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Department Overview





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Mission Statement: The mission of the White House Parks & Recreation Department is: To provide programs and facilities that will enrich the quality of life for our citizens and preserve it for the future.

Vision Statement: The Vision of the White House Parks & Recreation Department is: To Improve the health and wellness for the entire community.

This will be achieved using three criteria:

- 1. Take care of what we have
- 2. Plan for expansion/growth
- 3. Accommodate for aging community needs





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- 234 Acres of Park Land
- 4 Playgrounds
- 7 Park Shelters
- 15 Recreational Sport Fields
- 6 Tennis Courts
- 1 Dog Park
- 1 Museum / Visitor Center
- 1 Splash Pad
- 1 Amphitheater
- 1 Civic Center / Gymnasium
- 1 Senior Center
- 1 Community Room
- 1 City-owned & Parks Department operated Cemetery
- 30 Rec Programs Offered
- 187 Senior Programs Offered
- 10 Special Events Offered









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PARKS & RECREATION **DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW** SENIOR CENTER Senior Center Coordinator Billie Hyndman CITY ADMINISTRATOR **Gerald Herman MUSEUM & VISITOR CENTER** Museum Coordinator Susan Holcraft DIRECTOR **Kevin Whittaker** Park Maintenance Workers PARKS MAINTENANCE **Maintenance Supervisor** Park Attendants Steven Russell Office Administrator - Linda Brooks ASSISTANT DIRECTOR RECREATION Program and Events Coordinator Selena Clouse & ADMINISTRATION Recreation Attendants CEMETERY

20 Total Employees

- 13 Full-time staff
- 7 Part-time staff

2024 New Hires:

Austin Miller
(Recreation Attendant)
Jared Burleson
(PT Recreation Attendant)
Shane McDonald
(PT Parks Attendant)
Drew Potter
(PT Parks Attendant)





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Significant Accomplishments





Rec Center Construction Continued























We should gain temporary occupancy in March of next year and have our Grand Opening in July!



Soccer Complex Renovation – Phase II

Before



After



With the help of a grant, we were able to get a brand-new parking lot for our soccer complex along with a large pavilion, dumpster enclosure and ADA accessible parking and pathways.





Splash Pad Improvements



Improvements included adding a maintenance building to keep pumps, motors, chemicals, etc. more secure and out of the elements, a brand-new holding tank, and re-surfacing the pad.













Pickleball Accommodations





Along with our offerings of Open Gym Pickleball and Senior Open Gym Pickleball in our Civic Center Gymnasium, we also added pickleball lines to our half-court basketball court in the back of Municipal Park as well as added 4 nets to be used at our Tennis Facility. We are dedicated to providing as many pickleball opportunities as we can until we have permanent courts.





Tennis League



A brand-new Tennis League, called "Rally Cats", was started this year in our Municipal Park and is organized by UTSA. We hope to continue to expand this league to include adults and offer tournaments in the future.





Stagecoach







This is a brand-new tourist feature at the Museum. It is intended to mimic the city logo. It has driven more people to the Museum as a result.



Field 8 Renovation Began









Field 8 is the first field you see when you enter the park and is in desperate need of repair. We are replacing the dugouts with larger and ADA accessible ones and replacing all of the fencing to match the quad fields. We are also expanding the concrete area behind home plate and installing a net for the backstop instead of fencing. This is expected to be done in early 2025.









Rec Center Ramp-Up

Membership Fees

Full Membership	Resident Monthly	Non-resident Monthly	Resident Annual	Non-resident Annual
Single	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$250.00	\$600.00
Household	\$55.00	\$110.00	\$495.00	\$1,320.00
Senior (55 & up) (Spouse included)	\$15.00	\$30.00	\$150.00	\$360.00
Active-Duty Military	\$15.00	\$30.00	\$150.00	\$360.00

A household is defined as head of household, your legal spouse, and children 18 years old and under. Proof of residency must be provided in order to obtain membership.

**Seniors may walk on track for FREE during morning hours (until10:30am)

Partial memberships	Daily Resident	Daily Non- Resident	Monthly Resident	Monthly Non- Resident	10-Visit Punch Pass	10- Visit Non- Resident	Annual (Pre- paid)	Annual (Pre- paid) non- resident
Gym, Track & Game Room	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$30.00	\$45.00	\$90.00	\$150.00	\$360.00
Wellness Center	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$30.00	\$45.00	\$90.00	\$150.00	\$360.00
E-Sports Room	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$30.00	\$45.00	\$90.00	\$150.00	\$360.00
Aerobics/Fitness Classes	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$30.00	\$45.00	\$90.00	\$150.00	\$360.00

Room Rentals

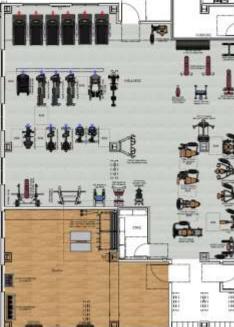
Room	Refundable Deposit	Hourly Resident	Hourly Non- resident	Details
Multipurpose 1a	\$50.00	\$30.00	\$60.00	
Multipurpose 1b	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$60.00	Contains sink, fridge, and warming cabinet.
Multipurpose 2	\$50.00	\$30.00	\$60.00	WAS RECORDED AND THE RESERVE OF THE PARTY OF
Game Room	\$50.00	\$15.00	\$30.00	Can only be rented as an add on to a Multipurpose room rental
Auxiliary Gym	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	No tables and chairs
Main Gym	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$200.00	Add Ons; \$100.00- Tables and Chair use and Set-up \$100.00- Floor covering as needed

We have established a fee schedule, ordered fitness equipment and furniture, finalized the order for gaming equipment, done a call for instructors, and started putting together a potential calendar of programs and events to be ready for our Grand **Opening in Summer** of 2025!













Museum Community Partnership



The museum and the White House High School Advanced Drama students and teacher have partnered with the museum to provide skits with the stagecoach for upcoming events. We have also prepared written parts for students to be docents in the museum. We were able to use these students at the Stagecoach Ribbon Cutting and The Gathering at the White House Inn. These students prepared their parts and preformed the skit at the top of every hour during the event while other students were docents in different locations throughout the museum.

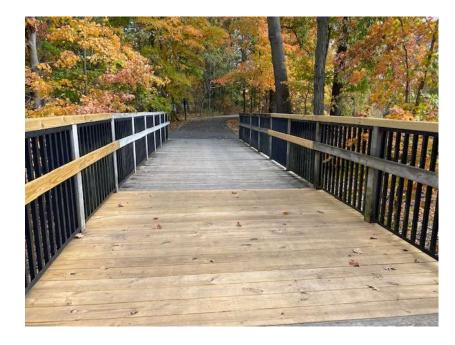




Bridge Repair







We had a large tree fall on one of our Greenway bridges and did significant damage. We had to shut the bridge down for a couple months in order to get it fixed.





Unique Visits to Museum









The Museum continued to have all types of visitors this year. Some of the unique visits we had this year were: 2 home school groups, H.B. Williams Kindergartners, Palmers Reunion, Charter Senior Living, Leadership Sumner County, and Leadership Robertson County









Senior Center Receives Impact Award

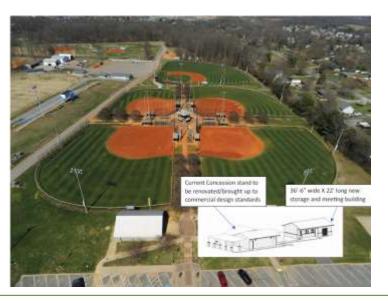


The Senior Center, and specifically its coordinator, Billie Hyndman, was awarded with the Impact Award by the White House Chamber of Commerce this year. This is a testament to the dedication that Billie has to creating a welcoming and vibrant community space for Seniors. Billie has overseen countless programs, events and activities and improved the quality of life for the Seniors in our community as a result.





LPRF Grant





We received another LPRF Grant, this time for \$539,500 (50% of total cost of project). This will make several improvements to our Municipal Park. It includes renovating the baseball concession stand and constructing a new building for their storage and meeting space, constructing a parking lot for Rover's Ridge Dog Park, and a shade structure at the tennis facility along with benches for the courts.





70' X 35' Shade Canopy - 6 por



(12) 6.6h L x 2.4h W x 2.6h H Benches with shade canopy





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Preserving our Past





New Museum Exhibits/Displays

Black History Month Display -Josephine Holloway





Women's History Month – Josette Williams & Mabel **Baggett Rhodes**





100th Graduating Class of WHHS



Palmer's 100th Reunion











What is This?



The Museum started doing a "What is This?" series on Facebook with our Volunteer Terry Palmer showing an item that can be found in the Museum and explaining what it is.





Museum Donations











Donations this year included: Ind Eraser, 4 Civil War books, a Portmanteau, baseball jersey from 1930/40s, quilting frames, White House Cheerleading memorabilia, WHHS sweater, 4 legged meat grinder, clamp meat grinder, draw knife, a handmade blouse and picture of Mrs. Bessie Jackson Pond (the blouse maker), 4 pictures of people at the Sumner Robertson Normal College from 1905, a program of Fairmont School commencement 1920 and pictures, and a Friends of Mine memory book of Ruth Jackson Smythe which has written memories from other classmates that graduated with her from White House High School.











Museum School Visits

We were able to continue our school presentations this year. This year we presented to approximately 807 children across 7 schools.

Schools visited:
HB Williams, Kindergarten
Beech Elementary, 2nd grade
Vena Stuart, 2nd Grade
Madison Creek Elementary, 2nd Grade
Merrol Hyde Magnet School, 2nd Grade
HB Williams, 2nd Grade
Robert F Woodall, 2nd Grade











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Taking Care of What We Have





Pavilion Restorations







Pavilions 1 and 2 were in desperate need of freshening up. We painted the metal, installed new trim work and painted the posts





Prepared Site for New Water Fountain



We poured a concrete pad next to field 5 & 6 restrooms for the new donated drinking fountain. We smoothed out the dirt and put down seed and straw where the new water line was installed for the fountain.





Prepared Site for Museum Stagecoach









We pulled shrubs so the sidewalk could be extended to the new stagecoach and installed and painted handrails.



Tree Cutting & Trail Maintenance







This was the year for cutting up trees and trail maintenance. We continuously had to cut up trees that had fallen all over our parks and Greenway and had to clear the Greenway several times from flooding.





Gas Tank Relocation







We relocated the gas tank from the Fire Hall to the Maintenance Shop at the park. This required us to hire a company to move the tank and then we hooked it up and ran the electrical lines to it and got it functional.





Trail Clearing





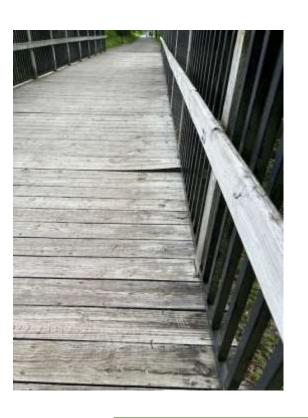


We rented a bush hog attachment for our skid loader to do some clearing along the Greenway, Nature Trail and Byrum Park.





Greenway Bridge Boards Replacement







We replaced the boards on the small Greenway Bridge along Tyree Springs



Moved Drinking Fountain at Trailhead







The drinking fountain at the Honey Run Trailhead had a leak and it occurred underneath the concrete which made it impossible to repair without busting up the concrete and asphalt and costing a lot of money. We moved the fountain to another location in order to avoid that.





Removed Fitness Equipment at Municipal Park







Our insurance company wanted us to do a lot of work to update the fitness equipment area at the park. It was decided the equipment didn't get enough use to justify the investment, so we removed it. We plan to use this space for future pickleball courts.









Additional Items

- Laser graded 2 fields at Municipal Park and Top-dressed Soccer Fields
- **Pressure Washed Greenway bridges**
- **Planted 3 Living Legacy Trees**
- Put down 160 bags of conditioner on quad baseball fields
- Put down sand on all fields at soccer
- Put up a donated dog waste station at Veterans Memorial Trailhead
- Did irrigation maintenance and installed new heads throughout the year
- Re-painted parking lot lines at all locations
- Fixed settled pavers at Dog Park entrance
- Prepared for and worked 5K, Trail of Treats and Christmas Parade
- Helped with setup and take down for The Gathering
- Put in countless hours getting Splash Pad ready for this summer

1.177 **Mowing Hours** 7,700 lbs. of **Fertilizer** applied

5,500 lbs. of **Grass Seed** applied

Over 100 Trash Cans located in parks & facilities





5 Restroom Facilities Open-Closed-Cleaned Daily



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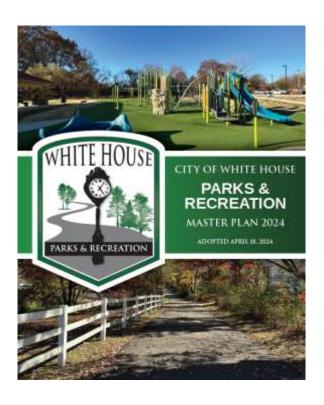
Planning For Expansion/Growth



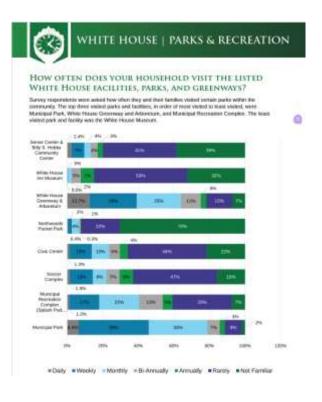


2024 Annual Report- Planning for Expansion/Growth

Master Plan













2024 Annual Report- Planning for Expansion/Growth

Pickleball



Our Master Plan revealed the desire for Pickleball offerings. Our Leisure Board was presented with several options for locations for future courts and decided on the area where the fitness equipment used to be at Municipal Park. We will be applying for a grant for this project next year in hopes of getting them built in the following budget year.





2024 Annual Report- Planning for Expansion/Growth

Aquatics Center



Our Master Plan also revealed the desire for Aquatics. Our Leisure Board was presented with a new rendering of Byrum Park with an aquatic center added to it. We are currently having discussions about how we would like to proceed.





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Accommodating for the Aging Community Needs





Fireplace



We added a fireplace this year to our Senior Center to have a warm, cozy area to relax.















Senior Trips

Trips Included: Movies, bowling, lunch outings at various restaurants, Montgomery Bell State Park, Lane Motor Museum, the barn in Elkton KY, visiting the Mennonites, Buccee, Rock Castle, thrift shopping, Charter Senior Living, Dr. Martin Wilton House, McKays bookstore, Franklin art gallery, TN Museum, Riverview Rest Ashland City, Fall Color Ride, Octagon House, and Bluebird Café



















Senior Programming







This year the Senior Center offered a wide array of programming, including:

Exercise classes (up to 595 participants in one month) walking (between 73 and 135 monthly walkers), bingo, ballroom and country western dance lessons, farmers rummy, garden club (between 15 and 46 participants), quilting, meals on wheels (between 71 and 120 participants per month), bunco, crafts, cards, games, pool, puzzles, and open play pickleball (between 71 and 164 participants per month)























Senior Events

The Senior Center hosted several events this year, including:

Movies at the Center, show and tell, Valentines party, Veterans lunch, Easter egg hunt, Medicare 101, Dances, Tea Party, painting class, UT Extension Healthy snacks, Casey and the Cowboys, Puzzle Rodeo, Flu shots, Game Day, Crafts, Pool tournament, and Farmers Bank Christmas Breakfast















Meals on Wheels



Fridays: 11:30-12:00

Congregate Meal

Billy S. Hobbs Community Center 105D College St, White House For More Information: Call: 615.452.4022

Free for those who qualify (Ages 60+) No Carry Out Meals Available

Registration forms can be found in the Senior

Please note this is separate from the Wednesday lunches organized by White House Senior Center. We continued to serve as a location for Meals on Wheels this year. Meals on Wheels is a FREE meal offered by Mid-Cumberland Meals-on-Wheels to Seniors across the state. This year we averaged 30 participants per meal.







Senior Lunches



Each Wednesday the Senior Center provides a lunch in the Community Room at the Community Center. Seniors can eat in for \$3.00 or take home a meal for \$3.50. Most meals include a meat, vegetables, starch, desert and drink. This year, we averaged 120 participants for each meal.









Senior Center First Time Visitors



Senior Center Memberships







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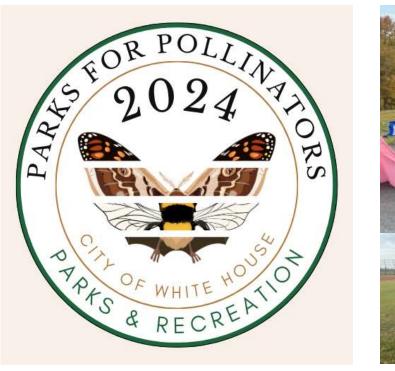
Department Special Events







Independence 5K 143 participants



Pollinators at the Park:
12 Participants
Pollinators Education Talk:
17 Participants

Parks for Pollinators



Trail of Treats
33 booths
32 Sensory Friendly Attendees
2,048 Total Attendees









The Gathering @ The Museum

Over 800 in Attendance













Experience Robertson County at Museum



History Chat at Museum



Robertson County Historical Society at Museum



Palmers Reunion at Museum









Christmas Parade 59 Organizations 823 Participants







Hybrid Events



Egg Hunt
270 Photo Submissions
95 Households Participated



iNaturalist Campaign 99 Submissions





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Department Programming





Spring Sports



Spring Girls Volleyball 165 participants – 19 teams



Challenger Baseball 10 participants



Adult Basketball 9 teams



Adult Softball 4 teams





Fall & Winter Sports



Fall Girls Volleyball

136 participants – 15 teams



Fall Baseball
215 participants – 19 teams



Adult Sand Volleyball 8 Teams

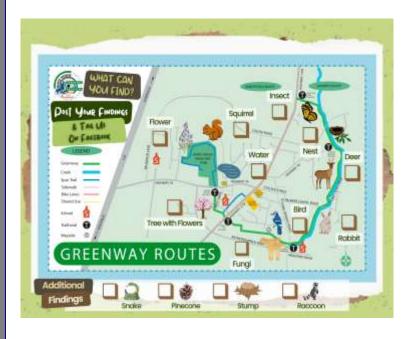


Youth Basketball
346 participants—42 teams





Open Gyms & Other Programming



Nature Hide & Seek

Open Gyms:

Pickle Ball: 11-17 Daily Visitors

Basketball Open Play: 4-19 Daily Visitors

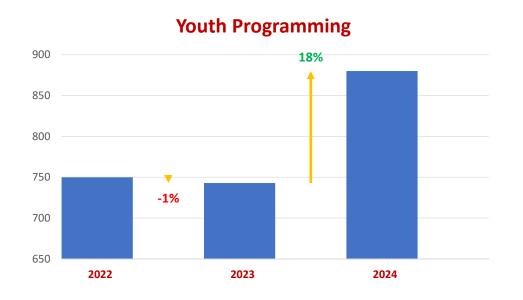


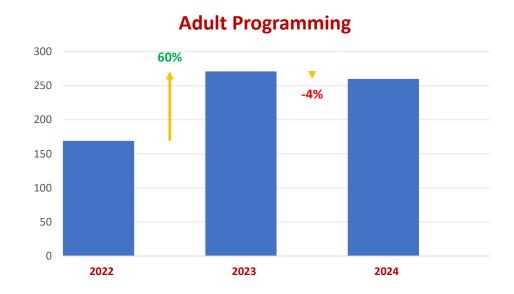


Women's Exercise
18 Session- 62 Total Attendees



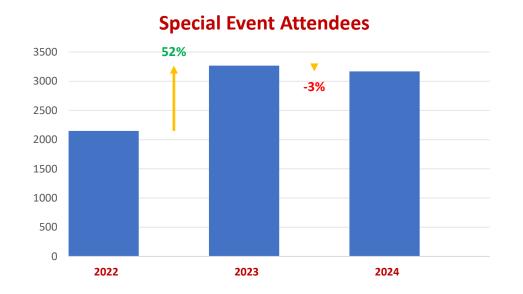


















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Park Use by the Community





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- Spring Baseball & Softball League
- Spring/Fall Soccer League
- Jr. Pro Football
- Discover White House & Expo
- Spring Classic Soccer Tournament
- Fall Classic Soccer Tournament
- Music Under the Stars
- Movie Under the Stars
- Americana Celebration
- WHYBS Tournaments
- WH Youth Soccer 3v3 Tournament
- Warrior Bowl
- Burton Lodge Labor Day Fish Fry
- Fall Family Block Party
- Halloween Classic Softball Tournament
- Middle TN Adult Baseball Association
- Experience Robertson County
- Disc Golf Tournaments
- "Santa Paws" Pictures with Santa @ Dog Park
- Soccer Camp
- MLB Pitch, Hit & Run



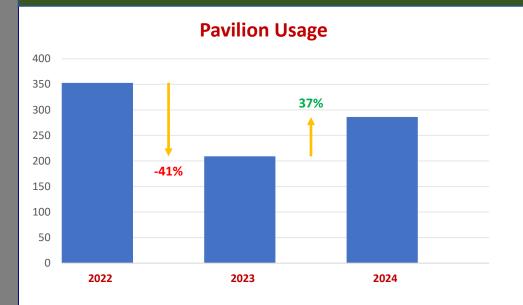


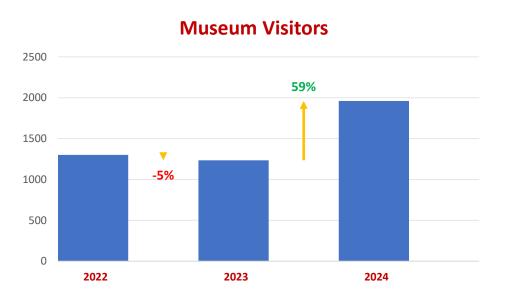


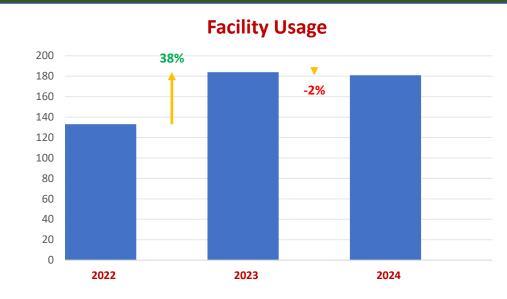


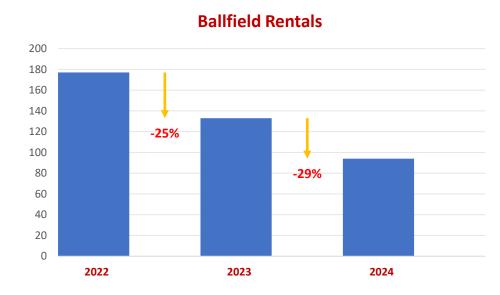


2024 Annual Report- Park/Facility Use by the Community













2024 Annual Report- Revenues





Pavilion Rental Revenue



Facility Rental Revenue







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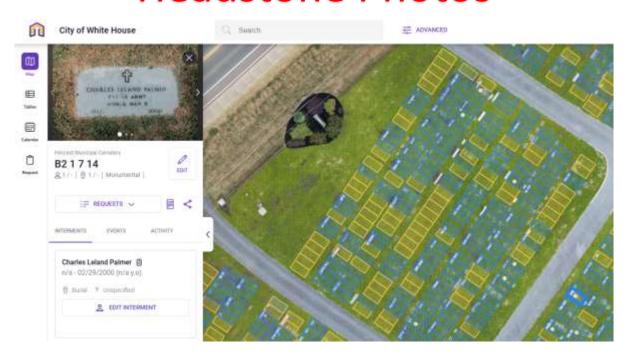
Hillcrest Cemetery





2024 Annual Report- Hillcrest Cemetery

Headstone Photos



We had a photographer come out and take photos of all the markers in the cemetery. We have started uploading them to the online software. We are also able to tag each veteran that resides in the cemetery. It will be a long process but something that we hope the public will be proud of once complete.





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\$39,016 in Revenue (\$39,610 last year)











