



# WORD ON WHITE HOUSE

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## The City of White House named the Best Community in Robertson County for 2024

White House has been named the Best Community in Robertson County for 2024 by The Connection, a prestigious recognition celebrating the city's exceptional quality of life, strong community ties, and ample opportunities.

This honor reflects the dedication and pride of White House residents, businesses, and city staff who work tirelessly to make the community a remarkable place to live, work, and thrive.

Renowned for its welcoming neighborhoods, vibrant events,

and commitment to growth, White House embodies the qualities that define an outstanding community. Its strong sense of spirit and family-friendly atmosphere have long set it apart as a place where people can truly flourish.

As the city celebrates this recognition, attention turns to the future, with continued efforts to ensure White House remains a thriving, connected, and exceptional community for years to come.

Here's to an even brighter 2024 in Robertson County's top community!



### CITY OF WHITE HOUSE HOLIDAY HOURS

-DECEMBER 23:  
CLOSING AT 11AM

-CLOSED DECEMBER  
24-25

-CLOSED JANUARY 1

-CLOSED JANUARY 20 IN  
OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN  
LUTHER KING JR. DAY



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# Greetings

FROM YOUR CITY ADMINISTRATOR

## Gerald O. Herman



Happy Holidays to all of you! We just ended the month of thanksgiving and gratitude. Now it's time to run into the month of giving, festivities, and resolutions. We hope many of you can participate or watch from the sidelines our annual Christmas parade. This year's parade is sure to please with the theme "Music City Christmas." After the parade, please come to the city center for our annual Christmas Tree lighting. The lighting is a joyous experience filled with music and refreshments for all who attend.

Congratulations to Michael Wall and Jeremy Sisk who won their district alderman position on the Board of Mayor and Alderman. Alderman Wall had been appointed a year ago to fill a vacancy and ran unopposed. Incoming Alderman Sisk won a contested race to fill the

position of outgoing Alderman Linda Silver.

The Publix shopping Center is finally open. After many years of discussions and planning the shopping center became a reality. Additions to this center include a dental office, nail salon, Wings Stop, Teriyaki Madness, and others yet to be named. We are excited that we can now accommodate shoppers of different styles and variety: Publix, Walmart, and the newly expanded Kroger. In economic development terminology we call spending dollars elsewhere that could be spent in White House "leakage." Now having all three major grocers right here in White House more sales tax dollars will be collected here and stay here than given to another nearby city.

As promised to you the City is using the 6-cent property

tax directly on the six traffic improvement infrastructure projects. The widening of a section of North-Palmers Chapel Road from Tyree Springs Road to the greenway crossing is well on target to be completed by the end of December. Intersection improvements at State Route 76 and Pleasant Grove Road are under construction. I know it's challenging to drive through that section of roadway right now, but you will be pleased when it has new turn lanes and traffic signalization. This project is expected to be completed in April. The widening of Sage Road from Cardinal Drive to US31W design is completed. The City is

in the process of obtaining some rights-of-way at the intersection of Cardinal Drive and Sage Road. We are expected to get this project under construction by spring. We have three projects in various stages of design. More information will be written about these projects in later additions of the Word on White House.

May you be safe, happy, and healthy, and warm during the winter





# WE'RE HIRING!

Competitive Pay

Great Benefits

4 Weeks of Vacation at Start\*



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# Parks & Recreation



Thank you to all the vendors who made this year's Trail of Treats a huge success! With over 2,000 attendees, the event was a fantastic celebration of community spirit. Special congratulations to our booth decoration winner: Summit Preparatory Academy for their outstanding booth display. Thank-you as well to Coleman tractor and Wilkinson Plant Center, whose support made the hayride possible. We couldn't have done it without each of you, and we look forward to seeing everyone again next year!

## Spring Youth Sports

### Girl's Volleyball

**Registration:** January 5th- February 9th

**Ages:** 5th-8th graders

**Season:** March-May

**Fees:**

**Residents:** \$65.00

**Non-Residents:** \$77.00



**Scan to Register**

### Challenger Baseball

**Special Needs Baseball League**

**Registration:** Jan 5th - March 9th

**Ages:** 4-18

**Season:** March-June

**Fees:** Free!

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## Call For Instructors

Are you interested in sharing your skills with the community? The Parks and Recreation Department is looking for instructors for a variety of classes at our new recreation center opening in Spring 2025! If you'd like to teach a class or have ideas for programs, please reach out to us—we'd love to hear from you!

Facility includes weight room, multipurpose rooms with tables and chairs, e-sports & gaming capabilities, and athletic courts.



**Submit your Info!**





# SENIOR CENTER

Monday- Thursday: 7:15a-5:00p

## Senior Citizen's Lunches Wednesdays at 11:30am

Reservations are required by noon on Mondays.

	EAT IN	CARRY OUT
SENIORS	\$3.00	\$3.50
NON-SENIORS	\$6.00	\$6.50

## Upcoming Events

DEC 17	Christmas Party
JAN 14	Garden Club
JAN 23	Trip to Movies

## Volunteer Highlight

Hi! My name is Nancy Bales. My husband and I moved to White House 9 years ago from Old Hickory (well, technically it was Lakewood, the speed trap!). After I retired in November 2018, I started coming to the Senior Center the following January, participating in the exercise classes, trips and parties. I truly don't know how it began, but at some point several years ago, I told Billie that I wouldn't mind calling the Bingo Games. She didn't hesitate to say, "Sure"! I love doing it and interacting with everyone! Then, I started to help Billie decorate and set up for the parties at the Senior Center, which is totally what I love to do! I've been planning events for a long time and was happy to lend a hand to Billie! We have so much fun! I will never hesitate to help any way I can. So, come by the Senior Center, pick up a calendar and join in the fun!



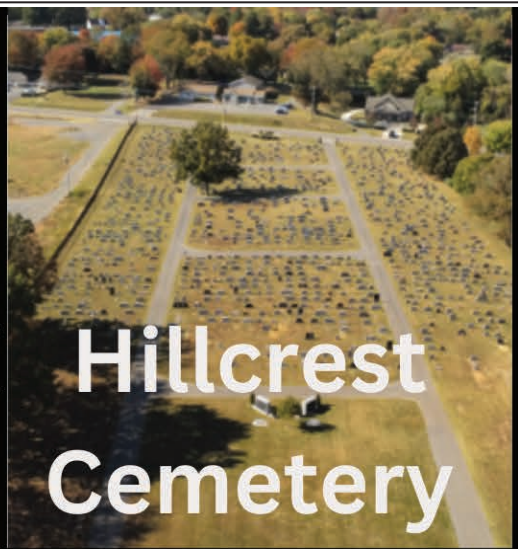




# LOOK OUT FOR SPRING SIGN-UPS FOR OUR AFFILIATE YOUTH SPORTS LEAGUES IN WHITE HOUSE!



<https://www.whysoccer.org/>  
<https://tshq.bluesombrero.com/whybs>



## WHITE HOUSE INN MUSEUM BRINGS PIONEER HISTORY TO LIFE FOR TENNESSEE 2ND GRADERS

The White House Inn Museum is bringing history to life for over 700 2nd-grade students across Sumner and Robertson Counties this fall, as part of Tennessee’s curriculum on the Westward Movement. Through its Pioneer Presentation program, the museum offers hands-on experiences that deepen students’ understanding of this pivotal time in American history.

The Pioneer Presentation introduces students to early settlers' tools, attire, and daily life, including children’s roles and the era’s entertainment. A dedicated team of volunteers, including longtime contributors Terry Palmer and Josette Williams, passionately brings these experiences to classrooms. New this year, musicians Paul Hart (banjo) and Cody Engdahl (fiddle) add an authentic musical touch, playing traditional reels and explaining how pioneer instruments were crafted and enjoyed.

With everyone dressed in period-appropriate clothing, the presentation vividly transports young students back to the days of westward expansion. Through the efforts of the White House Inn Museum and its enthusiastic volunteers, history is coming alive for Tennessee’s next generation.



### Ground Burials

Sale of Lots: \$750.00  
Openings & Closings :  
\$800.00 (Monday - Friday)  
Burial of Cremains: \$300.00  
Move Outside of Hillcrest:  
\$500.00  
Move Within Hillcrest:  
\$1,000.00  
Monument Foundation Fee:  
25¢ per square inch  
Scatter of Cremains: \$25.00

### Columbarium

Sale of Niche: \$750.00  
Internments: \$150.00  
Engraving: \$250.00  
Additional Opening and  
Closing: \$150.00

## Winter Clean-up

Please be advised that our staff will soon begin removing old and weathered decorations from gravesites. We kindly ask that you remove any items of personal or sentimental importance before this process begins.  
Thank you!





# The Planners Corner

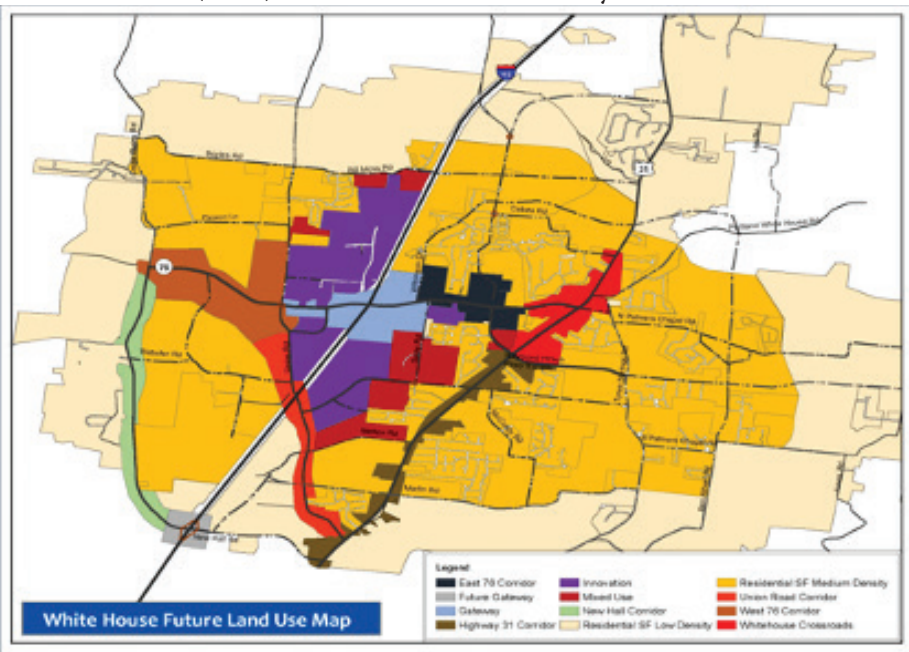
**Ceagus Clark**  
**Planning and Codes Director**

In the 'Planners Corner' series, we will explore how the Code Enforcement Staff keep White House beautiful, focusing on city signage and property maintenance.

We are in the process of updating our Land Development Regulations. Currently we have the Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Regulations and Commercial Design Standards. Our update will be transformative. These will be known as the Unified Development Ordinance and will combine the aforementioned documents into one. I am most excited that there will be concise applicability of use for every process. There will be a study session in early 2025 to reveal the many changes to be put in place. After the UDO's are adopted, we will begin planning the update to our Long-Range Plan. Below you will find a refresher to the purpose of a cities comprehensive plan. This plan is built form the foundation of the original Comprehensive Plan in 1978, City governments provide many important services, but one function stands apart in its impact on future generations; the authority to engage in community planning and zoning. Comprehensive plans (Long Range Plan) and zoning ordinances adopted and enforced by the city, affect the future layout and landscape of a city for many years to come. Whether it is the development or preservation of open space, or the redevelopment and revival of existing properties, what a community will look like well into the future depends on decisions made today. The 2040 Long Range Plan is intended to be a policy guide for the City of White House to use in decision making for transportation and land use development that aims to lever-

age growth, development and investment to make the City a socially and economically vibrant community.

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.”

A comprehensive plan is an expression of the community’s vision for the future and a strategic map to reach that vision. Comprehensive planning is an important tool for cities to guide future development of land to ensure a safe, pleasant, and economical environment for resi-

dential, commercial, industrial, and public activities. Planning can help:

- Preserve important natural resources, agricultural land, and other open lands
- Create the opportunity for residents to participate in guiding a community’s future

- Identify issues, stay ahead of trends, and accommodate change
- Ensure that growth makes the community better, not just bigger
- Foster sustainable economic development
- Ensure more efficient and cost-effective infrastructure and public services
- Provide an opportunity to consider future implications of today’s decisions
- Protect property rights and values
- Enable other public and

private entities to plan their activities in harmony with the municipality’s plans

The current White House 2040 Plan was approved in May 2019, by the Planning Commission. The planning process took twelve months and included analysis from citizen input and staff engagement. One public meeting was held that provided an open platform for citizens and stakeholders to engage in the White House 2040 comprehensive planning process. The public meeting was held on April, 17, 2018. The meeting was an open-house and provided stations for stakeholders to engage with City Staff and the consultant team to discuss each Plan resulting from the White House Comprehensive Planning Process. Additional public meetings were held November 12, 2018, December 10, 2018, and January 14, 2019 to allow for additional review, comment, and feedback. In addition to the public meetings, a survey was distributed in order to solicit public feedback from a wide range of stakeholders.

This serves as one of many avenues in managing the growth of the city. For greater detail, please visit the City of White House website <https://www.whitehousetn.gov/Home/ShowDocument?id=44> or give me a call to discuss or set up a meeting (615-672-4350 ext 2120). When navigating the cities website, go to Departments, then Planning and Codes. From there, you will see a banner that houses the link to the Comprehensive Plan.



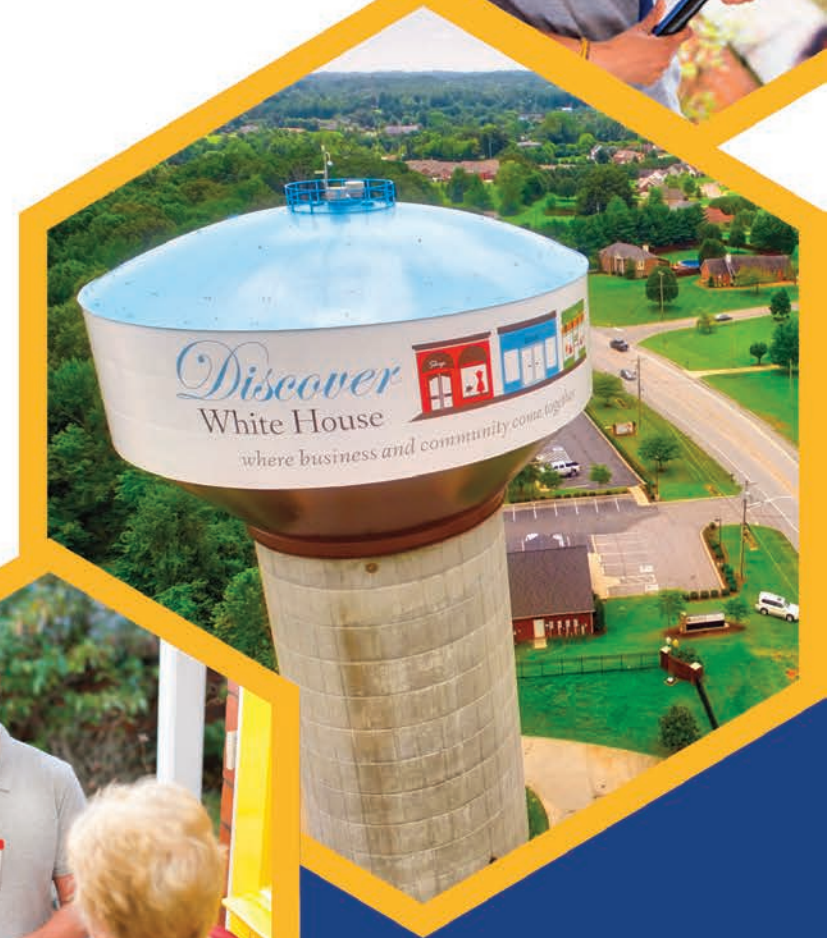
# NOW HIRING

United States<sup>®</sup>  
**Census**  
Bureau



Discover exciting ways to earn extra income while helping your community qualify for additional state revenues for services like street repair, public safety, and more!

We are hiring local residents now to begin in February 2025.  
Great opportunity that pays up to \$20 per hour,  
plus mileage and paid training!



## OPEN POSITIONS

- ✓ Field Representatives
- ✓ Field Supervisors
- ✓ Field Managers
- ✓ Clerks
- ✓ Special Census Supervisors

**APPLY  
TODAY!**





# CITY OF WHITE HOUSE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The holiday season is quickly approaching! The holidays can be both exciting and stressful, and as a result, we at the Fire Department see an uptick in serious incidents. The most common of these incidents are cooking and electrical fires. Enjoy your holidays to the fullest, and follow our tips to stay as safe as possible throughout the season!

## Turkey Fryer Safety

You've likely seen YouTube videos showing what can happen when a turkey fryer is used improperly. Needless to say, the results can be catastrophic. Improper use of these fryers can result in devastating burns, and will quickly ignite anything nearby. Check out these tips to fry your bird safely:

- Always use the fryer outdoors on a flat surface, safely away from structures, wooden decks, and covered patios. DO NOT use the fryer in a garage.
- Have the correct kind of fire extinguisher nearby and ready to use.
- Use your safety tools: Oven mitts, gloves, and safety goggles.
- The turkey should be COMPLETELY thawed.
- Raise and lower turkey slowly into oil.



## HOLIDAY SAFETY

### Christmas Tree Safety

#### Artificial Trees:

- When purchasing the tree, look for "Fire-Retardant". Although this does not mean the tree will not catch fire, it does indicate that the tree will resist burning and extinguish quickly.
- When using string lights, check to make sure they are certified and have a gold holographic UL label.
- When removing lights from storage, inspect them for broken or cracked lamp holders and frayed or bare wires.

#### Live Trees:

When purchasing a live tree, check for freshness:

- The needles are green.
- The needles are hard to pull from the branches.
- The needles bend between your fingers without breaking.
- The lower trunk is sticky with resin.
- The tree does not lose many needles when tapped on the ground.

#### Live Trees:

- Cut off about 2 inches of the trunk to expose fresh wood for better absorption.
- Keep the stand filled with water. Heated rooms rapidly dry live trees.
- It is best to discard live trees within one month after purchase.
- When Christmas is over or the tree begins to drop needles, dispose of it.
- Do not store live trees in the house or garage.



### General Tree Safety Tips

- Make sure the tree is at least 3 feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents, or lights.
- Use a step stool or stepladder when decorating the tree's higher limbs.
- Never use lit candles on an artificial or live tree or near other evergreens.
- Check each set of lights, new or old, for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections. Discard damaged sets or repair them before use.
- Use no more than 3 standard-size sets of lights per single extension cord.
- Use only one extension cord per outlet.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

**Well, there you have it, we hope these tips will come in handy to ensure you and your family have a safe and happy holiday season. From all of us at the White House Fire Department, Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!**





# Gift Local

**COMMUNITY GIFT  
CARD VALID AT OVER  
40 WHITE HOUSE  
AREA MERCHANTS**



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# POLICE DEPARTMENT



## Holiday Safety Tips

In an effort to 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.

The WHPD 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 credit card.
- If possible, carry only your driver's license, necessary credit cards or personal checks.
- 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 shopping center security for escort to your car if you are uncomfortable walking alone.
- Glance in the back seat in 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 WHPD at 615-672-4903. Always dial 9-1-1 for all life threatening emergencies.**

**WHITE HOUSE ROTARY  
SHOP WITH A COP & FIREFIGHTER**



Join us in making a difference

**SPREAD THE JOY  
OF GIVING THIS  
HOLIDAY SEASON!**

The Shop with a Cop & Firefighter program ensures underprivileged children experience the joy of Christmas. Your donations are crucial to make this happen. Partner with us and make a difference by donating today! Let's make every child's Christmas memorable!

Help us support the local community. Donate now!



## WANT TO BECOME A WHITE HOUSE POLICE OFFICER?

The WHPD is seeking dedicated individuals with a passion for community service. Embrace a rewarding career that challenges you, offers growth, and allows you to make a real difference in the lives of our residents.

Apply today at [WhiteHouseTN.gov/Careers](https://WhiteHouseTN.gov/Careers)



# JOIN THE FORCE

Annual Salary  
\$50,200 - 80,200

Benefits:

- Health, Dental & Vision
- College Tuition Program
- 4 weeks Vacation Accrued 1st yr.
- 12 Paid Holidays
- 2 Paid Personal Days
- Every Other Weekend Off
- TCRS Retirement
- Retiree Healthcare
- Longevity Pay

Opportunities:

- Specialized Training • Outervest
- 12 Hour Shifts = Average Working 16 Days a Mo. • Take Home Car
  - Every Other Weekend Off
  - Overtime Opportunities
- Criminal Investigations Division
- K9 Unit • Bike Patrol • ERT • DTF



APPLY NOW



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# PUBLIC SERVICES

## Winter Operations

It is hard to believe that winter is almost here in White House TN but it is. With low temperatures dipping down to near freezing temperatures in the coming weeks, it likely won't be long before the snow begins to fall. With the winter weather coming soon, public safety and road conditions within are at the forefront of our minds here at The Public Services Department.

There are many steps and processes that are involved when preparing for winter operations, in fact, our preparations for the winter begin in September every year. In order to stay ahead of the snow and ice, our team begins evaluating how many tons of deicer will be needed for the upcoming winter season. We first evaluate the reports from the previous year to determine the amount deicer that was used and based on those numbers, an order

is placed with the salt supplier, this year, the order placed was for 100 tons of salt to augment approximately 50 tons that were left from the previous year.

But winter operations do not stop there, before Halloween Day every year The Public Services Department begins testing our snow removal equipment including snow plows, salt spreaders, snow blowers, skid steers and backhoes. These pieces of equipment will be operational to help keep roads clear and safe. This equipment will be at the ready and with the possibility of snow coming at any time day or night our crew members will be on-call around the clock when an impending snow storm is imminent.

While these crew members are well-trained and well-equipped, snow removal operations can be

dangerous and unpredictable at times. With that being said, this winter we are asking for your help as a citizen of the City of White House. You may be asking yourself "how can I help with snow removal?" You as a citizen can make a big difference by making certain that vehicles are parked in driveways and off of the roadways. Because

snow plows are wider than the trucks they are attached to, it is helpful to have the roadways clear so that snow plow trucks can safely traverse the roads and clear snow and ice. The Public Services Department thanks you in advance for your help in this matter and wish you a safe and happy winter season.





Chamber





**Winter Reading starts Sunday, December 1st! Sign up through ReadSquared or the Library's website starting December 1st!**

**There will be separate teen and tween programs for Winter Reading and Adults can now participate!**

**There will be NO programs from December 23rd to January 6th.**

**Home School Groups:**

**PreK- Gr. 2 will meet Dec 11th and Jan 8th at 1:30pm**

**Gr. 3-6th will meet Dec 18th and Jan 22nd at 1:30pm**

**Join us Dec 5th from 4-5pm for a special adult baking craft!**



**FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!**

Scan the QR code to go directly to the Library Facebook page for the most up to date programing schedules!

The White House Library Board will meet January 9, 2024 at 7:00pm at the Billy S. Hobbs Community Center located at 105D College St. White House, TN 37188. Per the TCA Title 8, Chapter 44 regarding public meetings, a Public Comment section is on the meeting's agenda. To speak during the Public Comment period, a sign-up sheet will be placed in the meeting location near the printed agendas and will be taken up just before the start of the meeting.

**Children Programs  
(ages 9 and under)**

- Mondays: Crafternoon at 4PM for ages 6 to 10
- 1st Monday of the Month: Reading Dog at 4pm for ages 5-9
- Tuesday: Storytime at 10:30 for ages 0-5
- Wednesday: Storytime at 10:30am for ages 0-5
- 1st and 3rd Tuesday: Big Kids Club at 4:30pm for ages 7-10

**Tween/Teen Programs  
(ages 10-17)**

- Mondays: Coding Club 4-5PM
- 1st Tuesday: Cooking Class at 4:30PM
- 2nd Tuesday: Craft Day at 4:30PM
- 3rd Tuesday: Anime Drawing at 4:30PM
- 4th Tuesday: Comic Book or Song Writing at 4:30PM

**Teen Programs  
(ages 13-17)**

- 1st Thursday: Art Club at 4:30PM
- 1st Thursday and 3rd Tuesday: TAG at 5:30PM

**Adult Programs**

- 3rd Monday: Genealogy Club
- Every Tuesday: Knitting and Crochet 4-5PM
- 2nd Thursday: Mystery Readers at 3PM & Creative Writing at 4:30PM
- 4th Thursday: Bingo 1:30PM & Creative Writing 4PM
- Last Thursday: Bookworms Book Club 10AM





**MEET OUR STAFF MEMBERS OF DECEMBER AND JANUARY!**



Hello! I'm Tiffany McCall, and I've been proud to work at the library for a year now. As a front desk clerk, I assist patrons and manage much of our marketing efforts. I'm also the voice behind Larry's Facebook page, helping to engage our community online.

Outside of the library, I'm a Relator with SixOneFive Real Estate Advisors and a busy mom to 8-year-old twins. I have a passion for Dungeons and Dragons and enjoy video games like The Sims and Baldur's Gate. I'm also an avid reader, particularly of romance and fantasy genres.



Hello, White House! I'm Larry, your Library Chameleon. I've lived at the library for three wonderful years, and I absolutely love it here! My days are filled with greeting patrons and basking in the light.

My favorite snacks are crickets and worms, with the occasional treat of broccoli. When I'm not in my cage, you can find me lounging by the office window, watching bugs and cars go by. I enjoy playing games online and love being the friendly face of the library!

If you stop by to see me, don't forget to snap a photo and tag me online. My favorite part of the day is you! Also, please follow me on social media for all your favorite updates!





# CHRISTMAS ON MAIN STREET

Immediately following the  
Christmas Parade at City Hall &  
White House Public Library



**Parade at 3 pm**



**Saturday, Dec. 7**



## MUSIC CITY CHRISTMAS



**POP  
CORN**



**LETTERS  
TO SANTA**



**TREE  
LIGHTING**



**SANTA'S  
WORKSHOP**



**COOKIES  
& MILK**



**HOT COCOA**

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