



WORD ON WHITE HOUSE

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105 College Street • White House, Tennessee 37188

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The White House Farmer's Market to open May 2022



OPEN WEDNESDAYS FROM 3:30PM-7:00PM
420 TN-76, WHITE HOUSE, TN 37188
WHITEHOUSETN.GOV/FARMERSMARKET



The 2022 Farmer's Market is set to open May 18th, 2022 and will run until August 31, 2022. The weekly market will be on Wednesdays from 3:30pm to 7pm at the White House Municipal Park.

We are very excited for this season and look forward to providing a space for local farmers, vendors, and artisans to be able to easily provide their products to the City of White House.

You can expect live music, events, and more at the Farmer's Market this season!

At this time, we are still accepting applications for vendors, food trucks, entertainment/musicians, and more! Please find more information at whitehousetn.gov/farmersmarket or contact the Market Manager, Deana Phillips, at dphillips@whitehousetn.gov or 615-616-1012.



WE WILL BE
CLOSED

**MEMORIAL
DAY**

MAY 30



City of White House
Billy S. Hobbs Municipal Center
105 College Street
White House, TN 37188
www.whitehousetn.gov

Phone: 615-672-4350

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Greetings

FROM YOUR CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Gerald O. Herman



Greetings,

Spring is finally here! The warm sun and the wonder of the trees and flowers in bloom bring joy to my heart. I hope joy embraces all of you. Many years ago, when working in an envelope factory these words came to me in a song “Every time I look around; seeing faces with a frown; I give them a smile; and they always smile back. It’s just a little simple smile; that makes you laugh and sing awhile; and even if your down; it will always lift you up. So, smile with me.” Well, there you have it folks my one and only song ever written and sung by me! The smile emoji has been like a best friend to me for so many years. It reminds me to look for the sunny side of every situation.

The construction of our new Community Center has been delayed another month. Supply chain issues have delayed needed hardware parts and other items that are essential to us taking possession of the building. We are now looking at a move in date in late April. But on the bright side we have been in a situation where we are not facing a move out date of our current building. For all of you that have had to move out quickly from a sold home you know how much stress that can be.

If all goes well in the budget process, we could be out to bid for the new Recreation Center in May or June. We are very excited with

sharing with you the design and the types of recreational activities inside. As the project progresses, we will share information through various social media sites. It should take about 2 years to build out. Our full intention is to keep our current gym operational during the construction. We will have some logistic challenges like parking and access into the gym, but we will do our best to find solutions that are safe for all users.

We still plan to have a special day “If these walls could talk” inviting all of you to take one last walk through the halls of our current building before demolition. As soon as we can set a date, we will let all of you know. We will have an auction also for remaining furniture pieces. In the meantime, may you be safe, happy, and healthy. 😊



NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS!

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ALL AGES

Due to the success with our first ever stick by number art project, the library will be putting one up every 2 to 3 months. These will consist of a poster with letters. Each letter corresponds with a color. You put a colored sticker on the letter that corresponds with it. When it is filled, we will have a completed poster.

Everyone is welcome to help complete these posters.

ADULT PROGRAMS

1st Tuesday: Brush Pen Lettering at 1:00pm

1st Thursday: Stitch Club at 4:00pm

2nd Thursday: Mystery Readers at 3:00pm

3rd Thursday: Stitch Club at 4:00pm

4th Thursday: Bookworms book club at 10am

4th Thursday: Craft club at 4:00pm

CHILDREN PROGRAMS

Story Time: Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10:30am for ages 0-5. Join us for dancing, a book reading and a craft. The same story will be read both days. These events will be held face-to-face but are subject to change to online only. Check our website for updates.

Crafternoons: Kids ages 5-8 join us on Mondays at 4:00pm for crafts, Legos and sometimes a movie showing.

TWEEN &**TEEN PROGRAMS**

are held every Tuesday at 4:30pm. These events are for those ages 9-17. Below is the schedule for each Tuesday:

1st Tuesday: Creative Writing

2nd and 4th Tuesday: Sewing class

3rd Tuesday: Drawing club

Want to be a part of planning tween/teen programs?

Then join our teen advisory board. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 4:00pm.

**All programs are being held face-to-face but that is subject to change to grab and go kits and virtual only should the need arise. Check the library website for up-to-date program info.*

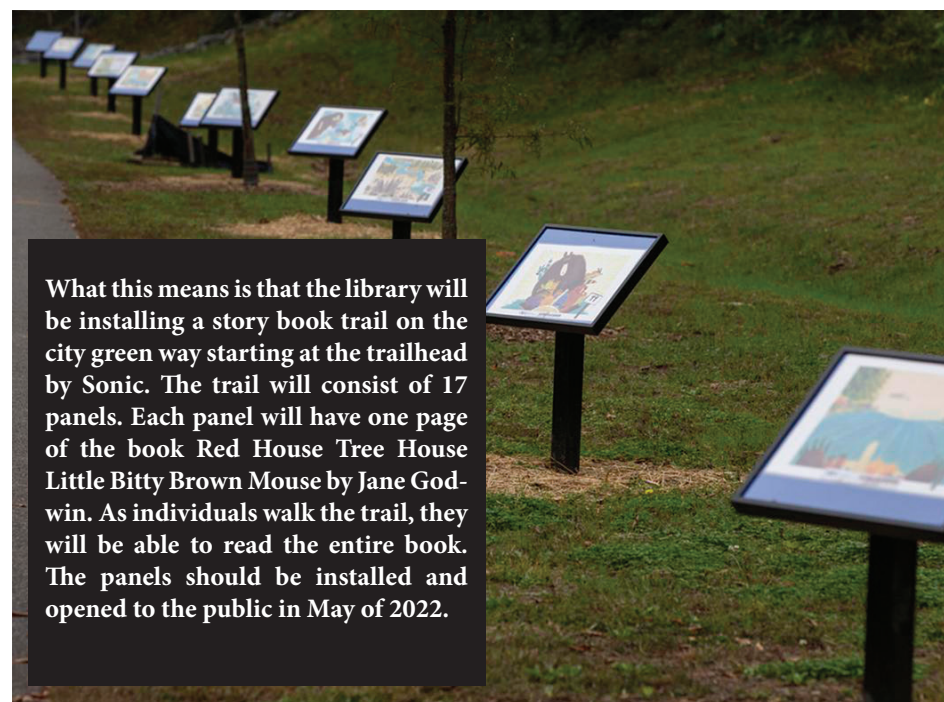
All children, teen, and tween programs will stop the week of May 23rd as we prepare for our summer reading events and Fandomcon. Fandomcon will be held on Saturday, June 11th. Summer reading will run during the months of June and July.



The White House Library Board will meet on May 12th at 7:00pm at City Hall, located at 105 College St.

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 30TH IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY.

Did you know that the White House Library was a recipient of the Governor's Early Literacy Foundation Story Book Grant?



SIGN-UP TO RECEIVE TEXT NOTIFICATIONS ABOUT LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Sign up for one notification or all three by scanning the QR code.

Children's Programs



Teen Programs



Adult Programs



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Besides text messages, you can also stay up to date on all of the library happenings by signing up for our email newsletter, liking our Facebook page, or visiting the library website at www.yousee-more.com/whl. Our website not only contains our monthly calendar of events, but also features electronic databases, ebook and audio book downloads, and our online catalog. So be sure to check out everything the library has to offer.

Save The Date

FANDOMCON

June 11, 2022
10:00 am – 3:00 pm



The White House Library Fandomcon is a one-day event full of all things fantasy, sci-fi, comics, gaming, anime, and more!

Our theme this year is Oceans of Possibilities! We will have activities for all ages such as: escape rooms, crafts, video games, vendors and more!

This year, the event will be held outside on June 11th from 10am - 3pm. We will move the event inside if it rains. We hope to see you there and make sure to wear a costume!



COME VISIT
The White House Inn Museum

Hamilton's Fort Exhibit

412 TN 76 • White House, TN 37188
Open Mon - Thurs 9 am - 4 pm
Or by Appointment • Call Susan 615-672-5223



JOIN US EVERY WEDNESDAY
STARTING IN MAY!
3:30PM - 7:00PM



VENDOR
APPLICATIONS
OPEN NOW!

whitehousetn.gov/farmersmarket

SENIOR CENTER

Welcome to the White House Senior Citizen Center
located in the White House Municipal Building.

A hot lunch is served in the cafeteria every Wednesday. This is a great time to fellowship with other seniors. The cost of the meal for a senior is \$2.50 (eat in), \$3.00 (take out), \$5.50 (eat in) for non-seniors, and \$6.00 (take out) for non-seniors. The meal includes meat, vegetables, bread, and dessert. Reservations are required by noon on Monday. Call Billie at 615.672.4350 ext. 2116 for reservations.

Enjoy Bingo after lunch the first and third Wednesday of every month. Bring a \$3.00 gift to participant in a single line Bingo. We clear the cards and everyone can participant in cover-all for a gift.

The first Monday of every month we celebrate all birthdays in that month with a potluck meal. The center is always open for card games; Hand & Foot, Shanghai & Farmers Rummy, and Canasta. A game of pool, dominos and board games is also available. Our center always has a puzzle in process and our book shelves are stocked with books to borrow. We schedule lunches at local restaurants, craft day, bunco, movie at the center, Bible Study, and bowling at Strike N Spare in Hendersonville monthly.

Caris Healthcare is sponsoring a Vet to Vet Café in March. Veterans join us for coffee and donuts and fellowship with other veterans. Check our calendar for a date and time.

Stop by the center located at 105 College Street, White House, TN to pick up a calendar and take a tour of our center or check us out on the City of White House website. There is NO FEE and new residents are welcome!!!



Check our calendar for
activities in April
(Easter)
&
May!



Senior Center classes for the Young at Heart!

MEET OUR INSTRUCTOR:

Ann Manly is a certified fitness instructor from northern Indiana who moved to the White House area in 2017. Ann has a passion for fitness, and through her career has taught dance fitness, yoga, strength training, step, kickboxing and water aerobics. Ann also has a passion for music, which she channels as she choreographs the workouts using everything from oldies to contemporary tunes. Striving to make each class motivating and fun, Ann gears her classes towards all levels of fitness, and modifications are shown to keep everyone comfortable and working at their own pace.

Ann has been teaching fitness at the White House Senior Center for the past three years, and has expanded the program to include strength training, low impact cardio, and yoga.

"Providing a safe place for everyone to work out, and giving the opportunity to build friendships and make connections is one of the most important parts of the program," Ann explained.

Ann and husband Russ have 5 sons, 7 grandchildren,

and three cats. Ann is also an artist and loves painting, especially pet portraits, and displays her artwork at a local business.



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 is only for cremations enclosed in urns. Do you know what you would do with your loved ones cremation? Hillcrest Municipal Cemetery now offers a lower cost alternative. Our columbarium has 48 niches (hollow spaces) 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

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Ground Burials

Sale of Lots \$750
Openings & Closings \$850
(\$650 if marker already exists)
Burial of Cremains \$300
Move Outside of Hillcrest \$500
Move within Hillcrest \$1,000
Monument Foundations Fee
25¢ per square inch
Scatter of Cremains \$25

Two Cremation Limit Columbarium

Sale of Lots \$750 (includes opening, closing and engraving for first interment)
\$150 for second interment and engraving, additional opening and closing \$150
Columbariums are 11.5"x11.5" spaces for up to two urns per niche

Hillcrest Municipal Cemetery

EXERCISE CLASSES
Monday through Thursday
at 9:30 am

WALKING
The gym is available Monday-
Thursday 7:15 am -10 am
for walking

Check our calendar for activities in April (Easter) & May!



As a reminder your **sewer and refuse bill** is always due on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. You can mail payments in to City of White House 105 College St White House, TN 37188 or they can be dropped off in person. There is also a drop box located in the roundabout.


PURCHASING AND VENDOR REGISTRY

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 to partner with the city.


To register, simply go to the city's purchasing website at :

www.whitehousetn.gov/purchasing


If you have any questions about the city's purchasing policies or have trouble registering your company, please contact Carol Sturm, Purchasing Coordinator at 615-72-4350, ext. 2130 or by email at CSturm@whitehousetn.gov




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White House**
Area Chamber of Commerce



PROSPERITY MORTGAGE
ADVISORS



MUSIC  **UNDER THE STARS**

*Summer
Concerts*

at the Fran Hutson Amphitheater Music Begins at 6:30 pm



VARIETY PAK
MAY 26



SPILT MILK
JUNE 23



FORTUNATE SONS
JULY 28



KRUIZE KONTROL
AUGUST 27

**Food Trucks
& Family Fun**

*Thanks to our
partners*



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CROSSROADS
Medical Group



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White House**
where business and community converge

THE CITY OF WHITE HOUSE



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The White House Police Department is now hiring!

Starting pay begins at \$20.48/hr or \$44,728.32 annually base.

Basic Qualifications:

- High School diploma or GED
- United States Citizen
- Valid Driver's License
- No Felony Convictions

Hiring Process:

- Employment Application (whitehousetn.gov/careers)
- Background Investigation
- Written Exam
- Physical Agility Exam
- Citizen Board Interview
- Chief's Interview
- 12-Week Police Academy (Post hire if not already certified)

Opportunities:

- Overtime Opportunities
- Bike Patrol, ERT, DTF
- Criminal Investigations Division
- K9 Unit
- Outer Vest
- Specialized Training
- Take Home Vehicle

Program

- 12 Hour Shifts (every other weekend off)

Benefits:

- Health, Dental & Vision Insurance (Employee coverage cost only \$30.10/month)
- Vacation (4 Weeks accrued during 1st year)
- Sick Days

- Longevity Pay
- Pay Increases Annually
- 11.5 Paid Holidays & 20 hrs of Personal Time
- Tuition Assistance Program
- TCRS Retirement & Retiree Health Care

Apply at whitehousetn.gov/careers
For inquiries: Contact Human Resources at 615-672-4350 ext.2109



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Starting pay \$20.48/hr or
\$44,728.32 annually base

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- Vacation (4 weeks accrued during 1st year)
- And more!

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHPD and 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 **April 30th (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 languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse.

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



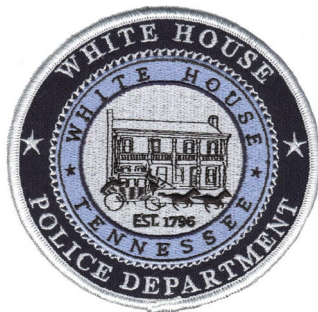
Got Drugs?

These Prescription Medications Will Be Accepted:

- Prescribed narcotic drugs (Vicodin, Oxycontin, etc.)
- Prescription medications
- Over the counter medications
- Medication samples
- Pet medications
- Medicated ointments/ lotions
- Vitamins
- Inhalers
- EpiPens (unopened)

These Prescription Drugs Will Not Be Accepted:

- Personal care items
- Hydrogen peroxide
- Aerosol cans
- EpiPens (used)
- Mercury products
- Iodine products
- Radioactives
- Business waste
- Empty containers or "sharps" (needles)
- Liquid medications/ cough syrups



WHPD Summer Crime Prevention Tips

Summer time crime can increase and the opportunities for criminal activity. The White House Police Department suggests these simple tips to assist you in having a safe Summer season.

- **Be ALERT and AWARE of your surroundings.** Pay attention to who is around you and what activities are happening. Don't leave the safety of a building or your vehicle until you have ensured all is secure and safe. Trust your instincts; if you feel uncomfortable with a place or person(s), get away.
- **Park in well-lit areas.**
- **Remember to lock your vehicle at home and away!!** Keep vehicle doors and windows locked while you are in it and especially when you are not! Use anti-theft steering wheel clubs or locks as well. A thief is looking for easy targets & anything you can do to deter them from choosing your car, the better.
- **Minimize the number of valuables left in your vehicle and keep valuables, electronics (including cell phones and DVDs), guns and other "theft attractors" out of sight.**
- **Protect your purse or wallet and clean out any unnecessary items before leaving home.** Don't carry large amounts of cash or extra credit cards. Carry only those cards that you will need to use that day. Keep a master list of all cards so if your wallet is stolen, they can be reported promptly to the appropriate banking facility.
- **Never leave your purse, wallet or cell phone unattended in a public place.**
- **Role-play with children about what should happen in the event you are separated.**
- **Have your keys out and ready when you return to your vehicle.**
- **Do not leave your car unattended with the motor running or with the keys in the ignition – even for the very short time needed to do a quick errand or pay for fuel.**

Contact the White House Police Department to report all criminal activity:

Emergency: 911
Non -Emergency 672-4903
W.H.P.D. Central Dispatch Center 382-6863

Greenway Safety Tips

Trail Safety Tips

- Carry a cell phone in case of emergency. Program the White House Police Department’s number into your cell phone before you leave.
- There is safety in numbers. Use the buddy-system and enjoy the trail with a companion.
- Park in a well-lit, heavily-trafficked area. Lock your vehicle and do not leave valuables such as purses, wallets, jewelry, or cell phones inside.
- Carry identification including your name, phone number, critical medical information, and a contact name/number in case of an emergency.
- Wear comfortable sport shoes, loose-fitting clothing appropriate for the weather, and use proper safety equipment.
- Wear bright and/or reflective fabrics and carry a whistle or noise-maker.
- Tell friends or family the route you will be taking and when you expect to return. If you are going to be late, give them a call.
- Stay on the designated trail and avoid short-cutting or crossing open country.
- Be alert and aware of your surroundings. Avoid areas where visibility is poor, and be aware of sounds in your environment.
- Be confident. Look people in the eye and let others know you are aware of their presence with a polite “Hello!”

- When you approach your car, have your key ready. Check the floor and back seats before you get in.

Trail Etiquette

- Be a good citizen; helpful, polite, and considerate of others.
- Respect the trail, private property, and City property.
- Pick-up litter. Pack out what you pack in.
- Give verbal warning and use caution when overtaking other trail users.
- Use caution around domestic and wild animals.
- Leave plants, trees, and wildlife undisturbed.

Trail Rules

- The trail is open from sunrise to sunset daily. The trail closes at dark.
- Children must be supervised by an adult.
- With the exception of motorized wheelchairs, only non-motorized vehicles are permitted.
- Pets must be kept on a leash, and people must clean up after their pets.
- This trail is not intended for equestrian use; no horses, ponies, or other equines allowed.

- No smoking, littering, or alcoholic beverages.
- No fires, pyrotechnics, launching of hobby-rockets or balloons.
- No annoying, offensive, or profane languages or gestures.
- No skateboards allowed.
- Keep right, except to pass.
- No amplified sound, except by permit.
- No destruction/removal of plants, animals, or defacing of trees, fencing, or property.
- No commercial activity or offering items for sale, except by permit.

Trail Watch/General Number: 615-382-6863 for White House Police Department

- Crime in progress, or a serious life-threatening injury can be reported to the
- White House Police Department at **Emergency #9-1-1.**
- Suspicious activity, strange behavior, threatening presence, loitering: Call White House PD.
- Illegal camps or litter related to alcohol or public intoxication: Call White House PD.
- Incidents involving domestic animals: Call 615-382-6863 White House Police Department.
- Trail erosion, trail obstruction, graffiti, trail hazards: Call 615-672-4350, ext. 2114 White House Parks





PARKS AND RECREATION



Little League Challenger Baseball

Challenger Baseball season is underway!
Games are held Saturdays at 9:30AM at the White House Municipal Park Field 8. Come out and support our Special Needs Baseball Program. Special Thank you to all of our sponsors for this season:

Tate Ornamental, Inc, Goodall Homes, On The Rock, Los Agaves Mexican Restaurant, Colorado Grill, Copper Creek Electric, Clif and Fran Hutson, F & M Bank, Community Eye Care & Crossroads Medical Group



Upcoming Programs

Keep checking out our website for more details on upcoming programs and more at:

<https://www.whitehousetn.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation>
or
<https://whparks.recdesk.com/Community/Member/Login>



22nd Annual Independence 5K

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The date for the 22nd Annual Independence 5K has been set for Saturday, July 2nd at 8:00AM. The race will start at the White House High School trailhead. Business Sponsorship Opportunities available for \$200.

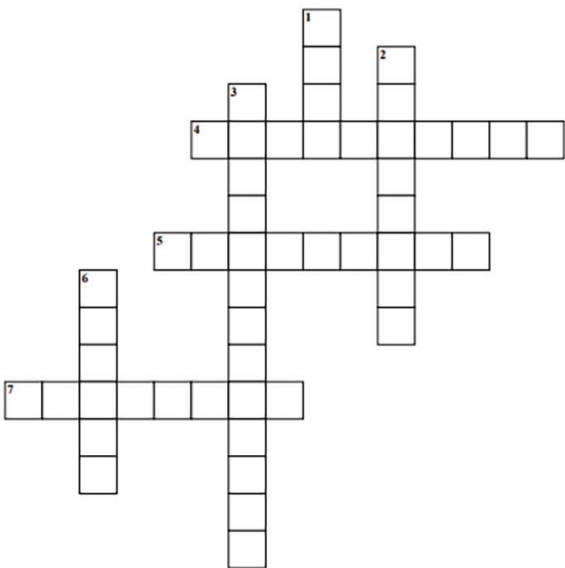
Early Bird Registration will begin May 2nd

Entry Fee: Early Bird Deadline by June 5th
\$25/Individual
\$20/Individual 10 & Under
\$70/Family (up to 4 members)

Fee after June 5th:

\$30/Individual
\$25/Individual 10 & Under - \$80/Family (up to 4 members)

Things that make White House great!

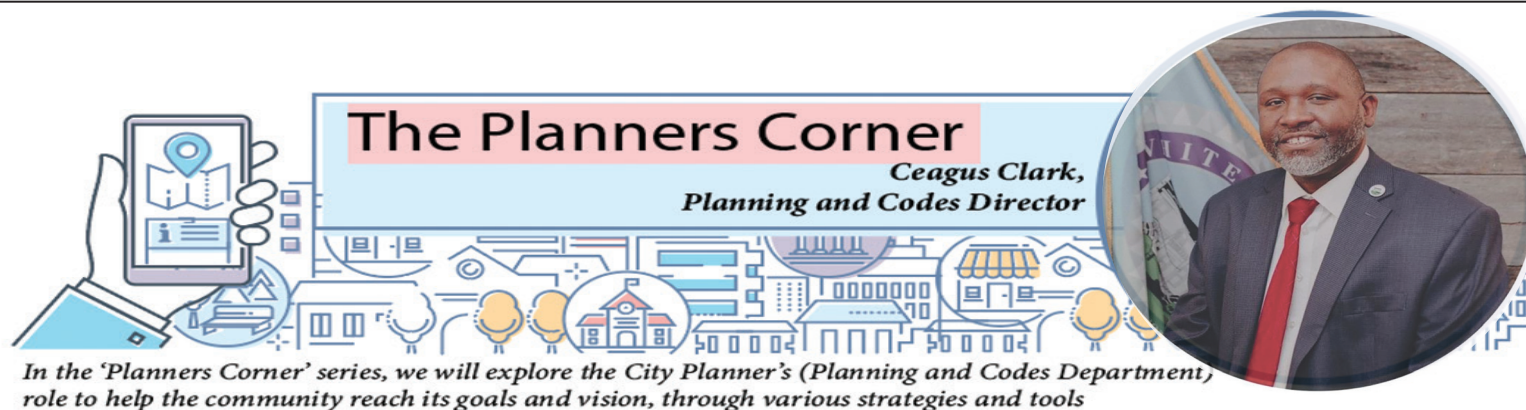


Across

- [4] The tallest landmark in White House
- [5] Carnival event in July
- [7] Where you can go to walk, run, or bike!

Down

- [1] Number of schools in White House
- [2] 105 College Street
- [3] Begins May 18th this year!
- [6] Where you can go to learn the rich history of White House



Who are we and how do we serve the citizens of White House? Part II

In the previous edition of Word on White House, I provided the goals and objectives of What, How and Why a Long-Range Planning is created. I'm this edition of the Planner's Corner I will focus on procedures for temporary sign permits and why enforcement is necessary.

Signs constitute a separate and distinct use of the land upon which they are placed and affect the use of adjacent streets, sidewalks, and property. The provisions of this ordinance are made to establish reasonable and impartial regulations for all exterior signs to protect the general public health, safety, convenience, and welfare; to reduce traffic hazards caused by unregulated signs which may distract, confuse, and impair the visibility of motorists and pedestrians; to insure the effectiveness of public traffic signs and signals; to protect the public investment in streets, highways, and other public improvements; to facilitate the creation of an attractive and harmonious community; to protect property values; and to further economic development.

As we roll into the spring and summer seasons, our code enforcement staff recently sent out letters to all commercial businesses in the city limits as a courtesy to provide information on temporary signage. A Temporary Sign is an

on-premise sign that is used in connection with a circumstance, situation, commercial advertisement, product availability or event that is designed, intended, or expected to take place or to be completed within a reasonably short period of time after the erection of such sign, or is intended to remain on the location where it is erected or placed for a period not more than twenty-eight (28) days. A temporary sign may not be constructed of, illuminated by, or operated by electrical, electronic, or mechanical parts. If a sign display area is permanent but the

message displayed is to be subject to periodic changes, that sign shall not be regarded as temporary. Banner signs are defined as being temporary signs. All temporary signs must comply with the City of White House Zoning

"Open, honest communication is the best foundation for any relationship, but remember that at the end of the day it's not what you say or what you do, but how make people feel that matters the most."

Tony Hsieh

Ordinance. (Amended by Ordinance 02-34, November 21, 2002)

Temporary Signs Requiring a Sign Permit at No Charge. The following signs may be erected only after obtaining a temporary sign

permit from the building inspector. The permit shall cite the length of time the sign may be displayed. If any temporary sign is not removed by the expiration of the appropriate time limit noted in this section, the building inspector may remove it and charge the costs of removal to the individual or enterprise responsible.

Please contact our office at 615-672-4350 ext. *2120, or visit our website <https://www.whitehousetn.gov/departments/planning-and-codes> The sign ordinance can be found under section 4.070.





FIRE DEPARTMENT



Training Days at the White House Fire Department

When a citizen calls 9-1-1, chances are that they, a loved one, or even a stranger are probably not having their best day, and are in need of emergency services. When the Fire Department answers an emergency call, it's rightly expected that we're proficient at what we do. But in the hectic moments of an emergency, how many people stop to wonder; "Do these guys know what they're doing"? Most people would assume that we DO know what we're doing, that, we have at least the minimum qualifications to perform the job. Few people actually give much thought to how we acquire our skills or how often we practice them.

As firefighters, we answer many different types of calls, ranging from the mundane to the catastrophic. As such, we must be ready for anything we may encounter. Most people would think firefighters ONLY respond to fight fires. The truth is, actual structure fires account for less than 10% of our calls. Our emergency responses consist of anything from childbirth to hazardous materials spills, car accidents to duck rescues (yes that has happened!), and everything in between. Consider too, that variables are constantly changing. For instance, lightweight construction in homes means they burn hotter, and much faster. Vehicle technology has grown exponentially, especially in



regards to electric and hybrid vehicles. We have to be constantly aware of these variables, and rely on our skills and knowledge to successfully adapt to changing conditions. Obviously, there's no way we could possibly expect to plan for every single scenario, however, consistent training allows us to be flexible and apply what we know and be able to adjust to a constantly evolving incident.

Training is not something firefighters take lightly. Our lives, and the lives of those in our care depend on us being capable and proficient at what we do. Just as the ability to play a musical instrument may take years to perfect, it's the same concept in the fire service:

Practice makes perfect. We must constantly hone our craft; we have to train and practice until we can perform the motions without thinking. Not only do we commit our skills to memory, we must also learn to maintain an acute awareness of our surroundings, so we can quickly adapt to changing conditions.

Here's just a small sampling of the knowledge and skills we must learn and constantly perfect:

- Fire behavior and fire growth
- Building Construction

- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) & Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)
 - Vehicle Extrication
 - Hazardous Materials
 - Incident Management
- The list goes on....

White House Firefighters maintain a rigorous training schedule

throughout the course of the year, this is a look at some numbers:

- Regular line firefighters are required to complete 228 training hours per year covering a wide variety of topics, and include: online courses, hands-on skills, live fire and simulation drills, driving, and safety courses.
- Our Fire Officers, in addition to the required 228 hours, must complete an additional 12 hours of command and supervisory specific training.



- In addition, our regular training, firefighters are also required to complete yearly medical training. For our Emergency Medical Responders (EMR), that means 10 training hours per year, and for our Advanced EMTs, it is 25 additional

hours per year of classroom and hands on training to satisfy State requirements for medical licensure.

All of the above, that's just the MINIMUM training requirement! That doesn't account for some of the advanced and/or specialty training we may participate in, as opportunities arise throughout the year.

Typically, the way it works for some training, such as online courses, firefighters may study on

their own. For skills and hand-on training, usually all the firefighters on one shift will train together. Once or twice a year however, we get the opportunity to bring together

all three shifts to train together.

Recently, White House firefighters took advantage of some gorgeous weather to bring all



three shifts together for a multiple day series of hands-on training scenarios. This included search and rescue, firefighter survival, victim extrication, and incident command. Training such as this is advantageous for many reasons, but primarily it allowed us to work with the firefighters on other shifts that we wouldn't operate with ordinarily. Working with all of us together like this allows us to bolster cooperation between shifts and strengthen our unit cohesion. These opportunities also allow us to assess our strengths and weaknesses, both individually and as a group, so we're able to judge where improvement is needed. It builds confidence, especially for the newer guys. Scenarios in this setting are designed to be as realistic as possible, which allows us to "train like we fight". As such, everybody, not just the newer guys, are allowed to make mistakes in a controlled setting and be able to learn from failure and success. That builds confidence and trust. Aside from all that, it's just plain fun! Very big thanks to Woodgrain for graciously allowing us to use part of your facilities in our yearly training scenarios!

PUBLIC SERVICES

Stormwater Drainage FAQ's

Common questions associated with the City of White House MS4 Stormwater

Question: There is new construction behind my lot and I'm having drainage problems due to the construction. Is there anything the City can do to make the developer drain his development away from me?

Answer: There is a misconception that new development is not allowed to drain onto existing development. If the area drained onto the adjacent property prior to development, it may continue to do so after development. New development may not worsen existing drainage patterns. If problems are being created during construction, please contact the Public Services Department at 615-672-3654 and we will investigate to determine whether the development is being properly constructed and that runoff is being properly managed.

Question: The new construction behind my house is causing a lot of dirt and sediment to enter my yard. Can the City require the builder to place erosion protection on his lot?

Answer: Please contact the Public Services Department at 615-672-3654. It is helpful if you know the name of the adjacent development. The developer of a subdivision or a commercial site is required to maintain stormwater pollution prevention controls on the property until adequate vegetation is established.

Question: My neighbor has been draining his swimming pool onto my lot. Who can I contact to stop this?

Answer: If the pool is draining onto private property, then it is a civil matter between property owners.

Question: My neighbor has done some work on his lot and now I'm getting more runoff. What can I do?

Answer: These situations are civil matters between the property owners. It is not a violation of state law or city code for one lot to drain onto another, and you should try to perform work on your lot to help your yard drain more efficiently. It is against state law to divert or concentrate runoff, or block runoff from draining onto your property. We advise that you meet with your neighbor and discuss the problem to work toward a mutually agreeable solution. If this is not possible, consider grading swales on your property to convey the runoff around your home. Swales are depressions similar to wide

shallow ditches that will collect runoff and take it to a more desirable area, typically the street. If swales are graded, care should be taken to ensure that grass is established so that they do not immediately fill up with silt. Occasionally, area drains may be considered. However, we do not generally recommend them for surface flow situations. Area drains typically do not have the capacity to handle the volume of runoff that is threatening to flood a home, and must be frequently cleaned of leaves and debris to function properly.

Question: A hole has developed in my yard over a City pipe system. What can the City do?

Answer: Please contact the Public Services Department at 615-672-3654. If

the system is public, we can investigate the cause of the problem and repair the system if necessary. If the system is private, then the owner of the system is responsible for maintenance.

Question: Am I allowed to construct a fence crossing a drainage easement?

Answer: Fences are allowed in drainage easements in some situations with a signed waiver. A fence permit must be obtained from the Public Services Stormwater Division for any fence construction. Proposed fences within drainage easements will be evaluated by the Public Services Department for utility functionality. Fences are never allowed across concrete channels, within natural creeks, or within the floodway.



Title 17: Refuse and Trash Disposal

Did you Know: By Andy Cieslak
– Public Services Director

The City of White House Public Works Department offers a variety of services for our citizens. Here are a few excerpts from our Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) codes that may be useful. Please review Title:17 Chapter 1 for a complete List of Municipal Codes.

17-105. Location of containers

Location of containers. All residents, except those approved for special assistance due to age, handicap or illness (See § 17-105(4)) shall place their wheeled container at curbside or street-side no later than 6:30 A.M. on the date of anticipated collection. As soon as practicable after such containers have been emptied, they shall be removed by the owner or occupant to within, or to the rear of their premises and

away from the street line until the next scheduled time for collection. (1) Each owner, occupant, or other responsible person, as foresaid, shall be responsible for keeping the refuse container clean and sanitary in compliance with health and sanitation requirements and shall keep container lids closed at all times. No refuse shall be placed in container until such refuse has been drained free of all liquids and securely placed in plastic bags. If 17-105 is not observed, it may cause trash service to be denied, as per our Municipal Code.

Brush Collection

17-108. Nurserymen, Landscapers and Independent hired contractors – duty to remove trash. Every nurseryman or other person who cuts trees or trims shrubs or grass as an independent contractor of the occupant of the premises, shall remove or cause to be removed all such trash from the premises serviced by him/her. (1979 Code, § 8-208, as re-



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placed by Ord. #05-35, Nov. 2005) 17-113. Fee schedule. (3) Fee schedule for disposal at Public Works Facility: Single item: \$15 Pick-up truck load: (Drop off Only) \$50 Tires (on or off rim): (Drop off Only) \$10 Any load containing tires or an item that would fit in the single item category will be charged \$50 plus the cost of additional item(s). (Drop off Only) Customer requested pickup will be double the above amounts (4) Brush and limbs will

be accepted at the public works facility free of charge. (5) Residents and commercial accounts that have city provided solid waste disposal service shall be allowed two (2) free disposal drop-offs per calendar year at the public services trash transfer station. The material load shall be limited to a pickup truck, or a trailer no larger in size than four by eight feet (4' x 8'). (as added by Ord. #05-35, Nov. 2005, and amended by Ord. #07-18, June 2007, Ord. #14-12, June 2014, and Ord. #16-23, Jan. 2017)



ONLINE AUCTION INCREASE REVENUE FROM SURPLUS ASSETS By Carol Sturm Purchasing Coordinator

Ever wondered what happens to surplus city property? They are auctioned online at GovDeals.com. The City of White House sold 11 items on GovDeals {www.govdeals.com} in 2021. The net profit from the sale of the items was over \$9,700. Most 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. WhiteHouseTN.gov/SurplusProperty](http://www.WhiteHouseTN.gov/SurplusProperty).

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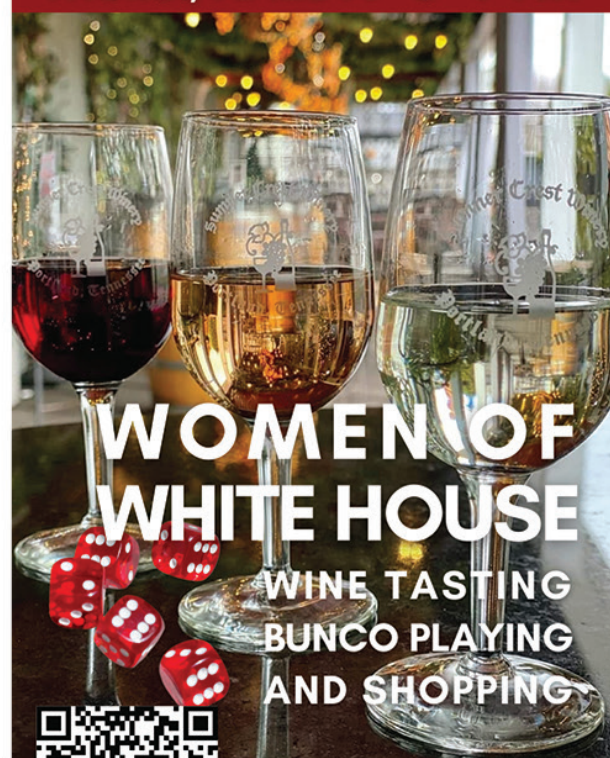
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