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105 College Street ~ White House, Tennessee 37188
June - July 2013

Word on White House

City of White House Dedicates Civil War Trail Marker



The dedication ceremony of the City of White House and the Tyree Springs Civil War Trail Marker was held on Friday May 10, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at City Hall, 105 College Street, White House, Tennessee 37188. The marker is located near the Gazebo on the west lawn of City Hall.

City Mayor Mike Arnold provided opening remarks. Dr. Carol Van West, director of MTSU Center for Historic Preservation and Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area and co-chair of the Tennessee Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission spoke on the historical importance of the Tyree Springs Trail marker in White House. Additional participants included Master of Ceremony WHPD Captain Jeff Mingledorff, Lee Curtis (representing Commissioner Susan Whitaker) Tennessee Department of Tourist Development, Evelyn Guill – White House Historian, State Representatives – Joshua Evans, Courtney Rodgers, William Lamberth; Senator Ferrell Haile, members of the White House High School and Heritage High School Band with director Mitchell Baker, and numerous Civil War Re-Enactors.

The Tennessee Civil War Trails program is part of a multi-state sustainable heritage tourism program that identifies, interprets and creates driving tours of both the greater campaigns and the lesser known Civil War sites. *(Continued on Page 7)*



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June & July

Please check the City of White House's website for more frequent updates to the calendar of events at www.cityofwhitehouse.com

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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 Services Department

Holiday Garbage Collection Service

First, please allow me to apologize for the confusion with the garbage collection this past Memorial Day (May 27, 2013).

The contractor, Waste Industries (WI), normally collects garbage in the surrounding communities on all but three (3) holidays per year. However, because the City of White House directs the hauler to dispose of its waste at the Robertson County trash transfer station, we needed to suspend our garbage service to mirror the County's holiday schedule.

We had a slight communication error and WI thought they were supposed to collect the garbage on Memorial Day. The communication link has been properly restored and I can assure you that this will not happen again. WI is a very good partner with the City and they made every effort to collect the missed containers following the Memorial Day holiday. Again, I sincerely apologize to those affected residents and business owners.

Secondly, I've listed below the remaining holidays for the calendar year 2013 that WI **will suspend** garbage service.

Additionally, please note that your garbage will be collected on the day following the holiday.

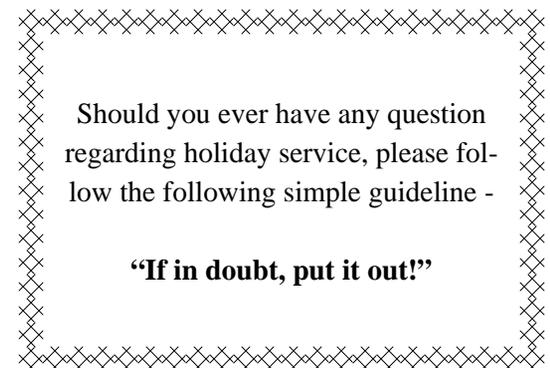
Garbage Collection Service will be SUSPENDED on the following holidays:

- July 4, 2013
- September 2, 2013
- November 28, 2013
- November 29, 2013
- December 25, 2013

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 672-3654.

Thank-you for your understanding.

Joe Moss, Public Services Director



Limb and Leaf Removal

Please refer to the schedule below for the collection week in your area.

1. All leaves must be bagged for collection and limbs must be no longer than **SIX** (6) feet in length.
 2. Leaves and limbs must be placed NEATLY ALONG THE curbside for the automated truck arm to reach.
 3. Please note that this program is designed for the resident who makes their own cuts, not for collection of limbs trimmed by private companies.
 4. Residents may still bring bagged leaves and limbs directly to the Public Works facility at 725 Industrial Drive free of charge during regular business hours.
 5. No dumping is allowed after hours in the front of the Public Works building or outside the gate area.
- **Week #1:** North Robertson County Residents - Includes Residences North of Hwy 76 & West of Hwy 31W
 - **Week #2:** North Sumner County Residents - Includes Residences East of Hwy 31W & North of Raymond Hirsch Pkwy
 - **Week #3:** South Sumner County Residents - Includes Residences South of Raymond Hirsch Pkwy & East of Hwy 31W
 - **Week #4:** South Robertson County Residents - Includes Residences South of Hwy 76 and West of 31W



Emissions Testing Information

2013 Schedule

June 10	August 12	October 7
July 15	September 9	November 18
		December 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.

Public Services Department

The Recycling Program is Going Great!

The City's Solid Waste and Recycling collection service provider, Waste Industries, has been servicing the City for more than six (6) months now. Our recycling program is going very well with approximately 50% program participation!! For such a new program this is excellent!

Since we receive revenue from the Material Recycling Facility (MRF), the more we recycle - the more revenue we generate. To date, our revenue from the sale of the recyclable materials is approximately \$3,293.00! This money is put back into the Sanitation budget to offset our daily expenses. In addition to receiving this revenue for our recycling efforts, we also avoid the landfill disposal costs that would have to be paid if we sent those materials to the landfill instead of the recycling MRF. So far, we have avoided paying approximately \$4,690.00 in disposal costs.

The volume of recyclable materials we're collecting stands at a five (5) month average of approximately 41 tons per month! Our average garbage tonnage for the same period was approximately 264 tons per month.

Therefore, we're recycling about 16% of the solid waste stream. This is good, but, our RECYCLING GOAL is to recycle at least 25% of the solid waste stream by 2014.

I still see many garbage containers full which leads me to believe that many of the recyclable materials are not going into the BLUE recycling container. Please review the information below and try to maximize your recycling efforts so that we can meet our 25% goal!

Remember, if you do something 17 times – it becomes a habit. So, please make a conscious effort to put your recyclable materials in the BLUE container so our program can meet its goals! If you have any questions regarding what can be recycled, please call me, Joe Moss, at 672-3654 and I will be more than happy to assist you.

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.

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.

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.

Parks & Recreation Department

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, Punt, Pass, & Kick, Movie in the City, Art Classes, and the 13th Annual Independence 5K race!! Keep checking our website for more details on all of our leagues and events at:

<http://www.cityofwhitehouse.com/government/parks>

Zumba Fitness

Wednesday

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Thursday

6:45 pm - 7:45 pm

Cost: \$3 per class

*1st Class is FREE



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

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!

White House Inn Library & Museum

NEW HOURS!

- Monday: 9:00 am - 8:00 pm
- Tuesday: 9:00 am - 8:00 pm
- Wednesday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- Thursday: 9:00 am - 8:00 pm
- Friday: CLOSED
- Saturday: 9:00 am - 12:00 noon
- Sunday: CLOSED

Surveys about the new hours are available on our website, Facebook page and at the library for those that wish to complete one.

This year, the White House Library's Summer Reading theme is Dig into Reading. The Program will run from the 4th week of June until the last week of July. Program sign-ups will start the week of June 17th. On June 25th the library will have local bee keepers host a program. Then on July 2nd, JR. Bennett will be teaching children how to start a garden, on the 9th of July, the Nashville Zoo will be performing; on the 16th the Kidsville Dino Mascot will be reading to kids; and on July 23rd the Nashville Adventure Science Center will be conducting a Dinosaur presentation. Then on July 30th, Snow Bird will be reading to the children. All programs will start at 10:30am.

Special Teen programs will be held on July 11th, 18th, and 25th at 1:00pm

There will not be any story times during the month of June. Toddler story time will be held on Mondays at 10:30 am during the month of July while Preschool story times will be halted for the Summer Reading Program.

General Information

Attention Wastewater Customers

You can pay Wastewater bills by automatic bank draft - free of charge - call 672-4350 extension 2300 to find out how or visit the Wastewater page at www.cityofwhitehouse.com to print out a request form.

Wastewater customers may also pay bills online at www.cityofwhitehouse.com – Choose “I want to” and follow the prompts to pay your bill by debit or credit card.



Please note that property taxes were due on February 28th. Beginning March 1st penalties began to accrue at 1.5% monthly. If yours is one of these, please contact Danny Davenport at 672-4350, ext. 2100.

Please note that beginning April 1, 2013, the Robertson County Clerk will no longer be available for vehicle registration or vehicle tag renewal at City Hall. If you have any questions, please contact the clerk's office at 615-384-5895.



City of White House Office Closings

July 4

Closed in observance of Independence Day

CodeRed

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.



Summer Sewer Rates

Did you know that user charges during the months of June, July, and August are only charged the summer sewer rate?

What is summer sewer rate?

It is when we bill your average usage based on the previous nine months of water usage billing, or the water usage billing that is available if less than twelve months. If you have been a customer for less than seven months you will need to contact the office to see what kind of summer sewer rates you may qualify for.

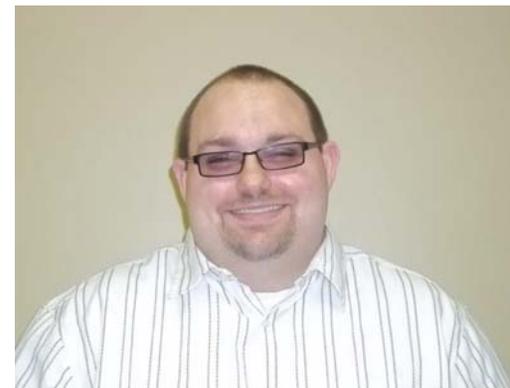
When will I see bills that have summer sewer rates on them?

You will not see bills with summer sewer rates until August. We always bill two months behind for usage, so you will have summer sewer rate bills in August, September, and October.

Can I get any other adjustments during summer sewer rates?

Residential customers will not be allowed any other wastewater usage adjustments while summer rates are in effect. This is because we are already billing you at the same rate we would if we were to make an adjustment, your average usage.

Welcome to Our New Employee!



Jonathan Holt
Library Clerk

Police Department

White House Police Department and White House Middle School Honors Graduates of D.A.R.E. Program

160 5th grade students from White House Middle School took the D.A.R.E. pledge to stay off drugs as they graduated from the elementary ten week D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program on May 14, 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.

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 Department. It is currently taught annually at Heritage Elementary School, White House Middle School, and Christian Community School.

WHPD Captain Jeff Mingledorff, D.A.R.E. Instructor quote **“D.A.R.E. gives our young citizens the opportunity to develop confidence through challenge and example; it develops an unshakable belief in oneself!”**



Drug Take-Back Program Special “Thank You” to All Participants



The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the White House Police Department, and Kroger held a Prescription Drug Take-Back Day on Saturday April 27th from 10:00 -2:00 pm. at the White House Kroger. Captain Mingledorff, Sgt Hunter and Detective Shapton collected **39 lbs** of medications for destruction during the four hour event. This was 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. A very special “Thank You” to all who participated. Next take back event is scheduled for October 2013.

Civil War Marker Continued

With the upcoming Civil War sesquicentennial commemorating the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War, the trails program will further highlight Civil War tourism in Tennessee.



The Tennessee Department of Tourist Development was awarded a two-part federal enhancement grant, which is an 80/20 match through the Tennessee Department of Transportation. More than 250 markers have already been installed through the program.

For the latest tourism happenings in Tennessee, visit us at www.tnvacation.com, www.facebook.com/tnvacation, www.mytnstory.com or twitter.com/tnvacation/.

Police Department

WHPD and Heritage High School Hosts 4th Annual Pre-Graduation Prevention of Underage Alcohol Consumption and Impaired Driving Prevention Course

On May 2, 2013, the WHPD and White House Heritage High School held their 4th Annual “Pre-Graduation Prevention of Underage Alcohol Consumption and Impaired Driving Prevention Course. The object of the course was to utilize lecture and practical applications to assist students in making wise decisions and choices before consuming alcohol and then driving a motor vehicle.

One hundred (100) seniors participated in this collaborative prevention effort between the White House Police Department, the Robertson County School Resource Officer Program, and Heritage High School.



Practical instruction included the use of “fatal vision” goggles which use a special lens technology that allows the wearer to experience a realistic simulation of impairment.

Outside, two stations were set up by the instructing officers. The first station tested the students understanding of how alcohol affects the human brain and fine motor skills and the significance of FST’s (Field Sobriety Tests). The second station tested the students driving skills using a golfcart. Both stations allowed the participants to use the goggles which simulate impairment.

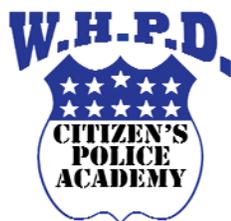
According to WHPD Captain Jeff Mingledorff, event coordinator, “Impaired driving is responsible for a large number of deaths, injuries, and accidents every year all over this country, and problem does not ever seem to get better. When consumed, alcohol takes away any healthy fears and responsibilities a person would ordinarily have in a sober state. This problem needs to be constantly addressed by parents, law enforcement, educators, judges, and counselors, otherwise we are going to see an increase in the crisis with our teens and impaired driving related incidents. This program is a step in the right direction.”

The White House Police Department fully supports the minimum drinking age law and is working to restrict access to alcohol to those under the age of twenty one.



WHPD Hosts 13th Annual Citizen’s Police Academy

On Tuesday, April 23rd, the White House Police Department hosted its 13th Annual Citizen’s Police Academy graduation. This class was attended by thirty citizens from White House, Sumner, and Robertson County.



WHPD Captain Jeff Mingledorff, event coordinator, stated “during the program, classroom presentations, lectures, and “hands-on” experiences offer participants valuable insight into the operations of the WHPD. These experiences, along with the two way communication that is established, furthers our efforts in improving the quality of life for residents and businesses throughout the city.”

The White House Police Department would like to congratulate all the citizens on their successful completion of the course and express our thanks to all involved in making this event a success.

If anyone is interested in attending the next Citizen Police Academy, contact Captain Jeff Mingledorff, White House Police Department, 672-4903.

