

WORD ON WHITE HOUSE

April 2023 • May 2023

A Publication of the City of White House

105 College Street • White House, Tennessee 37188

WWW.WHITEHOUSETN.GOV



The White House Rotary hosts Awards Luncheon for White House First Responders



The White House Rotary provided lunch and recognized our Police and Fire Department for all the sacrifices they make for the City of White House. These men and women put their lives on the line daily to serve and protect us.

An individual from each department was awarded for being outstanding employees in their field. Pictured to the left are our Police Officer and Firefighter of the Year presented by the White House Rotary.

J.C. White was named Police Officer of the Year and Hunter Chapman was named Firefighter of the Year! Congratulations to both award winners and thank you for going above and beyond for the City of White House!



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

Phone: 615-672-4350

U.S Postage Paid
Bulk Rate
Permit No. 10
White House, TN 37188

Postal Patron
White House Postal Routes

Greetings
FROM YOUR CITY ADMINISTRATOR
Gerald O. Herman



Greetings,

How exciting it is to see the first fruits of spring. Seeing sprouts of plants coming up out of the ground and new blossoms on the trees always brings a smile to me. Hope it does for you too.

Many say that spring brings new beginnings. In confirmation spring has brought in a new Board of Mayor and Alderman. Our Board consists of five members a Mayor elected by the electors, a Vice-Mayor elected by the Alderman, and three Alderman. For the past year we have only had four members. Linda Silver will be sworn in as an Alderman at our March meeting on the 16th at 7:00 p.m. She was selected by the Mayor and Alderman to fill the vacant ward 3 position.

She will fill the fifth seat giving us a full board. Here is your new board: Mayor John Corbitt, Aldermen Clif Hutson, Jana Spicer, Sam Matthews, and Linda Silver. The Vice-Mayor will be determined at the March meeting.

Each month on the third Thursday at 7:00 p.m. the Board of Mayor and Alderman meet in the second floor board room of the Community Center. At these meetings the Mayor may give out proclamations and service Awards. The board reviews and decides on resolutions. Resolutions require one reading for approval. They generally are statements supporting grants, legislative priorities, and policies

such as personnel, purchasing, debt management, internal controls, etc. They review and decide on city ordinance amendments and additions. City ordinances require two readings spread out over two meeting dates. The second reading of the ordinance must be preceded by a public hearing. Matters of public expenditures, contractual agreements, board and commission appointments are also reviewed and decided upon at these meetings.

The first ordinance amendment initiated by Mayor Corbitt and approved by the board was to include at each meeting a public comment period. Attendees are given three minutes (or longer if the board approves) to discuss their concerns regarding agenda items and city service concerns. All our welcome and encouraged to attend these public meetings of any of our boards and commissions. 😊



MEET YOUR BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN



MAYOR
JOHN CORBITT



ALDERMAN
SAM MATTHEWS
WARD 1



ALDERMAN
JANA SPICER
WARD 2



ALDERMAN
LINDA SILVER
WARD 3



ALDERMAN
CLIF HUTSON
WARD 4



PARKS & RECREATION

PROGRAMS & SPECIAL EVENTS

We offer youth and adult sports leagues throughout the year. Our leagues include volleyball, baseball, softball, and basketball! Be on the look out for upcoming special events as well. Our Independence 5k registration will open in June.



FACILITIES & RENTALS

Playgrounds, baseball fields, greenway trails, tennis courts, and more! Great spaces to exercise and play!

Schedule a church picnic, baby shower, or birthday party in one of our facilities!



GREENWAYS & PARKS

Spring time is here! It is time to start getting back outside, and we have plenty of opportunities for that. Use our greenways, nature trail, and disc golf course to enjoy the spring weather. Don't forget to get the pups out at Rover Ridge Dog park as well!



THANK YOU TO OUR CHALLENGER BASEBALL SPONSORS!



615-672-4350 *2114
[HTTPS://WWW.WHITEHOUSETN.GOV/DEPARTMENTS/PARKS-AND-RECREATION](https://www.whitehousetn.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation)
#WHTNParks #OurParksOurStories



City of White House, Tennessee- Parks and Recreation

ADOPT A TRAIL

Feel good about preserving the beauty of White House by spending time in nature and performing a service for the community!



The adopting organization commits to a one-year period of adoption. At the end of that time, an organization can renew, change sections, or terminate.

Monitoring of your section should be done at least twice per month.

The City of White House will place a sign at each end of your section crediting your organization for litter control.

INDEPENDENCE DAY 5K JULY 1ST 8:00AM

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION BEGINS JUNE 1ST

Race begins at the Tyree Springs Trailhead at White House High School.

	EARLY BIRD	LATE REGISTRATION
CHILD (10 & UNDER)	\$15.00	\$20.00
INDIVIDUAL	\$20.00	\$25.00
FAMILY (UP TO FOUR MEMBERS)	\$65.00	\$75.00

REGISTER AS AN EARLY BIRD TO BE ENTERED INTO PRIZE RAFFLE AND GUARANTEE RECEIVING A RACE T-SHIRT!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL OR GO ONLINE!

SENIOR **ENTER**

White House Senior Citizen Center located in the Billy Hobbs Building

105D College Street, White House, TN

615-616-1016

Activities are available Monday - Thursday.

Exercise & Walking

Exercise and a walk in the gym are available 9:30a until 11:00a. Our exercise program includes strength training, fittercise (aerobics), and yoga located at 105 College Street. Pickle ball is in the gym Monday and Wednesday, 10:30a till noon.

Senior Citizen's Lunches

Wednesdays at 11:30am

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. Reservations are required by noon on Monday.

Special Events & Activities

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 include an Easter Egg Hunt and lunch in the park and a Spring Dance featuring Casey & the Cowboys (May 10, 2023).

A special thanks to our many volunteers that set up for exercise classes, volunteer to call bingo, and make sure our room is in order. THANK YOU!

Check our calendar for dates and times or pick up a calendar at our new center.

There is no fee and new residents are welcome!!!





The city is currently accepting bids for trash and recycling services. Our current process is as follows: Trash and Recycling services was advertised for a month prior to the mandatory pre-bid. A mandatory pre-bid meeting was held March 1st 2023 where four companies showed interest. Waste Pro, Stinky Pinky, Waste Management and our current provid-

er GFL. Questions were asked and an addendum was emailed to all the potential bidders. March 21st 2023 at 2:00pm all bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope and will be read out loud. Once this is completed, a review board will individually evaluate each proposal and grade on a matrix. After all proposals are individually graded, the review board will reconvene

and disclose our top two candidates. If all aligns, the top two company's will be called in for an interview process and then officially chosen.

If the aforementioned trash and recycling services changes companies, the transition start date would be July 1st 2023. We appreciate your understanding in the matter and look forward to contin-

ue with as little as interruption in service as possible.

As part of this transition, Public Services has made it a priority to focus on streamlining operations, equipment, technology, and service – to keep safety at the forefront of all that we do, in addition to cultivating a people-first culture.





WHITE HOUSE EGG-CELLENT ADVENTURE

THE GREAT EGG HUNT

MARCH 27TH- APRIL 9TH

White House Parks and Recreation

Join White House Parks and Recreation for a city wide egg hunt. 10 giant eggs will be hidden throughout our parks and facilities over the course of the two week event. Find the eggs and scan the QR codes to submit your information for a chance to win a prize! The more eggs you find the better your chance to win!

Follow us on Facebook for updates and clues on "The Great Egg Hunt"



City of White House, Tennessee- Parks and Recreation


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 & ONE FROM
THE COUNTY
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

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



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 \$800
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

IMPORTANT DEADLINES



Application Deadline
(or 35 days after taxes become delinquent)



Tax Relief Payment Deadline



Document Submission Deadline
(or 35 days after the jurisdiction's deadline, whichever is later)



Waiver Deadline



POLICE DEPARTMENT



The WHPD and White House Kroger Participate in DEA's Nationwide Prescription "Drug Take-Back Day" Saturday, April 22, 2023

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 22, 2023 (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 high-

ly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse.

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

The White House Police Department will have a "Take Back" station set up at the White House Kroger, 510 HWY 76, on Saturday, April 22nd, 2023 from 10:00am until 2:00pm.



For more information, contact Sgt. Eric Enck WHPD at 615-672-4903

GREENWAY SAFETY TIPS



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 Medications 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



CASH PRIZES

\$150 PER PLAYER
WINNING TEAM

\$100 PER PLAYER
2ND PLACE TEAM

\$50 PER PLAYER
3RD PLACE TEAM

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

CHECK-IN	11- 11:30
DRIVING RANGE	11- 11:30
LUNCH	11:30
SHOTGUN START	NOON

EARLY BIRDIE \$400

When registered by 3/30/23

- ### FOURSOME - \$450

 - 18 Holes of Golf
 - Lunch & Goody Bag
 - Closest-to-the-Pin Contest
 - \$10,000 Hole In One
 - Closest to the Pin Contest
- Cart & Range Time
 - Beverages Courtesy of Tri-Star Beverages
 - Longest Drive Contest
 - Door Prizes

The Tal Plumlee Farm Bureau Insurance Golf Tournament hosted by the White House Area Chamber of Commerce allows members and guests to network and make new contacts while enjoying a day of golf. There are some great marketing opportunities available to your business or organization as well. We will also be collecting bag stuffers to give to each golfer when they sign in at registration. For more information on how you can be involved contact Shelby at 615-672-3937 or shelby@whitehousechamber.org.

For more info. contact the Chamber at 615-672-3937
REGISTER AT WWW.WHITEHOUSECHAMBER.ORG



THANK YOU TO THESE PARTNERS

CITY OF WHITE HOUSE FIRE DEPARTMENT

A Day in The Life -Firefighter Brandon Crimmons-

I believe for the most part, everybody typically has a pretty good idea of what the Fire Department does. We fight fires! We also respond to medical emergencies, vehicle accidents, gas leaks, alarms, and everything in between. But have you ever wondered to yourself, “what do these guys actually do all day when they’re not on a run”? Some might suspect that we sit around all day napping and watching TV while we wait for a call. We work 24-hour shifts, and granted, things can get boring from time to time, but most of our day is rarely idle time. So, in this article, I will give you a look into the typical day of a firefighter.

Our shift starts at 0700 in the morning, and most of us generally get to the station between 0630-0645. This gives us a chance to get a cup of coffee, talk with the off going guys about their shift, and just get prepared mentally.

At 0700, we’ll begin with our morning checkoffs. We check our bunker gear, our air packs, and our apparatus, to make sure all of our tools are accounted for, our

medical supplies are stocked, and that everything on our apparatus runs and performs properly, ensuring we are ready to take a call.

After morning checks are completed, it’s breakfast time. Typically we’ll cook breakfast in the station, but we’ll occasionally eat out. Regardless, this gives us another opportunity to get an idea of what we’re doing that particular day, and plan accordingly.

After breakfast, if the apparatus is dirty, we’ll go ahead and wash it, as well as take care of some light housekeeping. Then, we train! Our training schedule is fairly strict and regimented, as we must obtain a certain number of training hours annually. The training topic(s) vary from classroom instruction, driving and area familiarization, hands on drills, anything and everything. Training will take up most, if not all our morning up until lunchtime.

Once training is completed for the day and we’ve had lunch, then the rest of the day is pretty much wide open, although we still have daily tasks. In addition to our daily station chores, we may need to perform routine maintenance on equipment, maybe a scheduled station tour or similar public education, we may go out and walk through a business or new construction to familiarize ourselves, that sort of thing. It varies day to day, some days we’ll have more time to ourselves than others. After lunch, some guys choose to exercise, complete schoolwork, catch up on reports, or some guys might kick back and rest for a little while.

Now keep in mind, while all of this is happening, we’re still responding to calls! No matter what we’re doing, we always remain 100% ready to respond at a moment’s notice. Also keep in mind that at certain times of the year we’ll perform

more specialized tasks that are required annually, such as hydrant testing and maintenance, hose testing, pre-planning visits, etc. Training requirements and other daily tasks are adjusted accordingly.

Generally, from about 4pm on is considered our leisure time, where we’ll eat dinner, maybe watch TV or play cards, and relax the rest of the evening until bedtime. Most guys typically turn in around 9pm, others, (like myself), are night owls and we’ll kick around until midnight or later. Not recommended, because if it happens to be a busy night, it makes for a rough morning! No, we don’t stay up all night to run calls, we’ve got to sleep like everyone else! Don’t worry, our alarm tones are plenty loud, and we’ll be ready to go when needed. At 0630 the next morning, our shift’s over, we enjoy our two days off, then come back and do it all again!

So there you have it, A Day in The Life.... I hope you enjoyed a small glimpse into our day, and a more in-depth look at what we do!





THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY WILL MEET ON TUESDAY, MAY 2ND AT 5:30PM AT THE WHITE HOUSE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

THE LIBRARY BOARD WILL MEET MAY 11TH AT 7PM IN THE COURT ROOM OF THE BILLY S. HOBBS COMMUNITY CENTER LOCATED AT 105D COLLEGE ST.

CLOSED MON-DAY, MAY 29 FOR MEMORIAL DAY



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
4th Thursday: Bookworms book club at 10am
Adult Creative Writing at 4:00pm
Craft club at 4:00pm



June 10, 2023 ---- 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

The White House Library Fandom Fair is a one-day street fair full of all things fantasy, sci-fi, comics, gaming, anime, and more. Our theme is Fantasy: Imagine Your Story. We will have activities for all ages such as escape rooms, crafts, petting zoo, caricature artist, balloon twister, vendors, a costume contest, Lego building contest, and more. To register as a vendor for the event, please visit our website at www.youseemore.com/whl.



WHITE HOUSE PUBLIC LIBRARY



BUILDING PERMITTING AND INSPECTIONS IN THE CITY OF WHITE HOUSE

In this edition of the Planners Corner, I want to highlight the Building Inspectors, and the hard work they put in.

Rita Hobbs, wears many hats in our office, including receiving calls and in

person building permit/building inspection request. In the busiest year on record, 2021, There were a total of 550 permits issued. Of that number, 376 single family building permits were issued. To further highlight these numbers, there were 2,713 inspections (commercial and residential) for this fiscal year, which was roughly 700 hours of time spent on inspections. Rita, touches every permit and inspection that comes into our office.



**INTERNATIONAL
CODE
COUNCIL®**

The International Code of Council is the Tennessee state adopted building code version 2018, the standard in which our building inspectors follow. Our building inspectors, Tony and Sean are

required to stay current with certifications and licenses, to be qualified to provide inspections. We are extremely proud of our two inspectors for being certified in all categories for commercial and residential inspections. To put this in perspective, there are some municipalities that have inspectors with only one certification per inspection. To get further into details when looking at one building permit, our staff will visit a site multiple times until the final certificate of occupancy is issued.

One building permit has all the inspections shown in the illustration to the right. More times than not, the initial inspection will fail, due to a number of circumstances, which double or even triple the number of times our team has inspected an individual site (commercial or residential).

We also issue signs, deck, pool, accessory buildings, home occupation, temporary use and demolition permits.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel do not hesitate to call our office for additional information.

You can reach us at 615-672-4350 ext. 2120.

Single Family Permits



“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

STAFF



RITA HOBBS
Planning
Administrative
Assistant



SEAN HAGAN
Building
Inspector



**TONY
COVINGTON**
Building Inspector



JENNA NELMS
Planning
Technician

INSPECTIONS:
Footing
Plumbing Slab
Slab
Green Plate
Sheathing
Framing Rough-
In
Insulation
Plumbing
Rough-In
Mechanical
Rough-In
Above Ceiling

The White House Area Chamber of Commerce
Invites You to Join us for

Monte Carlo
Nights

CHAIRMAN'S CELEBRATION

at The Barn at Spring Lake Farm

Table Games
Blackjack Craps
Roulette Texas Hold 'Em

*Funny Money for Each Guest
Prizes & Fun!*

Tickets \$65 each
or a table of 6 for \$360
Reserve Your Tickets Here
or Call the Chamber
at 615-672-3937

Registration deadline March 24th if event does not sell out

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM
Charcuterie · Drinks
Photo Booth

BUFFET OPENS AT 6 PM
Hors d'oeuvres &
Dessert Bar

LIVE AUCTION AT 6:40
Gaming Begins
Immediately Following

Wine Pull
\$20
Bottle

Cocktail Attire

WE'VE GOT
THE PERFECT
GIFT FOR
YOUR EASTER
BASKETS

SUPPORT
Local
37188
WHITE HOUSE AREA
Community Gift Card

AVAILABLE IN ANY INCREMENT
\$5 TO \$250

SCAN ME

GOOD AT OVER 40
WHITE HOUSE AREA
BUSINESSES

Show your support of all things local when
you purchase a Support local gift card

Discover
White House Area
Chamber of Commerce