



# WORD ON WHITE HOUSE

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## Lots of family fun on the list for White House this fall

The Covid pandemic has definitely changed the way our community shops, attends events and even school. But sometimes change presents opportunities to do things differently and sometimes that is better. This year, several events were rescheduled or canceled but as fall approaches, we are seeing more opportunities to get out in the community and discover all that White House has to offer.

Discover White House Expo and Safety Day is generally held in the Spring. Now you have the opportunity to enjoy an outdoor fall festival. The same great businesses will be there at the City Hall complex, but there will be some fun new additions too like live music, a magician, artisan row, demonstrations and period costumes from the White House Inn Museum.

The Fall Family Block Party promises to be a fun-filled evening for young and old alike. The annual screening of Hocus Pocus will take place at dark but before the movie begins, attendees will be able to enjoy vendor booths, food trucks, strolling entertainment and the annual costume contest. New this year, will be a free pumpkin patch and historic demonstrations like a blacksmith courtesy of the White House Inn Museum.

If you have unused prescription medication plan to take it to Kroger on Saturday, October 24th as the White House Police Department will be collecting and disposing of medication. On Monday, October 26th Sumner County residents will be able to cast their vote at the Billy S. Hobbs Municipal Center during early voting. Trail of Treats will look different this year too, but the Parks Department is hard at work collecting information from businesses in White House that will be providing trick-or-treat options to families on Thursday, October 29th.

Then on Saturday, November 7th, the Holiday Shopping kick off begins with Jingle & Mingle Around Town - a little bit different this year but a whole lot of fun and the chance to win \$500 in cash with your Holiday Passport.

We're working on normal and finishing 2020 strong and we're so glad to be doing it with our friends and businesses here in White House. If you have questions about upcoming events, please reach out to us at the Chamber at 615-672-3937 or contact the City of White House at 615-672-4350 or email at Admin@WhiteHouseTN.gov

### Checklist

THINGS TO DO	ACTION DATE
<input type="checkbox"/> Discover White House	Sat., Oct. 3
<input type="checkbox"/> Fall Family Block Party	Fri., Oct. 23
<input type="checkbox"/> National Drug	
<input type="checkbox"/> Take Back Day at Kroger	Sat., Oct. 24
<input type="checkbox"/> Sumner County Early voting at the Municipal Center	Monday, Oct. 26
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jingle & Mingle Around Town	Saturday, Nov. 7
<input type="checkbox"/> Shop Small Saturday	Saturday, Nov. 28
IMPORTANT NOTES	
Remember to Shop Local! Leave a good business review for a White House Area Business and share social media posts to support our community!	

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Billy S. Hobbs Municipal Center  
105 College Street  
White House, TN 37188  
[www.cityofwhitehouse.com](http://www.cityofwhitehouse.com)

Phone: 672-4350

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### CITY OFFICES HOLIDAY

October 12th - Closed  
November 11th - Closed  
November 26th - Closed

## General Information



Gerald O. Herman  
City Administrator

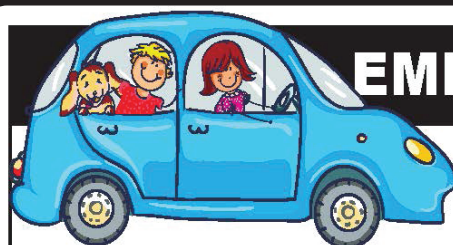
Greetings,

Harvest  
season

is here! It's time to bring in the crops and enjoy the fruits of our labor. Let us be thankful. I know it's been tough. We have seen the tension; you have seen the tension amongst co-workers, friends, and family. But let us rejoice! Election Day, COVID 19, a squeamish economy will soon pass. Schools did open, fall sports did occur, Mayor Arnold's State of the City was presented, Discover White House, Columbus Day, Halloween, Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving have not been cancelled and can be celebrated and acknowledged. We humans are remarkably resourceful, tenacious, and creative. We find solutions to problems.

When you do go to vote in this year's election you may see that the only City of White House issues we have on the ballot is to fill two Alderman seats. Alderman Clif Hutson is seeking his 4th term and Alderman John Corbitt is seeking his 2nd term. Both Alderman are running unopposed. They both do a great service to their districts and to this City.

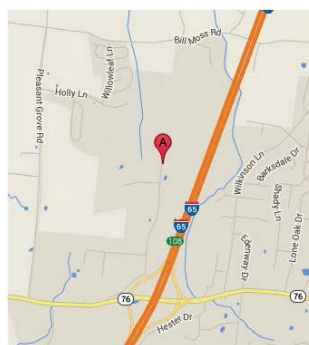
How many of you are thankful for the historic low interest rates? I would venture to say that many of you have either purchased a new home or refinanced your home to take advantage of this once in a life time opportunity. As keepers of your tax payer dollars we jumped at this opportunity on two of our loans. We were able to refinance the Community Center Loan and the Library Loan. Over the life of these two loans, 20 years and 23 years respectively, we were able to save us approximately \$500,000 in future interest payments. Our bond rating was reviewed by Standard and Poor and we still maintained our AA+ rating. Now that brought a smile to our hearts 😊



### EMISSIONS TESTING

9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

427 INDUSTRIAL DR. • BEHIND PUBLIC WORKS BLDG.



#### 2020 TESTING DATES:

<del>Jan. 13th</del>	<del>Feb. 10th</del>	<del>Mar. 9th</del>
<del>Apr. 13th</del>	<del>May 11th</del>	<del>Jun. 8th</del>
<del>Jul. 13th</del>	<del>Aug. 10th</del>	<del>Sep. 14th</del>
Oct. 5th	Nov. 16th	Dec. 7th

**Emissions testing will be held for Sumner County today at Public Works (427 Industrial Dr, White House, TN 37188) from 9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. This is for the testing portion ONLY. You are not able to receive tags at this location.**



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

## Police Department



**On October 24, 2020 at 10:00 AM**

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 October 24th, 2020 (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 highly 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 October 24th, 2020 from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm.

### 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 Drugs 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

## HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

- o Younger children should always walk with an adult. Older children should always walk in a group.
- o Use flashlight, glow sticks, or reflective tape to make it easier to be seen at night.
- o Do not go to any dark, unlit houses.
- o Do not go inside a stranger's house.
- o Cross at crosswalks and make eye contact with drivers before you cross.
  - o Walk, don't run!
- o Pay attention when walking past driveways to make sure cars aren't pulling in or out.
- o Wear non-toxic make up instead of a mask, which may hinder sight. If you wear a mask, make sure it fits well.
- o Costumes and shoes should fit to avoid trips and falls.
- o Costume accessories such as swords shouldn't be sharp. They should be soft and flexible.
- o Do not eat any candy until an adult checks it.
- o Eat only factory wrapped candy and stay away from homemade treats or candy from another country.
- o Parents: keep an eye out and drive safe!

 An infographic titled "HELP PETS HAVE A SAFE HALLOWEEN" with a skull icon. It includes several sections:
 

- IF YOUR DOG SUFFERS INTENSE ANXIETY AT HALLOWEEN, TALK TO YOUR VET ABOUT A TRANQUILIZER FOR THE NIGHT.**
- KEEP CANDY AND CANDY WRAPPERS AWAY FROM YOUR DOG TO AVOID TUMMY TROUBLES. ALL CANDY CAN UPSET YOUR DOG'S STOMACH AND CHOCOLATE IS ESPECIALLY DANGEROUS.**
- Complements of the White House Police Department** (with a cat icon).
- If your dog is nervous about noises, consider crating your pet during the evening for his own peace of mind.**
- Consider placing your pet in a secluded, secure room with a door. Soft music and low lighting help calm pets. Be sure to give your dog his favorite toys or blanket. A new chew toy helps keep him happy and occupied during the Trick-Or-Treating.**
- HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS FOR PETS** (with a skull icon).
- Costumed kids might confuse & frighten pets. Keep them away from the door. You may even want to consider using a pet gate at the front door to prevent an unplanned escape.** (with a police badge icon).
- DO NOT PUT GLOW JEWELRY ON YOUR PET, INGESTION CAN CAUSE INTESTINAL BLOCKAGE.**



## Parks & Recreation



**2020 - 2021 Youth Basketball**

**Registration ends on**

**October 25th**

**Registration fee:**

**\$75 for City Residents**

**\$87 for Non-Residents**

**Practices start in November**

**Saturday games begin in**

**December COVID-19**

**Guidelines will be enforced**

### Upcoming Programs

**Be on the lookout  
for Trail of Treats in  
October and the  
Christmas Parade in  
December and  
possibly more!**

**Keep an eye on our  
website for more  
details on all of our  
leagues and special  
events at:**

**[http://www.  
cityofwhitehouse.  
com/government/  
parks](http://www.cityofwhitehouse.com/government/parks)**

**WHITE HOUSE  
PARKS AND  
RECREATION**

**TRAIL OF  
TREATS**

**Thursday, October 29th**

**Location: will NOT be held at the park this year. Check City of  
White House Facebook page for more information.**

**All kids must provide their own basket or bag for candy and treats!**

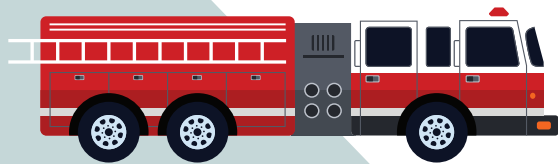
**For more information, please contact  
White House Parks and Recreation at  
615-672-4350 ext. 2114**





*Discover*

# White House Expo and Safety Day



**Saturday, October 3**  
**9 am - 3 pm**

*Presented by*



THE FARMERS BANK

**OUTSIDE AT THE CITY HALL COMPLEX**



**FREE**  
**Family Fun**

- Vendor Booths • Artisans • Food Trucks
- Live Music • Face Painting & More



For info. contact the White House Area Chamber of Commerce at 615-672-3937

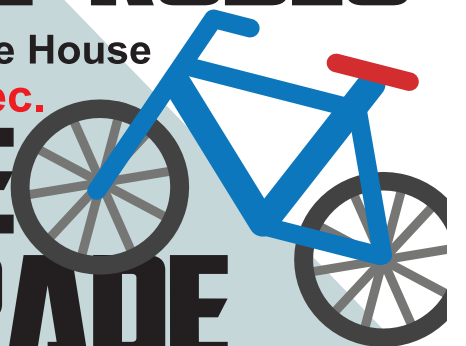
*Mike Gaines*

**State Farm Insurance**

**BIKE RODEO**

City of White House  
**Parks & Rec.**

**BIKE PARADE**





# THE WHITE HOUSE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & CITY OF WHITE HOUSE

PRESENT THE

**FRI  
DAY**  
OCTOBER  
23RD



**WHITE  
HOUSE**  
CITY PARK  
420  
HWY 76



- COSTUME CONTEST
- FALL MARKET BOOTHS
- FOOD TRUCKS



*The Gathering by the  
White House Inn Museum*  
FREE PUMPKIN PATCH FOR KIDS  
BLACKSMITH • LIVE MUSIC  
PERIOD COSTUMES & DEMONSTRATIONS



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

•• **HOCUS POCUS BEGINS AT DARK** ••

To participate as a vendor or to learn more call us at 615-672-3937  
or visit [www.whitehousechamber.org](http://www.whitehousechamber.org)



Visit the  
White House Inn Museum  
for the



**19th Amendment**  
The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

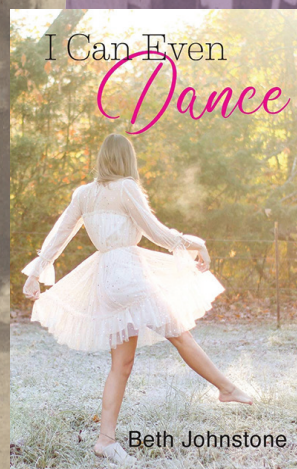
Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

1920 - 2020  
Woman Suffrage  
Centennial Exhibit  
Now through March 2021

Tues., October 13  
4 pm to 7 pm  
**Book Signing  
& Reception**  
with Beth  
Johnstone

**WHITE HOUSE  
INN MUSEUM**  
412 Highway 76

**Monday - Thursday**  
**9 am to 4 pm**  
**and by appointment**



Many women are trapped in abuse, or sadly, some don't even realize that they are being abused. Beth Johnstone tells her story in hopes that women can be set free and walk in their God-given destinies.





## Fire Department

# NEW EQUIPMENT ON THE SCENE

Car wrecks are a common occurrence in today's fast paced world.

The White House Fire Department responds to vehicle wrecks on all roadways in the city, including I-65. Thanks to modern technology and design, car wrecks don't usually result in someone getting entrapped or pinned in their vehicle. Stronger materials and stronger designs help protect occupants. However, bad car wrecks still happen. Newer modern materials and designs sometimes hamper rescue efforts. The White House Fire Department strives to be ready for any emergency.

The department recently took delivery of two battery powered vehicle extrication tools to do just that. These tools can be put into action with just the press of a button. Older tools had to be put together, and a gas engine powered the tools. These new tools are some of the most powerful currently on the market. They are capable of exerting over 250,000 pounds of force! They are capable of spreading, squeezing, and cutting making for a very versatile tool. Battery technology has also come a long way. These tools have dual 28-volt rechargeable batteries giving rescuers more than enough power to work on several wrecked cars before needing a battery change. These tools are now in service on our first out vehicles. A much needed and welcomed addition to the White House Fire Department. Drive Safe White House!



 CodeRED™

**TEXT "WHFD"**  
**to 99411 to**  
**enroll in CodeRED**  
**public safety alerts**



## MEET OUR STAFF

### Director of Public Services

Andy Cieslak became the Director of Public Services for the City of White House in March 2020. He has more than 26 years' experience serving in various municipality/utility roles. Some of his experience includes serving as a Chief Operator at Toho Water Authority, working with the collections/lift stations, and owning a grounds maintenance company for 15 years working with different municipalities. Andy holds a Bachelor's in Environmental Science from American Public University and a Master's in Public Administration (M.P.A.) from American Public University.



### Wastewater Manager

Travis Garmon became the Wastewater Manager in October 2019. He has two years in environmental management experience treating non-hazardous industrial waters and emergency response management pertaining to chemical/fuel spills. He has four years' experience teaching geo-sciences and over five years laboratory experience specializing in hydro-geochemistry. Travis was able to incorporate his experience with emergency response management and wastewater treatment into his current role. Travis holds two



Bachelor's, one in Geology and another in Geography from Western Kentucky University and also holds a Master's in Geology from the University of Arkansas.

### Public Works Manager

Isaiah Manfredi became the Public Works Manager on July 1st 2020. His background includes stormwater, overseeing sanitation operations, concrete/asphalt inspection, two years of road, ROW, and traffic signal maintenance, and three years of geothermal installation. Isaiah started with the City of White House in January 2018 as the stormwater crew leader and transitioned into the supervisor of Public Works and ultimately accepted the Public Works Manager position. Isaiah is finishing his Bachelor's Degree in Workforce Administration and wants to pursue his Master's in Public Administration. He currently holds certifications as an ACI flatwork inspector, Asphalt Roadway Inspector, and a Level I Tennessee Erosion Prevention & Sediment Control (EPSC) Stormwater Inspector.



### Stormwater Manager

Aujuah Jackson became the Stormwater Manager in December 2019. Her background includes working with Metro

Nashville Water Resource Division for 5 years and the stormwater coordinator for the City of Springfield for one year. Prior, Aujuah had worked as the Assistant Store Manager at Lowe's for approximately four years. Aujuah has two Bachelors, one in Biology and another Psychology from Austin Peay State University and is pursuing a Master's degree in Public Administration from Tennessee State University. She holds certifications as a Level I Tennessee Erosion Prevention & Sediment Control (EPSC) Stormwater Inspector; Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination and Hydrology.



**As a reminder, the following materials should not be put into sinks, toilets, or drains:**

- Baby Wipes or Flushable Wipes (although these are okay in a gravity system, they will damage your grinder pump)
- Shop towels
- Cotton items (clothing articles, rags, towels etc.)
- Feminine products
- Cooking fat, lard, oil or grease,
- Degreasing Solvents
- Cigarette butts
- Q-tips
- Cat litter
- Strong chemical, toxic, caustic or poisonous substance
- Glass, metal, wood, eggshells, seafood shells, coffee beans, aquarium rocks or gravel
- Plastic objects
- Rubber gloves or other disposable gloves
- Fireplace Ashes



# White House Library

The library will be closed on October 12th in observance of Columbus Day.

The library will be closed on November 11th in observance of Veterans Day and on November 26th for Thanksgiving.

The library started holding some programs again in August and September. Tots story times have been combined with Preschool story times held on Wednesdays at 10:30am. They are taking place in the grassy area outside the library pending the weather. We also have grab and go craft kits for children ages 5-8pm available for pickup in the library.

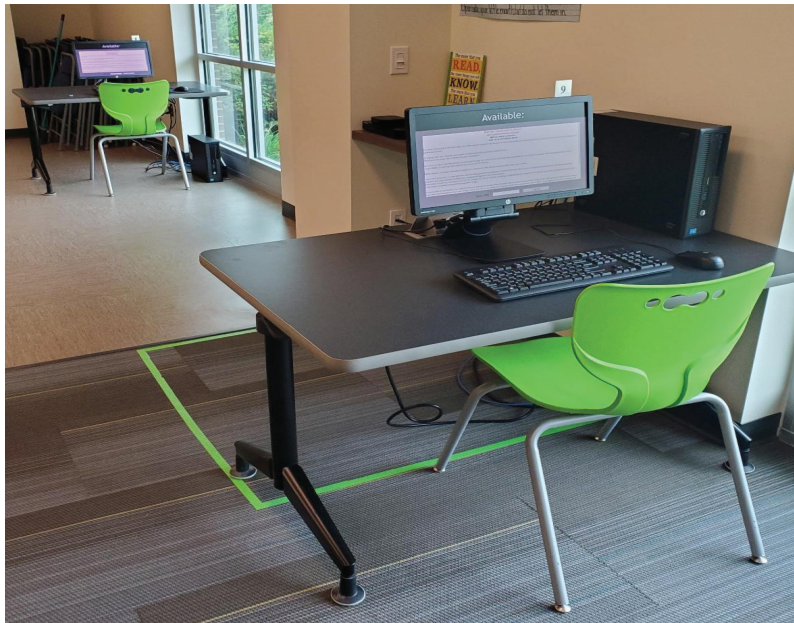
You can still sign up for our 1,000

Books Before Kindergarten program. Studies show that reading over 500 books to your children between the ages of 0-5 can improve a child's vocabulary and help them do better academically later on. Now is the perfect time to be reading to your little ones. More information about how the program works, reading logs, and what children will receive for completing the program can be found on our website at [www.youseemore.com/whl](http://www.youseemore.com/whl).

The teen and tween programs have been combined into one event. Anyone between the ages of 9 to 17 can come for creative writing, drawing lessons, and sewing projects. Each teen/tween will get their own kit with everything they need to do the activity. These events are held on the library patio pending weather.

The adult book clubs and stitch clubs are also meeting on the library patio to allow for social distancing. These events will continue into October and November pending the weather. The garden club and senior art class have been cancelled until further notice.

See our library calendar on our website at [www.youseemore.com/whl](http://www.youseemore.com/whl), pick up a copy in the library, or call 615-672-0239 for all of our program details.



Do you need space or computers for your child to do their schooling this year? Then come visit the library. We have open table space as well as individual computer tables for studying/schooling. Some of these spaces are for walk-ins and some

of them can be reserved for a time slot in advance. Call the library at 615-672-2039 for more information.

Are you looking for a career change or need continuing education course for your current line of work? The library offers free classes through our Universal Class Database. All you need is a library card and you can logon to the website and start taking classes for free! Visit [www.youseemore.com/whl](http://www.youseemore.com/whl) or call the library at 615-672-0239 for more info.



The library is working on a patio renovation. The picnic tables are going to be removed and replaced with furniture that allows for work and comfortable reading. Electrical outlets are going to be added on one wall to allow for patrons to plug in their devices. An awning is going to be added for shade and new benches with plants will be added by the entrances for additional seating. A new sign will also be placed outside the library so that patrons can view our hours from the road. This project will be completed in phases over the course of the fiscal year.



**The library will have a booth at the Chamber's Discover White House event on October 3rd. We will make library cards, give out free goodies, and have special guest Sean the Balloon Guy. Sean will give away free balloon creations from 11am to 1pm at our booth. Be sure to stop by with your kids to get one.**



# General Information

## White House Hillcrest Municipal Cemetery



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.

### 48 Niche Columbarium

\$750 per niche

(includes opening and closing one time plus engraving)

\$150 for additional opening and closing and engraving

11.5" x 11.5" spaces

Up to two urns allowed per niche

### Schedule of Fees

#### Ground Burials

Sale of Lots - \$750.00

Openings & Closings - \$850.00

(\$650.00 if marker already exists)

Refundable Marker Deposit - \$200.00

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

#### Two Cremation Limit Columbarium

Sale of Lots - \$750.00

(includes opening, closing and engraving for first internment)

\$150.00 for second internment and engraving

Additional Opening and Closing - \$150.00

### NOTICE REMINDER

**2019 PROPERTY TAXES ARE DUE  
OCTOBER 1, 2019—TO—FEBRUARY 28, 2020  
THE 2020 TAX SHOULD BE OUT IN OCTOBER**

**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**

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

**A LOT OF PROPERTY TAXES ARE NOT PAID.  
UNSURE IF YOU OR YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY PAID  
GO TO [www.cityofwhitehouse.com](http://www.cityofwhitehouse.com) OR  
CALL 615-672-4350 EXT. 2100  
BACK TAXES WILL BE TURNED OVER TO THE  
COURT CLERK & MASTER OFFICE.**

**YOU CAN CHECK ON OR PAY ONLINE AT  
[www.cityofwhitehouse.com](http://www.cityofwhitehouse.com) - PAY PROPERTY TAX**

**TAX RELIEF APPLICANTS  
WHEN YOU RECEIVE YOUR TAX STATEMENT  
YOU WILL NEED TO COME IN OR MAIL IN  
FILLED OUT TAX RELIEF CARD IN ORDER  
TO RETAIN STATUS ON TAX RELIEF**

## 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 on partnering with the City. To register, simply go to the City's

Purchasing website at the link provided below:

<http://www.cityofwhitehouse.org/government/finance/purchasing>

If you have any questions about the City's purchasing policies or have trouble registering your company, please contact Matthew Cole, Purchasing Coordinator, at 615-672-4350, ext. 2130 or by email at

[mcole@cityofwhitehouse.com](mailto:mcole@cityofwhitehouse.com)



# Jingle & Mingle

## AROUND TOWN

Presented By



**Saturday, November 7th - 10 am to 5 pm**

Grab your girlfriends and make a day of local holiday shopping!

**• Door Prizes • Free Gifts • \$500 Shopping Spree**

 **Retail Merchants  
& Pop Up Shops**

Throughout town featuring local stores,  
online & home based businesses



## Jingle Mingle Passport

Get your passport stamped at participating merchants for more chances to win! Visit every Pop-Up Shop location and double your chances to win! Plus, your passport will be filled with coupons and special offers from participants. Pick up your passport at the Chamber or Honey Run Boutique. Rules will be posted online and published in your passport.

**NO TICKETS TO PURCHASE - JUST YOUR CHANCE TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT AND SHOP LOCAL!**  
**WATCH OUR SOCIAL MEDIA FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF MERCHANTS, OFFERS AND PRIZES!**



To participate as a merchant or for more information contact the

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

615-672-3937 • [mandy@whitehousechamber.org](mailto:mandy@whitehousechamber.org)

[WWW.WHITEHOUSECHAMBER.ORG](http://WWW.WHITEHOUSECHAMBER.ORG)

