



October- November 2024

WORD ON WHITE HOUSE

A Publication of the City of White House

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The White House Fire Department honors firefighters who lost their lives during the 9/11 attacks

In remembrance of September 11th, 2001, several of the White House Fire Department firefighters took part in the Annual 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb in Nashville. Our firefighters climbed 110 floors in honor of the FDNY Firefighters at the Twin Towers on 9/11 who had to climb the stairs of the 110 story buildings in order to rescue and evacuate people and reach the fire floors. During this event, our firefighters wore their full gear (ranging from 60-80 lbs) and carried the names and pictures of one of the 343 firefighters who made the ultimate sacrifice on that day. The White House Fire Department has been participating in the stair climb for 14 years as a tribute to the lives lost on that horrible day and will be a tradition they hope to keep alive for many years to come.



OCTOBER 14
FOR COLUMBUS DAY

NOVEMBER 11
FOR VETERAN'S DAY

NOVEMBER 28
FOR THANKSGIVING



City of White House
Billy S. Hobbs Municipal Center
105 College Street
White House, TN 37188
www.whitehousetn.gov

Phone: 615-672-4350

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Greetings

FROM YOUR CITY ADMINISTRATOR
Gerald O. Herman



Harvest season is here! What a blessing that we have farmers that work with the elements of the earth to bring us our daily bread. White House is surrounded by many farms. Farmers in our area work long hours to produce dairy milk, corn, soybeans, beef, chicken and many other agricultural crops and livestock so that we can have a quick meal or a delicious Sunday family dinner. If you are a farmer reading our newsletter, Thank You, we appreciate your dedication to farming.

Did you know that in fiscal year 2023-24, ending June 30, 2024:

- Your city finished the year with all 15 budgetary funds at or below budget.
- Your Department of Administrative Services processed

1,673 purchase orders with a total dollar amount of \$16,924,871.

- Your city had 388,178 visits to the city website.
- Your Finance Department processed 4,945 invoices.
- Your Finance Department processed 1,495 utility billing applications.
- Your city finished the year with all 15 funds meeting or exceeding their cash balances of 30% of operating revenues at year end.
- Your city employee turnover rate was 11.81%.
- Your Police Department earned their 4th re-accreditation from the Tennessee Law Enforcement

ment accreditation program. They responded to 4,668 calls for service.

- Your Fire Department responded to 1,684 calls for service, logged 5,684 hours of training, and completed 974 fire inspections.

- Your Public Services Department filled potholes, maintained all the traffic signals, picked up your brush, managed with a private contractor trash collection, inspected and approved new roads and stormwater infrastructure in new developments. They worked tirelessly to clear brush and debris from streams. They cleared snow and ice from city streets.
- Your Wastewater Department processed waste from 7,146 connections travelling through collection lines into the wastewater treatment facility.
- Your Planning and Codes Department issued 538 single family home permits (a record high) and conducted 4,771 residential building inspections.

- Your Senior Center membership is 4,162. Meals served to senior citizens at their weekly Wednesday meal day was 6,404.
- Your library provided quality program and valuable services to 8,098 members.

When you do go to vote for this November 5th election you will see, if you live in Ward 3, on your ballot a competitive race between two candidates that qualified for the White House Alderman Ward 3 board of mayor and alderman position. Jeremy Sisk and Carter Beck will be competing for this spot on the Board. Alderman Linda Silver, the current Board member for this ward, has decided to opt out of this race. For those of you in Ward 4 your incumbent qualified candidate Michael Wall will be on your ballot, and he is running unopposed. For those of you in Ward 1 and 2 there will be no White House candidates listed. The Mayor and Ward 1 and 2 Alderman are halfway through their term and will be on the ballot in 2026.

If you're a veteran, thank you for your service. To everyone Happy Thanksgiving. May you be safe, happy, and healthy during these fall months





WE'RE HIRING!



Competitive Pay



Great Benefits



4 Weeks of Vacation at Start*





WhiteHouseTN.gov/Careers



Parks & Recreation



STAGECOACH

In the mid to late 1830s, the stagecoach traveling the L&N Pike between Louisville and Nashville made regular stops at a whitewashed house along the route. As the stagecoach stop grew in popularity, coach drivers began referring to it as “the white House”. The informal reference eventually gave rise to the name of our community. In honor of the city’s history, a stagecoach was installed in front of The White House Inn Museum. The carriage in the display is modeled after a concord stagecoach. Concord stagecoaches are unique due to their leather strap thoroughbrace suspension system. Beyond its historical significance the new display also serves as a fun photo opportunity for locals and visitor alike. Stop by today to tour the museum and then use the selfie stand to get your picture in the stagecoach!



Museum Hours: Mon. – Thur. 9:00am - 4:00pm 412 HWY 76, White House, TN www.WhiteHouseTN.gov/museum

Youth Basketball

Registration Deadline: October 13th

Ages: 1st-8th graders

Season: November- February

Fees:

Residents: \$100.00

Non-Residents: \$112.00



Scan to Register

Christmas Parade

Event Date: December 7th

Float Registration: October 6th-
December 5th

Theme: A Music City Christmas



<https://www.whitehousetn.gov/parks>

615-672-4350 *2114

City of White House, TN - Parks and Recreation



SENIOR CENTER

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

Upcoming Events

OCT 3
Dance
 6:00pm
 Community Room

OCT 31
Halloween Party
 11:00am
 Senior Center

OCT 9
Wednesday Lunch- Park
 11:15am
 Municipal Park- Pavilion 3

NOV 12
Garden Club Christmas Party
 11:00am
 Community Room

OCT 24
Medicare Info Session
 10:30am
 Senior Center

NOV 14
Veteran's Day Celebration
 11:00am
 Senior Center



Open Walking

Monday - Thursday: 7:15-10:30am

Senior Exercise Class

Monday - Thursday: 9:30am



Senior Citizen's Open Play Pickleball

Monday & Wednesday: 10:30am

No membership or joining fees!
Free transportation available for outings!
 (Limited seats available)

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

TRAIL OF TREATS

FREE HAYRIDES ♦ FREE CANDY ♦ FOOD TRUCKS

OCTOBER 28TH, 2024

WHITE HOUSE MUNICIPAL PARK
420 HIGHWAY 76 WHITE HOUSE, TN 37188

SENSORY FRIENDLY TRAIL @ 5:30 PM
GENERAL TRAIL @ 6:00 PM

QUESTIONS? CALL THE PARKS & RECREATION OFFICE AT 615-672-4350

 CITY OF WHITE HOUSE, TENNESSEE- PARKS AND RECREATION

BOOTH DECORATING CONTEST

VENDOR REGISTRATION: NOW - 10/28/2024

Online Cemetery Map and Deceased Search

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

<https://www.whitehousetn.gov>





The Planners Corner

Geagus Clark
Planning and Codes Director

In the 'Planners Corner' series, we will explore how the Code Enforcement Staff keep White House beautiful, focusing on city signage and property maintenance.

In the previous edition of Word on White House, I provided the goals and objectives of What, How and Why a Long-Range Planning is created.

In this edition of the Planner's Corner, I will focus on procedures for temporary sign permits and why enforcement is necessary.

Signs constitute a separate and distinct use of the land upon which they are placed and affect the use of adjacent streets, sidewalks, and property. The provisions of this ordinance are made to establish reasonable and impartial regulations for all exterior signs to protect the general public health, safety, convenience, and welfare; to reduce traffic hazards caused by unregulated signs which may distract, confuse, and impair the visibility of motorists and pedestrians; to insure the effectiveness of public traffic signs and signals; to protect the public investment in streets, highways, and

other public improvements; to facilitate the creation of an attractive and harmonious community; to protect property values; and to further economic development.



Our code enforcement staff recently sent out letters to all commercial businesses in the city limits as a courtesy to provide information on temporary signage. A Temporary Sign is an on-premise sign that is used in connection with a circumstance, situation, commercial advertisement, product availability or event that is designed, intended, or expected to take place or to be completed within a reason-

ably short period of time after the erection of such sign, or is intended to remain on the location where it is erected or placed for a period not more than twenty-eight (28) days. A temporary sign may not be

constructed of, illuminated by, or operated by electrical, electronic, or mechanical parts. If a sign display area is permanent but the message displayed is to be subject to periodic changes, that sign shall not be regarded as temporary. Banner signs are defined as being temporary signs. All temporary signs must comply with the City of White House Zoning Ordinance. (Amended by Ordinance 02-34, November 21, 2002)

Temporary Signs requiring a sign permit at no charge. Signs may be erected only after obtaining a temporary sign permit from the building inspector. The permit shall cite the length of time the sign may be displayed. If any temporary sign is not removed by the expiration of the appropriate time limit noted in this section, the building inspector may remove it and charge the costs of removal to the individual or enterprise responsible.

Please contact our office at 615-672-4350 ext. *2120, or visit our website www.WhiteHouseTN.gov/Planning. The sign ordinance can be found under section 4.070.

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

HIRING IN OUR COMMUNITY FOR A SPECIAL CENSUS

In February 2025, our community will conduct a special census through the U.S. Census Bureau to update its population count. This new count may help us qualify for additional state revenues to provide essential services like street repair, services for our seniors, public safety, and other vital activities we depend on every day.

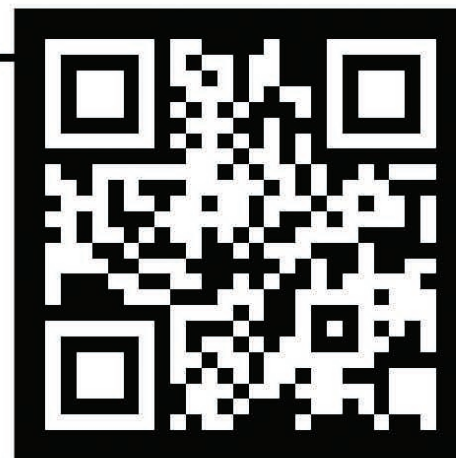
In late October or early November 2024, the U.S. Census Bureau will start recruiting people in our community to work on the Special Census. These positions provide an opportunity to earn extra income while helping the community. Pay rates vary depending on the applicant's location but would be **around \$20 per hour**, plus mileage and paid training. Our in-person special census will last several weeks, starting April 2025 through early June 2025. Field representatives are asked to work 25–40 hours weekly when neighbors are home, usually evenings and weekends.



WHAT POSITIONS ARE AVAILABLE?

- FIELD REPRESENTATIVES
- FIELD SUPERVISORS
- SPECIAL CENSUS SUPERVISORS
- FIELD MANAGERS
- CLERKS

LOCAL RESIDENTS ARE NEEDED TO
WORK ON OUR SPECIAL CENSUS.
WE HOPE YOU WILL APPLY AT:
CENSUS.GOV/COMMUNITYJOBS



CITY OF WHITE HOUSE FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE OFFICER PROMOTIONS-2024

Recently at the White House Fire Department we had the opportunity to promote and fill vacant Captain and Lieutenant positions. The objective of our promotional process is to identify and promote the most qualified candidates. Some factors considered in the promotional process include the candidate's performance in their present position and their projected performance in the advanced position.

The promotional process involves three stages that puts all applicants through a rigorous process to identify the best candidate. The first step requires each candidate to pass a written test. This step ensures each candidate possesses the minimum knowledge required to be able to perform in a supervisory role as a Captain or Lieutenant. The second step involves each candidate being interviewed by an interview panel. The interview panel is comprised of the departments Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief, the City Administrator, and a representative from Human Resources. Each candidate is asked 20 questions ranging from how they would operate on an emergency scene to how they would lead if promoted to a leadership role. Each can-

didate is evaluated on how they answer each question and scored accordingly. The final step in the process is a scenario-based review of how each candidate would perform their leadership duties while operating at an emergency scene. Each candidate is given two to three different emergency scenarios that they could encounter on any given day. Each candidate is then evaluated and scored on how they performed on each scenario.

After the three stages of the promotional process have been completed, each candidate is given an overall ranking based on their performance.

This year's promotional process involved four candidates applying for the Lieutenant position and three candidates applying for the Captain position. All candidates performed exceptionally well throughout the process which made narrowing down each position to one individual an extremely difficult decision.

However, we are pleased to congratulate our newest officers Captain Justin Whitaker and Lieutenant Billy Gaull on their recent promotions. Captain Whitaker, who had previously

served as the Lieutenant on B shift, will now serve as the C shift Captain. Captain Whitaker has worked for the White House Fire Department since August of 2017. Some of the certifications he has achieved include Firefighter 1 and 2, Aerial Apparatus Driver Operator, Fire Department Instructor, and Fire Officer 1. Lieutenant Billy Gaull, who had previously served as a firefighter on C shift, will now serve as the B shift Lieutenant. Lieutenant Gaull has worked for the White House Fire Department since August of 2019. Some of the certifications he has achieved include Firefighter 1 and 2, Aerial Apparatus Driver Operator, Fire Department Instructor, and Fire Officer 1. Lieutenant Gaull is also in the final stage of achieving a certification in strength and conditioning from the National Strength and Conditioning Association which will allow him to create strength and conditioning programs geared specifically towards first responders.

We want to commend both of these individuals for their hard work and dedication that they have demonstrated throughout the promotional process and wish them the best in their new roles.



Jingle & Mingle AROUND TOWN

Presented By
Honey Run Boutique
Clothing & Gifts

SATURDAY, NOV. 9TH

WIN \$500
local shopping spree

Dozens of Door Prizes
Goody Bags for the First 200 Shoppers
Great Deals • Local Merchants • Pop Up Shops

SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESSES

PINK FRIDAY

I PLEDGE TO SHOP SMALL THIS YEAR
NOVEMBER 22nd, 2024

Discover White House Expo & Safety Day

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5 10 AM - 2 PM

WHITE HOUSE CITY PARK

- BOOTHS
- FOOD TRUCKS
- FREE FACE PAINTING, BALLOON TWISTING
- LIVE MUSIC
- POLICE, FIRE, EMS & MORE

WIN PRIZES ON THE NON-PROFIT TRAIL
Get your passport, visit the specially marked booths and be entered to win

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TriStar NorthCrest MEDICAL CENTER

TriStar Hendersonville MEDICAL CENTER

WHITE HOUSE TENNESSEE

WHITE HOUSE POLICE TENNESSEE

CITY OF WHITE HOUSE FIRE DEPT.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

○ YOUNGER CHILDREN SHOULD ALWAYS WALK WITH AN ADULT. OLDER CHILDREN SHOULD ALWAYS WALK IN A GROUP.

○ USE FLASHLIGHT, 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!

FALL FAMILY BLOCK PARTY!

FRIDAY, OCT. 18 • 3:00 - 7:00 PM
WHITE HOUSE CITY PARK



FARMERS MARKET
COSTUME CONTEST



FAMILY MOVIE
BEGINS AT 7PM
on the baseball field bring
your blankets & lawn chairs



VENDORS
FOOD TRUCKS
PUMPKIN PATCH



VIP Children's Clinics



FUN ZONES
• INFLATABLES
• AIR BRUSH
TATTOOS
& MORE!



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Discover White House Area
Chamber of Commerce



PUBLIC SERVICES

Stormwater and Flooding

Between the beginning of May and end of June, the City of White House received three historic rain events that delivered one-third of our annual yearly rain fall. When these events took place, the Public Services Department-Stormwater Division received approximately 187 flooding concerns all across our community. The Stormwater Division fielded these concerns and reports by having in-person meetings, email correspondence, phone calls and facilitating a Public Comment Section during the quarterly Stormwater Advisory Board Meeting that occurred this past June. The Stormwater Division's actions immediately following these events included, clearing debris from culverts, clearing trees and debris from roadways, and repairing sinkholes that had formed due to the flooding issues. The next step was to culminate a list of projects from requests received throughout the City of White House Community. To all of these concerns and issues received there were varying degrees of action that needed to be taken as each issue was unique in its own way.

Fastforward to September of 2024, while there is still much to do, the City of White House has taken major steps forward in just a few months to better miti-

gate some of the largest issues that were encountered during these historic events. Many projects that were able to be completed by our internal Stormwater Crew by simply remediating stormwater ditch by excavating siltation, sediment, and debris from ditches, pipe, and other stormwater infrastructure. Conversely,



Other stormwater projects are much larger and complex in nature. In order to remedy these issues The City of White House has taken steps toward purchasing land in order to increase the size of existing detention areas, involving engineering firms to conduct watershed studies, and even reached out to FEMA and TEMA to apply for a grant to study the overall watershed for the entire City of White House.

This overall encompassing study will provide the City of White House with a more current picture of how stormwater flows throughout the community and identify additional floodplains that may now exist within the City Limits of White House. If the FEMA Grant is approved and the study is completed, The

Stormwater Inspector, and Administrative Staff of the Public Services Division closely monitor active of housing developments, commercial developments, and single family in-fill lots to ensure compliance with the MS4 Permit. If any of these developments are out of compliance according to Ordinance or Permit, The Public Services Department has the authority to impose Stop Work Orders and/or Civil Penalties for these projects. Most recently The Public Services Department, Stormwater Division imposed Stop Work Orders on 6 different developments that were out of compliance.

The City of White House Public Services Department Stormwater Division, will continue to take a firm stance on compliance of the MS4 Permit Requirements and closely monitor all active developments both commercial and residential. We will also continue to strive to improve existing infrastructure, install new and better infrastructure during new construction projects, and continue to work with State and Federal Agencies to continue to improve our Stormwater Program as it relates to all facets of permitting and enforcement.

The City of White House will utilize the information from this study to replace or add new and better stormwater infrastructure to mitigate flooding issues and to improve the quality of stormwater that is discharged into the MS4 Permitted area in the City of White House, City Limits. In order to improve the quality of stormwater that is discharged into the permitted area The Stormwater Inspector, Public

PUBLIC SERVICES



Friendly Reminder

- ✓ Do not approach garbage/recycle truck
- ✓ Bagged trash inside the bin only
- ✓ Trash bins out by 6am on day of pick up
- ✓ Do not park on street in cul-de-sac





FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

Scan the QR code to go directly to the Library Facebook page!

The White House Library Board will meet November 14, 2024 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

Adult Programs

- 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

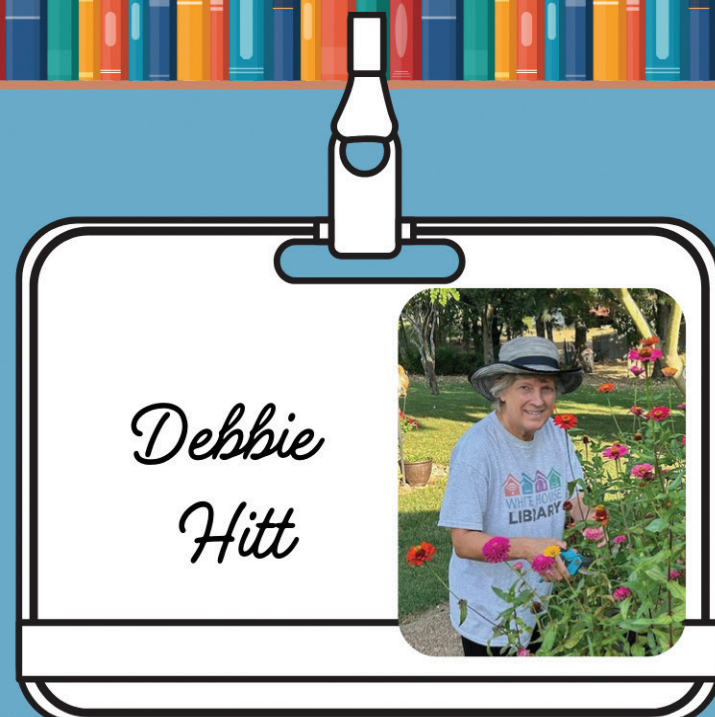


MEET OUR STAFF MEMBERS OF OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER!



Hi, my name is Gracie Whitaker and I am the part-time Library Clerk. I have been with the library for 2 years. I have a lot of different tasks I do daily. Some of my special tasks are repairing books, organizing the Larry art wall, and helping other co-workers as needed. When I am not working, I am typically at school. I am currently a sophomore in college studying Business Management. Some things I enjoy are hanging out with my friends and family, going shopping, watching football, and reading of course.

My name is Debbie. I have been working at the library for four and a half years. You will see me at the front desk or possibly working on the seed catalog. I enjoy flower and vegetable gardening and of course, reading.





CHRISTMAS ON MAIN STREET

Immediately following the Christmas Parade at City Hall & White House Public Library Complex



Parade Starts at
3:00 pm



Saturday
December 7



City Hall Complex

- Lighting of Tree
- Free Refreshments
- Santa's Workshop

LETTERS TO SANTA
POP CORN
FREE COOKIES & MILK

Parade theme **MUSIC CITY CHRISTMAS**

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