

A publication from the City of White House  
105 College Street ~ White House, Tennessee 37188  
December 2013 - January 2014

# *Word on White House*

## **Christmas Parade and Holiday Extravaganza**



The annual Miracle on Main Street event will be held on **Saturday, December 7th** at City Hall (105 College Street). If you are interested in being a part of the Christmas Parade contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 672-4350 ext. 2114. The parade registration deadline is Thursday, December 5th at 5:15 pm. If you are interested in a vendor booth please contact the White House Chamber of Commerce at 672-3937.

**Vendor Booths Open - 12:00 pm**

**Christmas Parade - 1:00 pm**

**Pictures with Santa, Entertainment, Tree Lighting, and Much More - After the Parade**

Come join the fun! This event is FREE to the public!

See page 12 for more details.



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## December & January

Please check the City of White House's website for more frequent updates to the calendar of events at [www.cityofwhitehouse.com](http://www.cityofwhitehouse.com)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Toys for Tots Toy Drive (11/7 - 12/18)			
		9:00 AM Sittercize SC	10:30 AM Preschool Story Time LB	9:00 AM Sittercize SC		12:00 PM Miracle on Main Street GN
		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	4:00 PM Library's Christmas Open House LB		
				6:45 PM Zumba PR		
8	9		Toys for Tots Toy Drive (11/7 - 12/18)		12	13
	9:00 AM Emissions Testing PW	9:00 AM Sittercize SC	10:30 AM Preschool Story Time LB	9:00 AM Sittercize SC		
	7:00 PM Planning Commission Mtg BR	10:30 AM Toddler Story Time LB	12:00 PM Senior Lunch SC	10:00 AM Adult Book Club LB		
		7:00 PM Community Band SC	6:30 PM Zumba PR	2:00 PM Line Dancing SC		
				6:45 PM Zumba PR		
15	16		Toys for Tots Toy Drive (11/7 - 12/18)		19	20
		9:00 AM Sittercize SC	12:00 PM Senior Lunch SC	9:00 AM Sittercize SC		
		7:00 PM Board of Zoning Appeals Mtg BR	1:00 PM Bingo SC	2:00 PM Home School Story Time LB		
			6:30 PM Zumba PR	2:00 PM Line Dancing SC		
				6:45 PM Zumba PR		
				7:00 PM Board of Mayor and Aldermen Mtg BR		
22	23			9:00 AM Sittercize SC	27	28
	11:00 AM City Offices Close	Holiday Offices Closed	Holiday Offices Closed	2:00 PM Line Dancing SC		
			Garbage Collection Suspended	6:45 PM Zumba PR		
29	30			9:00 AM Sittercize SC	2	3
		9:00 AM Sittercize SC	Holiday Offices Closed	9:00 AM Sittercize SC		
			Garbage Collection Suspended	2:00 PM Line Dancing SC		
				6:45 PM Zumba PR		
				7:00 PM Leisure Services Board Mtg PR		
5	6			9:00 AM Sittercize SC	9	10
		9:00 AM Sittercize LB	10:30 AM Preschool Story Time LB	9:00 AM Sittercize SC		
		9:00 AM Cemetery Board Mtg PR	12:00 PM Senior Lunch SC	2:00 PM Line Dancing SC		
		10:30 AM Toddler Story Time SC	6:30 PM Zumba PR	6:45 PM Zumba PR		
				7:00 PM Library Board Meeting LB		
12	13			9:00 AM Sittercize SC	16	17
	7:00 PM Planning Commission Mtg BR	9:00 AM Sittercize SC	10:30 AM Preschool Story Time LB	9:00 AM Sittercize SC		
		10:30 AM Toddler Story Time LB	1:00 PM Bingo SC	2:00 PM Line Dancing SC		
			12:00 PM Senior Lunch SC	2:00 PM Home School Story Time LB		
			6:30 PM Zumba PR	6:45 PM Zumba PR		
				7:00 PM Board of Mayor and Aldermen Mtg BR		
19	20			9:00 AM Sittercize SC	23	24
	Holiday Offices Closed	9:00 AM Sittercize SC	10:30 AM Preschool Story Time LB	9:00 AM Sittercize SC		
		10:30 AM Toddler Story Time LB	12:00 PM Senior Lunch SC	2:00 PM Line Dancing SC		
		7:00 PM Board of Zoning Appeals Mtg BR	6:30 PM Zumba PR	6:45 PM Zumba PR		
26	27			9:00 AM Sittercize SC	30	31
		9:00 AM Sittercize SC	10:30 AM Preschool Story Time LB	9:00 AM Sittercize SC		
		10:30 AM Toddler Story Time LB	12:00 PM Senior Lunch SC	10:00 AM Adult Book Club LB		
		7:00 PM Museum & Welcome Center Board Mtg LB	6:30 PM Zumba PR	2:00 PM Line Dancing SC		
				6:45 PM Zumba PR		

PW - Event Sponsored by Public Works  
 SC - Event Sponsored by Senior Center  
 PR - Event Sponsored by Park and Recreation

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:

### Thanksgiving Day (November 28, 2013)

Thursday trash pick-up will be done on Friday, and Friday's recycle pick-up will be done on Saturday

### Christmas Day (December 25, 2013)

Wednesday trash pick-up will be done on Thursday, Thursday pick-up will be done on Friday, and Friday's recycle pick-up will be done on Saturday

### New Year's Day (January 1, 2014)

Wednesday trash pick-up will be done on Thursday, Thursday pick-up will be done on Friday, and Friday's recycle pick-up will be done on Saturday

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

**"If in doubt, put it out!"**

## Limb and Leaf Removal

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

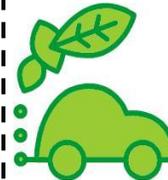
1. All leaves must be bagged for collection and limbs must be no longer than **SIX** (6) feet in length.
  2. Leaves and limbs must be placed **NEATLY ALONG THE** curbside for the automated truck arm to reach.
  3. Please note that this program is designed for the resident who makes their own cuts, not 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

## 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.**

## Emissions Testing Information



### 2013 Schedule

Monday, December 9th

### Hours

Monday 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

## Harvest Moon 7K

The Harvest Moon 7K was October 12<sup>th</sup> at the White House High School Trailhead. Beck Hobneck and Freda Miller were the Overall Male & Female Winners. Kevin Allen and Shannon McGee were the Masters Male and Female Winners.



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## Programs

### Zumba Fitness

Wednesdays (Angela Lynn, Tammy Taylor): 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm  
 Thursdays (Kimberly Caldwell): 6:45 pm - 7:45 pm  
 Cost: \$3 per class  
 \*1<sup>st</sup> Class is FREE

### Adult Softball

Congratulations to Mac Electric for winning the Men's Open Fall Adult Softball Competitive League Regular Season and Tournament Championship!

Congratulations to Kellogg Construction for winning the Men's Open Fall Softball Recreational League Regular Season and Tournament Championship!



### Upcoming Programs

We start taking registration for our Spring Programs in January. These include: Co-Ed Church Volleyball, Men's Open Spring Softball, Girls Volleyball, Men's Open Basketball, & Challenger Baseball!



## Christmas Parade

The Christmas Parade is Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. Anyone wishing to participate must register before December 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 pm at the Parks Department.



## Trail of Treats

Trail of Treats was held on October 29<sup>th</sup>. We had a total of 45 booths. There were approximately 3,000 people in attendance. Kimbro Air won the award for best booth. Second Place was White House Children's Clinic. Third Place was White House Utility District.



Kimbro Air – 1<sup>st</sup> Place



White House Children's Clinic - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place



White House Utility District - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

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 am 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!

## Robertson County Community Band



We had a FULL HOUSE with over 90 attendees for the *Robertson County Community Band* concert. A successful night with the room transformed into a romantic high class lounge decorated with stars, lights & romantic tables dressed with white linens and candles. It was a great concert & we plan to have another one next year.

We also had a “**Western Hoedown**” with Casey & the Cowboys. Everyone had their western wear on and we line danced and had a great time!



Come join us! We enjoy cards, games, billiards, lunch and crafts weekly!



Pictured are our many artists showing their masterpieces they painted in our art class in October taught by Liz Farar, a certified Bob Ross instructor.



Some of the ladies proudly display their Snowmen made in our Crafts Class!

We are headed to tour the Johnny Cash Museum with lunch downtown. We take road trips to different places every month. We are a friendly group with lots of friendship to offer you. Come by for a tour. I am here Monday thru Thursday 9:00 am-2:00 pm unless I am out on an adventure with the senior group.



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

## White House Library's Christmas Open House



The White House Library's Christmas Open House will be on December 5<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 -7:00 pm. This event is free and open to the public. The L & M Bakery will be catering the event. There will also be a craft for kids that night.

## Coat and Toy Drive

**The Library is partnering with Cash Express in a coat and toy drive this winter. If you have any lightly used coat and toys, bring them by the library to put in our donation box.**



## Miracle on Main Street

⇒ The Friends of the Library will be selling hot cocoa and baked goods at the Christmas parade, on December 7th. Please come out and support this library fundraiser.



⇒ For the first time ever, the library's home school group will have a float in the Christmas parade. The float is titled: How the Grinch Stole Charlie Brown's Christmas Tree.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

**The White House Library's facebook page is going to be merged with the City's facebook page. After December 31<sup>st</sup>, the library's facebook page will no longer be available. To find our facebook information, please start visiting the City's page.**

"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

[whitehousefol@gmail.com](mailto:whitehousefol@gmail.com)

[www.youseemore.com/whitehouseinn/](http://www.youseemore.com/whitehouseinn/)

Phillip Vickery DDS – Chair

Doug Ronning - Treasurer

## General Programs



- ⇒ The Toddler and Preschool story times will only be held for the first two weeks of December. Toddler Tuesdays will start back on January 7th at 10:30 am and preschool Wednesdays will start back on January 8th at 10:30 am.
- ⇒ The Home School group will meet at 2:00 pm on the 5th and 19th of December. There will only be one Home School meeting in January which will be on the 16th.
- ⇒ The White House Library's book club for adults will not meet during the month of November. The club will have a special meeting on December 12th at 10:00 am, in which a breakfast meal will be provided by the Friends of the Library. The club will discuss the book *And the Mountains Echoed* by Khaled Hosseini at this special meeting. The public is welcome to pick-up a copy of the book and join in on the discussion day.
- ⇒ Appointments to have your taxes done for free by AARP will begin in January. Only senior citizens and those that make less than \$50,000 per year may participate in this service. Also, no farming, rental properties or business are allowed. The free tax service runs from February to April on Thursdays only.

## 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's Holiday schedule is as follows:

December 23rd closing at 11 am

December 24th - closed

December 25th - closed

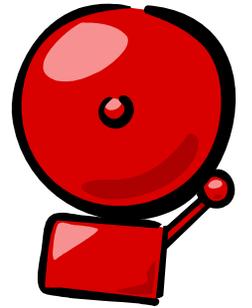
December 31st closing at 5:30 pm

January 1st - closed

# Fire Department

## Do you have a smoke alarm? How old is your smoke alarm?

Can you answer that question? Perhaps you have never given it much thought, but smoke alarms are like everything else we use, they have a life span. Smoke alarms are intended to be in service for ten years. After ten years smoke alarms need to be replaced. There are several options when choosing a smoke alarm. There are different technologies available and the different technologies work in different ways. Here are some options that you will find when shopping for a smoke alarm; hard-wired, battery operated, or both. You will also see the technology is different and you will find the two following types of detectors available for purchase: ionization and photoelectric. The following information may help you understand the differences:



An **ionization smoke alarm** uses a small amount of radioactive material to ionize air in the sensing chamber. As a result, the air chamber becomes conductive permitting current to flow between two charged electrodes. When products of combustion enter the chamber, the conductivity of the chamber air decreases. When this reduction in conductivity is reduced to a predetermined level, the alarm is set off. Most smoke alarms in use are of this type.

A **photoelectric type smoke alarm** consists of a light emitting diode and a light sensitive sensor in the sensing chamber. The presence of suspended products of combustion in the chamber scatters the light beam. This scattered light is detected and sets off the alarm.

The two types operate on different principles and therefore may respond differently to various conditions. Ionization models are best suited for rooms that contain highly combustible materials that can create flaming fires. These types of materials include flammable liquids, newspapers, and paint cleaning solutions.

Photoelectric models are best suited for living rooms, bedrooms and kitchens. This is because these rooms often contain large pieces of furniture, such as sofas, chairs, mattresses, counter tops, etc. which will burn slowly and create more smoldering smoke than flames.

Even armed with the information above, it may still be difficult to understand which detector to buy. Luckily, the smoke alarm industry is now making an alarm that incorporates both technologies and the newest detectors are battery operated and have a battery that will last ten years. This means there is no need to replace batteries several times per year. By the way, did you change your smoke alarm batteries when the time changed recently? If not make it a point to do that now. Smoke alarms will do you and your family no good if they are not working. Smoke alarms are typically a family's first line of defense in surviving a fire in the home. Seconds do count in a fire situation and without an alarm you may not have the warning that you need to escape.

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## How long do I have to get out of my home if there is a fire?

We often are asked this question by people in the community. This a very difficult question to answer with 100% accuracy. Every home contains different articles that affect how a fire will behave. Recent studies now show that the time for you to escape a fire in your home has greatly diminished.

It was once assumed that you had ten or more minutes to escape a residential fire, now it is closer to three. Within three minutes of the ignition of a fire a room can become uninhabitable. Smoke and fire spread more quickly now than several years ago simply because of the materials being used to construct the home and its' furnishings.

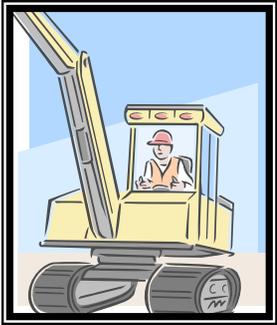
The synthetic materials commonly used in a home burn faster and hotter, spreading smoke and fire rapidly throughout the home, reducing your time to get out and your chance of survival. There are two things that will greatly increase your ability to get out if a fire starts in your home; smoke alarms and sprinklers. We will look more closely at sprinklers in the next edition. A great video that demonstrates the difference in construction and furnishings in a fire situation can be found at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mulnwTnhV6Q>.



### Meet your firefighters... Captain Rob Brewer

Captain Brewer started with the City of White House Fire Department as a career firefighter in 2004 and was promoted to Captain in 2009. Some of the certifications that Captain Brewer holds are: Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Fire Instructor I, Fire Officer I, and Emergency Medical Technician. Captain Brewer leads "B" shift. He lives in White House and has one son.

# General Information



## CONSTRUCTION NEWS

If you drive around the City you see construction equipment and personnel in several places. The White House Municipal Center is undergoing several projects. Our roof over the gymnasium had hail damage from previous storms and is being replaced with a new roof. The inside of the gymnasium is being transformed. The ceiling heaters are being replaced with a new centralized heating/air conditioning system. The parquet flooring is being replaced with a new maple hardwood floor. The inside will be freshly painted. The women's restroom in the lobby will be completely renovated with a new access. Total renovation cost on this project is nearly \$400,000.

The parking lot is being expanded to add an additional 80 spaces with a drive access to Carmack Road. Rogers Group was awarded the contract. This was needed to accommodate for the new library that will be built on the property. Project cost for this project is nearly \$300,000.

The SR76 sidewalk project is finally in the construction phase. We thank all of you for your patience with this project. Many of you might not know but this project started in design phase back in 2006. Right now we are in the final stage that includes drainage, curbs, and sidewalks. Due to increased costs and lack of funding this project was downsized a few years ago. Road widening, curb, and sidewalk was cut from the north side of the road. This project will be finished up with asphalt overlay in late March or early April. Project cost is more than 1.3 million and was funded mainly from State and Federal transportation funds.

All of us will benefit from several sewer projects happening around the City. The North Palmers lift station has undergone a major transformation. Many customers around the White House High School and City Center will be taken off an old overstressed vacuum system and placed onto a new gravity system. In the near future customers in the Sage/Hester Drive area will be removed from a grinder pumping system to a gravity system. Also, major work at the treatment plant is in the planning stage.

Several new businesses are in the planning/construction phase. Speedway is now open and within a few months we will see new businesses opening between Zaxby and Waffle House. Murphy USA is in the process of constructing a new fueling station in the Walmart complex.

### City of White House Office Closings

December 23: Closing at 11:00 am  
December 24 & 25: Closed in observance of Christmas  
January 1: Closed in observance of New Year's Day  
January 20: Closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
February 17: Closed in observance of President's Day

### 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.

### Property Tax Information

Property Tax Billing Notices were distributed in October for the 2013 tax year. If you did 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.

# Police Department

## ALERT MESSAGING

Stay instantly informed with local messages from the White House Police Department using the free e-mail message service

### What "Alert Messaging" means to White House . . .

Messaging technology is now being used in White House to send local alerts and advisories directly to citizen subscribers. An e-mail enabled cell phone and/or computer capable of reading PDF files is all you need to receive **ALERTS, ADVISORIES, COMMUNITY**, and special **TRAFFIC** notices from the White House Police Department. *There is no charge for this service* (the normal e-mail message fees that your phone service may charge will apply).

Messages are from a certified source. Contact [records@cityofwhitehouse.com](mailto:records@cityofwhitehouse.com) with the address that you want the messages sent to. When you subscribe to this account, you will only receive verified messages from the WHPD. Unsubscribe at anytime.

### What messages will be sent. . .

The White House Police Department will send out the following using the Message Alert System:

**Criminal Activity Warnings**      **Weekly Arrest Reports**      **Crime Prevention Tips**  
**Road Closure Notifications**      **Upcoming Community Event Notices**      **Missing Person Information**

#### B.O.L.O. (Be On The LookOut)

The Message Alert system will be used sparingly (we believe that too many messages will spoil the impact). Message Alert will not be used to distribute routine news releases or advertisements. There are other practical methods of doing that via the conventional media outlets.

### What to do if you need help signing up...

If you need assistance subscribing to the WHPD Alert Messaging, you may call the White House Police Department Records Division at 672-4903, ext 1177 or email Elaine Agee at [records@cityofwhitehouse.com](mailto:records@cityofwhitehouse.com)

## 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.



### Course Curriculum:

- Criminal Law
- Crime Prevention
- Recruitment/Training
- Patrol Procedures
- Neighborhood Watch
- DUI Enforcement
- K-9/Narcotics Interdiction
- Emergency Response
- Communications
- Emergency Management/Preparedness
- Internal Affairs
- Media/Public Relations
- Firearms
- Criminal Investigations
- Crime Scene Processing
- Community Relations
- Special Services and Programs
- Youth Safety Program

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](http://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.

# TOYS FOR TOTS



**U.S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE**

For more information visit [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org)

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## 2013 TOYS FOR TOTS CAMPAIGN November 7th - December 18th

The White House Police and Fire Departments will participate and support the 2013 U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program by designating each of its buildings as donation drop off sites. The primary goal of Toys for Tots is to deliver, through a shiny new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to needy youngsters that will motivate them to grow into responsible, productive, patriotic citizens and community leaders.

Citizens are encouraged to participate by dropping off a new, unwrapped toy at either location: Police Department at 303 North Palmers Chapel Rd. or the Fire Department Station 1 at 416 Hwy 76 or Station 2 at 120 Business Park Drive Hwy 31W. For further info on how to obtain toys for a \*family in need of support, visit [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org).

Point of contact for additional information is Captain Jeff Mingledorff at W.H.P.D., 672-4903 or 616-1064.

*Toys collected in Sumner and Robertson Counties, are distributed back to families in Sumner and Robertson Counties.*

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### WHPD Holiday Crime Prevention Tips

The rush and good will that surround the holidays can increase the opportunities for criminal activity. The White House Police Department suggests these simple tips to assist you in having a safe and happy holiday season.

#### When Shopping:

- ⇒ **Be ALERT and AWARE of your surroundings.** Pay attention to who is around you and what activities are happening. Don't leave the safety of a building or your vehicle until you have ensured all is secure and safe. Trust your instincts; if you feel uncomfortable with a place or person(s), get away.
- ⇒ **Park in well-lit areas.**
- ⇒ **Remember to lock your vehicle!!** Keep vehicle doors and windows locked while you are in it and especially when you are not! Use anti-theft steering wheel clubs or locks as well. A thief is looking for easy targets & anything you can do to deter them from choosing your car, the better.
- ⇒ **Minimize the number of valuables left in your vehicle** and keep valuables, electronics (including cell phones and DVDs), gifts and other "theft attractors" out of sight.
- ⇒ **Protect your purse or wallet** and clean out any unnecessary items before leaving home. Don't carry large amounts of cash or extra credit cards. Carry only those cards that you will need to use that day. Keep a master list of all cards so if your wallet is stolen, they can be reported promptly to the appropriate banking facility.
- ⇒ **Never leave your purse, wallet or cell phone unattended** in a public place.
- ⇒ **Don't overburden yourself** with packages while shopping.
- ⇒ **Shop with a buddy** – there is safety in numbers.
- ⇒ **Role-play with children** about what should happen in the event you are separated.
- ⇒ **Have your keys out** and ready when you return to your vehicle.
- ⇒ **Do not leave your car unattended** with the motor running or with the keys in the ignition – even for the very short time needed to do a quick errand or pay for fuel.
- ⇒ **Only make online purchases from trusted, secure websites.** Look for "https" in the web address to verify security.



**Contact the White House Police Department to report all criminal activity:  
Emergency: 911                      Non Emergency 672-4903**



# Miracle on Main Street



**Saturday, December 7th**

## *Schedule*

**1:00 pm**

Christmas Parade

### **After the Parade**

Pictures with Santa

Located in the City Hall Board Room

Sponsored by The Credit Union for Robertson County

### **After the Parade**

City vehicles on display (Fire Truck, Dare Car)

College Street

### **After the Parade**

Elf (the movie)

Located in the City Hall Auditorium

Sponsored by Life Center Church

### **After the Parade**

Pony Rides

Provided by Porky's Pony Rides

**2:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

Benefit Supper

Located in City Hall Cafeteria

Benefits Fire Explorers and C.E.R.T. Team

**2:00 pm - 5:45 pm**

Live Entertainment

**4:45 pm**

Christmas Tree Lighting

"The Night Before Christmas" read by Vice-Mayor Farris Bibb

**And Many Other Exciting Activities!!!**

## *Vendors*

Avon by Janice Abbott

Christian Community Schools

Cumberland Pediatric Dentistry

Gourmet Coffee - Cumberland Valley Coffee

Dance South

Encore Community Choir

Hot Chocolate - Friends of the Library

It's a Girl Thing

Toys and Novelties - M & M Fun Time Novelties

Pony Rides - Porky's Pony Rides

Stewart Chiropractic Center

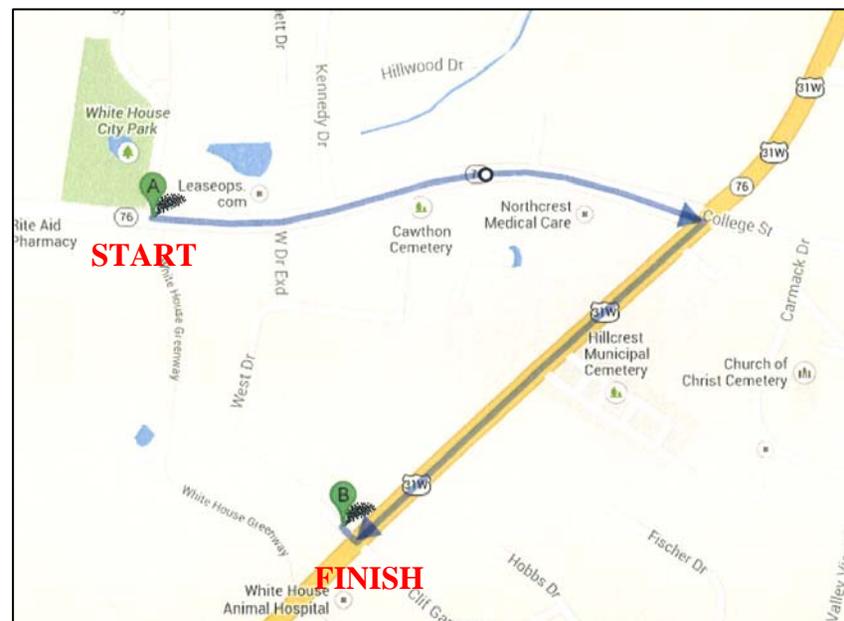
Urgent Team

Funnel Cakes - White House Heritage Band Boosters

Whitt's Barbecue

## **PARADE ROUTE**

*We ask that parade spectators avoid blocking roadways by staying on the sidewalks/side of street along the parade route.*



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.