



WORD ON WHITE HOUSE

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WHITE HOUSE PARKS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES 2016 CHRISTMAS PARADE GRAND MARSHAL

The Leisure Services Board for the City of White House is pleased to announce the addition of WSMV Meteorologist Lisa Spencer to the 2016 Christmas Parade line-up. Spencer will serve as the Grand Marshal for this year's parade themed "It's A Wonderful Life." Keeping with tradition the parade will be held on the first Saturday in December. Businesses, clubs, churches, organizations and individuals are encouraged to participate in this fun holiday tradition. The White House Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Best Float contest this year too.

To register for the parade contact the Parks Department at 615-672-4350, ext. 2114 or visit www.cityofwhitehouse.com. The Christmas parade will follow the same route as previous years, beginning at the park and traveling east down State Route 76. The parade begins at 1:00 pm on Saturday, December 3rd.

A native Tennessean, Lisa was born and raised in Jackson, Tennessee. She has spent her entire career forecasting weather across the southeast, from weekend weathercaster at WHBQ in Memphis to Chief Meteorologist in Raleigh, NC. Lisa even spent five years in Atlanta at The Weather Channel. But there is no place like home, and, for the past 15 years, she has loved serving Middle Tennessee with a smile on sunny days and a calm voice during severe storms.

Every year, Lisa leads the effort to collect thousands of coats for the needy with "Warm Coats from Warm Hearts" in conjunction with Granny White Pike Church of Christ. Lisa also serves on the steering committee for "The Last Minute Toy Store" at 61st Avenue United Methodist Church. Each year the project provides toys for thousands of families through the generosity of many people in the community.

Lisa shares her enthusiasm for weather by speaking to thousands of school children every year. She also talks to many civic and church groups about weather, and she has even been known to share a song or two.

Active in her church, Lisa is a featured soloist in the choir and a member of her church's band, Rock of Ages. Lisa and her husband have two children and two dogs (a retired greyhound and a shelter sweetie who thinks she's a greyhound).

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CITY OFFICES HOLIDAY

December 21st - Close at 11:00 am
December 22nd & 26th - Closed
January 2nd - Closed
January 16th - Closed



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CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE



Gerald O. Herman
City Administrator

Greetings,

What a joyous time of year!! As I write there is a long line of ladies outside waiting to enter City Hall to begin early shopping at the sold out White House Area Chamber of Commerce sponsored Jingle Mingle event. This newsletter is filled with information in regards to holiday happenings in the City. We hope you will be involved and share in the excitement.

As the SR76 Business Corridor continues to fill in we get many questions about the increase in vehicular traffic and what, if any, plans do we have to relieve congestions. Let me first say "yes" we are and have been making plans for many years and are still doing so today. Building and expanding roadways take many years of planning. Generally from the first discussions to build out can take from as early as a few years to decades to find funding sources, to overcome environmental obstacles, to design, to purchase right of ways, and finally to go out for construction.

Without going into too many details let me give a brief overview of recent and future changes in this corridor between Raymond Hirsch and Pleasant Grove Road. SR76 is a state highway so any changes made must be approved by them. Some of you along with us, in the fall of 2013, asked for a warrant study for a traffic light at the intersection of SR76 and Pleasant Grove Road. The study determined that it was not needed. In March of 2014 we formally requested TDOT to conduct a Road Safety Audit for the section of SR76 between Hester Drive and Industrial Road. In September of 2016 TDOT released the study. The results were that the severe crash rate exceeded the statewide average severe crash rate for an urban collector road. Widening SR76 so that we can have two travel lanes in each direction in this area of study could cost \$1.5 million. The City has agreed to pay approximately \$150,000 for the design phase and 10% of the cost of construction. TDOT has agreed to fund the other phases as funds become available. We are making efforts to quickly act on the recommendations from the study.

Well what about the section between Industrial Drive and Heritage High School? One area that was causing so many crashes was the Industrial Drive access into the industrial park. Several years ago we made a decision that if the opportunity ever presented itself we would close Industrial Drive and create a new access west of this location. Love's Travel Stop was just that opportunity. Love's funded well over 75% of the improvements that included a new traffic controlled intersection at Dee Cee Road. They built over a half mile of new city roads and widen SR76. To help us with the northbound I-65/SR76 intersection they installed a new traffic light. We are in the process of connecting these two new traffic signals to the City's fiber optic network which will allow us to coordinate these lights with the others along that corridor.

Another positive factor that occurred this year is that SR76 from White House to Springfield was identified by the Metropolitan Planning Organization 2040 Long Range Plan as the most important road to have funds set aside for future expansion and safety improvements in Robertson County over the next 25 years. This did not come easy and we are thankful that Robertson County supported our efforts.

One minor change will come within the next month or so. A left turn traffic light has been ordered to be installed at the intersection of Sage Road at SR76. It is very difficult to see oncoming traffic from southbound Eden Way when trying to turn left (west) onto SR76. This improvement will allow for safer left hand turns.

In closing my prayer is that you and your family be safe and have thoughts of peace and happiness during this holiday season.

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 2015. The net profit from the sale of the items was over \$35,000. 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, 2016—TO—FEBRUARY 28, 2017
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.***



EMISSIONS TESTING

**Monday,
December 12th
9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.**

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





USE THE CITY OF WHITE HOUSE APP TO SUBMIT SPECIAL CENSUS INFORMATION

Did you know that you can submit your Special Census response through the City of White House app? On the home screen of the app click on the "Special Census" widget and it will direct you to a Survey Monkey link to answer the questions we need from each household within city limits.

Approximately 60% of the households in White House have responded to the Special Census request for information. The third round of the Special Census response cards have gone out in the mail. City staff members have begun calling and knocking on doors of households that have not sent in their Special Census forms yet. Staff members will be traveling in groups of two or more and can be identified by their staff identification badges. We hope that our residents will cooperate with our staff and provide the necessary information to be counted. It is imperative that each resident is counted, so that White House receives additional revenues to provide services for our community. The money that we receive from the State of Tennessee provides police and fire protection, library services, administrative services, streets/road maintenance, and parks and recreations facilities and programs.

All we need from you is a response certifying your address and first and last names of everyone residing in your household. This information will only be used for certifying our population with the State of Tennessee. You may certify this information in several convenient ways:

- Fold and tape the self-addressed postcard, with the City’s address showing, and drop in the mail; or
- Call 615-616-1005 and provide your name, address and names of people that reside in your household; or
- Fill out the online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WH16SpecialCensus>; or
- Drop the completed postcard off in the Billy S. Hobbs Municipal Center utility payment drop box, in the roundabout.

Thank you for your help in making White House one of the best small communities in Tennessee!

2017 Garbage & Recycling Calendars Coming Soon!

Garbage holiday and recycling calendars will be mailed soon. The calendars will be county specific, so go by the calendar that is mailed to your home.



Robertson County Garbage Holiday & Recycling Schedule 2017

January							February							March							April						
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■ Recycling Day
■ Holiday Non-Service Days
(Service Moved to Following Day)

*All plastic and metal containers should be rinsed with water. Food & cardboard boxes should be free of liners, styrofoam, or any other packing material.

* PLEASE NO GLASS NO BAGS *

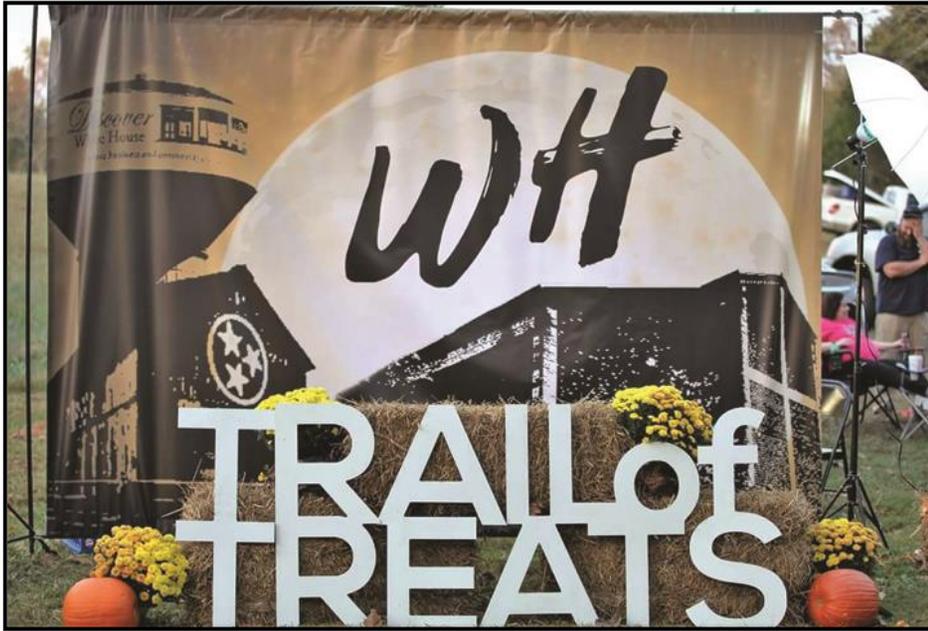
PURCHASING & VENDOR REGISTRATION

The City contacts hundreds of businesses throughout the year to get pricing on projects. Vendor Registry provides the City with a free database that allows companies to be notified automatically if their service is needed. If you are a business owner, or know someone who is, please register to be immediately notified and never miss opportunities on partnering with the City. To register, simply go to the City’s Purchasing website at the link provided below.

<http://www.cityofwhitehouse.com/government/finance/purchasing>

If you have any questions about the City’s purchasing policies or have trouble registering your company, please contact Derek Watson, Purchasing Coordinator, at 615-672-4350 ext. 2130 or by email at dwatson@cityofwhitehouse.com.





TRAIL OF TREATS RECAP

The Trail of Treats took place October 27th at the White House High School Greenway Trailhead. Thank you to everyone who participated. We would like to give a special thanks to all of our registered vendors for taking time to be a part of this event and for the hard work that they invested into booth decorating! This year's booth decorating winner was The Church at Grace Park. Congratulations to them for all of their hard work!



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Be on the lookout for the tip-off of our youth basketball league and news about an upcoming Winter Invitational (Adult Basketball Tournament)!

Keep checking our website for more details on all of our leagues and events at
<http://www.cityofwhitehouse.com/government/parks>.



ZUMBA FITNESS

Every Thursday
 10:00 am - 11:00 am
 City Hall Gymnasium or Cafeteria
 Free to participate

Hillcrest Municipal Cemetery

3042 Hwy 31W

Columbarium Space Now Available



\$750

opening, closing, and
engraving one time

11 1/2" x 11 1/2" x 11 1/2"
Two cremation limit unit

Managed by City of White House Parks and Recreation
 615-672-4350, ext. 2114

What is a columbarium? A columbarium is kind of like a mausoleum. It is an above ground burial tomb. The big difference is that it only houses cremations.

Do you know what you would do with your loved ones cremation's? Hillcrest Municipal Cemetery now offers a lower cost alternative.

Our columbarium has 48 niches (hollow places) for the safe keeping of your loved one. Each niche can accommodate two family members.

If you would like more information on purchasing a columbarium niche please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 615-672-4350 ext., 2114.

Wednesday Lunch*Meat, vegetables, bread, tea and dessert*

Senior cost \$2.50

Non-Senior cost \$5.50

Reservations required by noon on Monday

615-672-4350 x 2116**Birthday Potlucks & Games**

1st Monday each month

The 1st Monday of each month we celebrate birthdays with a potluck and card games.

Exercise Schedule**Water Aerobics or Zumba Gold**

Gallatin Civic Center

Mondays - van departs at 9:15 am

Sittercise

Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00 am

Senior Citizen Center

Walking in the City Hall Gymnasium

Monday - Thursday until 10:00 am

Bingo Wednesday1st & 3rd Wednesday
(after lunch)Bring a \$3.00 gift
(labeled male/female)**Senior Citizens
Center Hours****Monday -Thursday**

9 am - 5 pm

*Coordinator hours (9 am - 2pm)***Visit Us**

Stop by the center located at 105 College Street to pick up a calendar of events and take a tour of the center.

There is no fee and new residents are welcome!!

Contact Billie at 615-672-4350 x 2116 with any questions.

Our fall activities included a trip to Chaffin Barn Theatre, a concert from the Robertson County Community Band, a tour of the Tennessee State Capitol, a trip to Octagon Hall in Franklin, KY, costume contest with a cake walk, movie at the center, line dancing lessons, book club and Christmas craft projects.



Join us in December and January as we celebrate the holidays, and recover from the holidays with trips to Opryland Hotel to enjoy the decorations, the TN Governors Mansion, Gibson Café in Lafayette, lunch and shopping at 5 Chef's in Portland, our Christmas Party, a game day, soup day, and a mystery trip.



Christmas on Main Street

Thursday, December 1
105 College Street, White House

Activities will be held inside Library

- White House Library Open House 4:30 - 6:30 pm
- Santa 5:30 - 6:30 pm - Free Photos from The Credit Union of Robertson County
- Caroling 5:00 pm - Featuring Sound Effects and Heritage MS
- Christmas Tree Lighting
- Reading of "The Night Before Christmas" by Vice-Mayor Farris Bibb





It's A Wonderful Life

White House Christmas Parade
Saturday, December 3 at 1:00 pm

BEST FLOAT CONTEST

*Presented by the White House Area
 Chamber of Commerce*

\$300 - 1st Place
\$150 - 2nd Place • \$100 - 3rd Place

*Prize awarded in White House Chamber Bucks good at participating Chamber businesses. Contest open to every entry in parade. Judging conducted by the Leisure Services Board with the City of White House Parks Department.

REGISTRATION

- There is no registration fee. All applicants must be registered for the event by December 1st at 5:15 p.m.

SET-UP

- Check in and set-up for the event can begin as early as 10:00 a.m. on the day of the event. The only entrance into the park will be through the back gate of the park via the Indian Ridge Subdivision
- Only vehicles participating in parade will be allowed in the parking lots designated for staging. Drop-offs will not be allowed inside the staging area.
- Floats must be in place by 12:00 p.m., judging begins at 12:15 p.m.
- The parade will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. Please be prepared at this time.

***Complete details and registration available
 at www.cityofwhitehouse.com or
 105 College St. from the Parks Dept.***

DECORATIONS

- Decorations may consist of traditional Christmas themes. We encourage participants to incorporate the parade's theme into your decorations.
- The Chamber of Commerce will be the only participant allowed to have a Santa Claus, and he will ride at the end of the parade.
- The Parks & Recreation Department will be awarding a plaque and banner, to be displayed during the parade, to the Top 3 decorated floats.

ROUTE

- The parade route will begin at the White House Municipal Park and turn left on Highway 76.
- Pedestrian traffic is required to turn onto West Dr. to return to Hwy 76.
- Vehicles, floats and trailers may continue on 31-W if they do not wish to turn onto West Dr.

RULES

- For the safety of our spectators, no throwing candy from floats or other parade vehicles!
- *Handing out candy is acceptable*

Your Stormwater Tax Dollars at Work



Hester Drive Drainage Project



Yard Waste Curbside Collection Program

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 & 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

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

Employees of the Year

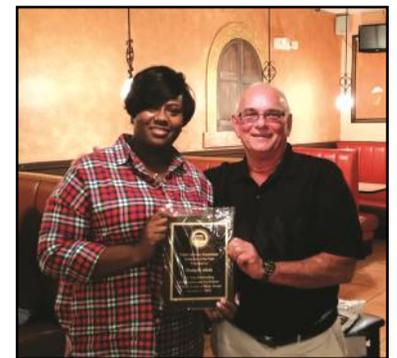
The Public Services Department held its annual employee appreciation dinner/award banquet on Friday, October 28, 2016. The award recipients are chosen solely by their peers. According to Public Services Director Joe Moss, the only criteria used for selecting the award recipients is "who has contributed the most to the division during the previous year". Congratulations to Bobby Tidwell and Shelia White on winning the 2016 awards.

Bobby Tidwell is a Maintenance Worker in the Public Works section. He was selected by his peers because he is very hands on and operates the equipment: infrared asphalt machine, backhoe, excavator, and track loader with outstanding expertise.

Shelia White is the Administrative Assistant II for the Public Services Department. Shelia manages the work order dispatch for wastewater, handles customer complaints, greets and directs citizens when they come to the facility and keeps track of all the finances for all of the Public Services divisions.



Left: Bobby Tidwell
Right: Shelia White



W.H.P.D. WHITE HOUSE POLICE DEPARTMENT CITIZEN'S ACADEMY 2017 ANNOUNCEMENT



In February 2017, the White House Police Department will host its Fifteenth 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 Monday nights from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. for ten weeks and is open to citizens 18 years of age 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 20 participants. Applications being accepted now.

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 Sergeant Eric M Enck at 616-1075 at the White House Police Department.



MEET YOUR NEW POLICE OFFICERS

On June 7th, White House Police Chief Pat Brady swore in Officers J.C. White and Michael Thomas to the White House Police Department. Both officers graduated from the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy on October 1st, and are now patrolling the roads of White House.



Officer Michael Thomas



Officer J.C. White





The calendar features a festive header with a Santa Claus character on the left and an elf character on the right. The word "December" is written in large, bold letters, with "White House Library Calendar" written in a cursive font below it. The calendar grid shows the days of the week and the dates from 1 to 31, with various programs and events listed for each day.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesdays	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Homeschool 1 Group 3:30pm Christmas Open House 4:30-6:30 ESL Class 6pm	2	3 City Christmas Parade 1:00pm
4	Monday 5 Movie 4:00pm Computer Class 5:30pm	Toddler Story 6 Time 10:30am Tuesday Teens 5:30pm	7 Preschool Story Time 10:30am	Perler bead art 8 Night 5:30pm ESL Classes 6pm	9	10 Kidz Korner: Art day 11:00am
11	Monday Craft 12 4:00pm Device Advice 5:30pm appointments only	Toddler Story 13 Time 10:30am Tuesday Book Club 5:30pm	14 Preschool Story Time 10:30am	Homeschool 15 Group 2:00pm Board Game Night 5:30pm ESL Class 6pm	16	17 Kidz Korner: Game day 11:00am
18	19 No Programs	20 No Programs	21 No Programs	22 Library Closing at 11am	23 Closed	24 Closed
25	26 Closed	27 No Programs	28 No Programs	29 ESL Classes 6pm	30	31 Closed



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Regular Hours: Mon., Tues. & Thurs. 9 am - 8 pm; Wed. 9 am - 5 pm;

Sat. 10 am - 2 pm; Closed Friday and Sunday

Check Calendar for Holiday Hours

Mark Your Calendars

Don't miss these upcoming events in White House!

2017 Promises to be another great year in White House!

April 29 - Discover White House - Business Expo, Silent Auction, Food Trucks, Free Kid's Zone - Presented by the White House Area Chamber of Commerce



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HOUSE

Farmers Market

May 24 - White House Farmers Market Opens - in parking

lot between City Hall and Library

(Every Wednesday through August)

May 29 - Memorial Day Celebration

July 6 - 9 - Carnival - New, larger, better Carnival!

July 8 - Americana Celebration - Live entertainment, food trucks, carnival & fireworks!



August 21 - Discover Totality - Total Solar Eclipse in White House

Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime event at the White House Soccer Complex

October 26 - Trail of Treats

November 13 - Jingle Mingle - Presented by the White House Area Chamber

December 2 - Christmas Parade

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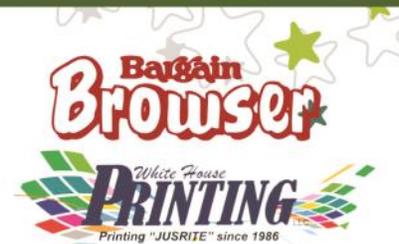


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White House Area
 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



where business and community come together



NOVACOPY

Brandon Webster



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