



WORD ON WHITE HOUSE

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105 College Street • White House, Tennessee 37188

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Come out and play at **Water Day**
at the Farmers Market

**AUG.
5th**

Water & Foam fun with the White House Fire Department!

Games and Goodies too!

Bring the kids and a towel or 2!

105 College Street, White House



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CITY OFFICES HOLIDAY
September 7th - Closed



Gerald O. Herman
City Administrator

Greetings,

We are a very blessed community. The people I meet on the street, in businesses,

and in offices reflect the core values that we have inherited from those that preceded us. Our citizens value life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. We know that many of you have been challenged during this time of pandemic. Some of you have suffered or known someone that has been touched by this dreadful virus. We, like many of you in your work place, have seen the affects this virus has had on our co-workers.

Our front line public safety personnel are so thankful for the love and support you have given them. COVID-19 and the anti-police riots across this nation has been discouraging for them and very challenging, but our personnel are still standing strong and ready to serve.

Planning for the growth of our city is something our city leaders take very seriously. We have three major projects that have been in the planning stages for many years that are manifesting right now.

Mayor Arnold had the forethought a few years back that our City needed to get into a position to purchase

large acreage for a future park. Through a long planning process, that included the Leisure Services Board and the Board of Mayor and Alderman, the City was able to purchase a 104 acre farm. Closing occurred on the Byrum Family Farm last week. The Leisure Services Board, along with staff, will formulate a master development plan for this land. We would encourage you to get involved if you are interested in being a part of this future land use by coming to one of our meetings.

The current administration/recreation building has met its useful life. Staff has been planning for more than five years on how best to prepare for the renovation/rebuild to meet the future growth. Ground sampling concerns around our current building was a deciding factor to build a new Community Center in the field next to our splash pad/ playground complex. The new building will be approximately 26,000 square feet and will have three levels. The first level will have a new event center. The event center will have seating capacity for 250 people. It will also have a warming kitchen for caterers to use for your special events. A new 2,000 square foot senior center along with Park Administration offices will complete the first floor. The second floor will have a new board room. This board room will provide space for the various City boards and commissions. There

will be seating capacity for one hundred visitors. The room will also be used as a courtroom for traffic/civil court. The Planning and Codes offices along with the Finance Department will be on this floor. The third floor will consist of Human Resources and Administration. This building has been designed and is currently out to bid. If all goes well we should be moving dirt this fall. We are still making plans to keep the current gymnasium operational. Current thought is to build a new recreational

facility alongside the current gymnasium.

The third project is a major upgrade to our existing sewer treatment plant facility. The design work has been done to transform our treatment plant from a 1.4 million gallon a day facility to a 2.1 million gallon a day facility. This expansion project should be out to bid soon with construction to follow. This expansion should meet the growth demands of the City for at least another 20 to 25 years. Stay cool! Stay safe!



The City of White House 50th Anniversary Committee is conducting a logo design contest for the brand development of our 50 year anniversary (1971– 2021), being celebrated throughout the entire year of 2021. The contest is open to any individual, including but not limited to White House residents. Entries will be judged by a team consisting of representatives from local businesses, residents and committee members. The team will select top designs and any winning themes/ideas that may be used as the official logo of the City of White House 50th Anniversary. For more information, please contact Derek Watson at 615-672-4350 or at dwatson@cityofwhitehouse.com.

Partial Rules & Submission Requirements:

The contest is open to any individual of any age.

No group projects are allowed; only one participant may submit his or her artwork.

Artists may submit up to two entries and an entry form must be completed for each entry.

The White House 50th Anniversary Committee reserves the right to extend all deadlines associated with this contest to ensure that a sufficient number of entries are received.

Each design must lend itself to varying formats, including publications, signage, website, promotional items, and other printed material. It must reproduce well in various sizes and when

printed in black and white. Limit designs to five colors or less.

By submitting an entry, the person agrees that the City of White House will become the rightful owner of the image and any likeness of the image, and may alter and reproduce the image at its discretion.

The winning artist will also be recognized at a subsequent City of White House Board of Mayor and Alderman meeting.

The deadline for entries is Wednesday, July 15, 2020. Entries received after the deadline will not be accepted.

*Grand prize winner will receive \$200 in Chamber Bucks that can be used at a White House Area Merchant.

For a complete list of rules and submission requirements & the application visit www.cityofwhitehouse.com or www.whitehousechamber.org

Police Department

A Message From Chief Brady:




In June, the White House Police Department received our official crime statistics from the T.B.I., and we are pleased to report that the crime rate in White House continues to decline! Every report and arrest that our officers make is automatically reported to the T.B.I., who then forward these numbers to the F.B.I. Every police agency in the state is required to use this reporting system. Our crime statistics during 2019 show that the partnerships that the W.H.P.D. and our citizens and businesses have built are working to make the city an extremely safe environment to raise your family or run a business.

Our vehicle burglaries, home burglaries, juvenile arrests, and robberies are all at historic lows. In fact, these crimes are below our 5, 10, and 15 year averages. To put this in perspective, in 2003, the city had 25 auto burglaries, in 2019 we had 19. In 2002 we had 33 burglaries, in 2019 we had 9. In 2004 we had 6 robberies, in 2019 we had 2. This is all happening with a population increase of almost 5000 residents!

Our juvenile crime is at a 20 year low! This is such an important statistic because the young citizens are our future!

Overall, we are very pleased with these statistics, and we would like to thank our extremely hard working officers who sacrifice family time, holidays, and personal time to keep our city safe. We also want to thank you, our citizens, who continue to be our eyes and ears in the community. We will continue to work hard to make the City of White House a safe and enjoyable environment to raise our families!

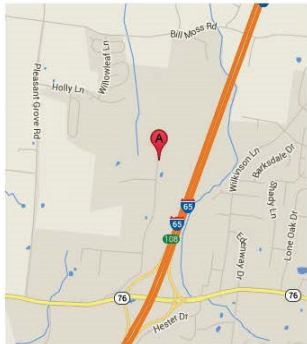




EMISSIONS TESTING

9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

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2020 TESTING DATES:

Jan. 13th	Feb. 10th	Mar. 9th
Apr. 13th	May 11th	Jun. 8th
Jul. 13th	Aug. 10th	Sep. 14th
Oct. 6th	Nov. 3rd	Dec. 1st

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Parks & Recreation



We will be having signups for Fall Baseball/Softball camps in August! Please check the City Website/ Facebook page for more details.

Signups for Adult Softball will also begin in August. \$450 per team, 9 team limit, games Tuesday/ Thursdays

**Girls Volleyball
Grades 3rd - 8th
Registrations
will begin in July.
Games will be
played late
August
through
October
in the
Civic Center
Gymnasium.**



YOUTH BASKETBALL

REGISTRATION:

SEPTEMBER 2ND-OCTOBER 14TH

GAMES WILL BE PLAYED LATE

DECEMBER THROUGH FEBRUARY.

FOR BOYS & GIRLS GRADES 1ST-8TH

****CONTINGENT UPON GOVERNORS ORDERS
ALLOWING SUCH ACTIVITIES TO TAKE PLACE****

Parks & Recreation



The Splash Pad, pavilions and playgrounds are back open at the park! Basketball goals will remain closed in accordance with the Governor's Orders. Please visit the Parks & Recreation page on the City of White House website to reserve a pavilion. Splash Pad is open seven days a week, Memorial Day through Labor Day. Open weekends only in September.

DID YOU KNOW?

There is an app to check for all ball field and facility closings!

It is updated daily during the busy months (March – October) and as needed during the less busy months (November – February)



SIGN UP FOR CUSTOMIZED EMAIL AND/OR TEXT ALERTS FOR THE FIELD(S) AND/OR FACILITY(S) OF YOUR CHOICE AT WWW.RAINOUTLINE.COM. ALERTS ARE SENT IF THE FIELD OR FACILITY STATUS CHANGES.

DOWNLOAD THE FREE WWW.RAINOUTLINE.COM IPHONE OR ANDROID MOBILE APP (SEARCH WHITE HOUSE PARKS).

GREEN = OPEN, YELLOW = DELAYED, RED = CLOSED, ? = IMPORTANT INFORMATION (E.G., PRACTICE OR GAME HAS BEEN MOVED TO A DIFFERENT FIELD)

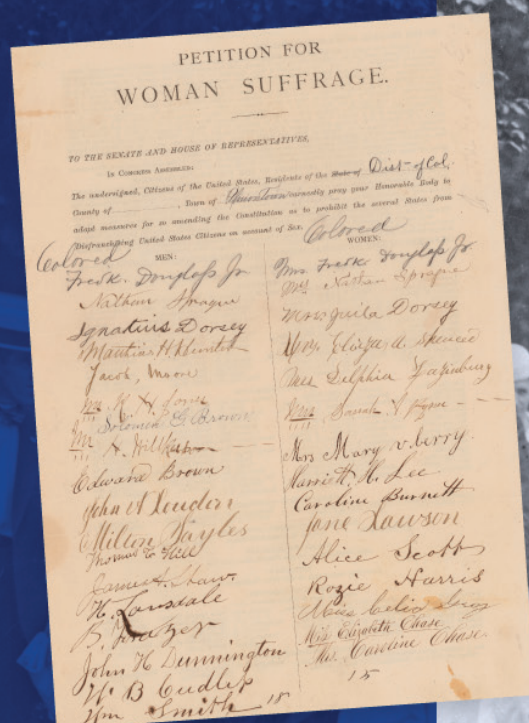
CALL OUR PHONE LINE AT 615-246-0750 AND ENTER THE EXTENSION FOR THE FIELD OR FACILITY OF YOUR CHOICE.



African American Women's League group, Newport, Rhode Island, ca. 1911
Courtesy of the Library of Congress

A Struggle within the Struggle

African Americans played an important and active role in the woman suffrage movement. Because of their race, however, black women were not always welcome at white-led suffrage meetings and demonstrations. African American women formed their own clubs to pursue reform issues, including woman suffrage.



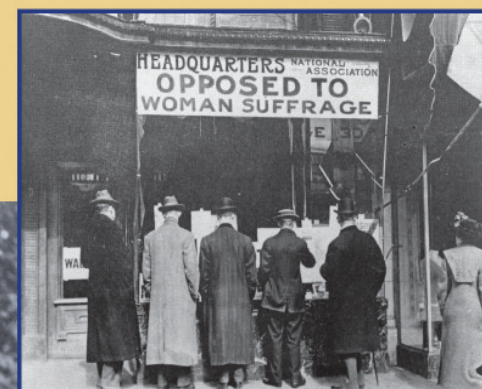
Petition for woman suffrage signed by siblings Rosetta Douglass Sprague and Frederick Douglass, Jr., 1877
National Archives, Records of the U.S. House of Representatives

“GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE AND BY THE PEOPLE IS BUT PARTIALLY REALIZED SO LONG AS WOMAN HAS NO VOTE.”

— Adella Hunt Logan, 1905

MANY RESISTED OPENING POLLS TO WOMEN. WHY?

Some men and women argued, among other reasons, that women's involvement in politics would change her role in the family and take power away from men. Others believed the decision of who votes belonged to the states. Like suffragists, anti-suffragists formed organizations to resist a federal woman suffrage amendment. Formed in 1911, the National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage had branches in 25 states by 1916.



National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage headquarters, 1919
National Archives, Records of the U.S. Information Agency

Sixteen members of the National Woman's Party picketing in front of the White House, Washington, D.C., which led to their arrest, July 14, 1917
National Archives, Records of the War Department

Learn about the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment - Special Exhibit coming in August to the

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412 Highway 76 • White House • SHolcraft@WhiteHouseTN.gov

Open Mon. - Thurs.
9 am to 4 pm

Weekends By Appointment





THE FARMERS BANK

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THURS | SEPT 10
THE LEGACY

WHITE HOUSE COMMUNITY GOLF SCRAMBLE

CASH PRIZES

\$150 PER PLAYER
WINNING TEAM

\$100 PER PLAYER
2ND PLACE TEAM

\$50 PER PLAYER
3RD PLACE TEAM

FOURSOME - \$400

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



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White House Area
Chamber of Commerce

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The White House Community Golf Tournament presented by The Farmers Bank and hosted by the White House Rotary Club and White House Area Chamber of Commerce allows guests to network and make new contacts while enjoying a day of golf. This one time tournament due to COVID-19 will benefit the work of both organizations to serve the community of White House.

CORPORATE SPONSOR | \$1,000

- Team of four (choice of flight)
- Signage at the event
- Tent display at registration pavilion
- Pre- & post-event recognition

HOLE SPONSOR | \$150

- Signage at the event

HOLE IN ONE SPONSOR | \$500

Number Available: 2 - 1 SOLD

- Signage at the event
- Table or tent at hole

PREMIUM ADD | \$250

- Premium Hole Sponsors (\$500) can add a team to their package

CLOSEST-TO-THE-PIN | \$500

Number Available: 4

- Signage at the event
- Table or tent at hole

LONGEST DRIVE | \$500

Number Available: 3

- Signage at the event
- Table or tent at hole

To support this event
see a White House
Rotary Member or call
the Chamber at
615-672-3937
Register online

Fire Department PROMOTIONS APLENTY

2020 has been an absolute roller coaster ride for the world and for the White House Fire Department. There have been numerous promotions after Fire Chief Rico Bryson announced, in January, that he would be leaving the city to pursue a unique career opportunity in Memphis, TN that would allow him to spend more time with his family.



Patrick McLaughlin whom had been our Assistant Fire Chief was named Interim Fire Chief by city leadership after Chief Bryson's departure. In March he was appointed to be the Fire Chief. Chief McLaughlin has worked for the city for 10 years. He started his fire service career as a junior firefighter in 1999. He was promoted to Assistant Chief in March of 2019. Chief McLaughlin was hired by the city in 2010 as a firefighter. Chief McLaughlin is a Fire Officer 2, a Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator, Emergency Medical Responder, and a Fire Inspector 1. Chief McLaughlin has been a lifelong resident of Cottontown, where he volunteers his spare time at the local volunteer fire department. He also enjoys traveling and the outdoors.

Rob Brewer was promoted to Assistant Chief in April of this year. Assistant Chief Brewer began with the city as a volunteer firefighter in 2002, and became a full-time firefighter for the city in 2004. He was promoted to Captain in 2010. Assistant Chief Brewer is a Fire Officer 2, Emergency Medical Technician, and is currently working on a Bachelor's Degree. Assistant Chief Brewer has been a resident of White House for 25+ years. He and his wife, Tabitha, enjoy competing in Spartan Races, and physical conditioning.



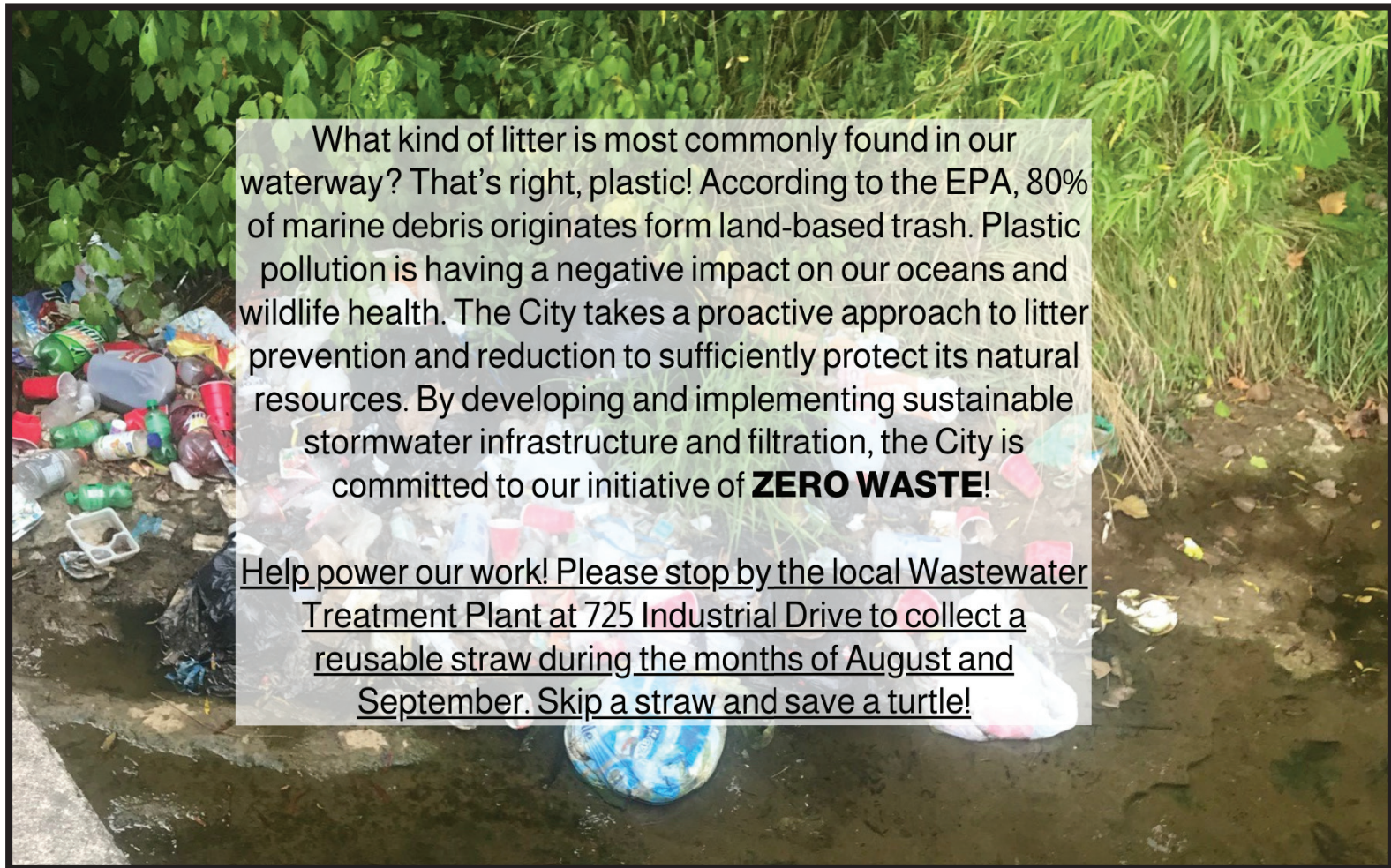
Cary Petitt was promoted to be the B-shift Captain in April of this year. Captain Petitt started with the city in 2008 as a firefighter. Captain Petitt is a Fire Officer 1 and Emergency Medical Technician. Captain Petitt spends his free time with his family, hunting, and enjoying the outdoors.



Promotions will continue into late summer of this year as we will be promoting three firefighters to the rank of Lieutenant. Each shift will soon have a Lieutenant that will oversee the operations at Fire Station #1 in front of the City Park. The Lieutenant position will report to the shift Captain and allow for more accountability and leadership at that station. Currently there are 8 firefighters vying for the three positions. These applicants have had to accomplish many training goals to be eligible for the promotion. Candidates will be put through an evaluation process and be scored on their performance. We wish them the best of luck in the process!



Public Works



What kind of litter is most commonly found in our waterway? That's right, plastic! According to the EPA, 80% of marine debris originates from land-based trash. Plastic pollution is having a negative impact on our oceans and wildlife health. The City takes a proactive approach to litter prevention and reduction to sufficiently protect its natural resources. By developing and implementing sustainable stormwater infrastructure and filtration, the City is committed to our initiative of **ZERO WASTE!**

Help power our work! Please stop by the local Wastewater Treatment Plant at 725 Industrial Drive to collect a reusable straw during the months of August and September. Skip a straw and save a turtle!



For all Wastewater issues call Public Services directly at 615-672-3654 for all sewer service requests, instead of using the app.



Did you know that old furniture and appliances can be picked up by the City at a cost of \$35.00? Just call the City pay the fee and we will pick it up at the curbside.

White House Library

The White House Library was closed to the public from March 19th through May 31st due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Although patrons could not come into the library, the staff came up with new ways to continue providing the community with a variety of services and programs.

The library utilized the lobby as a drop-off and pick-up point that allowed patrons to conduct essential business. The staff was available to copy, scan and fax documents for members of the community. Printing services were also available through our mobile printing services to anyone who wished to pay by credit card. Patrons were given specific times to drop-off or pick-up their documents in the lobby to ensure they would not be in close contact with anyone else.

The library also continued to provide the community access to the internet during the closure.

The library's free Wi-Fi was extended to reach the parking lot. Patrons with their own devices could access our free Wi-Fi from their cars or the outside tables next to the café. A laptop was set up in the lobby and times were scheduled for its use. By providing the laptop, people were able to browse the web, file for unemployment, apply for a job, and conduct other personal business.

Traditional library services also continued during this time. The staff was available to assist the community with reference help, book recommendations, device advice, as well as, providing virtual programs. Patrons were able to place holds on items online or over the phone. Once the items were pulled, a time would be scheduled for the patron to pick them up from the lobby. All programs were provided virtually through the library's website, Facebook and YouTube. Each week the staff recorded and posted videos for story time, children and teen crafts, and tutorials for using the library's website and Libby, the online ebook and audio book app.

The library reopened to the public on June 1st with limited hours. On June 18th, the Mayor of White House made a proclamation to the library staff for their excellent level of service while the library was closed and recognizing White



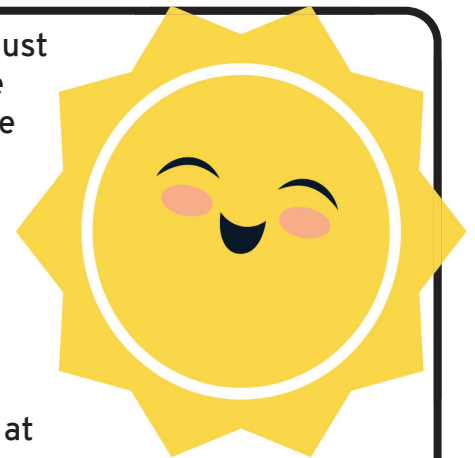
House as the only library in the Red River Regional area that never stopped providing services during the COVID-19 closure.



HAVE YOU HEARD, THE LIBRARY CHECKS OUT A MOBILE HOT SPOT DEVICE THAT PROVIDES FREE WIFI! TO CHECK ONE OUT, CALL THE LIBRARY AT 615-672-0239 OR COME IN TO SEE IF ONE IS AVAILABLE. HOT SPOTS CHECK OUT FOR 2 WEEKS AND WILL WORK WITH ANY DEVICE THAT CAN CONNECT TO WIFI. EACH DEVICE COMES WITH INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO CONNECT TO THE WIFI. THE LIBRARY HAS THREE DIFFERENT HOT SPOT CARRIERS TO HELP GUARANTEE EVERYONE IN THE AREA WILL HAVE COVERAGE.

Starting August 10, we will be offering some programs outside. We will have sidewalk story times for those ages 3-5 on Wednesdays at 10:30.

We will offer Tuesday Teens on the library patio at 4:30pm. The Mystery Readers book clubs will resume on the 2nd Thursday of September at 4:00pm on the library patio. The Bookworms book club will meet on the 4th Thursday of August at 10am. Social distancing will be practiced at these programs. All programs will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather.



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
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 - 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

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& Safety Day**

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DATE**



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STILL LOTS OF FUN
WITH A LITTLE
DIFFERENT LOOK!

**TO LEARN MORE ABOUT
EITHER OF THESE
FUN, COMMUNITY
EVENTS CONTACT
THE CHAMBER AT
615-672-3937 OR
MANDY@WHITEHOUSECHAMBER.ORG
MEAGAN@WHITEHOUSECHAMBER.ORG**

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