthly

TAX RELIEF APPLICANTS

Need to come in with Tax Relief Card and Income Amount

TO APPLY FOR TAX RELIEF

Call or come into City Hall

105 College Street / 672-4350, ext. 2100

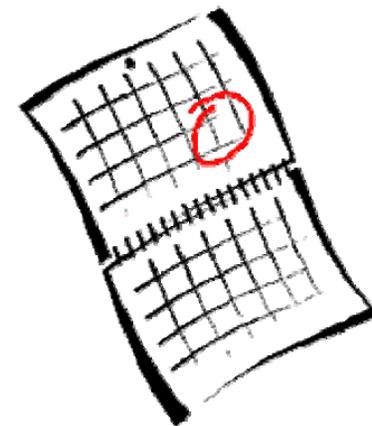
YOU CAN CHECK ON OR PAY ON LINE AT

www.cityofwhitehouse.com

Click on Departments / Finance

NOT RECEIVING A TAX NOTICE

**WILL NOT RELIEVE YOU OF YOUR RESPONSIBILITY
FOR PAYING YOUR PROPERTY TAXES ON TIME**



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!

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

First, not all monuments are allowed.

- ◇ 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".

Second, all monument foundations are concrete and are poured by the City of White House. It is strongly suggested that you contact the Parks and Recreation Department Cemetery Division to verify and ensure 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.

What does a grave at the Hillcrest Municipal Cemetery cost?

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

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.

Parks & Recreation Department

Trail of Treats

The Trail of Treats will be Friday, October 28th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Trail will begin at the Tyree Springs Greenway Trailhead (beside WHHS) and continue along the Greenway. All kids must provide their own basket or bag for candy and treats! Bring a canned food item to be donated to the Hope Center!



Defending booth winner is STAR Physical Therapy (Pictured Above)

Christmas Parade

The annual Christmas Parade will be Saturday, December 3rd at 3:00p.m. Anyone wishing to participate in the parade must register by December 1st at 5:15p.m.

Living Legacy Tree Program

The Living Legacy Tree Program provides individuals and organizations with the opportunity to beautify the city park system with trees that honor people and commemorate special events that have occurred in the lives of family and friends. Your tax-deductible contribution will be used to purchase trees for placement within the White House Park System, including the City Park, Soccer Complex, Northwoods Park, City Hall, and Greenway. Donations for one or more trees are gratefully accepted and appreciated. A permanent record will be kept of all Living Legacy trees at City Hall for public viewing. Fee schedule: \$195 per tree. This will purchase a deciduous tree that is at least 1.75" in diameter or an evergreen that is at least 7 ft. tall. Tree planting will typically take place from October 1 to April 1 annually.



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.

Youth Basketball

Registration until October 20th.

1st & 2nd Grade - Co-ed

3rd & 4th Grade Girls with Post-Season Tournament.

3rd & 4th Grade Boys with Post-Season Tournament.

\$65 for City Residents
\$77 for Non-City Residents.

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

What's Up Chuck?!



Hi! My name is Chuck and I am a groundhog! From time to time I visit City Hall in White House to check in on the activities. The other day I heard about this thing called...

"Trail of Treats." I remember seeing some big hubbub going on last year around this time but I had no idea what it was. All I knew were there were MILLIONS of people on the greenway! Now I know that it's when all the kids around here dress up for Halloween and go trick-or-treating! I'll probably be around again this year that Friday! If you look hard enough, you might just see me!

Men's Open Basketball

Registration Sept. 19th to Oct. 20th
\$475 per team.
Limit of 8 teams

Regular season games will begin in November with Tuesday night games. There will be a post-season tournament. Registration forms are available on our website.



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

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

Going Trick-or-Treating?

Got Drugs?

October 29, 2011
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM



WHPD Participates in DEA's Second Nationwide Prescription "Drug Take-Back Day"

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and its community partners will hold the second National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day at sites throughout the United States on October 29th. This will be an opportunity for the public to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs for safe disposal.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Prescription drugs are being misused and abused at alarming rates in the United States—more Americans currently abuse prescription drugs than the number of those using cocaine, hallucinogens, and heroin combined, according to the 2009 National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Many Americans are not aware that medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse.

Visit the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day website:

<http://www.nationaltakebackday.com/>

The White House Police Department will have a "Take Back" station set up at the White House Walgreens, 480 Hwy 76, on Saturday October 29th from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm.

For a list of prescription medications that will be accepted, please visit www.cityofwhitehouse.com. For more information, contact Captain Jeff Mingleddorff at the WHPD, 615-616-1064

- S** Swords, knives, and similar costume accessories should be short, soft and flexible.
- A** Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.
- F** Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.
- E** Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them. Limit the amount of treats you eat.
- H** Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you.
- A** Always test make-up in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent skin and eye irritation.
- L** Look both ways before crossing the street. Use established crosswalks wherever possible.
- L** Lower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.
- O** Only walk on sidewalks or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.
- W** Wear well-fitted masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls.
- E** Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats unless you know the cook well.
- E** Enter homes only if you're with a trusted adult. Otherwise, stay outside.
- N** Never walk near lit candles or luminaries. Be sure to wear flame-resistant costumes.



Question:
When does a skeleton laugh?

Answer:
When something tickles his funny bone

50% of Sumner County Students surveyed report having drunk alcohol in their lifetime.

96% of Sumner County students said they did not steal or buy the alcohol they drank from a store.

45% said someone bought or gave them the alcohol they drank.

It is illegal to provide alcohol to anyone under the age of 21.

TCA 39-15-404 (a)(2) states: It is an offense for a person to give or buy alcoholic beverages or beer for or on behalf of any minor or to cause alcohol to be given or bought for on behalf of any minor for any purpose.

TCA 39-15-404 (a)(3)(B) states: It is an offense for any owner or occupant of property to knowingly allow a person to consume alcoholic beverages, wine or beer on the property; provided, that the owner or other person knows that, at the time of offense, the person consuming is an underage adult.

- even for graduation, prom, or birthdays.
- even in your own home, hotel, or car.
- even your own child or their friends.



Are you BOLD Enough?

www.sumnercountyantidrug.org

Parents: Are you BOLD enough to say NO?

Funded by the TN Department of Mental Health

Public Works Department



Emissions Testing Information

2011 Schedule

October 17th November 14th 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 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

2011 HOLIDAY SANITATION SCHEDULE

Weeks or days where sanitation pickup is altered due to holiday

Columbus Day Week of Oct 9th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mon - Collected on Tues, October 10 • Tues, Wed & Thurs - Regular Schedule
Veteran's Day Week of Nov 6th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mon, Tues & Wed - Regular Schedule • Thurs - Collected on Mon, November 14
Thanksgiving Week of Nov 20th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mon & Tues - Regular Schedule • Wed & Thurs - Collected on Tues, November 22
Christmas Eve Week of Dec 18th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mon & Tues - Regular Schedule • Wed & Thurs - Collected on Tues, December 20
Christmas Day Week of Dec 25th	<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.

Recycling Update! The recycling containers have been overflowing lately. Please do not place items on the ground next to the containers or place anything in the bins that is not recyclable. Also, please remember to break down any boxes to maximize the space in the containers. The recycling containers are emptied on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Welcome to Our New Employees!

Right:
Christina Williams
Library Assistant
White House Inn Library



Right:
Kelly Jester Elias
Senior Citizens Coordinator
Parks & Recreation Department



Left:
Josh Kelton
Seasonal Grounds Keeper
Parks & Recreation Department



Left:
Chelsey Hough
Utility Accounting Clerk
Wastewater Department

White House Inn Library

Calling All Parents!

The fall storytime session is underway at the library. All children ages birth to 5 years with a parent or caregiver are invited to attend. Storytime sessions may include stories, songs, rhymes, movement activities, and crafts. Storytime is a great way for parents and caregivers to learn how to boost early literacy skills and prepare children for school. Also, storytime is a great way to have fun with your child! All storytimes are presented free-of-charge and no registration is required.

Toddler Tuesday

Children ages 3 years and under

10:30 a.m.

October 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

November 1st, 8th, 15th, 29th

No storytime the week of Thanksgiving.

Preschool Wednesday

Children ages 4 and 5 years

10:30 a.m.

October 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

November 2nd, 9th, 16th, 30th

No storytime the week of Thanksgiving.

Special Halloween storytimes will be October 25th and 26th.

All children are invited to wear a costume.

Adult Book Club

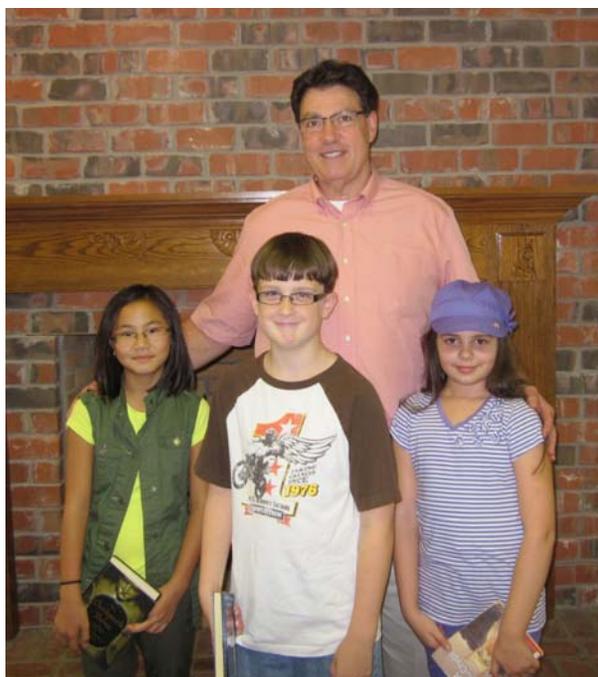
The adult book club meets at 10:00 a.m. on the last Thursday of the month. All interested adults are invited to attend. The book club will be discussing *The Last Child* by Jon Hart on October 27th. The November and December meetings of the book club will be combined into one meeting, on December 8th, to avoid conflicts with holiday activities. Please call Janet at the library if you have any questions.



Closures!!

The Library will be closed Mon, Oct. 10th in observance of Columbus Day.

The Library will be closed Thurs, Nov 24th and Fri, Nov 25th for the Thanksgiving holiday.



Dr. Philip Vickery, Chairman of the Friends of the White House Library, congratulates the top readers in the library's Summer Reading program. Pictured left to right: Olivia Talley, Benjamin Murray, Dr. Philip Vickery, Catherine Saunders.

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



Friends of the Library and White House Children

Sponsor a Llama

The Friends of the White House Library probably didn't expect to purchase a llama this summer, but that's exactly what they did. In support of the library's Summer Reading program, *One World, Many Stories*, the Friends of the Library agreed to sponsor a llama for a family in need if participants read at least 1000 hours this summer. Library staff members developed the idea of sponsoring an animal for a family in need to motivate the children, coordinate with the multicultural theme of the program, and illustrate the importance of global awareness.

White House children worked hard to meet their goal and surpassed the 1000 hour mark. Through Heifer International, a charitable organization devoted to ending hunger and poverty throughout the world, the Friends of the Library purchased the llama that will be sent to a family in need of a sustainable source of income and food. Summer Reading participants were very excited to meet their goal, and now have a wonderful story to tell about how reading connects children across the globe.



Right: Children's Librarian Sherry Tackett has fun with the storytime crowd.



Police Department

TENNESSEE SEAT BELT LAWS (TCA 55-9-602 & 603) PRIMARY LAWS Effective July 1, 2005 - Present

Child's Age/ Weight/Height	Type of Seat	Location of Seat	Additional Information
0-1 year & 20 lbs. or less	Rear-Facing	Rear Seat If Available	Seat must meet Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards and be used according to child safety restraint system or vehicle manufacturer's instructions.
1 yr. through 3 yrs. & Greater than 20 lbs.	Forward-Facing	Rear Seat If Available	
4 yrs. through 8 yrs. & Less than 4'9" tall	Belt-Positioning Booster Seat	Rear Seat If Available	
9 yrs. through 12 yrs. or 4'9" tall or greater	Vehicle Seat Belt System	Rear Seat Recommended	
13 yrs. through 17 yrs.	Vehicle Seat Belt System		

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Child Passenger Safety

The White House Police Department cares about protecting our children and encourages all adults to take the responsibility of keeping them safe when riding in a vehicle. It is our job to make sure they buckle up - from the time when children are too young to do it themselves to the time they climb behind the wheel for the first time. Child Passenger Safety guides are being sent home through local elementary schools students in order to further educate parents on the current Tennessee Child Safety Seat Laws.

Child Passenger Safety Week 2011

WHPD is working with its highway safety partners and local school administrators for the upcoming Child Passenger Safety Week, which runs from Sept. 18-24.

For more information on child passenger safety in Tennessee, visit:

<http://www.tn.gov/safety/pubsafety/childrestraint.shtml>

or

<http://www.tntrafficsafety.org>

or contact the WHPD, Captain Jeff Mingledorff, at 615-616-1064 or Officer Joel Brisson, 615-672-4903.

Additional NHTSA Recommendations

- ★ Never place a rear-facing seat in front of an active air bag!
- ★ Child safety seats cannot be used on side-facing jump seats.
- ★ A booster seat should always be used with the vehicle lap AND shoulder belt. High-back booster seats are required when vehicle headrests are not available. Never allow a child to place the shoulder belt behind their back or under their arm.
- ★ To maximize safety, keep your child in the car seat for as long as possible, as long as the child fits within the manufacturer's height and weight requirements.
- ★ Follow your car seat manufacturer's instructions and your vehicle owner's manual on how to install.
- ★ **Get Help** - To find the best answer or resources for your particular child seat situation visit www.tntrafficsafety.org and click on "Child Passenger Safety" tab.



TN Traffic Safety Resource Service
www.tntrafficsafety.org
1.800.99BELTS (2.3587)
ttsrts@utk.edu



Crime Prevention Unit Home/Business Burglary Prevention Tips

Each year in the U.S, there are more than five million home burglaries. During 2010/11, 50 homes/businesses were burglarized in the City of White House. Nine out of ten of these crimes are preventable. The risk of being burglarized can be greatly reduced by taking simple steps to make your home more difficult to enter and less enticing to would be burglars. Remember the greatest weapons in the fight to prevent burglaries are LIGHT, TIME, AND NOISE.

1. Keep all doors and windows closed and securely fastened. An open window or door is an invitation to burglars. Thieves are also quick to spot weak locks that may be forced open easily. Doors should have deadbolt locks with a 1 inch throw and reinforced strike plates with 3 inch screws. All windows should have window locks.
2. Secure sliding glass doors. Place a metal rod or piece of plywood in the track and install vertical bolts. This will help prevent burglars from forcing the door open or lifting it off its track.
3. Always lock the doors on any attached garage. Don't rely on your automatic garage door opener for security.
4. Create an illusion that you are home by using timers on lights, radios and tv's. Making your residence appears occupied, even when no one is home, will deter criminals.
5. Keep the perimeter of your home well lit. Consider buying motion-sensitive lights, which are now available at economical prices.
6. Keep shrubbery trimmed away from entrances and walkways. While large, ornate hedges may be beautiful, they also provide hiding places for burglars who need only a minute to break through a window or door.
7. Install a monitored alarm system. Strategically place signs near the front and rear entrance of the residence warning all of its presence.

According to law enforcement statistics, ninety per cent of burglary and theft prevention is physical security. If your business is locked up and unauthorized entry is made difficult, time consuming, noisy and visible, chances of a successful theft or burglary are kept to a minimum. The thief/burglar will pass up your business and look for an easier target.

For a free Site Security Assessment, contact the WHPD Crime Prevention Unit at 616-1064 or email Captain Jeff Mingledorff at jmingledorff@cityofwhitehouse.com



Tennessee Department of Transportation White House Police Department Click It or Ticket Campaign

Every hour, at least one person in this country dies because he or she did not buckle up. Failure to use a seat belt contributes to more fatalities than any other single traffic safety-related behavior.

More than 60% of vehicle occupants killed in crashes in Tennessee were not wearing safety belts. **Research shows it is almost nine times safer to wear your safety belt. Unrestrained children are 4.2 times more likely to die in a crash than restrained children.** Less than 1% of children properly restrained were killed.

Did you know? Auto crashes are the leading cause of death in the 4 to 14 age group!

Tennessee's local and state law enforcement officials work strenuously to educate every Tennessean through the **Click It or Ticket** campaign as to the necessity of seat belt usage by utilizing safety checkpoints and public information messages.

Fire Department



As the suppressing heat of summer fades away, we welcome cooler temperatures that are a little more comfortable. Fall is a very enjoyable time of year and signals the approach of winter. The White House Fire Department encourages everyone to consider that while fall is more comfortable, it does have some dangers associated with it. Fall has a severe weather period similar to, but typically not as violent, as spring. The colliding warm and cold fronts often bring about storms that can leave us in the dark and in the cold. After the normal severe weather period in the fall, we need to remember that ice storms can be very destructive and disruptive to our lives as well. Heavy snows can leave us stranded also. We must all take very seriously our own safety. The Federal Emergency Management Agency has been encouraging Americans to prepare themselves for periods of emergency for several years now. The federal government maintains the website Ready.gov (www.ready.gov) and provides volumes of information for all Americans to use to prepare for disaster situations. Are you ready? The checklists found on this page can help ensure that you are prepared when disaster strikes, but only if you get ready before the event takes place.

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Emergency Supply Word Search!

- ◇ Water
- ◇ Food
- ◇ Radio
- ◇ Flashlight
- ◇ Whistle
- ◇ Wrench
- ◇ Map
- ◇ Batteries
- ◇ Duct Tape
- ◇ Can Opener
- ◇ Weather
- ◇ Cell Phone

Recommended Items for a Basic Emergency Supply Kit:

- ◇ Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- ◇ Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- ◇ Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both.
- ◇ Flashlight and extra batteries
- ◇ First aid kit
- ◇ Whistle to signal for help
- ◇ Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- ◇ Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- ◇ Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- ◇ Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- ◇ Local maps
- ◇ Cell phone and chargers

Additional Items to Consider Adding to an Emergency Supply Kit:

- ◇ Prescription medications and glasses
- ◇ Infant formula and diapers
- ◇ Pet food and extra water for your pet
- ◇ Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container
- ◇ Cash or traveler's checks and change
- ◇ Emergency reference material such as a first aid book or information from www.ready.gov
- ◇ Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person. Consider additional bedding if you live in a cold-weather climate.
- ◇ Complete change of clothing including a long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes. Consider additional clothing if you live in a cold-weather climate.
- ◇ Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper – When diluted nine parts water to one part bleach, bleach can be used as a disinfectant. Or in an emergency, you can use it to treat water by using 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water. Do not use scented, color safe or bleaches with added cleaners.
- ◇ Fire Extinguisher
- ◇ Matches in a waterproof container
- ◇ Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- ◇ Mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils, paper towels
- ◇ Paper and pencil
- ◇ Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children

General Information

There are now 3 convenient ways to pay you sewer bill.

1. Bank draft: Go to www.cityofwhitehouse.com, Departments/Services, Wastewater, ACH Authorization Form. Please complete the form and return it to the office located at 725 Industrial Drive with a voided check. It takes approximately 30 days for it to become active.
2. Internet: Go to www.cityofwhitehouse.com, Departments/Services, Wastewater, Bill Pay. Follow the instructions to set up you account, and you are ready to pay your bill.
3. Drop Box: Our drop box is located at City Hall in the circular driveway. It says City of White House payments on it and it is a silver box. It is picked up every morning by 6:30am.

And of course you can either mail your payment or come by our office and pay in person!

There is also a new after hour's answering service. If you experience any type of sewer problems you should call: 1-866-775-0444 and they will dispatch a tech to your home. This service is active for nights 5:15 pm to 7:15 am; weekends, Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

Fences!

The Planning/Codes Department recommends all fencing to be off property lines to allow for maintenance on both sides of fences and not to block an easement that contains utilities or underground drainage pipes. Fences shall not be installed on easements that will block the flow of water in ditches and drainage ways or to prevent access for the servicing of utilities. Permits are required for fences over 6ft to ensure proper foundation support due to the height of the fence. Contact your Home Owner's Association guidelines or check for property restrictions to determine if there are any private fencing regulations affecting your property. Contact Planning/Codes Department for any questions about fencing.

Prior to construction of a fence contact TN One-Call System Call Before You Dig number at 8-1-1 or 1-800-351-1111 for marking of underground utilities.

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.

City Offices Closed

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

- Monday, October 10 in observance of Columbus Day
- Thursday, November 10 in observance of Veteran's Day
- Wednesday and Thursday, November 23rd and 24th in observance of Thanksgiving

Garages, Storage Buildings, and Additions

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

Online Auction Increases Revenue From Surplus Assets

The City of White House sold 37 items on GovDeals {www.govdeals.com} in the 2010-2011 budget year. The net profit from the sale of the items was \$34,785.62. The majority of the money went back into the general fund and wastewater fund. Items for sale will be posted continuously on the web and can be accessed through the City's website at www.cityofwhitehouse.com or directly through www.govdeals.com. We have already sold some items this budget year.

Below are some of the items that were sold in 2010-2011.



Aquatic Vegetation Harvester



1983 Porsche



Boring Machine



2001 Ford Crown Vic



Front Mower Attachment



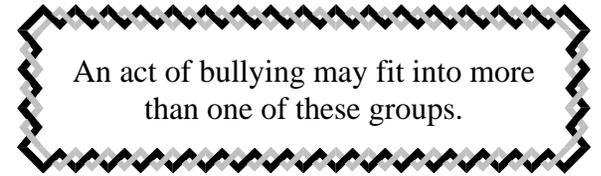
Recycle Trailer

October is National Bullying Prevention Month

What is Bullying?

Bullying is a widespread and serious problem that can happen anywhere. It is not a phase children have to go through, it is not "just messing around", and it is not something to grow out of. Bullying can cause serious and lasting harm. Bullying can take on many forms. Examples include:

- **Verbal:** name-calling, teasing
- **Social:** spreading rumors, leaving people out on purpose, breaking up friendships
- **Physical:** hitting, punching, shoving
- **Cyberbullying:** using the Internet, mobile phones or other digital technologies to harm others



Recognizing the Warning Signs?

There are many warning signs that could indicate that someone is involved in bullying, either by bullying others or by being bullied. However, these warning signs may indicate other issues or problems, as well.

Being Bullied

- Comes home with damaged or missing clothing or other belongings
- Reports losing items such as books, electronics, clothing, or jewelry
- Has unexplained injuries
- Complains frequently of headaches, stomachaches, or feeling sick
- Has trouble sleeping or has frequent bad dreams
- Has changes in eating habits
- Hurts themselves
- Are very hungry after school from not eating their lunch
- Runs away from home
- Loses interest in visiting or talking with friends
- Is afraid of going to school or other activities with peers
- Loses interest in school work or begins to do poorly in school
- Appears sad, moody, angry, anxious or depressed when they come home
- Talks about suicide
- Feels helpless
- Often feels like they are not good enough
- Blames themselves for their problems
- Suddenly has fewer friends
- Avoids certain places

Bullying Others

- Becomes violent with others
- Gets into physical or verbal fights with others
- Gets sent to the principal's office or detention a lot
- Has extra money or new belongings that cannot be explained
- Is quick to blame others
- Will not accept responsibility for their actions
- Has friends who bully others
- Needs to win or be best at everything

Effects of Bullying

Bullying has serious and lasting effects. While these effects may also be caused by other factors, research has found bullying has significant effects for the following groups:

People Who Are Bullied:

- Have higher risk of depression and anxiety, including the following symptoms, that may persist into adulthood:
 - Increased feelings of sadness and loneliness
 - Changes in sleep and eating patterns
 - Loss of interest in activities
- Have increased thoughts about suicide that may persist into adulthood.
- Are more likely to have health complaints.
- Have decreased academic achievement (GPA and standardized test scores) and school participation.
- Are more likely to miss, skip, or drop out of school.
- Are more likely to retaliate through extremely violent measures.

People Who Bully Others

- Have a higher risk of abusing alcohol and other drugs in adolescence and as adults.
- Are more likely to get into fights, vandalize property, and drop out of school.
- Are more likely to engage in early sexual activity.
- Are more likely to have criminal convictions and traffic citations as adults.
- Are more likely to be abusive toward their romantic partners, spouses or children as adults.

People Who Witness Bullying

- Have increased use of tobacco, alcohol or other drugs.
- Have increased mental health problems, including depression and anxiety.
- Are more likely to miss or skip school

For more information on bullying and how you can help, please visit

<http://www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov/index.html>

and

<http://www.pacer.org/bullying/bpam/>