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WORD ON WHITE HOUSE

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The City of White House hosted the Grand Opening of the new Billy S. Hobbs Municipal Center

On June 16th 2022, the official ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony was held for the Billy S. Hobbs Municipal Center and Donald L. Eden Community Room. During this celebration, the City of White House's 50th Anniversary Time-Capsule was also placed on site to be opened in 50 years!

The new building is located just down the hill from the White House Public Library near the splash pad! It houses the Parks and Rec, Finance, Planning/Codes, HR, and Administration Departments. The Donald L. Eden Community Room will also be available to rent to the public in mid-August 2022. A brand new Senior Center is also in the building and open daily for gatherings and activities.



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Greetings

FROM YOUR CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Gerald O. Herman



Greetings,

White House Americana 2022 is now behind us! Staff working with the White House Chamber of Commerce spend months of planning each year to provide a great summer Independence Day celebration experience for all of you to enjoy. Just a few days before the four-day event was to occur the carnival company advised us that they did not have enough staff to bring the carnival to White House. Wow, what a big disappointment since we had no time to contract with another carnival vendor. The carnival is a very big fund raiser for our local chamber and will have a negative impact on their budget. We were very concerned that without the carnival our attendance would be considerably much lower on our Saturday night finish. We do know that our attendance was

down on those using the bus service by nearly 50%. However, we had many use the free parking at the event site. We estimate that well over 2,000 people showed up for the music and fireworks. We want to thank all of you that attended, and we want to thank all the staff, chamber members, and volunteers for their work in planning and assisting with this big event.



For those of you that travel the area of US31W/Sage/McCurdy you have noticed that the intersection project that includes new right turn lanes and new traffic signalization has been dragging on too long. We have approved \$604,856.00 for this project. Charles Dewese Construction is the company contracted to do this work. They have had several staffing issues throughout the project, changing over the project manager several times. Just this past week we have been notified that Charles Dewese Construction has filed for bankruptcy. We have already paid Charles Dewese \$223,155 for the work that has been completed. We did work with their subcontractor S&W Contracting to get the traffic light part of the project nearly finished and paid them direct \$48,580. We are in discussion to develop a resolution to get this intersec-

tion completed as soon as we can.

With schools getting ready to start back up we know that the safety of your children is of utmost concern to you parents and guardians. Be assured that your police department has been working in collaboration with your schools for many years. We have one of the finest self-defense instructors in the State of Tennessee, Sergeant Eric Enck, who trains police officers all over the State in self-defense. Corporal David Segerson, assigned to the Sumner County emergency response team is highly trained in responding to critical incidents. He and Sergeant Enck train our officers to respond to active shooter incidents. Command staff and School leaders work together to provide best practices to keeping your children safe in our schools. Our two county sheriffs' offices provide school resource officers to each of the schools. All together we want you to know that we all have your children's safety in mind and will do our best to thwart any harm to them. May you and your loved ones be safe, happy, and healthy as we finish out the summer months.



#9PMROUTINE

Lock up. Make it a habit.

- Remove valuable from vehicles
- Lock vehicle doors
- Close the garage door
- Close & lock all exterior doors
- Turn on exterior light



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Lock up, make it a habit

A string of recent vehicle break-ins is prompting us to remind our citizens to stay safe and combat issues before they arise by following the #9PMRoutine. The 9PM routine is a nightly reminder to residents to remove valuables from their vehicles, lock their vehicle doors, lock the doors to their residences, turn on exterior lights and activate all alarms and security systems.

It is especially important to make sure that all firearms are safely secured and locked. Never leave a firearm in an unlocked vehicle. Criminals look for easy targets. You can deter them by following the 9PMRoutine! Many thefts from vehicles, and to a lesser degree, stolen vehicles, occur as a result of vehicles being left unlocked. Criminals walk through neighborhoods trying vehicle door handles hoping to find an unlocked vehicle. The best way to prevent thefts from vehicles is to remove all of your valuables, lock your vehicle's doors, and take the keys to the vehicle inside your residence.

If you have any questions, comments, concerns, or additional advice about this routine please do not hesitate to contact the City of White House Police Department. (615) 672-4903.

ALL AGES

A new stick-by-number wall art poster is now hanging up in the library. Come put a sticker on the poster to and help use complete the picture. Everyone is welcome to help with this program.

ADULT PROGRAMS

1st Thursday: Stitch Club at 4:00pm
 2nd Thursday: Mystery Readers at 3:00pm
 3rd Thursday: Stitch Club at 4:00pm
 4th Thursday: Craft club at 4:00pm
 Last Thursday of the month: Bookworms book club at 10am and Adult Creative Writing 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.

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
 Coding Club is every Wednesday from 3:30-4:30pm

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

RESOURCE HIGHLIGHT

Do you need continuing education training for work or want to learn a new skill? Then check out the library's Universal Class database. This database has courses on many subjects, from accounting to cake decorating. This database and all of its courses are free to library card holders. Go to our website at www.youseemore.com/whl and click on databases to find the Universal Class link.

Do you have old documents or family pictures that you would like to digitize? Then come use the library's overhead scanner. This scanner is specifically design to scan fragile and old documents. If you need help learning how to use it, then call 615-672-0239 to schedule a one-on-one appointment to learn how to use it for yourself.

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

WHITE HOUSE LIBRARY

Teen Programs

Adult Programs

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The White House Library Board will meet on September 8th at 7:00pm at the new City Hall, located at 105D College St.

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY.

The Friends of the Library will meet on August 2nd at 5:30pm at the White House Public Library

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.youseemore.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.

Summer Recap

The library had a great turn out for our Fandomcon, which is our Summer Reading Kickoff event. Many people enjoyed the escape rooms, petting zoo, Lego building contest, costume contest, and more. If you missed it, then be sure to come out for all the fun next summer.

We also wrapped up our Summer Reading program. Not only did we have performers of all types for children, we also had a reading program in which kids, teens, and adults could read to earn prizes. If you missed out on this program, then be on the lookout for our Winter reading challenge in November.



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 \$3.00 (eat in), \$3.50 (take out), \$6.00 (eat in) for non-seniors, and \$6.50 (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 twice a month. Check calendar for date. 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.

Join our excercise group Monday through Thursday at 9:30 am for a variety of excersies and energizing workouts, suitable for all levels of fitness.

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

There will be a dance with Casey & the Cowboys August 25th. Check August calendar for times.

Check our
calendar for
activities in
August
&
September !



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!!!





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



Check our calendar for activities in August & September !



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



New Exhibit at the White House Inn Museum to Honor Mrs. Evelyn Palmer Guill

Beginning August 2022, the White House Inn Museum will debut an exhibit honoring Mrs. Evelyn Palmer Guill. Mrs. Guill was born August 24, 1924 and passed on February 10, 2022. She lived in White House all her life and had a passion for preserving the local history. This passion for local history which was most likely prompted by her grandmother's storytelling provided Mrs. Guill the opportunity to author a book in 1984, "White House History & Reflections," but Guill's documentation of local history did not stop there.

She served on the White House Inn Library and Museum building committee (1985-

87) which was instrumental in building the city's first library and archives. The library was a replica of the city's namesake, the original White House that was located on 31W. As she worked to archive the city's history with pictures and artifacts which were located upstairs in the library, she was appointed official City Historian & Curator



of the White House Inn Museum by Mayor John Decker (2006).

She further documented White House's history by getting Tri-Star historic state marker erected where the original White House stood. Additionally, she was involved in acquiring a state Civil War marker in the city and the Civil War marker for Tyree Springs (2013).

Then in 2015, the city built a new state-of-the-art library providing an opportunity for the replica to become the city's museum. After several months of renovations and many long hours working to have the museum artifacts set in place as Mrs.

Guill had always envisioned, the White House Inn Museum's dedication took place in 2018.

After the opening of the museum, Mrs. Guill would visit the museum often with wide eyes always so pleased with what had been accomplished. Her passion for the City of White House's history will be missed, but she had bestowed upon the city many things for the citizens to remember the past and look forward to the future of our great City of White House, TN.



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for more information!

The White House Police Department is now hiring!

Starting pay begins at \$20.99/hr or \$49,767.29 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



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\$49,767.29 annually base

- Overtime opportunities
- Insurance (Employee coverage cost only \$30.10/month)
- Vacation (4 weeks accrued during 1st year)
- And more!

Apply at whitehousetn.gov/careers

For inquiries: Contact Human Resources at 615-672-4350 ext.2109

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

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Safety While Traveling to School

As students prepare to return to school, The White House Police Department would like to offer students, parents and motorists several important safety tips.

Walking to school:

Walk on the sidewalk, if one is available; when on a street with no sidewalk, walk facing the traffic. Before you cross the street, stop and look left, right and left again to see if cars are coming. Make eye contact with drivers before crossing and always cross streets at crosswalks or intersections. Stay alert and avoid distracted walking. Never walk while texting. If you need to respond to a text, move out of the way of others and stop on the sidewalk. Never cross the street while using an electronic device. Do not wear earbuds while walking across the street.

Riding a bicycle to school:

Ride on the right side of the road, with traffic, and in single file. Come to a complete stop before crossing the street; walk bikes across the street. Stay alert and avoid distracted riding. Make sure your child always wears a properly fitted helmet and bright clothing.

Riding the bus to school:

Go to the bus stop with your child to teach them the proper way to get on and off the bus. Teach your children to stand six feet (or 3 giant steps) away from the curb. If your child must cross the street in front of the bus, teach him or her to walk on the side of the road until they are 10 feet ahead of the bus; your child and the bus driver should always be able to see each other.

Driving your child to school:

Stay alert and avoid distracted driving. Obey school zone speed limits and follow your school's drop-off procedure. Make eye contact with children who are crossing the street.

Safety Tips for Motorists:

It is important that motorists be alert while driving, especially in school zones and residential neighborhoods. Children can be unpredictable and may ignore hazards and take risks. The NSC provides the follow tips for motorists:

Don't block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you; this could put them in the path of moving traffic. In a school zone when flashers are blinking, stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection. Always stop for a school patrol officer or crossing guard holding up a stop sign. Take ex-

tra care to look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas. Don't honk or rev your engine to scare a pedestrian, even if you have the right of way. Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians. If you're driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. Never pass a bus from behind – or from either direction if you're on an undivided road – if it is stopped to load or unload children. It is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children. If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop. The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus. When passing a bicyclist, proceed in the same direction slowly, and leave 3 feet between your car and the cyclist. The most common cause of collision is a driver turning left in

front of a bicyclist. Watch for bike riders turning in front of you without looking or signaling; children especially have a tendency to do this. Watch for bikes coming from driveways or behind parked cars. Motorists are also reminded that the Tennessee Hands-Free Law requires drivers to stay off of all electronic devices while driving.

Online Safety for Remote Learning:

The White House Police Department would also like to remind parents of ways they can help keep their children safe when they are online for remote learning.

Parents are urged to be aware of what their child is doing online, keep the computer in a common area of the house and become familiar with the remote learning tools your child is using.

Parents are also encouraged to talk to their children about cyber safety.





The Gathering

at the White House Inn Museum

Saturday, September 10
10 am to 3 pm



Live Music
Storytellers



Finished Yarn
Wool Dyeing



Spinning Wheel
Lacemaker



Civil War
Encampment
& Battle Layout



Walk through history at The Gathering at the White House Inn Museum. This living history event will give you a peek into the life in the early to mid 1800s.

Food • Crafters • Artisan Booths & More

The Gathering at the White House Inn Museum

A fun-filled day of family activities

412 Highway 76



PARKS AND RECREATION



The Leisure Services Board elected James Varelle as Chairman and Helen Timberlake as Vice Chair. Fran Hutson has been serving the Leisure Services board since 2001. Also at this meeting, Mayor Farris Bibb Jr. passed his position on the the board to Alderman Carlos Payne after serving the Board for 31 years.



TRAIL OF TREATS



- October 25th at 6pm
- Rain Date: October 27th
- Trail Starts at White House High School Trailhead
- Additional info will be available as we get closer to the event

You can register for programs and reserve facilities online at:
whparks.recdesk.com



Youth Basketball



For grades 1st-8th

Registration dates: September 1st-October 13th (October 16th if you register online)

Practices will begin in November
Games will begin in December
Fee: Residents- \$100/ Non-residents- \$112



Adult Softball



12” softball will be used

Registration dates: July 10-August 21st
Fee \$625 per team/ \$65 per individual (Free Agents)



The Planners Corner

Ceagus Clark,
Planning and Codes Director

In the 'Planners Corner' series, we will explore the City Planner's (Planning and Codes Department) role to help the community reach its goals and vision, through various strategies and tools



Zoning, Land Use, and the Development Process

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, the focus was on procedures for temporary sign permits and why enforcement is necessary and agricultural use within city limits.

I often get asked “why did the city allow a business to locate in the city?” or why the city is bringing a development or business. The answer is Zoning and Land Use. The following anecdote describes the process of an entity choosing a particular location. Once a developer identifies the City of White House as a desired location to place a business or a residential development, a pre-application meeting is required. This meeting is held with city staff to determine if the site is viable to move the project forward. The first thing we look at is the zoning of the property. If the property is zoned for the use the applicant is seeking, the next step in the process is for the applicant to submit a site plan to Planning



Commission, showing the parking layout, how the site will drain (to prevent imposing on surrounding properties), road access, landscaping features, lighting plan and building elevations (architecture). These are just a few of the thirty-eight (38) items on a check list a developer is required to meet before getting approval to obtain a building permit. In addition to adhering to the site plan criteria, the developer has to get construction plan approval. This process is an even more strenuous review by city staff (engineering, wastewater, stormwater and roads team), as it includes wastewater (sewage plan approval), roadway design and a more in-depth look at the drainage calculations

of the proposed site. This process alone could take up to seven (7) or eight (8) months before a developer can begin to move dirt. Waiting on state approvals could take even longer. Once state and local approvals are obtained, the applicant will then be able to pull building permits. This is a best-case scenario for an applicant, if the property does not need to be rezoned.

If a property did not meet the zoning needed for a requested use, the Planning and Codes team would review the comprehensive plan. The Comprehensive Plan is intended to meet certain the legal requirements set forth in the Tennessee Code Annotated (TCA) Title 13 Chapter 4 Part 2, which states that “it is the function and duty of the planning commission to make and adopt an official general plan for the physical development of the municipality.” If the location fits within the scope of the comprehensive plan, and meets the parameters required for development, city staff will provide the applicant/developer with the steps to request the Planning Commission recommend or deny the rezoning to the Board of Mayor and Alderman for approval. As mentioned earlier, if the property is already zoned for the requested use, this is known as “by-right” and under state law, when a development proposal strictly conforms to zoning and building codes and, thus, qualifies for construction without requiring discretionary approval from the Planning Commission/Board of Mayor and Alderman. A rezoning request to Planning Commission is then heard. The criteria for denial or approval must be stated when a motion is made based on the following: After the advertised public hearing, the Commission shall review the following items and any additional items:

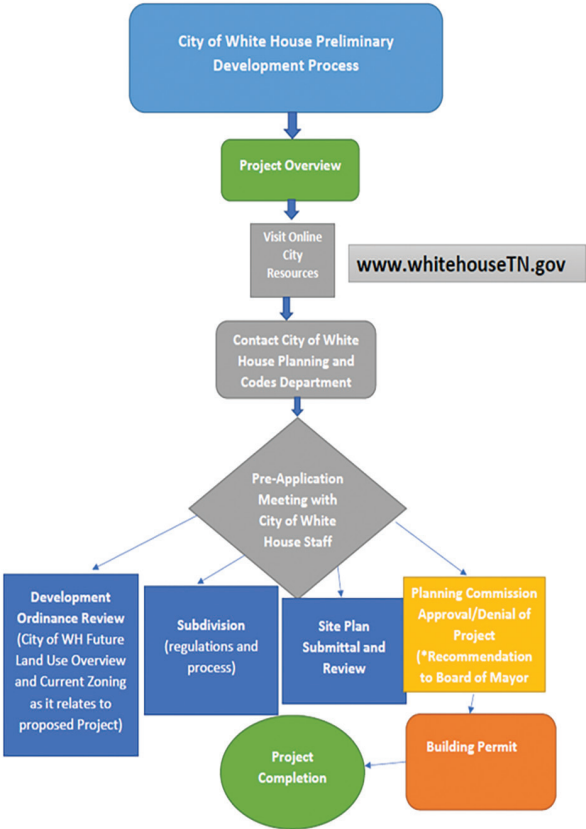
- Comprehensive Plan area designation
- Existing and adjacent property uses
- Future uses of area
- Permitted uses in the proposed zoning district.
- Major changes in the area created by public building projects, economic development, roadway and utility improvements, or other changes that are determined to necessitate a zoning change recommendation or denial.

This is the basis for an approval or denial recommendation to the Board of Mayor and Alderman. The Planning and Codes staff provides the Planning Commission and Board of Mayor and Alderman information to make informed decisions. If a proposed project did not meet required criteria, it is still the applicants right to seek approval/denial from City of White House’s legislative body (Board of Mayor and Alderman).

An additional scenario of a business obtaining approval, would be that if there were a vacant location where an applicant wanted to place a business, as long as that location is

zoned for the requested use, meets basic site plan requirements for the use, the only thing the applicant would be required to do is obtain a building permit and certificate of occupancy. Because this site would likely be an existing use, the site plan criteria stated, above would have already

been reviewed (is an existing similar use). Though an applicant may not have to go to Planning Commission for approval, there are still various code requirements (parking, fire protections, structural, electrical) and other safety criteria. The below illustration shows the cities development process.



If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to call our office. The full zoning ordinance can be found at <https://www.whitehousetn.gov/departments/planning-and-codes/zoning-ordinance> You can reach us at 615-672-4350 ext.2120



FIRE DEPARTMENT



The End of an Era..... -Firefighter Brandon Crimmons

Retirement after a long career is something I believe we all aspire to, especially if we can do so while we're relatively young, that's the dream anyway! One our own will be living that dream! Captain Shawn Railey will soon climb up in the cab for his last call, capping a long, distinguished career after nearly 32 years in the fire service. This article will take a brief look back at Capt. Railey's career with White House Fire Dept.

Capt. Railey began his career with WHFD in January of 1990 as a volunteer firefighter. In 1990, the City of White House looked MUCH different than it does today. The city population at that time was only about 4,000 people, and the Fire Dept. consisted of; the Fire Chief, 3 full-time firefighters, and 5 volunteer firefighters. When he started his career, the department didn't even have the modern turnout gear we're all familiar with today. The protective ensemble back then consisted of the old ¾ hip boots and a long coat. The department wouldn't get modern turnout gear until the mid '90s when they started receiving Goodlettsville Fire Department's hand-me-down gear!

From 1990-2000, Capt. Railey volunteered with the department while still working full time for the City of Springfield Water Dept. In early 2000, he decided to make a career of firefight-



ing and was hired full time. In 2002, he was promoted to Captain of A-Shift and has remained there ever since. In that time, Capt. Railey has accumulated dozens of accomplishments and achievements, far too many to list them all! So, a few highlights from his career:

- Capt. Railey has sat on the interview board for the hiring of every current member of the department, from the Fire Chief down to the newest rookie... Every. Single. One.
- Additionally, he has sat on the promotion board for both current B & C-Shift Captains, as well as all three Lieutenants. The Fire Chief, Assistant Chief, and both B/C shift Captains have, at some point or another, served on A-Shift under Capt. Railey.
- He has instructed hundreds of men & women (this author included) in the Basic 64-hour Firefighting course, where aspiring firefighters learn the basic skills of firefighting, before moving up to more advanced training.
- He has taught countless schoolchildren, and many adults about fire safety through Public Education programs.
- He has participated in both the Tennessee Ultimate Fire Fighter, or "TUFF" Challenge, and the SCOTT Firefighter Combat Challenge throughout the years. These events are basically skills competitions between fire departments

throughout the state, with TOUGH competitors! Both individually and in teams, White House FD has been well represented, including 3rd place honors for the entire State of TN. • In late 2016, Capt. Railey led a crew east to assist with firefighting efforts in battling the "Chimney Tops" wildfires which devastated Gatlinburg & Pigeon Forge.

Again, there are countless others. It's difficult, honestly, to summarize such a distinguished career in just a couple of pages. You'd probably fill several books with the stories he could tell about his time in the fire service. It would be difficult to guess at how many lives he's impacted over the years. I'm sure there are many out there for whom his intervention meant the difference in life or death. I know many within the fire ser-

vice can attribute the growth and success of their careers to his leadership and mentoring. He may never know the true scope of the impact he had on the community or the fire department, but he can certainly retire with the satisfaction of

knowing he made a difference in his time here. He's had a career anybody would be extraordinarily proud of, and will leave a lasting legacy with some big shoes to fill.

Capt. Railey has a lot to look forward to in retirement. His daughter Morgan recently graduated nursing school, an awesome accomplishment and definitely a proud Dad moment! I'm sure he's looking forward to more quality time with family. He'll have plenty to keep him busy thanks to his lifelong passion for the outdoors; fishing, hunting, camp-

ing, boating, 4-wheeling, golf and motorcycles. He'll definitely NOT be bored!

So Captain, I believe I speak for everyone in wishing you a long, happy, and well deserved retirement!

**On a personal note, I will say this....I've served on A-Shift under Capt. Railey for the entirety of my 8 years full-time with the Fire Dept. He has taught me, and countless others, much of what we know about firefighting. I have never once viewed him as my "boss", but rather a leader of men. He has always put the needs of his shift above everything else, and has never failed to stand up for us. He has, when necessary, been firm, but always fair. I don't believe I've ever seen him flustered. Calm, cool,



measured, in any circumstance. He genuinely and sincerely cared about our well-being, and wanted the best for all of us. The epitome of a true leader. I certainly can't speak for everyone, but I personally consider myself extremely fortunate, and grateful, to have been able to serve on his shift these past years. I've learned a great deal about firefighting, leadership, and life in general from the man, lessons which will serve me for years to come. Thank you, Captain! **

PUBLIC SERVICES

Parades, Pet Waste and Pollution

With the Fourth of July fireworks and parades often come reminders to keep your pets indoors, safe from the loud noises and crowds. This month we are asking you not only to think about keeping your pets safe but also to think about keeping your local waters safe from pet waste!

Pet waste doesn't just decompose. When it's not disposed of properly, it adds harmful bacteria and nutrients to local waters. And when left on a paved surface, dog waste becomes yet another contaminant that stormwater (the water you see flowing down the street during a heavy rain)

can transport to local waters. When heavy rains wash down the sidewalk and street, and right over dog waste, they pick up particles of that waste. That stormwater then flows either directly to local waters such or down storm drains and then to your nearby waterways.

Fortunately, picking up after your pet is easy if you're prepared. Simply carry a plastic bag with you on every walk with your dog, and you'll have the equipment to remove your dog's waste. Then throw it in the nearest trash can (never down a storm drain!), and you're done.



VENDOR REGISTRATION NOW OPEN



FALL FAMILY BLOCK PARTY REGISTRATION



We are looking forward to the cooler weather and the fun that The Fall Family Block Party presented by Ryan Homes brings. This year's event will be held on Friday, October 21st at White House Soccer Complex. There will be Farmers Market vendors, craft vendors, stilt walker, food trucks, a free pumpkin patch sponsored by the White House Inn Museum, a costume contest, the showing of a fall family movie and more! Farmers Market and Vendor Booths open 3:30 to 7 pm. Movie begins at 7:05. Follow the link on the above QR code to register to be a vendor at the Fall Family Block Party.



bags and more. You'll want to grab a passport and make sure you visit as many locations as possible for the most chances to win all of the great giveaways. If you would like to participate follow the link from this QR code to submit your application.

Register as a Jingle & Mingle Vendor

Jingle and Mingle Around Town presented by Honey-Run Boutique is back on Saturday, November 5th and ready to kick off the holiday shopping season. This fantastic event will feature 50 or more White House area businesses, crafters, artisans and home-based businesses. There will be tons of door prizes and \$500 in cash giveaways, special offers, free swag





SPLASH PAD SCHEDULE

Memorial Day through Labor Day:
Monday: 9am-8pm
Tuesday: (Maintenance Day) 2pm- 8pm
Wednesday-Saturday: 9am- 8pm
Sunday: 11am- 6pm

Labor Day through September 25th:
Monday - Friday: CLOSED
Saturday: OPEN 9am - 8pm
Sunday: OPEN 11am - 6pm



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