

A publication from the City of White House
105 College Street ~ White House, Tennessee 37188
February 2014 - March 2014

Word on White House

Citizen's Police Academy 2014

Starting in February classes will be held on Tuesday nights from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

See page 10 for more details regarding the Citizen Police Academy.



Community Storm Spotter Class

The Fire Department is hosting a community Storm Spotter Class.

Tuesday, February 18th
6:30 pm
Fire Station #2
120 Business Park Drive



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February & March

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2		3	4	5	6	8
		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 Home School Story Time LB		
		6:30 PM Zumba PR	1:00 PM Bingo SC	2:00 PM Line Dancing SC		
			6:45 PM Zumba PR			
9		10	11	12	14	15
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	2:00 PM Home School Story Time LB		
		6:30 PM Zumba PR	6:45 PM Zumba PR	2:00 PM Line Dancing SC		
16		17	18	19	21	22
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		7:00 PM Board of Zoning Appeals Mtg BR		7:00 PM Board of Mayor and Aldermen Mtg BR		
23		24	25	26	27	28
			Bi-Annual Book Sale (2/24 - 3/1)			
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			6:45 PM Zumba PR	7:00 PM Leisure Services Board Mtg PR		
9		10	11	12	13	14
			Tech Teen Week (3/10 - 3/15)			
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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.
 FD - Event Sponsored by the Fire Department.

General Information

White House Ranks 16th in Best Places in Tennessee by Movoto Real Estate

CITY	POPULATION	RANK	COST OF LIVING RANK	CRIME RANK	HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RANK	MEDIAN INCOME RANK	HOME VALUE RANK	RENT RANK	EMPLOYMENT RANK	BIG DEAL SCORE
Signal Mountain	7,704	1	100	2	3	7	7	4	1	17.71
Brentwood	39,012	2	105	5	2	1	1	1	10	17.86
Bartlett	55,945	3	62	18	6	10	18	5	7	18
Germantown	39,446	4	98	8	1	2	5	6	10	18.57
Farragut	21,126	5	100	14	4	4	3	8	3	19.43
Lakeland	12,622	6	97	7	8	8	10	9	2	20.14
Nolensville	6,096	7	102	3	11	5	4	2	18	20.71
Spring Hill	31,140	8	92	10	9	12	11	10	4	21.14
Oakland	6,891	9	69	6	17	15	23	15	9	22
Collierville	46,462	10	98	17	6	3	6	12	16	22.57
Franklin	66,280	11	103	19	11	9	2	7	10	23
Green Hill	6,652	12	92	11	11	13	15	32	13	26.71
Mount Juliet	26,870	13	95	24	11	14	13	13	22	27.43
Arlington	11,686	14	87	1	82	6	8	3	6	27.57
Hendersonville	53,080	15	96	22	11	18	12	20	25	29.14
White House	10,587	16	82	30	21	17	17	22	17	29.43

For the full report, visit <http://www.movoto.com/blog/top-ten/best-places-in-tennessee/>.

White House Ranks 13th in Business Friendly Cities in Tennessee by The Beacon Center

		Community Allure	Business Tax Burden	Economic Vitality	Tennessee Region	Overall Score
1	Brentwood	68.5	82.4	88.9	Middle	82.2
2	Farragut	75.0	100	65.6	East	81.2
3	Franklin	73.1	84.2	82.2	Middle	81.2
4	Mount Juliet	70.1	89.3	75.1	Middle	79.7
5	Spring Hill	75.5	71.8	71.8	Middle	75.1
6	Hendersonville	68.3	76.4	65.2	Middle	70.3
7	Lebanon	58.3	85.1	57.5	Middle	68.7
8	Sevierville	50.4	86.1	58.0	East	67.8
9	Nashville	46.6	77.2	61.2	Middle	64.7
10	Smyrna	57.3	73.2	59.2	Middle	64.4
11	Goodlettsville	59.2	70.1	60.5	Middle	64.0
12	Germantown	61.6	52.5	72.7	West	62.4
13	White House	56.6	66.1	59.0	Middle	61.4

For the full report, visit <http://www.beacontn.org/wp-content/uploads/2013-Business-Friendly-Cities-Report.pdf>.

City of White House Office Closings

February 17: Closed in observance of Presidents' 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.

NOTICE

REMINDER

PROPERTY TAXES DUE
OCTOBER 1, 2013 - TO - FEBRUARY 28, 2014

EFFECTIVE MARCH 1
PENALTIES ACCRUE AT 1.5% MONTHLY

YOU CAN CHECK ON OR PAY ON LINE AT
cityofwhitehouse.com
Go to -- I Want To -- Pay -- City Property Taxes

**NOT RECEIVING A TAX NOTICE
WILL NOT RELIEVE YOU OF YOUR RESPONSIBILITY
FOR PAYING YOUR PROPERTY TAXES ON TIME.**

We had a lot of Property Tax Statements returned.
If your unsure about your taxes please go on line or call the
City Of White House 672-4350 ext. 2100.

Public Services Department

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

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

“If in doubt, put it out!”

Emissions Testing Information

2014 Schedule

February 10th

March 10th

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.*

Public Services Department

Our sincere apologies to the multiple citizens that experienced some confusion pertaining to the recycling day the first week of January. Next year we will attempt to be more clear on the cards that are mailed to your homes, and have the notices on our website and social media outlets be concise.

Thank you for your understanding.

When the garbage collection is interrupted by a holiday - the garbage service is moved to the following day **AND** the recycling pickup is moved to Saturday.

FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2014

Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 27th - Thursday's garbage service is moved to Friday, November 28th **AND** ROBERTSON County's recycling service is moved to Saturday, November 29th.

Christmas Day - Thursday, December 25th - Thursday's garbage service is moved to Friday, December 26th **AND** ROBERTSON County's recycling service is moved to Saturday, December 27th.

Recycling = \$\$\$

The City receives revenue from the Material Recycling Facility (MRF). Therefore, the more we recycle the more revenue we generate. The more we generate the less you have to pay!

The stats for the 13 months we've had a CURBSIDE RECYCLING program are as follows:

- \$6,666.00 in revenue from the sale of recyclable materials!
- 532 TONS of recyclable materials collected!
- \$24,206.00 in savings from the landfill disposal costs!

The stats for GARBAGE COLLECTION & DISPOSAL for the same 13 months are as follows:

- \$222,495.00 in fees paid to the Robertson County landfill by the City & on tax bills!
- 4,890 tons of garbage collected and disposed of in the landfill!

Therefore, we are only recycling 10.9% of our garbage!!?? **STOP THROWING YOUR MONEY AWAY!!!**

I 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.

How does this new recycling program work?

The recycling collection schedule is every other Friday. You need to set your new **BLUE** container out at the curb, just like you do for the garbage container.

What materials will the new recycling program accept?

- Newspaper (ONP – old news print, Browser, Word on White House!)
- Cardboard (OCC – old corrugated containers)
- Junk Mail (SOP - sorted office paper – coated & uncoated)
- Magazines (coated and uncoated)
- Paperboard (cereal, frozen foods, refrigerated packaging, medicines, toys, etc.)
- Plastic (baggies, bread bags, milk, juice & laundry bottles, plastic parts, etc.)
- Aseptic Containers (juice boxes, milk containers, etc.)
- Aluminum (foil, pie pans, frozen food pans, soda cans, drink pouches, etc.)
- Steel Cans



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

Parks & Recreation Department

Christmas Parade

The annual Christmas Parade was held Saturday, December 7th at 1:00 p.m. The grand marshal was Rudy Kalis of Channel 4 News. The theme was "The Stories of Christmas." Congratulations to Cherry Mound Baptist Church on being voted "Best Decorated Float." The Girl Scouts came in 2nd Place and Temple Baptist Church came in 3rd Place.

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



Girls Volleyball

There will either be a Girls Volleyball Camp or a Girls Volleyball League this spring/summer. If the gym renovations are completed in time, we will have a Girls Volleyball League, but if it lasts longer then we will just do a camp and offer the league during the regular time that the fall league is.

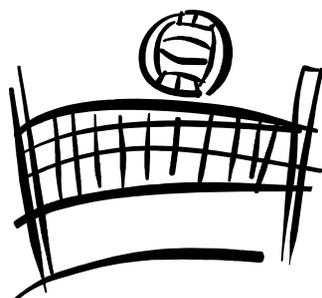


Co-Ed Church Volleyball

Registration will begin once there is a better idea of when the gym renovations will be completed.

Fee:
\$250 per team.
Non-Resident Fee may apply

Registration will end, and games will begin, when gym renovations are completed



Men's Open Basketball

Registration will begin once there is a better idea of when the gym renovations will be completed.

Fee:
\$475 per team
Non-resident fees may apply

Tuesday Night Games

Start of season will depend on gym renovation completion.



Little League Challenger Baseball

Registration will end March 10th. Practices will begin in March and Saturday games will begin in April.

Fee:
\$35 for city residents
\$47 for out-of-city residents

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

Men's Open Softball

Registration will end February 24th. There are two leagues being offered this spring: A Competitive League and a Recreational League.

Fee:
\$450 per team

Games will begin in March.

Zumba Fitness

Wednesday night classes have been changed to Tuesday nights.

Tuesday

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Instructor - Tammy Taylor

Wednesday

6:45 pm - 7:45 pm
Instructor - Kimberly Caldwell

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>
Some programs may be available for online registration. To see if the program you are interested in is available for online registration visit: sports.bluesombrero.com/whparks

Senior Center

Don't stay home during these cold winter days, come on down and join us at the Senior Center! We are open Monday thru Thursday unless otherwise posted. We have lots of fun times. We play Bingo twice a month on Wednesday about 12:45 pm (after our Hot Lunch). All you need to bring is a wrapped gift worth \$3.00 marked male or female. Bring a gift – win a gift. We have a door prize for those who get the cover-all, so come on down and join us! We also play Bunco, Pass the Ace, Right-Left-Center, Deer in the Headlights, Charades and lots of other fun games. We also take day road trips, we go to the movies, bowling, visit many restaurants and tour exciting places. I'll be more than happy to send you one of our activity calendars, just ask.



Hot Lunch



- ⇒ Seniors pay **\$2.50** per person for a great hot meal every Wednesday.
- ⇒ Make reservations by Monday before noon for that Wednesday by calling me at 672-4350, ext. 2116. If I do not answer, please leave a message.

XOXO Cupid's Bash

Get your red dress and dancing shoes on for our XOXO Cupid's Bash!

Tuesday, February 11th
7:00 pm - 9:30 pm
\$5.00/person

We will have our famous live band – “Casey and the Cowboys” playing a mixture of great tunes. But you must make your reservation early by coming by the Parks and Recreation office - see Linda Brooks and pay your \$5.00 per person prior to February 6th. This is going to be a nice treat and a fun-filled night with live music, line dancing, games and dancing with your sweetheart. Single? Don't have a sweetheart, don't worry about it, just look in the mirror...there's a sweet heart! Come join us! Hope to see you that night and don't forget to bring your dish to share!



- Kelly



White House Inn Library & Museum

The White House Library will be closed on Monday, February 17th for Presidents' Day.

Free AARP Tax Aid



The White House Library is now taking appointments for free AARP tax aid. Only senior citizens and those that make \$50,000 or less a 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.

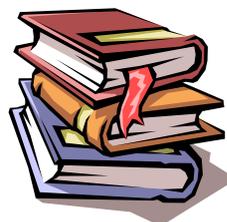
General Programs



- ⇒ The Toddler and Preschool story times will not be held the last week of February due to the book sale.
- ⇒ The White House Library's book club for adults will meet February 20th, at 10 am due to the book sale. The March meeting will be back to the last Thursday, March 27th. Please call Janet at the library, 672-0239, to get the book titles for each meeting.

Bi-Annual Book Sale

The Friends of the Library will hold their bi-annual book sale from February 24th through March 1st. Prices are as follows: VHS \$.50; Magazines \$.10; Hardcover books \$.50; Paperback books \$.25. Please come out and check out these great finds while also supporting the library.



Teen Tech Week

Teen Tech week will run from March 10th through the 15th.

- ⇒ On Monday, March 10th at 5:30 pm, teens can learn how to use the Microsoft program One Note which is a note taking software. This program will greatly help teens take notes in high school and even college courses.
- ⇒ On Tuesday, March 11th at 5:30 pm, teens can come and enjoy playing Wii Dance Along with drinks, chips and salsa!
- ⇒ On Thursday, March 13th at 5:30 pm, teens will get to compete with friends in a number of X-box Kinect games such as Twister Mania and more. Pizza and drinks will be provided this night.

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:

Monday, February 17th - Closed

"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

www.youseemore.com/whitehouseinn/

Phillip Vickery DDS - Chair

Doug Ronning - Treasurer

Fire Department

Home Fire Sprinkler Update

Our home is the one place we want to feel the safest. Sadly statistics prove that our home is the place that we are likely to die from fire. As buildings materials and methods change, so do the required codes that govern building practices. The newest codes recognize that fire deaths are occurring in homes and have addressed it by requiring home fire sprinklers be installed in all new home construction. Unfortunately, the legislature of the State of Tennessee has provided exemptions from these requirements and made it much more difficult for local governments to adopt sprinkler ordinances. There was great effort made by the firefighters across the state to fight the exemptions, but our efforts were stopped by lobbyist for other industries. However, the laws passed do not prohibit an individual from installing sprinklers in their home and we encourage everyone to evaluate the benefits of installing home fire sprinklers when building a new home.

According to the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition (www.homefiresprinkler.org) website:

- ⇒ The cost of installing home fire sprinklers averages \$1.35 per sprinklered square foot for new construction, according to a [Home Fire Sprinkler Cost Assessment report](#) from the Fire Protection Research Foundation. That cost is down from \$1.61 per sprinklered square foot that was announced in a 2008 report from the Research Foundation.
- ⇒ To put that into perspective, many people pay similar amounts for carpet upgrades, paving a stone driveway, or a whirlpool bath. Sales in many U.S. communities where sprinkler systems are available show that, not only are consumers requesting this feature, but also that houses with sprinkler systems are selling faster than those without. Installing home fire sprinklers can help residents:
 - Significantly reduced property loss in the event of fire
 - Cut homeowner insurance premiums
 - Help qualify home for a tax rebate
 - Help support local fire service efforts

In 1986 the Scottsdale, Arizona City council passed an ordinance requiring home fire sprinkler installation in all new homes. 10 and 15 year reports have been provided to prove the difference fire sprinklers make. If you are planning on building a new home, consider the following information from these reports (<http://www.homefiresprinkler.org/fire-department-15-year-data>):

- ⇒ More than 50% of the homes in Scottsdale (41,408 homes) are protected with fire sprinkler systems
- ⇒ In the 15 years there were 598 home fires. Of the 598 home fires, 49 were in single-family homes with fire sprinkler systems:
 - There were no deaths in sprinklered homes
 - 13 people died in homes without sprinklers
- ⇒ There was less damage in the homes with sprinklers:
 - Average fire loss per sprinklered incident: \$2,166
 - Average fire loss per unsprinklered incident: \$45,019
 - Annual fire losses in Scottsdale (2000-2001) were \$3,021,225 compared to the national average of \$9,144,442
- ⇒ Only the sprinkler closest to the fire will activate, spraying water directly on the fire. 90% of fires are contained by the operation of just one sprinkler. According to the Scottsdale report, there was less water damage in the homes with sprinklers:
 - Sprinkler systems discharged an average of 341 gallons of water per fire
 - 2,935 gallons of water per fire were released by firefighter hoses in non-sprinklered homes



According to the report titled *Fire Loss in the United States* (available at <http://www.nfpa.org/newsandpublications/nfpa-journal/2013/september-october-2013/features/fire-loss-in-the-united-states-during-2012>), in 2012 there were:

- 365,000 home structure fires in the U.S.
- 2,380 home fire deaths
- 12,875 civilian injuries due to home fires
- 7 billion dollars in property loss as a result of the fires
- 83% of all fire deaths were in home fires

As was reported in the last *Word on White House*, modern building materials and practices give you less time to survive a fire in your home. The best method available to protect your family is to install home fire sprinklers. If you need additional information about the installation of home fire sprinklers, do not hesitate to contact us at 615-672-5338.



Meet your firefighters... Firefighter Richard Dorris

Firefighter Dorris started with the City of White House Fire Department as a career firefighter in 2001. Some of the certifications that Firefighter Dorris holds are: Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Fire Instructor I, Fire Officer I, and Emergency Medical Technician. Firefighter Dorris is assigned to “C” shift. He lives in White House, is married, and has three daughters.

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 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

Citizen's 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
- D.U.I. 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 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.

WHITE HOUSE POLICE DEPARTMENT



Winter Driving Safety Tips

Driving on snowy or icy roads requires special attention to safety. Although it's impossible to have ideal road conditions 365 days a year, there are certain precautions you can take to make winter driving safer. Here are some tips and suggestions to help you get ready for the hazards of winter:

- ⇒ Don't go out until the snow plows/salt trucks have had a chance to do their work
- ⇒ Always wear your seatbelt and insure all passengers wear theirs
- ⇒ Keep your gas tank at least half full
- ⇒ Allow yourself extra time to reach your destination
- ⇒ Turn on your headlights to increase your visibility to other motorists
- ⇒ Brake gently to avoid skidding
- ⇒ Be especially careful on bridges and overpasses, which will freeze first
- ⇒ Keep your windshield, windows and mirrors clean and free of ice and snow.
- ⇒ Equip your vehicle with a flashlight and extra batteries, first aid kit, blanket, hat and gloves, small bag of sand, small shovel, booster cables and bottled water.



Tennessee travelers have several options of accessing road and travel conditions using the web at www.TN511.com or by dialing 511 on their cellular phones or land lines.

For traffic assistance in White House, contact the White House Police Department at 672-4903 and/or the Central Dispatch Center (for all non-emergencies or to request an officer) at 382-6863. Remember to dial 911 for all emergencies.

For all other roadway emergencies, contact the Tennessee Highway Patrol at *THP (*847).