



# WORD ON WHITE HOUSE

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## Summer is on the way and White House is ready to get out and enjoy it

Last summer so many things were put on hold, but this year things are back on track and your calendar can be full of activities every week. The White House Farmer's Market is already open with lots of delicious fruits, vegetables, meats, dairy and baked goods. Due to construction, the market is being held at the White House Municipal Park every Wednesday from 3:30 pm to 7:00 pm.

On May 27th, the Chamber will launch their Music Under the Stars Summer Concert Series presented by Prosperity Mortgage Advisors. Marty Brown will open the series at the Fran Hutson

Amphitheater at 7:00 pm. Concerts throughout the summer include Legacy, Variety Pack, and Katie Grace. White House Library Fandomcon is scheduled for June 5th with a full day of things Sci-fi, fantasy, anime, comics and more. This fun, free family-friendly event is one you don't want to miss.

On July 7th, the Carnival will roll into town with rides, games and all kinds of fun to be had at the city park. And on July 10th the annual Americana Celebration will take place with live music featuring the Wannabeatles and Vinyl Radio and at 9:00 pm the Brandon Webster fireworks show will light up the sky. You'll find

food trucks and free inflatables too, music begins at 5:00 pm and lasts until 11:00 pm. Don't worry about where to park, catch a free shuttle at City Hall, White House Middle School or The Church at Grace Park.

For more information follow the Chamber and City on Facebook, visit [www.amerianacelebration.com](http://www.amerianacelebration.com) or call the Chamber at 615-672-3937.



Fandomcon at the Library will see lots of people in cosplay.

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### CITY OFFICES HOLIDAY

May 31st - Closed

July 5th - Closed



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Gerald O. Herman  
City Administrator

Greetings,

We are  
all in on  
celebrating  
White  
House's

50th birthday! In January, at the Board of Mayor and Alderman, our Mayor through formal Proclamation dedicated this year to celebrate our 50th. In April we had our birthday party. It was awesome! At this event Senator Kerry Roberts presented us with a Proclamation honoring our 50th Birthday from the State Legislature and signed by Governor Lee. We handed out at least 500 cupcakes!! We look forward to celebrating with two more events and winding up the year with the 50th themed Christmas Parade.

The new Community Event Center has had delays due to weather and getting the steel on site. We have given an 80-day extension, so our opening is now projected to be mid December. Many of you have asked about what we will do with the current Civic Center. As some of you had heard our building is sitting on ground that has some underground caverns. We are in the process of gathering more information to determine if we can build a new recreation center on the south side of our current gymnasium. Pending the study

we are putting into motion a four phase project. Phase one will be a demolition phase that will bring down all but the gymnasium and lobby area. A new parking lot will be added on the north side of the gymnasium. Phase two will be the design of the new Recreation Center. Phase three will be to construct the new recreation center. Phase four will be the demolition of the current gymnasium and to construct an extension of the parking lot on the north side of the building.

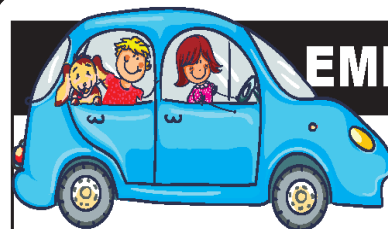
The recreation center will be two levels. The first level will have the ability to have three full size basketball courts. These court areas can be used for other sports such as volleyball. We have two racquetball courts, a game room, warming kitchen, couple of multi-purpose rooms, concessions, and maybe a climbing wall. The second level will have a walking track, and multi-purpose/meeting rooms. Some of this is subject to

change as we move into the full design phase. It has been very exciting being involved in the build out of the City Municipal Complex. We have been creating a center for all to participate from small children with the playground and splash pad to senior adults with the amphitheater and senior center in the Community Event Center. And of course I would be remised if I did not mention our Library and Café that serves us all.

For all the soccer fans, we hope to get the sixth soccer field built out this summer/fall. It will be fully irrigated and lighted. If budget allows, we also will be providing lights to the remaining fields that are not currently lit. Our plan is to build a very large parking area that can accommodate hard surface for vehicles at practices, games, tournaments, and to host the Americana future carnivals.

We are in the beginning stages of the master plan design

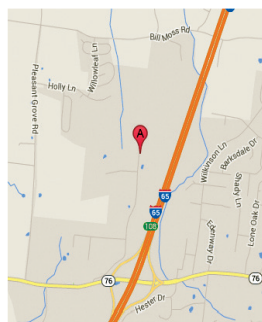
for the Byrum Family Park that we acquired last summer. Wait to you see what the Leisure Services Board has planned for your recreational enjoyment on this beautiful farm! When we get the final draft, we will share it with you all. Until the next Word on White House stay safe and enjoy the warmer sunny weather. 😊



## EMISSIONS TESTING

9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

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### 2021 TESTING DATES:

Jan. 11th	Feb. 8th	Mar. 8th
Apr. 12th	May 10th	Jun. 14th
Jul. 12th	Aug. 9th	Sep. 13th
Oct. 18th	Nov. 15th	Dec. 13th

**Emissions testing  
will be held for  
Sumner County at  
Public Services  
(427 Industrial Drive,  
White House, TN)  
from 9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.**

**This is for the testing  
portion ONLY.**

**You are not able  
to receive tags  
at this location.**

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

## SUMMER WEATHER PET SAFETY TIPS



1. Leave pets at home. Dogs cool themselves by panting, which precipitates convection; that is, their panting exchanges warm body temperature for cooler air outside. If the outside air isn't significantly cooler than their body temp, their cooling system doesn't work and they can get heatstroke. Studies show that on a 75-degree day, temps inside a car (with windows cracked) can rise to 100 degrees in 10 minutes. Temps in dark-colored cars can rise, even more, reaching temps of 200 degrees! Is taking Fifi with you to the market worth risking her life? Didn't think so.

2. Keep plenty of freshwater accessible in deep bowls. All that heavy breathing takes a toll. Dogs lose moisture much faster than humans, so they should always have access to fresh, cool water. Deep bowls of cool water will stay chilled longer than shallow bowls, and you can also add ice to prolong the chill.

3. Avoid burnt paws. If the pavement is too hot for your bare feet, well guess what — it's too hot for your dog's paws. Always check the pavement before bringing your dog outside. If you can't avoid walking your dog across hot pavement, invest in a product that protects his feet. If your dog doesn't like the feel of protective coverings such as boots, try a topical product such as Musher's Secret, which creates a protective wax barrier between your dog's paws and any surface they touch.

4. Be sensible about exercise. \*Exercise early in the morning or late at night when the sun's intensity is less. Even then, watch for signs of heat stress, some of which can include: excessive panting, increased salivation, glassy eyes, and pale gums. To keep bored dogs occupied during the day, try making a "pupsicle". It will help keep your dog cool and occupied for hours. Check out our Pinterest board for more ideas.

5. Maintain their coat. A shaggy coat can actually help insulate your dog against the heat. If you have a thick-coated dog or cat, try FURminating them. The FURminator pet brush removes a thick undercoat while leaving the outer coat which insulates and protects their skin from sunburn. As long as air can circulate through the fur, this will help keep your pet cool.

6. Keep up on flea prevention. Ideally, your dog or cat should already be on a monthly flea preventative because it's much harder to eradicate fleas from your home after they've already started to reproduce. Flea larvae are practically bulletproof, and get this — vacuuming actually encourages them to hatch! If you are nervous about using flea medications containing Fipronil and other ingredients, there are now all-natural lines you can try. Consult with your veterinary office for recommendations.

7. Do you suspect heatstroke? If you think your pet has overheated, place cool (not ice-cold, as this can do more harm!), wet washcloths on his head and neck, and cool compresses on his belly and under his back legs. Call your vet's office immediately and seek their advice about the next steps. Heatstroke can quickly lead to coma, cardiac arrest, and death, so don't hesitate to seek veterinary attention as soon as possible.

\*A brachycephalic (flat-faced) breed may have a harder time cooling themselves in hot weather. Owners of flat-faced breeds like pugs, bulldogs, boxers, Pekinese, etc. You should keep exercise to a minimum and take extra care to keep their dogs cool.

## GREENWAY SAFETY TIPS

- Trail Watch/General Number: 615-382-6863 for White House Police Department
- Crime in progress, or a serious life-threatening injury can be reported to the White House Police Department at Emergency #9-1-1.
- Suspicious activity, strange behavior, threatening presence, loitering: Call White House PD.
- Illegal camps or litter related to alcohol or public intoxication: Call White House PD.
- Incidents involving domestic animals: Call 615-382-6863 White House Police Department.
- Trail erosion, trail obstruction, graffiti, trail hazards: Call 615-672-4350, ext. 2114 White House Parks .
- Carry a cell phone in case of emergency. Program the White House Police Department's number into your cell phone before you leave.
- There is safety in numbers. Use the buddy-system and enjoy the trail with a companion.
- Park in a well-lit, heavily-trafficked area. Lock your vehicle and do not leave valuables such as purses, wallets, jewelry, or cell phones inside.
- Carry identification including your name, phone number, critical medical information, and a contact name/number in case of an emergency.
- Wear comfortable sport shoes, loose-fitting clothing appropriate for the weather, and use proper safety equipment. Wear bright and/or reflective fabrics and carry a whistle or noisemaker.
- Tell friends or family the route you will be taking and when you expect to return. If you are going to be late, give them a call.
- Stay on the designated trail and avoid short-cutting or crossing open country.
- Be alert and aware of your surroundings. Avoid areas where visibility is poor, and be aware of sounds in your environment.
- Be confident. Look people in the eye and let others know you are aware of their presence with a polite "Hello!"
- When you approach your car, have your key ready. Check the floor and back seats before you get in.

# PARKS & RECREATION

## Upcoming Programs

Be on the lookout for information about new adult league programs that could be kicking off in summer 2021! Keep checking out our website for more details on all of our leagues, events and more at:

<http://www.whitehousetn.gov>

or

<https://whparks.recdesk.com/Community/Home>



## 21ST ANNUAL INDEPENDENCE 5K

### 21st Annual Independence 5K

The date for the 21st Annual Independence 5K has been set for Saturday, July 3rd at 8:00AM. The race will start at the White House High School trailhead.

Early Bird Registration will begin May 3rd

Entry Fee: Early Bird Deadline by June 6th

\$20/Individual

\$15/Individual 10 & Under

\$65/Family (up to 4 members)

Fee after June 6th:

\$25/Individual

\$20/Individual 10 & Under

\$75/Family (up to 4 members)

### Schedule:

7:00 AM Check-in and late registration

8:00 AM 5K

9:15 AM Awards

### Starting Line Location:

White House High School, 508 Tyree Springs Rd. Race will start and finish at White House High School Trailhead. Runners will begin down the Greenway past the Veterans Memorial Trailhead and double-back ending up at the White House High School Trailhead.

### Awards:

- All Early Bird Entrants are guaranteed a Collector's Shirt
  - Overall Male and Female
  - Masters Male and Female (40 & Over)
- Awards in 5 year increments beginning with age 11 thru age 75, also a 10U Division



## Men's Basketball

Registration:

April 21-June 6

Team \$390

Free Agent \$60

Must be 17+ years of age

10 player roster limit

10 game season with tournament

Photo ID must be present at all times

Location: White House Civic Center

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT WHITE HOUSE PARKS AND RECREATION AT: 672-4350 EXT. 2114 OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE: [WWW.WHITEHOUSETN.GOV/DEPARTMENTS/PARKS-AND-RECREATION](http://WWW.WHITEHOUSETN.GOV/DEPARTMENTS/PARKS-AND-RECREATION)

## Girls Volleyball

Registration Period:

June 7th-July 18th

For Girls Grades 3 – 8

Registration Fee:

\$65 for City Residents

\$77 for Non-Residents

Practices will begin in August and games will begin in September



## Fall Baseball & Softball

Registration Period: 5/24-7/4

Ages: 4-5-6 – Coach Pitch/Tee Ball

7-8 Coach Pitch - 8U Softball

9-10 League - 10U Softball

Registration Fee:

\$120 (includes complete uniform)

Out of city fee: \$132

\*\*\*Spring 2021 players may stay on same team they were on if they wish, as long as they are not moving up the following spring (Spring 2022).\*\*\*



# SENIOR CENTER



## Welcome

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.



## WEDNESDAY LUNCH

A hot lunch is served take out/drive through only, every Wednesday. The cost of the meal for a senior is \$2.50 and \$5.50 for non-seniors. The meal includes meat, vegetables, bread, and dessert. Reservations are required by noon on Monday. Call Billie at 615.672.4350 ext. 2116 for reservations.

As of June 1st normal activities resume at the Senior Center. Come join us for cards, pool, bingo, bunco, corn hole, bowling, line dancing, crafts, bible study, movies at the center, and social time with your friends.



Senior Center classes for the Young at Heart!

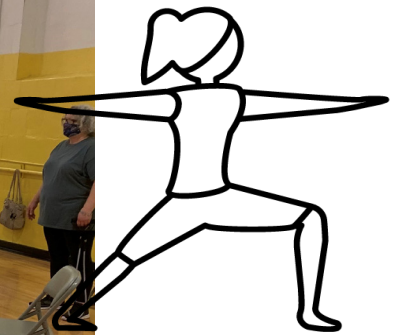
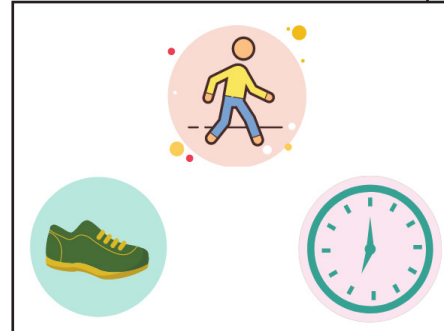
Introducing Fittercise, our new line up of fitness classes, a variety of fun and energizing workouts, suitable for all levels of fitness. Make friends and improve your physical health and mental well-being! Monday at 10a-Strength Training; Tuesday and Thursday at 9a-Fittercise; Wednesday at 10a-Chair Yoga! These activities are in the gym. Social distancing is practiced along with temperature checks. Classes are taught by certified instructor, Ann Manley. All students are encouraged to go at their own pace and modifications are offered. The gym is available Monday-Thursday 7:15a-10a for a walk.



Our first trip in June will be to the Amish in Scottsville. Celebrate our reopening with a dance in July featuring Casey & the Cowboys. Check our calendar for more scheduled activities.

### COMMUNITY WALKERS

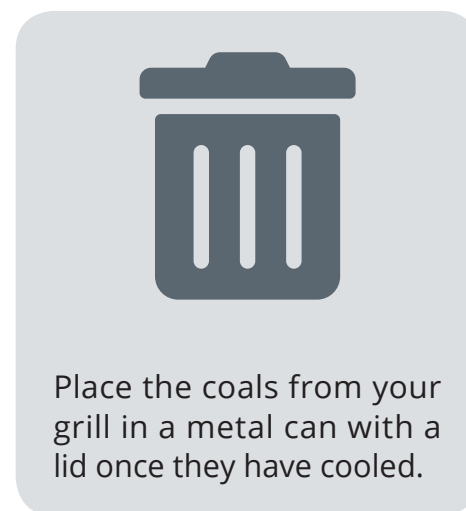
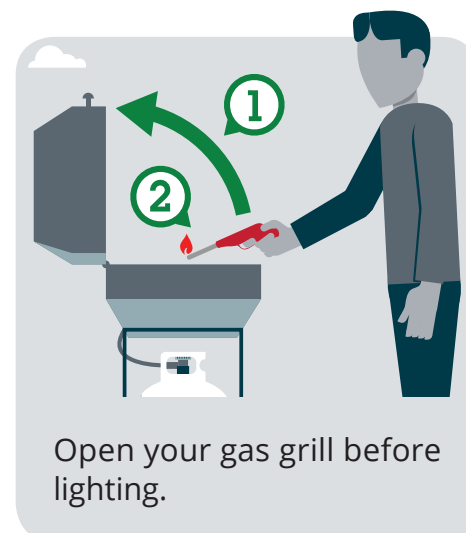
LOCATION: CIVIC  
CENTER GYMNASIUM  
WHEN: Monday-  
Thursday  
7:15AM-10:00AM  
FREE FOR EVERYONE  
(Walkers **ONLY**)



# FIRE DEPARTMENT



Stay fire safe this summer! Follow these grilling safety tips.



**Stay fire safe this summer!**

For more information and resources, visit [www.usfa.fema.gov](http://www.usfa.fema.gov).



# FREE Summer concerts



PROSPERITY MORTGAGE  
ADVISORS

at the Fran Hutson Amphitheater at 7:00 PM

**MUSIC  
UNDER  
THE  
STRAPS**  
White House, TN

Discover  
**White House**  
Area Chamber of Commerce



[www.whitehousechamber.org](http://www.whitehousechamber.org)



**May 27  
MARTY BROWN**

**June 24  
LEGACY**

**July 22  
Local  
Favorites  
VARIETY  
PACK**

**Aug. 26  
KATIE  
GRACE**

# Americana Celebration to be held at City Park

The Americana Celebration is back and more exciting than ever with the celebration of the city's 50th Anniversary. White House City Park on Saturday, July 10th will be full of family fun. Guests will be able to experience a carnival, live music, free inflatables courtesy of Revolution Church, and food trucks.

In honor of the 50th Anniversary, there will be added attractions that are free to the community like facepainting, balloon twisters, caricature artists, and more in the family fun zone. You might even see someone on stilts or a fire artist and definitely a fun bubble show that is interactive and always a hit with kids and adults alike. And of course the Brandon Webster Fireworks Show at 9 pm will light up the sky followed by the final hour of live music with Vinyl Radio.

This is the second year the Americana Celebration will be hosted at the City Park on Highway 76. On Saturday, July 10, the park will be closed to all through traffic and only open for pedestrians. There are several locations available for offsite parking and of course the free shuttle services with pick up locations at White House Middle School, The Church at Grace Park, and a handicap accessible bus will be available at the Billy S. Hobbs Municipal Building/White House Library. All other nights the carnival is in town, July 7 through July 9, the park will be open and parking is free.

With the City Park's convenient location, accessibility to sidewalks and multiple neighborhoods this location will be more walkable for residents. We ask that you be respectful of area businesses and abide by posted parking signs during the week long celebration. Please make sure to follow the Chamber's Facebook page, the Americana Celebration Page, and the City of White House Page for updates and further information on parking and activities for this year's Americana Celebration.

**WWW.AMERICANACELEBRATION.COM**

**FREE  
SHUTTLE  
SERVICE**

**Saturday, July 10th**

**3:00 pm to Midnight**

Park and ride for free, shuttle lots located at

**The Church      White House  
at Grace Park      Middle School  
City of White House Municipal  
Building/Library\***

*\*ADA Accessible Bus at this location only*

## AMERICANA FESTIVAL MAP



**Here's what you need to  
know about parking**

**Americana  
Celebration**

**Saturday, July 10th**

No parking at Park, closed to through traffic. Sonic trailhead closed all other trailheads will be open for parking. Offsite parking also available at Heritage Elementary.

**Carnival Parking  
FREE AT THE PARK  
Wednesday - Friday**