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WORD ON WHITE HOUSE

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Miss Tennessee to be Grand Marshal for White House Christmas Parade

We are pleased to announce that our Grand Marshal for the annual White House Christmas Parade powered by Tate Ornamental will be Miss Tennessee 2023, Brandee Mills. The Houston, Texas native and Miss Middle Tennessee 2022 was selected from a class of 29 contestants to become Miss Tennessee on July 1. Brandee is the 70th Miss Tennessee.

She received \$16,500 in college scholarships at the 2023

competition and is now preparing to compete for the coveted title of Miss America in January. She is already working to implement her social impact initiative: “Unashamed” Living Mindfully of Mental Health across the state of Tennessee.

Brandee is a graduate from The University of California Los Angeles and is currently working as an Organic Chemist at the Warren Center for Neuroscience Drug Discovery at

Vanderbilt University. Her career ambition is to become a pediatric surgeon.

Brandee will be back in White House in June as the keynote speaker for the Chamber of Commerce and White House Police Department’s #No-Filter Girl’s Summit. Make sure you help Brandee feel welcome in White House.




**City of White House
Holiday Hours**

- December 21: Closing at 11am
- Closed December 25-26
- Closed January 1
- Closed January 15 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



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Greetings

FROM YOUR CITY ADMINISTRATOR
Gerald O. Herman



Greetings,

Happy Holidays to all of you! We just ended the month of thanksgiving and gratitude. Now it's time to run into the month of giving, festivities, and resolutions. We hope many of you can participate in and or watch from the sidelines at our annual Christmas parade. This year's parade is sure to please with the theme "Christmas Movies." We have purchased a new Christmas Tree that is nearly twice the size of the one we have used for many years. The new tree will be in front of the library. The old tree has found a new home in front of the Visitor Center/Chamber of Commerce office. Also, we have purchased additional intersection decorations to expand out from the City center westward on SR76 to I-65 and southward along US31W.

Your Chamber of Commerce, led by Mandy Christenson, is a wonderful partner to work with. We help each other with many programs throughout the year such as the Christmas parade, Music in the Park, Americana, and many others. Once a year the Chamber allows me to present to their members information concerning government

tal operations, and the expansion of business and industry. Here is a summary of information passed along to the members at their October luncheon:

- Our certified population from the 2020 census was 13,000 residents.
- We have issued 1,189 single family unit permits since 2020.
- The average number of people per household is 2.8 residents.
- $1,189 \times 2.8 = 3,329$ new residents added these past three years.
- Current estimated population 16,329.
- We have 3,117 single family units and 1,290 multi-family units approved but not yet fully built out. If all these units get built without

any additional added our population will grow to 28,668.

- If the build out trend continues at current pace it could take 8.6 years or less to reach this population.
- Commercial growth is expanding. As previously reported, we are getting a new shopping center anchored by Publix. Charter Assisted Living is opening in late spring with 54 assisted living residential rooms and 25 memory care. There are two new convenience/fueling centers under construction. Liberty Market Shell is going in on US31W at Business Park Drive. Speedway is going in at the corner of SR76 and Dee Cee Road. Express Oil plans to tear down the old Rods Tire and construct two new buildings.
- Industrial growth is expanding. Core 5 is building a 300,000 square foot building for light industrial use along I-65 behind the Loves Travel Center. We have two new industries planning to build in the Brinkley Industrial Park. SRM, a concrete plant, and Stutzwire, a precision machine shop, have been approved for construction. Exotic Marble is building a new facility on Union Road. In our next edition, I will cover some of our governmental projects. May you be safe, happy, healthy, and warm during the winter 😊



NOW HIRING!

APPLY NOW

COMPETITIVE PAY

4 WEEKS OF VACATION @ START

GREAT BENEFITS

WhiteHouseTN.gov/Careers

Parks & Recreation



The Trail of Treats looked a little different this year! We moved the event to Municipal Park and added a hayride. We had a turnout of around 1,900 individuals this year. We are thankful to all of the vendors that showed up for the event and made it a success! A special shout out to Ken Duley and his staff for taking home the Trail of Treats trophy for their Barbie themed booth!



Congratulations
Ken Duley- HealthMarkets Insurance Agency!

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Challenger Baseball

For youth with disabilities

Register: January 1st - March 17th

Season: April - June

Ages 4-18

Volunteers & Sponsors Needed!

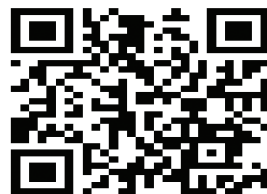
Girl's Volleyball

Register: January 1st- February 18th

3rd-8th Grades

Season: March- May

REGISTER:



ADULT PROGRAMS

Women's Exercise Class

Civic Center Gymnasium

Wednesdays: 8:00-9:00am

Full Body Exercise class

Pre-registration required

\$15.00 per Class

Adult Softball

Register: January 28th- March 10th

Season: March- May

9 Team Limit

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

[HTTPS://WWW.WHITEHOUSE.TN.GOV/ PARKS](https://www.whitehousetn.gov/parks)

615-672-4350 *2114

Class 1 eBikes

ALLOWED ON GREENWAY

In the November meeting, the Leisure Service Board approved of the use of Class 1 eBikes on the Greenway.

What is a Class 1 eBike?

eBikes that are pedal-assist only, with no throttle, and have a maximum assisted speed of 20 mph.



Greenway and Trail Etiquette:

No bikes or eBikes are allowed on the Nature Trail in Municipal Park.

- Keep to the right when walking or biking on the trails.
- Warn others when passing by saying "On your left!"
- Slow down when rounding curves, passing, or traveling downhill.
- Stop before all street crossings.



MORE INFO:
615-672-4350



SENIOR CENTER

Hours: Monday- Thursday: 7:15a-5:00p

Upcoming December events include Christmas Breakfast sponsored by Farmers Bank (reservations required), Christmas Party in the senior room, and a Mystery Lunch trip. Check the website for January events.

Stop by for cards, pool, dominos or board games anytime!

Senior Citizen's Lunches Wednesdays at 11:30am

Reservations are required
by noon on Mondays.

	EAT IN	CARRY OUT
SENIORS	\$3.00	\$3.50
NON-SENIORS	\$6.00	\$6.50

JOIN NOW!

No Membership or joining Fees!
Free transportation available for outings!
(Limited seats available)



615-616-1016

www.whitehousetn.gov/seniorcenter
105D College St. White House, TN 3788



Why Should I Care About Stormwater?

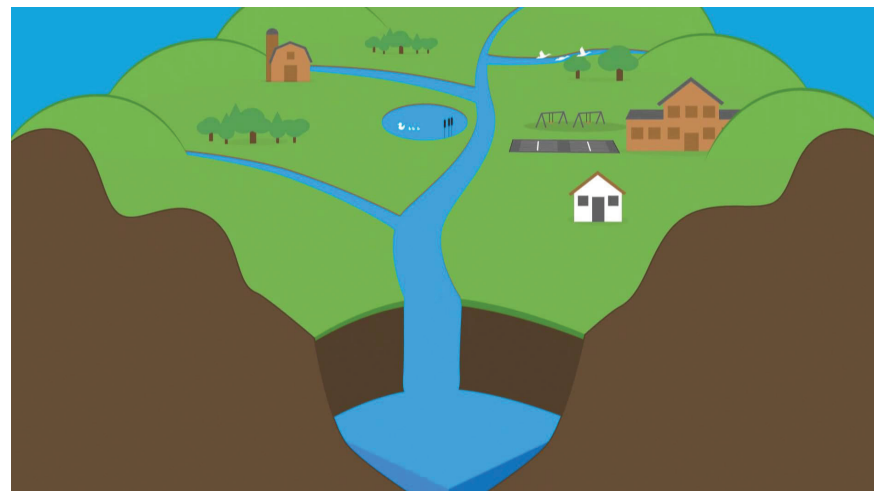
We are all part of a watershed. Watersheds are land areas that drain to the nearest body of water. For example, if you are in middle Tennessee, you are part of the Middle Cumberland watershed. Smaller local creeks and streams also eventually drain to a larger local water body.

Flooding

When excess water has nowhere to go, flooding can impact property and cause damage to land and structures. Flooding can also be a public safety issue that affects entire communities.

Pollution and Health Impacts

Stormwater picks up anything that is on the ground and carries it along with it. Animal waste, chemicals, pesticides, oil, and sediment – all end up in waterways and potentially in our sources of drinking water.



Streambank Erosion

Uncontrolled stormwater can cause streambank erosion, leaving bare soil and exposing tree roots. This can lead to property damage and cause issues with streambank stability.

Sedimentation

Erosion and runoff, can also lead

to sedimentation. Sedimentation of waterways from runoff causes changes to aquatic habitats. Undesirable plant growth increases, water becomes more turbid or cloudy, which leads to disruption of aquatic ecosystems. Sedimentation also fills in waterways, which can increase the flooding potential.

Impacts to Groundwater

Recharge

If stormwater isn't sinking into the ground, it can affect recharge of groundwater resources. This can affect water levels in drinking water wells as well as impacting levels in surface water.

Impacts to Recreational Opportunities

Stormwater runoff can cause polluted waterways which can lead to restrictions on boating, swimming, and fishing in recreational areas.

Making changes to how stormwater is managed can go a long way to reduce negative impacts. Even small actions by individual homeowners like using a rain barrel, choosing permeable landscaping surfaces, or installing a rain garden can make a difference. Stormwater affects everyone!

ONLY FLUSH THE 3 P'S!

- ✓ PEE
- ✓ POO
- ✓ (TOILET) PAPER



- ✗ WET WIPES
- ✗ FACE TISSUES
- ✗ NAPKINS

White House Inn Museum



It's that time of year when 2nd graders learn about pioneers and the White House Inn Museum and its volunteers are pleased to help. The museum is proud to be a community partner with our schools in providing pioneer history and much more.

We love working with the schools and homeschool families to provide time-period history and tying it to what was happening in White House and the area during that time.

412 HWY 76
 WHITE HOUSE TN 37188
 MONDAY - THURSDAY 9 AM - 4 PM
 OR BY APPOINTMENT
 PLEASE CALL SUSAN AT 615-672-3937

WATER HELPS:

- intake of nutrients to all organs
- lubricate and cushion joints
- maintain normal temperature
- maintain heart function
- provide oxygen to the lungs

STAY HYDRATED! STAY ACTIVE!

\$15 PER CLASS- SIGN-UP WEEKLY
LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE
 (15 SPACES PER A CLASS)

Bands & Equipment Provided
 Bring a mat or towel for floor exercises

WOMEN'S EXERCISE CLASS

Wednesdays 8:00-9:00am
 Starting November 8th

CIVIC CENTER GYMNASIUM
 105 COLLEGE ST.

Get ready to boost your confidence and gain strength in this women's full body workout! We will use a combination of strength-building and aerobic exercises to create multiple mini circuits using body weight. Join our community of women, get moving, and have some fun!

Coached by NASM certified instructor Joy Mize!

@TRAINWITHJOY1 TRAIN WITH JOY



Meals on Wheels Lunch Program



Fridays: 11:30-12:00

Congregate Meal

Billy S. Hobbs Community Center
 105D College St, White House
 For More Information:
 Call: 615.452.4022

Free for those who qualify (Ages 60+)
 No Carry Out Meals Available



Registration forms can be found in the Senior Center.

Please note this is separate from the Wednesday lunches organized by White House Senior Center.

Online Cemetery Map and Deceased Search

See available plots, and find your loved one's location within Hillcrest Cemetery.

<https://www.whitehousetn.gov>





POLICE DEPARTMENT



Holiday Safety Tips

In an effort to help make this the safest of holiday seasons, the White House Police Department is encouraging citizens to pay particular attention to their surroundings during the holidays.

Police offer the following holiday safety tips while shopping:

- Stay alert to your surroundings and the people around you.
- Shop with a friend whenever possible. There is safety in numbers.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- Pay for purchases with a check or credit card.
- If possible, carry only your driver's license, necessary credit cards or personal checks.
- If you must carry a purse, do not wrap straps around your arms or shoulders. You could risk injury from a would-be purse-snatcher.
- Do not carry wallets in a back pocket.

- When possible, slip bags/purchases in a nondescript bag(s).
- Watch your purchases while eating in mall food courts; bags can be easily snatched.
- Have your car keys ready in hand before leaving the store.
- Ask shopping center security for escort to your car if you are uncomfortable walking alone.
- Glance in the back seat and under your vehicle before getting in.
- Don't leave packages in your vehicle in plain view. Lock them in your trunk and out of sight.

Report all suspicious/criminal activity to the White House Police Department at 672-4903. Always dial 9-1-1 for all life threatening emergencies.



#9PMROUTINE

**LOCK UP.
Make it
a habit.**



WHITE HOUSE ROTARY SHOP WITH A COP & FIREFIGHTER



Join us in
making a
difference

SPREAD THE JOY
OF GIVING THIS
HOLIDAY SEASON!

The Shop with a Cop & Firefighter program ensures underprivileged children experience the joy of Christmas. Your donations are crucial to make this happen. Partner with us and make a difference by donating today! Let's make every child's Christmas memorable!

Help us support the
local community.
Donate now!



THIS HOLIDAY SEASON
Gift Local

COMMUNITY GIFT CARD VALID AT OVER
50 WHITE HOUSE AREA MERCHANTS





Holiday Safety

The Holiday season is quickly approaching! Before long we'll be stuffing ourselves with turkey and waiting on a visit from Santa Claus. The holiday season can be both exciting and stressful, and as a result, we at the Fire Department see an uptick in serious incidents. The most common of these incidents are cooking and electrical fires. Enjoy your holidays to the fullest, and follow our tips below to stay as safe as possible throughout the season.

Turkey Fryer Safety

You've likely seen YouTube videos showing what can happen when a turkey fryer is used improperly. Needless to say, the results can be catastrophic. Improper use of these fryers can result in devastating burns, and will quickly ignite anything nearby. Check out these safety tips to fry your bird safely:

- Always use the fryer outdoors on a flat surface, safely away from structures, wooden decks, and covered patios. No matter what, DO NOT be tempted to use the fryer in a garage.
- Have the correct kind of fire extinguisher nearby and ready to use.
- Use your safety tools: Oven mitts, gloves, and safety goggles.
- Ensure the turkey is COMPLETELY THAWED to prevent a fire or explosion hazard.
- Raise and lower the tur-

key slowly to prevent oil splatter, burns, and fire.

- Do not leave the fryer unattended. Monitor the temperature of the oil with a thermometer to prevent the oil from overheating and catching fire. If the oil begins to smoke, immediately turn the gas off.
- Keep children and pets away from the fryer to prevent tipping, even after the turkey is done. The oil is dangerously hot for hours.

REMEMBER: Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires. The day has three times the average number of reported home structure fires involved with cooking equipment.

Christmas Tree Safety

Artificial Trees:

- When purchasing an artificial tree, look for the label "Fire-Retardant." Although this label does not mean the tree will not catch fire, it does indicate that the tree will resist burning and extinguish quickly.
- When using light strings on an artificial tree that is not pre-lit, check to make sure that the light strings are certified and have a gold holographic UL label.
- When removing lights from storage, inspect the strings for broken or cracked lamp holders, frayed or bare wires and loose connections. Replace any light strings that are damaged with new UL-Listed light strings.

Live Trees:

When purchasing a live tree, check for freshness:

- The needles are green.
- The needles are hard to pull from the branches.
- The needles bend between your fingers without breaking.
- The lower trunk is sticky with resin.
- The tree does not lose many needles when tapped on the ground.

Setting up:

- Cut off about two inches of the trunk to expose fresh wood for better water absorption.
- Keep the stand filled with water. Heated rooms rapidly dry live trees. A tree absorbs as much as a gallon of water in the first 24 hours and about a quart of water each day thereafter.
- It is best to discard live trees within one month after purchase.
- When Christmas is over or the tree begins to drop needles, dispose of it.
- Do not store live trees in the house or garage.

General Tree Safety Tips

- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents, or lights.
- Use a step stool or stepladder when decorating the tree's

higher limbs. Ensure all climbing devices are in good condition. Many accidents occur each year when people fall while decorating for the holidays.

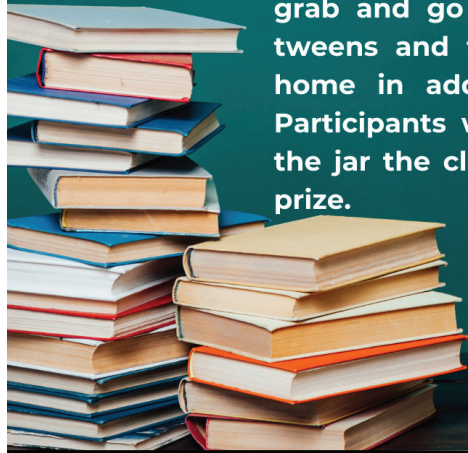
- Never use lit candles on an artificial or live tree or near other evergreens.
- Check each set of lights, new or old, for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections. Discard damaged sets or repair them before use.
- Use no more than three standard-size sets of lights per single extension cord.
- Use only one extension cord per outlet.
- Do not run electrical cords under rugs. Walking traffic can weaken the insulation and cause the wires to overheat, increasing the chances of fire or electric shock.
- Avoid placing electrical cords behind or beneath the furniture. Pinched cords can fray and short.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

Well, there you have it, we hope these tips will come in handy to ensure you and your family have a safe and happy holiday season. From all of us at White House Fire Department, Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!



WINTER READING CHALLENGE

The winter reading challenge will begin on Sunday, November 5th and end on Saturday, December 30th. Sign up online on the library website or through the Readsquared app. Track your minutes on the app in order to reach benchmarks and win prizes. There will also be grab and go kits available each week for kids, tweens and teens to pick up and complete at home in addition to a guessing jars contest. Participants who guess the number of items in the jar the closest without going over will win a prize.



CLOSED
 DEC 21 AT 11AM
 DEC 22- 26
 DEC 30-JAN 1
 JAN 15



The library board will meet on January 11, 2023 at 7:00pm at the Billy S. Hobbs Community Center located at 105D College St. White House, TN 37188. Per the TCA Title 8, Chapter 44 regarding public meetings, a Public Comment section is on the meeting's agenda. To speak during the Public Comment period, a sign-up sheet will be placed in the meeting location near the printed agendas and will be taken up just before the start of the meeting.

Children Programs

For ages 0-9

- Mondays: Crafternoon at 4PM for ages 5-9
- 1st Monday of the Month: Reading Dog at 4pm
- Tuesday: Story Time at 10:30am for ages 0-5
- Wednesday: Storytime at 10:30am for ages 0-5

Tween/Teen Programs

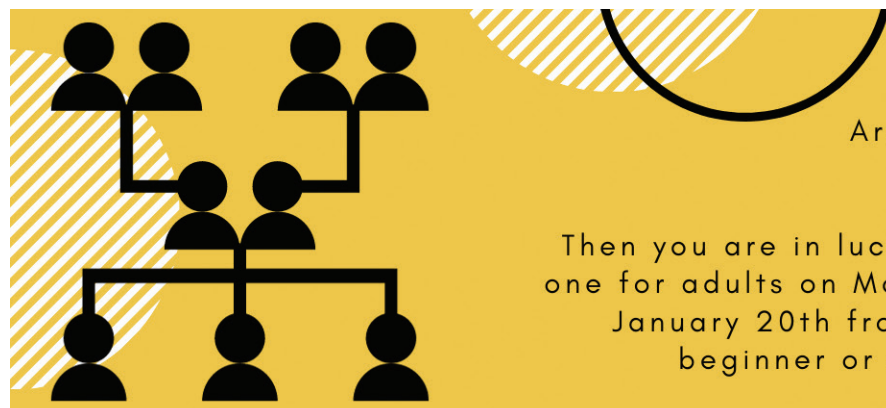
For ages 10-17

- Every Monday: Coding Club 4-5PM
- 1st Tuesday: Cooking Class at 4PM (limited)
- 2nd Tuesday: Craft Day at 4:30PM
- 3rd Tuesday: Anime Drawing day at 4:30PM
- 4th Tuesday: Comic Book or Song Writing 4:30PM
- 1st Thursday: Teen Advisory Board 5-5:30PM

Adult Programs

- Every Tuesday: Adult Knitting and Crochet 4p
- 1st Thursday: Adult Stitch Club at 4PM
- 2nd Thursday: Creative Writing Club 4:30p
- 4th Thursday: Bingo 1:30p-3p
- Last Thursday: Creative Writing Club at 4p

****NO programs the week of Christmas or New Year's**



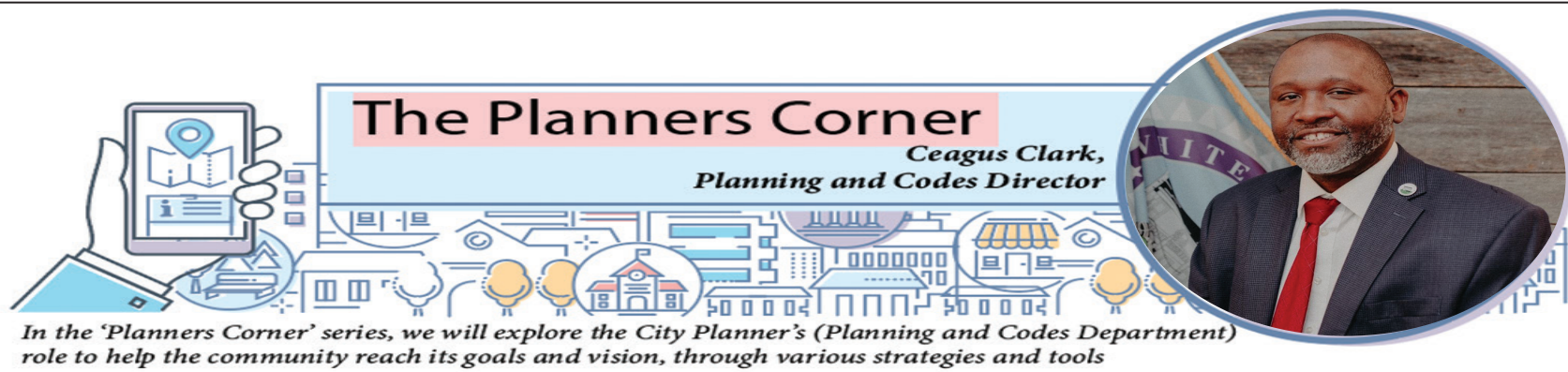
GENEALOGY CLASSES

Are you getting together with family over the holiday season?

Have you ever discussed your family history?

Do you wonder where your family came from?

Then you are in luck as the library will offer two genealogy classes in January, one for adults on Monday, January 8th from 10am to 12pm and one on Saturday, January 20th from 10am to 12pm for kids ages 10 and up. Whether you are a beginner or advanced with your genealogy research, the class will have something for everyone. We hope to see you there!



Inspection, Permitting, and Plan Review Tools

The Planning and Codes staff has several tools at our fingertips to assist in day-to-day operations. Using GIS (Geographic Information Systems) for mapping and permitting processes and are able to assist stakeholders more efficiently



With the growth that White House has experienced over the last few years, the use of permitting software has helped speed up the building inspection process. Since 2018 staff has gone from pen and paper, to using computer technology.

If a citizen is calling for a pool, deck or a remodel permit, staff can quickly input the request, make the appropriate review of the plan request, and schedule the inspection. Once the inspection is scheduled, it immediately is dispersed to the

building inspectors. Though we only have two building inspectors, they can provide efficient and quality inspections within a 24-hour window (during working hours) of the request. We are currently in the process of implementing a citizen self-service portal to streamline processes even further. This portal will allow residents and contractors to not only apply for inspections online, but request inspections and pay fees online. These services will always be available for stakeholders (citizens, contractors, developers etc.) to come in person, but will be a time saver for those wishing to have access to Planning and Codes digitally. The biggest thing staff is looking forward to is being able to utilize the E-Review (Electronic Review) module. We currently accept plans digitally, but there are several manual steps required throughout the course of a project. The E-Review module will implement better communication with

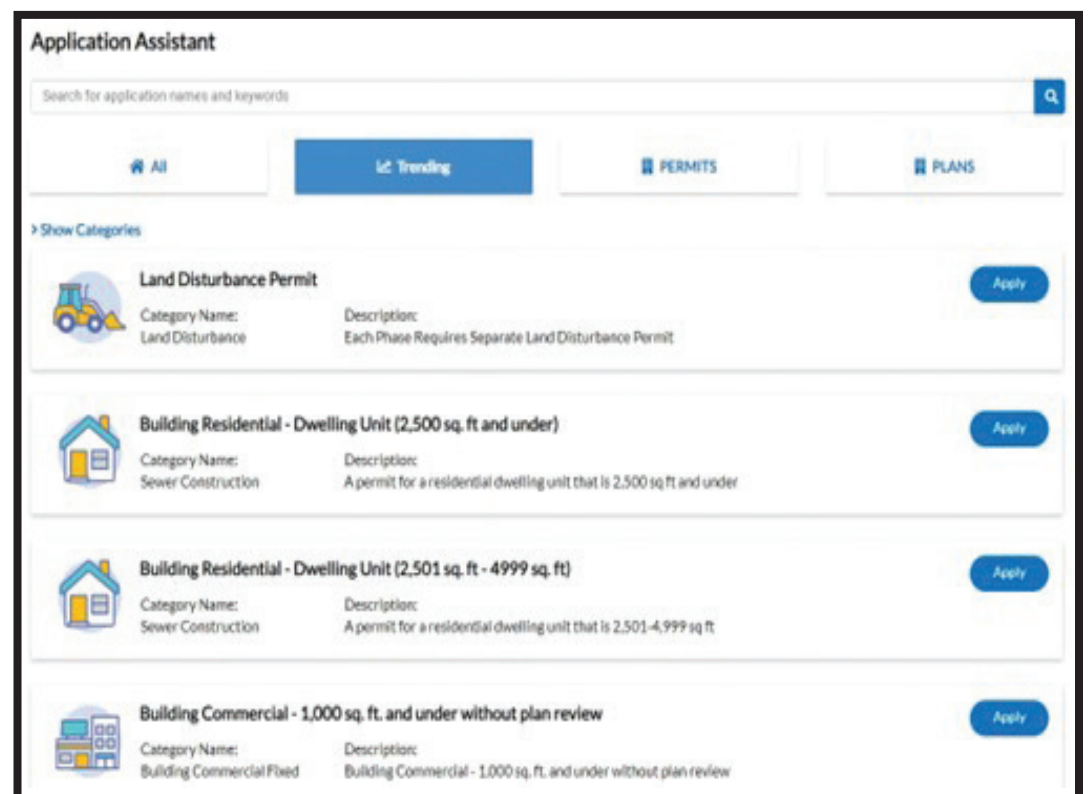


internal and external stakeholders (Engineers etc.). Public Services, Engineering, Fire and Planning review plans in detail, and coordinate our comments to external stakeholders. We will

now be able to review projects at the same time, comment and provide feedback within the software.

Implementation of the Citizen Self Service is now available. A link on the city website will allow the applicant to register and apply for various permits. We are excited to roll this out to the community to provide better response times and continue service to the citizens of White House.

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





CHRISTMAS ON MAIN STREET



Sat., December 2nd

Powered by

Immediately following the Christmas Parade at the City Hall Complex



PHOTOS WITH SANTA

inside the Library



LETTERS TO SANTA



COOKIES & MILK

Complimentary Refreshments



HOT COCOA & POPCORN



- Performances from Local School Choirs
- Mayor of the Day powered by Simmons Bank
- Lighting of the Christmas Tree



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