

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

Word on White House

Discover White House

Saturday, April 12th
9:00 am—2:00 pm
White House Heritage High School
7744 Highway 76



Community Build

The City of White House is excited about the installation of a new all-inclusive playground at Municipal Park. The community is invited to participate in the Community Build portion of the construction process. See page 3 for details.

Saturday, March 29th
8:00 am
Municipal Park by the Challenger Baseball field



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April & May

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

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SC - Event Sponsored by Senior Center
PR - Event Sponsored by Park and Recreation

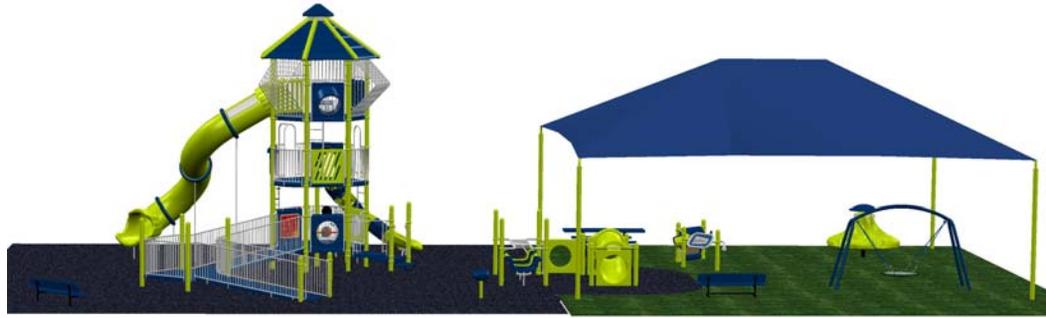
BR - Event Located at City Hall Board Chambers Room.
GN - General

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

SAVE THE DATES:

- ⇒ Tuesday, July 1st thru Saturday, July 5th: SummerFest Carnival
- ⇒ Saturday, July 5th: Independence Celebration

General Information



We are excited about the installation of a new all-inclusive playground at the White House Municipal Park!! You are invited to participate in The Community Build portion of the construction process. It will take place at **8:00am** on **Saturday, March 29th**. Lunch will be provided. All attendees will be required to sign hold harmless agreements at the outset.

If you have any questions about this event contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 672-4350 ext. 2114.



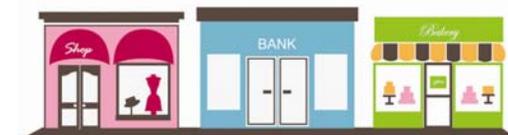
City of White House Office Closings

April 17: Closed in observance of Good Friday
May 26: Closed in observance of Memorial 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.

Discover
White House



where business and community come together

Saturday, April 12th
9:00 am - 2:00 pm
White House Heritage High School
7744 Hwy 76E

Free Admission
Silent Auction

Typical Cost of Service for a Homeowner in White House

The City provides numerous services to our residents. Based on the total budget for each City Department, we can roughly estimate the cost of services available to each home in the City. The Total Operating Budget does not include capital expenditures. Based on the 2010 U.S. Census, there are 3,828 households in the City of White House.

Department	Total Operating Budget	Avg. Cost per Household
Police	\$ 1,757,969	\$ 459.24
Fire	\$ 1,281,156	\$ 334.68
Public Works	\$ 352,093	\$ 91.98
Parks & Recreation	\$ 749,807	\$ 195.88
City Court	\$ 77,537	\$ 20.26
Finance	\$ 370,264	\$ 96.73
Administration	\$ 645,310	\$ 168.58
Human Resources	\$ 141,894	\$ 37.07
Engineering	\$ 52,000	\$13.59
Planning & Codes	\$ 258,486	\$ 67.53
Library & Museum	\$ 233,458	\$ 60.99
Total Avg. Cost		\$ 1,546.53

From the above Departments, the typical resident receives the following services:

- Police Crime Prevention Program
- Police Patrol
- Police Detectives & Investigation
- Fire Protection
- Fire Inspection Services
- Dispatching of 911 Calls
- Property and Codes Maintenance
- Building Inspection
- Planning Services
- Municipal Court System
- Fire Prevention Education
- 90-Acre Park
- Four miles of Greenway
- Soccer Complex
- Indoor and Outdoor Recreation
- Senior Citizen Center
- Indoor Gym & Auditorium
- Street Paving & Signal Maintenance
- Storm Water Management
- Full Library Services
- Economic Development

All of the above services and many more like this cost the local taxpayers money. The average homeowner pays about \$ 573 per year in property taxes. This represents only 37% of the actual cost of providing services to a home. It takes a combination of business taxes, sales tax collections, and shared taxes coming from the State of Tennessee to allow the City of White House to continue to provide services.

Other services offered include Wastewater and Sanitation. These services are funded directly through user fees which may not be co-mingled with the revenues and expenses discussed above.

Did you know?

- Street Lighting for White House costs nearly \$ 113,000 per year. This represents tax collections from nearly 197 typical homes in White House.
- The City carefully reviews all submissions for plans from each development, and tries to ensure the City grows prudently and is not left with greater long-term costs.
- The Police and Fire Departments respond to all medical calls within the City limits. The City's public safety officers are routinely the first on-site and the Fire Department has the capability of stabilizing many medical conditions.
- The City has actually lowered the number of full-time employees per 1,000 citizens in the last five years from 9.7 to 8.3.
- The Library provides a 6-week summer reading program for children of all ages, and on-going story hours and book clubs.
- The City of White House has one of only 14 city funded public libraries in Tennessee.

Public Services Department

Reminders Regarding Garbage Collection

- **DO NOT** use your recycling container for “extra” garbage service - the driver has been instructed NOT TO PICK-UP recycling containers that are full of garbage.
- 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

April 7th

May 12th

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 recycling goal is 25%

We are now at 15%

We need 10% more material recovery to meet our goal!!

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 CURBSIDE RECYCLING & METAL DROP-OFF stats from July 2013 to present are:

- 311 TONS (44-tons/month average) of recyclable materials collected!
- \$6,159.00 in revenue from the sale of recyclable materials!
- \$12,765.00 in savings from the landfill disposal costs!

The CURBSIDE GARBAGE & DROP-OFF DISPOSAL stats from July 2013 to present are:

- 2,101 TONS of garbage collected and disposed of in the landfill!
- \$100,245.00 in landfill fees paid by the City & Robertson County tax bills!

STOP THROWING YOUR MONEY AWAY!!!

I see many garbage containers full, which means 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

Youth Basketball



3rd & 4th Grade Girls Regular Season & Tournament Champions
Purple - Coached by Todd Lowe



5th – 8th Grade Girls Tournament Champions
Col. Blue - Coached by Toyia Gourley



7th & 8th Grade Boys Regular Season & Tournament Champions
Maroon - Coached by Stephen Williams



3rd & 4th Grade Boys Regular Season & Tournament Champions
White w/Maroon - Coached by Phil Minnicks



5th & 6th Grade Boys Regular Season & Tournament Champions
Royal Blue - Coached by Jeff Burrow

Zumba Fitness

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

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

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

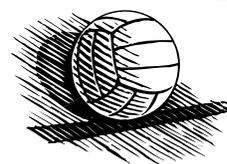
Men's Open Basketball

Registration will begin in April.

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

Tuesday Night Games

Start of season will start in May or June (depending on when the gym is fully complete).



Girls Volleyball

We will do a volleyball camp this summer. The camp will be in June and/or July. Please check back for more info.

14th Annual Independence 5K

The date for the 14th Annual Independence 5K has been set for **Saturday, July 5th at 8:00 am**. The race will start at the White House High School trailhead.



Little League Challenger Baseball

Practices began in March and Saturday games begin April 12th. All games are Saturday's at 9:30 am. Come out and support this one-of-a-kind league!

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR CURRENT CHALLENGER BASEBALL SPONSORS:

BEST WESTERN PLUS – WHITE HOUSE
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THE FARMERS BANK
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WHITE HOUSE GOLD & DIAMOND OUTLET
VOLUNTEER STATE BANK
COPPER CREEK ELECTRIC
KROGER

Summer is coming soon so be on the lookout for more information on our upcoming Summer Programs such as Gymnastics and Tumbling, Basketball Camp, Girls Volleyball Camp, Challenger Basketball, Punt, Pass, & Kick and the 14th Annual Independence 5K race!! Keep checking our website for more details on all of our leagues and events at: <http://www.cityofwhitehouse.com/government/parks>.

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 (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 have Painting with Liz who is a certified Bob Ross instructor, teaching for over 12 years now. We're planning boat tours, maybe even a cruise to the Caribbean! We also teach Bunco, Pass the Ace, Right-Left-Center, Charades and lots of other fun games. We also take day road trips, we see a show with lunch at Chaffin's Barn, we go to the movies, bowling, visit many restaurants and tour exciting places. So don't miss out, there's no fee to join, so come on over and see us! I'll be more than happy to send you one of our activity calendars, just ask.

Gentlemen, don't stay home, we have billiards, corn toss, indoor horseshoes, and Bunco!



Valentine Body Bingo



Romeros Wilkinsons Jenks Holders Wrights

Valentines Newly/Oldie-Wed Game Winners-We had Michael Stray-Hand for our scorekeeper and Pat Say-Jack as our host. :-)



After "BUNCO" some of our group headed to the Chocolate Covered Strawberry for lunch.



Hot Lunch

- ⇒ Seniors pay **\$2.50** per person for a great hot meal every Wednesday. Price includes dessert and beverage.
- ⇒ 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.

Phone Scam Alert

Scam caller rings once and hangs up – hoping you will call back.



If your cell phone rings once and you miss the call, don't call back a long distance, unfamiliar number. You could easily become part of a costly scam going around.

It's called the "One Ring Scam": and it works like this: Scammers auto dial random cell numbers, letting the phone ring only once just before hanging up. They hope you will be curious and call back to see who it was. When you call the number you will hear a message telling you that you have reached an operator and will direct them to hold. In some cases the calls go to adult entertainment or other expensive services. While you wait, you will unknowingly be hit with expensive per-minute charges.

The calls have three digit area codes that seem as though they belong in the U.S. They are actually from out of the country. The area codes include 268, 284, 473, 664, and 767, to list a few. Victims can be charged \$19.95 for an international call and nine dollars per minute after that.

To avoid the scam, do not automatically call back a long distance number you do not recognize. Either wait for the person to call you back or leave a message. You can also get more information about the number online, researching the location of the area code. Carefully check your phone bill and look for those charges. Many times the amounts are so small, the victims never notice. Report any unexpected charges to your carrier.

- Captain Mingledorff

White House Inn Library & Museum

General Programs

- ⇒ The White House Library will be having a **Food for Fines** event on April 14th through the 21st to celebrate National Library week. One non-perishable food item will replace one dollar in fines. Patrons must bring return any and all overdue items before the food will go to replace a fine. Goods that are expired, dented, or missing labels will not be accepted in exchange for fines. Food items cannot be brought in to replace a non-resident fee. Food items will only be accepted during the date listed above.
- ⇒ Story time for toddlers will continue to meet on Tuesdays at 10:30 while preschoolers will meet on Wednesdays at 10:30 throughout the month of April. Story times will meet as normal up to May 21st. After May 21st, there will not be any more story times until Wednesday, June 18th. From June 18th to July 23rd, Toddler and Preschool story times will meet together on Wednesdays at 10:30. After July 23rd, there will not be anymore story times until September when we will again go back to our normal schedule of Toddlers on Tuesdays at 10:30 and Preschoolers on Wednesday at 10:30.
- ⇒ The book club for adults will continue to meet at 10 am on the last Thursday of each month. Please call Janet (672-0239) at the library for each month's book title.



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:

Thursday, April 17th - Closed
Monday, May 26th - Closed

Summer Reading Program

- ⇒ The White House Library's Summer Reading Program will begin on **June 17th**! The theme this year is *Fizz, Boom, Read*, so you can be sure that there will be some great science events! Teens and children can begin signing up for the program on June 16th.
- ⇒ To start our program, the library will be holding a kick-off party at the park from 11 am to 1:30 pm on June 17th. Hot dogs, chips, drinks, balloon animals, water balloons, and face painting will all be provided at the event. After the kick-off party, patrons can walk back over to the library for our Summer Reading Performance! At 1:30 pm on June 17th, the library will be having an animal program which includes many reptiles and talks about how they relate to dinosaurs!
- ⇒ Then on June 18th, the library will be having its Summer Reading Craft Day for those ages 5-12 at 1:30 pm. To follow up the animal theme program the day before, kids will get to make a nature journal and then go outside and hunt for plants and animals to sketch.
- ⇒ On June 24th, at 10:30 am the library will be having puppet performers! These performers will have hand puppets as well as shadow puppets for children ages 5-12 to watch.
- ⇒ Then on June 25th, at 1:30pm, children ages 5-12 can meet at the library for our second craft day. Children will get to make their own magic movie scene.
- ⇒ To start our teen Summer Reading Program, we will be having a senior citizens vs. teens game night on Tuesday, June 24th at 5:30 pm. Pizza and drinks will be provide. Come and see who will win the games.

Stay tune for the July Summer Reading Program schedule.

ART FRENZY NIGHT

Saturday, June 28th



Come and make artwork with everything from duct tape, balloon paint, egg shells, and even yourself! Be sure to come join the fun.

White House Inn Library & Museum

Friends of the Library Membership Drive

Thank you to all members of the Friends of the White House Library for your support this year. Now is the time to renew your annual membership or become a new member.

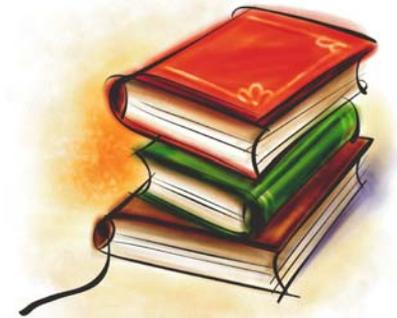
Your dues and donations help to provide a variety of books, materials and programs for children and adults. These programs and services make our library a great resource and a positive experience. Every member, by paying yearly dues adds to the funds that help us realize our goals.

Annual membership levels are:

- ⇒ Individual membership: \$ 10.00
- ⇒ Family membership: \$ 20.00
- ⇒ Business membership: \$ 50.00

You may leave your dues in the box at the circulation desk or you may mail them to:

**Friends of the White House Library
P.O. Box 1445
White House, TN 37188**



Thank you for supporting your library and being a Friend!

1st Annual Black Tie Gala

The White House Library Committee is pleased to announce the 1st Annual Black Tie Gala. Mr. & Mrs. Dale Broadrick have graciously opened the beautiful grounds surrounding their home for this event on Thursday, April 10th, 2014.

The Gala begins at six o'clock and will include festive music by the Top Tier Band, dancing, a cash bar of wine and beer, a gourmet sit-down dinner, silent auction and a special presentation by Senator Diane Black.

The cost for the event is \$100 per person. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Please contact us at seden@bellsouth.net to buy your tickets. We anticipate this year's Gala will be a great success.

Don't miss out on this fabulous opportunity to help make a difference in our community.

1st Annual 4 Mile Fun Run & 1 Mile Kids Run

*Friends of the White House Library are
hosting this new event*

Saturday, May 24th

8:00 am

Greenway Trailhead @ the White House High School

More details can be found here:

www.FriendsOfTheLibrary-WhiteHouse.org
WhiteHouseFOL@gmail.com

White House Library @ 615-672-0239 or 615-400-0533
All proceeds from the race will go to support the new library in White House. Friends of the White House Library is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization

"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/

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Fire Department

White House CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)

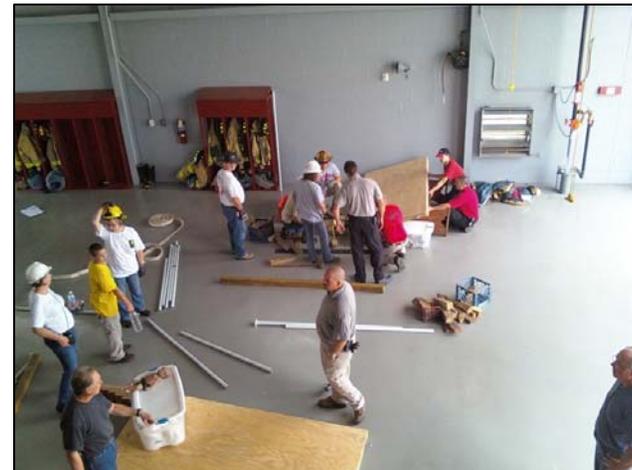
The White House CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) is designed to prepare the citizens of White House for a disaster. The class teaches participants the methods and actions to be taken to ensure the safety of their own family and home, their neighbors, and the community. The goal of the White House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

We need your help to ensure the success of this program. The White House Fire Department will host another training opportunity in May 2014 and the classes will be May 1, 8, 15, 22, 24 from 6:30 PM until 9:30 PM and on May 24 from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM. The cost of the class is \$40.00 and includes all the materials and a backpack that will contain: hardhat, goggles, gloves (medical and leather), first-aid kit, reflective vest, whistle, and flashlight with batteries. **There is a minimum of 10 participants and is limited to 20 participants and will be first come first served. Registration will end April 30, 2014 so please call Fire Marshal Jeremy Sisk at Fire Station # 2 at 615-672-5338 as soon as possible to sign-up.**

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



Participants demonstrate fire extinguisher use.



Participants applying light search and rescue techniques.



Meet your firefighters... Firefighter Steven Likens

Firefighter Likens started with the City of White House Fire Department as a career firefighter in 2001. Some of the certifications that Firefighter Likens holds are: Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Fire Instructor I, Fire Officer I, Certified Driver/ Operator and Medical First Responder. Firefighter Likens is assigned to "B" shift. He lives in White House, is married, and has two sons.

Fire Department



White House Fire Department and Rotary Club FireFighter of the Year Award

The White House Rotary Club's Annual Police Officer and Firefighter of the Year Luncheon was held on Thursday February 27, 2014. The 2013 White House Fire Department's FireFighter of the Year Award went to FireFighter Patrick McLaughlin. With Fire-Fighter McLaughlin (right) is White House Fire Department Assistant Chief Jeremy Sisk (left) and White House Rotary Club President Chris Wilson (center).

Spring Reminders:

Open Burning

While open burning is permitted in the City of White House, the Fire Department would like to remind everyone that it is best to move brush to the curb for pick-up by the Public Services Department. If it is necessary to burn brush:

1. **You must secure a burn permit.** Permits are required at all times within the City limits. The only exception to this is if you are having a small "campfire". Permits can be obtained online at <http://www.cityofwhitehouse.com/government/fire-department/burn-permits>.
2. Only wood waste from your property is to be burned.
3. The pile to be burned cannot contain other items such as tires, pressure treated wood, plastics, rubber, cardboard, trash, or construction debris.
4. Obtaining a permit does not relieve the homeowner of liability from damage to other residents' property. The permit holder is responsible for the burning and any damage that results from the burning could result in lawsuits and/or criminal charges.

Severe Weather

As winter will soon fade, we begin to turn our attention to the warmth that arrives with spring. This time of year brings about the flowers, gardens, and warmer weather that most everyone enjoys. Unfortunately, the warm weather typically brings about the threat of severe weather. The spring months are the most active for severe weather in our area. The White House Fire Department wants to remind everyone to make preparation for severe weather and the possibility of power outages and damage that often accompanies these strong storm systems. The Fire Department encourages everyone to purchase a Weather Radio for your home or business. If you purchase a radio that allows the programming of S.A.M.E. codes, you can eliminate unwanted alerts for other areas of middle TN. If you need assistance programming your radio, you can come by Fire Station 2 located at 120 Business Park Dr. between the hours of 7:15 and 5:15 Monday through Thursday.

CodeRed

Another great tool that is available for severe weather preparedness is the CodeRed Warning system. This service free to the residents and businesses of the City of White House. This notification system lets you input what methods of notification you desire (phone call or text) and is specific for the City of White House. Signing up is simple. Just go to the City of White House website at www.cityofwhitehouse.com and click on the CodeRed link at the bottom left and follow the instructions.

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

W.H.P.D. Police Explorers Compete in Winterfest Competition

Earn Top Honors

During February 2014, the WHPD Police Explorers participated in Winterfest, an annual Regional Explorer Competition held in Gatlinburg, TN. There were a total of fourteen states represented with 68 police explorer posts participating in the competition. The five White House Police Explorers competed in five events:

Written Law Enforcement Exam	26th Place
Active Shooter	23rd Place
Crime Scene Investigation	7th Place
Drug Recognition	1st Place
Individual Tactical Fitness Challenge (Nick George)	1st Place

This was the second Winterfest Competition that the WHPD Explorers have competed in. The White House Police Department is extremely proud of the efforts and tactical mindset that these five young men and women displayed at this regional competition.

Law Enforcement Exploring provides educational training programs for young adults (14-21 year olds) on the purposes, mission, and objectives of law enforcement. The program provides career orientation experiences, leadership opportunities, and community service activities. The primary goals of the program are to help young adults choose a career path within law enforcement and to challenge them to become responsible citizens of their communities and the nation.

Sgt. Joel Brisson is the Post Advisor for White House Post #406. Associate Advisors are Officers Kia Vanatta and Patrick Bagwell.



*Pictured left to right – front row Marie Nuzzo, Fontaine Arrowood
Left to right – back row Alison Davis, Jackie Bonilla, and Nick George*

Police Department

HOW TO SAFELY USE THE GREENWAY

Trail Watch/General Emergency Number: 615-672-4903 for White House Police Department (PD)

- ⇒ Crime in progress, or a serious life-threatening injury can be reported to the White House Police Department at **Emergency #9-1-1**.
- ⇒ Suspicious activity, strange behavior, threatening presence: Call White House PD.
- ⇒ Illegal camps or litter related to alcohol or public inebriation: Call White House PD.
- ⇒ Incidents involving domestic animals: Call 615-672-4903 White House PD.
- ⇒ Trail erosion, trail obstruction, graffiti, trail hazards: Call 615-672-4350, ext. 2114 White House Parks.



Trail Safety Tips

- ⇒ Carry a cell phone in case of emergency. Program the White House Police Department's number into your cell phone before you leave: 615-672-4903.
- ⇒ There is safety in numbers. Use the buddy-system and enjoy the trail with a companion.
- ⇒ Park in a well-lit, heavily-trafficked area. Lock your vehicle and do not leave valuables such as purses, wallets, jewelry, or cell phones inside.
- ⇒ Be prepared for your enjoyment of the trail by bringing plenty of fluids to drink, and a snack or medications to address any personal health conditions.
- ⇒ Carry identification including your name, phone number, critical medical information, and a contact name/number in case of an emergency.
- ⇒ Wear comfortable sport shoes, loose-fitting clothing appropriate for the weather, and use proper safety equipment. Protective clothing and equipment help to prevent injuries and helmets save lives.
- ⇒ Wear bright and/or reflective fabrics and carry a whistle or noisemaker.
- ⇒ Tell friends or family the route you will be taking and when you expect to return. If you are going to be late, give them a call.
- ⇒ Stay on the designated trail and avoid short-cutting or crossing open country.
- ⇒ Be alert and aware of your surroundings. Avoid areas where visibility is poor, and be aware of sounds in your environment.
- ⇒ Be confident. Look people in the eye and let others know you are aware of their presence with a polite "Hello!" Follow your intuition about unfamiliar people and areas.
- ⇒ When you approach your car, have your keys ready. Check the floor and back seats before you get in.

Trail Etiquette

- ⇒ Be a good citizen; helpful, polite, and considerate of others
- ⇒ Respect the trail, private property, and city property.
- ⇒ Remember that pedestrians have the right-of-way.
- ⇒ Pick-up litter. Pack out what you pack in.
- ⇒ Give verbal warning and use caution when overtaking other trail user.
- ⇒ Use caution around domestic and wild animals.

Trail Rules

- ⇒ The trail is open from sunrise to sunset daily. The trail closes at dark.
- ⇒ Children must be supervised by an adult.
- ⇒ With the exception of motorized wheelchairs, only non-motorized vehicles are permitted.
- ⇒ Pets must be kept on a leash, and people must clean up after their pets.
- ⇒ This trail is not intended for equestrian use; no horses, ponies, or other equines allowed.
- ⇒ No littering, or alcoholic beverages.
- ⇒ No fires, pyrotechnics, launching of hobby-rockets or balloons.
- ⇒ No annoying, offensive, or profane languages or gestures.
- ⇒ No skateboards allowed.
- ⇒ Keep right, except to pass.
- ⇒ No destruction/removal of plants, animals, or defacing of trees, fencing, or property.
- ⇒ No commercial activity or offering items for sale, except by permit.



White House Police Department and Rotary Club

Police Officer of the Year Award

The White House Rotary Club's Annual Police Officer and Firefighter of the Year Luncheon was held on Thursday February 27, 2014. The 2013 White House Police Officer of the Year Award went to Detective Jason Shapton (left). With Detective Shapton is White House Police Chief Pat Brady (center) and White House Rotary Club President Chris Wilson (right).

A nighttime photograph of a carnival. On the left, a large Ferris wheel is illuminated with orange and red lights. In the center, another Ferris wheel is lit up with purple and blue lights. To the right, a roller coaster with yellow and red tracks is visible. The scene is dark, with the carnival lights providing the main illumination. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

**SummerFest Carnival
July 1-5, 2014
Save the Date**

White House, TN.