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# WORD ON WHITE HOUSE

A Publication of the City of White House

105 College Street • White House, Tennessee 37188



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## Celebrating 50 years one last time at Christmas on Main Street & Hometown Christmas Parade

The City's year-long celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Incorporation will culminate with the city's annual Christmas parade and tree lighting ceremony. The Christmas Parade with the theme "Hometown Christmas: Past, Present & Future" will feature the city's mayors over the past 50 years, and will even have a special 'Mayor for the Day' selected to flip the switch at the tree lighting ceremony. The parade will be held on Saturday, December 4 at 3:00 pm.

Immediately following the parade at the Library and City Hall complex, we will celebrate a Main Street Christmas presented by Tractor Supply Co. Choirs from HB Williams, Heritage Elementary, White House High School, Heritage High School, and Life Christian Academy will entertain

guests with festive Christmas music. The Library will be hosting their annual open house offering pictures with Santa, an ornament making station and a Letters to Santa station. The White House Dulcimer Players will entertain guests inside the library.

Outside in the roundabout, on the Honey Run Boutique stage, will be a time capsule ceremony, the reading of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas, the lighting of the Christmas tree, and more. There will be refreshment stations located throughout the festival area featuring hot cocoa from The Friends of the Library, cookies and milk from White House Utility District, and homemade kettle corn.

The celebration will conclude with a candlelight ceremony heralding in the Christmas season for the City of White House. Don't miss this historic event!



• CHRISTMAS PARADE BEGINS AT 3:00 PM  
• CHRISTMAS ON MAIN STREET FESTIVITIES IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PARADE

**City of White House  
Holiday Hours**

- Wednesday, December 22: closing at 11am
- Closed December 23 - December 27
- Closed December 30 - January 2
- Closed January 17 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day



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FROM YOUR CITY ADMINISTRATOR  
**Gerald O. Herman**



Greetings,

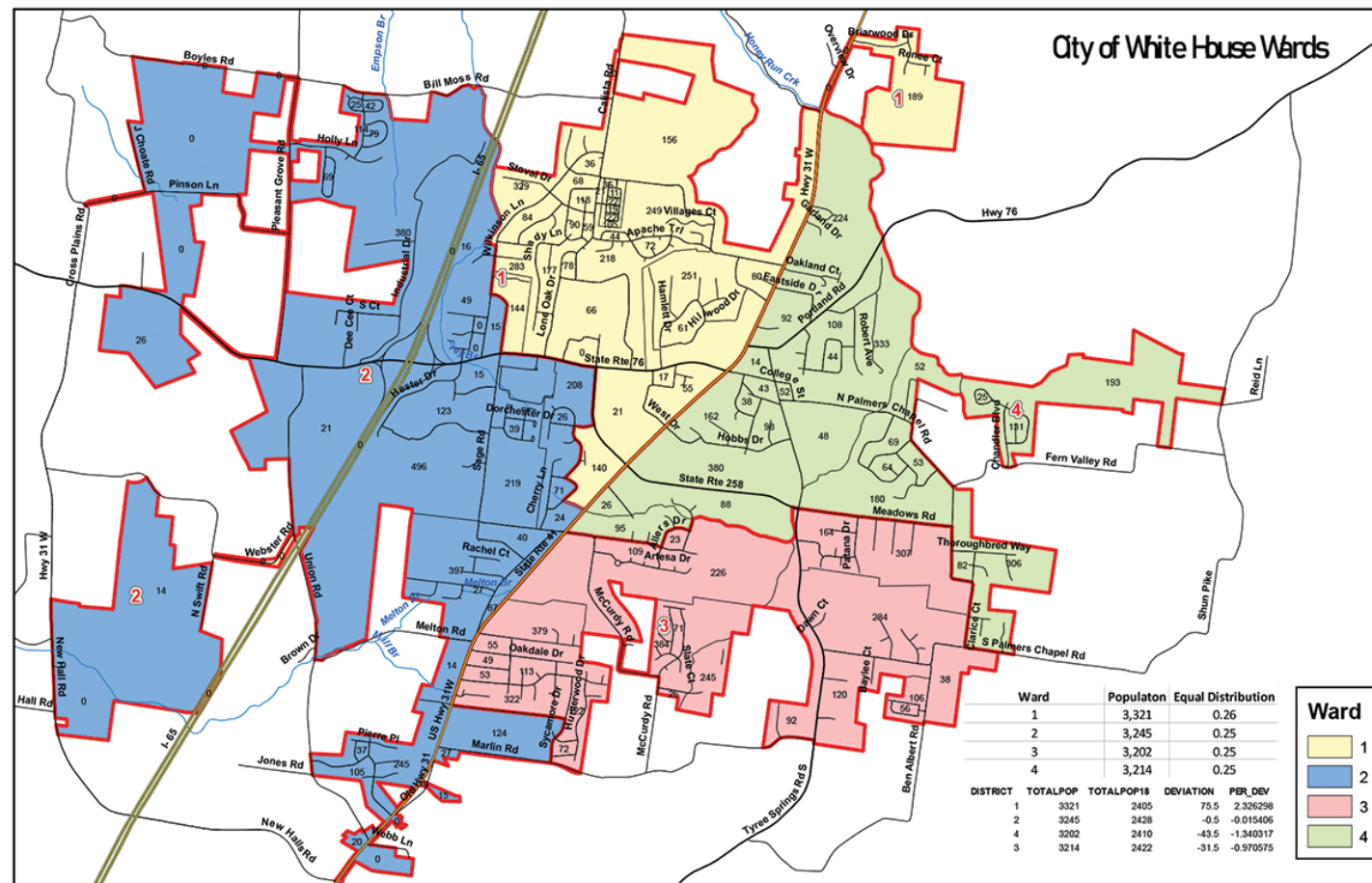
We are excited to report that COVID 19 cases and related deaths have taken a nose dive since the last Word on White House was published. Reports in both our Robertson County and Sumner County sides have been very good these past few weeks. It sure would be great to get this pandemic fully behind us in the next few months.

There has been a movement amongst cities across Tennessee to deactivate their Regional Planning Commission authority and only have authority within their city limits. The State of Tennessee Local Government Planning Advisory Committee has the authority to approve such requests. We had decided several months back to start the process of deactivation. With state law changes in regards to annexations, the fact that the counties exercise planning authority in their jurisdictions overriding our planning authority in our growth boundary areas, and that we have two members on the Planning Commission that live in the counties we had no reason to keep regional status for planning. On October 27th, we had a hearing with

the Local Government Planning Advisory Committee seeking deactivation. Two other cities were on their agenda seeking likewise. We all were approved with stipulations to obtain resolutions from our county Planning Commissions (a new requirement after we had submitted our package) stating that they would be responsible for planning in our growth boundary areas. We should have both Robertson and Sumner County resolutions approved by the end of this calendar year. We plan to keep our City Planning Commission at seven members. We will have two vacancies as a result of this change. Mayor Arnold has the responsibility to appoint replacements and is considering applications to fill vacancies from those that live within the city limits. Applications can be found at our website under boards if you are interested in serving.

As a result of the 2020 census, each jurisdiction, State, County, and Municipal in the United States has the responsibility to review their established districts and modify to shifting populations. We formed a redistricting committee that reviewed our census data and our four wards and recommended modifications. The wards were modified in such a way to keep an equal distribution of population in each of the four wards without giving any district electoral advantage. The Board of Mayor and Alderman has the authority to approve of the redistricting by ordinance. As of this writing the Board had approved the first reading, of two required, for passage. The approved redistricting map is sent to both county board of elections and to the State Comptroller for filing. We have included the new map with this newsletter. The ward changes will affect next November's elections for Alderman so please review the map.

We have had several new business ribbon cuttings in the past couple of months. We hope that you shop local with them. Your shopping keeps them in business and provides the City with sales taxes that we use for improving our parks and providing quality service to you. Please join us at our last 50th anniversary event of the year as we conclude with a Christmas Parade and festive activities at City Hall. Until next time may you be safe, happy, and healthy.



**WHITE HOUSE**  
★ TENNESSEE ★

*Celebrating*

**50**  
years  
1971  
2021

TRACTOR SUPPLY CO. PRESENTS

# Main Street Christmas Celebration

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING  
THE CHRISTMAS PARADE AT CITY HALL  
& WHITE HOUSE PUBLIC LIBRARY

**LIVE FROM THE**

**HONEY RUN BOUTIQUE  
& INK N SCREENS STAGE**

**BEGINNING AT 4:30 PM**



- Local School Choirs - HB Williams, White House High, Heritage High, Heritage Elementary & Life Christian Academy
- Time Capsule Ceremony
- Friends of the Library Presentation
- Time Capsule Ceremony
- Special Readings & More
- Lighting of the Christmas Tree
- Soloist & Candle Light Ceremony



## REFRESHMENTS

**COOKIES & MILK  
HOT COCOA  
KETTLE CORN**

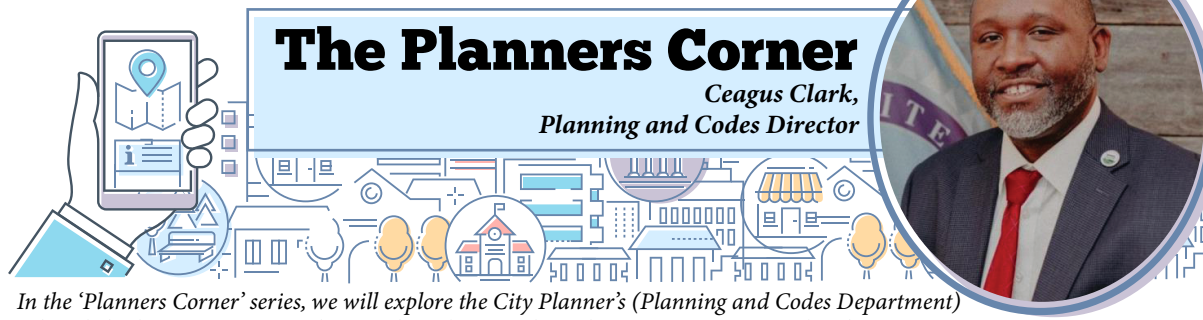


## White House Public Library Holiday Open House

**PICTURES WITH SANTA,  
LARRY THE CHAMELEON  
& MORE FUN ACTIVITIES**  
SEE PAGE 11 FOR FULL SCHEDULE



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OR [WWW.WHITEHOUSECHAMBER.ORG](http://WWW.WHITEHOUSECHAMBER.ORG)

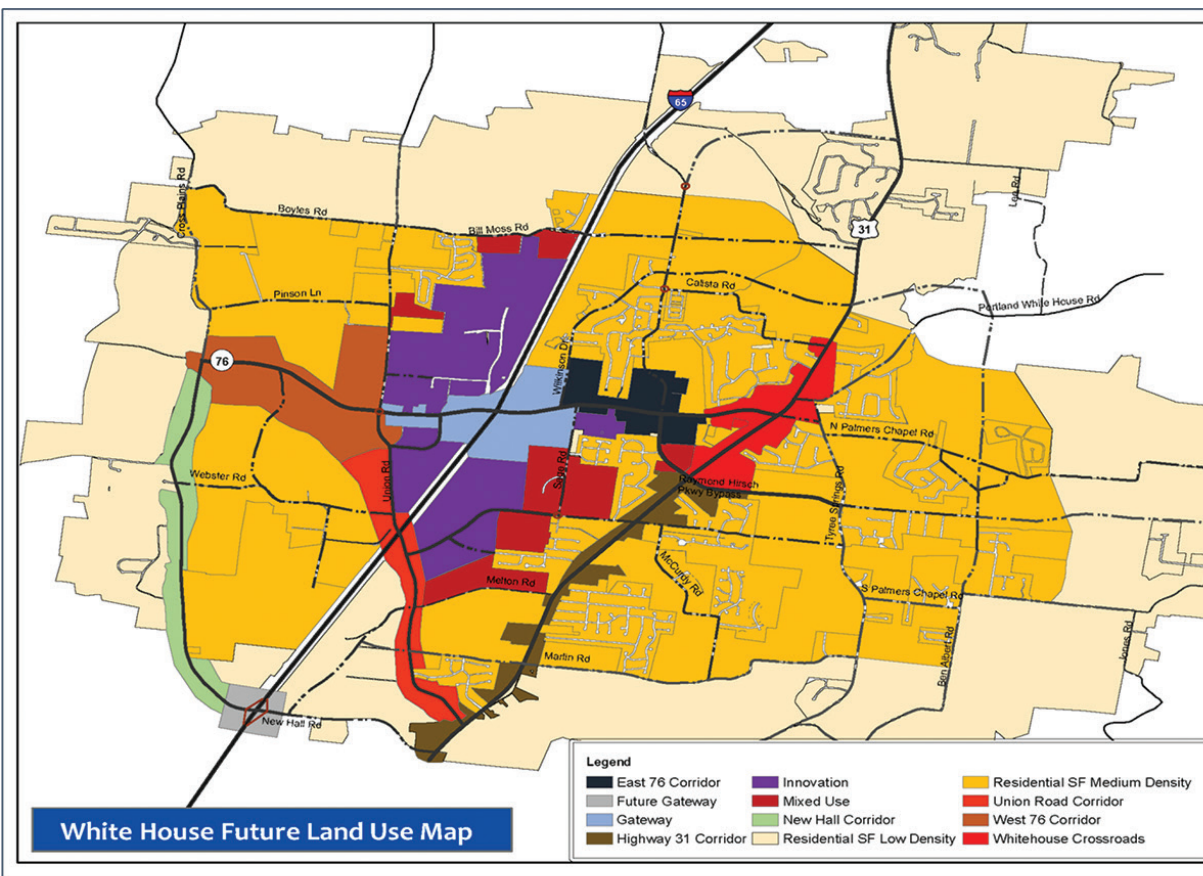


## The Planners Corner

Ceagus Clark,  
Planning and Codes Director

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 & CODES - Part 2: Who are we and how we serve the citizens?



In the previous edition of word on White House, I provided the goals and objectives of how the planning and codes department serves the City of White House.

In this edition of the planners corner I will focus on What, How and Why a Long-Range Planning is created.

City governments provide many important services, but one function stands apart in its impact on future generations; the authority to engage in community planning and zoning. Comprehensive plans (Long Range Plan) and zoning ordinances adopted and enforced by the city, affect the future layout and landscape of a city for many years to come. Whether

it is the development or preservation of open space, or the redevelopment and revival of existing properties, what a community will look like well into the future depends on decisions made today. The 2040 Long Range Plan is intended to be a policy guide for the City of White House to use in decision making for transportation and land use development that aims to leverage growth, development and investment to make the City a socially and economically vibrant community.

The Comprehensive Plan is intended to meet certain legal requirements set forth in the Tennessee Code Annotated (TCA) Title 13 Chapter 4 Part 2, which states that "it is the function and duty of the

planning commission to make and adopt an official general plan for the physical development of the municipality."

A comprehensive plan is an expression of the community's vision for the future and a strategic map to reach that vision. Comprehensive planning is an important tool for cities to guide future development of land to ensure a safe, pleasant, and economical environment for residential, commercial, industrial, and public activities. Planning can help:

- Preserve important natural resources, agricultural land, and other open lands
- Create the opportunity for residents to participate in guiding a community's future
- Identify issues, stay ahead of trends, and accommodate change
- Ensure that growth makes the community better, not just bigger
- Foster sustainable economic development
- Ensure more efficient and cost-effective infrastructure and public services
- Provide an opportunity to consider future implications of today's decisions
- Protect property rights and values
- Enable other public and private entities to plan their activities in harmony with the municipality's plans

The current White House 2040 Plan was approved in May 2019 by the Planning Commission. The planning process took twelve months and included analysis from citizen input and staff engagement.

One public meeting was held that provided an open platform for citizens and stakeholders to engage in the White House 2040 comprehensive planning process. The public meeting was held on April, 17, 2018. The meeting was an open-house and provided stations for stakeholders to engage with City Staff and the consultant team to discuss each Plan resulting from the White House Comprehensive Planning Process. Additional public meetings were held November 12, 2018, December 10, 2018, and January 14, 2019 to allow for additional review, comment, and feedback. In addition to the public meetings, a survey was distributed in order to solicit public feedback from a wide range of stakeholders.

This serves as one of many avenues in managing the growth of the city. For greater detail, please visit the City of White House website <https://www.whitehousetn.gov/Home/ShowDocument?id=44> or give me a call to discuss or set up a meeting (615-672-4350 ext 2120). When navigating the cities website, go to Departments, then Planning and Codes. From there, you will see a banner that houses the link to the Comprehensive Plan.

**Stay tuned to how code enforcement is intended to keep the city beautiful.**

*"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**

# PARKS & RECREATION

## GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

Girls' Volleyball ended on October 2nd. We had 45 participants among six teams. Trophies for everyone were given out and ribbons were awarded to the top team in the 3rd-5th Grade Bracket and 6th-8th Grade Bracket. First Place in the 3rd-5th Grade Division was Brian Wise's team in Blue, and first place in the 6th-8th Grade Division was Carrie Browning's team in Maroon.

## BIKE PARADE

We hosted the Annual Bike Parade at the Discover White House Expo and Safety Day on Saturday, October 2nd. We appreciate everyone that participated in the bike parade. The Park's Department gave out a medal to the best decorated bike. After the parade, children participated in the Obstacle Course hosted by the Police Department.



**SPRING GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL SIGNUPS WILL TAKE PLACE IN JANUARY!  
PRACTICES WILL BEGIN IN MARCH WITH GAMES IN APRIL & MAY.**



## TRAIL OF TREATS

Trail of Treats took place October 28th. The City of White House Parks Department stuffed 1,200 Ziploc bags with candy and were passed out Thursday evening at City Hall. We would like to say thank you to all of our vendors that participated in the event and a congratulations to White House Youth Baseball for winning our annual "Best Decorated Booth" award and taking home the trophy!





**MEN'S CHAMPION BASKETBALL TEAM**

## **YOUTH BASKETBALL**

We had another record turnout for Youth Basketball this year! We have 310 kids participating in our league this year with 40 teams ranging from 1st-8th Grade. Practices begin in November and the season will run through the month of March.

### **NOTICE REMINDER**

**2021 PROPERTY TAXES ARE DUE**  
**OCTOBER 1, 2021—TO—FEBRUARY 28, 2022**

**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**

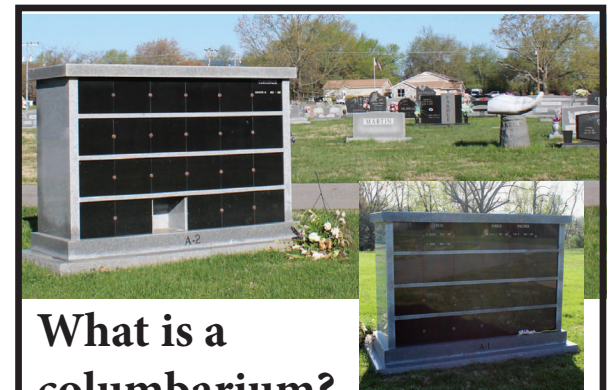
## **CHALLENGER BASEBALL**

Challenger Baseball signups will begin in January! Practices will begin in March and Games in April. We will be needing a coach and community sponsors to help with this program. If you are interested, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department.



## **CHRISTMAS PARADE**

The City of White House Christmas Parade will take place December 4th at 3PM. The theme this year is "A Hometown Christmas Parade: Past, Present & Future." The parade will start at the White House Municipal Park at 3 pm. A map of the route of the Parade will be posted on the City's Website and also on our Facebook page. Please contact the Park's Department to register to have a float in this year's parade!



## **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**

## **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)

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Crime stats continue to trend down



From the Desk of  
Chief Patrick Brady

We have received our final crime numbers from T.B.I for the year 2020, and we are pleased to report that our crime numbers continue to be extremely low. In fact, the number of car burglaries, home burglaries, robberies,

and juvenile arrests were all below our 5 and 10- year averages. Auto burglaries were the lowest they've been since 2002. These are all actual numbers, not per capita numbers.

The White House Police Department would like to thank the citizens of White House for the tremendous support that you continue to show the police department. The partnerships that exist between the police department and community have resulted in every citizen being able to enjoy an extremely safe city to live in and to raise their children. Whether it's at our soccer fields, our ball fields, or our greenway trails, citizens are able to enjoy all that White House has to offer without the fear of being a victim of crime.

As we move into the holiday season, we encourage everyone to remain vigilant, as statistics show criminal activity increases during the holiday season. **IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING.**

White House Police Department - NIBRS Agency Crime Overview - 2020					
2020 Population Estimate	12,936	Offenses (*)		Arrests (**)	
		Reported	Cleared	Adult	Juvenile
<b>Offense Overview</b>					
Offense Total	813				
Number Cleared	515				
Percent Cleared	63.35%				
Group A Crimes per 100,000 population	6,284.8				
<b>Arrest Overview</b>					
Total Arrests	493				
Adult Arrests	462				
Juvenile Arrests	31				
Unknown Age	0				
Arrests per 100,000 population	3,811.1				
Average number offenses/incident	1.35				
<b>Domestic Violence Victims</b>					
<b>Offense</b>	<b>Reported</b>	<b>Cleared</b>			
Murder	0	0			
Aggravated Assault	7	6			
Simple Assault	44	36			
Intimidation	20	3			
Stalking	0	0			
Forcible Rape	3	0			
Forcible Sodomy	0	0			
Sexual Assault W/Object	0	0			
Forcible Fondling	3	0			
Incest	0	0			
Statutory Rape	0	0			
Kidnapping/Abduction	0	0			
Commercial Sex Acts	0	0			
Involuntary Servitude	0	0			
<b>Total</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>45</b>			
<b>Group B Arrests</b>					
<b>Offense</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>Juvenile</b>			
Bad Checks	0	0			
Curfew/Vagrancy	0	0			
Disorderly Conduct	0	0			
DUI	42	0			
Drunkness	20	0			
Family-Non Violent	0	1			
Liquor Law Violations	2	0			
Peeping Tom	0	0			
Trespass	4	0			
All Other Offenses	25	8			
<b>Total Group B</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>9</b>			
<b>Group A Offenses</b>					
<b>Crimes Against Persons</b>					
Murder	0	0			
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0			
Negligent Vehicular Manslaughter	0	0			
Kidnapping/Abduction	1	1			
Forcible Rape	5	0			
Forcible Sodomy	0	0			
Sexual Assault W/Object	0	0			
Forcible Fondling	4	0			
Incest	0	0			
Statutory Rape	1	0			
Aggravated Assault	19	11			
Simple Assault	63	40			
Intimidation	41	3			
Stalking	0	0			
Commercial Sex Acts	0	0			
Involuntary Servitude	0	0			
<b>Crimes Against Property</b>					
Arson	2	0			
Bribery	0	0			
Burglary	15	4			
Counterfeiting/Forgery	7	0			
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism	54	6			
Embezzlement	2	2			
Extortion/Blackmail	0	0			
Fraud - False Pretenses	17	2			
Fraud - Credit Card/ATM	7	0			
Fraud - Impersonation	14	8			
Fraud - Welfare	0	0			
Fraud - Wire	0	0			
Fraud - Identity Theft	6	0			
Fraud - Computer Hacking/Invasion	0	0			
Robbery	2	0			
Theft - Pocket-picking	0	0			
Theft - Purse Snatching	0	0			
Theft - Shoplifting	36	23			
Theft From Building	32	5			
Theft From Coin Machine	0	0			
Theft From Motor Vehicle	15	0			
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	2	0			
Theft - All Other Larceny	29	1			
Motor Vehicle Theft	13	3			
Stolen Property Offenses	4	4			
<b>Crimes Against Society</b>					
Animal Cruelty	0	0			
Drug/Narcotic Violations	225	212			
Drug/Narcotic Equipment Violations	190	184			
Gambling - Betting/Wagering	0	0			
Gambling - Operating/Promoting	0	0			
Gambling - Equipment Violations	0	0			
Gambling - Sports Tampering	0	0			
Pornography/Obscene Material	1	0			
Prostitution	0	0			
Prostitution Assisting/Promoting	0	0			
Purchasing Prostitution	0	0			
Weapon Law Violations	6	6			
<b>Total Group A Offenses</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>515</b>			
<b>Total Adult Arrests</b>			<b>369</b>		
<b>Total Juvenile Arrests</b>				<b>22</b>	

(\*) Offenses are counted using the FBI Units of Count for Crime

(\*\*) The 'Arrests' column shows arrests made for incidents during the selected period, regardless of arrest date. Arrest counts for the same period may change over time.

This report is valid as of June 22, 2021 and is subject to change



## Registration now open for 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. The classes are open to citizens 18 years of age and older and will meet at the White House Police Department. Class size is limited to 25 participants.

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 fundamentals of police operations and community 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 the next Citizen's Academy and would like an application, they are available for pick-up at the White House Police Department or for an online application visit [www.whitehousetn.gov](http://www.whitehousetn.gov) and search 'Citizen Police Academy Application.' For more information on this program, please contact Sgt. Eric M Enck.

### **COURSE CURRICULUM INCLUDES**

- CRIMINAL LAW
- CRIME PREVENTION
- RECRUITMENT/TRAINING
- PATROL PROCEDURES
- DUI ENFORCEMENT
- K-9/NARCOTICS INTERDICTION
- EMERGENCY RESPONSE
- COMMUNICATIONS
- NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH
- MEDIA/PUBLIC RELATIONS
- FIREARMS
- CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS
- CRIME SCENE PROCESSING
- COMMUNITY RELATIONS
- SPECIAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS
- YOUTH SAFETY PROGRAMS
- D.U.I. ENFORCEMENT
- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/ PREPAREDNESS

## It's the Season for Shop with a Cop/Firefighter



Every year the White House Police Department and the White House Fire Department assist local children through the "Shop with a Cop and Firefighter" program. This program sponsors children from disadvantaged families to provide Christmas gifts for the children. The children are partnered with a Police Officer or a Firefighter and allowed to shop at Wal-Mart for Christmas presents for themselves and family members. For many of the children this event will be the only Christmas gifts they receive.

Of course, if a business or individual is interest in being part of sponsoring future fundraisers or providing donations for the yearly program to assist in continuing this program, donations can be made at the Farmers Bank located on Hwy 76 and Hwy 31W. The donation will need to be given to the White House Rotary Club with specifications that the donation is for the Shop with a Cop and Firefighter program. If there are any questions, contact can be made with Detective Sergeant Daniel Hunter.

The White House Rotary Club along with the White House Police Department want to continue to thank everyone and every business who assist and donate to this program each and every year.



# FIRE DEPARTMENT



## Collect the complete set of official City of White House Firefighter Trading Cards

If you haven't begun your collection of trading cards for the City of White House Fire Department now is the perfect time. Commemorative trading cards were recently created for the department as part of their mission to provide education on fire prevention.

The firefighters would love to welcome you to tour their facility and learn more about fire prevention and fire safety that you can implement in your home. The holiday season presents even more opportunities for unfortunate accidents and our Department wants to make sure our residents are aware of the dangers and stay safe during the holidays and all year through. If you'd like to call to schedule a tour for your group we are happy to host your group.

Put a **FREEZE** on Winter Holiday Fires

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.

 <p><b>Half</b> of the home decoration fires in December are started by candles.</p>	 <p><b>More than 1/3</b> of home decoration fires are started by candles.</p>	 <p><b>Christmas</b> is the peak day for candle fires.</p>
 <p>Keep candles at least <b>12 inches</b> away from anything that burns.</p>	 <p>A dry Christmas tree can burn very hot and very fast.</p>	 <p><b>More than 1 in every 5</b> Christmas tree fires were caused by a heat source too close to the tree.</p>
 <p>Read manufacturer's instructions for the number of light strands to connect.</p>	 <p>Make sure your tree is <b>at least 3 feet away</b> from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles or heat vents. Also, make sure your tree does not block exits.</p>	 <p>Get rid of your tree after Christmas or when it is dry.</p>



For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit [usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/holiday.html](https://usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/holiday.html) and [nfpa.org/winter](https://nfpa.org/winter).

# Yeti, Set, Read!

## Winter Reading Program

November 1st through December 11th



- Reading Challenge with Prizes
- Grab & Go Kits
- Face-to-Face Activities



Sign up for the program from  
November 1st through  
December 4th.

The library will be holding a special Winter Reading Challenge called Yeti, Set, Read! This challenge is for kids and teens. It will run through November and December. Sign-ups begin in November and the last day to turn in your reading log to win prizes will be December 9th. There will also be special activities, grab and go kits, and cool prizes. For more information, stop by the library or call us at 615-672-0239.

### ADULT PROGRAMS

1st Thursday: Stitch Club 4:00pm  
2nd Thursday: Mystery Readers 3:00pm  
3rd Thursday: Quilting Club 4:00pm

### CHILDREN PROGRAMS

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

### 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

*\*All programs are being held face-to-face but that is subject to change to grab and go kits and virtual only should the need arise. Check the library website for up-to-date program info.*

## SIGN-UP TO RECEIVE TEXT 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.

## ITEM HIGHLIGHT: HOTSPOT



Are you traveling for the holidays?

Do you need free Wi-Fi access while on your trip?

Then stop by the library to check-out a mobile Hotspot. This device will give you free Internet access for all your mobile devices. Just know these are popular items and can check out fast.

## NO PROGRAMS THE WEEK OF CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS



The library will be closed on the following days:

- Wednesday, December 22: closing at 11am
- December 23 through December 27: closed
- December 30 through January 2: closed
- January 17: Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

# 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.

**These items are acceptable:**



Magazines  
Revistas



Office Paper  
Papel de oficina



Brown Paper Bags  
Bolsas de papel



Newspapers  
Periódicos



Tin or Steel Cans  
Latas de hojalata y acero



Aluminum Cans  
Latas de aluminio



Paperboard  
Cartón



Junk Mail  
Correo no deseado



Phone Books  
Directorios



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**DO NOT BAG RECYCLABLES -  
LEAVE LOOSE IN BLUE CAN**



Cardboard  
Cajas de cartón



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

## White House Public Library Holiday Open House

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4  
4 PM TO 6 PM**

**PICTURES WITH SANTA**  
*in the Teen Room*

**DULCIMER PLAYERS**

**KIDS CRAFTS**  
*in the Story Time Room*

**LETTERS TO SANTA**

**PLUS FREE REFRESHMENTS & THE MAIN STREET CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**  
*located in the Round-A-Bout*

**SPECIAL ACTIVITIES**

4:00 - 4:10pm  
Larry the chameleon's Christmas dinner viewing in the Story Time Room

4:30 - 4:40pm & 5:00 - 5:20pm  
Ukulele players performance in the Story Time Room

## Did you Know?

1 inch of rain on an acre of land is equivalent to 27,154 gallons of water.

The frequency and intensity of rain events has increased by 20%

Floods are the most common natural hazard in the U.S.

There are five different types of flooding. The most common in White House are urban and riverine.

Floodplains provide roughly 25% of all land-based ecosystem service benefits, but are only 2% of the Earth's surface.



## Chamber Sneak Attack Award Presentations Make A Difference Awards

If the last few years have taught us anything, it is to be grateful to our community and the people who make it so special. The Chamber usually hands out awards each year but this year we wanted to recognize more people because let's face it, more people have shown how truly amazing they are and how committed they are to our community, their workplace and beyond. Saturday, October 23, 2021 was National You Make A Difference Day, so we took this opportunity to celebrate and recognize some individuals in our community who are truly making a difference. We gathered some assistance and presented the awards with a surprise attack at each recipient's workplace. These awards will become an annual recognitions so begin thinking now about who you believe is a worthy candidate for next year's Make A Difference Awards.



**Gina Burrow (center)** works in the guidance office at White House High School. With staffing issues, class disruptions and illnesses within families and students, she has stepped up to serve the students and faculty at the school in a variety of ways. Gina serves with her whole heart and all around her see her dedication.



**Lavonne Clifford** with NP Clinic has gone above and beyond in service to her patients and community through the pandemic. She and her staff have worked long hours, met patients after hours and on weekends and even made home visits to care for her patients.



**Isaiah Manfredi** with the City of White House Public Services Department has been an invaluable asset to the Chamber helping with events and supplies in addition to serving the citizens of White House while our community sees major spikes in growth and development.



**Assistant Polic Chief Jim Ring** truly leads with a servant's heart and most recently has lead the effort to bring a National Day of Prayer service to the community of White House and also Cross Plains. Jim has vowed that our City will always honor this day.



**Becky Jenkins** serves as the Children's Director at Temple Baptist Church and in doing this job also serves our entire community with family friendly events. She's had to work creatively to serve and meet the needs of her congregation and the community. She's also a dedicated volunteer with several of our local organizations and gives special attention to the WHHS Tennis team.

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*This Holiday Season*

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White House Area  
Chamber of Commerce

