

# WORD ON WHITE HOUSE

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## Learn the sounds of Fire Safety for National Fire Prevention Week

The National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA), the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week™ for more than 95 years, has announced “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety™” as the theme for Fire Prevention Week 2021, October 3-9. From beeps to chirps, this year’s campaign works to better educate the public about the sounds smoke alarms make, what those sounds mean, and how to respond to them.

“Smoke alarms have played a leading role in reducing fire death rates over the past 40 years, but we still have more work to do in maximizing their effectiveness,” said Lorraine Carli, NFPA vice president of Outreach and Advocacy.


According to the latest NFPA “Smoke Alarms in the U.S.” report, working smoke alarms in the home reduce the risk of dying in a reported fire by more than half. However, almost three out of five home fire deaths occur in homes with no smoke alarms (41 percent) or smoke alarms that

failed to operate (16 percent); missing or non-functional power sources, including missing or disconnected batteries, dead batteries, and disconnected hardwired alarms or other AC power issues, are the most common factors when smoke alarms fail to operate.

The White House Fire Department will be out in the community even more during the month of October to educate citizens about the risks associated with faulty fire alarms. They will be participating in the Discover White House Expo & Safety Day on Saturday, October 2. There will be a Community Breakfast at Station #2 with breakfast provided courtesy of Bojangles’ on Tuesday, October 12 from 8 am to 9 am. And finally, they will be participating in the annual Fall Family Block Party on October 22 at the White House Municipal Park.



**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY FIRE HALL BREAKFAST TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12 8 AM TO 9 AM**

  
**WE WILL BE  
CLOSED**  
Columbus Day  
October 11  
Veteran’s Day  
November 11



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Billy S. Hobbs Municipal Center  
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# Greetings

FROM YOUR CITY ADMINISTRATOR

**Gerald O. Herman**



Greetings,

As I write today, we are enduring a second wave of the COVID 19 virus. The hospitals in both our counties are overflowing with COVID positive patients and many in the area have become ill with several passing away. My hope is that as you read this message the second wave has passed and that you and your family have endured.

Managing government operations in a time of a pandemic, high inflation, difficulty in finding workers to fill vacant positions, and expanding growth has been very challenging. Your management team of nine department heads all have years of experience. Five have master's degrees and the other four have bachelor's degrees. Every one of them has led their departments with confidence, sharing hope and strength through this most difficult time. Your Board of Mayor and Aldermen and I appreciate all they do to provide exceptional quality service to you.

The 2020 decennial census numbers have recently been released to us. At the time of the certification, our population was set at 12,982. This is up 2,727 from the 2010 census (10,255) a 26% increase. With all the growth you see happening you may be surprised to learn that we added less residents this past decade than we did in each of the previous two decades. Between 2000 and 2010 we grew by 3,035 residents a 42% increase over the previous decade of 7,220. Between 1990 and 2000 we grew by 4,233 a 141% increase over the previous decade of 2,987.



## EMISSIONS TESTING

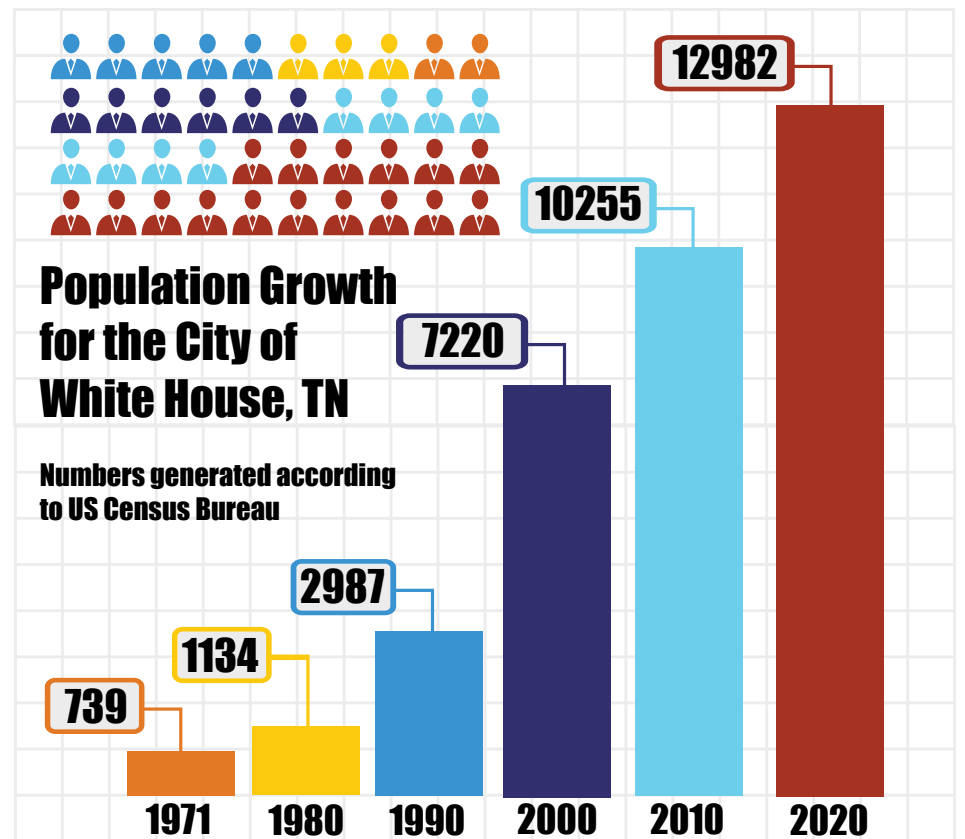
**9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.**

**427 INDUSTRIAL DR.  
BEHIND PUBLIC WORKS BLD.**

**2021 TESTING DATES:**

**OCT 18<sup>TH</sup> NOV 15<sup>TH</sup> DEC 13<sup>TH</sup>**

**Emissions testing will be held for Sumner County at Public services, this is for the testing portion ONLY. You are not able to receive tags at this location.**



Consider Spring Hill, a city to the south of Nashville, that in 2000 our populations were fairly equal at just over 7,000. The 2020 census for Spring Hill is just over 50,000! So in those 20 years we added just fewer than 6,000 new residents while Spring Hill added approximately 43,000 new residents. When you look at the new census numbers around the Nashville area you will see growth that far exceeds what we have experienced: look at Gallatin, Mount Juliet, Smyrna, Nolensville, and Hendersonville.

We all know that growth has its challenges. Your Board of Mayor and Aldermen and your Planning Commission understands the difficulties. Just to simply deny every request that comes before these boards from private land owners is in most cases not an option. The City has invested wisely in developing a public involved Comprehensive Master Plan and use that plan in making decisions on requests for land usage. Our State Legislature has passed several laws in the past few years to restrict cities from interfering in land ownership uses such as annexation of land, design standards, and allowing residential uses for short term rentals.

Our volunteer Planning Commission members have to continuously balance their decisions based on all the above factors. It's not an easy position to be in yet they serve because they have a heart for this City. I would recommend that you get involved and come to their meetings. When you actually spend time with them, you will learn that they really do care about managing growth in the City in a responsible way. Remember they get no pay or benefits yet endure the criticism. Until next time, may you be safe, happy, healthy, and doing your best to give someone a smile.



# FIRE DEPARTMENT



## HELP US NAME THE LITTLE ENGINE

### *Fire engine receives facelift and will debut at the annual Discover White House Expo & Safety Day*

Thousands of children have enjoyed a ride on the engine at a variety of community events over the years and will have the opportunity to ride it again as the newly designed engine will make it's debut at the upcoming Discover White House Expo and Safety Day on Saturday, October 2nd at City Hall Complex.

Originally donated to the city over 20 years ago from the Safety coordinator at Ingersoll Rand. The engine was due an overhaul so the Fire Department has been working to bring the Little Engine back to it's glory. It is used as part of the fire prevention and education program for the department. Now that the engine has a new look to match the other trucks in the department it needs a name to go with it.

Here's your chance to let your imagination run wild and be part of history as the Fire Department holds a contest to name the Little Engine. You can submit your name at the Discover White House Expo and Safety Day, by emailing your suggestion to [contest@whitehousechamber.org](mailto:contest@whitehousechamber.org) or online at [whitehousetn.gov](http://whitehousetn.gov). Entries will be accepted until Friday, October 15, 2021. The top 3 names will be placed on Facebook for a community vote and the winner will be announced at the Fall Family Block Party on Friday, October 22. There will be a fun prize pack for the winner and the chance to go down in history as the one who named the Little Engine.

## WHFD responds to disastrous flooding in Waverly



On August 21 severe storms and flash floods impacted four middle Tennessee communities: Dickson, Hickman, Houston and Humphreys. The City of Waverly in Humphreys County was one of the hardest hit areas, losing 19 residents from their small town in the devastating flood. A total of 20 people in all lost their lives.



The City of White House Fire Department quickly responded to the devastation by sending firefighters to offer aid during the clean up efforts. On Friday, August 27, Captain Cary Pettit, Lieutenant Matthew Detlefsen and firefighters Craig Flora and Morgan Marks traveled to Waverly for a single day assignment to assist with logistics and supplies.

Tennessee Emergency Management said in Middle Tennessee, anywhere from 9 to 17 inches of rain fell within a 6-hour time period. In some areas of Humphreys County, 17 inches of rain was recorded on that fateful day.



## White House Police and Fire introduce trading cards

The City of White House Police and Fire Departments are proud to announce its first edition of the “White House Police and Firefighter Trading Card Program”. This program consists of baseball type trading cards with the officer’s and firefighter’s photograph on the front and a short biography on the back of the card.

The Trading Card Program is designed to help the children become familiar with the officers and firefighters in their community as well as develop a trusted bond. The goal is for the youth in the community and the police officers and firefighters to interact and promote a positive and trusting relationship for years to come. Any

citizen of any age is welcome to ask an officer or firefighter for their card.

Please do NOT approach officers or firefighters while they are engaged in the course of their duties (responding to a call, during a motor vehicle stop, medical call, etc). Your safety is our primary concern.



### Cooking Safety

Cooking brings family and friends together, provides an outlet for creativity and can be relaxing. But did you know that cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries? By following a few safety tips you can prevent these fires.

#### “COOK WITH CAUTION”

- Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don’t use the stove or stovetop.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.

#### If you have a small (grease) cooking fire and decide to fight the fire...

- On the stovetop, smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

#### If you have any doubt about fighting a small fire...

- Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
- Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from outside the home.



Have a “kid-free zone” of at least 3 feet (1 metre) around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

#### FACTS

- ❗ The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking.
- ❗ Most cooking fires in the home involve the kitchen stove.



**NOTICE REMINDER**  
**2020 PROPERTY TAXES ARE DUE**  
**OCTOBER 1, 2020—TO—FEBRUARY 28, 2021**

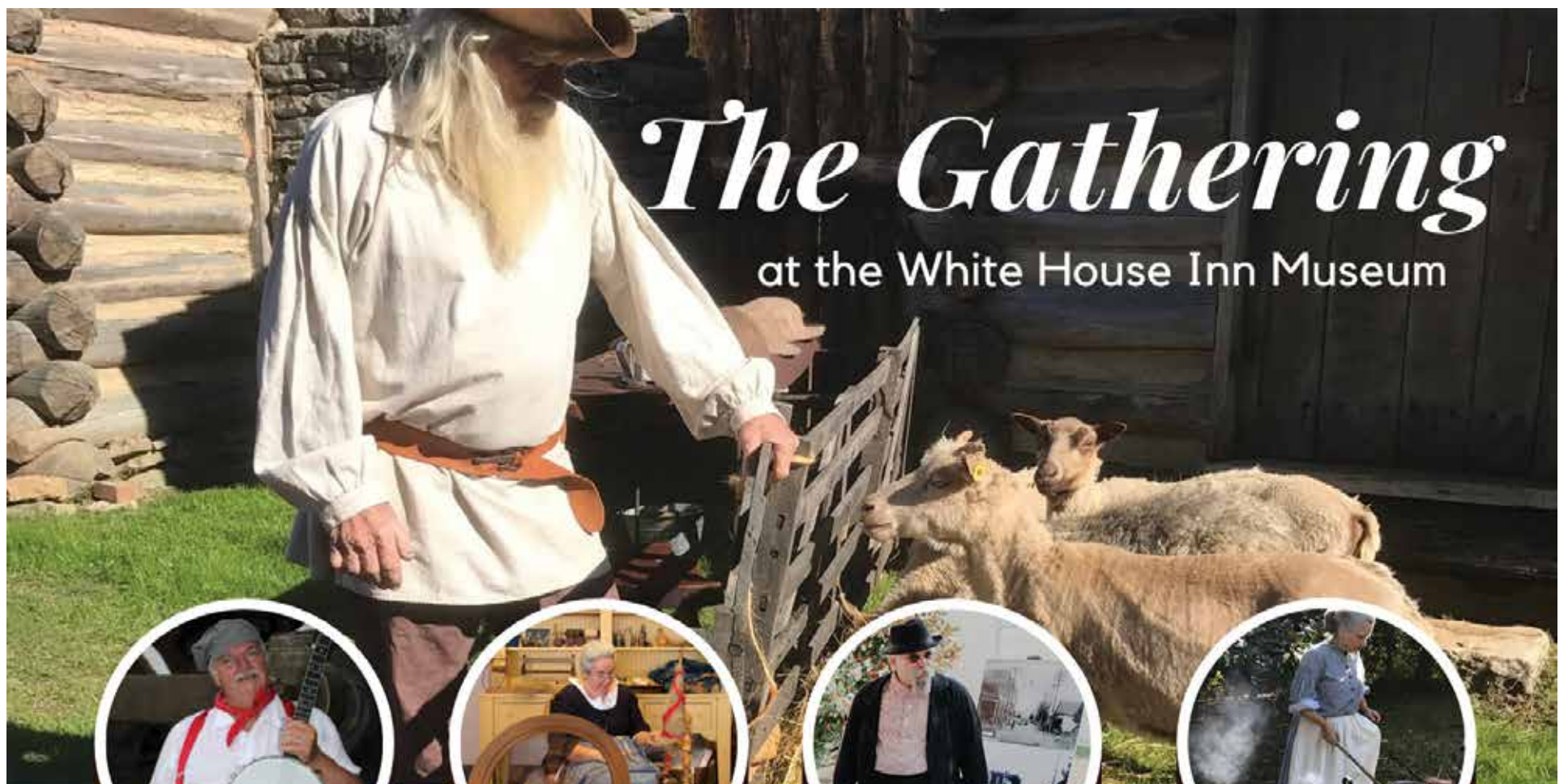
**EFFECTIVE AS OF MARCH 1ST**  
**PENALTIES ARE DUE**  
**ON OUTSTANDING TAXES**  
**PENALTIES ACCRUE AT 1.5% MONTHLY**

**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**

**UNSURE IF YOU OR YOUR**  
**MORTGAGE COMPANY PAID**  
**GO TO [www.whitehousetn.gov](http://www.whitehousetn.gov)**

**YOU CAN CHECK ON OR PAY ONLINE AT**  
**[www.whitehousetn.gov](http://www.whitehousetn.gov) – I WANT TOO**  
**THEN PAY OR SEARCH PROPERTY TAX**



# The Gathering

at the White House Inn Museum



Live Music  
Storytellers



Spinning Wheel  
Lacemaker



Civil War  
Encampment  
Civil War Battle  
Layout



Sheep Sheering  
Finished Yarn  
Wool Dyeing

Walk through history at The Gathering at the White House Inn Museum. This living history event will give you a peek into the life in the early to mid 1800s. Additional activities at the Harvest Moon Festival.

A fun filled day of family activities located at the

**White House Inn Museum**  
412 Highway 76

**White House City Park**  
420 Highway 76

In partnership with the 23rd Annual

## HARVEST MOON FESTIVAL

October 9 | 8 am to 5pm | White House City Park



THE GATHERING  
**SATURDAY,**  
**OCTOBER 9**  
10 AM - 3 PM



Teen/Tween drawing class  
from August 24, 2021

### • DATABASE HIGHLIGHT •

Do you need continuing education classes? Are you trying to learn a new skill? The library's Universal Class database has classes of all types for you to take free with your library card. Classes range from computer science, languages, law, and business to crafts, personal development, alternative medicine and so much more! Sign up today and start learning!

### • ITEM HIGHLIGHT •

The library was able to purchase tablets and Chromebooks, which are like mini laptops, with a tech grant. These items are available for patrons to check out and take home for use with school, work, etc. Patrons may have these devices for two weeks. Stop by or call the library at 615-672-0239 to see if one is available today.

#### CHILDREN PROGRAMS

Story Time: Tuesday and Wednesdays at 10:30am. Join us for dancing, a book reading and a craft. The same story time will be held both days and are for those ages 0-5. These events will be held face-to-face but are subject to change to online only. Check our website for current updates.

Crafternoons: These are held every Monday at 4:00pm and will consist of either a craft/activity or a movie. These events are subject to change to grab & go kits only. Check out the library's website for a list of crafts and movies.

#### TWEEN/TEEN PROGRAMS

are held every Tuesday at 4:30pm. These events are for those ages 10-17. Below is the schedule for each Tuesday:

1st Tuesday: Creative Writing  
 2nd and 4th Tuesday: Sewing class  
 3rd Tuesday: Drawing club

*We have an awesome group of teens that are already coming. We hope you will join them at our next program!*

#### ADULT PROGRAMS

1st Thursday:  
 Stitch Club at 4:00pm  
 2nd Thursday:  
 Mystery Readers at 3:00pm  
 3rd Thursday:  
 Quilting Club at 4:00pm  
 4th Thursday: Bookworms  
 book club at 10am; guest speaker  
 presentation at 4:00pm

# WH Library Text Notifications

Sign-up to receive notifications about library programs.

Sign up for one notification or all three by scanning the QR code.

Children's Programs



Teen Programs



Adult Programs



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Besides text messages, you can also stay up to date on all of the library happenings by signing up for our email newsletter, liking our Facebook page, or visiting the library website at [www.youseemore.com/whl](http://www.youseemore.com/whl). Our website not only contains our monthly calendar of events, but also features electronic databases, ebook and audio book downloads, and our online catalog. So be sure to check out everything the library has to offer.

## NO PROGRAMS THE WEEK OF THANKSGIVING



*The library will be closed on the following days:*

- Monday, October 11 for Columbus Day
- Thursday, November 11 for Veterans Day
- Thursday, November 25 for Thanksgiving.

*These events are being held face-to-face but are subject to change to grab & go and online only. We hope you will join us at our next program!*

REGISTRATION  
NOW OPEN THROUGH  
OCTOBER 17TH

# 21/22 YOUTH BASKETBALL

The WH Youth Basketball League is designed for boys and girls, grades 1st-8th. This Recreational league welcomes various skill levels and experience. The league is designed to teach the fundamentals of the game (as well as sportsmanship) and further develop current skills for all of its participants. The WH Youth Basketball League is broken down into the following divisions:

- 1ST-2ND GRADE (CO-ED)
- 3RD-4TH GRADE (BOYS)
- 3RD-4TH GRADE (GIRLS)
- 5TH-8TH GRADE (GIRLS)
- 5TH-6TH GRADE (BOYS)
- 7TH-8TH GRADE (BOYS)

REGISTRATION FEE:  
\$80 FOR CITY RESIDENTS  
\$92 FOR NON-RESIDENTS  
PRACTICES BEGIN IN NOVEMBER  
& SATURDAY GAMES  
BEGIN IN DECEMBER

REGISTER IN PERSON AT THE  
PARKS DEPT. OR ONLINE AT  
[WWW.WHITEHOUSETN.GOV](http://WWW.WHITEHOUSETN.GOV)

## TRAIL OF TREATS

10.28.2021



**Trail of Treats**  
**Thursday, October 28**  
**Booths (limit of 45) \$10**  
**Deadline to Register -**  
**October 21**  
**Register in person or**  
**by emailing**  
**[awoodfin@whitehousetn.gov](mailto:awoodfin@whitehousetn.gov)**

White House Parks and Recreation will be hosting our 16th Annual Trail of Treats on Thursday, October 28th at 6:00 p.m. The Trail of Treats will begin at the Tyree Springs Trailhead, which is located at White House High School, and will continue to North Palmers Chapel Road. This event consists of booths hosted by local businesses, churches and clubs that are set up alongside the Greenway to give candy or treats to kids. This event consistently draws at least 2,000 people each year. Prizes are awarded to the best booths along the trail.

If you would like to participate with a booth at the 2021 Trail of Treats contact Andrew Woodfin at [awoodfin@whitehousetn.gov](mailto:awoodfin@whitehousetn.gov) in the Parks and Recreation Office. Participation is limited to 45 booths, there is an entry fee of \$10, deadline to register is October 21st at 5:15 pm. If you would like to apply in person or pick up an entry form, the Parks office is located in City Hall - 105 College Street.



# Annual Christmas parade finale of 50th Anniversary celebration

**Young and old will enjoy this historic day in White House and be able to be a part of the City of White House's rich history**

The annual Christmas Parade for White House, Tennessee will have a new theme and a new start time this year to celebrate the City's 50th Anniversary. The "A Hometown Christmas... Past, Present & Future" will be held on Saturday, December 4, 2021.

The parade will leave White House Municipal Park on Highway 76 at 3:00 pm and head East towards City Hall, turning South onto Highway 31W and ending at the intersection of West Drive and Highway 31W where floats will disperse. Walkers that are participating in the parade will continue back to the park via West and Elementary Drive. Please note traffic will be blocked near the parade route for approximately an hour beginning at 3:00 pm or until the parade is over. The parade will feature floats and entries from individuals, local businesses, schools and churches.

Participants are encouraged to decorate their float or entry with a historical theme celebrating the last 50 years in White House. Participants should consider historic events in their organization, for instance a championship team, construction of a new church or the grand opening of a business. Or participants could put their imagination to work and create a futuristic entry that represents the City of White House in the next 50 years and beyond. There will be awards for the top three entries as determined by a panel of judges selected by the White House Parks & Recreation Department.

In honor of the City's 50th Anniversary, all former mayors will join current Mayor Michael Lee Arnold to serve as the official grand marshals. The Mayors will ride in a horse drawn carriage. There will be several extra

activities for this year's Christmas parade "A Hometown Christmas ... Past, Present & Future" including a grand stand where emcees will announce the parade entries and provide some history and other information as the parade rounds the corner of Highways 76 and 31W.

The grand stand will be at the City Hall Complex and following the parade there will be the annual Christmas on Main Street Celebration that will include free refreshments, live entertainment from local schools, the sealing of the official time capsule, free photos with Santa and the official tree lighting ceremony for White House. Organizers

are in the process of finalizing all of the fun details but we encourage those not already at the city hall complex for the parade to make their way back to enjoy the ongoing celebration.

"We really want to encourage people to register in advance for the Christmas parade so we can have complete information for the emcees," said Parks Director Kevin Whittaker. Registration is open now through November 29 at 5:15 pm. For more information on how you can participate in the parade contact the Parks Department at 615-672-4350 ext. 2114. For information on other activities at the Main Street Christmas Celebration contact the White House Area Chamber of Commerce at 615-672-3937.



## PAST CHRISTMAS PARADES





THE CITY OF WHITE HOUSE INVITES YOU TO A

**MAIN STREET**

**50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**CHRISTMAS**

**DECEMBER 4**

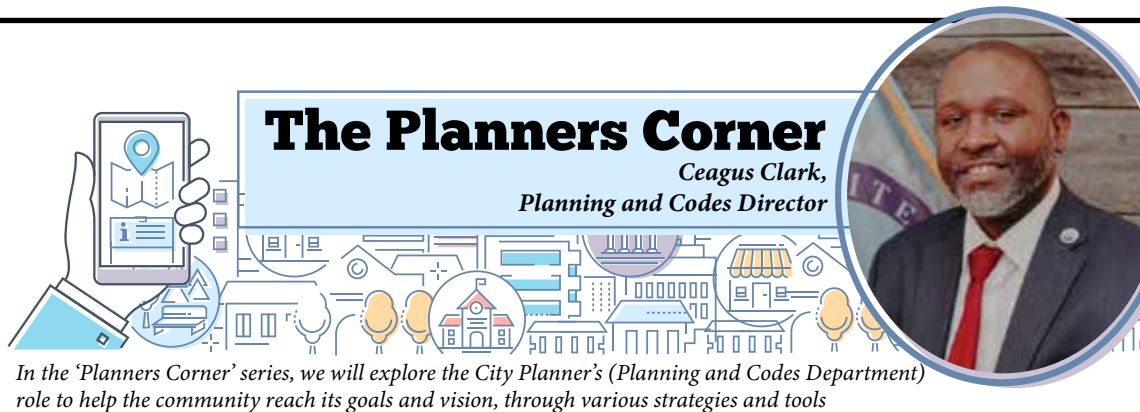
**CELEBRATION**

**LIVE MUSIC - TREE LIGHTING - FOOD**

SCHOOL CHOIRS - HOT COCOA & REFRESHMENTS  
ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY  
SPECIAL 50TH ANNIVERSARY TIME CAPSULE PRESENTATION

**FREE PICTURES WITH SANTA**

105 COLLEGE STREET | WHITE HOUSE



In the 'Planners Corner' series, we will explore the City Planner's (Planning and Codes Department) role to help the community reach its goals and vision, through various strategies and tools

## PLANNING AND CODES- Who are we and how do we serve the citizens of White House?

The Planning and Codes Department works to ensure that the public's safety, health, and general welfare are addressed and maintained through the adoption of enforcement of local ordinances and nationally accepted

building codes. The Department of Planning and Codes serves as the information center for planning, zoning, plan reviews, building permits, property maintenance and short-term rental inspections.

**Planning-**The Planning division is responsible for land planning and site plan review. Focused on short and long-term objectives, this division relies heavily on the City's Comprehensive Plan, the Unified Development Ordinance (which includes zoning, density, sign, parking, landscaping and other regulations), Flood Hazard Prevention Ordinance, and other documents.

**Code Enforcement-**Code Enforcement addresses property maintenance and clean-up violations outlined in the White

*"Open, honest communication is the best foundation for any relationship, but remember that at the end of the day it's not what you say or what you do, but how you make people feel that matters the most."*

**Tony Hsieh**

House Municipal Code.

**Building Codes-**Currently, the City of White House uses the adopted 2012 ICC Building Codes for building, design and construction of structures.

- International Building Code

- International Plumbing Code
- International Mechanical Code
- International Fuel Gas Code
- International Residential Code
- International Fire Code
- International Property Maintenance Code

The City of White House requires building permits for all new construction, additions, and alterations. We also permit signs, sheds, pools, and decks. Please contact our office for setback regulations before the start of your next project. Building Permits may be applied for online at: <https://www.whitehousetn.gov/departments/planning-and-codes/building-permits-inspections>



## 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

### SCHEDULE OF FEES

#### Ground Burials

Sale of Lots \$750

Openings & Closings \$850

(\$650 if marker already exists)

Burial of Cremains \$300

Move Outside of Hillcrest \$500

Move within Hillcrest \$1,000

Monument Foundations Fee

25¢ per square inch

Scatter of Cremains \$25

#### Two Cremation Limit Columbarium

Sale of Lots \$750 (includes opening, closing and engraving for first interment)

\$150 for second interment and engraving, additional opening and closing \$150

Columbariums are 11.5"x11.5" spaces for up to two urns per niche

**Hillcrest Municipal  
Cemetery**

**WWW.WHITEHOUSSETN.GOV**

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

**HELP PETS HAVE A SAFE HALLOWEEN**

IF YOUR DOG SUFFERS INTENSE ANXIETY AT HALLOWEEN, TALK TO YOUR VET ABOUT A TRANQUILIZER FOR THE NIGHT.

KEEP CANDY AND CANDY WRAPPERS AWAY FROM YOUR DOG TO AVOID TUMMY TROUBLES. ALL CANDY CAN UPSET YOUR DOG'S STOMACH AND CHOCOLATE IS ESPECIALLY DANGEROUS.

If your dog is nervous about noises, consider crating your pet during the evening for his own peace of mind.

Consider placing your pet in a secluded, secure room with a door. Soft music and low lighting help calm pets. Be sure to give your dog his favorite toys or blanket. A new chew toy helps keep him happy and occupied during the Trick-Or-Treating.

Costumed kids might confuse & frighten pets. Keep them away from the door. You may even want to consider using a pet gate at the front door to prevent an unplanned escape.

**DO NOT PUT GLOW JEWELRY ON YOUR PET, INGESTION CAN CAUSE INTESTINAL BLOCKAGE.**

**HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS FOR PETS**

**Complements of the White House Police Department**





## WHPD Encourages the #9PMRoutine

In an effort to keep our community safe and combat issues before they arise, the City of White House Police Department will be promoting the #9pmRoutine. The 9PM routine is a nightly reminder to residents to remove valuables from their vehicles, lock their vehicle doors, lock the doors to their residences, turn on exterior lights and activate all alarms and security systems.

We will send out a nightly reminder on social media around 9pm to lock up. We ask residents to set a nightly reminder on their smartphones or other devices that will remind them to follow the 9PM routine.

You can help by sharing our posts with your friends, families, and neighborhood groups. We'd like to see how your family is following the #9pmRoutine, email your photos to [lscannell@whitehousetn.gov](mailto:lscannell@whitehousetn.gov), we may use them in future marketing for the #9PMRoutine.

Criminals look for easy targets. You can deter them by following the 9PMRoutine! Many thefts from vehicles, and to a lesser degree, stolen vehicles, occur as a result of vehicles being left unlocked. Criminals walk through neighborhoods trying vehicle door handles hoping to find an unlocked vehicle. The best way to prevent thefts from vehicles is to remove all of your valuables, lock your vehicle's doors, and take the keys to the vehicle inside your residence.

If you have any questions, comments, concerns, or additional advice about this routine please do not hesitate to contact the City of White House Police Department. (615) 672-4903.

## 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 to partner with the city.

To register, simply go to the city's purchasing website at :  
[www.whitehousetn.gov/purchasing](http://www.whitehousetn.gov/purchasing)

If you have any questions about the city's purchasing policies or have trouble registering your company, please contact Carol Sturm, Purchasing Coordinator at 615-72-4350, ext. 2130 or by email at [CSturm@whitehousetn.gov](mailto:CSturm@whitehousetn.gov)

# WHPD and WHITE HOUSE KROGER Participate in DEA's Nationwide Prescription "Drug Take-Back Day"



The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and its community partners will hold the fifth annual National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day at sites throughout the United States on October 23rd, 2021 (10AM-2PM local time). This will be an opportunity for the public to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs for safe disposal.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety

and public health issue. Prescription drugs are being misused and abused at alarming rates in the United States—more Americans currently abuse prescription drugs than the number of those using cocaine, hallucinogens, and heroin combined, according to the 2009 National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Many Americans are not aware that medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse.

Visit the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day website: <http://www.nationaltakebackday.com/>

## Got Drugs?



*The White House Police Department will have a "Take Back" station set up at the White House Kroger, 510 Hwy 76, on Saturday October 23rd, 2021 from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm.*

### These Prescription Medications Will Be Accepted:

- Prescribed narcotic drugs (Vicodin, Oxycontin, etc.)
- Prescription medications
- Over the counter medications
- Medication samples
- Pet medications
- Medicated ointments/ lotions
- Vitamins
- Inhalers
- EpiPens (unopened)

### These Prescription Drugs Will Not Be Accepted:

- Personal care items
- Hydrogen peroxide
- Aerosol cans
- EpiPens (used)
- Mercury products
- Iodine products
- Radioactives
- Business waste
- Empty containers or "sharps" (needles)
- Liquid medications/ cough syrups

For more information, contact  
Sgt. Eric Enck WHPD, 615-672-4903



Younger children should always walk with an adult.  
Older children should always walk in a group.

Use flashlights, glow sticks, or reflective tape to make it easier to be seen at night.

Do not go to any dark, unlit houses.

Do not go inside a stranger's house.

Cross at crosswalks and make eye contact with drivers before you cross.

Walk, don't run!

Pay attention when walking past driveways to make sure cars aren't pulling in or out.

Wear non-toxic make up instead of a mask, which may hinder sight. If you wear a mask, make sure it fits well.

Costumes and shoes should fit to avoid trips and falls.

Costume accessories such as swords shouldn't be sharp. They should be soft and flexible.

Do not eat any candy until an adult checks it.

Eat only factory wrapped candy and stay away from homemade treats or candy from another country.

Parents: keep an eye out and drive safe!

Complements of the  
White House Police Department



# Halloween Safety Tips

THE WHITE HOUSE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & CITY OF WHITE HOUSE  
PRESENT THE

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# Recycling and its disadvantages



Recycling in the U.S. is broken. In 1960, Americans generated 2.68 pounds of garbage per day; by 2017, it had grown to an average of 4.51 pounds. And while many Americans dutifully put items into their recycling bins, much of it does not actually end up being recycled.

Many recyclables become contaminated when items are placed in the wrong bin, or when a dirty food container gets into the recycling bin. Contamination can prevent large batches of material from being recycled. Other materials can't be processed in certain facilities.

For decades, China handled the recycling of almost half of the world's discarded materials, because its manufacturing sector was booming and needed these materials to feed it. In 2016, the U.S. exported 16 million tons of plastic, paper and metals to China. In actuality, 30 percent of these mixed recyclables were ultimately contaminated by non-recyclable material, were never recycled, and ended up polluting China's countryside and oceans.

In 2018, China's National Sword policy banned the import of most plastics and other materials that were not up to new, more stringent purity standards. The U.S. then sent its plastic waste to other countries, shipping 68,000 containers to Vietnam, Malaysia, and Thailand in 2018. When these countries later instituted bans on imported plastic waste, the U.S. diverted its waste to Cambodia, Bangladesh, Ghana, Laos, Ethiopia, Kenya and Senegal — countries with cheap labor and lax environmental rules.

Without the Chinese market for plastic — as well as for some types of cardboard, paper, and glass — the U.S. recycling industry was upended.

As a result, U.S. processing facilities and municipalities have either had to pay more to recycle or simply discard the waste. In 2017, Stamford, CT made \$95,000 by selling recyclables; in 2018, it had to pay \$700,000 to have

## UNDERSTANDING THE STORMWATER UTILITY FEE

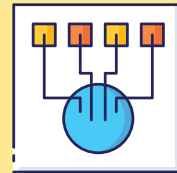


### REVENUE

Generate a stable source of revenue for watershed rehabilitation and stormwater improvement projects

### COMMUNITY

Create a flexible and sustainable rate structure to support community goals, improve quality of life and aesthetics.



### STRUCTURE

Create an organized entity to address problems regarding stormwater such as urbanization and aging infrastructure

### ENVIRONMENT

Address environmental issues such as erosion, flooding and preservation of source water.

Encourage green initiatives and climate change.



### REGULATION

Required under The Clean Water Act. Ensures compliance for regulatory authority mandates under the NPDES and MS4 program.

*A stormwater fee is often based on how much impervious surface contributes to stormwater runoff from a property. There are over 1600 stormwater utilities in the United States and Canada. Our goals include protecting our environment; reducing flooding to protect people and property; upgrading drainage systems; ditch maintenance; supporting healthy streams and rivers; and creating a more sustainable community. These services are funded by the Stormwater Utility Fee.*

them removed. Bakersfield, CA used to earn \$65 a ton from its recyclables; after 2018, it had to pay \$25 a ton to get rid of them. Franklin, NH had been able to sell its recyclables for \$6 a ton; now the transfer station charges \$125 a ton to recycle the material or \$68 a ton to incinerate it. White House, TN recycling program made a small profit in FY 14/15 \$2,473, as of FY 15/16 we made \$19.08 and starting in FY16/17 the city has lost money and has tried to absorb costs without increasing costs onto our residents. Last fiscal year the city spent 25,196.02 in recycling fees.

Municipalities that couldn't afford to pay more have cut back on their recycling programs. Over 70 ended curbside recycling, and many drop-off sites closed; some programs increased costs to residents while others limited what materials they would accept.

It's taken several decades, but the actions of hundreds of US cities suggest Americans are finally willing to entertain the idea that recycling is not a moral or legal imperative.

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**A Dinner to Celebrate  
the City of White House's  
50th Anniversary**  
*An Evening  
with the Arts*

On Saturday, September 18 over 100 people gathered at the White House Inn Museum to celebrate the City's 50th Anniversary of Incorporation at an Evening with the Arts dinner and auction. The celebration featured local artisans creating art on site that was later auctioned over desserts. Guests enjoyed a catered meal, beer, wine and coffee while strolling through the museum, watching the artisans and listening to the sounds of saxophone from Zach Sax Nashville. All proceeds from this dinner will go toward the Museum's sign campaign. For more photos from this historic evening visit [www.whitehousechamber.org](http://www.whitehousechamber.org)



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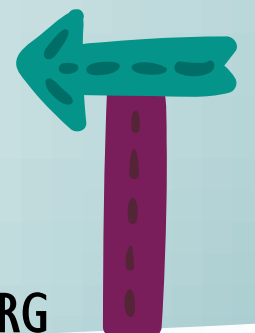
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