

# WORD ON WHITE HOUSE

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105 College Street • White House, Tennessee 37188

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**The new City website is live!**  
 In April 2020, the City's website crashed. We worked quickly to get a new temporary website up and running for the citizens. The City was already in the planning stages of creating a new website. When this happened, the project got moved to the forefront as we have been working diligently ever after trying to get the new site ready to launch. Well after months of work and feedback, the new City of White House website is available to everyone. We hope that the new site is more user friendly and eye appealing. Be sure to check it out and let us know your thoughts! Keep in mind, that with a new site, we might still have some kinks to work out, but we are trying our best to make sure everything is just where it needs to be for the ease of our citizens. We appreciate everyone's cooperation while this project was being completed.



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## CITY OFFICES HOLIDAY

**November 26th - Closed**  
**December 23rd -**  
**Closing at 11AM**  
**December 28th - Closed**  
**December 31st - Closed**



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# GENERAL INFORMATION



Gerald O. Herman  
City Administrator

Greetings,

Happy Holidays!  
Like all of you, COVID-19 has caused us to rethink our festive activities. We are going live with a virtual

Christmas on Main celebration on December 3rd. We will have some music, the annual Christmas tree lighting, the reading of "The Night before Christmas", and maybe a message from Santa to all of us! Our plan is to live stream the event on social media and to record it so that you can watch it any time; this way, we can reduce the number of people at the event site.

On December 5th we will have our annual Christmas parade. The theme is "Home Town Hero's" to support all those on the front line during this COVID-19 pandemic. We hope you all will come out to support the parade. There should be plenty of open space along the route to socially distance.

January kicks off our City's 50th anniversary year of incorporation (1971). A committee was formed several months ago to begin planning for celebratory events throughout the year. There will be a formal proclamation from Mayor Arnold at the January Board of Mayor and Alderman meeting. We will have a public birthday party in late March. The 50th anniversary theme will be promoted at both the Americana Celebration in July and the Christmas Parade in December

2021. A fall gala is also in the planning stages. Congratulations to the City of White House!

Finally, the widening project on SR76 at Interstate 65 is complete. The changes that you see were brought up in a study back in 2005! In 2012 the City requested that TDOT conduct a Road Safety Audit in that area. They did and found that the crash date in that area had risen to the point that it exceeded the statewide average for severe crashes. Thus began a very long process to get to the improvements that you get to drive on today.

The next phase of improvements along this corridor will be the widening of SR76 to four lanes from the west side of I-65 to the New Hall Road intersection. The City was able to get this project into the Improve Act (gasoline tax increase) that was written into law. This project is currently estimated at \$22 million and will have


intersection improvements at Pleasant Grove Road and New Hall. The Metropolitan Planning Organization has this project on the long range plan to be completed around the year 2035. The City is working fervently to try and get this project moved up the priority list with TDOT and the MPO. In the mean time we have added a left turn lane to Pleasant Grove Road. As funds become available we will do what we can to make safety improvements along this corridor.

The Kroger Company is expanding and remodeling their store. They will be adding 36,000 square foot to the east. Byrum Road will be shifted over. The City has approved a mixed use residential community to go behind Kroger. Byrum drive will be extended and go through the park and connect with Indian Ridge Blvd at Stadium Drive. The road will go straight through the existing tennis courts. We will work with the developer to relocate

the tennis courts a little west. Our plans are to double the number of courts we currently have available.

Tate Ornamental has built a new 93,500 square foot manufacturing facility on Industrial Drive easily visible along I-65. We sure do appreciate all the Tate family has done to provide jobs and to increase the quality of life for our community. Happy New Year...so thankful 2020 is going to be behind us 😊

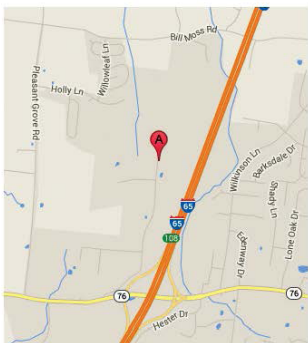
Happy  
holidays



## EMISSIONS TESTING

**9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.**

**427 INDUSTRIAL DR. • BEHIND PUBLIC WORKS BLDG.**



**2020 TESTING DATES:**

<del>Jan. 13th</del>	<del>Feb. 10th</del>	<del>Mar. 9th</del>
<del>Apr. 13th</del>	<del>May 11th</del>	<del>Jun. 8th</del>
<del>Jul. 13th</del>	<del>Aug. 10th</del>	<del>Sep. 14th</del>
<del>Oct. 5th</del>	<del>Nov. 16th</del>	Dec. 7th

**Emissions testing will be held for Sumner County at Public Services (427 Industrial Dr, White House, TN 37188) from 9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. This is for the testing portion ONLY. You are not able to receive tags at this location.**

# POLICE DEPARTMENT



Now accepting donations for Shop with a Cop and Firefighter. You can drop a check off at The Farmers Bank, the White House Police Station (to Det. Dan Hunter), or the White House Fire Department (to Chief McLaughlin). Checks need to be made out to White House Rotary Club and noted that it is for the Shop with a Cop or Firefighter program. If you have any questions, contact Det. Hunter at 615-672-4903.

In February 2021, the White House Police Department will host its seventeenth annual Citizen's Police Academy. The purpose of the academy is to give citizens the opportunity to learn about police work in general and also gain insight into the White House Police Department's daily operations and programs. The Academy will be held on Monday nights from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. for ten weeks and is open to citizens 18 years of age and older and will meet at the White House Police Department at 303 North Palmers Chapel Rd. White House, Tennessee 37188. Class size is limited to 20 participants. Applications being accepted now.

The Academy is not designed to make participants certified police officers, nor does it give the graduates authority to act as police officers. The focus of the curriculum is to provide an informative overview of the fun-



damentals of police operations and crime prevention. This two-way communication will certainly be an effective and successful way to build a partnership between the community and the police department.

If you are interested in attending a future Citizen's Police Academy and would like an application, they are available for pick-up at the White House Police Department, or for an online application, go to [www.cityofwhitehouse.com](http://www.cityofwhitehouse.com) and click on Citizen Police Academy Application. If you would like more information on this program, please contact Sergeant Eric M Enck at 616-1075 at the White House Police Department.

## Holiday Crime Prevention Tips

THE RUSH AND GOOD WILL THAT SURROUND THE HOLIDAYS CAN INCREASE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CRIMINAL ACTIVITY. THE WHITE HOUSE POLICE DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS THESE SIMPLE TIPS TO ASSIST YOU IN HAVING A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON.

### WHEN SHOPPING:

BE ALERT AND AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS. PAY ATTENTION TO WHO IS AROUND YOU AND WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE HAPPENING. DON'T LEAVE THE SAFETY OF A BUILDING OR YOUR VEHICLE UNTIL YOU HAVE ENSURED ALL IS SECURE AND SAFE. TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS; IF YOU FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE WITH A PLACE OR PERSON(S), GET AWAY.

REMEMBER TO LOCK YOUR VEHICLE!! KEEP VEHICLE DOORS AND WINDOWS LOCKED WHILE YOU ARE IN IT AND ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU ARE NOT! USE ANTI-THEFT STEERING WHEEL CLUBS OR LOCKS AS WELL. A THIEF IS LOOKING FOR EASY TARGETS & ANYTHING YOU CAN DO TO DETER THEM FROM CHOOSING YOUR CAR, THE BETTER.

MINIMIZE THE NUMBER OF VALUABLES LEFT IN YOUR VEHICLE AND KEEP VALUABLES, ELECTRONICS (INCLUDING CELL PHONES AND DVDS), GIFTS AND OTHER "THEFT ATTRACTORS" OUT OF SIGHT.

PROTECT YOUR PURSE OR WALLET AND CLEAN OUT ANY UNNECESSARY ITEMS BEFORE LEAVING HOME. DON'T CARRY LARGE AMOUNTS OF CASH OR EXTRA CREDIT CARDS. CARRY ONLY THOSE CARDS THAT YOU WILL NEED TO USE THAT DAY. KEEP A MASTER LIST OF ALL CARDS SO IF YOUR WALLET IS STOLEN, THEY CAN BE REPORTED PROMPTLY TO THE APPROPRIATE BANKING FACILITY. NEVER LEAVE YOUR PURSE, WALLET OR CELL PHONE UNATTENDED IN A PUBLIC PLACE.

SHOP WITH A BUDDY - THERE IS SAFETY IN NUMBERS.

ROLE-PLAY WITH CHILDREN ABOUT WHAT SHOULD HAPPEN IN THE EVENT YOU ARE SEPARATED.

HAVE YOUR KEYS OUT AND READY WHEN YOU RETURN TO YOUR VEHICLE. PARK IN WELL-LIT AREAS. DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CAR UNATTENDED WITH THE MOTOR RUNNING OR WITH THE KEYS IN THE IGNITION - EVEN FOR THE VERY SHORT TIME NEEDED TO DO A QUICK ERRAND OR PAY FOR FUEL.

ONLY MAKE ONLINE PURCHASES FROM TRUSTED, SECURE WEBSITES. LOOK FOR "HTTPS" IN THE WEB ADDRESS TO VERIFY SECURITY.

CONTACT THE WHITE HOUSE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO REPORT ALL CRIMINAL ACTIVITY: EMERGENCY 911//NON-EMERGENCY 672-4903//W.H.P.D. CENTRAL DISPATCH CENTER 382-6863



# PARKS & RECREATION



Trail of Treats took place on October 29th. The City of White House Parks Department stuffed 1,000 Ziploc bags with candy and were passed out Thursday evening at the White House Museum. Candy, bags, maps, and flyers were given out to everyone that stopped by. We had 25 businesses help participate in our Trail of Treats with Reid Insurance taking home first place in the decorating competition with their booth decorated like Netflix's popular documentary *Tiger King*.

## GIRLS SPRING VOLLEYBALL

Spring Volleyball Signups will take place in January! Practices will begin in March with games in April & May. For more information, call 615-672-4350 ext. 2114 or visit our website.



## CHRISTMAS PARADE

The parade will take place Saturday, December 5th at 1PM. The theme this year is **Frontline Worker Appreciation** with Dr. Kumar being the Grand Marshal. The parade will be at the White House Municipal Park. A map of the route of the Parade will be posted on the City's Website and also on our Facebook page. Please contact the Park's Department to register to have a float in this year's parade!



# PARKS & RECREATION



## Girls' Volleyball

Girls' Volleyball ended on October 24th. We had 41 participants among six teams. Trophies for everyone were given out and ribbons were awarded to the top team in the 3rd-5th Grade Bracket and 6th-8th Grade Bracket. First Place in the 3rd-5th Grade Division was Jeremey King (Left) and first place in the 6th-8th Grade Division was Roger Pond's Team (Right).



## Men's Spring Open League Softball

Men's Softball will begin signups in January! Must be 17 or Older to sign up. Tuesday and Thursday doubleheader games. \$450 per Team; \$50 Free Agent Fee. Please check our website or come by the office to signup.



## Discover White House Expo and Safety Day

We had our annual Safety Day on October 3rd. We had eight kids participate in the bike parade and gave out a medal to the best decorated bike. After the parade, they participated in the Obstacle Course that the Police Department had set up for the kids with their bikes.



**CHALLENGER BASEBALL SIGNUPS WILL BEGIN IN JANUARY! PRACTICES WILL BEGIN IN MARCH AND GAMES IN APRIL. WE WILL BE NEEDING A COACH AND COMMUNITY SPONSORS TO HELP WITH THIS PROGRAM. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT THE PARKS DEPARTMENT.**

# SENIOR CENTER

Our exercise regiment includes sittercise with Ann, Tuesday and Thursday at 9a. The gym is available Monday-Thursday until 10a for a walk.

Our center is open with limited activities. Check our calendar for specific dates and activities. We are taking social distancing precautions such as temperature checks, masks and limited group size.



November activities included a Bingo Game (card and instructions attached to the calendar), Craft Day, Book Club, meet up at Strike n Spare for Bowling, Sack lunch at



city park (weather permitting), Movie at the Center, meet up at White House Museum for the Women's Suffrage Exhibit, Bible Study and a game of Pool.

Check out our calendar for upcoming events/outings for December and January.

Stop by the center located at 105 College Street, White House, TN to pick up a calendar and take a tour of our center or check us out on the City of White House website. There is NO FEE and new residents are welcome!!!



## COMMUNITY WALKERS

LOCATION: CIVIC CENTER GYMNASIUM

WHEN: Monday-Thursday

7:15AM-10:00AM

FREE FOR EVERYONE

(Walkers **ONLY**)



A hot lunch is served take out/drive through only, every Wednesday. The cost of the meal for a senior is \$2.50 and \$5.50 for non-seniors. The meal includes meat, vegetables, bread, and dessert. Reservations are required by noon on Monday. Call Billie at 615.672.4350 ext. 2116 for reservations.

Stop by the center located at 105 College Street to pick up a calendar of events and take a tour of the center. There is no fee and new residents are welcome!! Contact Billie at 615-672-4350, x 2116 with any questions.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

## CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8 • 3 PM TO 5 PM

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS & HOLIDAY CHEER

Discover **White House Area**  
Chamber of Commerce

412 HIGHWAY 76  
WHITE HOUSE, TN  
615.672.3937





# Enjoy the Parade & Cheer on the Elves

## Saturday, December 5th

5K Begins at 12:20 • Fun Run Begins at 12:35  
Parade Begins at 1:00 Pm – Get Your SPOT Early!

Prizes Awarded at 1 Pm at Finish Line at City Hall



**\$100 cash Prize for Best Overall Male & Female in Fun Run  
Prizes for Team SPIrit • Best Dressed INDIVIDUALS & MORE!**

To register visit [www.whitehousechamber.org](http://www.whitehousechamber.org) or call the chamber of commerce at 615-672-3937

**Get to your viewing SPOT for the Parade By 12:30 Pm!**



There is something about the winter months and curling up with a good book by the fireplace. But did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths? With a few simple safety tips and precautions you can prevent most heating fires from happening.

#### Be warm and safe this winter!

- ››› Keep anything that can burn at least three-feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- ››› Have a three-foot “kid-free zone” around open fires and space heaters.
- ››› Never use your oven to heat your home.
- ››› Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer’s instructions.
- ››› Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- ››› Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- ››› Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- ››› Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- ››› Test smoke alarms at least once a month.

#### Heating Equipment Smarts

✦ Install wood burning stoves following manufacturer’s instructions or have a professional do the installation. All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

✦ Install and maintain CO alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning. If you smell gas in your gas heater, do not light the appliance. Leave the home immediately and call your local fire department or gas company.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

**CodeRED™**

**TEXT "WHFD"**  
to 99411 to  
enroll in CodeRED  
public safety alerts

## Christmas Tree Safety



As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly.

#### Picking the tree

- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.

#### Placing the tree

- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2” from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.

#### Lighting the tree

- Use lights that have the label of a recognized testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer’s instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.

- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

#### After Christmas

- Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home.
- Check with your local community to find a recycling program.

- Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

### FACTS

- ! More than **one of every four** home Christmas tree fires is caused by electrical problems.
- ! Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious.
- ! A heat source too close to the tree causes **one in every four** of the fires.



# LIBRARY

The library will be closing at 11am on December 23rd and will remain closed through December 28th for the Christmas Holidays. We will reopen for normal hours on December 29th.



as well as grab and go kits for kids, teens, and tweens. There will also be tutorial videos on our website, Facebook and YouTube page with instructions on how to complete the kit. We hope everyone will stay safe this holiday season. We will start face-to-face programs back up when the weather warms up in the spring.

The library will be closed on December 31st in observance of New Years. We will reopen on January 2nd. We will also be closed on January 18th for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The library will be having a virtual Christmas Open House.



The event will be live streamed on Facebook on December 3rd. Watch as we have a tree lighting, a reading of the Night Before Christmas, a message from Santa and live Christmas music. Be sure to go online that evening for this special live stream event.

Are the little ones bored this winter season? Then sign them up for our 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program. Go to our website to sign up and then stop by the library to get a folder, log and flash cards. Each time you reach a milestone you will get more flash cards to add to your set. If you have any questions, you can visit our website at [www.youseemore.com/whl](http://www.youseemore.com/whl) or call us at 615-672-0239.



Due to the cold weather, we will not be having any face-to-face story times or teen and tween programs. Instead, we will have virtual story time for the little ones to watch at home

To see our library calendar with all the grab and go kit listings, visit our website at [www.youseemore.com/whl](http://www.youseemore.com/whl) or stop by the library to pick up a copy.

Are you looking for a career change or need continuing education course for your current line of work? The library offers free classes through our Universal Class Database. All you need is a library card and you can logon to the website and start taking classes for free! Visit [www.youseemore.com/whl](http://www.youseemore.com/whl) or call the library at 615-672-0239 for more info.



Do you need at your home or while you are traveling? Then call the library to request a portable Hot Spot device. This device will allow you to have free WIFI for two weeks! Call 615-672-0239 to reserve one.

In addition to Hot Spots, the library also has Tablets, Chromebooks, and Kindle Fires for checkout. Stop by the library to pick up one of these devices to surf the web, do school work or business related tasks.

## NOTICE REMINDER

**2020 PROPERTY TAXES ARE DUE  
OCTOBER 1, 2020—TO—FEBRUARY 28, 2021  
THE 2020 TAX SHOULD BE OUT IN OCTOBER**

**NOT RECEIVING A TAX NOTICE WILL NOT  
RELIEVE YOU OF YOUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR  
PAYING YOUR PROPERTY TAXES ON TIME**

**IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE AREA  
YOU SHOULD HAVE TWO TAX  
NOTICES, ONE FROM THE CITY OF WHITE HOUSE  
AND ONE FROM THE COUNTY YOU ARE LOCATED**

**EFFECTIVE AS OF MARCH 1ST  
PENALTIES ARE DUE  
ON OUTSTANDING TAXES  
PENALTIES ACCRUE AT 1.5% MONTHLY**

**A LOT OF 2019 PROPERTY TAXES ARE NOT PAID.  
UNSURE IF YOU OR YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY PAID  
GO TO [www.cityofwhitehouse.com](http://www.cityofwhitehouse.com) OR  
CALL 615-672-4350 EXT. 2100  
BACK TAXES WILL BE TURNED OVER TO THE  
COURT CLERK & MASTER OFFICE.**

**YOU CAN CHECK ON OR PAY ONLINE AT  
[www.cityofwhitehouse.com](http://www.cityofwhitehouse.com) - PAY PROPERTY TAX**

**TAX RELIEF APPLICANTS  
WHEN YOU RECEIVE YOUR TAX STATEMENT  
YOU WILL NEED TO COME IN OR MAIL IN  
FILLED OUT TAX RELIEF CARD IN ORDER  
TO RETAIN STATUS ON TAX RELIEF**

## 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 on partnering with the City. To register, simply go to the City's

Purchasing website at the link provided below:

<http://www.cityofwhitehouse.org/government/finance/purchasing>

If you have any questions about the City's purchasing policies or have trouble registering your company, please contact Matthew Cole, Purchasing Coordinator, at 615-672-4350, ext. 2130 or by email at

[mcole@cityofwhitehouse.com](mailto:mcole@cityofwhitehouse.com)

Our very own Ajuah Jackson Stormwater Manager won the Tennessee Stormwater Association (TNSA) Person of the Year: An individual who displays Exceptional dedication and commitment to TNSA.

Ajuah Jackson serves as the City's Stormwater Manger and has progressed City efforts in meeting guidelines set forth by Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. Ajuah has assured proper resources are

available to fund capital improvement projects, maintenance, inspections and water quality services throughout the City. Her role requires strong communication and written skills, and she has shown that she not only has these skills, but that she also has the ability to inspire respect and cooperation in her teammates and her colleagues. Ajuah has adequately staffed a stormwater crew who performs mitigation through ditch rehabilitation and infrastructure design and has completed over 60 workorders regarding drainage and/or flooding concerns. Her expertise in biology has assisted in stream monitoring and illicit discharge detection and elimination. She consistently accomplishes any task assigned to her with enthusiasm. As such, Ajuah Jackson is a great candidate for this award. Thank you for your consideration.

Ajuah is fair to all residents, developers, and builders. She takes the time to meet, discuss, and educate individuals about topography's, potential problems, ordinances, planning, management of daily operations and maintenance within the stormwater system. She has also been tasked with going to the Board of Mayor Alderman with ordinance changes that



will benefit the community and city. With the implementation of long and short-term prioritization of projects, Ajuah does a great job understanding the value of community concerns and individual needs. This is a daunting task that has to be accomplished with professionalism and a great understanding of the city's infrastructure. She uses GIS, engineering plans, and the knowledge of stormwater practices with regard to City/State/Federal Codes and regulations. Ajuah, in conjunction with Public Works, is currently completing a stormwater and road widening project where she split the responsibility of being the project manager.

She coordinated work schedules, deliveries, and met/dealt with vendors to coordinate provisions. In conclusion, I believe Ajuah is a great asset to the environmental/stormwater community and to the City of White House. She has shown exceptional excellence with regard to compliance and outreach. Thank you Ajuah, great job and congratulations.

The City of White House was also recognized and won the TNSA Organization of the Year: An MS4 or other Organization that displays Exceptional stewardship of Water Quality in Tennessee and provides Exceptional education and assistance to MS4s.

In mid 2003, the City of White House received notification from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) that we would be regulated for stormwater under current federal laws. In 2010, census indicated that the City of White House was meeting the criteria for population and area (density) that qualified our city as a Municipal Separate Storm System (MS4) and the consequent state permit requirements. Since its implementation, the City of White House has strived to become a frontrunner through

## PUBLIC SERVICES

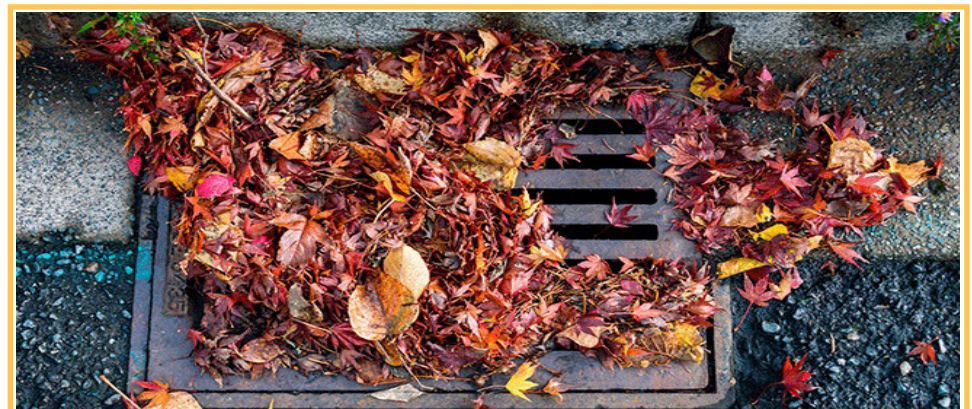
community outreach, research and development, and identifying ways to reduce erosion/runoff with the least amount of environmental impact. Things we do:

- Conduct a Stormwater Advisory Board Meeting Every Three Months with Directors, City Administrator, Public Partners and Community Members
- Monthly project updates with all Department heads through PowerPoint presentations
- Meeting with outside vendors to manifest ways to improve infrastructure
- Conducting Hydraulic studies to define hot spots throughout our city and identifying solutions for remediation



- Proactively meeting with developers and the community to build a trustworthy relationship
- Continuously remove trash from right-of-ways to minimize adverse environmental impact on local waterways
- Fix and/or remediate any areas of concern (proactively)
- Review all long-term maintenance agreements
- Implement enforcement, when applicable, in order to maintain best practices
- Collaborating with local agencies to address preventative maintenance practices

The City has had positive feedback from our Citizens, Board Members, and Mayor. Through positive reinforcement and education, the City of White House has become a leader in stormwater management now and into the future.



### FALL FOLIAGE FOULS

#### How Leaves Cause Problems for Local Drainage Systems

Falling temperatures, falling rain and falling leaves. For municipalities, these seasonal changes bring new challenges. Decaying organic materials, like leaf litter, can release excess nutrients into local streams and lakes, causing eutrophication and algal blooms. Leaves are a significant source of phosphorus to urban stormwater and lead to depleted oxygen content in water which can threaten human and wildlife health. These water quality problems are hazardous but also preventable.

#### Helpful Tips:

Make compost! Mix grass clippings with leaves and soil. Leaves help retain moisture in the soil around your plants, insulate plant roots during cold weather, and provide organic matter and nutrients to your plant as the leaves decompose. Your garden will be thankful.

Don't Blow It! Leaves and other yard debris can be collected at the curbside on your designated pickup day or brought to our facility located at 725 Industrial Dr., White House, TN 37188.

Notify Us! The City performs routine street sweeping and can add your neighborhood to the schedule.

# PUBLIC SERVICES

## DID YOU KNOW?



Once a year, the City of White House Public Services Department holds an annual luncheon to recognize individuals that have shown outstanding workmanship and dedication to our great city. This Employee of the Year Award is a peer nominated award and is presented by the Public Services Director (Andy Cieslak) and his great Management team: Travis Garmin (Wastewater Manager), Ajuah Jackson (Stormwater Manager) and Isaiah Manfredi (Public Works Manager).



This year's winners include:

Treatment: Bryant Backhurst – Bryant

is a great wastewater operator and is equally qualified as an equipment operator. He always has a great attitude and is willing to help the collections department when needed. We appreciate everything he does, and his work hasn't gone unnoticed.

Collections: Anthony Hunroe – Anthony has a great demeanor and gets along great with his peers and managers.



We have received calls from the public praising Anthony's dedication and knowledge. The city welcomes this type of dedication and we look forward to his continued set of values.

Public Works:

JoJo Ellis – JoJo Ellis has shown he can be counted on to do any task asked of him. JoJo recently past

his CDL test and has continued to improve throughout his tenure with the city. We are fortunate to have such a great individual on our Public Works crew.



Stormwater: Chris Keith – Chris Keith has been with the city for 27 years. He has shown longevity to the city and the citizens of White House. Chris is known for his equipment operator experience. If a stormwater project has been completed during the past couple decades, chances are, Chris helped complete them. Thank you, Chris, for your experience, dedication and continued support.



Every employee brings a unique set of skills that help contribute to our success. Congratulations to all the recipients and the entire Public Services Department, we appreciate everything you do, and I look forward to another successful year.

The City of White House Public Works Department offers a variety of services for our citizens.

Here are a few excerpts from our Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) codes that may be useful. Please review Title:17 Chapter 1 for a complete List of Municipal Codes.

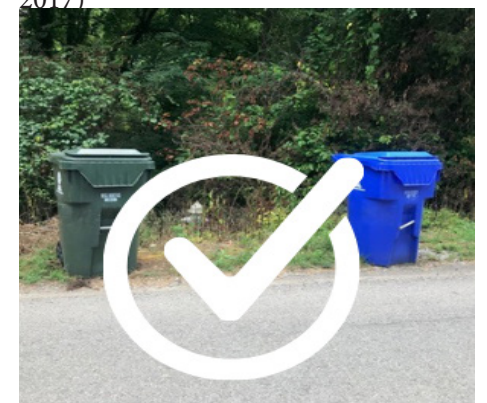
17-105. Location of containers Location of containers. All residents, except those approved for special assistance due to age, handicap or illness (See § 17-105(4)) shall place their wheeled container at curbside or street-side no later than 6:30 A.M. on the date of anticipated collection. As soon as practicable after such containers have been emptied, they shall be removed by the owner or occupant to within, or to the rear of their premises and away from the street line until the next scheduled time for collection.

(1) Each owner, occupant, or other responsible person, as foresaid, shall be responsible for keeping the refuse container clean and sanitary in compliance with health and sanitation requirements and shall keep container lids closed at all times. No refuse shall be placed in container until such refuse has been drained free of all liquids and securely placed in plastic bags

If 17-105 is not observed, it may cause trash service to be denied, as per our Municipal Code Brush Collection

17-108. Nurserymen, Landscapers and Independent hired contractors – duty to remove trash. Every nurseryman or other person who cuts trees or trims shrubs or grass as an independent contractor of the occupant of the premises, shall remove or cause to be removed all such trash from the premises serviced by him/her. (1979

Code, § 8-208, as replaced by Ord. #05-35, Nov. 2005) 17-113. Fee schedule. (3) Fee schedule for disposal at Public Works Facility: Single item: \$15 Pick-up truck load: (Drop off Only) \$50 Tires (on or off rim): (Drop off Only) \$10 Any load containing tires or an item that would fit in the single item category will be charged \$50 plus the cost of additional item(s). (Drop off Only) Customer requested pickup will be double the above amounts (4) Brush and limbs will be accepted at the public works facility free of charge. (5) Residents and commercial accounts that have city provided solid waste disposal service shall be allowed two (2) free disposal drop-offs per calendar year at the public services trash transfer station. The material load shall be limited to a pickup truck, or a trailer no larger in size than four by eight feet (4' x 8'). (as added by Ord. #05-35, Nov. 2005, and amended by Ord. #07-18, June 2007, Ord. #14-12, June 2014, and Ord. #16-23, Jan. 2017)



# *Everyone loves a Parade!*

## *City of White House Christmas Parade*

### *Saturday, Dec. 5th*



**Get to your favorite spot  
no later than 12:30!**  
Roads are closing early for the Running of the Elves  
You can cheer on the Elves and enjoy the parade!

The Parade route is east on Highway 76 from the Municipal Park, south on Highway 31W to West Drive. Make some hometown memories - bring the family, the blankets and some hot cocoa to enjoy the fun. Just get there early! Some great spots we recommend are the City Center Complex at the Library and Municipal Building, the Chamber Office and the fantastic sidewalk along Highway 31W.

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