

October 2022-November 2022

WORD ON WHITE HOUSE

A Publication of the City of White House

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It is election season in the City of White House!

Election day is on Tuesday, November 8th, 2022 nationwide! Positions up for election this year are Governor, U.S. House of Representatives, Tennessee State (odd-numbered districts), Tennessee House of Representatives, City Mayor, City Alderman Ward 1, and City Alderman Ward 2.

The qualifying deadline for candidates running for office was on Thursday, August 18th. Mr. Sam Matthews and Mr. Will Green are two candidates that qualified for Ward 1 Alderman. Ms. Jana Singer Spicer is running unopposed for the Ward 2 Alderman position. The two qualified candidates running for Mayor is Mr. John Corbitt

and Mr. Clif Hutson. To find specific Ward information, please visit www.WhiteHouseTN.gov/Wards.

The White House Area Chamber of Commerce will be conducting a Mayoral Forum and Candidate Reception on October 18th at 6:00pm so citizens of White House can learn more about all the candidates. You can find more information about this event on Page 9 of this publication.

Voters will need to be registered by October 11th to partake in the elections on November 8th. To register to vote, please visit www.GoVoteTN.gov. Early voting takes place from Wednesday, October 19th through Thursday, November 3rd.

Sumner County Election

Commission will be in the White House gymnasium at 105 College Street on October 24th and 25th for early voting. If voters cannot make this date, please call 615-452-1456 to find all early voting locations.

Robertson County residents can early vote at the Robertson County Election Office located at 513 South Brown Street, Room 137, Springfield, TN. To find out more information about elections in Robertson County, please call 615-384-5592.

Remember, Election Day is November 8th and voters need to go to their designated polling location the day of voting. Voters can find their polling location at www.GoVoteTN.gov.

How to register to vote in Tennessee:

Visit www.govotetn.gov

Voter registration deadlines in Tennessee:

- **Online registration deadline:** Tuesday, October 11, 2022
- **Register by mail deadline:** Must be postmarked by Tuesday, October 11, 2022
- **In person registration deadline:** Tuesday, October 11, 2022



City Offices Will Be Closed:

- OCT. 10TH - COLUMBUS DAY
- NOV. 10TH - VETERAN'S DAY
- NOV. 24TH - THANKSGIVING DAY



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Greetings

FROM YOUR CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Gerald O. Herman



What a blessing it is to live in this great State of Tennessee. Like so many of you my wife Lori, our adult children, and me left our home State fifteen years ago to live in a place with moderate weather, no income tax, low property tax, kind people, good values, and of course to hear live the best music and to see the most talented musicians in the world!! With that said, with so many of us moving here, how can a small city like White House keep up with the growth?

At a presentation to the White House Chamber of Commerce I had an opportunity to share with them the impacts of growth and how city departments are actively addressing current and future growth. Our city departments collect enormous amounts of data and formulate this data into a monthly report. These department reports are collated into a monthly report that are placed into the Board of

Mayor and Alderman agenda packets and placed on our web site for public viewing. Please scan the QR code to connect directly to these reports. In these reports you will find valuable information laid out in tables, charts, graphs, and photos. Departments each have measurable goals that they use to help guide their decision making as it relates to staffing, program effectiveness, workplace safety, areas in need of training, and budgetary efficiencies.

For the past ten years the city staff has grown by an average of 3 new full-time employees each year. In the past three years 909 single family homes were built. Our population since the 2020 Census of nearly 13,000 is estimated to have grown by more than 2,000. Our crimes against property and persons have remained stable for the

past five years (a good indicator that we have well behaved citizens). Fire calls have been steadily increasing over the past five years, mainly due to emergency medical calls. We have posted my presentation on growth on social media and our web site. We would encourage you

to review the presentation for more data and facts on growth and how we are addressing these concerns.

May you and your loved ones be safe, happy, and healthy throughout the autumn months.



YETI, SET, READ!!! Winter Reading Challenge

Kids, tweens and teens, get Yeti, Set, and Read during our Winter Reading Challenge! Ages 0-17 can sign up to read and win prizes during the winter season. Those ages 0-8 will get 2 prize slips for every 60 minutes read while ages 9-17 will get 2 prize slips for every 90 minutes read. The program runs November 7th through December

29th. There will be a prize drawing in November and December. All participants can read up to 6 hours for each month. In addition to the reading challenge, we will have grab and go crafts each week and guessing jars that patrons can try to win. So join us for some reading and fun this winter season.

NEW LIBRARY PROGRAMS

We have added a beginner adult sewing class to the 3rd Thursday of each month at 4:00pm. Please call the library at 615-672-0239 to reserve a spot.

We will have a genealogy class on Monday, October 17th at 10am and Monday October 31st at 10am. Please call the library at 615-672-0239 to sign up due to limited spots available.

ALL AGES

A new stick-by-number wall art poster is now hanging up in the library. Come put a sticker on the poster to and help use complete the picture. All are welcome to help. You can see the previously completed stick on poster artwork on the wall in the juvenile area.

ADULT PROGRAMS

1st Thursday: Stitch Club at 4:00pm
2nd Thursday: Mystery Readers at 3:00pm
3rd Thursday: Stitch Club at 4:00pm
4th Thursday: Craft club at 4:00pm
Last Thursday of the month: Bookworms book club at 10am and Adult Creative Writing 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.

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

TWEEN & 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: Special Event
3rd Tuesday: Drawing club
Coding Club is every Wednesday from 3:30-4:30pm

Want to be a part of planning tween/teen programs? Join our teen advisory 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 White House Library Board will not meet in November due to the meeting falling on a holiday .

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10TH FOR COLUMBUS DAY

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10 IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS DAY

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24 AND 26 FOR THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

RESOURCE HIGHLIGHT

Do you have old documents or family pictures that you would like to digitize? Then come use the library's overhead scanner. This scanner is specifically design to scan fragile and old documents. If you need help learning how to use it, then call 615-672-0239 to schedule a one-on-one appointment to learn how to use it for yourself.

Dianne Ronning recently used this scanner and had this to say about it. "I had a photo album which had pictures glued to the pages. I couldn't remove the pictures without damaging them. I could scan the whole page and digitize these photos while still attached to the pages. I also loved that these pictures never left my hands, so I knew they would come home with me. If I sent them off to a company to be digitize, I was afraid they might not come back. Even if you think you are computer illerate and cannot do this work, I would encourage you that the librarian helped me until I was fully confident I could do it on my own. I have completed scanning all of my photo albums and old legal size documents at the library and plan on sending copies of these files to all of my relatives. Working with the photos brought back many memories of family members who have passed and has caused me to want to do more genealogy work, which is why I signed up for the library Genealogy classes."

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.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.

SUPERHERO CHRISTMAS PARADE

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**Saturday, December 3
at 3:00 PM**

Register with the PARKS Department
615-672-4350 X2114

Christmas on Main Street

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

- Performances from Local School Choirs
- Mayor of the Day
- Lighting of the Christmas Tree

Complimentary
REFRESHMENTS



PHOTOS WITH SANTA
inside the Library



FOR MORE INFO VISIT WWW.WHITEHOUSE.TN.GOV OR WWW.WHITEHOUSECHAMBER.ORG

SENIOR CENTER

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

Come join us in our new Senior Center located in 105D College Street, White House, TN.

Activities are available Monday through Thursday. Exercise and a walk in the gym are available 9:30a until 11a. Our exercise program includes strength training, fittercise (aerobics), and yoga located at 105 College Street. As of September 6th, pickle ball will be available in the gym Tuesday and Thursday, 10:30a till noon.

A hot lunch is served in the community room in the new building every Wednesday. This is a great time to fellowship with other seniors while enjoying a tasty lunch at 11:30a. The cost of the meal is \$3.00 for eat in (seniors) and \$3.50 for take-out. The cost for non-seniors is \$6.00 for eat in and \$6.50 for take-out. The meal includes meat, vegetables, bread and dessert. Reservations are

required by noon on Monday. Call Billie at 615.672.4350 ext 2116. We play Bingo twice a month at noon after lunch. Check schedule for dates.

The first Monday is Birthday Potluck celebrating all birthdays in that month at 11a. Bring a dish to share. The center is always available for cards, pool, dominos and board games. Puzzles are always in process and shelves are stocked with books to borrow. We schedule lunches at restaurants, bowling, craft days, bunco, bible study, visits to museums, art centers, antique malls, shopping centers, and interesting cities in our area.

Upcoming events in October and November include lunch at the Donohue Hotel in Red Boiling Springs, medicare information meeting, flu shots on site by The Prescription Shoppe, lunch concert by Shelton Bissell, shopping trip at Bowling Green Mall, a visit to Granville, and TN, Veterans celebration.

Check our calendar for dates and times or pick up a calendar at our new center. There is no fee and new residents are welcome!!!



Check our calendar for activities in October & November!



THE CITY OF WHITE HOUSE

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Come Visit!



Senior Center

Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-5:00pm
105D College St. White House, TN

Senior Citizen Lunch: Wednesdays

A hot lunch is served in the community room in the new building every Wednesday. This is a great time to fellowship with other seniors while enjoying a tasty lunch at 11:30a. The cost of the meal is \$3.00 for eat in (seniors) and \$3.50 for take-out. The cost for non-seniors is \$6.00 for eat in and \$6.50 for take-out.

For More Information:

615-672-4350 *2116
<https://www.whitehousetn.gov>
seniorcenter@WhiteHouseTN.gov

Upcoming Events

- Donohue Hotel Visit
- Monthly Birthday Potluck
- Flu Shots
- Shopping at Bowling Green mall
- Lunch at Shelton Bissel
- Bingo

The center is always available for cards, pool, dominos and board games. Puzzles are always in process and shelves are stocked with books to borrow. We schedule lunches at restaurants, bowling, craft days, bunco, bible study, visits to museums, art centers, antique malls, shopping centers, and interesting cities in our area.



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 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

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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 & Safety Day  

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The White House Inn Museum had a great turnout for the Second Annual Gathering at the White House Inn with attendance over 800! Visitors were able to step back in time and enjoy seeing the drill that went before with the firing of a 3' ordinance rifled cannon, vegetable soup cooking over an open fire, basket weaving, 18th Century women's clothing, hand-cranked machine, WWI artifacts and more. All the reenactors were in period clothing as well. Keep a watchful eye for next year's date for The Gathering at the White House Inn.

WHITE HOUSE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTS

MAYORAL FORUM & CANDIDATE RECEPTION



JOHN CORBITT
Mayoral Candidate
City of White House

Meet the Candidates for Mayor of White House
and the Candidates for Alderman in Wards 1 & 2

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

in the Donald L. Eden Community Room at the
Billy S. Hobbs Community Center

Reception 6:30 pm • Forum 7:00 pm



CLIF HUTSON
Mayoral Candidate
City of White House

Self-introductions for all November 2022 City of White House Candidates. The forum for Mayoral Candidates will follow with citizen submitted questions. Questions will be screened for duplication and clarity then randomly selected by the moderator. Each candidate will answer the same questions.

Discover **White House Area**
Chamber of Commerce

For more information call 615-672-3937 or visit www.whitehousechamber.org

Full guidelines can be seen at www.whitehousechamber.org Questions will be collected until Wednesday, October 12, 2022. Candidates nor their representatives will receive questions in advance. Questions can also be emailed to mandy@whitehousechamber.org or mailed to WHCOC, PO Box 521, White House, TN 37188

SUBMIT A QUESTION



Jingle & Mingle
AROUND TOWN



Grab your girlfriends and
make a day of shopping local!

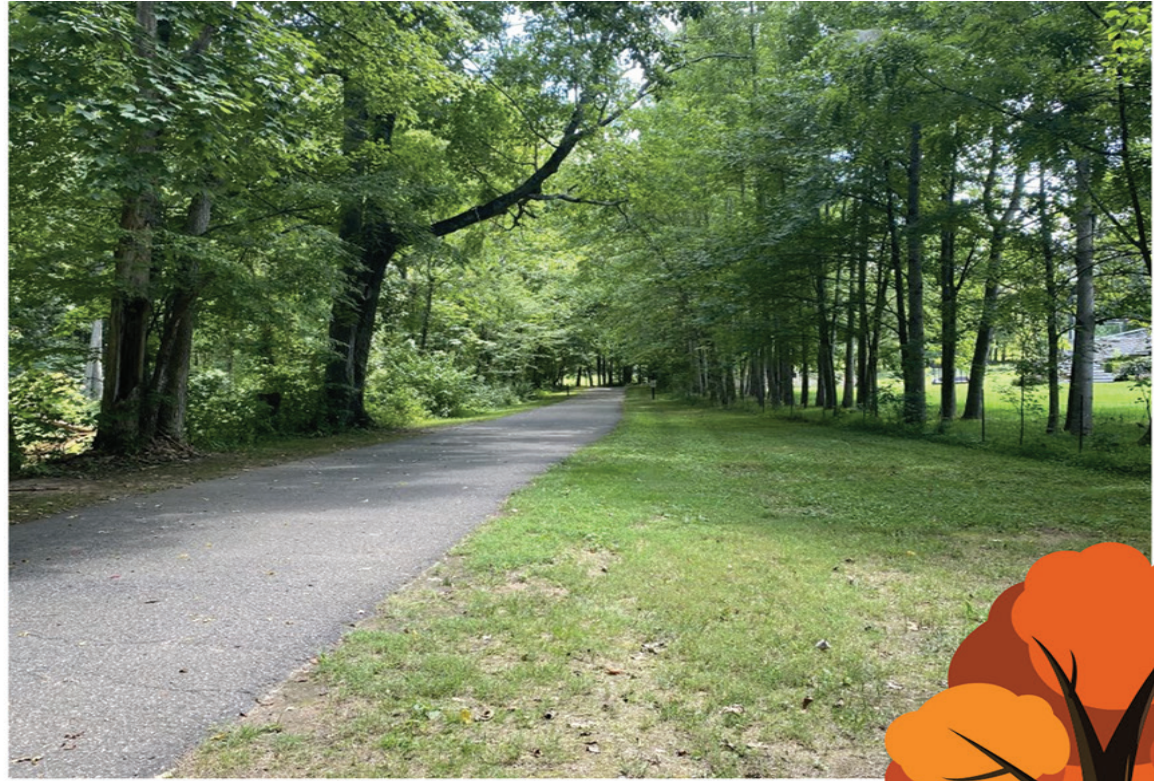
Saturday,
November 5th
10 AM to 3 PM

- DOOR PRIZES
- FREE GOODY BAGS
- SAMPLES & SPECIALS

Vendor space still available, contact
the Chamber to learn more.



CHANCE TO WIN \$500 SHOPPING SPREE



STAY ACTIVE

WHITE HOUSE PARKS AND RECREATION

Check out our disk golf course, nature trail and paved greenway paths to stay moving this fall season!



MAYOR FOR A DAY CONTEST

Be on the lookout for more information on how to become Mayor for a day!

You could win the chance to ride in the White House Christmas Parade, help flip the switch for the lighting on the City's Christmas Tree, receive an official proclamation, have your picture in the paper, and more!

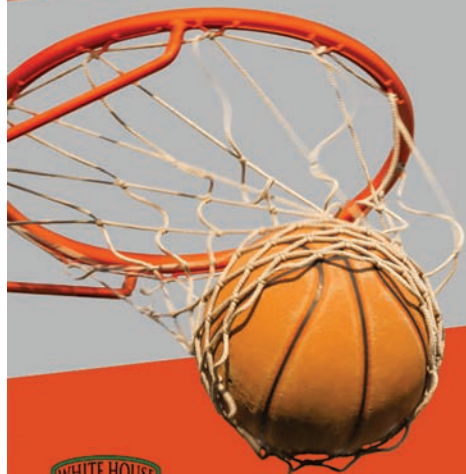


PARKS AND RECREATION



YOUTH BASKETBALL

White House Civic Center Gym



1ST-8TH GRADES

City Residents: \$100

Non-residents: \$112

Practices start in November

Games begin in December

ONLINE REGISTRATION

SEPTEMBER 1ST- OCTOBER 16TH

[HTTPS://WHPARKS.RECDESK.COM](https://whparks.recdesk.com)



OPEN GYM
Starting September 6th

PICKLE BALL

CIVIC CENTER GYM
105 College Street

TUESDAYS &
THURSDAYS
10:30AM-12:00PM



SPOOKY FUN FOR ALL

TRAIL OF TREATS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25TH AT 6:00PM
GREENWAY BEHIND WHITE HOUSE HIGH SCHOOL
WEAR A COSTUME!

Questions? Call us at: 615-672-4350



In the 'Planners Corner' series, we will explore a brief overview of the Planning and Codes Department's day to day operations.



What we do

The Planning and Codes Department consists of Planning, Building Inspections/Code Enforcement and Property Maintenance. I have written about the Planning aspect of the department in several editions of Word on White House, but the other divisions are equally as important. Our Staff consists of a Planning Administrative Assistant, two Building Inspectors and a Planning Technician.

Property Maintenance

We receive hundreds of requests for service each year. These requests include tenant complaints

about poor housing conditions and neighbor complaints of blight on commercial and residential properties. Our Planning Technician inspects and enforces property maintenance and code complaints, such as high grass, junk and debris, unfenced swimming pools and inoperable vehicles. Since we have a small Planning department, we operate on complaint basis, though we try to be as proactive by monitoring sign violations without permits and signs such as yard sale signs that were never

removed after the sale was over. Our staff will research the complaint and take the appropriate action. Should violations be identified during an inspection, the

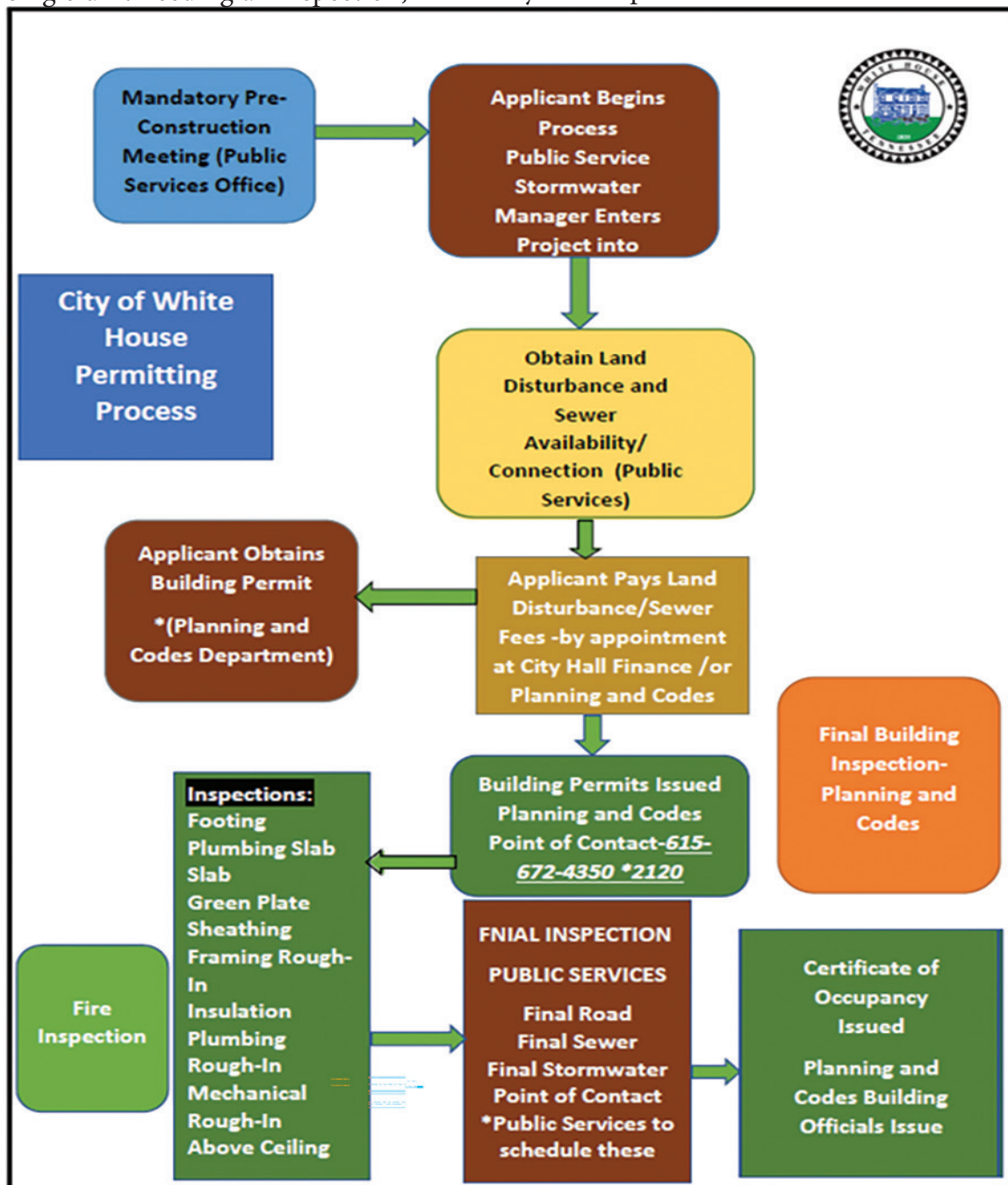
Code Official (inspector) issues a Notice of Violation and/or a Civil Citation to the owner or responsible person for the property.



Building Inspections

Our inspectors are responsible for 20 different types of permits and inspections, from new residential and commercial, to renovations, swimming pools and deck permits and inspections. Both Tony Covington and Sean Hagan have multiple certifications, as required by the state and under the International Building Code. Since January 1, 2022 they have done 4,617 inspections. During the building process, though it may be a new single unit needing an inspection,

(commercial, industrial, or residential) the building inspectors will do 15-20 inspections per unit. If an inspection fails, the re-inspections add to the total inspections per unit. If dealing with inspections were not enough, staff must review the actual building plans prior to issuing a building permit. Before a development is built, they will review each plan/layout to make sure they will be up to code.



To the left, ia a process flow chart of how the cities permitting process.

Planning Office Day to Day

The office stays busy with phone calls and walk ins. The Planning Administrative Assistant answers a wide variety of planning and codes questions and administers the permit and inspection process. Chances are, if you call, Rita Hobbs will answer the phone. She has been with the city for over 20 years. In addition to the thousands of calls she answers, she helps citizens with locations of easements on their property and answers zoning and land use questions.

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to call our office. The full zoning ordinance can be found at <https://www.whitehousetn.gov/departments/planning-and-codes/zoning-ordinance>

You can reach us at 615-672-4350 ext. 2120.

Stay tuned for the next edition on zoning and land use.

“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

PUBLIC SERVICES

Keeping Fats, Oils, and Grease out of the Sewer System

Explains the impact of disposing of fats, oil, and grease in the sewer system.

Fats, oils, and grease (FOG) comes from meat fats in food scraps, cooking oil, shortening, lard, butter and margarine, gravy, and food products such as mayonnaise, salad dressings, and sour cream.

FOG poured down kitchen drains accumulates inside sewer pipes. As the FOG builds up, it restricts the flow in the pipe and can cause untreated wastewater to back up into homes and businesses, resulting in high costs for cleanup and restoration.

Grinder Tanks, Lift Stations, and Manholes can overflow into parks, yards, streets, and storm drains, allowing FOG to contaminate local waters, including drinking water. Exposure to untreated wastewater is a public-health hazard.

FOG discharged into septic systems and drain fields can cause malfunctions, resulting in more frequent tank pump-outs and other expenses.

Restaurants, cafeterias, and fast-food establishments spend tens of thousands of dollars on plumbing emergencies each year to deal with grease blockages and pump out grease traps and interceptors.

Communities spend billions of dollars every year unplugging or replacing grease-blocked pipes, repairing pump stations, and cleaning up costly and illegal wastewater spills. Excessive FOG in the sewer system can affect local wastewater rates.

So, keeping FOG out of the sewer system helps everyone in the community.



Vehicle Washing

All the soap, scum, and oily grit runs along the curb, and then into the storm drain and directly into our streams, lakes, and tributaries. As a result, causes pollution, which is unhealthy for the fish and other aquatic life. So how do you avoid this whole mess? Easy. Wash your car on grass or gravel instead of the street. More preferably, take it to a car wash where the water gets treated and recycled.

Clean water is important to all of us and it's up to all of us to make it happen. In recent years, sources of water pollution like industrial wastes from factories have been greatly reduced. Now, more than 60 percent of water pollution comes from things like cars leaking oil, fertilizers from farms and gardens, and failing septic tanks. All these sources add up to a big pollution problem. But each of us can do small things to help clean up our water too; that adds up to a pollution solution!

Why do we need clean water? Having clean water is of primary importance for our health and economy. Clean water provides recreation, commercial opportunities, fish habitat, drinking water, and adds beauty to our landscape. All of us benefit from clean wa-

ter and all of us have a role in getting and keeping our lakes, rivers, marine and ground waters clean.

What's the problem with car washing? There's no problem with washing your car. It's just how and where you do it. Most soap contains phosphates and other chemicals that harm fish and water quality. The soap, together with the dirt and oil washed from your car, flows into nearby storm drains which run directly into lakes, rivers or marine waters. The phosphates from the soap can cause excess algae to grow. Algae looks bad, smells bad, and harm water quality. As algae decay, the process uses up oxygen in the water that fish need.

Clean Water tip: How can you wash your car and help keep our waters clean? Use soap sparingly. Use a hose nozzle with a trigger to save water. Wash your car on a grassy area so the ground can filter the water naturally. Best of all, take your car to a commercial car wash, especially if you plan to clean the engine or the bottom of your car. Most car washes reuse wash water several times before sending it to the sewer system for treatment and not into our stormwater infrastructure.



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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!

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FIRE DEPARTMENT



PROMOTIONS!

With the pending retirement of Capt. Shawn Railey, and the following shuffle of personnel, a few members of the department have been promoted to new positions! Congratulations to:

Blake Garrett: Captain, A-Shift
 Justin Whitaker: Lieutenant, B-Shift
 Tav Matthews: Lieutenant, C-shift



Lieutenant Justin Whitaker

Lt. Whitaker started his career with WHFD in 2017 part-time, and was promoted to full-time just months later. In addition to his service with WHFD, Lt. Whitaker served for 4 years as a volunteer for Pleasant View Fire Dept, as well as the Metro Nashville Board of Education. Lt. Whitaker holds a Bachelor's degree in Health and Human Performance, specializing in Wellness Promotion. Lt. Whitaker is married, and in his off-time enjoys Golf, Fishing, Woodworking, and a wide variety of outdoor activities. Lt. Whitaker has a wide breadth of knowledge and experience, and B-Shift will no-doubt benefit from his leadership!



Lieutenant Tav Matthews

Lt. Matthews started his career with WHFD in 2013 part-time, and in 2016 was promoted to full-time. Prior to his service with WHFD, Lt. Matthews has served in various capacities with Sumner Co. EMS, with more than 6 years under his belt as a dispatcher and Advanced EMT. In addition, since 2005, Lt. Matthews has served as a member of the Highland VFD, rising to the rank of Asst. Chief. Lt. Matthews holds a Bachelor's degree in Fire Administration as well as AEMT. Lt. Matthews is married and has a daughter, Isabella, or "Izzy". In his leisure time, he enjoys travel, cruises especially, as well as camping and other outdoor pursuits. Lt. Matthews brings many, many years of experience and leadership, and C-Shift will be lucky to have him as an officer!



Captain Blake Garrett

Replacing Capt. Shawn Railey, will be the new Captain of A-Shift, Capt. Blake Garrett. Capt. Garrett started his career as a part-timer in 2013, and went full-time in 2019. Capt. Garrett holds a degree in Radiography, with a focus in Nuclear Medicine. Prior to choosing firefighting as a profession, Capt. Garrett worked for several years as a technician at St. Thomas West. Additionally, before finally deciding that WHFD would be his home, Capt. Garrett spent a few years as a Firefighter for both Gallatin and Hendersonville Fire Department(s). Capt. Garrett is

married, and in his off time enjoys reading, hiking, golf, and other outdoor activities, and is an active member at Long Hollow Baptist Church. I know Capt. Garrett will bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to A-Shift, and, in his words:

"I'm humbled to into this new position, but success isn't a title in front of a name, it's measured by the sacrificial heart embodied inside each member of the White House Fire Dept".

No truer words spoken Captain, we're excited for the change, and the new journey we're about to embark on! So please join me in welcoming our newly promoted officers! To their success!



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.

Complements of the White House Police Department

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.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS FOR PETS

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.




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!

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Trick or Treat





Halloween Safety Tips

WANT TO STAY IN THE LOOP?

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The White House Police Department is now hiring!

Starting pay begins at \$20.99/hr or \$49,767.29 annually base.

Basic Qualifications:

- High School diploma or GED
- United States Citizen
- Valid Driver's License
- No Felony Convictions

Hiring Process:

- Employment Application (whitehousetn.gov/careers)
- Background Investigation
- Written Exam
- Physical Agility Exam
- Citizen Board Interview
- Chief's Interview
- 12-Week Police Academy (Post hire if not already certified)

Opportunities:

- Overtime Opportunities
- Bike Patrol, ERT, DTF
- Criminal Investigations Division
- K9 Unit
- Outer Vest
- Specialized Training
- Take Home Vehicle

Program

- 12 Hour Shifts (every other weekend off)

Benefits:

- Health, Dental & Vision Insurance (Employee coverage cost only \$30.10/month)
- Vacation (4 Weeks accrued during 1st year)
- Sick Days



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For inquires: Contact Human Resources at 615-672-4350 ext.2109

- Longevity Pay
- Pay Increases Annually
- 11.5 Paid Holidays & 20 hrs of Personal Time
- Tuition Assistance Program
- TCRS Retirement & Retiree Health Care

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Got Drugs?



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 National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day at sites throughout the United States on October 29th, 2022 (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/>

The White House Police Department will have a "Take Back" station set up at the White House Kroger, 510 HWY 76, on Saturday, October 29th, 2022 from 10:00am until 2:00pm.

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 Medications 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





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FAMILY BLOCK PARTY



- FARMER'S MARKET
- FOOD TRUCKS
- FIRE ENGINES
- VENDOR BOOTHS
- FREE PUMPKIN PATCH
- FREE FACE PAINTING
- FREE BALLOON TWISTERS

Hitchhiker Toys



HITCHHIKER TOYS PRESENTS THE HALLOWEEN CLASSIC
ERNEST SCARED STUPID MOVIE AT 7:15 PM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

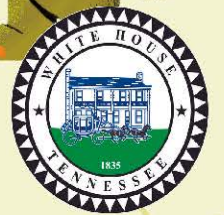
OPENS AT 3:30 PM

WHITE HOUSE SOCCER COMPLEX

**COSTUME
CONTEST**

PRE-JUDGING 3:30 - 6:30

DIVISIONS FOR ALL AGES • DO NOT
HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN



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