



WORD ON WHITE HOUSE

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105 College Street • White House, Tennessee 37188

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Dear White House Resident:

The City of White House needs your help to certify the population growth we have received in recent years. For fiscal year 2016-17 the state is estimating to pay cities \$123.30 per resident in state-shared taxes. If each of the new recorded households averages 2.5 people, our City should have grown by 1,277 people since the last Census. If we have added 1,277 new residents that amounts to an additional \$157,454 per year for our City. The additional revenues provide services for our community such as police and fire protection, library services, administrative services, streets/road maintenance, and parks and recreations facilities and programs.

There will be two more direct mailing rounds in an attempt to collect as many responses as possible. The direct mailer will be in the form of a bright yellow postcard. Beginning October 3rd, City staff and volunteers will start going door-to-door to attempt to obtain any missing household information. The only information they will collect is the number of people living in the household, and the first and last name of those individuals.

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

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

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CITY OFFICES HOLIDAY

October 10th - Columbus Day
 November 10th - Veterans Day
 November 24th - Thanksgiving Day



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CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

Gerald O. Herman
City Administrator

Greetings,

As a City we have many challenges ahead of us. One of our greatest challenges we discovered this summer was the lack of infrastructure to manage large amounts of rain water in very short periods of time. The amount of damage to homes, parks and other properties in some cases exceeded the damage left by the May 2010 flood. We empathize with homeowners that live close to streams that suffered thousands of dollars in uninsured loss. Our beautiful greenway, that had reinforcements put into place after the 2010 flood, still suffered thousands of dollars of damage to the pathway, fencing, and bridges.

Last year the City initiated a new enterprise fund for storm water as a result of the federal/state requirements that was imposed on us. The stormwater fee we are collecting from you each month is being put to good use to meet these flooding issue challenges. Last summer we hired a professional storm water manager. Since then we have added two work crew members and an assistant public services director with an engineering background in storm water and waste water systems. We have been borrowing equipment and workers from our Public Works Division to supplement the service requests. We have a backlog of nearly 40 service requests that will require hundreds of thousands of dollars of material, labor and time to service.

Beginning in 2015, newly built subdivisions and buildings have much stricter compliance to address storm water on their properties. These regulations come at a great cost to developers. As an example the material for an underground storage system to hold the first inch of rainfall at the new Los Jalapenos restaurant added approximately \$60,000 in cost to the project. That cost did not include the labor to install. Our new library has an underground storage tank that sends overflow into a rain garden before heading to a retention area near the splash pad. This stuff is not cheap! Trying to find the right balance between developer cost and suffering homeowners is not always easy.

With nearly every subdivision completely built out it is good to see dirt moving on two new sites and a new phase on a third. A new 50 home subdivision site work is nearing completion on Ben Albert. McCurdy Road has a new nearly 300 home subdivision in the early stages of site development. Phase three of Cambria on McCurdy Road has broken ground with 12 new home sites.

In closing we have plenty of fall and Christmas programs coming up that we hope you get to be a part of and enjoy. Miracle on Main Street has been combined with the Library Open House, and formed a new event that will be called "Christmas on Main Street". This event will be held on the first Thursday in December, with music, tree lighting, and Santa Claus. The annual Christmas Parade will be the first Saturday in December and the theme is "It's a Wonderful Life".

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, 2015—TO—FEBRUARY 28, 2016
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.

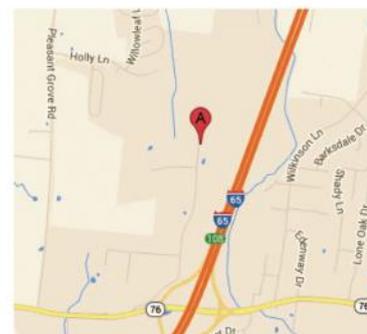
IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE AREA, YOU SHOULD HAVE TWO TAX NOTICES; ONE FROM THE CITY OF WHITE HOUSE AND ONE FROM THE COUNTY YOU ARE LOCATED IN.

**EMISSIONS TESTING**

**Monday, October 3rd
& Monday, Nov. 14th
9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.**

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

**2016 TESTING DATES:
DEC 12TH**



WHPD & White House Kroger Participate in DEA's Nationwide Prescription "DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY"

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and its community partners will hold the fifth National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day at sites throughout the United States on **October 22, 2016, from 10AM-2PM local time**. This will be an opportunity for the public to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs for safe disposal.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Prescription drugs are being misused and abused at alarming rates in the United States—more Americans currently abuse prescription drugs than the number of those using cocaine, hallucinogens, and heroin combined, according to the 2009 National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Many Americans are not aware that medicines that linger in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse.

Visit the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day website: <http://www.nationaltakebackday.com/>

Got Drugs?



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.

www.cityofwhitehouse.com/government/finance/purchasing-and-asset-disposal

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.



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 handles 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.

Your Stormwater Tax Dollars at Work

Cherry Lane



Meadows Road



Safety Day Recap



The City of White House would like to extend thanks to all of the agencies throughout Middle Tennessee that participated in the 17th Annual Safety Day, and to thank our community for their support and attendance. We would also like to thank Mike Gaines of State Farm Insurance for his continued support of the Bike Rodeo, and providing bicycles for our winners.





Thursday, December 1
105 College Street

- White House Library Open House
4:30 - 6:30 pm
- Santa 5:30 - 6:30 pm
- Caroling 5:00 pm
- Christmas Tree Lighting
- Reading of “The Night Before Christmas”
by Vice-Mayor Farris Bibb, Jr.





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

\$500 - 1st Place
\$250 - 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.

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*

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

**WHITE HOUSE
PARKS AND
RECREATION**



TRAIL OF TREATS

Thursday, October 27 @ 6:00 pm

Trail begins at the White House High School Greenway Trailhead (Tyree Springs Rd) & continue along the Greenway

All kids must provide their own basket or bag for candy and treats!

For more information please contact
White House Parks and Recreation at
615-672-4350 ext. 2114 or
visit
www.cityofwhitehouse.com/parks



**1st Place Winner
"Best Decorated"
Zak Doeden**



**2nd Place
Noah Harris**



**3rd Place
Tritan Tarter**

**White House
PARKS & RECREATION**



Youth Basketball

2016 - 2017

1st & 2nd Grade - Co-ed
3rd & 4th Grade - Girls - Post-Season Tournament
3rd & 4th Grade - Boys - Post-Season Tournament
5th - 8th Grade - Girls - Post-Season Tournament
5th & 6th Grade - Boys - Post-Season Tournament
7th & 8th Grade - Boys - Post-Season Tournament

Saturday Games begin in December

Registration September 6th - October 19th

Registration Fee: \$65-City Residents \$77-Non-City Residents

For more information please contact White House Parks and Recreation
at 672-4350 ext 2114 or visit www.cityofwhitehouse.com/parks

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Youth Basketball sign up will begin in September.

Trail of Treats will be Thursday, October 27th @ 6pm
at the White House High School trailhead

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

Wednesday Lunch

Senior cost \$2.50
Non-Seniors \$5.50
Reservations required by
noon Monday



Bingo Wednesday

1st & 3rd Wednesday
(after lunch)

Bring a \$3.00 gift
(labeled male/female)



Exercise Schedule

Water Aerobics/Zumba Gold @ Gallatin Civic Center
Mondays - van departs at 9:15 am

Sittercise every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00 am

Gym walking Monday - Thursday until 10:00 am

Senior Center Hours

Monday - Thursday
9 am - 5 pm



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!!

Birthday Potlucks & Games

1st Monday each month

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

Special Class

What: General Q & A with a Veterans Affairs Representative

Where: White House Library

When: Wednesday, October 19 at 1:30



Friends of the Library Halloween Carnival

October 22nd
12:00 pm - 2:30 pm
City Hall Gym

Come and play games to win prizes and candy! You can purchase tickets in advance at the library for \$0.25 a ticket or at the door for \$0.50 a ticket. Individuals that come to the event in costume will receive one free ticket.

Friends of the Library Christmas Wish List Tree

Last year the Friends of the Library had a Christmas wish list tree. When individuals purchased an item on the tree and donated it to the library, that individual was given a 1 year Friends of the Library Family Membership.

The donations provided last year were Lego's for the library's Lego table, board games, and puzzles all of which have been a huge success at the library. So far, a total of 1,312 people have used the Lego table, the board games have been checked out 170 times and the puzzles have been checked out 81 times.

If you donate items from the Christmas Wish List Tree you will receive a Friends of the Library Membership.



Library Events

Children Programs

- Toddler story times, Tuesdays at 10:30 am (Ages 0-2)
- Preschool story times, Wednesdays at 10:30 am (ages 3-5)
- Kidz Korner, Saturdays at 11:00 am (12 & under)
- Monday Movie/Maker, Mondays at 4:00 pm (12 & under)
- Homeschool group, 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 2:00 pm (ages 5-12)

Please visit our website at www.youseemore.com/whl to see other library events for teens and adults such as poetry club, game night, movie night, computer classes, and book clubs.



Become a Member of the Friends of the Library

Individuals that join the Friends of the Library are added to the Friends of the Library email list, are given a \$5 coupon to the library's book sale room, extended checkout periods on library books and DVD's, and acknowledgment that they helped support the library. If you are interested in becoming a Friends of the Library member, stop by the library to fill out a membership form.

Engraved Pavers



Engraved Pavers (Sample) \$100

Do you want to honor a loved one, commemorate an event, recognize a company, or support a group? The Friends of the Library are still selling pavers. Purchase one today to leave a lasting legacy. The cost of a paver is \$100. You can pick up an order form at the library or go online to www.youseemore.com/whl.



Fire Department

September 13, 2016 - The City of White House Fire Department has taken delivery of a new fire engine. The apparatus is a custom Sutphen pumper manufactured in Columbus, Ohio. The fire engine will be replacing a 1993 pumper.

If you would like more information about this topic, please contact Chief Joe Palmer at jpalm-er@cityofwhitehouse.com.

Here is a list of some of the many features of the apparatus.

2016 Sutphen Extreme Duty Custom Chassis, 56" cab with 10" raised roof, 24" front bumper extension with full width hose storage and 1 3/4 discharge, Cummins ISL 9 450HP Engine, Allison Gen 5, EVS3000 Transmission, 750 gallon water tank, Akron 95 GPM 3096 Bypass foam system, 30 gallon foam tank, LED warning light package.

Police Department

On September 9, 2016, the Tennessee Highway Safety Office (THSO) announced the award winners of its 12th Annual Law Enforcement Challenge in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Every year, THSO hosts the Challenge to honor law enforcement agencies across Tennessee for extraordinary efforts in traffic safety.

There were 73 Law Enforcement Challenge applications submitted, 24 from West Tennessee, 19 from East Tennessee, 17 from Middle Tennessee, 13 from the Cumberland Region, and 1 submission from each of the Tennessee Highway Patrol Districts. Applicants competed for award recognition, prizes and a chance to win a fully equipped police vehicle.

Tennessee law enforcement agencies received recognition on the state level in categories broken down by agency size.

Sergeant Brisson and Officer Spraggins accepted the award presented to the White House Police Department.

Tennessee Law Enforcement Challenge Award Winners

State Award Winners
Category: 11-25 Officers

- 1st Place - White House Police Department**
- 2nd Place - Bolivar Police Department**
- 3rd Place - Harriman Police Department**



Presented by the White House Area Chamber of Commerce and Brandon Webster, Exit Garden Gate Realty

*Tickets on Sale
September 26*

*Free
Goodie
Bags*

to first 150 attendees



Monday, November 14 · 5 pm - 8:30 pm

White House City Hall ~ 105 College Street

**Holiday
Taste of
White House**

Sample delicious food from local
restaurants & caterers including:

- Colorado Grill
- Cumberland Valley Coffee
- Mojo Cookie Dough and Creamery
- Molipazzo's
- The Bakery Box
- Neighborhood Cafe
- Hole in the Wall BBQ

**Shopping ✨ Sampling
Pampering ✨ Prizes**

Tickets Only \$10 While They Last!

Tickets available at: White House Gold & Diamond Outlet
Ashley's Spot · The Credit Union for Robertson County
The Farmers Bank · White House Area Chamber of Commerce

Tickets must be purchased in advance (no tickets available at the door)

*Limited
Booth Space
Available*

For more info. contact the White House Area Chamber of Commerce 615.672.3937