



# WORD ON WHITE HOUSE

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105 College Street • White House, Tennessee 37188

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## Oh, what fun! The Holidays are here!



Thanksgiving will soon be a fond memory with December right around the corner filled with fun, family activities to enjoy in White House. The month will begin with a race and a parade on Saturday, December 7th. The second annual Running of the Elves 5K and



One Mile Fun Run will kick off the Christmas parade at noon, so line up early, then enjoy a Historical White House Christmas parade with Mrs. Evelyn Guill as the Grand Marshall and make sure you watch for Santa



waving from the Volunteer State Bank Trolley at the end of the parade.

Next on the list is the annual Miracle on Main Street Tree Lighting Ceremony and the White House Public Library Open House on Thursday, December 5th. Enjoy beautiful Christmas carols from our local choirs, H.B. Williams Elementary Choir, White House Heritage Elementary Choir, White House Heritage Choir, and the Encore! Community Choir. Join in the countdown as Mayor Mike Arnold flips the switch and lights the city tree. Then head in from the cold to enjoy light refreshments at the Library's open house and make sure to bring your Christmas list to give to Santa and enjoy a reading of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" with Vice-Mayor Farris Bibb Jr.

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### CITY OFFICES HOLIDAY

November 28th - Closed

December 23rd - Closing at  
11 AM

December 24th & 25th -  
Closed

January 1st & 20th - Closed



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## General Information



Gerald O. Herman  
City Administrator

Greetings,

It sure seems like the past couple of years we go from summer to winter so

fast that we shake our heads and wonder if we missed the fall season. Fortunately, the change in the color of leaves, fall sports, and Thanksgiving remind us that we did in fact and are currently still in the fall season. With snow arriving early, I just want to remind all of you (especially those that moved here from northern states) that snow removal is a very slow process for us. We have limited equipment, resources, and staffing to quickly remove the snow from our streets. The cost to purchase large snow removing equipment would exceed the benefits we would receive. Also, the State Department of Transportation is responsible to clean all three State Routes that run through the heart of our City and the Interstate ramps. So please be patient. We do have a snow removal plan and our



staff will work overtime to do their best to clear your street.

By the way, did you know that our City has 111 authorized full-time and 10 part-time employees dedicated to serving you. We have nine departments. The three largest departments are the Police Department with 27 full-time employees, Public Services Department with 25 full-time employees, and the Fire Department with 25 full-time employees. Our Parks and Recreation Department has 10 full-time and 5 part-time employees. Our Library has 6 full-time and 5 part-time employees. Administrative Services has 5 full-time, Finance has 7 full-time, Planning and Codes has 4 full-time, and Human Resources have 2 full-time employees.

For those of you that travel State Route 76 at Interstate 65 you may have noticed a slow-down in work by the construction company. The workers had run into a couple of utility conflicts. Until we get these utilities

moved out of the way the project will be delayed. One of the utilities is our sewer force main. We were pretty sure from survey work that we would be out of the way but this was not the case. We are nearly done with designing the

## Christmas on Main Street

Thursday, December 5th at 105 College St.

White House Library

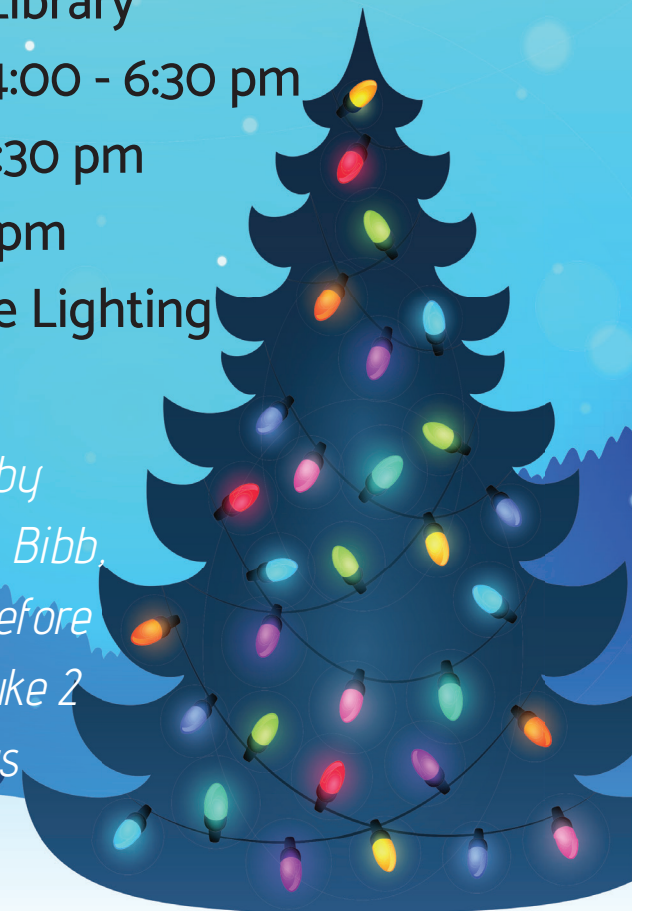
Open House: 4:00 - 6:30 pm

Santa: 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Caroling: 4:30 pm

Christmas Tree Lighting

*Special Readings by  
Vice-Mayor Farris Bibb,  
Jr. of "The Night Before  
Christmas" and Luke 2  
- The Birth of Jesus*



alternate route and will be out to bid soon. We are expecting that this could move the project completion date until July 2020. We will keep you updated as the project moves along. Merry Christmas to all of you! 😊

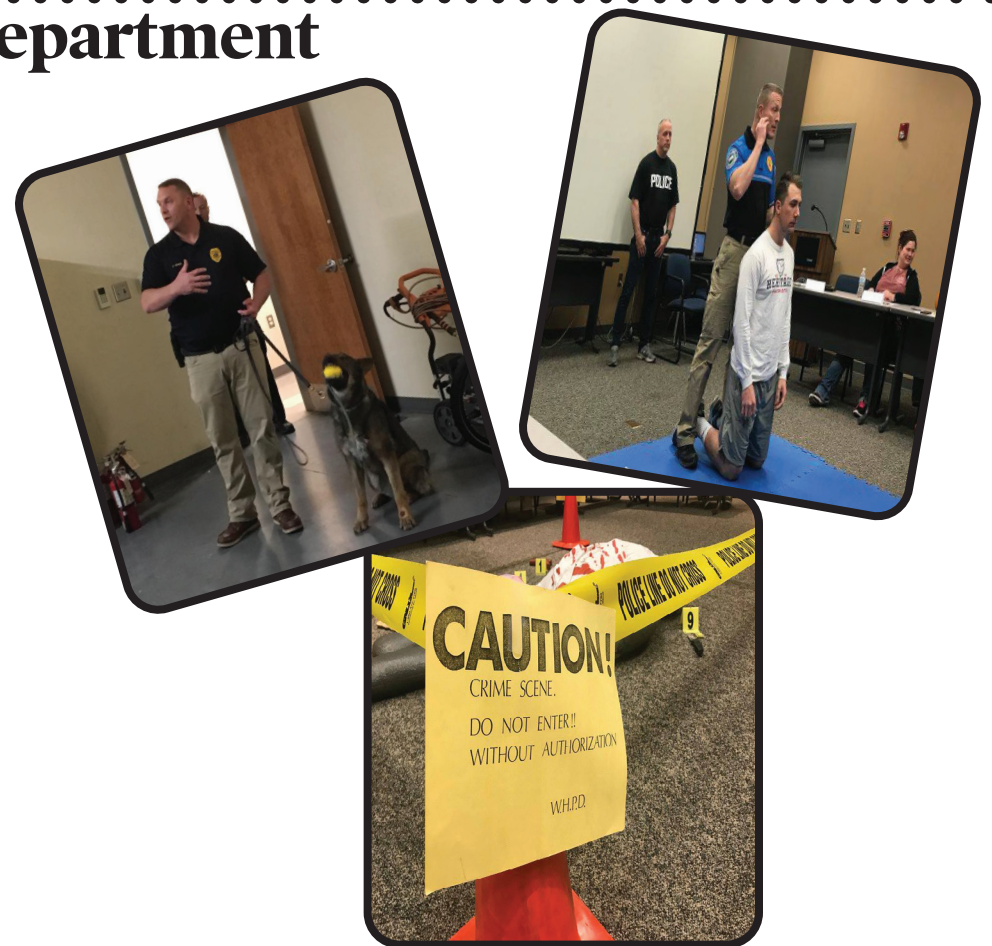




# Police Department



Now accepting donations for Shop with a Cop and Firefighter. You can drop a check off at The Farmers Bank, the White House Police Station (to Det. Dan Hunter), or the White House Fire Department. Checks need to be made out to White House Rotary Club and noted that it is for the Shop with a Cop and Firefighter program. If you have any questions, contact Det. Hunter at 615-672-4903.



In February 2020, the White House Police Department will host its seventeenth annual Citizen's Police Academy. The purpose of the academy is to give citizens the opportunity to learn about police work in general and also gain insight into the White House Police Department's daily operations and programs. The Academy will be held on Monday nights from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. for ten weeks and is open to citizens 18 years of age and older and will meet at the White House Police Department at 303 North Palmers Chapel Rd. White House, Tennessee 37188. Class size is limited to 20 participants. Applications being accepted now.

The Academy is not designed to make participants certified police officers, nor does it give the graduates authority to act as police officers. The focus of the curriculum is to provide an informative overview of the fun-damentals of police operations and crime prevention. This two-way communication will certainly be an effective and successful way to build a partnership between the community and the police department.

If you are interested in attending a future Citizen's Police Academy and would like an application, they are available for pick-up at the White House Police Department, or for an online application, go to [www.cityofwhitehouse.com](http://www.cityofwhitehouse.com) and click on Citizen Police Academy Application. If you would like more information on this program, please contact Sergeant Eric M Enck at 616-1075 at the White House Police Department.



Congratulations, Sergeant Enck for receiving the 2019 Citizen of the Year Award! We are proud to have Sergeant Eric Enck as the Community Relations Sergeant for the City of White House, TN- Police Department. He deserved this great honor not only for the work he does for the department but for the entire community!



# Parks & Recreation



Our 2019 Fall Girls' Volleyball season wrapped up on October 3rd. This season, we had a total of 10 teams in our league. Pictured here are our league champions! Pictured above are our 3rd-5th Grade Champions: The Red Hots

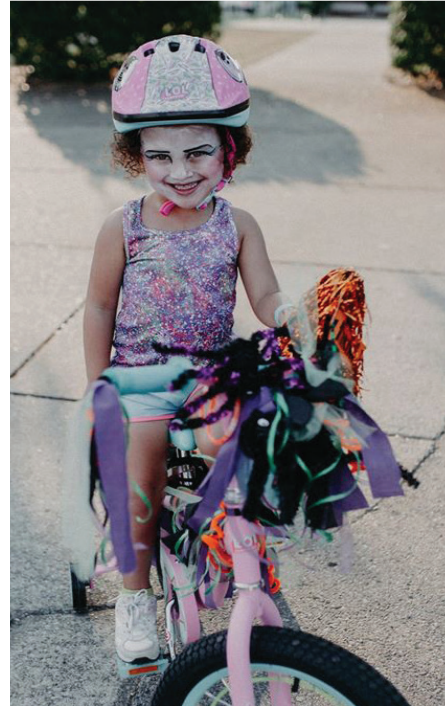
Pictured below are our 6th-8th Grade champions: Predators



## Upcoming Programs

Pickleball Open-Play: Under Construction

Be on the lookout for the tip-off of our Youth Basketball League and our Men's Open Basketball League! Keep checking out our website for more details on all of our upcoming programs, leagues, events and more at: <http://www.cityofwhitehouse.com/government/parks>



## FALL FAMILY BIKE PARADE

We hosted the Fall Family Bike Parade on Friday, September 27th. We held this event in conjunction with the WH Chamber's Fall Family Block Party. This year's event drew 17 participants.



# FALL FAMILY BLOCK PARTY





## Parks & Recreation



The Trail of Treats took place October 29th at the White House High School Greenway Trailhead. Thank you to everyone who participated. This year's event drew 2,200 people! We would like to give a special thanks to all of our 37 registered vendors for taking time to be a part of this event and for the hard work that they invested into booth decorating! This year's booth decorating winner was Wal-Mart (pictured left). Congratulations to them for all of their hard work!



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

### *"A White House Historical Christmas"*

Please join us on Saturday, December 7th at 1:00 PM for the 2019 White House Christmas Parade. This year's theme is: "White house Historical Christmas." This year's Grand Marshal is Evelyn Guill. Anyone wishing to register to participate in the parade must register by 5:15 PM on November 28th at the Parks Office.



# 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

## 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

**W**e enjoyed fall activities with a trip to Cheekwood to check out our scarecrow in the Storybook Scarecrow exhibit, a trip to Shaker Village in Auburn, KY and lunch at Federal Grove, mystery lunch at Bavarian Bierhaus Restaurant, cemetery tour at Mt. Olivet in Nashville, an awesome concert by the Robertson County Community Band, Halloween fun with Eddie K sponsored by Cole & Garrett Funeral Home and costume contest, and a dance featuring Casey & the Cowboys.



**C**heck out our calendar for upcoming events/outings for December (Christmas Luncheon, trip to Chaffin Barn Theater to mention a few) and January.

Special thanks to Cole & Garrett for hosting our Halloween party with music from Eddie Kilgallon and a costume contest. Many thanks to John & Sharon Cole at Exit Realty for their generous donations throughout 2019!!!

Stop by the center located at 105 College Street, White House, TN to pick up a calendar and take a tour of our center or check us out on the City of White House website. There is NO FEE and new residents are welcome!!!





# Enjoy the Parade & Cheer on the Elves

## Saturday, December 7th

5K Begins at 12:15 • Fun Run Begins at 12:35  
Parade Begins at 1:00 Pm – Get Your Spot Early!

Prizes Awarded at 1 Pm at Finish Line at City Hall

While you Cheer

MUSIC • FOOD & Kid's Activities



**\$100 Cash Prize for Best Overall Male & Female in Fun Run**  
**Prizes for Team Spirit • Best Dressed Individuals & More!**

To register visit [www.whitehousechamber.org](http://www.whitehousechamber.org) or call the chamber of commerce at 615-672-3937

**Get to your viewing spot for the Parade By 12:30 Pm!**



# winter

## FIRE SAFETY

The City of White House Fire Department wants you and your family to be safe during the holiday seasons. We know winter holidays are a time for families and friends to come together and have some fun while catching up on old times. But that also means a greater risk for fires. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

### Did you know?

Nearly half of holiday decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source. It's fun to decorate for the winter holidays, but holiday decorations can increase your risk for a home fire. As you deck the halls this season, be fire smart.

- Inspect holiday lights each year before you put them up. Throw away light strands with frayed or pinched wires.

- Water your Christmas tree every day. A dry tree is dangerous because it can catch on fire easily.

- Consider using battery-operated flameless candles, which can look, smell and feel like real candles.

- If you do use lit candles, make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be knocked down easily.

### Facts about home holiday fires:

One of every four homes Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical problems. Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious. On average, one of every 32 reported home Christmas tree fires results in a death compared to an average of one death per 143 total reported home fires. A heat source too close to the tree causes one in every four Christmas tree fires. The top three days for home candle fires are Christmas, New Year's Day, and Christmas Eve. Candles start two out of five home decoration structure fires each year. **BEFORE HEADING OUT OR GOING TO BED** - Blow out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Turn off all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

## Fire Department

## Christmas Tree Safety



As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly.



### PICKING THE TREE

- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.



### PLACING THE TREE

- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.



### LIGHTING THE TREE

- Use lights that have the label of a recognized testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

## After Christmas

Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home.

Check with your local community to find a recycling program.

Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

## FACTS

- ! More than **one of every four** home Christmas tree fires is caused by electrical problems.
- ! Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious.
- ! A heat source too close to the tree causes **one in every four** of the fires.



**NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**  
The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards

Your Logo

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### Congratulations!!!

Thank you to Richard Dorris, for serving the City of White House and the White House Fire Department for the past twenty years.

### Welcome to The Team!!!

Firefighter Hunter Chapman who hired on with WHFD on the 18th November 2019.





## Public Works

# Single-Stream Recycling

Reciclaje de un solo flujo



**DO NOT INCLUDE:** food waste, films, plastic bags, plastic wrap, or foam cups and containers.

**NO INCLUYA:** residuos de alimentos; películas; bolsas o envolturas de plástico; vasos o recipientes de unicel poliestireno.



**Magazines**  
Revistas



**Office Paper**  
Papel de oficina



**Brown Paper Bags**  
Bolsas de papel



**Paperboard**  
Cartón



**Junk Mail**  
Correo no deseado



**Phone Books**  
Directorios



**Newspapers**  
Periódicos



**Aluminum Cans**  
Latas de aluminio



**Tin or Steel Cans**  
Latas de hojalata y acero



**Cardboard**  
Cajas de cartón



**Plastic Bottles and Containers #1-7**  
Botellas de plástico y recipientes #1-7



# White House Library

## Library Info

The library will be closing at 11am on Monday, December 23 and will remain closed all day on December 24 and 25. We will reopen for normal hours on December 26.

The library will close at 5pm on Tuesday, December 31 and will be closed all day on Wednesday January 1, 2020. We will reopen on Thursday January 2 for normal hours.

The next library board meeting will be on Thursday, January 9th at 7:00pm inside the Billy S. Hobbs Municipal Center.

You are cordially invited to the library's Christmas Open House on Thursday, December 5 from 4:00pm-6:30pm. Please join us for refreshments, entertainment, story book reading, and the lighting of the city tree. Santa will also be available for pictures from 4:30-6:30pm.



You are cordially invited to a

## Christmas Open House

December 5, 2019

4:00 pm - 6:30 pm

at

The White House Library

105 College Street

White House, TN 37188

*Please join us for an evening of entertainment, meeting with Santa, refreshments, and storybook readings by Vice Mayor Farris Bibb, Jr.*



- 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 will meet the third Thursday in December at 4:00pm, and the last Thursday in January at 4:00pm

•Photography Club will meet the third Thursday in December at 6:30pm, and the last Thursday in January at 6:30pm.



## 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/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.

### NEW Programs!

- Tween Meet will be for those ages 8-12. They will meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 4:30pm. 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](http://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 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 4:00pm.



**There will be no programs the week of Christmas and New Years.**



# 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**

**IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED A TAX NOTICE, CALL TO  
 CHECK ON STATUS OF NOTICE.**

**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 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**

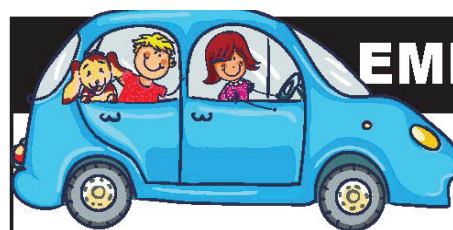
## Purchasing and Vendor Registry

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>

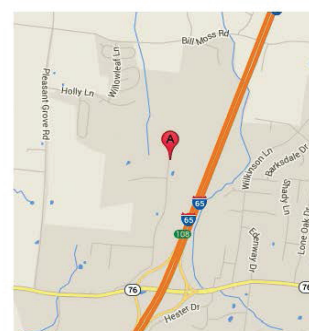
If you have any questions about the City's purchasing policies or have trouble registering your company, please contact Matthew Cole, Purchasing Coordinator, at 615-672-4350, ext. 2130 or by email at [mcole@cityofwhitehouse.com](mailto:mcole@cityofwhitehouse.com)



## EMISSIONS TESTING

**Monday, December 9th  
 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



# Everyone loves a Parade!

## City of White House Christmas Parade

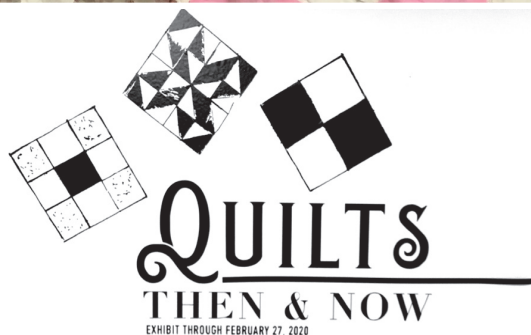
### Saturday, Dec. 7th



**Get to your favorite spot  
no later than 12:30!**

**Roads are closing early for the Running of the Elves  
You can cheer on the Elves and enjoy the parade!**

The Parade route is east on Highway 76 from the Municipal Park, south on Highway 31W to West Drive. Make some hometown memories - bring the family, the blankets and some hot cocoa to enjoy the fun. Just get there early! Some great spots we recommend are the City Center Complex at the Library and Municipal Building, the Chamber Office and the fantastic sidewalk along Highway 31W.



Learn about the history of White House with a visit to the museum and view our special exhibit featuring local quilts and their stories.

*Open Monday through Thursday  
weekend Tours Available by Appointment*

**Museum will be closed  
December 23 through January 5th**



**White House Inn  
Museum**

412 Highway 76  
(Beside the Fire Hall)  
White House, TN

WHITE HOUSE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
& WHITE HOUSE INN MUSEUM INVITE YOU TO

## A CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL OPEN HOUSE.  
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AND  
SANTA WILL BE HERE TOO!

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH  
3:00 TO 6:00 PM  
412 HWY 76 WHITE HOUSE, TN 37188**