



WORD ON WHITE HOUSE

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105 College Street • White House, Tennessee 37188

WWW.CITYOFWHITEHOUSE.COM



Supporting local businesses through the COVID-19 crisis



A special page has been created at www.whitehousechamber.org highlighting delivery, curbside and carryout options at local restaurants and retailers. Premium Food Delivery Service continues to offer their home delivery service to assist people that are choosing to social distance.

The White House Area Chamber of Commerce has created a page on their website highlighting local businesses that are offering special services during this time of encouraged social distancing. Small businesses are the lifeblood of the White House community, supporting schools and sports team, employing neighbors and giving White House its unique hometown personality. While we encourage the guidelines and practices set forth by the CDC and the government, we also encourage you to support our area businesses when you can.

The page located at www.whitehousechamber.org will be updated with specials and offers from local businesses so make sure to check back often as changes occur daily. Delivery and curbside service is not just something local restaurants are offering but places like Ace Hardware have a call ahead feature, the Prescription Shoppe has drive through or free delivery and retailers like Oak & Pine Workshop are even offering a curbside service for projects that will keep you and your family occupied at home. To add your business to this listing please contact the White House Area Chamber of Commerce at 615-672-3937 or e-mail mandy@whitehousechamber.org

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CITY OFFICES HOLIDAY
May 25th - Closed



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

Phone: 672-4350

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General Information



Gerald O. Herman
City Administrator

Greetings,

What a year 2020 is becoming! We are just a few months in and Middle

Tennessee has endured a very deadly night of tornado action along with the dreaded coronavirus outbreak. Need I remind you all to wash your hands and do not touch your face. We must be diligent to protect ourselves and to help those who have fallen into harm's way. This virus will take its course throughout the globe just as those terrible other viruses have done so in the past. Unfortunately just like the tornadoes that ripped through Middle Tennessee, death and destruction will occur along its path. But also just like the tornado met its end the coronavirus will meet its fate and end its destruction!

As many of you stepped up to help those in harm's way, city employees did likewise. The City of Mount Juliet sent out a call for help from Public Services departments. We did answer the call and sent a brush truck and a crew with equipment to remove fallen trees from the storm. Our crews spent two days assisting with these duties.

Police Chief Brady shared with me some exciting news about reduction of serious crimes in the City this

past year.

5 year average

Robbery	2.6
Burglary	17
Auto Burglary	34

Past Year 2019

Robbery	2
Burglary	9
Auto Burglary	19

We are very fortunate to have a safe city with low crime. The last homicide that I can remember was a suicide/ homicide in 2008. The citizens of White House have high moral values that they live by. This is evident in most people you meet. Friendly, kind, appreciative, helpful, serving others are traits that you will find in most people that live and work in the city.

March is the month that the 2020 Federal Census swings into high gear. Almost all of you will receive a mailing this month to participate. It is very important, as I have stated in the past Word of White House, to fill out the form and return as directed. For those of you that do not receive the mailing or were unable to return the one you received, the Census workers will start knocking on your doors later this spring. If we find out exactly when the door knocking will occur, we will blast it out through social media.

One last thing,

I want to mention is that we apologize for any inconvenience you may have had trying to navigate our city website. Our system was knocked off line with an upgrade to the host site. We are in the process of contracting with a company to rebuild our website. We hope to have a new and improved website up in the next 8 weeks. If you need information, please give us a call or stop in the administration building to tell us what you need. We will do our best to respond to your requests. Take time to head outdoors to enjoy the beauty of spring. 😊



SPLASH PAD DATES:
OPEN WEEKENDS ONLY IN MAY
UNTIL MEMORIAL DAY
OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK
MEMORIAL DAY - LABOR DAY
OPEN WEEKENDS ONLY
AFTER LABOR DAY
THRU SEPT. 27TH
OPERATING HOURS: 9AM - 9PM

General Information

The 2020 Census Is Ready for America to Respond

The 2020 Census is getting underway and is ready for America to respond as the first invitations begin to arrive at the nation's estimated 140 million households March 12-20. For the first time, nearly everyone will be invited to respond online, by phone or by mail.

"Invitations are arriving in mailboxes across the country, and everyone will receive an invitation to respond through the mail or from a census worker soon," Census Bureau Director Steven Dillingham said. "We are encouraging everyone to respond once they receive their 2020 Census invitation."

Along with the invitations, people can expect to find an overview of the census, a description of language assistance in English plus 12 non-English languages and a census ID number linked to their address. About 13 million households across the nation will receive bilingual English/Spanish invitations and questionnaires.

"Responding to the 2020 Census is easy, safe and important, and it's key to shaping the future of your community," Dr. Dillingham said. "The 2020 Census will determine the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives, and influences how hundreds of billions of dollars in public funds are allocated for critical public services like emergency response, schools, hospitals, roads and bridges over the next 10 years."

Key Dates

The Census Bureau launched a public

education and outreach campaign to inform the public on how and when to respond. Below is a timeline of Census Bureau mailings inviting households to respond online, by phone or by mail.

March 12-20: The U.S. Postal Service will deliver initial invitations to respond online and by phone. Areas that are less likely to respond online will receive a paper questionnaire along with the invitation to respond online or over the phone.

March 16-24: Reminder letters will be delivered.

March 26-April 3: Reminder postcards will be delivered to households that have not responded.

April 8-16: Reminder letters and paper questionnaires will be delivered to remaining households that have not responded.

April 20-27: Final reminder postcards will be delivered to households that have not yet responded.

If a household does not respond to the census, a census taker will follow up in person. In most cases, this will begin in mid-May and conclude in late July. Households can still respond on their own during this period, and if they do, they will be removed from the nonresponse follow-up workload. People are encouraged to answer all questions on the 2020 Census to avoid having a census taker knock at their door.

The U.S. Constitution mandates a census of the population every 10 years. Responding to the 2020 Census is easy, safe and important, and it's key to shaping the future of communities. The goal of the 2020



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

Census is to count everyone who lives in the United States as of April 1, 2020 (Census Day). Census statistics are used to determine the number of seats each state holds in the U.S. House of Representatives and informs how billions of dollars in public funds are allocated by state, local and

federal lawmakers for public services like emergency response, schools, hospitals and bridges over the next 10 years.

For more information about the 2020 Census, visit 2020census.gov.

Parks & Recreation

**thank you to all of our
current challenger
baseball sponors:**

**MIKE GAINES – STATE FARM INSURANCE
F & M BANK**

**GOODALL HOMES
672 BREW**

**TENNESSEE GYMNASICS ATHLETIC CENTER
WHITE HOUSE REALTORS, LLC
CEMC**

TENNESSEE REALTY PARTNERS

THE WHITE HOUSE COMMUNITY INITIATIVE FOR THE ARTS

**THE BBQ PLACE PORCH & GRILL
FLOWERS BY JUDY**

**WHITE HOUSE GOLD & DIAMOND OUTLET
THE FARMERS BANK**

WHITE HOUSE CHILDREN'S CLINIC



COMMUNITY WALKERS

**LOCATION: CIVIC
CENTER GYMNASIUM**

**WHEN: Monday-
Thursday**

7:15AM-10:00AM

**FREE FOR EVERYONE
(Walkers **ONLY**)**

Little League Challenger Baseball

We are kicking off our Little League Challenger Baseball season. Challenger Baseball is one of our White House Special Needs Athletic Programs and is for any boy or girl between the ages of 4 and 18 that face mental or physical challenges. Practices began in March and Saturday games begin April 4th. All games will be played on Saturdays at 9:30AM. Come out and support this one-of-a-kind league!

20TH ANNUAL INDEPENDENCE 5K

The date for the 20th Annual Independence 5K has been set for **Saturday, July 4th** at 8:00 AM. The race will start at the White House High School trailhead.

Early Bird Registration will begin April 27th

Entry Fee: Early Bird Deadline by May 18th

\$20 / Individual

\$15 / Individual 10 & Under

\$65 / Family (up to 4 members)

Fee after May 18th:

\$25 / Individual

\$20/Individual 10 & Under

\$75 / Family (up to 4 members)

Parks & Recreation

Men's Mid Summer Adult Open League Basketball

WELCOMING BUSINESSES, CHURCHES,
COMMUNITY GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS!

REGISTRATION: MAY 4TH - JUNE 8TH
OR WHEN LEAGUE FILLS UP

\$390/TEAM (MAX= 10 PLAYER ROSTER)

\$60/INDIVIDUAL FREE AGENT

GAMES: MONDAY AND/OR THURSDAY EVENINGS
(STARTING IN LATE JUNE/EARLY JULY)

10 TEAM LIMIT/5-ON-5/8-GAME SEASON/SINGLE-ELIMINATION
POSTSEASON TOURNAMENT.

TEAMS MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN MATCHING JERSEYS WITH
PERMANENT NUMBERS. ALL PLAYERS MUST BE AT LEAST 17 YEARS
OF AGE. NON-RESIDENT FEES MAY APPLY.

Upcoming Programs:

Basketball Camp

For girls and boys - Grades 2nd - 6th
Summer 2020 (dates and times TBA)

Be on the lookout for information about
new adult league programs that could be
kicking off in summer 2020! Keep check-
ing out our website for more details on
upcoming programs such as our 2020
Youth Basketball Camp and more at:

[https://whparks.recdesk.com/Communi-
ty/Member/Login](https://whparks.recdesk.com/Community/Member/Login)

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.**

Senior Center



Visit Us

Stop by the center located at 105 College Street to pick up a calendar of events and take a tour of the center. There is no fee and new residents are welcome!! Contact Billie at 615-672-4350, x 2116 with any questions.

Exercise Schedule

Sittercise

Monday - Thursday at 9:00 am
at Senior Citizen Center

Walking in the City Hall

Gymnasium

Monday - Thursday until 10:00 am

Senior Citizens Center Hours

Monday - Thursday
9 am - 5 pm
Coordinator hours
9 am - 2pm



Birthday Potlucks & Games

The 1st Monday of each month we celebrate birthdays with a potluck and card games.

Wednesday Lunch

Meat, vegetables, bread, tea and dessert

Senior cost \$2.50

Non-Senior cost \$5.50

Reservations required by noon on Monday

615-672-4350, x 2116



February and March were packed with fun filled outings and events. We enjoyed bowling with lunch at Taziki, checked out EJ's in Whitehouse for brunch, DJ Gary Stewart provided music and karaoke for our Valentine's party, and wrapped up February with the music of Eddie K at Goodlettsville Community Center. March included a visit to Bowling Green to tour the Historic Railway Museum, St. Patrick's Day party at Cole & Garrett with the music of Eddie K, and danced to Casey & the Cowboys Band, sponsored by John Cole Realty.

A special thanks to Cole & Garrett for sponsoring Eddie K – St Patrick's Day Concert. John Cole at Exit Realty and Belle Vie Legacy Law Firm, Rebecca Bell-Houchin, Attorney, for sponsoring Casey & the Cowboys Dance. Also thank you to all the seniors that generously donated to the Bean of Life Project (coffee house project for the military in the Middle East).

Check out our calendar for upcoming events/outings for April and May that will include Easter festivities and our Mother's Day Celebration.

ORDER TAKEOUT
OR DELIVERY



GET CREATIVE
ABOUT SAYING HI!



IF YOU'RE FEELING
SICK, STAY HOME.



PAY WITH PLASTIC
WHEN POSSIBLE



HELP SMALL BUSINESS GET THROUGH THIS!



SHARE HOARDED
SANITIZER WITH
LOCAL BUSINESSES

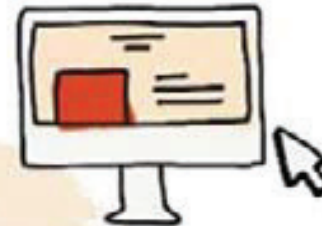


BUY GIFT CARDS
FOR LATER

CHECK IN WITH
SMALL BUSINESS
OWNERS + EMPLOYEES



SHOP
SMALL
ONLINE



CALL IN
YOUR ORDERS!



CLOSED

UNDERSTAND THE
HARD DECISIONS

Discover 
White House Area
Chamber of Commerce



@COMMONDEER

Stay informed: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov>

Fire Department



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



Public Works

City of White House Stormwater Program



White House's stormwater program had to be expanded dramatically to meet new regulatory requirements from the State of Tennessee (TDEC) and the federal government (EPA). The stormwater requirements are part of the 1972 Clean Water Act. Phase I Rule of the program started in 1990 for larger cities and Phase II programs started in the year 2000 for smaller size cities.

What is stormwater?

Stormwater is the rain or snow-melt (runoff) that does not initially infiltrate into the ground and runs off of surfaces and is transported into

nearby waterways.

The ground, such as grass or woodlands, can absorb the stormwater and are called "Pervious" surfaces.

Areas, such as concrete or asphalt, cannot absorb stormwater and are called "Impervious" surfaces.

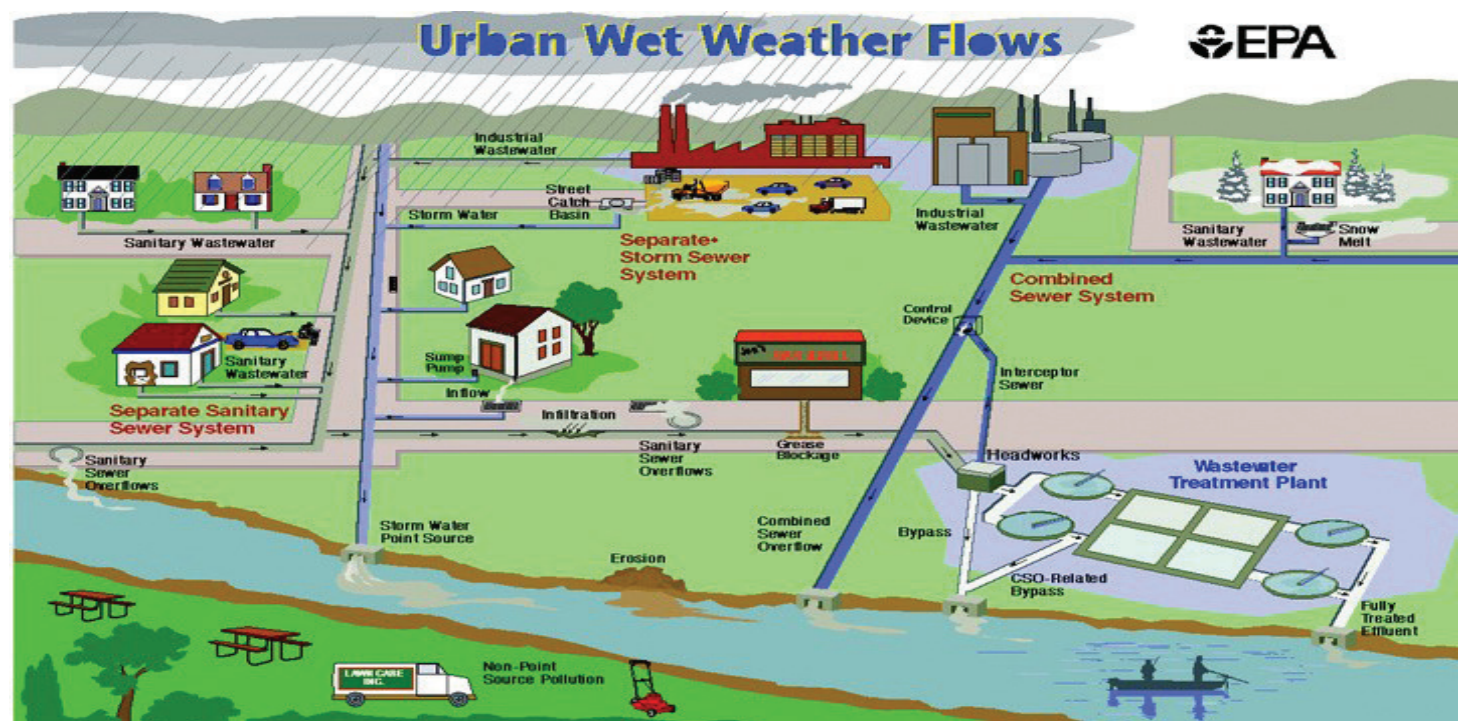
Why is stormwater runoff a problem?

Stormwater can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants and flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river, wetland, or coastal water. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water.

Historically, stormwater controls were designed

to quickly collect, store, and transport runoff away from developed areas into nearby streams to prevent flooding. However, it is now recognized that these systems alone are often not the ideal solution because they impact streams by increasing the volume and velocity of water and amount of pollutants.

Today, stormwater management promotes a variety of practices and controls that help the runoff to soak into the ground and minimize contact of runoff with pollutants. These practices, commonly referred to as "green infrastructure", mimic natural processes and enable runoff to soak into the ground, evapotranspire, and be captured and reused.



White House Library

The library board will meet on May 14th at 7:00pm at the Billy S. Hobbs municipal center.

The Friends of the library will meet on April 7th at 5:30pm in library study room 2. This meeting is open to the public. Anyone interested in helping this non-profit organization is encouraged to attend.

Save The Date

FANDOMCON

June 6, 2020

9:30 am – 3:30 pm



The White House Library Fandomcon is a one-day event full of all things fantasy, sci-fi, anime, gaming, crafts, vendors and special guests. This event is free and has something for all ages.



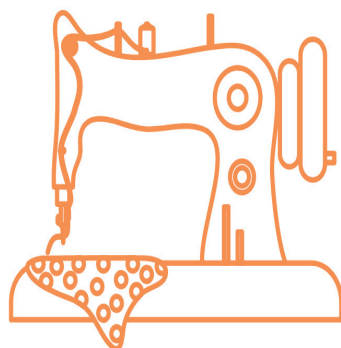
- Tween Programs are for those ages 8-12. They are the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 4:30pm. Their activity will consist of either a game night or craft night. Call the library at 615-672-0239 for more info.

- Creative Writing: 1st Tuesday of each month starting at 4:30pm.

- Cosplay Sewing Club: 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 4:30pm. Come learn the basics of sewing while making cool projects.

- Event Night: 3rd Tuesday of each month at 4:30pm. We will have a special event night that changes with each month. Contact the library at 615-672-0239 or go online to www.youseemore.com/whl for each featured event.

- Teen Advisory Board is for teens ages 13-18 that want to be involved in planning teen programs at the library. TAB meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at 4:00pm.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

All children programs will stop from May 18th through June 5th as we prepare for Summer Reading.

- Tuesday Tots is a story time program for those ages 0-3. This event is held every Tuesday at 10:30am. Children can come listen to stories, do dances and finger movements, and then a craft/activity.

- Preschool Wednesday is a story time program for those ages 4-5. This event is held every Wednesday at 10:30am. Children can come listen to stories, do dances, and a craft/activity.

- Monday Movies/Crafternoons is a program for those ages 11 and under. It is held every Monday at 4:00pm and consists of either a movie or a craft day. Contact the library for more information.



Adult Programs

- Device Advice are one-on-one 30 minute tech help sessions. They are held on Mondays from 2:00-3:30 and 5:30-6:30pm by appointment only. Call or visit our website to book an appointment.

- Adult art classes are on Mondays at 11am. These classes will be taught with charcoal pencils and are for all

experience levels.

- Stitch Club meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 4:00pm.

- Mystery Readers Book Club meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 4:00pm. This book club reads mystery type novels.

- Garden/Botany Club meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 4:00pm.

- Photography Club meets the 3rd Thursday each month at 6:30pm.

- Bookworms Book Club meets on the last Thursday of the month at 10:00am.



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

NOTICE REMINDER

**2019 PROPERTY TAXES ARE DUE
 OCTOBER 1, 2019—TO—FEBRUARY 28, 2020**

FEBURARY IS THE LAST MONTH TO PAY PROPERTY TAXES WITHOUT PENALTY

**NOT RECEIVING A TAX NOTICE WILL NOT RELIEVE YOU OF YOUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR PAYING YOUR PROPERTY TAXES ON TIME
 YOU CAN CALL TO CHECK ON OR TO REQUEST ANOTHER STATEMENT**

**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 1 PENALTIES ARE DUE ON OUTSTANDING TAXES
 PENALTIES ACCRUE AT 1.5% MONTHLY**

**UNSURE IF YOU OR YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY PAID
 CALL 615-672-4350 X2100**

**TO SEARCH
 cityofwhitehouse.com - Pay Online**

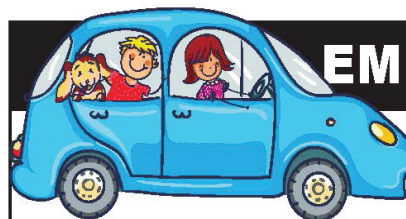
TAX RELIEF APPLICANTS WILL NEED TO COME IN OR MAIL IN FILLED OUT TAX RELIEF CARD IN ORDER TO RETAIN STATUS ON TAX RELIEF

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>

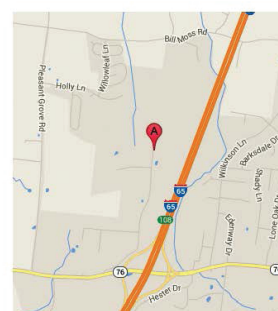
If you have any questions about the City's purchasing policies or have trouble registering your company, please contact Matthew Cole, Purchasing Coordinator, at 615-672-4350, ext. 2130 or by email at mcole@cityofwhitehouse.com



EMISSIONS TESTING

**Monday, April 13th
 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.**

427 INDUSTRIAL DR. • BEHIND PUBLIC WORKS BLDG.



2020 TESTING DATES:

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



WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE 19TH AMENDMENT

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.

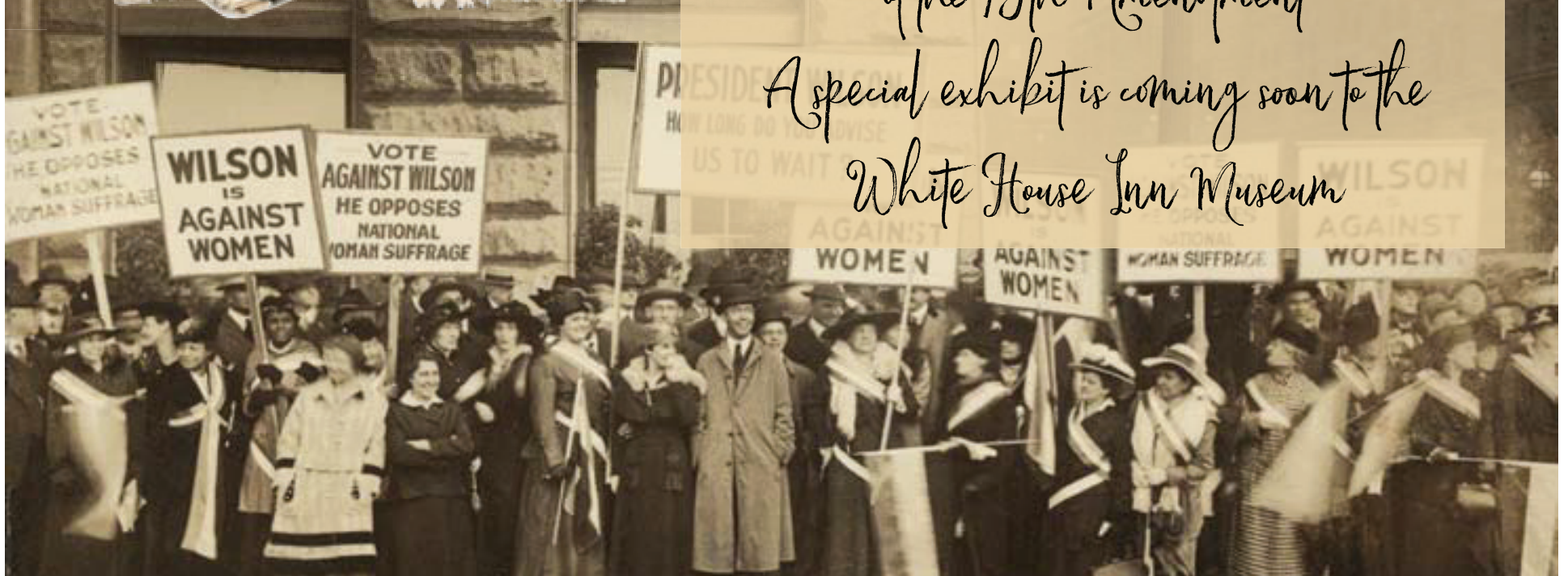
Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Women's Rights Convention.

A Convention to discuss the social, civil and religious condition and rights of Women, will be held in the Wesleyan Chapel, at Sece Falls, NY., on Wednesday and Thursday the 19th and 20th of July current commencing at 10 o'clock A.M.

During the first day, the meeting will be exclusively for Women, which all are earnestly invited to attend. The public generally are invited to be present on the second day, when Lucretia Mott, of Philadelphia and others both ladies and gentlemen, will address the convention.

*In Celebration of the 100th Anniversary
of the 19th Amendment
A special exhibit is coming soon to the
White House Inn Museum*



**WHITE HOUSE
INN MUSEUM**

412 Highway 76 • 615-672-3937
(Inside the Chamber of Commerce & Visitor's Center)
Open Monday - Thursday 9 am to 4 pm • And By Appointment