

Alderman Farris Bibb Jr. sworn in as White House City Mayor



On Monday, January 24th, 2022, Vice Mayor Farris Bibb Jr. was sworn in as Mayor to take over responsibilities for Mayor Michael Arnold, whose resignation went into effect January 20th, 2022. Pictured to the left is Farris Bibb Jr. ,with his wife Connie Bibb ,as he takes the oath given by Municipal Court Judge Joe Zanger to become Mayor of the City of White House.

Mr. Bibb Jr. was first elected to the council in 1991 and has been serving the City of White House ever since. Bibb Jr. will serve the remainder of Arnold's term as Mayor.

Mr. Arnold served 17 years to the White House community (6 years as an Alderman and 11 years as Mayor). Arnold announced his intent to resign in late December. He expressed that he would like to be able to spend time with his family now, but it was an honor of a lifetime to him to be able to serve the citizens of White House, Tennessee.





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WORD ON WHITE HOUSE

February 2022/March 2022



Greetings,

Happy New Year to all of you! Although

we can find many blessings to be thankful for calendar year 2021 so many of us are ready to move on to hopefully a better 2022. The omicron variant

of COVID 19 has spread rapidly peaking this month but the good news it has not been as fatal or life threatening as the preceding variants. This could be a good sign that we are nearing the end of a pandemic and just dealing with an endemic.

This month, Mayor Arnold has chosen to retire. He has served the City since 2005. He started as an

Alderman and began his first term as Mayor in January of 2011. He had a

Newly Sworn In Mayor Farris Bibb, Jr.

strong business background working mainly in residential community development. During his tenure, the City doubled in population. His love of the City, the volunteers he selected for the many city boards and commissions that helped shape the vision of the city, his leadership role in helping to steer through many challenges, and the many quality of life projects completed will be remembered for many years. We wish

him and Carol the best in their retirement.

According to the City Charter when the seat of Mayor is vacated the Vice-Mayor shall serve as Mayor until the next regular municipal election. Alderman Farris Bibb Jr., who has been Vice-Mayor for many years will, effective January 21, 2022, serve as our Mayor. The next regular municipal election will be in November. The Mayor and two Alderman positions will be on the ballot in November with their term of offices to begin at the first regular board meeting in January 2023.

We have several projects happening around the City to help us with the growth that is occurring.



Our most expensive project is building a major \$21 million expansion at our sewer treatment plant. This expansion will allow us to treat nearly double the amount of sewage of what our current maximum capacity allows. It will also release a cleaner effluent into the environment. We are about to begin the first phase of a multi-phase of an additional southern force main collection line. This new main will run nearly parallel to the at capacity southern force main. This new line will allow us to capture nearly half of the city sewage collection and connect it to the treatment plant. We have received from the American Recovery Fund nearly \$2 million to help us start this project.

In the center of town, we are installing a 16 inch water line from the water tower to the center of town. As the town center fills in with dense residential and commercial development additional water flow was need-

ed. This \$2 million project should be completed by early summer.

Sage and McCurdy roads are in the process of having new right turn lanes installed at the intersection of U.S. 31W. The cost of this project is near a half million. These new lanes will enhance the flow of traffic. This intersection will continue to see increased traffic flow as new residential and commercial growth occurs in that section of town.

Lastly, we are excited to see the new Community Center nearing completion. We hope to have it operational by mid to late March. Plans for demolition of the current center along with design plans for the new Recreation Center are nearly complete. We plan to have a special day "If these walls could talk" inviting all of you to take one last walk through the halls of our current building before demolition. You will hear more on that in the near future. In the meantime, may you be safe, happy, and healthy.



ALL AGES

Due to the success with our first ever stick by number art project, the library will be putting one up every 2 to 3 months. These will consist of a poster with letters. Each letter corresponds with a color. You put a colored sticker on the letter that corresponds with it. When it is filled,

we will have a completed poster. Everyone is welcome to help complete these posters.

ADULT PROGRAMS

1st Tuesday: Brush Pen Lettering at 1:00pm

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

3rd Thursday: Stitch Club at 4:00pm 4th Thursday: Bookworms book

club at 10am

4th Thursday: Craft club at 4:00pm

CHILDREN PROGRAMS

Story Time: Tuesdays 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.

Crafternoons: Kids ages 5-8 join us on Mondays at 4:00pm for crafts, Legos and sometimes a movie showing.

TWEEN ఈ TEEN PROGRAMS

are held every Tuesday at 4:30pm. These events are for those ages 9-17. Below is the schedule for each Tuesday: 1st Tuesday: Creative Writing 2nd and 4th Tuesday: Sewing class 3rd Tuesday: Drawing club

Want to be a part of planning tween/teen programs? Then join our teen adversary board. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 4:00pm.

*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.

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON FEBRUARY 21ST FOR PRESIDENT'S DAY





1ST & 3RD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

The Friends of the Library will meet on Tuesday, February 1st at 5:30pm at the White House Public Library, located at 105B College St.

The White House Library Board will meet on March 10th at 7:00pm at City Hall, located at 105 College St.,

Did you know that the White House Library was a recipient of the Governor's Early Literacy Foundation Story Book Grant?



What this means is that the library will be installing a story book trail on the city green way starting at the trailhead by Sonics. The trail will consist of 17 panels. Each panel will have one page of the book Red House Tree House Little Bitty Brown Mouse by Jane Godwin. As individuals walk the trail, they will be able to read the entire book. The panels should be installed and opened to the public in May of 2022.

SIGN-UP TO RECEIVE TEXT NOTIFICATIONS ABOUT LIBRARY_PROGRAMS



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.yousee-more.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.



The library would like to thank everyone who came to celebrate the city's 50 anniversary Christmas celebration. The event was a lot of fun with activities, entertainment and refreshments.



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PLEASE JOIN US FOR OFFEE VIII A COP FEBRUARY 24 • 7:30 AM TO 8:30 AM

Join us for casual conversation with local law enforcement officers over a free cup of drip coffee courtesy of Deja Moo Creamery. Breakfast and gourmet coffee will be available for purchase.

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SENIOR CENTER Welcome to the White House Senior Citizen Center located in the White House Municipal Building.





A hot lunch is served in the cafeteria every Wednesday. This is a great time to fellowship with other seniors. The cost of the meal for a senior is \$2.50 (eat in), \$3.00 (take out), \$5.50 (eat in) for non-seniors, and \$6.00 (take out) 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.

Enjoy Bingo after lunch the first and third Wednesday of every month. Bring a \$3.00 gift to participant in a single line Bingo. We clear the cards and everyone can participant in cover-all for a gift.

The first Monday of every month we celebrate all birthdays in that month with a potluck meal. The center is always open for card games; Hand & Foot, Shanghai & Farmers Rummy, and Canasta. A game of pool, dominos and board games is also available. Our center always has a puzzle in process and our book shelves are stocked with books to borrow. We schedule lunches at local restaurants, craft day, bunco, movie at the center, Bible Study, and bowling at Strike N Spare in Hendersonville monthly.

Caris Healthcare is sponsoring a Vet to Vet Café in March. Veterans join us for coffee and donuts and fellowship with other veterans. Check our calendar for a date and time.

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!!!

























Senior Center classes for the Young at Heart!

Introducing Fittercise, our 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!

They include Strength Training on Mondays; Fittercise on Tuesday and Thursday; Chair Yoga on Wednesday! These activities are in the gym.

Classes are taught by certified instructor, Ann Manly. All students are encouraged to go at their own pace and modifications are offered. A special thanks to Ann Manly who donates her time!

EXERCISE CLASSES Monday through Thursday at 9:30 am

WALKING The gym is available Monday-Thursday 7:15 am -10 am for walking

> <u>NOTICE REMINDER</u> <u>2021 PROPERTY TAXES ARE DUE</u> <u>OCTOBER 1, 2021—TO—FEBRUARY 28, 2022</u>

EFFECTIVE AS OF MARCH 1ST <u>PENALTIES ARE DUE</u> <u>ON OUTSTANDING TAXES</u> <u>PENALTIES ACCRUE AT 1.5% MONTHLY</u>

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

YOU CAN CHECK ONLINE AT www.whitehousetn.gov – I WANT TO SEARCH PROPERTY TAX A special thanks to the Hope Center in White House for organizing an Angel

Check our calendar for activities in February (Valentines) & March (St. Patrick's Day)

Tree for seniors.



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, places call the Parks and

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

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

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Understanding Easements

In Tennessee, easement rights are a fairly frequent source of conflict and disagreement. What is an easement and/or right of way? Your right to own land doesn't preclude others from also having a type of right over your land as well. Easements and Right of Ways are property rights, in fact, that can grant others a right of use over your property. Easements describe general property rights by others over your land while a right of way describes a specific property right.

Public easements are put in place for the benefit of the general public. Utility easements are included in this classification, although it also includes items such as sidewalks, sewer infrastructure, stormwater conveyances, and roadways. Utility/Municipality

Right-of-way

Dominant

parcel A

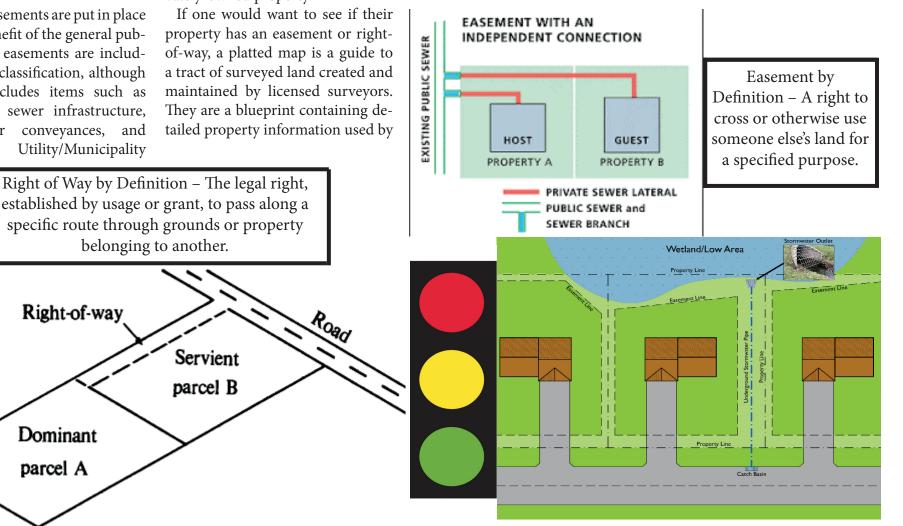
establishments will use properties a variety of interested parties. to connect sewer lines, water lines, power lines, general maintenance of public property, and any other service that benefits the general public.

One of the most common versions of this concept is known as utility easements. The power lines that connect our houses and the pipes that run our stormwater & water/wastewater to public facilities need to run above and beneath our homes in order to complete their intended tasks. This can lead to city workers performing work on privately-owned property.

If one would want to see if their property has an easement or rightof-way, a platted map is a guide to a tract of surveyed land created and maintained by licensed surveyors. They are a blueprint containing detailed property information used by

- Plat maps are supposed to provide an accurate description of a section of land, people, access ways, and things on the tract.
- They are meant to prevent tres-• pass of private property by unauthorized persons.
- They ensure land for public use remains public.
- Plats ensure lots comply with • zoning rules and restrictions.
- A plat map ensures all property • owners have access to utilities.

In conclusion, Easements are nonpossessory interests in real property. More simply, an easement is the right to use another's property for a specific purpose, such as, utility maintenance and repair. Rights-of-way are easements that specifically grant the holder the right to travel over another's property. Therefore, all rights-of-way are easements, but not all easements are rights-ofway.



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Frozen pipes can be a common occurrence as our temperatures drop below freezing and taking the proper precautions to protect your home when temperatures drop below the freezing mark is critical to prevent bursting and leaking pipes that can cause thousands of dollars in repairs. Things homeowners can do to help prevent these costly repairs are as follows:

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- Unhook any outdoor water hoses to your faucets.
- Wrap outdoor pipes and faucets with insulating material and secure as needed.

 Check hardware stores for insulation products that fit over outside water faucets.

• Open doors under your sinks to provide warm air circulation to pipes along exterior walls.

• Circulate the water in your home by dripping at least one sink.

• Keep the thermostat set to 55 degrees or warmer in your home.

• If a leak is detected inside the home, shut off the water to the house immediately to prevent further damage, and contact a plumber.

• Document any leaks and repairs and keep receipts of all expenses.

• Get with your insurance agent to make sure you know exactly what is covered because policies can have different levels of coverage for water damage.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT



WINTER DRIVING TIPS:

Severe weather can be both frightening and dangerous for travelers. Winter storms, bad weather and sloppy road conditions are a factor in nearly half a million crashes and more than 2,000 road deaths every winter, according to research by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety The White House Police Department recommends the following tips while driving in snowy and icy conditions:

COLD WEATHER TIPS:

- Keep a bundle of cold-weather gear in your car, such as extra food and water, warm clothing, a flashlight, a glass scraper, blankets, medications, and more.
- Make certain your tires are properly inflated and have plenty of tread.
- Keep at least half a tank of fuel in your vehicle at all times.
- Never warm up a vehicle in an enclosed area, such as a garage.
- Do not use cruise control when driving on any slippery surface, such as on ice and snow.

TIPS FOR DRIVING IN THE SNOW:

Stay home. Only go out if necessary. Even if you can drive well in bad weather, it's better to avoid taking unnecessary risks by venturing out.

Drive slowly. Always adjust your

speed down to account for lower traction when driving on snow or ice.

Accelerate and decelerate slowly. Apply the gas slowly to regain traction and avoid skids. Don't try to get moving in a hurry and take time to slow down for a stoplight.

Remember: It takes longer to slow down on icy roads. Increase your following distance to five to six seconds. This increased margin of safety will provide the longer distance needed if you have to stop.

Know your brakes. Whether you have antilock brakes or not, keep the heel of your foot on the floor and use the ball of your foot to apply firm, steady pressure on the brake pedal.

Don't stop if you can avoid it. There's a big difference in the amount of inertia it takes to start moving from a full stop versus how much it takes to get moving while still rolling. If you can slow down enough to keep rolling until a traffic light changes, do it.

Don't power up hills. Applying extra gas on snow-covered roads will just make your wheels spin. Try to get a little inertia going before you reach the hill and let that inertia carry you to the top. As you reach the crest of the hill, reduce your speed and proceed downhill slowly.

Don't stop going up a hill. There's nothing worse than trying to get moving up a hill on an icy road. Get

some inertia going on a flat roadway before you take on the hill.

TIPS FOR LONG-DISTANCE WINTER TRIPS:

Be Prepared: Have your vehicle checked by an approved Auto Repair facility before hitting the road. Check the Weather: Check the weather along your route and when possible, delay your trip if bad weather is expected.

Stay Connected: Before hitting the road, notify others and let them know your route, destination, and estimated time of arrival.

IF YOU GET STUCK IN THE SNOW:

Stay with your vehicle: Your vehicle provides temporary shelter and makes it easier for rescuers to locate you. Do not try to walk in a severe storm. It is easy to lose sight of your vehicle in blowing snow and become lost.

Don't over-exert yourself: When digging out your vehicle, listen to your body and stop if you become tired.

Be Visible: Tie a brightly colored cloth to the antenna of your vehicle or place a cloth at the top of a rolled-up window to signal distress. At night, keep the dome light on if possible. It only uses a small amount of electricity and will make it easier for rescuers to find you.

Clear the Exhaust Pipe: Make sure the exhaust pipe is not clogged with snow, ice, or mud. A blocked exhaust pipe can cause deadly carbon monoxide gas to leak into the passenger compartment of the vehicle while the engine is running.

Stay Warm: Use whatever is available to insulate your body from the cold. This could include floor mats, newspapers, or paper maps. Prepack blankets and heavy clothing to use in case of an emergency.

Conserve Fuel: If possible, only run the engine and heater long enough to remove the chill. This will help to conserve fuel.



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BEEP! BEEP!

Hit your clicker and lock your doors, but first remove all the valuables from your car. Make sure you lock all of your exterior doors and turn on a porch light too. Stay safe White House, adopt the #9PMRoutine for your household

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 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

SEAT BELTS SAVE LIVES

Be careful when driving because your family needs you

PARKS AND RECREATION

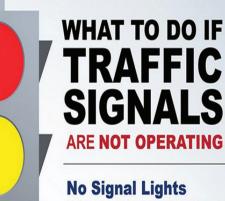
Little League Challenger Baseball

Registration Ends: February 20th. There is no fee for signing up!

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

Practices will begin in March and Saturday games will begin in April. Uniforms are included. If anyone is interested in coaching or becoming a business sponsor, please contact the Parks Department!





No Signal Lights Lights should be treated as a four way stop

Flashing Red Lights should be treated as a stop sign

Flashing Yellow Drivers should proceed with caution only when traffic permits

GIRLS SPRING VOLLEYBALL

For girls in grades 3rd-8th

Individual Sign-Ups Registration Fee: \$65 for City Residents \$77 for Out-of-City Residents *Registration ends: February 20th*

Practices begin in March and games start in April. All Games played at White House Civic Center



Upcoming Programs

Keep checking out our website for more details on all of our leagues, events and more at:

https://www.whitehousetn.gov/departments/parks-and-recreatio or https://whparks.recdesk.com/Community/Home

MEN'S OPEN LEAGUE SOFTBALL

Registration ends March 27th Fees will be \$625 per team. Free Agents are welcome! -- \$65 per person

Monday / Tuesday Doubleheaders 8-Team Limit - 14- Game Season/ Single-Elimination Postseason Tournament (All based on full league) – Yellow Balls Only



Mark Your Calendars! THERE'S A LOT GOING HAPPENING AROUND TOWN



Women of White House Night of Illusions Presented in partnership with Life Christian Academy February 7th @ 6 pm

🛯 Small Town

White House Area Chamber of Commerce Chairman's Celebration

THURSDAY, MARCH 31 • 6 PM

AT THE BARN AT SPRING LAKE FARMS





TAL PLUMLEE GOLF TOURNAMENT

AT THE LEGACY THURSDAY, APRIL 21

FOURSOMES CASHPRIZES **HOLE IN ONE** LUNCH & GOODIES

