

The White House Wizards defeat the Police and Fire Department in a baseball battle!



The White House Wizards faced the White House Police and Fire Department in a baseball game this summer! The White House Wizards are a part of our Challenger Baseball program. The Challenger Baseball program is a free program for youth for disabilities hosted by the White House Parks Department. The league was made as a way for kids with disabilites to learn the foundations of baseball and to build community connections. It is also a chance for the players to be active while making friends and building their self-confidence.

This year, the team consisted of 10 players ranging from 4 to 18 years old. The wizards were led by coaches Darrell Suter, Christy Sut-

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We would like to thank the following sponsors for allowing this program to continue every year:Gerald Printing, Heads Farm, CEMC, White House Florist, WHYBS, Volunteer State Bank, White House Gold and Diamond, NP Clinic, Clif and Fran Hutson, Old Hickory Bat Company, Copper Creek Electric, The BBQ Place, and Hampton Inn! Continued on page 12





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Public Services:

Asphalt paving in their parking lot; continue with ADA transportation improvements; back up intersection detector system; replace front gate at their facility; purchase 2 new digital boards; half-million for street asphalt overlay; box culvert stormwater projects in Indian Ridge subdivision; land acquisition for stormwater improvements; purchase utility vehicle; stream monitor-

Parks and Recreation: Finish building recreation center; purchase an in-field groomer; finish soccer complex parking lot and pavilion; purchase furniture and fitness equipment for new recreation center; purchase utility vehicle; purchase equipment for gaming room in new recreation center; purchase a tri-max mower.

Wastewater:

Finish with phase 4 and 5 of the southern force main collection line; Design and acquire land for a new Wilkinson Lane lift station; purchase 2 utility trucks; purchase a compact mini excavator; finish new treatment plant facilities; repair the bank of one of the ponds at the plant; asphalt re-paving of facility parking lot.

May you be safe, happy, and healthy during the summer months.

July 1st was the start of our new budget year. The Board of Mayor and Alderman passed the annual budget at their June meeting. The budget was a culmination of six months of budget preparation and presentations. We have 15 funds, each of which has their own budget. Many of these funds are earmarked for specific purposes. We are projecting that these 15 funds will receive revenues of \$58 million and our outgoing expenditures to be \$45.6 million.

Greetings

FROM YOUR CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Gerald O. Herman

As the city has grown in population so has the need for additional personnel to staff the 10 departments. Additional full-time staff will increase by 6, giving us a total of 134 authorized employees. Additional part-time staff will increase by 4, giving us a total of 17 authorized part-time employees.

Approved in the budget was \$23 million for what we refer to as capital purchases over \$25,000. Here is a list of capital projects over \$25,000:

Legislative/Administrative: Web site improvements; Special Census; message board upgrade at the municipal complex; purchase tourism directional signage.

Grove Road; designing improvements for Calista Road widening, US31W at Marlin Road intersection improvements, and improvements for Union Road and SR76 intersection.



Engineering:

Widening of a section of North-Palmers Chapel Road; Pedestrian Safety Improvements at and near US31W and Raymond Hirsch Intersection; widening Sage Road from US31W to Cardinal Drive; Improving intersection with traffic signalization at SR76 and Pleasant

Police Department:

Purchase 2 patrol vehicles and 2 support services vehicles. Design concept for future police department facility expansion.

Fire Department:

Purchase a Rescue Pumptruck) er (fire and turnout gear for each firefighter. ing study; stormwater fee study.



Parks & Recreation



Soccer Complex Renovation

After 4 years of waiting and planning the renovations are finally complete! In 2020 we received a Local Parks and Recreation Fund Grant from the state to make improvements to the soccer complex. In total there was about \$3 million spent on the project. The funds went toward expanding and paving the parking area, adding ADA pathways and a pavilion to the front of the facility. With over 500 parking spaces and the new covered pavilion, the updates will provide a more accessible facility for our local leagues, tournaments, and special events. We appreciate everyone's patience this past spring as crews have worked on the project, and we expect the project to be completed by the time this article is published!

NOW - LABOR DAY

Monday: 9:00am- 8:00pm Tuesday: 9:00am- 8:00pm Wednesday: CLOSED Thursday: 9:00am- 8:00pm Friday: 9:00am- 8:00pm Saturday: 9:00am- 8:00pm Sunday: 11:00am- 6:00pm



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SENIOR CENTER

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

Volunteer Highlight

Thank you to Regina Wheat for organizing the White House Garden Club!

Here are a few words from Regina:

Hello my name is Regina Wheat! Before I lived in White House, I lived in Madison where my flower garden could be seen from West Ave as people drove by. I considered it my own little paradise! When I moved I brought 250 flowers with me to start my new backyard flower garden. I missed talking to other gardeners, sharing seeds, and information, so I decided to start a garden club! I put a meeting time and place on Hip White House and surprisingly had twenty fellow gardeners show up! It has grown from there.

We meet the second Tuesday of each month. Our meetings include snacks, plant swaps, socializing, door prizes and guest speakers. Sometimes the group meets at another site to tour local gardens and nurseries. You can find more information on our Facebook at *The White House Garden Club.*

White House Garden Club Second Tuesday of the Month Check the Calendar or Facebook for details:

Garden & Nursery Tours



Plant Swaps
Guest Speakers

The White House Garden Club







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

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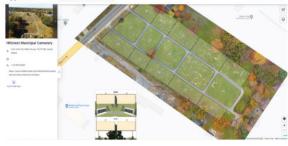
Hillcrest Municipal Cemetery

Chronicle Cemetery Software available.

The software has multiple features including:

- Records Search
- Walk To Grave GPS Mapping





Ground Burials Sale of Lots - \$750.00 Openings & Closings - \$800.00 (Monday - Friday) Burial of Cremains - \$300.00 Move Outside of Hillcrest -\$500.00 Move Within Hillcrest - \$1,000.00 Monument Foundation Fee - 25¢ per square inch Scatter of Cremains - \$25.00 **Columbarium** Sale of Niche- \$750.00 Internments- \$150.00 Engraving- \$250.00 Additional Opening and Closing - \$150.00



DIVISIONS - 1st - 2nd Grade: Co-Ed

- 3rd 4th Grade: Boys/Girls
- 5th 6th Grade: Boys
- 5th 8th Grade: Girls
- 7th 8th Grade: Boys





REGISTER

10/13/2024

SEASON: November - February PRACTICES/GAMES: Monday -Saturday

Questions? Call 615-672-4350 *2114

SAVE THE DATE! * TRAIL OF TREATS OCTOBER 28TH, 2024

WHITE HOUSE MUNICIPAL PARK

VENDOR REGISTRATION: 9/8/2024 - 10/28/2024







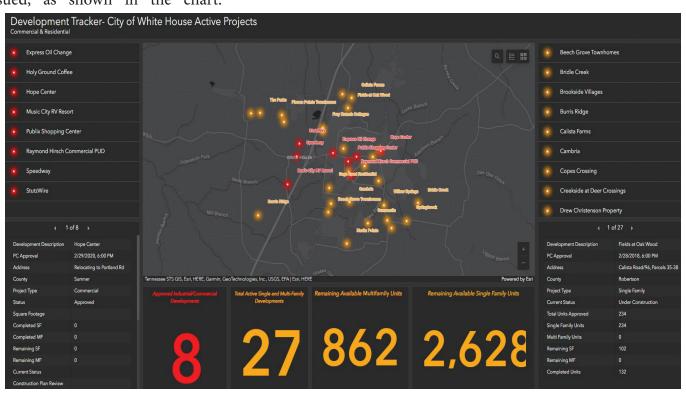
The concept of Growth Management was introduced in the 70's, with states beginning to adopt a more systematic approach to growth. Systems were enacted to mitigate transportation and environmental issues, all while balancing economic development. The City of White House began to implement policies in the early 80's to accommodate growth. The 2020 census count was 12,800 people within the city limits of White House. An estimate on July 1, 2023 showed a 17.9% increase with a population now of 15,340. Of the 5,041 households, 76% of the city's housing stock is owner-occupied. The value of owner-occupied homes, according to the census, is \$287,000. The median income in White House is \$85,404. Middle Tennessee continues to attract the relocation of businesses, causing the need for additional housing in the market. Citizens in the 10-county region are all experiencing major development. The City of White House is not unique to this growth. With growth comes growing pains, including increased traffic. There are eight (8) commercial and industrial projects, and 27 residential projects currently under construction. This includes townhouse and

apartment developments that are approved. If you would like to keep track of the progress of this construction, we have an online dashboard- which is updated monthly. Visit the city website, navigate to Planning and Codes, and you will see a link on the left side of the page, labeled Development Tracker.

https://www.whitehousetn.gov/ departments/planning-and-codes/ development-tracker

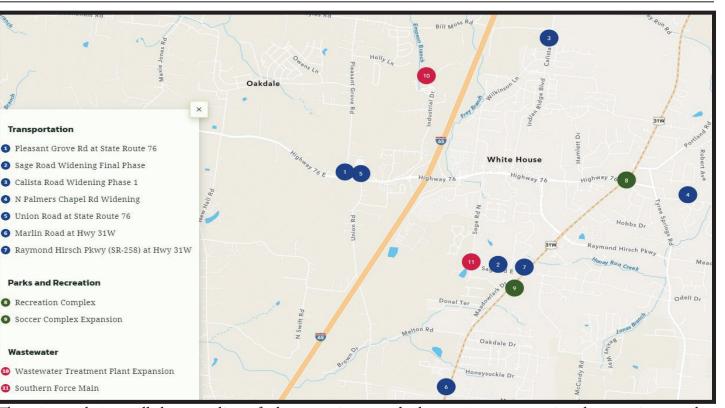
From 1996-2007, there were 1,842 single and multifamily permits issued, as shown in the chart.

	Single Family	Multi Family
1996	205	10
1997	137	0
1998	151	4
1999	238	12
2000	115	2
2001	122	4
2002	109	0
2003	76	0
2004	120	0
2005	163	0
2006	202	31
2007	91	50



There was a decline in growth nationwide due to the economic downturn. There were only 439 single family home building permits issued from 2017-2020. We issued an average of 360 single family permits over the last four years, with a record high number 579 permits in fiscal year 2024.

Majority of the approved developments in the city were approved between 2015 and 2021. It is estimated that the majority of these developments should be complete by 2028. This is based on the rate at which each development is currently being built. There are several major traffic improvement projects that will commence in the upcoming year, all aimed at alleviating traffic congestion and safety concerns.



The city website will have a list of these projects and the projects status in the coming weeks.

Finally, the city's Land Use Development Regulations will be completed by the end of Fiscal Year 2025. These will be key in facilitating growth for years to come. Be on the lookout for an invitation to contribute your input on zoning and land use.



If you have any questions or concerns, please feel 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.





In a scene that plays out every day in White House, and all across the country: You're driving along, and suddenly you notice a fire engine, ambulance, or police cruiser approaching from behind, lights and sirens wailing. What do you do? How do you react?

The job of an Apparatus Driver/Operator (Engineer) is to get the apparatus and crew to an emergency scene QUICKLY and SAFELY. Minutes and seconds do matter, but we can't just go barreling through town ignoring the speed limit and traffic laws, we must operate with due regard. If we get into an accident in the apparatus on the way to a call, we're now unable to help, and we've just created another emergency.

From the perspective in the cab of the fire engine, there's a LOT going on...

First of all, we need to know, quickly, where we are going, and navigate accordingly. This has to be done with a lot of distractions happening. The wailing siren and air horn, radio chatter, and a fire officer next to us giving instructions. All the while, we are going through a mental checklist in our head thinking about what we have to do once we're on scene, how to place the apparatus, hydrant locations, etc.

Traffic is the biggest variable. We are always looking way head of where we are going, watching and trying to anticipate what drivers will do. Our head is on a swivel, constantly scanning intersections, traffic lights, and even parking lots to make sure everyone sees us. We are trying to an-

There's a Fire Truck Behind Me, Now What? By Brandon Crimmons

ticipate things that might happen, so we will have time to react if necessary.

Most of the time, people react just fine. There are circumstances such as heavy traffic, tight roads, and simply being caught off guard that may cause drivers to react inappropriately. Add to that, drivers are often distracted by their phones, the phone and no texting while driving! If you need to make a call or use GPS, use a hands-free device. Keep the radio at a reasonable volume and don't put both ear buds in. • If you encounter an emergency vehicle, do not panic. As mentioned earlier, we had our eye on you from way back, we will give you time to react. The common adage is "sirens and



radio, navigation, etc., and most modern cars are well insulated, virtually soundproof, so a driver may not even hear us until we're right up on them.

We want to keep everyone safe, and in doing so it keeps us safe so we can go handle the emergency. As mentioned earlier, we're of no help to anybody if we don't make it to the scene. So, here's a few quick tips about how to react when you encounter an emergency vehicle:

• Most importantly, minimize distractions!! Do your best to maintain some situational awareness. Put your phone down, don't talk on the lights, pull to the right." If you see us coming, slow down and ease the vehicle to the right side of the road, as far as you're safely able to. Try not to slam on the brakes and jerk the car over, just pull over nice and easy. This rule applies whether we're approaching from behind you or meeting head on, pull to the right.

Now if we're on a tight, two-lane road, or there's heavy traffic, one or both ways, just do your best, get over as far as you can and we'll make it work. But keep something in mind, we cannot get our tires off the roadway since the fire engine is so heavy. If we get that fire truck too far off the road, it could potentially turn over or become stuck.

If you're stopped for any reason, like in a turning lane, try your best to pull to the right or just stay stopped, we'll go around you. Intersections can be tricky as well, and most dangerous for us to clear. Whichever way you're coming through an intersection, just slow down and stop safely, and not in the middle of the intersection if you can help it. We're either going to stop or slow way down and clear the intersection before proceeding.

Finally, if you can help it, don't stop on a hill or a blind curve, it's a dangerous situation if we can't see what's coming. Go ahead and crest the hill or go all the way through the curve. Again, we will give you time.

We're trained for this, and we practice it often, but it takes you, as a responsible driver, to help us out and yield.

• One final thing to keep in mind... If we're working on the side of the interstate or a busy highway, please slow down or move over! We understand everyone is in a hurry and has somewhere to be, but please be patient and we will get everyone on their way as soon as safely possible. Sometimes we might have to shut the road down, but we will open it back up as soon as we can.

Keep these tips in mind next time you see us in your rear view. It only takes a few seconds for us to go past you, and then you're going back about your day. STAY SAFE OUT THERE!!





POLICE DEPARTMENT



Safety While Traveling to School As students prepare to return to school, The White House Police Department would like to offer students, parents and motorists several important safety tips.

Walking to school:

Walk on the sidewalk, if one is available; when on a street with no sidewalk, walk facing the traffic.Before you cross the street, stop and look left, right and left again to see if cars are coming. Make eye contact with drivers before crossing and always cross streets at crosswalks or intersections. Stay alert and avoid distracted walking. Never walk while texting. If you need to respond to a text, move out of the way of others and stop on the sidewalk. Never cross the street while using an electronic device. Do not wear earbuds while walking across the street.

Riding a bicycle to school:

Ride on the right side of the road, with traffic, and in single file. Come to a complete stop before crossing the street; walk bikes across the street. Stay alert and avoid distracted riding. Make sure your child always wears a properly fitted helmet and bright clothing.

Riding the bus to school:

Go to the bus stop with your child to teach them the proper way to get on and off the bus. Teach your children to stand six feet (or 3 giant steps) away from the curb. If your child must cross the street in front of the bus, teach him or her

always be able to see each other. Driving your child to school:

Stay alert and avoid distracted driving. Obey school zone speed limits and follow your school's drop-off procedure. Make eye contact with children who are crossing the street.

Safety Tips for Motorists:

It is important that motorists be alert while driving, especially in school zones and residential neighborhoods. Children can be unpredictable and may ignore hazards

stopped at a red light or waiting to

to walk on the side of the road un- make a turn, forcing pedestrians til they are 10 feet ahead of the bus; to go around you; this could put your child and the bus driver should them in the path of moving traffic. In a school zone when flashers are blinking, stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection. Always stop for a school patrol officer or crossing guard holding up a stop sign. Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas. Don't honk or rev your engine to scare a pedestrian, even if you have the right of way. Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians. If you're driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. and take risks. The NSC provides Never pass a bus from behind - or the follow tips for motorists: from either direction if you're on an undivided road - if it is stopped to Don't block the crosswalk when load or unload children. It is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school

bus that is stopped to load or unload children. If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop. The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus. When passing a bicyclist, proceed in the same direction slowly, and leave 3 feet between your car and the cyclist. The most common cause of collision is a driver turning left in front of a bicyclist. Watch for bike riders turning in front of you without looking or signaling; children especially have a tendency to do this. Watch for bikes coming from driveways or behind parked cars Motorists are also reminded that the Tennessee Hands-Free Law requires drivers to stay off of all electronic devices while driving.



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page!

The White House Library Board will NOT meet in August and will meet again on September <u>12, 2024</u> 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 (ages 9 and under)

- Mondays: Crafternoon at 4PM for ages 6 to 10
- 1st Monday of the Month: Reading Dog at 4pm for ages 5-9
- Tuesday: Storytime at 10:30 for ages 0-5
- Wednesday: Storytime at 10:30am for ages 0-5
- 1st and 3rd Tuesday: Big Kids Club at 4:30pm for ages 7-10

Tween/Teen Programs (ages 10-17)

- Mondays: Coding Club 4-5PM
- 1st Tuesday: Cooking Class at 4:30PM
- 2nd Tuesday: Craft Day at 4:30PM
- 3rd Tuesday: Anime Drawing at 4:30PM
- 4th Tuesday: Comic Book or Song Writing at 4:30PM

Teen Programs (ages 13-17)

- 1st Thursday: Art Club at 4PM
- Last Thursday: Young Adult Book Club at 4:30 PM
- 1st Thursday and 3rd Tuesday: TAG at 5:30PM
- 3rd Saturday: Genealogy Class at 1PM

Adult Programs

- Every Monday: Art Class at 10AM
- 3rd Monday: Genealogy Club
- Every Tuesday: Knitting and Crochet 4-5PM
- 2nd Thursday: Mystery Readers at 3PM & Creative Writing at 4:30PM
- 4th Thursday: Bingo 1:30PM & Creative Writing 4PM
- Last Thursday: Bookworms Book Club 10AM

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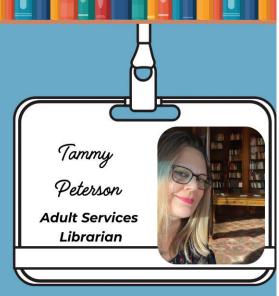
MIEET OUR STAFF MIEMBERS OF AUGUST AND SEPTIEMBER!



Hello, my name is Audrey Frazee and I am the Teen Librarian at the White House Public Library! I specifically work with tweens and teens between the ages of 10-17! I run a plethora of clubs throughout the month including (but not limited to) the Coding Club, Craft Night, Songwriting Club, Teen Art Club, YA Book Club, and our Teen Advisory Group aka TAG. These club meet throughout the month on Mondays. Tuesdays, and the occasional Thursday, but you can learn more about them on our website or at the Teen Info Booth in the YA section of the library. Additionally, there are a ton of other things I do in the library on a day-to-day basis such as create fun displays for the YA section, make bookmarks for the different clubs I run, make a monthly magazine for tweens & teens that come here, and I select all the purchases for the YA section! In my personal time I enjoy drawing, writing, hanging out with my friends, reading the occasional good book (but it's gotta grip me from the first page or it's an immediate DNF), and going on little adventures with my partner. I truly do love and enjoy my job here at the library and if you're looking into it; I highly suggest trying out a career in library sciences! It simply is a pleasure.

I'm Tammy Peterson and I'm the Adult Services Librarian here at White House Public Library! I've worked here for five years and held my current position for the past 2.5 years. I plan, schedule and market the adult programs here, and I facilitate some of them as well. The adult programs we provide include Genealogy, Knitting and Crochet, Sewing, Bingo, a mystery book club, an all-genre book club, a writing club and Device Advice. We also provide quarterly workshops of different topics for adults. The programs I teach include Mystery Readers Book Club, Adult Sewing, Bingo, and I also help instruct the Teen Sewing class. You can also find me at the circulation desk assisting patrons with everything from checking out items to computer and printer questions.

My favorite things to do in my personal life include spending time with my husband and kids, keeping freshwater aquariums, sewing, quilting, crocheting, reading and spending time with my coonhound, Lucy.





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