

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

Word on White House

Upcoming Major Events!

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October & November

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
		9:00 AM Sittercize SC	10:30 AM Preschool Story Time LB	9:00 AM Sittercize SC		7:00 PM Library of Terror LB
		10:30 AM Toddler Story Time LB	12:00 PM Senior Lunch SC	2:00 PM Home School Story Time LB		
			1:00 PM Bingo SC	2:00 PM Line Dancing SC		
			6:30 PM Zumba PR	6:45 PM Zumba PR		
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		10:30 AM Toddler Story Time LB	12:00 PM Senior Lunch SC	2:00 PM Line Dancing SC		7:00 PM Library of Terror LB
		7:00 PM Community Band SC	6:30 PM Zumba PR	2:00 PM Home School Story Time LB		
				6:00 PM Teen Read Week Kickoff LB		
				6:45 PM Zumba PR		
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		10:30 AM Toddler Story Time LB	12:00 PM Senior Lunch SC	2:00 PM Home School Story Time LB		
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		7:00 PM Planning Commission Mtg BR	6:30 PM Zumba PR	6:45 PM Zumba PR		
				7:00 PM Board of Mayor and Aldermen Mtg BR		
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		10:30 AM Toddler Story Time LB	12:00 PM Senior Lunch SC	10:00 AM Adult Book Club LB		
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		10:30 AM Toddler Story Time LB	Offices Closed	Offices Closed	Garbage Collection Suspended	
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PW - Event Sponsored by Public Works
SC - Event Sponsored by Senior Center

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

Garbage Collection Service will be **SUSPENDED** on the following holidays:

- November 28, 2013
- November 29, 2013
- December 25, 2013

Should you ever have any question regarding holiday service, please follow the following simple guideline -

“If in doubt, put it out!”

Reminders Regarding Garbage Collection

- As soon as practicable after such containers have been emptied they shall be removed by the owner or occupant to within, or to the rear of his premises and away from the street line until the next scheduled time for collection.
- The container must be placed no further than three (3) feet from the curbside and in an area that is free from obstruction from trees, shrubs, mailboxes, etc or in an alternate location approved by the public works director.
- Only refuse in the container will be collected.
- Customers must restrain animals beyond the reach of the refuse containers and prevent any interference with pickup men on this account.
- Every commercial establishment shall place all refuse in a city approved container, and shall maintain the container and the surrounding area in a clean, neat and sanitary condition.
- All residents, except those approved for special assistance due to age, handicap or illness shall place their wheeled container at curbside or street-side no later than 6:30 A.M. on the date of anticipated collection.

If you have any questions, please call Public Services at 615-672-4903.

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

October 7 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

Recycling = \$\$\$

The City receives revenue from the Material Recycling Facility (MRF). Therefore, the more we recycle the more revenue we generate.

The stats for the nine months we've had a CURBSIDE RECYCLING program are as follows:

- \$5,400.00 in revenue from the sale of recyclable materials!
- 378 TONS of recyclable materials collected!
- \$8,600.00 in savings from the landfill disposal costs!

The stats for GARBAGE COLLECTION & DISPOSAL for the same nine months are as follows:

- \$119,968.00 in fees paid to the Robertson County landfill by the City & on tax bills!
- 2,480 tons of garbage collected and disposed of in the landfill!

Therefore, we are only recycling 13.2% of our garbage!!?? **STOP THROWING YOUR MONEY AWAY!!!**

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!

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

Trail of Treats

The Trail of Treats will be Tuesday, October 29th at 6:00 pm. All kids must provide their own bag for candy and treats. Trail will begin at the Tyree Springs Greenway Trailhead (beside WHHS) and continue along the Greenway.



If you are a business and would like to set up a booth for this event, the booth registration fee is \$10. Each business or organization is asked to decorate their 10' x 25' booth space along the Greenway in a Halloween theme.

Assigned booth numbers will be given to each participating business as they register. The event will begin promptly at 6:00 pm. For more information, please visit the Parks and Recreation's Special Events page on our website or call 672-4350, ext. 2114.

PLEASE BRING ANY CANNED FOOD ITEMS TO DONATE TO THE HOPE CENTER!



Have you seen the new Municipal Park Restrooms?

There are new restrooms located just south of the baseball and softball field complex. The facility was designed by Michael Marzialo, Architect, LLC and constructed by Shawn Showalter Construction Inc. The Parks and Recreation Department is grateful to have this facility.

Fall Baseball & Softball

games have started. We have 32 teams participating in Fall Ball this year. Games take place on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. The season is set to end October 5th.

There are two separate Men's Open

Softball Leagues this fall. There is a Recreational League that plays games every Tuesday night on Field 6. There are 4 teams in Recreational League. There is also a Competitive League that plays their games on Tuesdays and Thursdays on Field 7. There are 6 teams in the Competitive League.

Youth Basketball

sign-ups are ongoing! This is for any girl or boys grades 1 – 8. Registration fee: \$65 for City Residents/\$77 for Non-Residents. Registration ends October 21st.

The Labor Day Bike Parade

took place Monday, September 2nd at the fire station on Hwy. 76. We had approximately 70 participants this year! The awards for Best Decorated Bike were:
1st Place - Nayeli Longfellow
2nd Place - Ella Smith
3rd - Landon Graves
Photos of the winners are located on our website!

We have four teams for Girls Volleyball in both the 3rd – 5th Grade League and the 6th – 8th Grade League. The games are ongoing and are played once during the week and on Saturdays. The season is set to end on October 5th.

Men's Open Basketball sign-ups are ongoing. These are team sign-ups only! The league is limited to 8 teams. Registration fee: \$475 per team. Out-of-city fees may apply. The regular season begins in November with Tuesday night games. Registration ends October 21st.

Harvest Moon 7K

We have changed the Harvest Moon 10K to a 7K this year on October 12th. This will allow us to start the race at the White House High School Trailhead and run it all the way out to the end and back. Also, the registration fee has been lowered to the same price as the Independence 5K!

\$25/Individual
\$20/Individual 10& Under - \$75/
Family (up to 4 members)

Schedule:

7:00 am: Check-in and late registration
8:00 am: 7K Run
9:30 am: Awards Presentation

Starting Line Location: The Race will begin and end at the White House High School Trailhead. The turn-around point will be the end of the Greenway at the Honey Run Creek Trailhead.



Jason Taylor, Commissioner of White House Youth Soccer, presented Ashley Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation, with the final payment to the City of White House for lighting improvements at the Soccer Complex. In November 2007 the Board of Mayor and Aldermen agreed to partner with the WHYS league on lighting installation on fields 1, 2 & 3 at the Soccer Complex. The Soccer League paid \$30,000 down and repaid the City of White House \$20,520 each year for five years, totaling \$132,600! The final payment was made at the January 2013 Leisure Services Board Meeting. Thank you WHYS for your contribution!

Zumba Fitness

Wednesdays: 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Thursdays: 6:45 pm - 7:45 pm
Cost: \$3 per class
*1st Class is FREE

For more information about 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 White House Senior Center is located in the back of the Municipal Building on the corner of 31W and College Street. We have lots of activities planned for the fall and winter season. We always welcome new members! There is **no fee to join** us, just call 672-4350 Ext 2116 and Kelly will answer any questions you might have. If I'm not in, please leave your name and phone number and I will get back with you as soon as I can. If you would like for me to send you one of our Monthly Activity Calendars, just leave your address too!

Painting Class with Liz

October 24th - 9:00 - 11:00 am

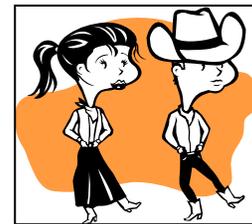
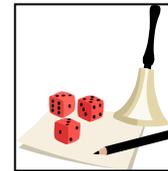


Liz Farar will teach a 2 hour class on an 11 x 14 canvas in oil paint. She uses easy to follow, step by step instructions. She will demo each step so you can see the step and get the explanation and then she will go around the classroom and give individual assistance while you are painting. Then we do the next step. At the end of class, everyone has a completed painting - all the same, yet all different. The class is for beginners, yet experienced painters find they learn from it as well. You should wear something old, since we tend to get messy! All supplies are included in the cost of the class. (canvas, paints, brushes and easels). The cost is \$20 for each class. **PLEASE SIGN UP** to help ensure the minimum number is met. **The minimum necessary in a class is 6.**



Our group enjoyed a trip to tour the famous "Ryman Auditorium". After our tour we enjoyed lunch at Puckett's Grocery in downtown Nashville.

Come learn to play **BUNCO!!!** It's easy, just roll the dice!
Prizes for Winners and Loser!



Our free Line Dance Lessons return on Thursday, October 3 at 2:00 pm. So shine up those boots!

We head to **Chaffin's Barn** on **November 7th** to enjoy the play "**Seniors of the Sahara**", a comedy about a respectable retired new Jersey school teacher who brings home more than just souvenirs upon returning from her grandson's wedding in Israel Sign up must be made no later than October 24th. Price is only \$26.82 for transportation, show, and box lunch. Join us for a great time out with lots of laughs.

We enjoy a "**Card Making Class**" once a month. This is such fun with sample cards to follow patterns. Cost is only \$10 which includes 5 card supplies, lunch and transportation. The best part is having fun with new friends!

In **November** we head to **Adams, Tennessee** for lunch at the Old Bell School House and enjoy the scenic colors on the way.

Also on the agenda is a tour of **Nissan Manufacturing in Smyrna**. This is a fun motorized tour through the multi-billion-dollar plant.

We have senior's Hot Lunches every Wednesday. Just remember to call us on Monday before noon to join us on Hot Lunch Wednesdays to enjoy a great meal for only \$2.50. We also play BINGO the first and third Wednesday of the month. Just bring a wrapped \$3.00 gift marked for a man or woman and enjoy the fun! Win \$10 gift certificates for Kroger or Al's Foodland for winning the Bingo Cover-All! As you can see we're an active group, so call us and join in on the fun anytime!

White House Inn Library & Museum

Library of Terror!!



The Friends of the Library will be turning the library into the Library of Terror every Saturday in October from 7pm to 11pm. The cost is \$5 per person. Individuals must 10 years or older to enter. Come join the Terror if you are brave enough.

Teen Read Week

⇒ The library will have a teen read week in October. We will have a movie night kick-off party on Thursday October 10th. The movie ParaNorman will start at 6:00 pm. Popcorn and drinks will be served.



- ⇒ Then on Tuesday, October 15th, teens will be making slimy bug swamp and bubbling cauldrons food snacks. After making the snacks, teens can enjoy their treats while playing Madlibs.
- ⇒ On the final day of teen read week, Thursday, October 17th, teens will get to carve their own pumpkins and enjoy pizza.

LIBRARY 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.

The Library will be closed on October 14th for Columbus Day and on November 27th and 28th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

General Programs

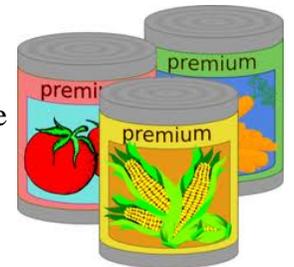
⇒ The library's story time is now back to its normal schedule. Toddlers' time is every Tuesday at 10:30 am while preschoolers are every Wednesday at 10:30 am.



- ⇒ The Home school story time will be on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 2:00 pm. A craft or activity will be done during these sessions.
- ⇒ The Library Book Club for Adults will meet on October 31st at 10 am. The book club will not meet in November but will have a special meeting on December 12th.

Food for Fines!

The library will have a food for fines drive from November 18th through the 23rd. During this week, patrons can bring in non-perishable goods to replace late fines. PATRONS MUST FIRST BRING BACK THEIR LATE ITEMS IN ORDER TO BRING IN FOOD TO REPLACE FINES. Food cannot be dented or expired for it to be accepted.



Food brought in before or after the week of November 18th will not be accepted.

The Friends of the White House Library will be kicking off their fundraisers in October. Stay tuned for event information and times. While you wait, you can stop by the library and donate your spare change to the new building or purchase a book bag for \$2 to show your support!

“Friends of the White House Library” is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and your donation is tax deductible.

For more details contact us at:

Friends of the White House Library - PO Box 1445 – White House – TN – 37188
or

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www.youseemore.com/whitehouseinn/

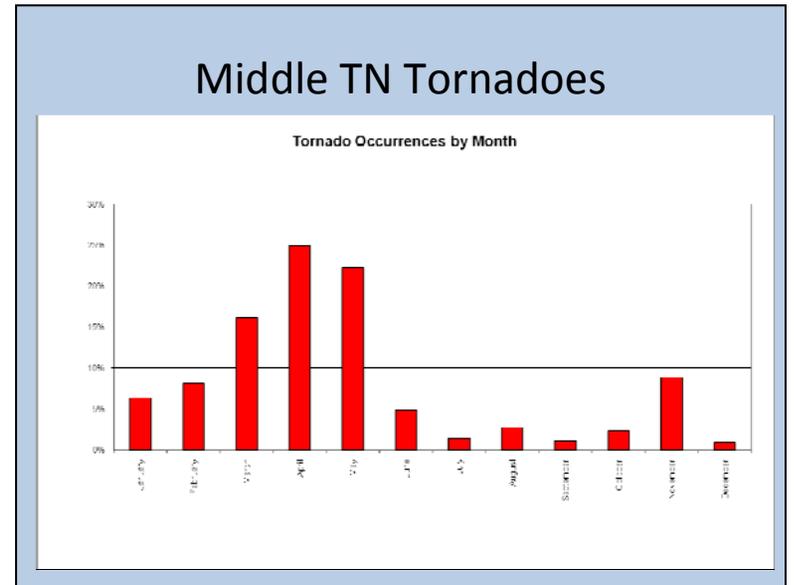
Phillip Vickery DDS – Chair
Doug Ronning - Treasurer

Fire Department

Weather Safety

The National Weather Service is predicting a milder winter temperature-wise with above average precipitation. This may come as a welcome fact to those that do not tolerate cold temperatures, and the school children may be disappointed by the news. Unfortunately, this means that there is potential for more severe weather outbreaks during the fall and winter months than normal. November is a month that is a “second severe weather season” here in Tennessee. The graph below shows the potential for tornadoes throughout the year in Tennessee.

As this warmer and wetter pattern approaches, we ask that all our citizens pay particular attention to weather forecasts and we encourage everyone to purchase a weather radio and enroll in CodeRed. There is no way to predict exactly when and where severe weather will occur, but we can be prepared before disaster strikes.



Source: National Weather Service (Nashville)



Meet your firefighters... Captain Shawn Railey

Captain Railey started with the City of White House Fire Department as a career firefighter in 2001 and was promoted to Captain in 2003.

Some of the certifications that Captain Railey holds are:

Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Fire Instructor I, Fire Officer I, and First Responder. Captain Railey leads “A” shift. He has lived in White House his whole life, is married, and a father of one.

Open Burning

The White House Fire Department would like to take a moment to remind everyone about the rules and regulations regarding open burning.

City residents are allowed to conduct open burning on their property.

Burn permits for residential open burning as well as the regulations pertaining to open burning are available at the Fire Department’s website at www.cityofwhitehouse.com/fire. If you own property outside the city, you are not required to obtain a burn permit for that property from our department, but you should let the responding fire department know about your intentions to conduct open burning. Additionally, between October 15 and May 15 you are required to contact the TN Division of Forestry to obtain a permit for areas outside the city limits.

CodeRed

Have you signed up for CodeRed? Based on the numbers that we currently have, many citizens still have not signed up for the CodeRed warning system. We are showing that nearly 1,000 people have registered for the system, but that leaves many more that have not. While the system is secure and your private information is unavailable to the administrators of the system, the number of participants that have signed up is available. The CodeRed system is more than a weather warning system although that is a component. The system is designed to keep you informed of any emergency or important information that our residents need to know. It could be information about a missing child, a hazardous materials incident, a significant traffic event, or any other life threatening situation. Your safety is our primary concern and you can assist us in protecting you and your family by simply signing up for the CodeRed warnings.

As the City of White House continues to implement the CodeRed warning system, we will soon be sending out an “all-call” message. This message will contain information about signing up for the code red system. If you have already signed up for the calls, you will not need to act further. If you have not signed up, you can go to www.cityofwhitehouse.com to enroll your address and two telephone numbers that will receive the notifications. On the website, simply click on the CodeRed icon and you will be redirected to the community enrollment page to add your information. This simple process could be one of the easiest steps you take to protect your family.



General Information

Great News on the City's Bond Rating!

The City recently received great news from two bond rating agencies raising us to a new level in the history of the City. Standard & Poor's Ratings Services raised its rating on White House, Tennessee to 'AA+' from 'AA-'. This is a jump of 2 levels and puts us on par with Sumner County. Other communities that have 'AA+' ratings include Chattanooga, Knoxville, Knox County, and Rutherford County. This leaves Metro Nashville currently one level below us. In middle Tennessee only Franklin and Brentwood hold the "AAA" rating which is one level above our current rating and it is the best you can get. Being included with these jurisdictions puts us in some pretty good company by all measures. Such a high rating will affect the number of bidders we get on bond issuances and will improve the rates and yields that we see on bond transactions in the market. The outlook on the rating is stable. The rating reflected the assessment of some of the following factors for the city. -Very strong economy which benefits from participation in the broad and diverse economy of Nashville; -Very strong budgetary flexibility, with 2012 audited reserves at a strong percentage of general fund expenditures; -Adequate budgetary performance, which takes into account what is considered to be a very stable revenue stream; -Very strong liquidity providing very strong cash levels to cover both debt service and expenditures; -Strong management conditions with strong policies that enable the city to consistently maintain balanced budgets. The city has consistently maintained balanced operations despite fluctuating revenues and responded quickly in the last downturn to reduce its discretionary spending when revenue growth slowed.

Moody's Investors Service has upgraded the City to Aa3 from A1. According to Moody's the Aa3 incorporates the city's healthy finances, demonstrated by strong reserves and proactive financial management, its manageable debt burden and its modest but growing tax base. Moody's does point out that the planned reduction in reserve levels is a weakness as well as our heavy reliance on sales tax revenues. Even with these weaknesses, Moody's expects the city's financial position will remain stable due to conservative budgeting of expenses.

City of White House Office Closings

October 14: Closed in observance of Columbus Day
November 11: Closed in observance of Veterans Day
November 27 & 28: Closed in observance of Thanksgiving
December 23: Closing at 11:00 am
December 24 & 25: Closed in observance of Christmas

Property Tax Information

Property Tax Billing Notice for the 2013 tax year should be going out in October 2013. If you do not receive a notice or have questions contact the Property Tax Office at 672-4350 ext 2100.

We still have several 2012 delinquent taxes outstanding. If you're unsure and would like to check on yours contact the property tax office at 672-4350 ext 2100.

The 2011 property taxes on the Sumner County side have been turned over to the Sumner County Clerk & Master of the Court. The 2011 Property Taxes on the Robertson County side are in the process of being turned over. These outstanding taxes may no longer be paid through the City.

Business License Notice

Business License are renewed thru the State of Tennessee Department of Revenue. For more information call (615) 253-0600. If you have renewed your Business License and have not received a new license contact 672-4350 ext 2100. If you have a new Business or are opening one, you will need to come by the Business License Office at 105 College St. to apply for your Business License.

The City of White House is currently seeking applicants for the following positions:

Part-Time Finance Cashier

The City of White House is now accepting applications for Part-Time Finance Cashier. This position will be scheduled for 10 hours a week on a regular basis with the potential for more hours depending on business needs. Starting rate: \$7.25 per hour. For more details regarding this position, please visit the website at www.cityofwhitehouse.com. Applications should be returned to the HR office located at 105 College Street, or faxed to 615-616-1058, or emailed to abrew-ton@cityofwhitehouse.com. EOE.

Part-Time Civic Center Attendant

The City of White House is now accepting applications for Part-Time Civic Center Attendant. For more details regarding this position, please visit the website at www.cityofwhitehouse.com. Applications should be returned to the HR office located at 105 College Street, or faxed to 615-616-1058, or emailed to abrew-ton@cityofwhitehouse.com. EOE.

Police Department



Going Trick-or-Treating?

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. Stay in familiar neighborhoods.

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 and obey traffic signals. Use established crosswalks if possible.

L Lower your risk for an injury by walking (not running) and by not cutting across yards or driveways.

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 home-made treats unless you know the cook well.

E Enter homes only if you're with a trusted adult. Otherwise, stay outside.

N Never approach a house that is not lit or an animal you do not know.

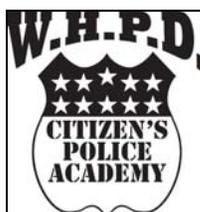
WHPD Participates in 2013 Tennessee Law Enforcement Challenge

The **Tennessee Law Enforcement Challenge** is an annual competition designed to recognize and reward the best overall traffic safety programs across the state and across the country as judged by the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

The Law Enforcement Challenge Luncheon was held at the Tennessee Life Saver's Conference in Nashville where all participating agencies and its officers were honored for their outstanding efforts. The White House Police Department placed second in the state, in the category of 11-25 Sworn Officers, and received a "Certificate of Recognition" from the International Association of Chiefs of Police recognizing the department's "dedication to traffic safety and saving lives".



Sergeant Joel Brisson proudly displays the plaque presented to the White House Police Department.



Citizens' Police Academy 2014

In February 2014, the White House Police Department will host its Fourteenth 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 here 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. Class size is limited to 30 participants.

During this ten week-week course, officers from the department will instruct citizens in several areas including Constitutional Law, Crime Prevention, Patrol Services, Investigations, Special Programs, Traffic Enforcement, Crime Scene Investigations, 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's 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 at 616-1064 at the White House Police Department.

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

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and its community partners will hold the seventh annual National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day at sites throughout the United States on October 26, 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 Walgreens, 420 Hwy 76, on Saturday, October 26, 2013 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)
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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



General Information



We invite you to join us on Saturday, December 7th for our annual Miracle on Main Street event at City Hall located at 105 College Street. This event begins immediately following the Christmas Parade which begins at 1:00 pm. Vendor booths will be open for business beginning at 12:00 noon. After the conclusion of the parade, we will have pictures with Santa, entertainment, and much more at City Hall. It will be a great day for the families in

our community to come out and enjoy all the fun and festivities! This event is FREE to the public!

For more information regarding the Miracle on Main Street event, please contact Julie Bolton at the White House Chamber of Commerce at 672-3937 or email at whcoc@bellsouth.net.



Christmas Parade

Even though it is only October, we are already preparing for our annual Christmas Parade and Miracle on Main Street Celebration! The annual Christmas Parade is Saturday, December 7th at 1:00PM. The theme is "The Stories of Christmas". Anyone wishing to participate must register before December 5th at 5:15PM at the Parks Department. The Parade agreement, guidelines, and route map can be found in the Parks and Recreation office or on our website.

Join in the fun!!

Miracle on Main Street Vendor Application Form

Vendors will be responsible for their own tables, chairs, tents (which need to be weighed down), electricity and clean up. Set up of the booths will begin at 10:00 and must be complete by Noon.

Please return application form to: White House Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 521, White House, TN 37188

Booth Space (10' X 10') is available at the following rates: (Inside Space is Limited)

\$75.00 (Inside)

\$50.00 (Outside)

Exhibitor Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Brief Description of Business: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone () _____

Fax () _____

Email: _____

Booth Space Requested: _____

Amount Due: _____

RELEASE FORM - PLEASE READ AND SIGN

I, _____, of _____ organization and participants in the 2013 Miracle Main Street event, sponsored by the White House Chamber of Commerce and the City of White House to be held Saturday, December 7, 2013, hereby agree to be liable for any injury, accident, or property damage sustained by me, my agents or my employees. Furthermore, I agree to release the White House Chamber of Commerce, the City of White House, its officials, agents, employees, and volunteers, from loss or liability before, during and after the event.

I, and those I represent, hereby grant full permission to the White House Chamber of Commerce and City of White House and/or agents authorized by them, to take photographs, videotape, record or produce communications of this event for publicity, promotion, media coverage and any other legitimate purpose. I agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the 2013 event.

I hereby warrant that I am of legal age, under no legal disability and have the full right and authority to execute this Consent and Release for myself and the organization listed; that I have read and understand the above Consent and Release; that I am executing this Consent and Release as my own free act and deed; and that this Consent and Release shall be binding upon me, my heirs, legal representatives and assigns.