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WORD ON WHITE HOUSE

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105 College Street • White House, Tennessee 37188

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January
19th**

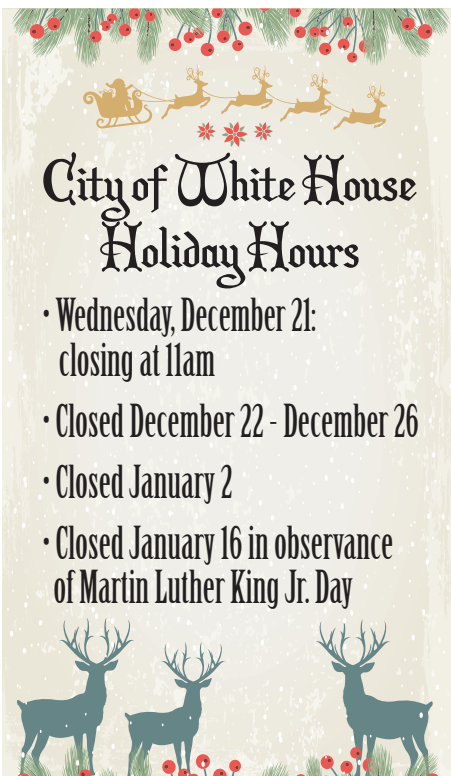
BOARD VACANCY

ALDERMAN WARD 3



Applications will be received in the City Recorder's office until January 19th. The Board of Mayor and Aldermen will review all applications received and appoint someone in accordance with the City's Charter.

www.WhiteHouseTN.gov/Boards



City of White House Holiday Hours

- Wednesday, December 21:
closing at 11am
- Closed December 22 - December 26
- Closed January 2
- Closed January 16 in observance
of Martin Luther King Jr. Day



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Greetings

FROM YOUR CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Gerald O. Herman*Greetings,*

Gratitude: the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness (New Oxford American Dictionary). I once heard that the whole universe responds to gratitude. We are thankful for the opportunity to serve you through the various governmental services we offer to you. We are thankful for the many volunteers that serve on the various boards and commissions in the city. If you would like to serve on one of our boards or commissions, please visit our web site or give us a call.

The Board of Mayor and Alderman has the greatest responsibility of governing of all other boards and commissions in the city. Our current Mayor Farris Bibb Jr. and Alderman John Decker (also a former Mayor of White House) are both retiring from this Board. Both men have served more than thirty years each on this board along with serving on other boards. John Decker has chaired the Board of Zoning Appeals for many years. Mayor Bibb has chaired the Beer Board and served on Lei-

sure Services Board for many years. Our police department is named after Alderman Decker and the Splash Pad/Playground is named after Mayor Bibb. Thank you both for your many years of service to this city. We also want to thank Alderman Carlos Payne for filling in this year. His kindness and wisdom he brought to the Board was very appreciated.

Congratulations Mayor elect John Corbitt, Alderman elect Sam Matthews and Jana Singer Spicer and Judge Joe Zanger. Mr. Corbitt has served the city as an Alderman for six years. Mr. Matthews and Ms. Spicer is new to local government. Mr. Zanger will be starting his third eight-year term as our City Judge. All four will be sworn into their positions on January 19, 2023, in the Board room on the second floor of the new Community Event Center. Please join us and show your support for them.

A while back I had notified you that the contractor that was constructing the right turn lanes at US31W/McCurdy/Sage Road intersection had gone bankrupt. It took us awhile but with the help of their bonding insurer we have entered a contract with Rogers Group to finish the project. We have given them sixty days to complete the work. If the weather is good, we expect this project to be completed by the middle of January.

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you. Hope you get out to see our Christmas Parade on December 3rd. May you and your loved ones be safe, happy, and healthy throughout the winter holidays.



MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS VISIT LOCAL SCHOOLS

RECENTLY THE VOLUNTEERS AND MUSEUM COORDINATOR FOR THE WHITE HOUSE INN MUSEUM GAVE PRESENTATIONS AT AREA SCHOOLS. WOULD YOU LIKE TO BOOK A VISIT FOR YOUR CLASSROOM? CONTACT SUSAN AT SHOLCRAFT@WHITEHOUSETN.GOV OR CALL 615-672-3937



Christmas on Main Street

POWERED BY OUR PARTNERS AT



**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CHRISTMAS PARADE, APPROX. 4:15 PM
IN THE ROUNDABOUT AT THE WHITE HOUSE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

- Performances from Local School Choirs : WHHS
Luminosity, Heritage Elementary & HB Williams Elementary
- Mayor of the Day
- Lighting of the Christmas Tree
- Free Photos with Santa inside the Library



* *Complimentary* *
REFRESHMENTS



**COOKIES
& MILK**



**HOT
COCOA**



WAS
WHITE INSURANCE SERVICES
POPCORN

**LETTERS
TO SANTA**

compliments of



**WHITE HOUSE
DENTAL**

SANTA'S WORKSHOP

Fun crafts & activities for the family

- **ORNAMENT MAKING**
- **REINDEER FOOD**
- **PHOTO FRAMES**



THE FARMERS BANK


**SUPERHERO CHRISTMAS
PARADE**



**LINE UP EARLY TO WATCH
THE PARADE AT 3 PM**


Discover —***—
**White House Area
Chamber of Commerce**

FOR MORE INFO VISIT WWW.WHITEHOUSETN.GOV OR WWW.WHITEHOUSECHAMBER.ORG



The Planners Corner

Geagus 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

CODES ENFORCEMENT

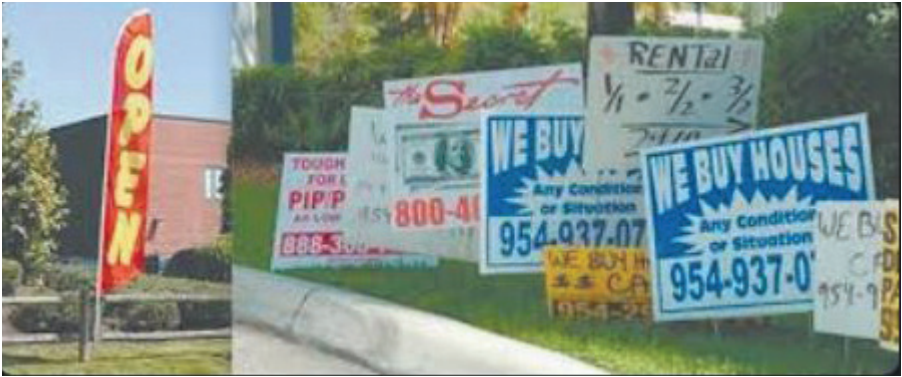


The Code Enforcement Staff addresses property maintenance and clean-up violations outlined in the City of White House Municipal Code. This includes excessive and unattended growth of weeds/grass and illegal signs. Furthermore, staff works toward the repair or removal of dilapidated buildings, structures, and vehicles. The Code Enforcement staff works within requirements as set forth in the Municipal Code, Zoning Ordinance, and Tennessee Annotated Code to improve the quality of life and property within the City of White House.

Code Enforcement Staff has operated on a complaint basis because of the limitation of staff. With the recent addition of Jenna Nelms, the two

Building Inspectors, Tony Covington and Sean Hagan, are able to focus on the quality and safety of structures. While Jenna is able to not only assist with the duties of the Planning office and helping Mrs. Rita Hobbs, she's also able ensure Property Maintenance rules are being followed.

If you notice a property that might fall into one of the categories as shown in the images shown, we invite you to call, email or interactively report an issue. You can report an issue by visiting the city's website. On the homepage you will see a large button that says "Report an Issue". You can also download the mobile app to keep our Code Enforcement Staff aware of any potential



violations. One thing we are improving is our communication on the status of a complaint. We have gotten feedback that once a resident registers the complaint, no mitigation occurs. For more clarity, I encourage you to read the City of White House Municipal Code to understand the process by state law that staff is required to follow. We have to cite the offender to remedy the violation. If nothing happens within that time frame, then they are cited to court, where the judge makes a ruling. An example would be a high grass complaint. In the past, Code Enforcement cites the code violator. If nothing was done, the next step was to send out a contracted lawn service professional to remedy the high grass. This was a tax payer budgeted expense that the city was reimbursed for. These steps are being adjusted to give the violator time to address. If not addressed, the

property owner is then cited to court and fined by the judge according to his ruling. Our staff will then send out someone to bring the high grass into compliance. The city will then be reimbursed for the lawn service by the property owner. With the aforementioned process, the citizen that filed the complaint, might not be

looped in to the process. It is our goal to better communicate the status of the complaint.

We are here to serve the citizens of White House. If you have questions or concerns, please call or email staff. You can reach us at 615-672-4350 ext. 2120.

Stay tuned for the next edition on zoning and land use.

"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 you make people feel that matters the most."

Tony Hsieh

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The City of White House mobile app is the quickest and easiest way to communicate to City staff for any issues or requests.

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Find it in the App store by searching "City of White House"

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It's The Quickest Way To Find All City Related Information



- Pay Utilities
- Permits
- Facility Rentals
- Report an Issue

WhiteHouseTN.gov/App

PARKS & RECREATION



WHITE HOUSE SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER
 105D College Street • White House • 615-672-4350 X2116
seniorcenter@whitehousetn.gov
Activities are available Monday - Thursday

EXERCISE

Exercise and walking are available 9:30 am - 11:00 am. Our exercise program includes strength training, fittercise (aerobics), and yoga. Pickle ball is in the gym Monday and Wednesday, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm. Exercise is located at the civic center gym at 105 College Street separate from the new senior center.

SENIOR LUNCHES

A hot lunch is served in the Donald L. Eden Community Room in the new building every Wednesday. This is a great time to fellowship with other seniors while enjoying a tasty lunch at 11:30 am. The cost of the meal is \$3.00 for eat-in (seniors) and \$3.50 for take-out. The cost for non-seniors is \$6.00 for eat-in and \$6.50 for take-out. The meal includes meat, vegetables, bread and dessert. Reservations are required by noon on Monday.

ACTIVITIES

We play Bingo twice a month at noon after lunch. Check schedule for dates. The first Monday is Birthday Potluck, celebrating all birthdays in that month at 11:00 am. The center is always available for cards, pool, dominos and board games. Puzzles are always in process and shelves are stocked with books to borrow. We schedule lunches at restaurants, bowling, craft days, bunco, Bible study, visits to museums, art centers, antique malls, shopping

centers, and interesting cities in our area. Upcoming events in December include a Christmas Party in our new senior room with DJ Gary Steward, a Robertson County Community Band Christmas Concert, trip to Opryland, and the The Christmas Store in Mt. Juliet.

***New adventures
in January 2023!***



YOUTH SPORTS

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Online Registration: January 1st- February 12th

City Residents: \$65.00

Non City Residents: \$77.00

Divisions:

3rd-5th Grade

6th-8th Grade

Skill Evaluation Day: February 18th

Practices will begin in March and Games will begin in April

CHALLENGER BASEBALL

Special Needs Baseball League

Free Program for Ages 4-18

Registration: January 1st- February 28th

League will run March-May with games starting in April.

6 Game Season

Buddies are welcome to assist players!

Volunteers Needed!

615-672-4350

<https://www.whitehousetn.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation>



ADULT SPORTS

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Online Registration: January 16th- February 28th

Team Fee: \$475.00

Free Agent: \$50.00

8 team Limit

8 Game Season with single-elimination postseason tournament running March- May.

ADULT SOFTBALL

Online Registration: January 30th- March 6th

Team Fee: \$625.00

Free Agent: \$65.00

9 Team Limit

14 game season with single-elimination postseason tournament.

Double Header Games



615-672-4350

[HTTPS://WWW.WHITEHOUSE.TN.GOV/DEPARTMENTS/PARKS-AND-RECREATION](https://www.whitehousetn.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation)



Discover the Parks

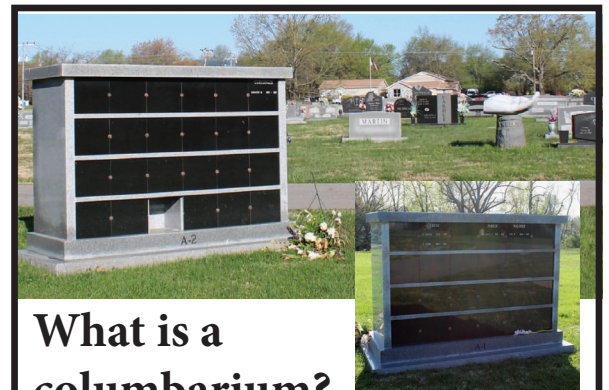
White House Parks and Recreation

Greenways
Playgrounds
Splash pad
Museum
Senior Programming
Youth Sports
Adult Sports
Facility Rentals

(615)672-4350

<https://www.whitehousetn.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation>

SCAN ME



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

WE'RE HIRING!



PART TIME PARKS ATTENDANT

AN EMPLOYEE IN THIS POSITION PERFORMS ROUTINE CUSTODIAL, MAINTENANCE, SUPERVISION AND REPAIR DUTIES OF PARKS, GREENWAYS, CIVIC CENTER AND RELATED FACILITIES.

GREAT WAY TO LEARN TRANSFERABLE SKILLS IN LANDSCAPING, PARK MAINTENANCE, AND ATHLETICS!

[HTTPS://WWW.WHITEHOUSE.TN.GOV/DEPARTMENTS/HUMAN-RESOURCES](https://www.whitehousetn.gov/departments/human-resources)

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

WHITE HOUSE POLICE DEPARTMENT

NOTICE REMINDER
2022 PROPERTY TAXES
ARE DUE OCTOBER 1, 2022—TO—
FEBRUARY 28, 2023

EFFECTIVE AS OF MARCH 1ST
PENALTIES ARE DUE
ON OUTSTANDING TAXES
PENALTIES ACCRUE AT 1.5% MONTHLY

NOT RECEIVING A TAX NOTICE
WILL NOT RELIEVE YOU OF YOUR
RESPONSIBILITY FOR PAYING YOUR
PROPERTY TAXES ON TIME

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

UNSURE IF YOU OR YOUR
MORTGAGE COMPANY PAID
GO TO www.whitehousetn.gov

YOU CAN CHECK OR PAY ONLINE AT
www.whitehousetn.gov – I WANT TOO
THEN PAY OR SEARCH PROPERTY TAX



In an effort to help make this the safest of holiday seasons, the White House Police Department is encouraging citizens to pay particular attention to their surroundings during the holidays.

Police offer the following holiday safety tips while shopping:

Stay alert to your surroundings and the people around you.

Shop with a friend whenever possible. There is safety in numbers.

Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.

Pay for purchases with a check or card.

If possible, carry only your driver's license, necessary credit cards or personal checks.

If you must carry a purse, do not wrap straps around your arms or shoulders. You could risk injury from a would-be purse-snatcher.

Do not carry wallets in a back pocket.

When possible, slip bags/purchases in nondescript bag(s).

Watch your purchases while eating in mall food courts; bags can be easily snatched.

Have your car keys ready in hand before leaving the store.

Ask security for an escort to your car if you are uncomfortable walking alone.

Glance in the back seat and under your vehicle before getting in.

Don't leave packages in your vehicle in plain view. Lock them in your trunk and out of sight.

Report all suspicious/criminal activity to the White House Police Department at 672-4903. Always dial 9-1-1 for all life threatening emergencies.

FOR EMERGENCIES

DIAL 9-1-1

24 HOUR

NON-EMERGENCY LINE

615-384-4911

ADMINISTRATION HOURS

MONDAY – THURSDAY • 7:15 AM – 5:15 PM

ADMINISTRATION PHONE: 615-672-4903

www.whitehousetn.gov

Patrick M. Brady, Chief of Police



Registration now open for annual Citizen's Police Academy



The purpose of the academy is to give citizens the opportunity to learn about police work in general and also gain insight into the White House Police Department's daily operations and programs. The Academy will be held on Monday nights from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. for ten weeks. The classes are open to citizens 18 years of age and older and will meet at the White House Police Department. Class size is limited to 25 participants.

The Academy is not designed to make participants certified police officers, nor does it give the graduates authority to act as police officers. The focus of the curriculum is to provide an informative overview of the fundamentals of police operations and community crime prevention. This two-way communication will certainly be an effective and successful way to build a partnership between the community and the police department.

If you are interested in attending the next Citizen's Academy and would like an application, they are available for pick-up at the White House Police Department or for an online application visit www.whitehousetn.gov and search 'Citizen Police Academy Application.' For more information on this program, please contact Sgt. Eric M Enck.

COURSE CURRICULUM INCLUDES

- CRIMINAL LAW
- CRIME PREVENTION
- RECRUITMENT/TRAINING
- PATROL PROCEDURES
- DUI ENFORCEMENT
- K-9/NARCOTICS INTERDICTION
- EMERGENCY RESPONSE
- COMMUNICATIONS
- NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH
- MEDIA/PUBLIC RELATIONS
- FIREARMS
- CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS
- CRIME SCENE PROCESSING
- COMMUNITY RELATIONS
- SPECIAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS
- YOUTH SAFETY PROGRAMS
- D.U.I. ENFORCEMENT
- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/ PREPAREDNESS

It's the Season for Shop with a Cop/Firefighter



Every year the White House Police Department and the White House Fire Department assist local children through the "Shop with a Cop and Firefighter" program. This program sponsors children from disadvantaged families to provide Christmas gifts for the children. The children are partnered with a Police Officer or a Firefighter and allowed to shop at Wal-Mart for Christmas presents for themselves and family members. For many of the children this event will be the only Christmas gifts they receive.

Of course, if a business or individual is interested in being part of sponsoring future fundraisers or providing donations for the yearly program to assist in continuing this program, donations can be made at the Farmers Bank located on Hwy 76 and Hwy 31W. The donation will need to be given to the White House Rotary Club with specifications that the donation is for the Shop with a Cop and Firefighter program. If there are any questions, contact can be made with Detective Sergeant Daniel Hunter.

The White House Rotary Club along with the White House Police Department want to continue to thank everyone and every business who assist and donate to this program each and every year.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

As the holiday season approaches the White House Fire Department would like to remind you of the following safety tips.



TURKEY FRYER FIRE SAFETY

Frying food puts you at the greatest risk of cooking fires. Before you fry a turkey, review these tips to keep you and your loved ones safe.

Turkey fryers can tip over easily, spilling hot cooking oil over a large area. Make sure your turkey fryer is on a sturdy, level surface and do not move it once it is in use.

Make sure it is at least 10 feet from your home and not under roof eaves.

An overfilled cooking pot will cause cooking oil to spill when the turkey is put in. Test the amount of oil you need by filling your fryer with water. Place the turkey in the pot making sure the water doesn't get too close to the top. Measure the water and use that as a guide for filling the pot with oil.

A partially frozen turkey will cause cooking oil to splatter when you put it in the cooking pot. Make sure your turkey is fully thawed without frost on it before you fry it.

Without thermostat controls, deep fryers can overheat oil to the point of starting a fire. If your turkey fryer does not have a thermostat, use a kitchen thermometer that attaches to the side of the pot. This will help you monitor the temperature of the oil.

The sides of the cooking pot, lid and pot handles can get dangerously hot. Always use protective oven mitts. Keep children and pets at least 3 feet from the turkey fryer.



CHRISTMAS TREE SAFETY

As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly.

Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.

Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 1–2" from the base of the trunk.

Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.

Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.

Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.

Use lights that have the label of an independent testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.

Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini string sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of LED strands to connect.

Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.

Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home.

One of every three home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical problems.

A heat source too close to the tree causes one in every five of the fires.



WINTER HOLIDAY SAFETY

Always keep a burning candle within sight. Extinguish all candles when leaving a room or before going to sleep.

Never burn a candle on or near anything that can catch fire. Keep burning candles away from furniture, drapes, bedding, carpets, books, paper, flammable decorations, etc.

Keep candles out of the reach of children and pets. Do not place lighted candles where they can be knocked over by children, pets or anyone else.

Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.

Have a 3-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.

Never use your oven to heat your home.

Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.

Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.

Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.

Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.

Test smoke alarms monthly.





YETI, SET, READ!!! Winter Reading Challenge

The library will be holding a special Winter Reading Challenge called Yeti, Set, Read! This challenge is for kids, tween and teens. It will run through November and December. Sign-ups begin in November and the last day to turn in your reading log to win prizes will be December 29th. Stop by the library to sign, pick up a grab and go kit, and win cool prizes. For more information, visit our website at www.youseemore.com/whl or call us at 615-672-0239.

Also as part of our Winter Reading Challenge, we will have a guessing jar contest. Whomever guesses the closest to the number of items in each jar without going over will win a prize!



*Please note, program dates may change due to the holidays. Please check our website or Facebook page for calendar updates.

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.
CRAFTERNOON: Mondays at 4:00pm kids ages 6 to 12 can come to the library for a craft or movie.



TWEEN & TEEN PROGRAMS

are held every Tuesday at 4:30pm. These events are for those ages 9-17. Below is the schedule:
1st Tuesday: Creative Writing
2nd & 4th Tuesday: varying special event
3rd Tuesday: Drawing club
Coding club for tweens/teens is every Wednesday from 3:30pm to 4:30pm and is for ages 9 to 17



ADULT PROGRAMS

1st Thursday: Stitch Club at 4:00pm
2nd Thursday: Mystery Readers at 3:00pm
3rd Thursday: Sewing Club at 4:00pm (Must sign up for the class in advance)
4th Thursday: Bookworms book club at 10am (check calendar for date change in December) Adult Creative Writing at 4:00pm (check calendar for date change in December) Craft club at 4:00pm

Adult Genealogy Classes will be held December 12, January 9th and January 23rd. Participants must sign up the classes in advance.

NO PROGRAMS THE WEEK OF CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS



The library will have the following holiday schedule:

Wednesday, December 21:

Closing at 11am

December 22 - December 26:

Closed

December 29 - December 31:

Closed

January 2:

Closed for New Year

January 16: Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

ITEM HIGHLIGHT:



Do you have a new year's resolution?

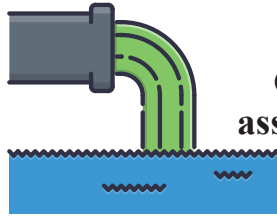
Then check out the library's free e-courses database. You can sign up and take classes for free with your library card on a wide range of topics from cake decorating, publishing a novel, accounting, Photoshop and more. Scan the QR code to see all 600 classes and to sign up.





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.

SANITATION SERVICES



The City of White House Sanitation Division will renew its current contract with GFL through June 30th 2023. During this time, the city will bid and review costs regarding trash collection services. It should be no surprise with current inflation causing cost increases in areas such as labor, materials, and fuel that the cost of services will subsequently see an increase. How much, we don't know yet. We do know, however, that the city will undergo a 5% increase in January 2023 and the city will absorb this increase to avoid additional costs to our residents. The Sanitation Division will continue to negotiate in the best interests of the city and retain quality service during this transition period.

Under Title-17 Chapter 17-113 the city offers two **free** disposal drop-offs per year at the Public Services Offices, located at 725 Industrial Drive, White House, TN 37188. This supplementary service can be used for small trash accumulation from households within the city limits. This free service is offered during normal working hours: **Monday through Thursday 7:15am to 5:15pm** (40 Hours) in order to keep fees waived to our city residents. This free convenience service is not to be confused as a county/city dump. The city does not offer "Dump" services per se, nor are we licensed as such, but instead a convenience service offered to White House residents for excess items of garbage.

Robertson County Solid Waste and The Sumner County Resource Authority are alternatives for larger items, such as mattresses, construction debris and electronics. Robertson County is open **Monday – Friday 7:00am – 3:15pm and Saturday 8:00am – 12:45pm. Sumner County is open Monday – Friday 6:00am – 5:00pm and Saturday 7:00am – 4:00pm.**

In total, this offers residents 6 days a week of service between the city and county resources. For further information on the Robertson and Sumner County sites, fees, and regulations, please contact them at the following:

Robertson County Solid Waste

(615) 384-0683

2916 W. County Farm Road, Springfield, TN 37172

Sumner County Resource Authority

(615) 452-1114

625 Rappahannock Wire Road, Gallatin, TN 37066

The City's convenience center requires a valid Tennessee Driver's license or valid ID accompanied with a current piece of mail depicting the resident's name and valid White House address to be eligible for the two free uses of the facilities.

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