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AMERICANA
Celebration

- + LIVE MUSIC
- + FOOD TRUCKS
- + CARNIVAL
- + BOOTHS
- + FIREWORKS

Farmer Jason

SATURDAY, JULY 4TH
BEGINS AT 4 PM FIREWORKS AT 9 PM

Americana Celebration to include free shuttle service and Emmy winning performer

The 2015 Americana Celebration is the place to be in White House on Saturday, July 4th. Planning for the annual celebration has been underway for nearly a year and the much anticipated day is now nearly here.

Improved this year will be a shuttle service provided by Grey Line Buses from several key locations in White House to the Soccer Complex. Residents and visitors won't have to worry about traffic or parking when they take advantage of the free shuttles provided for the entirety of the event. There will be shuttle pick up locations at White House Middle School, Grace Park Church and White House City Hall.

See **AMERICANA CELEBRATION** on page 6

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CITY OFFICES HOLIDAY

July 2nd - Independence Day



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CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE



Gerald O. Herman
City Administrator

Greetings,

According to Movoto Real Estate, White House ranked 3rd on their most recent list of "Safest Cities in Tennessee." There are many factors that make for a safe city. First and foremost are the moral, ethical, and right living standards of the people that live here. When people respect and love each other, unacceptable behavior towards one another is nowhere to be found. The second area of importance is the quality and professionalism of our safety forces. We hire only the applicants that have led a life of high moral standards and train them in ways that best protect our community and themselves. We do our best at providing the equipment they need to safely serve you. We know that there is a direct correlation between the number of police officers a city has on staff and the level of crime. We are always analyzing the numbers of, and type of crimes, making sure that our police department is adequately staffed. We also know that a highly trained fire department in first aid procedures and firefighting capabilities can quickly respond to incidents reducing the loss of life. Their expedient first aid can mean the difference of a crime being classified as an assault rather than a homicide!

As you drive around the City you see new construction in many areas. We have finished up the US31W Phase I sidewalk project. Phase II of this project that will connect from Clearview Apartments to the north trailhead will be heading into the environmental/design phase within the next two months.

Tyree Springs at South Palmers has turn lanes under construction and should be finished up by the end of June.

At the municipal complex two projects are under way. Our new \$3.6 million library is nearing completion. Site work for the new municipal complex park should be completed by the end of June. A 2,500 square foot splash pad and a new restroom facility will be built first on this site with plans to open by Memorial Day 2016.

At the City Park two basketball half-courts are under construction with completion planned by the June 30th. Later this summer we plan to resurface the parking lot behind the stadium and the entire length of Stadium Drive. We also have budgeted to light up the road in the back part of the park.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

ONLINE AUCTION INCREASE REVENUE FROM SURPLUS ASSETS

By Derek Watson
Purchasing Coordinator

Ever wondered what happens to surplus City property? They are auctioned online at www.govdeals.com. The City of White House sold 17 items on GovDeals {www.govdeals.com} in 2014. The net profit from the sale of the items was over \$18,000. The majority of the money went back into the general and wastewater funds. Items for sale will be posted continuously on the web and can be accessed through the City's website at www.cityofwhitehouse.com or directly through www.govdeals.com.

PROPERTY TAX NOTICE

PROPERTY TAXES DUE
OCTOBER 1, 2014—TO—FEBRUARY 28, 2015
EFFECTIVE MARCH 1
PENALTIES ACCRUE AT 1.5% MONTHLY

YOU CAN CHECK OR PAY ONLINE AT
www.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.**
**IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE AREA, YOU SHOULD HAVE TWO TAX NOTICES; ONE FROM
THE CITY OF WHITE HOUSE AND ONE FROM THE COUNTY YOU ARE LOCATED IN.**

We still have a lot of 2014 & 2013 taxes unpaid.
**If you are unsure about your taxes please go online or call the
City of White House 672-4350 X2100**



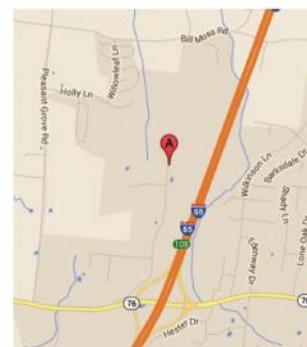
EMISSIONS TESTING

**Monday, June 8th
& Monday, July 13th
9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.**

**427 INDUSTRIAL DR.
BEHIND PUBLIC WORKS BLD.**

2015 TESTING DATES:

**AUG 10TH SEP 14TH OCT 5TH
NOV 9TH DEC 7TH**





Mardi Gras Party for White House Library

The White House Library Committee is in full swing planning their second annual fund raiser for the soon-to-open library. Last year's Black Tie Gala was a huge success raising over \$30,000 in funds. This year the committee hopes to continue that success and continue the tradition of a party to celebrate the community and more importantly the library and the services it provides to White House and the surrounding area.

On June 27, 2015, the White House Library Committee will host a Mardi Gras Party complete with a band from New Orleans, dancing, an offering of wine and beer, a gourmet sit-down dinner, an exciting live auction and presentation from a keynote speaker. The Mardi Gras Party is a fabulous opportunity to offer your charitable support and will make a lasting difference to the White House Library.

The White House Library is a vital asset to the community and provides a variety of services above and beyond book lending. Weekly, hundreds of adults utilize the computers and internet available in the library to conduct job searches, submit online applications and sharpen their computer skills through various online offerings. The Summer Reading program for school age children is designed to prevent learning loss and instill a desire to learn. Throughout the year, the weekly preschool and toddler story times are widely attended and offer young children an opportunity to explore and learn more about the world around them.

The new library will offer all of these opportunities and so many more for our citizens, making contributions from our community an important piece in the puzzle for programs, products and services the library will be able to provide. We would like to invite you to consider supporting the White House Library with a sponsorship at the Mardi Gras Party this year.

Every sponsor will receive special acknowledgement for their support and recognition in the program and in the newspaper. The sponsor levels are as follows: the Book-Smart Sponsor for \$2,500 will receive ten tickets; the Born to Read Sponsor is \$2,000 and will receive eight tickets; the Bookworm Sponsor is \$1,500 and will receive six tickets; the Writers Way Sponsor is just \$1,000 and will receive four tickets to the party; the Story Time sponsor is \$500 and receives two tickets and finally the Novel Ideas Sponsor is \$300 and will receive one ticket to the event. For more information or to reserve your space as a supporter of this event and the White House Library please email seden@bellsouth.net.

Carnival Coloring Contest

Win A FREE Armband! \$20 Value



Three Categories - Top 2 In Each Win An Armband! Ages 5-7 • 8-10 • 11-12

Name _____ Age _____

Phone _____ Parent _____

White House Chamber
Carnival Contest
PO Box 521
White House, TN 37188

**CARNIVAL JUNE 30 - JULY 4TH
AT WHITE HOUSE SOCCER COMPLEX**

Entries must be received by June 19, 2015 for consideration.

Saturday, July 4th

Time: 7:00 AM - Check-in and late registration / 8:00 AM - 5K / 9:15 AM - Awards

15th Annual Independence 5K

Entry Fee: Early Bird Deadline by June 18th
 \$20/Individual
 \$15/Individual 10 & Under
 \$65/Family (up to 4 members)

Fee after June 18th
 \$25/Individual
 \$20/Individual 10 & Under
 \$75/Family (up to 4 members)

15th Annual Independence 5K

The race will start and finish at the White House High School Trailhead (508 Tyree Springs Road). Runners will begin down the greenway past the Veterans Memorial Trailhead and double-back ending up at the White House High School Trailhead.

Awards will be awarded to all early bird entrants, overall male and female, masters male and female (40 & Over), and awards in 5 year increments beginning with age 11 thru age 75 (also a 10U Division).

Senior Center

MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR CENTER COORDINATOR

The Seniors' calendar stays busy year round! If you are at home and want to get out and enjoy making new friends and would like to join others in some fun, then come on over to the Senior Center. Pick up our Activities Calendar and check us out! Sign up sheets are located in the senior center which is located in the municipal building at 31W and College Street. We continue to have Mystery Trips, play Bunco, dominos, cards and have parties and dances. *BINGO* is twice a month on Wednesdays and the cover-all prize is a gift certificate for Kroger and White House Foodland, and where else can you get a great meat and 3 with dessert and drink for \$2.50? We also offer Line Dance lessons on Thursdays at 2:00 ~ cost is only \$3.00 per person and beginners are the first hour and more advanced the 2nd hour. (\$3.00 covers two hours). We even have Basketball Hoops tournaments and Corn Toss with prizes for our winners! June and July will be loaded with new activities and trips, so come join in!

The Senior Center would like to thank *Bojangles', Family Hair Design, The Farmer's Bank, Polished, RJ Young and Wendy's* and for their donations for senior prizes! Your continued support of the seniors programs is really appreciated!



Our Mystery Trip where we toured Wynnewood and had lunch at Mama's Kitchen



SUMMER CAMPS



BASKETBALL CAMP



July 6th - 9th

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

White House Civic Center

Girls & Boys - Grades 2nd thru 6th

Registration: \$50 per person (\$40 for each additional child)

Instructor: Drew Lowery

Head Boys Basketball Coach at White House Middle School

GYMNASTICS & TUMBLING CLASS

June 4th - July 30th

White House Civic Center

Classes every Thursday except for July 6th for 8 weeks

Age 3-5: 10:30 am - 11:15 am

Age 6 & Up: 11:15 am - 12:00 pm

Registration: \$100 for all 8 weeks



Instructor: Charles Harding

FALL SIGN-UPS

FALL BASEBALL & SOFTBALL



Registration Period: June 1st - July 13th

Individual Sign-ups Only

Ages 4-5-6 Coach Pitch/Tee Ball

Ages 7-8 Coach Pitch

Ages 9-10 Kid Pitch



Registration Fee: \$75 for City Residents/\$87 for Non-Residents
Price includes full uniform

Practices will begin in late July/early August and games will start in September.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL



Registration Period: June 8th - July 20th

For Girls Grades 3-8

Registration Fee: \$50 for City Residents/\$62 for Non-Residents
Price includes uniform

Practices will begin in August and games will begin in September.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

We will start taking registrations for Adult Co-Ed Kickball & Men's Open Softball later this summer. So, be on the lookout for those programs! Keep checking our website for more details on all of our leagues and events at: <http://www.cityofwhitehouse.com/government/parks>.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR CHALLENGER BASEBALL SPONSORS FOR HELPING US HAVE A FUN SEASON:



- CEMC
- CLIF & FRAN HUTSON
- COPPER CREEK ELECTRIC
- McDONALDS OF WHITE HOUSE
- ORCHARD PARK ANIMAL HOSPITAL
- SERVPRO
- SOTERIA HEALTH FOOD
- UNION FOOD SELF STORAGE
- WALLER SALES CORPORATION
- WHITE HOUSE GOLD & DIAMOND OUTLET
- WHITE HOUSE REALTORS



AMERICANA CELEBRATION *from page 1*

Shuttle service will begin at 3:00 pm on Saturday, July 4th and run through the end of the event to 12:00 am. Multiple buses will be running the routes and more will be added if the crowds require it. Riders will be allowed to carry lawn chairs and blankets on the bus but will have to hold the items as no cargo space will be available on the buses. The buses will be able to accommodate handicap riders as well.

Booth space is still available through the White House Chamber of Commerce. Visit www.whitehousechamber.org to download an application or contact the Chamber office at 615-672-3937 for more information.

In addition to the Carnival that is going on at the same time, where a \$20 armband will get you unlimited rides, Revolution Church and Green Springs Jump will be providing free inflatables for the kids on the festival field. They will have obstacle courses, giant slides and other fun inflatable activities.

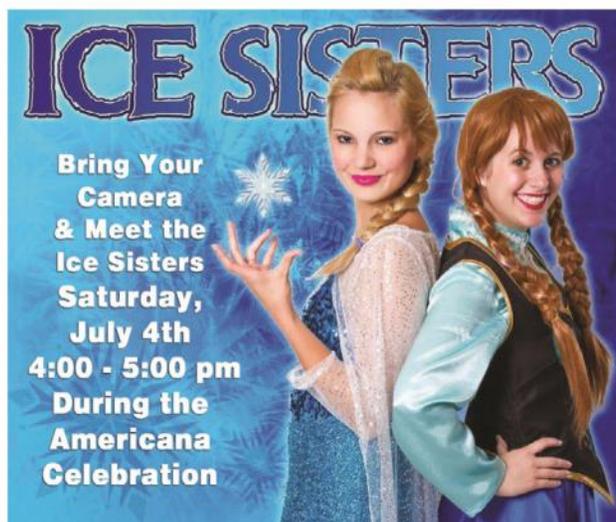
Kids will also enjoy the opportunity to meet the Ice Sisters as they help kick off the Americana Celebration from 4:00 - 5:00 pm. Bring your cameras and even dress in your finest princess wear when you meet the sweet sisters.

Great performers will take the stage to provide live entertainment for the festival goers. At 5:00 pm Emmy winning Children's performer, The Farmer Jason, will entertain and delight visitors with his funky, upbeat songs and then will hang around after the show to snap photos with his fans.

The highly acclaimed live show involves sing-alongs, dancing, and discussions about nature appreciation, ecology, and farm animals. Farmer Jason draws his musical influences from folk, country, and rock 'n' roll with a dash of DIY punk rock.



Shuttle buses will run from 3:00 pm until 12:00 am on Saturday, July 4th for the Americana Celebration. Pick up points are White House Middle School, Grace Park Church and White House City Hall. Riders will be able to carry lawn chairs and blankets but will have to hold items in their laps as no cargo space is available.



Additional parking will also be available off of McCurdy road but complete details on location and cost of parking were unavailable at press time.

There will be booths offering a variety of merchandise and plenty of food for festival goers. This year there will be a 'food court area' to make choices easier and limited seating will also be provided to enjoy that delicious food.



The Farmer Jason takes the Americana stage at 5:00 pm.

The Sumner County Band will play a medley of patriotic songs beginning at 8:00 pm leading into the fireworks at 9:00 pm. Tommy Ross and the TCB will play at 9:30 after the fireworks, so there's no need to rush out, just enjoy a little more live entertainment and a little less traffic.

Live performances will take place throughout the celebration, watch for updates and additions at www.cityofwhitehouse.com and www.whitehousechamber.org. You'll also want to like the White House Chamber of Commerce's Facebook page for an opportunity to win armbands for the carnival.

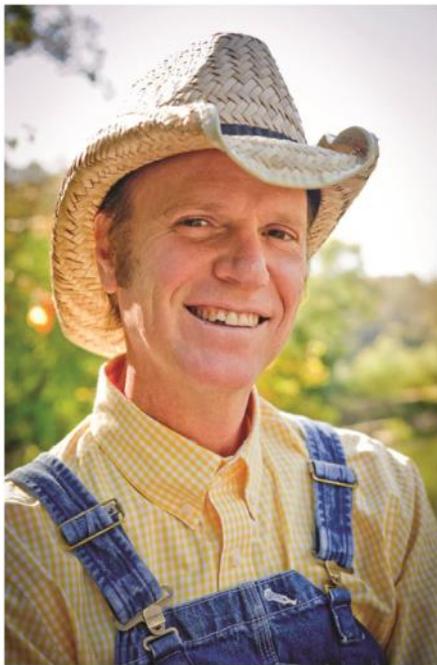
The Farmers Bank, Waste Industries and Wascon are generous contributors to this year's Americana Celebration. Sponsorship opportunities are still available, contact 615-672-3937 for more information on any of the activities.



AMERICANA Celebration

**SATURDAY,
JULY 4TH**

**BEGINS @ 4 PM
FIREWORKS
@ 9 PM**



★ LIVE MUSIC ★

- 4:00 pm - TBA
- 5:00 pm - Farmer Jason
- 6:00 pm - The Tolleson Experiment
- 7:00 pm - TBA
- 8:00 pm - Sumner County Band
- 9:30 pm - Tommy Ross & TCB

**FREE INFLATABLES FOR THE KIDS
FROM REVOLUTION CHURCH**



ICE SISTERS

Bring Your Camera & Meet the Ice Sisters Saturday, July 4th 4:00 - 5:00 pm During the Americana Celebration

FOOD • BOOTHS • INFLATABLES • CARNIVAL

at the White House Soccer Complex

Free Shuttle Service from White House Middle School, City Hall & Grace Park Church - Begins at 3 pm to 12 Midnight

CARNIVAL
RIDES • GAMES • FOOD • FUN

TUESDAY, JUNE 30 - SATURDAY, JULY 4TH

Open nightly 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Saturday, July 4th - 4:00 pm - 11:00 pm

ARMBANDS ONLY \$20 TO RIDE ALL NIGHT!

To Reserve Booth Space or For More Information

Contact the White House Chamber of Commerce at 615-672-3937 or visit www.whitehousechamber.org

CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY GRADUATION



On Tuesday, May 12th, the White House Police Department (WHPD) hosted it's 15th Annual Citizen's Police Academy graduation. The ten week class was attended and completed by 14 citizens.

Citizens that completed this year's course were: Corey Blittle, Megan Chambers, Martha English, Sandy Fletcher, Laura Fogle, Joanne Gordon, Luke Iannello, Lorrie Martin, Keith Meadows, Heather Neely, Cynthia Summers, Michael Thomas, Derek Watson, and Thomas Young.

The WHPD would like to congratulate all of the citizens on their successful completion of the course.

COMMUNITY WATCH IN WHITE HOUSE

By Jim Ring
Assistant Police Chief

Community Watch is neighbors working with neighbors and the police to prevent crime. The Community Watch program is based on the concept of people looking out for one another and to send a message to potential criminals that someone is watching every move they make.

A Community Watch is:

- A partnership between law enforcement and the community to reduce crime
- A method of two-way communication for the police and citizens
- A concerted effort to report suspicious activity by calling 911
- A way to re-establish ownership of your community
- A method to increase communication among your community
- A continual training on crime prevention techniques
- Education of crime trends in your area and around the City of White House
- A safe method to express crime concerns
- Education about effective reporting procedures of suspicious individuals such as obtaining tag numbers, vehicle descriptions suspicious, their direction of travel, and clothing descriptions.
- A forum for training and support

A Community Watch is not:

- A vigilante group
- Political
- Biased or discriminatory against income, race, etc.
- Taking the law into your own hands
- Pursuing criminals yourself

WHITE HOUSE POLICE DEPARTMENT

303 North Palmers Chapel Road
White House, TN 37188

Emergency 9-1-1

Non-Emergency/General Information 615-672-4903

Central Dispatch 615-382-6863

Free Community Information Service

To be added to an email distribution list email
records@cityofwhitehouse.com

www.CityofWhiteHouse.com

WHPD Crime Prevention Unit

Sergeant Eric Enck
615-616-1075
eenck@cityofwhitehouse.com

SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

As we transition from the winter months to the spring months, we are likely familiar with the weather dangers that often accompany the arrival of Spring. The snow and ice that was received on February and March should serve to remind us that weather can be unpredictable and can change very quickly. The sudden changes can often bring severe weather conditions with little warning. We urge everyone to be prepared ahead of time for a disaster. One of the best ways to prepare is to gather the necessary supplies to maintain an emergency supply kit.

Most people think that a basic kit has to be large, but a smaller basic kit can certainly mean the difference in a disaster. The very basics to sustain life are food and water, but there are additional considerations. The psychological effects of a disaster can be catastrophic. Simple things can be done to mitigate those effects such as simple games or activities for children or adults (puzzles, crossword puzzles, word searches, etc). The following list does not include everything that will always be needed in a disaster, but it does provide the basics to help sustain your life.

EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT

A basic emergency supply kit could include the following recommended items:

- ⇒ **Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation**
- ⇒ **Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food**
- ⇒ Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- ⇒ Flashlight and extra batteries
- ⇒ First aid kit
- ⇒ Whistle to signal for help
- ⇒ Dust mask to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- ⇒ Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- ⇒ Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- ⇒ Manual can opener for food
- ⇒ Local maps
- ⇒ Cell phone with chargers, inverter or solar charger

For Baby:

- ⇒ Formula
- ⇒ Diapers
- ⇒ Bottles
- ⇒ Powdered milk
- ⇒ Medications
- ⇒ Moist towelettes
- ⇒ Diaper rash ointment

For Adults:

- ⇒ Denture needs
- ⇒ Contact lenses and supplies
- ⇒ Extra eye glasses

Just as important as putting your supplies together is maintaining them so they are safe to use when needed. Here are some tips to keep your supplies ready and in good condition:

- * Keep canned food in a cool, dry place.
- * Store boxed food in tightly closed plastic or metal containers to protect from pests and to extend its shelf life.
- * Throw out any canned good that becomes swollen, dented or corroded.
- * Use foods before they go bad and replace them with fresh supplies.
- * Place new items at the back of the storage area and older ones in the front.
- * Change stored food and water supplies every six months. Be sure to write the date you store it on all containers.
- * Re-think your needs every year and update your kit as your family's needs change.
- * Keep items in airtight plastic bags and put your entire disaster supplies kit in one or two easy-to-carry containers, such as an unused trashcan, camping backpack or duffel bag.

**MEET YOUR FIREFIGHTER:
KEITH JERDE**

Firefighter Jerde started with the City of White House Fire Department as a career firefighter in 2009. Some of the certifications that Firefighter Jerde holds are: Firefighter I, Firefighter II,

Certified Driver / Operator, and Emergency Medical Responder. Firefighter Jerde is assigned to "A" shift. He lives in White House, is married, and is the father of two.

YARD WASTE CURBSIDE COLLECTION PROGRAM

By Joe Moss

Public Services Director

The City has a curbside collection program for tree limbs, yard waste and leaves.

This program is designed to remove ***small amounts*** of tree trimmings per collection period. It is not designed to allow you to clear your property of trees.

Our truck runs through the city on a predetermined schedule as follows:

ZONE # 1 – 1st Week of the Month - North of Hwy. 76 and West of 31W

ZONE # 2 – 2nd Week of the Month - North of Raymond Hirsch/Meadows Road and East of 31W

ZONE # 3 – 3rd Week of the Month - South of Raymond Hirsch/Meadows Road and East of 31W

ZONE # 4 – 4th Week of the Month - South of Hwy. 76 and West of 31W

You should place your material at the curb the weekend ***BEFORE*** your scheduled zone collection week.

Please note the following program restrictions:

1. Limbs cut no longer than ***6 feet*** in length;
2. Tree trunks ***6 inches*** or more shall be cut into lengths of no more than ***2 feet*** and a weight of no more than ***50 pounds***;
3. ***Do not*** mix bagged leaves with limbs, place in a separate area;
4. The City ***does not*** collect yard waste that is trimmed by a nurseryman or independent contractor. They must haul the trimmings away.

Should you have any questions or receive a violation tag, please call the Public Services Department at 615-672-3654.

Becoming a Reality

New Library Ribbon Cutting set for August 6



WHITE HOUSE LIBRARY PROGRAMS

By Elizabeth Kozlowski, Library Director

Story times will not be held in June or July due to summer reading. Story times will resume in September.

There will not be any homeschool group meetings in June, July, or August. We will resume normal meetings in September.

The Library's Summer Reading contest will be held from May 18th through June 13th. Tots ages 0-4 may sign up for the listening portion, kids 5-11 the reading portion and teens 12-17 the teens portion. Sign up at the library for the contest and read every week to enter your name in for a weekly prize drawing.

The library will have its Summer Reading performers/programs in July. Programs will be held at the new library building pending completion. If not completed, programs will be held at City Hall auditorium.

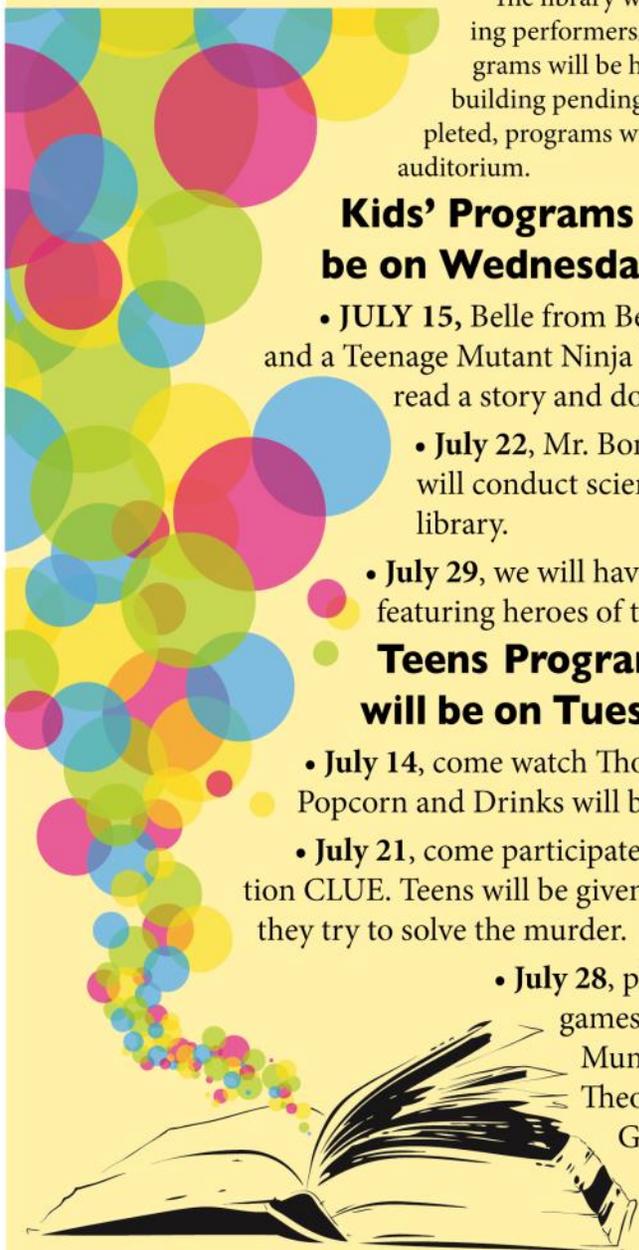
Kids' Programs (ages 5-12) will be on Wednesdays at 10:30 am

- **JULY 15**, Belle from Beauty and the Beast and a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle will visit us to read a story and do an activity.
- **July 22**, Mr. Bond the Science Guy will conduct science experiments at the library.

- **July 29**, we will have a live animal show featuring heroes of the wild.

Teens Programs (ages 13-17) will be on Tuesdays at 5:30 pm

- **July 14**, come watch Thor: The Dark World. Popcorn and Drinks will be provided.
- **July 21**, come participate in a game of live action CLUE. Teens will be given a character to play as they try to solve the murder.
- **July 28**, play different board games such as Taboo, Munchkins, The Big Bang Theory CLUE, Hollywood Game Night, and more.



You're Invited to Join Us
For the New



WHITE HOUSE
LIBRARY

Ribbon Cutting

Thursday, August 6th, 2015
at 12 Noon

*Small refreshments will be provided by the L & M Bakery.
Please help us celebrate this momentous event.*

Be advised that the library will be closed for a portion of the month of July to move into the new building. Date of closure will be posted on the City's website, Facebook and Twitter page, and Comcast channel 3 closer to time.

Number One in our hearts and White House's American Idol

On Friday, May 1, White House's own and American Idol Runner-Up Clark Beckham made a hometown visit. He was welcomed with a parade, honored with a key to the City from White House Mayor Michael Arnold and performed a live concert for over 7,000 of his fans and neighbors. *Photo Credits: Paula Eller, Tommy Rouse, Peter Stratton*

