

A publication from the City of White House
105 College Street ~ White House, Tennessee 37188
February - March 2013

Word on White House

2013 Spring Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Class Offered

March 7, 14, 21, 28 from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm and
March 30 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Cost: \$40.00 (includes CERT Kit)

Please see Page 4 for more details regarding the CERT Program and the upcoming class.



13th Annual Citizen's Police Academy

Program will begin on February 19, 2013
Classes will be held on Tuesday nights
from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Please see Page 8 for more details regarding the Citizen's Police Academy and the upcoming class.



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February & March

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
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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.
GN - General

LB - Event Sponsored by the Library
PD - Event Sponsored by the Police Department.

Public Works Department

Recycling is Now Available

The City's Board of Mayor and Aldermen approved a collection services contract with Waste Industries, a private hauler, at the September 20, 2012 board meeting. This new contract included an agreement to begin a curbside recycling collection program.

Who can participate in this recycling program? This new curbside recycling program is available to the residential, condo's, multifamily and small commercial customers that are currently serviced by the City's solid waste collection service.

When will this new recycling service start? The City began this service on Friday December 7, 2012.

How does this new recycling program work? The recycling collection schedule is every other Friday. You will need to set your new blue container out at the curb, just like you do for the garbage container.

How much recycling was collected in December? The total collection for December was 38.38 tons (76,760 pounds). This total is based on only three collection days rather than four.

Please remember that this is going to be an **AUTOMATED** collection truck, so you need to keep the recycling container:

- Near the edge of the road, preferably on a flat surface;
- At least 3 Feet away from any obstruction, such as a tree or mailbox.

What materials will the new recycling program accept?

- Newspaper (ONP – old news print)
- Cardboard (OCC – old corrugated containers)
- Junk Mail (SOP - sorted office paper – coated & uncoated)
- Magazines (Coated and uncoated)
- Paperboard (Packaging boxes used for cereal, frozen foods, medicines etc)
- Plastic Containers – (Numbers 1- 7 found on the bottom of container)
- Aluminum Containers (pie pans, frozen food pans, soda cans etc.)
- Steel Cans



Can I put my glass bottles in the new recycling container? NO! There is not an end-market at this time for mixed glass. Therefore, we cannot accept glass containers at this time.

By The Numbers: Plastics and Their Uses

- **Plastic #1:** Polyethylene Terephthalate, also known as PETE or PET - Most disposable soda and water bottles are made of #1 plastic, and it's usually clear.
- **Plastic #2:** High Density Polyethylene, or HDPE - Most milk jugs, detergent bottles, juice bottles, butter tubs, and toiletries bottles are made of this. It is usually opaque.
- **Plastic #3:** Polyvinyl Chloride, or PVC - It is used to make food wrap and bottles for cooking.
- **Plastic #4:** Low Density Polyethylene (LDPE) - It is used to make some grocery bags, some food wraps, squeezable bottles, and bread bags.
- **Plastic #5:** Polypropylene - Yogurt cups and similar wide-necked containers are often made from it, as well as water bottles with a cloudy finish. You'll also find it in medicine bottles, ketchup and syrup bottles, and straws.
- **Plastic #6:** Polystyrene, or Styrofoam, from which disposable containers and packaging are made. You'll also find it in disposable plates and cups.
- **Plastic #7:** This number basically means "everything else." It's a mixed bag of plastics that are composed of plastics invented after 1987, such as modern plastics used in anything from iPods to computer cases. It also includes some baby bottles and food storage containers which resist staining.

Emissions Testing Information

2013 Schedule

February 11	June 10	October 7
March 11	July 15	November 18
April 8	August 12	December 9
May 13	September 9	

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.*

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.

Fire Department

CodeRed

While we are currently experiencing winter weather, spring storms are just around the corner. Spring severe storms can develop quickly and every minute of warning may be the key to preventing injuries and loss of life. Every home and business should have a weather radio and plans in place of what to do in the event that severe weather affects our area. IN addition to the weather radio, every residence and business should also register with the CodeRed system.

Many city residents have already registered for the CodeRed weather and emergency warnings. If you have not registered, we would like for you to do so. Registration is simple and takes only a few moments. Simply go to the city's website at www.cityofwhitehouse.com; in the lower left-hand corner you will see the enrollment link, click on the link and enter your address, name, and the phone numbers with which you desire to be notified and submit the information. If you are unable to do so, you may call Fire Station #2 Monday – Friday from 7:15 am to 5:15 pm and your information can be taken and input into the system.



All information is confidential and when approved, it is not available to be viewed by anyone including the administrators of the system. This service is provided by the City of White House and is available to all residents and businesses within the city limits of White House. We encourage everyone to take advantage of this very effective warning system that is designed for your safety.

White House Cert



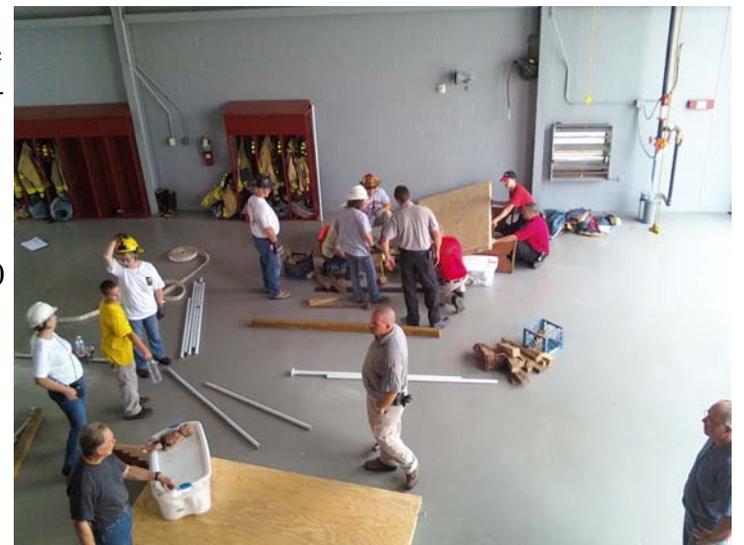
Participants demonstrate fire extinguisher use.

The White House CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) is designed to prepare the citizens of White House for a natural or man-made disaster. The class teaches participants the methods and actions to be taken to ensure the safety of their own family and home, their neighbors, and the community. The goal of the White House CERT team is to have members of every neighborhood in the city trained in CERT principles. To be most effective, every neighborhood will need to have members trained to oversee the safety of the neighborhood until help arrives. Neighborhoods such as Northwoods, Magnolia Village, Orchard Park, Hampton Village, Heritage Farms, Sumner Crossings, Bridlecreek, Briarwood, and Holly Tree are the communities that CERT is designed to assist. All city residents, regardless of neighborhood or location are urged to attend this training. In a natural disaster, emergency services are often overrun with calls for help and the CERT team is trained to provide the assistance needed until the emergency services are available.

We need your help to ensure the success of this program. The White House Fire Department will host another training opportunity in March 2013 and the

classes will be March 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2013 from 6:30 PM until 9:30 PM and on March 30, 2013 from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM. The cost of the class is \$40.00 and includes all the materials and a backpack that will contain: hardhat, goggles, gloves (medical and leather), first-aid kit, reflective vest, whistle, and flashlight with batteries. The class is limited to 20 participants and will be first come first served. Registration will end February 21, 2013 so please call Fire Marshal Jeremy Sisk at Fire Station # 2 at 615-672-5338 as soon as possible to sign-up.

The first class of members of the White House CERT Team graduated on June 26, 2010. The class contained nine individuals that learned and demonstrated various aspects of disaster preparedness. The class was a great success and the participants all gained knowledge of the methods and actions to take following a disaster.



Participants applying light search and rescue techniques.

Parks & Recreation Department

Christmas Parade

The annual Christmas Parade was held Saturday, December 1st at 3:00p.m. The Grand Marshals were Mary Keith, Conner Green, and Cayden Long. The theme was “Miracle on Main Street.” Congratulations to Temple Baptist on being voted “Best Decorated Float.” Dance South came in 2nd Place and Christian Community School Cheerleaders came in 3rd Place.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO MADE THE PARADE A SUCCESS!!!



For more photos from the Christmas Parade and Holiday Extravaganza, please visit our website at www.cityofwhitehouse.com.

Girls Volleyball

Registration ends:
February 25th

Fee:
\$50 for residents
\$62 out-of-city residents

Leagues:
3rd & 4th
5th & 6th
7th & 8th

Practices will begin in March and games will begin in April.

Zumba Fitness

Zumba Fitness with Instructor Tina Bishop, CZ1, is offered as follows:

Wednesday
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Thursday
6:45 pm - 7:45 pm

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

Zumba Gold Fitness

Designed for active, older adults

Monday
8:30am - 9:00 am

Cost: \$2 per class

Little League Challenger Baseball

Registration ends: March 11th

The fee is \$35 for City Residents and \$47 for Out-of-City residents.

This Little League Baseball program is for any boy or girl between the ages of 4 and 18 that faces a mental or physical challenge.

Practices will begin in March and Saturday games will begin in April.

Men's Open Softball

Registration ends: March 4th

The games will begin in April with doubleheader games on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The fee is \$450/per team.

Non-resident fee may apply based on majority rule



Co-Ed Church Volleyball

Registration ends: February 25th.

Fee: \$250/per team

Games will begin in March with Tuesday and Thursday night games.

Non-resident fee may apply based on majority rule

For more information about any of our programs or events, please call 672-4350 ext. 2114, or visit our website at: cityofwhitehouse.org/your-government/parks-and-recreation ALSO, CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK FOR ALL OF THE LATEST UPDATES AND NEWS ABOUT EVENTS AND PROGRAMS!

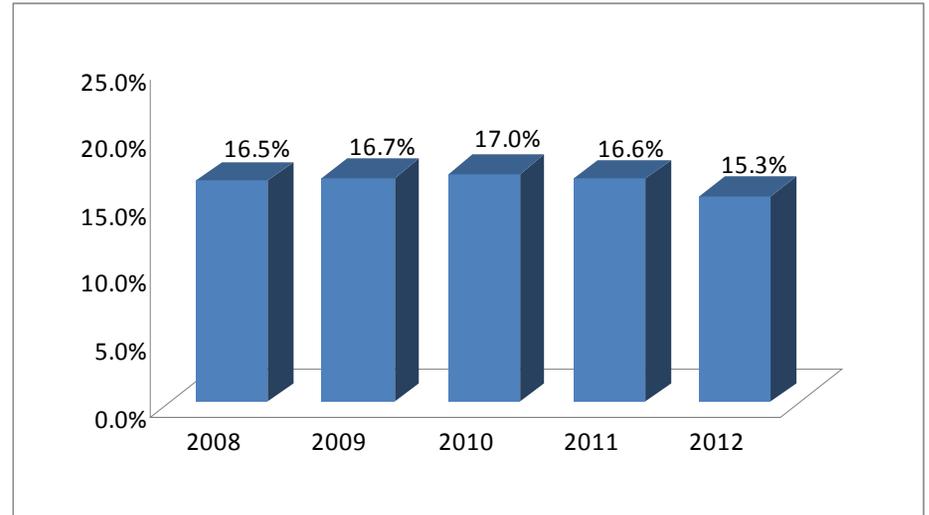
General Information

You've Heard of Public Service, But What About Debt Service?

Debt Service is defined as the amount of principal and interest that the City must pay each year associated with its outstanding debt. As the debt service increases it adds to the City's obligations and reduces the City's expenditure flexibility. Debt service can be a major part of the City's fixed costs and its increase may indicate excessive debt and fiscal strain.

The level of debt service as a percent of Governmental and Enterprise Fund operating revenues reflects an overall declining, positive trend for the City of White House over the measurement period. During 2010, debt service expenditures increased due to the issuance of new debt and the revenues remained relatively flat due to the economy. As the economic rebound has taken hold, and we have had local growth in the tax base, the higher revenues have resulted in sufficient resources to meet service demands. Increased debt service in recent years is attributable to bonds related to construction of a new fire hall, improvements to municipal park baseball fields, and loans to fund improvements to infrastructure for the wastewater collection system.

Debt as a Percent of Revenue



	<u>FYE 2008</u>	<u>FYE 2009</u>	<u>FYE 2010</u>	<u>FYE 2011</u>	<u>FYE 2012</u>
Debt Service	\$1,575,360	\$1,591,260	\$1,628,286	\$1,708,833	\$1,610,282
Government / Enterprise Funds Revenue	\$9,549,426	\$9,549,379	\$9,594,724	\$10,289,269	\$10,507,617
Percent Debt Service / Total Operating Revenue	16.5%	16.7%	17.0%	16.6%	15.3%

NOTICE:

Property Taxes Due
October 1, 2012 to February 28, 2013

Effective March 1
Penalties accrue at 1.5% monthly

You can check on or pay online at
www.cityofwhitehouse.com
Go to: *I Want To -- Pay -- City Property Taxes*

Not receiving a tax notice will not relieve you of your responsibility for paying your property taxes on time!

We had a large number of Property Tax Statements returned.

If you are unsure about your taxes, please go online or call 672-4350, ext. 2100.

Welcome to Our New Employees!



Sam Hufstedler
Firefighter/First Responder



Reed Hillen
Planning & Codes Director

City of White House Office Closings

February 18th
Closed in observance of Presidents' Day

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 27, 2013 (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 27, 2013 from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm.

**Items that *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)

**Items that *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 Heritage Elementary School
Honor Graduates of D.A.R.E.
(Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Program**



155th grade students from White House Middle School are taking the D.A.R.E. pledge to stay off drugs as they graduate from the ten week D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program on January 23, 2013. Given the national profile of D.A.R.E. graduates, it's likely that they'll keep the pledge for good.

Under the direction of WHPD Captain Jeff Mingledorff, D.A.R.E. Instructor, these students have learned 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 joint effort between community schools, parents, and the White House Police.



13th Annual Citizen's Police Academy

On February 19, 2013, the White House Police Department will host its 13th 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 thirty citizens participating in this year's class. For more details or to register, please visit our website at www.cityofwhitehouse.com or contact Captain Jeff Mingledorff, Event Coordinator, at 616-1064 at the White House Police Department.