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105 College Street ~ White House, Tennessee 37188
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Word on White House

City of White House Board of Mayor and Aldermen Select New City Administrator



At the March 15th Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting, City of White House's Police Chief Gerald Herman was appointed as the new City Administrator. We hope Chief Herman continues to be an asset to the City in his new position!

Chief Herman began his law enforcement career in March of 1984. He had many assignments during his career including: patrol officer, community relations officer, explorer advisor, D.A.R.E. Officer, bicycle patrol officer, background investigator, internal affairs investigator, and patrol sergeant. In June of 2000 he was appointed as the Chief of Police for the City of Northwood, Ohio (his hometown). In February 2008 he was appointed as the Chief of Police of the City of White House. During these past twelve years as police chief he has served on local and state committees in both Ohio and Tennessee. He has served on advisory committees of two universities and one college. He served as president of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Crime Prevention Coalition in 2011. Chief Herman has an associate's degree in law enforcement from Owens Community College, a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Toledo. He earned a master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Toledo in 1998. He is a 2008 graduate of the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police *Certified Law Enforcement Executive* program. He and his wife Lori of 33 years live in White House. They have two children: Jennifer who resides and works in Brentwood and Jeremy who resides in White House and works for Ed's Supply Company in Nashville.



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White House Postal Routes

April

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	7
Alternate Sanitation Pickup Week	8:30 AM Zumba Gold PR	9:00 AM Sittersize SC	9:00 AM Sittersize SC	City Offices Closed for Good Friday		Library Closed
	9:00 AM Zumba PR	9:15 AM Zumba PR	10:30 AM Preschool Wed LB			
	9:30 AM Pilates Conditioning SC	10:30 AM Toddler Tues LB	12:00 PM Hot Lunch SC			
	1:00 PM Bunco SC	4:00 PM Board of Mayor & Aldermen Study Session BR	1:00 PM Bingo SC			
		7:00 PM Beer Board Mtg BR	6:30 PM Zumba PR			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
8:30 AM Zumba Gold PR	9:00 AM Sittersize SC	9:00 AM Sittersize SC	2:00 PM Dance Class SC	6:00 PM Adult Open Gym PR		
9:00 AM Emissions Testing PW	9:15 AM Zumba PR	10:30 AM Preschool Wed LB				
9:00 AM Zumba PR	10:30 AM Toddler Tues LB	12:00 PM Hot Lunch SC				
9:30 AM Pilates Conditioning SC		6:30 PM Zumba PR				
1:00 PM Bunco SC						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
8:30 AM Zumba Gold PR	9:00 AM Sittersize SC	9:00 AM Sittersize SC	2:00 PM Dance Class SC	6:00 PM Adult Open Gym PR		
9:00 AM Zumba PR	9:15 AM Zumba PR	10:30 AM Preschool Wed LB	7:00 PM Board of Mayor & Aldermen Mtg BR			
9:30 AM Pilates Conditioning SC	10:30 AM Toddler Tues LB	12:00 PM Hot Lunch SC				
1:00 PM Bunco SC		1:00 PM Bingo SC				
		6:30 PM Zumba PR				
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
8:30 AM Zumba Gold PR	9:00 AM Sittersize SC	9:00 AM Sittersize SC	2:00 PM Dance Class SC	6:00 PM Adult Open Gym PR		10:00 AM Drug Take Back Day @ Kroger PD to 2:00 PM
9:00 AM Zumba PR	9:15 AM Zumba PR	10:30 AM Preschool Wed LB				
9:30 AM Pilates Conditioning SC	10:30 AM Toddler Tues LB	12:00 PM Hot Lunch SC				
1:00 PM Bunco SC		6:30 PM Zumba PR				
29	30					
8:30 AM Zumba Gold PR						
9:00 AM Zumba PR						
9:30 AM Pilates Conditioning SC						
12:00 PM Birthday Pot Luck SC						
1:00 PM Bunco SC						

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
 PD - Event Sponsored by the Police Department.

May

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		9:00 AM Sittersize SC	9:00 AM Sittersize SC	Big League Baseball Registration Ends	6:00 PM Adult Open Gym PR	
		9:15 AM Zumba PR	10:30 AM Preschool Wed LB	2:00 PM Dance Class SC		
		10:30 AM Toddler Tues LB	12:00 PM Hot Lunch SC			
			1:00 PM Bingo SC			
			6:30 PM Zumba PR			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	8:30 AM Zumba Gold PR	9:00 AM Sittersize SC	9:00 AM Sittersize SC	2:00 PM Dance Class SC	6:00 PM Adult Open Gym PR	
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	9:30 AM Pilates Conditioning SC	10:30 AM Toddler Tues LB	12:00 PM Hot Lunch SC			
	1:00 PM Bunco SC		6:30 PM Zumba PR			
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	9:30 AM Pilates Conditioning SC		1:00 PM Bingo SC			
	1:00 PM Bunco SC		6:30 PM Zumba PR			
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	9:00 AM Zumba PR	9:15 AM Zumba PR	12:00 PM Hot Lunch SC			
	9:30 AM Pilates Conditioning SC		6:30 PM Zumba PR			
	1:00 PM Bunco SC					
27	28	29	30	31		
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Police Department



White House Police Department Officer of the Year Award

The White House Rotary Club's Annual Police Officer and Firefighter of the Year Luncheon was held on Thursday, February 16th. The 2011 White House Police Officer of the Year Award went to Officer Joel Brisson (center). With Officer Brisson is White House Police Chief Gerald Herman (left) and White House Rotary Club President Dolly Peay (right).

WHPD Crime Prevention Tip of the Quarter "Be Prepared" Safety in the Park and On the Greenway

Even if you are only going to a park that's down the street from your home, it's important to be prepared. Always take a phone with you in case you need to make an emergency call. If something happens and you need to dial 911, you will want to have a cell so you can call immediately. If you are going to an area where you may be alone, especially after dark, you may want to take an approved, legal, personal self defense weapon or personal alarm to protect yourself and notify others that you are in danger. A crime or an emergency can happen at anytime, so always be ready for everything. Take a few precautions in advance, remain well aware of everything that's going on around you, and have a great time at the park and on the greenway.

For additional information on Crime Prevention in your neighborhood, contact Captain Jeff Mingledorff, WHPD Crime Prevention Unit, 615-616-1064.

White House Police Department
303 North Palmers Chapel Road
White House, TN 37188
Non-Emergency 615-672-4903
Central Dispatch 615-384-4911
Emergency 911

12th Annual Citizen's Police Academy

On February 21, 2012, the White House Police Department commenced its 12th Annual Citizen's Police Academy. The purpose of the academy is to give citizens the opportunity to learn about police work in general and also gain insight into the White House Police Department's daily operations and programs. The Academy will be held on Tuesday nights from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. for 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. There are twenty five citizens participating in this year's class.

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

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



Police Department



WHPD and WHITE HOUSE KROGER Participate in DEA's Third Nationwide Prescription "Drug Take-Back Day"



The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and its community partners will hold the third National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day at sites throughout the United States on April 28, 2012 (10AM-2PM local time). 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 Kroger, 510 Hwy 76, on Saturday April 28, 2012 from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm.

These Prescription Medications Will Be Accepted:
Prescribed narcotic drugs (Vicodin, Oxycontin, etc.)

Prescription medications
Over the counter medications
Medication samples
Pet medications
Medicated ointments/ lotions
Vitamins
Inhalers
EpiPens (unopened)

These Prescription Drugs Will Not Be Accepted:

Personal care items
Hydrogen peroxide
Aerosol cans
EpiPens (used)
Mercury products
Iodine products
Radioactives
Business waste
Empty containers or "sharps" (needles)

For more information, contact Captain Jeff Mingledorff
at the WHPD, 615-616-1064.

White House Police Department And White House Middle School Launch Spring 2012 D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Program

D.A.R.E.

153 fifth grade students from White House Middle School are taking the pledge to stay off drugs as they begin their 10 week D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program on September 20, 2010. Given the national profile of D.A.R.E. students, it's likely that they'll keep the pledge for good.

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

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

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

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

For more information, contact Captain Jeff Mingledorff
at the WHPD, 615-616-1064.



Got Drugs?



Public Works Department

2012 HOLIDAY SANITATION SCHEDULE

Weeks or days where sanitation pickup is altered due to holiday

Good Friday Week of Apr 1st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mon, Tues & Wed - Regular Schedule • Thurs - Collected on Mon, Apr 9th
Memorial Day Week of May 27th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mon - Collected on Tues, May 29th • Tues, Wed & Thurs - Regular Schedule
Independence Day Week of Jul 1st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mon - Collected on Tues, Jul 5th • Tues, Wed & Thurs - Regular Schedule
Labor Day Week of Sept 2nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mon - Collected on Tues, Sept 4th • Tues, Wed & Thurs - Regular Schedule
Columbus Day Week of Oct 7th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mon - Collected on Tues, Oct 9th • Tues, Wed & Thurs - Regular Schedule
Veteran's Day Week of Nov 11th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mon - Collected on Tues, Nov 13th • Tues, Wed & Thurs - Regular Schedule
Thanksgiving Week of Nov 18th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mon - Regular Schedule • Tues - Collected on Mon, Nov 19th • Wed & Thurs - Collected on Tues, Nov 20th
Christmas Holiday Week of Dec 23rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mon & Tues - Collected on Wed, Dec 26 • Wed & Thurs - Collected on Thurs, Dec 27

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

2012 Schedule

April 9th	July 9th	October 15th
May 14th	August 13th	November 19th
June 11th	September 10th	December 10th

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 am - 6:00 pm, Wed - Friday 7:00 am - 5:00 pm and also Saturday 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Note: There will also be a Sumner County Clerk at the Billy S. Hobbs Municipal Center located at 105 College Street for the purchasing of vehicle tags on the dates listed above.

Welcome!



Jason Collins,
Sanitation Driver

Fire Department

As spring arrives, many of us will head outdoors to begin enjoying the warmer temperatures and tend to our property. Many residents will clean up limbs and sticks that have fallen during the winter months. The White House Fire Department would like to take a moment to remind everyone about the regulations concerning open burning within the city limits. These regulations are in place to protect residents from the threat of fires that spread quickly and can suddenly move to a structure or cause damage to a neighboring property.

Another problem associated with open burning is the smoke that is produced. Smoke from fires can be irritating to neighbors and can adversely affect those that suffer from chronic breathing problems like asthma. We must all be considerate of those that live in close proximity to us and do our part to ensure not only our own safety but the safety of those around us as well.

While spring is a great time to work outside, the weather conditions often prevent the ability to safely burn. Atmospheric conditions can quickly change the conditions of the environment and can quickly dry the fuels that are available and cause the fire to spread rapidly. We have had fire this spring already that spread rapidly just a few days after moderate rainfall. Just because it has rained does not mean that conditions are favorable for open burning. Low humidity and wind rapidly dry out dead or dormant grasses, leaves, and other combustible items. Wind conditions must be carefully monitored to ensure that the wind is below 7 miles per hour as set forth in the burning regulations. As this is being written, the wind is currently blowing at 7 miles per hour with gusts in the teens. This would prohibit safe outdoor open burning.

The open burning regulations were not established to encourage open burning, but rather to give residents the ability to burn wood waste that could not be easily moved to an appropriate pick-up location. We still encourage residents to place limbs and sticks at the curb for removal by the Public Works department. This is the safest method to rid your property of these items. If moving the items to the curb is impractical, then open burning would be allowable.

As many residents know, you may now secure a burn permit online at the city's website (www.cityofwhitehouse.com/fire). Here you can also view the entire open burning regulations that are contained in the City's Open Burning Ordinance. Should you choose to secure a permit online, you must still abide by the regulations that are set forth on the permit system. When you submit the permit form, you are stating that you will abide by the regulations. Failure to comply with the regulations can result in the fire being extinguished, inability to secure future permits, or a citation. You may also come to Fire Station 2 located at 120 Business Park Dr. and receive a permit. If the online permit system is not working, it may be because weather conditions are not safe for burning. The permit system is at the discretion of the Fire Department and if weather conditions are the cause, it will be stated on the permit page of the website.

The burning of trash is illegal and violates state law. The Department of Environment and Conservation works closely with our department and can levy its own fines that can range from \$1,000 to \$25,000 per day per violation. These are severe penalties and our goal is to educate the public so that this state agency will never have to be involved. Our desire is to help everyone be safe and legal and we welcome your questions about safety and burning.



Below are the regulations that are set forth on the burn permit:



1. Open burning as listed below may be conducted, subject to specified limitations and provided further that no public nuisance is or will be created by such open burning. The issuance of a permit will in no way relieve the person responsible for such burning from the consequences or the damages, injuries, or claims resulting from such burning.
2. Burning is limited to trees, limbs, and brush grown only on the area to be cleared.
3. Rubber tires, plastic, cardboard, leaves, treated wood, painted wood, and laminated wood (plywood etc.) cannot be burned.
4. Burning is NOT permitted when the wind velocity is above 7mph. Before starting the fire check with the Weather Bureau (<http://www.srh.noaa.gov/ohx/>) for wind speed and conditions on the day open burning is to begin.
5. A continuous water supply equipped with a shut off nozzle and enough hose to reach 15 feet beyond the burn site.
6. There shall be a qualified person assigned the sole duty to attend the fire from the time it is set until the fire is totally extinguished.
7. Residential burning is limited to a pile that is no larger than 150 cubic feet and the pile must be at least 25 feet from any structure.
8. At no time will the fire be left unattended.
9. This permit can be voided at any time by the Fire Department



Kids Fire Safety

<http://www.usfa.fema.gov/kids/flash.shtm>

Parks & Recreation Department

Zumba Gold Fitness

Zumba Gold Fitness is designed for active, older adults. Instructor Tina Bishop, CZ1, offers the class as follows:

Monday
8:30 am - 9:00 am
Cost: \$2 per class

White House Big League Baseball 15 - 17 Years Old

Team Sign-up:
\$400 per team
Non-resident fee may apply.

Individual Sign-up:
\$30 per person
\$42 per Non-Resident

Tuesday/Thursday games
begin May 29th

Minimum of 8 games
Post-season tournament
Practice times provided

Game balls and umpires provided
Uniforms and equipment NOT
included

Age cut-off: May 1, 2012

Registration ends May 3rd

12th Annual Independence 5k June 30th



May Madness

Men's Open Basketball Tournament

May 18th to 20th at the White House Civic Center
5 on 5 Full-Court/Double Elimination
Blind Draw
8 Team Maximum
Teams limited to 7 players
Cash prize to winners
Registration Fee: \$125 per Team
Registration thru May 10th

Upcoming Programs!

Summer is coming soon so be on the lookout for more information on our upcoming Summer Programs such as Gymnastics and Tumbling, Basketball Camp, Challenger Basketball, Senior Basketball, Golf Clinic and the 12th Annual Independence 5K race!! Keep checking our website for more details on all of our leagues and events!

White House SNAP Sponsors

Thank you to all of our sponsors!!!!

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Bennett Lawn Care and Landscaping
White House Gold and Diamond Outlet
All Around Gutter Company
Just Be Fit
Bargain Browser

Little League
Challenger Baseball,
part of W.H. Special
Needs Athletic Programs,
will begin their games in
April.



Welcome!



Kevin Whittaker
Parks and Recreation Superintendent

Co-ed Church Volleyball League

The season began March 27th and will run through the first week in May. We have eight teams participating this season. Come out and support your local church every Tuesday and Thursday night at the Civic Center!



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

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

Open Gym

\$3 per person

Come in and shoot some hoops!

Every Friday in April and May!
(except Good Friday, April 6th)

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 center is located beside the cafeteria in the City Hall building. Be sure to get signed up for our upcoming exciting outings or events. Call us at **672-4350, Ext 2116** and we'll be happy to mail you one of our "Event Calendars" loaded with lots of information. You can also just stop by and we'll show you around. We are always welcoming newcomers to our group, and there is no fee to join!

So don't stay home, come on over and enjoy yourself and make some new friends!

April Showers Bring May Flowers!



Come and join us! We have lots of fun and laughs! So come alone or bring a friend or neighbor and come on over!

Remember, we are next to the cafeteria in the back of the municipal building at 105 College Street. If you have a problem finding us, please call me, Kelly at 672-4350, Ext 2116. Also, if you'd like some information mailed to you, I will be happy to do so, just call me or email me at seniorcenter@cityofwhitehouse.com.

Don't forget our "Wednesday Hot Lunches" for only \$2.50 include meat, 2 vegetables, bread, dessert and drink. We also offer "to-go" lunches for only \$3.00 for seniors, in case you have a loved one or neighbor you'd like to treat. (\$5.00 for non-seniors under 55 yrs old) Just call me by Monday before noon for your Wednesday lunch reservation. It's that simple! After lunch we play cards, dominos and/or games. The first and third Wednesday of each month we play BINGO! A prize for cover-all is a \$10 gift card from Kroger or Al's Foodland!

We have a "Lunch Bunch" group that enjoys exciting new restaurants every month. We also have a "Movie-In" once per month with popcorn and refreshments. We offer an arts and crafts class once per month too. We hope you find we offer something for everyone, and join us. There is no fee to join.



The Valentines Dance was a great success with 110 participants. Thank you to all our volunteers who donated their time with setting up and clean-up. Also thank you to the ladies that made the delicious cakes and pies for our cake walk. Keep your eye out for more adventures for the summer!

We will have a Mother/Son/Daughter Banquet in May. More details will be available in the Senior Center soon!

The first Tuesday of every month we take our group to "Lunch and a Movie-Out". We've seen Dolphin-Tale, The Vow, The Help and many other great movies. Sign up Sheets for all activities are located in the Senior Center and are available for signing up for your choice of activity by the last Monday of the month for the following month's trips.



We play BUNCO! at the Senior Center at 1:00 on Mondays. It's great fun and an easy game to learn! A lot of new members are enjoying joining in on this easy, fun game! So come join in! Also offered on Mondays is Zumba Gold for seniors at 8:30 AM (\$2.00 per class) and Pilates Conditioning for seniors at 9:30 AM.,(no fee), both of these exercise activities can be done with a chair. You do not lie down on the floor like the young adult Pilates. These are both for seniors only. We also offer Sittersize, Wii and walking as a group at 9:00 am on Tuesday and Thursdays.

General Information

Advisory Board Members Needed!

Currently the City of White House has several vacancies on the Advisory Boards. These vacancies are on the Beer Board, the Industrial Development Board, and the Library Board. If you are interested in serving on any of these boards, please complete an application. To obtain an application please visit our website at www.cityofwhitehouse.com. Click on City Government, then Advisory Boards/Commissions. Click on the "Application Form" link to download the form. If you have any questions regarding the responsibilities of each board, when they meet, or any other details, please contact Amanda Priest at apriest@cityofwhitehouse.com or 672-4350, ext. 2111.



Upcoming Changes in Wastewater Billing and Payment Services!

In the upcoming months, look for changes in Wastewater billing and payment services. The City is currently working through a few logistical issues regarding these changes. However, as soon as these are resolved these services will be moving to City Hall from the Wastewater Department. We hope to make this transition as smooth as possible for our citizens.

City of White House Office Closings

April 5 - Closed in observance of Good Friday

May 28 - Closed in observance of Memorial Day



SEWER ALERT!! SEWER ALERT!!

The City's wastewater collection system crews spend an inordinate amount of time working on the part of the sewer system referred to as the "**Grinder Pumps**"! Our crews are repairing/replacing grinder pumps during normal working hours and during the middle of the night. Grinder pumps comprise a majority of the collection system within the City.

How do you know if you have a grinder pump? If you look outside your house on either side, or in the back, you will see an electrical control panel with a **red light** on top. On the ground directly adjacent to that panel you will see a round, green tank lid, which may protrude out of the ground a few inches. If you see those two (2) items, then you have a grinder pump.

Why do our crews spend so much time working on the grinder pumps? Our residential and commercial customers tend to inadvertently use the sewers as a trash or garbage disposal system.

What types of "things" are being flushed down the toilet or sinks that are causing problems for the grinder pumps? The list is long, but the most common items are: *baby wipes, shop towels, cotton items (clothing articles, rags, towels, etc.)*

What will these items do to my grinder pump? These items will get caught up in the "teeth" of the grinder and cause the pump to bind. When that happens, the pumps internal mechanism will burn out causing the pump to stop working.

If it's a grinder pump why can't you throw wipes, shop towels or rags down the toilet, won't it *grind up* the material? No, the grinder pump works on about the same principle as your sinks garbage disposal. Try throwing a baby wipe or rag down the drain in your kitchen sink and turn on the garbage disposal – what will happen? It will bind up and stop working.

So what's the big deal? So the wastewater crew has to change out a few pumps every now and then that can't be *so bad*! It is a big deal - for the system's rate payer (you) because we are changing out about 30 of these grinder pumps every month!

So what, that's only about one grinder pump per day! That may average one (1) pump per day, but look at the following costs associated with the work:

Cost of a new grinder pump	=	\$1,200.00 per pump
Cost of 30 grinder pumps	=	\$36,000.00 per month
Cost of overtime for night work	=	\$30,000.00 per year

Does the City's wastewater ordinance address the issue of people discarding or disposing of these unwanted items down the toilet? Yes. Section 18-205 entitled "Excluded Wastes".

Is there a penalty for violating the "Excluded Wastes" section? Yes, a \$50.00 per day fine + Reimbursement for the cost to repair the grinder pump which may exceed \$1,200.

After repairing a grinder pump does the City's crew notify the home-owner or business owner? Yes – they will knock on the door – if no one answers, the crew will leave a door hangar notifying the resident or commercial customer of the problem.

So please, DO NOT FLUSH or otherwise dispose of ANYTHING larger than a ½ -inch in diameter down the sewer system!!!

General Information

White House Police Department 2011 Annual Report

On behalf of the White House Police Department, I am pleased to present to you the 2011 Annual Report of the White House Police Department. This annual report is a historical document for the police department to be kept as a permanent record. This report reflects the hard work, outstanding accomplishments, and the professional service provided by the men and women of this department.

2011 was a year of personnel challenges. In January, Sergeant Curtis Carney, departed for Afghanistan on a military mission with the Tennessee Air National Guard 118th Air Lift Wing. Although his unit had returned in October, Sergeant Carney had been unable to return to work by the end of the year. In March, our Animal Control Officer Don Black was laid off as this service was discontinued. In April, we were able to unfreeze a frozen officer position and hired Melissa Taylor. In August, we transferred all but one dispatcher to the Robertson County E-911 Center. They became the City of Springfield employees. We now contract with the City of Springfield for dispatching services. Patti Aric, the dispatcher we held back, filled a frozen records position that had been frozen for nearly three years. In September, Officer Jason Shapton was transferred from Uniform Patrol to the Detective Bureau to assist with a backlog of criminal cases.

The dispatchers recorded 12,900 calls for service. This was a 17% increase over the previous year. Serious Crimes reported decreased by 2%. There were 847 serious crimes reported. Serious crime is reported in three categories: Crimes against persons which decreased by 6%, Crimes against property which increased by 15%, and crimes against society which had a decrease of 30%.

In 2011, we applied for several grants. One grant was to the Tennessee Governor's Highway Safety Office for overtime for officers to conduct increased DUI enforcement. We were successful in receiving this grant. This was a \$20,000 grant to cover overtime costs and to purchase two Digital in-car cameras and two radars. We received a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to pay for 50% of two bullet proof vests.

The entire report can be viewed online at www.cityofwhitehouse.com/police.



Please note that property taxes were due on February 28th. Beginning March 1st penalties began to accrue at 1.5% monthly.

Currently there are 306 delinquent property taxes. If yours is one of these, please contact Danny Davenport at 672-4350, ext. 2100.

What's Up Chuck?!



Hi! Chuck here! You will never believe what happened the other day! It was in the afternoon and I'm sitting outside City Hall minding my own business when I heard this AWFUL racket!! Bang!

Bang! Crash!! I freaked out and ran up to peak in the window! What do you suppose I saw?

I saw Bob, the building maintenance man, pulling a wall desk down in one of the offices. I wanted to know what *exactly* was going on so I started snooping around a bit. I learned that the Police Chief, Gerald Herman, had become the new City Administrator. *And* several people's offices were moving. I tried to keep up with who was going where and with what furniture but I became dizzy! What I was able to keep up with makes me think that everything will be spiffy looking when they get done! I can't wait to be nosey and see what changes are made!

Welcome!



Susan Johnson
Police Department
Records Clerk