

WORD ON WHITE HOUSE

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POLICE & FIRE PUBLIC SAFETY DAY AND LABOR DAY BIKE PARADE

Public Safety Day
American Red Cross Blood Drive
Bike Parade
Free Crime Prevention Information

LABOR DAY (MONDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH)
WHITE HOUSE CITY PARK
9AM -2 PM

See SAFETYDAY on page 6 & 7

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September 7 - Labor Day

CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S UPDATE



Gerald O. Herman
City Administrator

Greetings,

July 1st starts a new budget year for your City Government. We have been busy trying to close out the year ending June 30th and getting our files ready for the annual audit. This year we have contracted with KraftCPAs, PLLC to conduct the audit. The audit takes several months and their report is scheduled to be presented to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen at their December meeting.

We are pleased to report that the BMA passed a balanced Fiscal Year 2016 budget with no property tax increase. In order to do this we had to cut more than \$700,000 in capital projects that department heads requested. The passed budget projects federal and state grants topping \$1 million. Here is a list by fund of projected budget expenditures for FY 2016:

General Fund	\$10,097,867
State Street Aid Fund	\$ 275,000
Drug Fund	\$ 35,633
Debt Service Fund	\$ 751,058
Hillcrest Cemetery Fund	\$ 63,300
Healthcare Fund	\$ 68,500
Impact Fee Fund	\$ 3,290
Industrial Development Fund	\$ 118,500
Park Sales Tax Fund	\$ 410,569
Sanitation Fund	\$ 842,652
Stormwater Fund	\$ 359,482
Wastewater Fund	\$ 6,369,264

With these expenditures we hope to complete many capital projects that will improve the quality of life in White House. We will report on some of these improvements in future *Word on White House* publications. Some of these improvements will be very visible such as the splash pad, additional restrooms in city parks, and decorative fencing in front of Hillcrest Cemetery. Other projects will not be as visible such as replacing aging vehicles in our fleet.

Be safe, smile often, and stay cool.

WOW Women of White House in BUSINESS
inspire empower engage

Overcoming Adversity



Guest Speaker
Lynne Smith
Lynne's Pearls

My American husband and I lived in the Middle East in Kuwait from Jan 1986 until 1990.

My daughter Claudia was born in September 1988. My husband ran the International Department of a Kuwait Bank.

By July 1990 Saddam Hussein had been threatening to invade Kuwait for quite a while.

My husband had booked a flight to Berlin, Germany leaving on Aug 1st 1990 for that was the time the Berlin Wall was coming down.

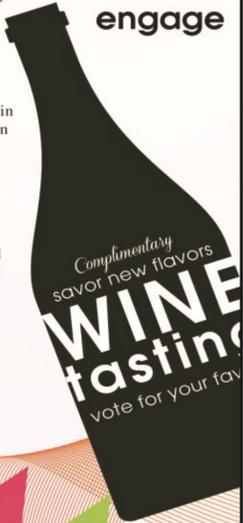
As he was leaving the house the last thing he said to me was "I don't like leaving you and Claudia here with 50,000 Iraqi troops on the border" I told him not to worry that Saddam was always threatening to invade we would be fine.

By the time that my husband had reached Berlin and switched on the television, Claudia and I had been taken.

Iraqi gunmen burst into my home, put a gun to my head and told me I had 2 minutes to pack a bag and go with them.

So with my 2 year old in my arms, we were taken from our home and my life changed in the blink of an eye.

Kuwait had been invaded.



Fabulous Door Prizes

Mon., Aug. 10th
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Catered by:

Community Room
Cole & Garrett
212 TN-76, White House

All About Food & The Kitchen

RSVP Today! **Members \$15**
space is limited **Non-Members \$18**



where business and community come together

Call 672-3937 or
whcoc@bellsouth.net
Registration deadline August 6
www.whitehousechamber.org

UPDATE FROM THE MAYOR

Where is my new Restaurant?



Michael L. Arnold
Mayor

I am constantly asked, “When is White House going to get a nice sit down restaurant”? Up until this past May, I was sure it would be soon. However, after visiting Las Vegas and the International Council of Shopping Centers, I’m not so sure it will happen anytime soon.

One of my main objectives on this trip was to find out why we weren’t attractive enough for them to locate in White House. I’d been told in the past, we didn’t have the population numbers so we built new apartments to increase those numbers. I heard that White House was an uncooperative City with tougher restrictions than surrounding cities to do business with, so we relaxed those restrictions and streamlined our permitting process. I was told our fees were too expensive and we lowered Impact Fees 90 percent, So now, “what’s the problem”?

It appears the problem is as I’m now told, “land”. To be more specific the high cost of land!!!! We can’t build anything without a piece of land to put it on. Land is unique in that it is in fixed supply and immobile. It cannot be manufactured or reproduced. Land is required directly or indirectly in the production of goods and services. It is our most basic resource of all wealth. Therein lies the problem, the wealth!!

Commercial developers are finding themselves ever increasingly priced out of the market. In discussion with one potential business, I was told if he bought a couple of these commercial lots at their current price and the market stayed as healthy as it is today, that he could see a profit in 15 years. I don’t know of any investor in the country that would make a deal like that. At these costs, land prices will account for as much as half the cost to develop and build on them. Lots can be purchased in Nashville or the Indian lake Development in Hendersonville for comparable costs to the City of White House. Therefore, the City will continue to push for Economic Development in other areas of Town.

Today, as never before in the past, economic growth should be within the reach of any City anywhere in the Country. However, paying above reasonable value for the land will always jeopardize the end profit. It does not matter if a project is designed and built efficiently, an over value payment for a site will always affect the end viability. The principle of supply and demand holds that the value of a site will increase if the demand increases and the supply remains the same. The value of the site would decrease if the demand decreased. Land is unique, since the supply is fixed; its value varies directly with demand.

I certainly hope the economy doesn’t take another tumble anytime soon because if it does, there will be some people sitting on some land that could have potentially turned large profits on property that probably would appraise for the asking price anyway, but instead preferred to sit and wait for the lottery. It all comes down to reasonable profit and return on investment.

These are solely my views and not a representation of any other City official whether elected or not.

Mayor Michael Arnold



EMISSIONS TESTING

**Monday, Aug. 10th
& Monday, Sept. 14th
9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.**

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



2015 TESTING DATES:
OCT 5TH NOV 9TH DEC 7TH

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.**

INDEPENDENCE 5K

The 15th Annual Independence 5K took place July 4th at the White House High School Trailhead. Thank you to everyone who participated. **Caleb Cook was the Overall Male Winner and Jennifer Faber was the Overall Female Winner. Tony Baucom was the Masters Male Winner and April Harris was the Masters Female Winner.** Congratulations to them and all of the other winners in their respective divisions.

Thank you to all of our sponsors!

- The Farmers Bank
- McDonalds of White House
- CEMC
- Goodall Homes
- Cumberland Pediatric Dentistry and Orthodontics
- White House Realtors

Senior Center

MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR CENTER COORDINATOR

Calling all Seniors!! Come join us at the White House Senior Center located at 105 College Street for fun and games. Our activities include water aerobics, walking, sitercise, cards, games, dominos, pool, and a hot meal every Wednesday for \$2.50!! Lunch includes meat and three, dessert and drink! Yummy! Reservations required. We play Bingo twice a month after our Wednesday lunch and the coverall is a gift certificate donated by Kroger and White House Foodland.

Line dancing is offered every Thursday at 2:00 for \$3.00 per person. First hour beginners and second hour advanced. (\$3.00 covers both hours.). Once a month we learn/play Bunco!

In June we celebrated Fathers Day at lunch with gifts donated by Betty Thompson and Farmers Bank. We also enjoyed a trip to the movies and a Mystery Trip to Trinity Broadcasting. We ended our trip with lunch at The Chocolate Covered Strawberry.

Our trips in July include bowling, movies and Chaffin Barn Theatre.

We also restarted the book club.

For more information and a copy of our calendar stop by the Center or call Billie at 615-672-4350, x2116.

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



Ladies enjoying lunch at the Chocolate Covered Strawberry





2015-16 Youth Basketball Sign-ups



Registration Period: September 8th - October 19th
Registration Fee: \$65 for City Residents/\$77 for Non-Residents
Practices start in November
Saturday games begin in December

Adult League Sign-ups

MEN'S SOFTBALL

Registration Ends August 10th
Fee: \$450 Team *Non-Resident fees may apply*
All players must be at least 16 years of age



9-Team Limit [16 - Game Season/Single Elimination Postseason]
Tournament (All based on full league) [Yellow Balls Only]

Tuesday and Thursday Doubleheaders

MEN'S OPEN BASKETBALL

Registration Period: September 21st - November 2nd

Registration Fee: \$475 per team
Regular season begins in November

Tuesday night games
Post-season tournament

Out-of-city fees may apply based on majority rule

OPEN GYM

We now offer an adult open gym! It is every Saturday night from 4:00pm-9:00pm at the Civic Center. You must be at least 18 years of age or older. The cost is \$2 per person

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Be on the lookout for Trail of Treats in October and Trot for Tots and the Christmas Parade in December
Keep checking our website for more details on all of our leagues and events at:
www.cityofwhitehouse.com/parks

ADULT CO-ED KICKBALL

Registration Ends August 10th
Registration Fee: [\$350/Team *Non-Resident fees may apply*]

All players must be at least 16 years old

Number of games depends on participation
10 vs. 10 (5 males/5 females)
Monday and/or Friday Games



Labor Day Bike Parade

Monday, September 7th

Arrive at 9:00 am

Parade will begin at 9:20 am in front of Fire Hall #1 on Highway 76. Everyone is encouraged to decorate their bicycles, tricycles, wagons and strollers with streamers, flags, balloons, etc.

****Best decorated bicycle will win an award****

Kids should be accompanied by an adult

FREE FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Please wear a helmet!

****Safety Day to begin immediately after****



Safety Day Blood Drive

The American Red Cross Blood Mobile will be at the *White House City Park on Safety Day, Monday September 7, 2015 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.

Blood Mobile will be located at Fire Hall #1 - 416 Highway 76

For additional information, contact event coordinator, WHPD Sergeant Eric M Enck at eenck@cityofwhitehouse.com, or 615-672-4903. To learn more about blood donation opportunities, visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733 2767).

Every minute of every day, someone needs blood. That blood can only come from a volunteer donor, a person like you who makes the choice to donate. There is no substitute for your donation.

When you make a blood donation, you join a very select group. Currently only 3 out of every 100 people in America donate blood. From its beginning, the American Red Cross has formed a community of service, of generous, strong and decent people bound by beliefs beyond themselves. The American Red Cross blood donor embodies this principle. Please join us in our mission to maintain a safe and stable blood supply by making your appointment to donate blood today.

To find out where you can donate, and to make an appointment online, visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733 2767).

*TENNESSEE TITAN TICKETS DRAWING will be held for all presenting donors. Drawing to be held at 2:00 pm upon completion of blood drive. Donor does not have to be present to win.

Tickets donated by Mike Gains from State Farm Insurance

WHPD would like to give a big **THANK YOU** to Mike Gains of State Farm Insurance for all of his support.



Monday, September 7, 2015
Labor Day

White House City Park
9:00 am -2:00 pm

White House Police & Fire Public Safety Day

Bike Rodeo and Bike Parade
Police Cars
K-9 Demonstration
Fire Trucks
Special Operation Vehicles
Red Cross Blood Mobile
Rescue Helicopters
Fire Extinguisher Demonstration
Young Bike Riders Safety Course
Child I.D. Kits
Mini Fire Truck Rides
Home Fire Survival Challenge

Donate blood and enter to win 2 Tennessee Titan Tickets

*For additional participant information contact:
WHPD Sergeant Eric M Enck Event Coordinator @
eenck@cityofwhitehouse.com/615-672-4903*



WHITE HOUSE LIBRARY

Ribbon Cutting

Thursday, August 6th

at 12 Noon

Join us for tours of the new building, a showcase of the library's new services, children activities, and special guest Tashi the reading dog and Magic Wayne the Balloon Twister. Catering will be provided by the L & M Bakery.



Happening at your new White House Library

There will be no story times or homeschool groups during the month of August. Starting in September, story time will resume its normal schedule with toddlers meeting on Tuesdays at 10:30 am and preschoolers meeting on

Wednesday at 10:30 am. Homeschool group will meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday in September at 2 pm.

The library will have a movie night on Monday, September 14th at 5:30 pm. Contact the library for the title of the movie.

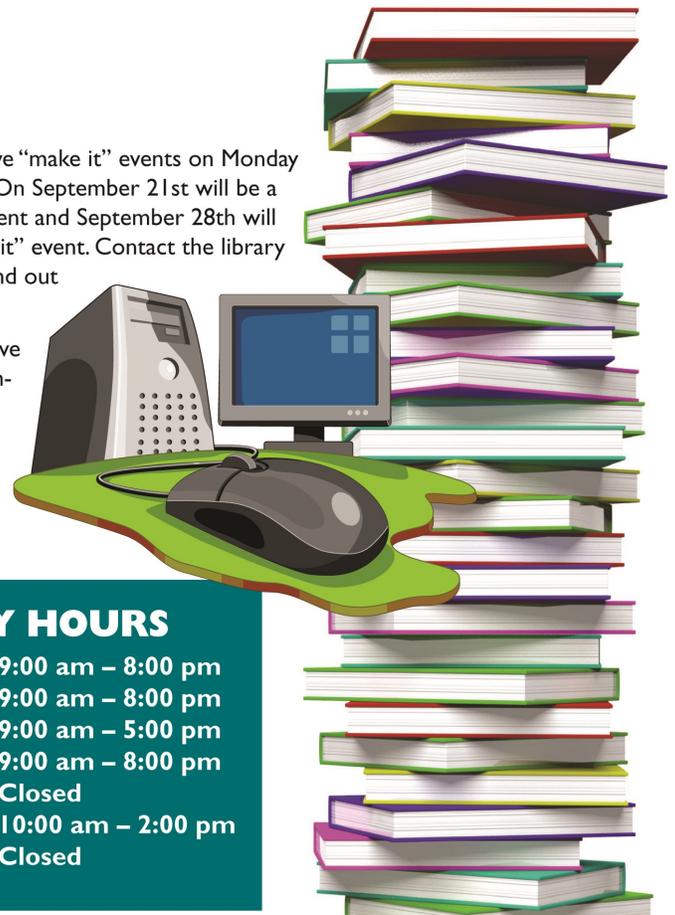


The library will host Tuesday Talks, which are informative workshops for adults, the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of September at 5:30 pm. The book club for adults will meet on September 24th at 10 am.

The library will host teen events the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm starting in September.

The library will have "make it" events on Monday nights at 5:30 pm. On September 21st will be a family "make it" event and September 28th will be the teen "make it" event. Contact the library in September to find out more details.

The Library will have beginner adult computer classes on Thursday, September 10th at 1pm and September 24th at 5:30 pm.



LIBRARY HOURS

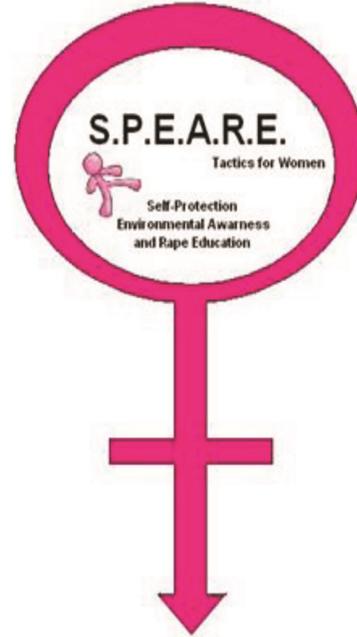
Monday	9:00 am – 8:00 pm
Tuesday	9:00 am – 8:00 pm
Wednesday	9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Thursday	9:00 am – 8:00 pm
Friday	Closed
Saturday	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Sunday	Closed

S.P.E.A.R.E. TATICS FOR WOMEN

Sgt. Eric Enck of the White House Police Department is offering an all-encompassing self-preservation class. Dubbed "S.P.E.A.R.E." (Self-Protection, Environmental Awareness, Rape Education), this is simply not your typical self-defense seminar. Rather than focusing solely on escaping an attacker, S.P.E.A.R.E seeks to arm participants with the knowledge needed to avoid situations before they become physical. An in-depth PowerPoint presentation reveals the stark reality of violence and sexual assaults in America, the danger of date rape drugs and even what a rapist looks for in a victim. It seeks to educate participants on everything from being aware of your surroundings to escaping an attack; tactics that are especially important for the college-bound.

Following the lecture, Sgt. Enck leads an interactive defensive tactics class that focuses techniques anyone can employ. And although he brings with him 29 years of training in and teaching martial arts (even instructing defense tactics at the state Police Academy), the maneuvers he teaches are meant to be simple yet effective in escaping an assailant.

The class is free for ladies 12 and up on Saturday, August 1, 2015, from 8:00am - 12:00pm at the White House Police Department. Pre-registration is required

**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
enck@cityofwhitehouse.com

CITY OF WHITE HOUSE FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES NOTICE OF REDUCED ISO RATING

The City of White House Fire Department has received notification from the Insurance Services Office (ISO) that the City's Public Protection Classification has been reduced from a Class 5 to a Class 3 / 3X. The reclassification will take effect September 1, 2015. The reclassification will allow home and business owners to enjoy a reduction in insurance premiums. The class 3 rating is for all properties within the corporate city limits that are within 1,000 feet of a fire hydrant. The 3X rating is for all the properties within the corporate city limits that are greater than 1,000 feet of a fire hydrant. Homeowners that fall into the Class 3 category could see an appreciable drop in annual insurance premiums. **Based upon research conducted by department personnel, a \$160,000 home that falls into the 3 classification could see a potential annual savings of around \$60.00.** The City of White House Fire Department encourages home and business owners to contact their insurance carrier to ensure that the new classification is applied to their policy.

"This new classification is a major milestone for the department that we have worked on for many years to accomplish. Our department has become one of 56 departments in the state of Tennessee's over 700 department's to receive this classification. This means that we are in the top six percent of departments in the nation," states Fire Chief Joe Palmer.

The 3X classification designates that a structure inside the City of White House is located greater than 1,000 feet from a fire hydrant. While the number of homes that fall into the 3x category is very small, there are some homeowners that may see their annual insurance premiums increase as a result of the new classifications.

MEET YOUR FIREFIGHTER: PATRICK MCLAUGHLIN



Firefighter McLaughlin started with the City of White House Fire Department as a career firefighter in 2010. Some of the certifications that Firefighter McLaughlin holds are: Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Certified Driver / Operator, and Emergency Medical Responder. Firefighter McLaughlin is assigned to "B" shift.



[Participants demonstrate fire extinguisher use]



[Participants applying light search and rescue techniques]

WHITE HOUSE C.E.R.T.

The White House C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Team) is designed to prepare the citizens of White House for a natural or man-made 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 C.E.R.T. team is to have members of every neighborhood in the city trained in C.E.R.T. 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, Summer Crossings, Bridlecreek, Briarwood, and Holly Tree are the communities that C.E.R.T. 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 C.E.R.T. team is trained to provide the assistance needed until the emergency services are available.

Topics to be covered in the class are: C.E.R.T. History, Fire Safety, Disaster Medical Operations, Disaster Psychology, C.E.R.T. and Terrorism, C.E.R.T. Overview and Documentation, and numerous hands-on activities.

We need your help to ensure the success of this program. The White House Fire Department will host another training opportunity in September 2015 and the classes will be September 10, 17, 24, and October 1, 2015, from 6:30 PM until 9:30 PM and on October 3, 2015, from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM. **The class is FREE 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.** The class is limited to 20 participants and will be first come first serve. Registration will end August 27, 2015, so please call Fire Station # 2 at 615-672-5338 as soon as possible to sign-up.



CITY OF WHITE HOUSE FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES NEW LADDER TRUCK

The City of White House Fire Department has taken delivery of a new 75 foot ladder truck. The apparatus is a Sutphen SL-75 manufactured by Sutphen in Columbus, Ohio. The vehicle will serve as a ladder truck in the department's fleet, but also has pumping capabilities with a 1,500 gallon per minute pump and a 500 gallon water tank on board. The truck has the ability to flow 1,500 gallons per minute from the tip of the ladder or the nozzle can be retracted to allow rescue operations to be performed from the ladder.

This is the first ladder truck in the department's history and the addition of the apparatus has already contributed to helping lower the department's ISO rating. Additionally, the new truck will allow buildings to be built taller in the city which encourages economic development. By adding the ladder truck to our fleet we were able to increase building restrictions to 53 feet (4 story)

"The addition of this piece of equipment to our fleet will enable our department to perform firefighting strategies and tactics that have never been available to us in the past," states Fire Chief Joe Palmer.



All American fun in White House



Photos courtesy of Peter Stratton, Stratton DV Imaging
Despite the threat of ominous weather, thousands gathered at the White House Soccer complex to celebrate the nation's birthday at the annual Americana Celebration. Live entertainment, booths and plenty of food kept the festival goers busy and the fireworks igniting a few minutes ahead of schedule allowed most to avoid the downpour that ended the evening.



Save the Date
Dec. 5th

Miracle on Main Street Festival

Reserve your booth in Santa's Marketplace by contacting the Chamber at 615-672-3937

Most Activities Indoors @ White House City Hall