



WORD ON WHITE HOUSE

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105 College Street • White House, Tennessee 37188

WWW.CITYOFWHITEHOUSE.COM



White House is Celebrating 50 Years and looking for photos, memorabilia and news articles

In 2021, the city of White House will celebrate its 50th Anniversary. Plans are already underway for some big celebrations and lots of reminiscing about the last 50 years. Your help is needed to collect the most memories possible during the years of 1971 to present to be used during the celebration and beyond.

There will be travelling displays located throughout town, Facebook posts, web posts and possibly a commemorative book celebrating 50 years. The biggest need is for photos and memorabilia from 1971 to present - street scenes, championship games, VIPs in White House.

You can email your photos to photos@cityofwhitehouse.com, please include your name and phone number and as much information as you can about the photos you are submitting, i.e year, location, name of subjects, etc.. If you have memorabilia you would like to loan or donate to the museum for the celebration, stop by the White House Inn Museum located at 412 Highway 76. The museum hours are 9 am to 4 pm Monday through Thursday, if necessary special arrangements can be made by contacting Susan Holcraft at 615-672-3937.



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CITY OFFICES HOLIDAY

February 17th - Closed



City of White House
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Gerald O. Herman
City Administrator

Greetings,

Happy
New Year!
The year
2020 is
upon us. The
United States
Constitution
requires

that the beginning of a new decade a Census of the people must be taken. It is imperative that every person in the City of White House is counted. Federal and State funding to cities is many times reliant on the number of people living in the city. The gasoline tax or as we call it (state street aid) is strictly related to the number of people in our City. We use these funds to pave our city streets. You would think it would be in direct proportion to how many miles you have in city streets but that is not how the distribution of funds is allocated in our State.

Having pointed this out, one could begin to understand why high density in a city is more efficient than low density. Low density requires more miles of streets and utilities extended to service the needs of fewer people. Look at our county roads for example. There are miles and miles of rural county roads that have very few tax paying property owners living on these roads to pay for them. The county receives their share of state street aid based on population. Ask your county road superintendent how many of the roads they can pave in

a given year and I can assure they will share with you great frustration.

Pinson Lane in our City was a county road that our City annexed in several years ago before the recession. The road was in poor shape at the time and all it did was continue to deteriorate over the next decade. We had only a couple of city tax paying residents on that street. The City had greater asphalt repaving needs on streets with greater density. With development of "The Parks" the road was rebuilt and reshaped. When the developments along Pinson Road gets built out, instead of just having a couple of city tax paying residents, the potential of a couple of thousand city tax paying residents will live near and travel that road. The cost per foot of road resurfacing will go way down. Instead of hoping that your road will be repaved every fifty to sixty years it will be reduced to every twelve to twenty years. When you add in the less miles of running sewer, water, gas, electric, and internet service you can see why density is more efficient.

Your City leaders on both the Board of Mayor and Alderman and the Planning Commission make difficult decisions when it comes to how and where density of residential areas should be higher and lower. In 2018/19 the City embarked on a mission to update the Comprehensive Master Plan. This document can be found on our City web site under Planning and Codes. The areas with the highest density starts in the town center and the lowest density areas

are in the fringe areas of the City and in the growth regional boundary areas just outside our City limits. All the subdivisions either built or under current construction fell within the previous master plans and zoning ordinances. The new plan is very precise in the distribution of density.

The leaders have also learned from their experience what needed to be tweaked in the zoning code to enhance the quality of life in these subdivisions. For example, they require sidewalks for walkability in new subdivisions. Preserved open spaces for community

activities. They have placed the front yard setback of single family homes to 35 feet to accommodate larger vehicles in the driveways that do not hang over and block sidewalks. The work they do is stressful and plentiful. The Board of Mayor and Alderman receive a very small salary of just over \$4,000 a year for all the meetings and outings they attend throughout the year. The Planning Commission serves strictly from the heart with no salary attached! Wishing you the best in this New Year 😊

LOGO DESIGN CONTEST

2021

50TH ANNIVERSARY LOGO FOR THE CITY OF WHITE HOUSE

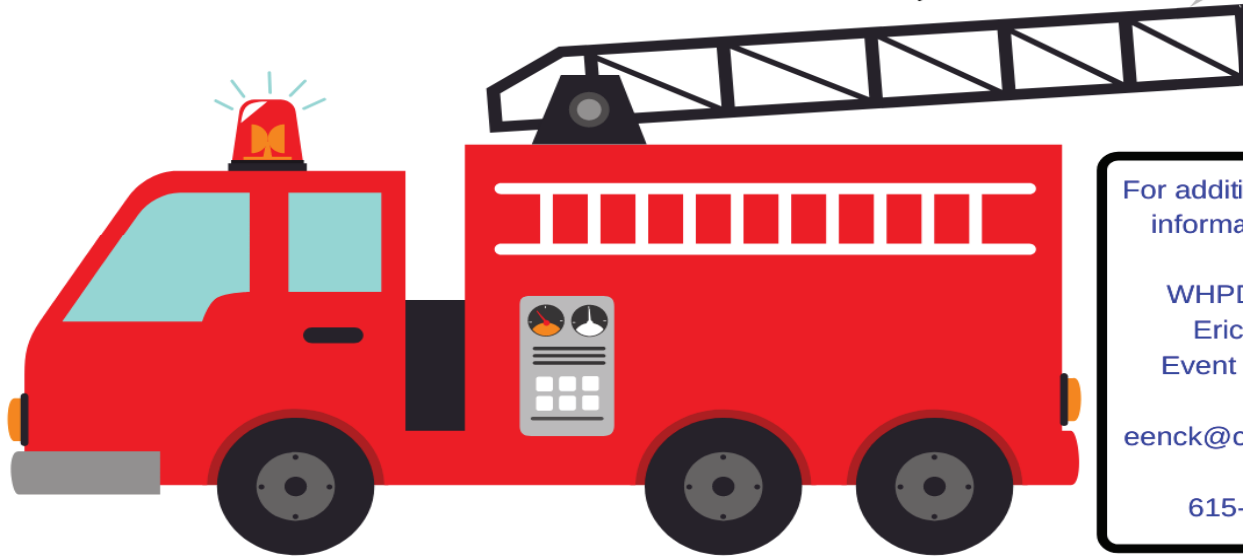
Calling all artists, graphic designers - professional and amateur! Any age, cash prizes, watch for more details in the April issue of Word on White House

Police Department White House Police and Fire Public Safety Day

**Saturday,
April 18th
9:00 - 2:00**

Bike Rodeo and Bike Parade Police Vehicles
K-9 Demonstration
Fire Trucks
Special Operations Vehicles
Rescue Helicopters
Child Id Kits
Young Bike Riders Safety Course
Fire Extinguisher Demonstration
Mini Fire Truck Rides
Home Fire Survival Challenge and lots more!

*Bicycle & helmet
giveaways sponsored by
Mike Gaines with State
Farm and
Northridge Church*



For additional participant
information contact:

WHPD Sergeant
Eric M Enck,
Event Coordinator

eenck@cityofwhitehouse.
com
615-672-4903



**DEA NATIONAL ^{Rx}
TAKEBACK**



Saturday, April 25th | 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

DEATakeBack.com

Parks & Recreation

Registration: January 6th - February 17th
Registration is FREE - includes full uniform

This program is for any boy or girl between the ages of 4 and 18 that faces a mental or physical challenge.

Practices will begin in March and Saturday games start in April

Everyone bats each inning and plays defensively
1 or 2 innings will be played per game
"Buddies" can be used to assist as needed
6 game season

If you or your company would like to become a Little League Challenger Sponsor, please contact the WH Parks Department

For more information, call 615-672-4350 ext. 2114 or visit
www.cityofwhitehouse.com/parks-and-recreation/special-needs-athletic-program-2

Public Works had their annual employee dinner on Wednesday, October 16, 2019. This year's recipients of the employee of the year award were Ron Brown and Joe Lemmons for their outstanding performance and dedication to the Citizens of White House. This is an award that is voted on by the employees. Congratulations guys!!!



COMMUNITY WALKERS

**LOCATION: CIVIC
 CENTER GYMNASIUM**
**WHEN: Monday-
 Thursday**
7:15AM-10:00AM
FREE FOR EVERYONE
(Walkers **ONLY)**

GIRLS SPRING VOLLEYBALL

FOR GRADES 3RD-8TH
REGISTRATION FEE: \$50 FOR
CITY RESIDENTS/\$62 FOR
NON-RESIDENTS
REGISTRATION: JANUARY
6TH - FEBRUARY 10TH
PRACTICES BEING IN
MARCH, GAMES BEING IN
APRIL

for more information, call 615-672-4350 ext. 2114 or visit
www.cityofwhitehouse.com/your-government/parks-and-recreation

Parks & Recreation



Get a Job that Counts!

Help Get Funding for Your Community!
Part-time Jobs, 20-30 hours per week

APPLY ONLINE!
2020census.gov/jobs
1-855-JOB-2020

Shape your future
START HERE >

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Census 2020

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Men's Spring Open League Softball

Tuesday and Thursday
doubleheaders

9 team limit - 16 game season
single elimination postseason
tournament (based on full
league)

yellow balls only
all players must be
17 years of age

Registration: January 20th -
March 2nd
(or when league fills up)
\$450 per team
(non-resident fees may apply)



For more information call 615-672-4350
ext. 2114 or visit www.cityofwhitehouse.com/your-government/parks-and-recreation/adult-athletics-and-programs-2

WORLD WAR II
1939-1945



THE HISTORY OF

White House, TN

When the winter weather is keeping you inside, remember there are activities at the White House Inn Museum. Come do our scavenger hunt and take a tour the museum.

*Open Monday-Thursday
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM*

412 HWY 76 White House, TN 37188



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.

Bingo Wednesday

1st & 3rd Wednesday
(after lunch)

Bring a \$3.00 gift
(labeled male/female)

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

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



THE FARMERS BANK

November and December were packed with fun filled outings and events. Casey & the Cowboys kicked off November with a dance, sponsored by John Cole from Exit Realty. We Christmas shopped at Cool Springs Mall and lunched a Metro Diner in Madison. December was our party month with Farmers Bank's annual Christmas Breakfast, trip to Chaffin Barn Theater, our annual Christmas Lunch, lunch at Hunter Station, and a dance with the band Variety Pack, also sponsored by John Cole from Exit Realty.

Check out our calendar for upcoming events/outings for February and March.

Special thanks to Farmers Bank for their Annual Christmas Breakfast! Also, thank you to Temple Baptist for the use of their facilities for our breakfast!!!

**The White House Area Chamber of Commerce in partnership
with Life Christian Academy present**

women of white house
**dancing
with the stars**

WHITE HOUSE EDITION

LIVE

**Monday, February 24th
6:00 – 8:00 PM at LCA**



A few of our White House Stars Include:



GERALD HERMAN,
Administrator City of
White House



TAL PLUMLEE,
Farm Bureau Ins. &
Chamber Chairmain



JOEY TATE,
Tate Ornamental &
Business of the Year



ZACH TALTON,
Allstate Ins. &
Chamber Ambassador

Our Stars are paired with semi-professional dancers, the audience will vote electronically for the Champion of Dancing with the Stars White House Edition! Enjoy delectable desserts from The Bakery Box. Everyone is welcome but space is limited so get your tickets early!

Reserve your tickets, \$15 each,
by calling the Chamber at
615-672-3937
or by visiting
www.whitehousechamber.org or at
the Chamber's Facebook Event Page

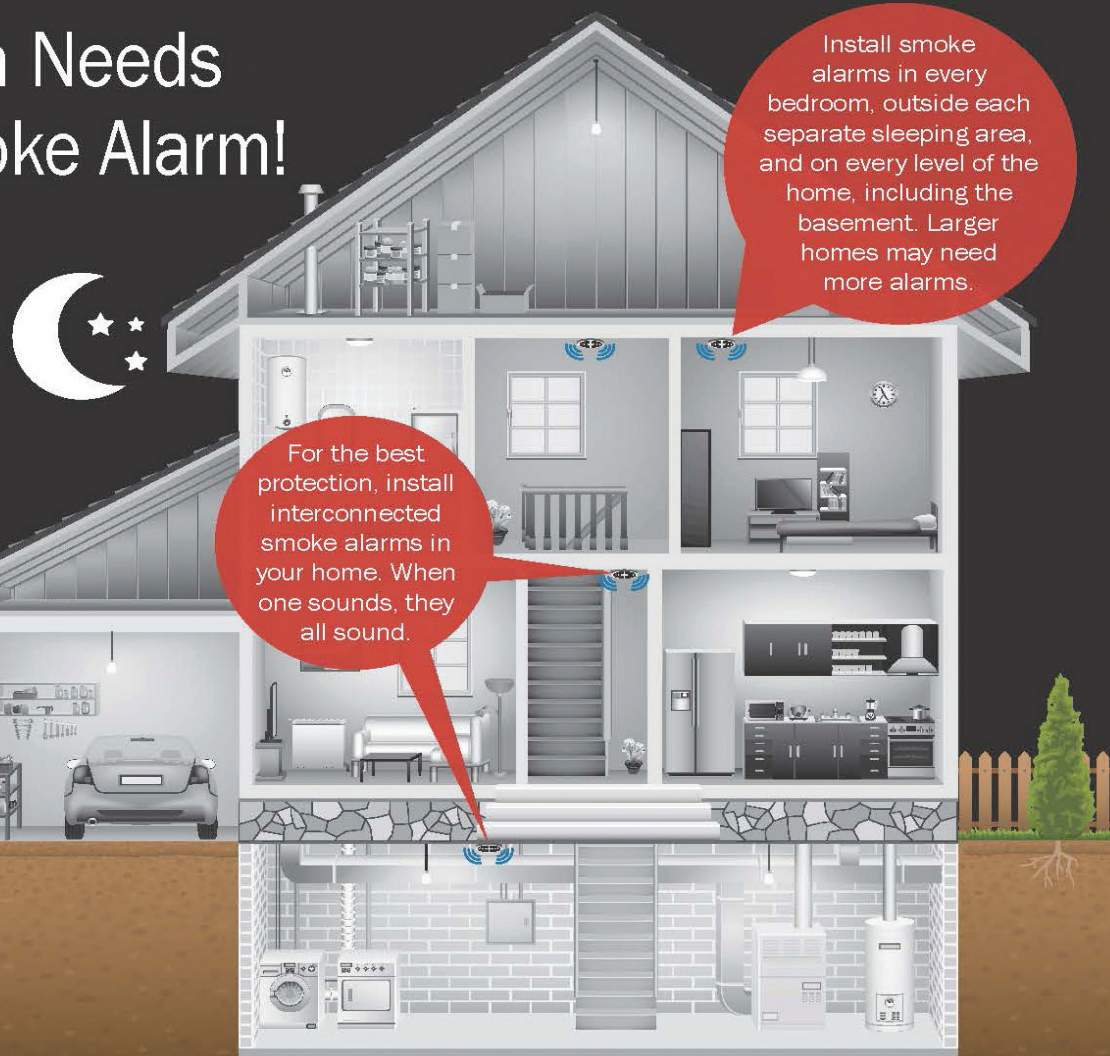
Fire Department

Hear the **BEEP** where you **SLEEP**

Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm!

Half of home fire deaths happen between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., when most people are asleep.

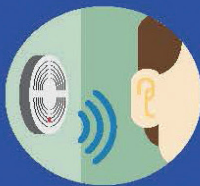
The days are getting longer as winter nears an end. On March 8th, the time will change, and that means it's time to give your smoke detectors some attention. It is recommended that you change the batteries in your smoke detectors at least once a year. The changing of the clocks is a perfect reminder that those batteries may need to be changed. Here are some other tips for smoke detectors and the safety of your family. Stay Safe White House!



Test alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.



Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or if they do not sound when tested.



Some people, especially children and older adults, may need help to wake up. Make sure someone will wake them if the smoke alarm sounds.



When the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside. Go to your outside meeting place.



Call the fire department from a cellphone or a neighbor's phone. Stay outside until the fire department says it's safe to go back inside.

www.usfa.fema.gov
www.nfpa.org



Public Works

Robertson County Garbage Holiday & Recycling Schedule

2020

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We Recycle:

- Milk Jugs
- Soda & Water Bottles
- Laundry Soap Jugs
- Aluminum Cans
- Tin & Steel Cans
- Cardboard Boxes
- Newspaper
- Junk Mail
- Magazines
- Phone Books
- Office Paper
- Food Boxes

*All plastic and metal containers should be rinsed with water. Food & cardboard boxes should be free of liners, styrofoam, or any other packing material.

**PLEASE NO GLASS
AND NO BAGS**

Sumner County Garbage Holiday & Recycling Schedule

2020

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 Recycling Day

 Holiday Non-Service Days
(Service Moved to Following Day)

White House Library

The library will be closed on Monday, February 17 for Presidents Day.

The Friends of the library will meet on February 4th at 5:30pm in the library study room. This meeting is open to the public. Anyone interested in helping this non-profit organization is encouraged to attend.

We had a great Christmas Open House with 1,000 people in attendance! If you didn't make it, here are some highlights of what you missed: The Friends of the Library presented the City of White House with a check for \$15,000; Kay and George Tharp celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary at the Open House; Representative Sabi Kumar donated part of his salary as a representative to the library; The Friends of the Library provided refreshments and Hot Cocoa to over 300 people; Five local school choirs sang Christmas songs to attendees; Vice Mayor Farris Bibb read the Night Before Christmas; and every child that came into the building could have their picture taken with Santa.



- 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

- 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/Crafternoon 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.
- Tween Programs will be for those ages 8-12. They will meet the 2nd and 4th 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.



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 have moved to 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.
- Bookworms Book Club meets on the last Thursday of the month at 10:00am.
- Garden/Botany Club meets the last Thursday of each month at 4:00pm
- Photography Club has changed its meeting times. They meet the 3 Thursday each month at 6:30pm.



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 - Go to I Want To - Pay Property Tax**

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

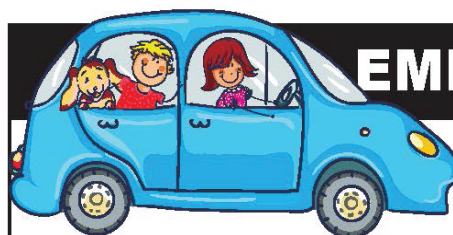
Purchasing and Vendor Registry

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>

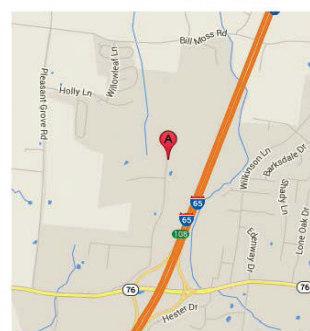
If you have any questions about the City's purchasing policies or have trouble registering your company, please contact Matthew Cole, Purchasing Coordinator, at 615-672-4350, ext. 2130 or by email at mcole@cityofwhitehouse.com



EMISSIONS TESTING

**Monday, February 10th
 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.**

427 INDUSTRIAL DR. • BEHIND PUBLIC WORKS BLDG.



2020 TESTING DATES:

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

Discover White House Expo and Safety Day

Saturday, April 18 • 9 am - 2 pm
at White House Heritage High School



Presented by



THE FARMERS BANK

Vendor Registration Now Open
www.whitehousechamber.org

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