

# WORD ON WHITE HOUSE

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Both Robertson and Sumner Counties are providing citizens with drive thru testing. You can see the Robertson County testing information in the graphic to the right. Sumner County has testing at the following locations:

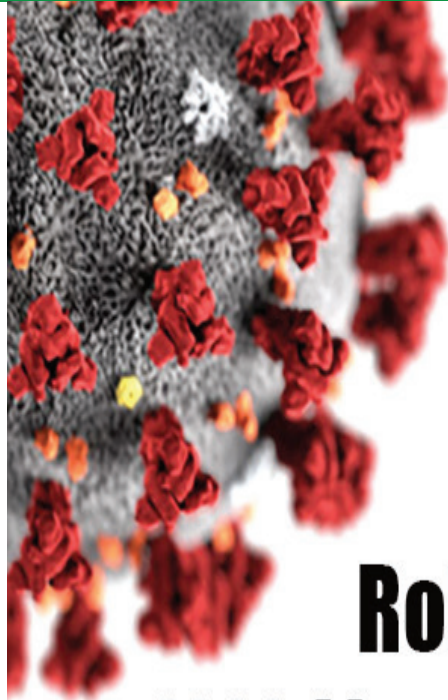
Sumner County, located at 1005 Union School Rd. in Gallatin. Call ahead at (615) 206-1100.

Hendersonville Clinic, located at 351 New Shackle Island Rd. in Hendersonville. Call ahead at (615) 824-0552.

Portland Clinic, located at 214 West Longview Dr. in Portland. Call ahead at (615) 325-5237.

Anyone that is exhibiting any of the symptoms of the coronavirus should be tested.

That includes fever, cough and shortness of breath, according to the Tennessee Department of Health



## COVID-19

### Drive Thru Testing

Mon. - Fri. 9 am - 3 pm

### Robertson County

### 4000 Memorial Blvd. • Springfield

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Phone: 672-4350

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Postal Patron  
White House Postal Routes

**CITY OFFICES HOLIDAY**  
**July 6th - Closed**



Gerald O. Herman  
City Administrator

Greetings,

You would think if a person who worked in local government for nearly four decades would have encountered everything that all the highs and lows could throw at them. And then COVID-19 happens!! Ouch! Finger pointing, conspiracy theories, illness, death, unemployment, shut downs came at us with the strike of a pen on an executive order. Terms like social distancing, Personal Protective Equipment, and hand sanitizer became part of our daily vocabulary. Trust me, this has been a challenging time to manage local government operations.

We, Tennesseans, are law abiding people. We listened and responded very well to our Governor, County Mayors, and our Mayor. As a result, the hospitals in Robertson and Sumner counties were not overrun with COVID-19 cases. We are opening our economy back up sooner than many states. Thank you citizens of White House!

## General Information

As all of you know business in White House did not completely shut down. The business of the City continued. The Governor allowed us to use electronic means to conduct meetings. We did that for several meetings. We did everything we could to provide social distancing for public meetings with the use of technology throughout the building. As I write, staff is setting up for a study session for the annual budget with the Board of Mayor and Alderman. Department heads will be using Zoom technology to participate in the meeting from their offices. We have made arrangements for the public to socially distance them in the auditorium to watch the meeting live on a big screen.

Staff has prepared a budget that reflects a decrease in projected revenues from both sales tax and property tax. We also anticipate a significant drop in Hotel Motel tax revenue. Our hotels and motels depend on income from Nashville events. As you all know, many of these events have been cancelled from the middle of March to at least the end of June. As required by law, we have prepared a balanced budget that will be reviewed by the Board. The first reading of the budget ordinance will be voted on at the May 21st meeting and the public hearing and second reading will be on June 18th. The new budget goes into effect on July 1st.

Construction never stopped in the City. Firestone is well under construction at the Walmart complex. Ground work has begun at the future site of an AutoZone, an Urgent Care Center, and a small retail center. The 280 unit apartment complex at US31W and Raymond Hirsch Parkway is nearing completion. Also, we have had nearly 200 single family homes built this fiscal year. We have not seen the likes of that in more than 15 years! As best you can, find some ways to share fun times with family and friends as we roll into the summer months 😊

  
**FARMERS MARKET**  
 WHITE HOUSE,  
 TENNESSEE

**OPENING WEDNESDAY, MAY 20TH**  
**3:30 PM - 7:00 PM**  
**105 COLLEGE STREET**

## Greenway Safety Tips

## Police Department

Trail Watch/  
General Number:  
615-382-6863 for  
White House Police  
Department.  
Crime in progress,  
or a serious life-  
threatening injury  
can be reported to  
the White House  
Police Department  
at Emergency #9-  
1-1.



-Suspicious activity, strange behavior, threatening presence, loitering: Call White House Police Department.

-Illegal camps or litter related to alcohol or public intoxication: Call White House Police Department.

-Incidents involving domestic animals: Call 615-382-6863 White House Police Department.

-Trail erosion, trail obstruction, graffiti, trail hazards: Call 615-672-4350, ext. 2114 White House Parks.

### Trail Safety Tips

-Carry a cell phone in case of emergency. Program the White House Police Department's number into your cell phone before you leave.

-There is safety in numbers. Use the buddy system and enjoy the trail with a companion.

-Park in a well-lit, heavily-

trafficked area. Lock your vehicle and do not leave valuables such as purses, wallets, jewelry, or cell phones inside.

-Carry identification including your name, phone number, critical medical information, and a contact name/number in case of an emergency.

-Wear comfortable sport shoes, loose-fitting clothing appropriate for the weather, and use proper safety equipment.

-Wear bright and/or reflective fabrics and carry a whistle or noisemaker.

-Tell friends or family the route you will be taking and when you expect to return. If you are going to be late, give them a call.

-Stay on the designated trail

and avoid short-cutting or crossing open country.  
-Be alert and aware of your surroundings. Avoid areas where visibility is poor, and be aware of sounds in your environment.



-Be confident. Look people in the eye and let others know you are aware of their presence

with a polite "Hello!"  
-When you approach your car, have your key ready. Check the floor and back seats before you get in.

### Trail Etiquette

-Be a good citizen; helpful, polite, and considerate of others.

-Respect the trail, private

property, and City property.

-Pick-up litter. Pack out what you pack in.

-Give verbal warning and use caution when overtaking other trail users.

-Use caution around domestic and wild animals.

-Leave plants, trees, and wildlife undisturbed.

### *Trail Rules*

-The trail is open from sunrise to sunset daily. The trail closes at dark.

-Children must be supervised by an adult.

-With the exception of motorized wheelchairs, only non-motorized vehicles are permitted.

-Pets must be kept on a leash, and people must clean up after

their pets.

-This trail is not intended for equestrian use; no horses, ponies, or other equines allowed.

-No smoking, littering, or alcoholic beverages.

-No fires, pyrotechnics, launching of hobby-rockets or balloons.

-No annoying, offensive, or profane languages or gestures.

-No skateboards allowed.

-Keep right, except to pass.

-No amplified sound, except by permit.

-No destruction/removal of plants, animals, or defacing of trees, fencing, or property.

-No commercial activity or offering items for sale, except by permit.

## Parks & Recreation



**We hope to have our  
Splash Pad open once  
again in June and it will be  
open seven days a week.**



### **20th Annual Independence 5K**

**The date for the 20th Annual Independence 5K has been set for Saturday, July 4th at 8:00 AM. The race will start at the White House High School trailhead.**

***Early Bird Registration will begin May 7th***

**Entry Fee: Early Bird Deadline by June 2nd**

**\$20/Individual**

**\$15/Individual 10 & Under**

**\$65/Family (up to 4 members)**

**Fee after June 2nd**

**\$25/Individual**

**\$20/Individual 10 & Under**

**\$75/Family (up to 4 members)**

## Parks & Recreation



### UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

#### BASKETBALL CAMP

FOR GIRLS & BOYS GRADES 2ND-6TH  
SUMMER 2020 (DATES AND TIME TBA)

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR INFORMATION ABOUT NEW ADULT  
LEAGUE PROGRAMS THAT COULD BE KICKING OFF IN SUMMER  
2020!

KEEP CHECKING OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS ON  
UPCOMING PROGRAMS SUCH AS OUR 2020 YOUTH  
BASKETBALL CAMP AND MORE AT:

[HTTPS://WHPARKS.RECDESK.COM/COMMUNITY/MEMBER/LOGIN](https://whparks.recdesk.com/community/member/login)

# DID YOU KNOW?

There is an app to  
check for all ball field and facility  
closings!

It is updated daily during the busy  
months (March – October) and as  
needed during the less  
busy months (November – February)



- SIGN UP FOR CUSTOMIZED EMAIL
- AND/OR TEXT ALERTS FOR THE FIELD(S)
- AND/OR FACILITY(S) OF YOUR CHOICE
- AT [WWW.RAINOUTLINE.COM](http://WWW.RAINOUTLINE.COM). ALERTS ARE
- SENT IF THE FIELD OR FACILITY STATUS
- CHANGES.

- DOWNLOAD THE FREE
- [WWW.RAINOUTLINE.COM](http://WWW.RAINOUTLINE.COM)
- IPHONE OR ANDROID MOBILE
- APP (SEARCH WHITE HOUSE PARKS).

- GREEN = OPEN, YELLOW = DELAYED,
- RED = CLOSED, ? = IMPORTANT
- INFORMATION (E.G., PRACTICE OR GAME
- HAS BEEN MOVED TO A DIFFERENT FIELD)

- CALL OUR PHONE LINE AT
- 615-246-0750 AND ENTER THE
- EXTENSION FOR THE FIELD OR FACILITY
- OF YOUR CHOICE.

# SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

FRAN HUTSON AMPHITHEATER | 105 COLLEGE STREET (BY SPLASH PAD)

JEFF ALLEN & AC DRIVE



MARTY BROWN



KATIE GRACE



**MUSIC UNDER THE STARS**  
White House, TN



**DATES TO BE DETERMINED**  
 Follow our Facebook for more details - @whitehousechamber  
 Discover **White House Area**  
 Chamber of Commerce

# White House History Wednesday

Tune in to learn more about White House and what the White House Inn Museum has to offer until you can visit in person again.



Videos post weekly to the City Facebook Page and the Chamber Facebook Page

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OPEN FOR BUSINESS

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[WWW.WHITEHOUSECHAMBER.ORG](http://WWW.WHITEHOUSECHAMBER.ORG)

# Senior SHOWCASE

Send us your grad's photo, name and school to be featured on the billboard!

[seniors@whitehousechamber.org](mailto:seniors@whitehousechamber.org)

presented by

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TENTATIVE SAVE THE DATE

# AMERICANA CELEBRATION & Brandon Webster Fireworks Show

Saturday, July 11, 2020 | White House City Park





## Electrical Safety at Home Checklist

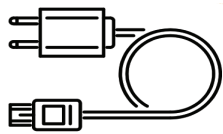
According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), in 2010 U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 46,500 house fires that were caused by electrical malfunction or failure. From 2005-2009, 49% of those home electrical fires involved lighting or electrical distribution equipment; another 46% were attributed to other known types of equipment, including stove ranges, washers, dryers, space heaters, and fans.

In many of these cases, the resulting deaths (420 in 2010), injured (1,520 in 2010) and direct property damage (\$1.5 billion in 2010) could have been avoided.

**Electrical Safety at Home Checklist**  
You already practice fire safety, but fire prevention is the best way to protect your family – and that starts with ensuring that your electrical systems and appliances are functioning properly and safely. Run through this checklist regularly, since electrical malfunction can happen at any time and for many reasons.

### Cords & Plugs

- ☑ Check all cords, plugs, surge protectors and extension cords for frayed casing, exposed wire or broken components. Replace immediately.
- ☑ Never run extension cords under carpets or over door thresholds.
- ☑ Don't use an extension cord as a permanent fixture. If you need additional outlets, contact a licensed electrician to install some wherever you require.
- ☑ Always follow the manufacturer's instructions for plugging a device into the outlet.
- ☑ Do not overload one outlet with



## Fire Department

several high-wattage or heat-producing devices, for example a space heater or coffee maker.

- ☑ Plugs should fit snugly into outlets. If yours do not, contact a licensed electrician.
- ☑ Major appliances – washers, dryers, refrigerators, stoves, air conditioners, hot water heaters, etc. – should be plugged directly into a wall outlet. Do not use surge protectors, plug strips or extension cords.
- ☑ Only use water resistant extension cords in damp areas (like the basement).

### Lighting

- ☑ Only use lightbulbs at or below the maximum wattage listed on your lamp or light. (There will be a sticker on the appliance indicating max wattage.)
- ☑ Always place lamps on a flat, level surface and at least a foot from anything flammable (e.g. curtains).



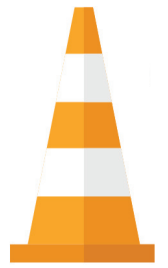
### Appliances

- ☑ Place heat-producing appliances (toaster, heater, coffee maker, etc.) away from flammable or combustible goods (potholders, paper napkins, etc.)
- ☑ Unplug kitchen countertop and bathroom (e.g. toaster or hair dryer) appliances when not in use.
- ☑ Keep your kitchen exhaust fan clean and free of grease, lint and other obstructions.
- ☑ Never use a portable heater in the bathroom. The only safe options are a ceiling unit or strip heater placed up high.
- ☑ If you use portable or space heaters, be sure they receive a seal of approval from a nationally-recognized testing laboratory (NRTL) like UL, ETL, or CSA.



### Extra Safety Considerations

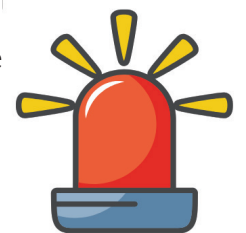
- ☑ If you have young children, consider re-outfitting your home with tamper-resistant (TR) electrical receptacles. Always use a licensed electrician. (Note: As of 2008, TR receptacles are required by law in all new and renovated homes.)
- ☑ Arc fault circuit interrupters (AFCIs) are a special type of circuit breaker that shuts off the current when dangerous conditions arise. Ask a licensed electrician about installing AFCIs in your home.
- ☑ Ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) are another type of circuit breaker, and these help reduce the risk of electric shock by switching off the circuit if it becomes hazardous. A licensed electrician should install GFCIs in your garage, basement, kitchen, bath, and all outdoor outlets.
- ☑ Test AFCIs and GFCIs at least once per month.
- ☑ If you need to dig, always dial 811 (U.S. only) to have your underground lines marked.



### Warning Signs

If you experience any of these warning signs, call your landlord or a licensed electrician immediately:

- ⚡ You feel a tingling sensation when you touch a plug or light switch.
- ⚡ Your circuit breaker flips frequently or fuses blow regularly.
- ⚡ An appliance gives off a faint rubbery or burning smell.
- ⚡ Your outlet plates are warm to the touch or discolored.
- ⚡ An electrical appliance has been waterlogged or submersed in any liquid (throw away immediately).
- ⚡ An outlet sparks.
- ⚡ Your lights dim or flicker.





# Public Works

**WHAT GOES IN HERE ENDS UP HERE**

**IF IT'S ON THE GROUND IT'S IN OUR WATER**

How Does Lawn Care Affect Our Water Quality?

Practice quality lawn care in an effort to keep protect our water resources, reduce flooding and prevent excessive pollutants that would deteriorate water quality in local waterways.

Please do not dispose of yard waste such as grass clippings, brush, leaves, branches, or fertilizers on stream banks, in ditches or in the storm drains.

**PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT**  
City of White House

**Just a friendly reminder...**

**For all Wastewater issues call Public Services directly at 615-672-3654 for all sewer service requests, instead of using the app.**

**Did you know that old furniture and appliances can be picked up by the City at a cost of \$35.00? Just call the City pay the fee and we will pick it up at the curbside.**

**Please remember that parking vehicles along sidewalks and roadways is a danger to other citizens, against ordinance and can damage sidewalks. Please help keep our City and other citizens safe by parking in the driveways.**

# White House Library

The library board will meet on July 9th at 7:00pm at the Billy S. Hobbs municipal center.

The library plans to reopen in June. However, there will be different regulations on the use of the facility when we do reopen. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Due to health concerns over the COVID-19, the White House Library's Fandomcon is cancelled. We will miss everyone who attends, but hope to hold it again in 2021.

- 450 minutes: Brag tag
- 600 minutes: Finger puppet
- 760 minutes: Brag tag
- 900 minutes: various prizes

Sign-ups for the Summer Reading Challenge will begin on June 1st. Patrons can begin entering in their minutes on READSquared as soon as they sign up. The reading challenge will last until July 25th. Patrons are encouraged to read past the 900 minutes for random prize drawings. Prizes will only be awarded while supplies last.

Check the library's website, [www.youseemore.com.whl](http://www.youseemore.com.whl), and Facebook page for videos on how to sign up on READSquared.



The library is also cancelling all live Summer Reading performers for the month of June. We are working on creating virtual programs, grab and go kits, and outdoor activities for Summer Reading participants to enjoy during that month. We are looking into the possibility of having live Summer Reading performers during the month of July. Please visit our website at [www.youseemore.com/whl](http://www.youseemore.com/whl) for updates.

This year, the library's Summer Reading Challenge will be online using READSquared. The reading challenge will work the same way as last year in that listeners, readers, teens, and adults are all encouraged to sign-up and participate. Parents can sign up their children/teens, or they can let the kids sign themselves up.

Patrons will log the number of minutes they read into READSquared to unlock badges, points and win prizes. A prize will be awarded at each minute level that a patron reaches.

- 150 minutes: Brag tag
- 300 minutes: Sticky toy



The City of White House 50th Anniversary Committee is conducting a logo design contest for the brand development of our 50 year anniversary (1971– 2021), being celebrated throughout the entire year of 2021. The contest is open to any individual, including but not limited to White House residents. Entries will be judged by a team consisting of representatives from local businesses, residents and committee members. The team will select top designs and any winning themes/ideas that may be used as the official logo of the City of White House 50th Anniversary. For more information, please contact Derek Watson at 615-672-4350 or at [dwatson@cityofwhitehouse.com](mailto:dwatson@cityofwhitehouse.com).

#### Partial Rules & Submission Requirements:

The contest is open to any individual of any age.

No group projects are allowed; only one participant may submit his or her artwork.

Artists may submit up to two entries and an entry form must be completed for each entry.

The White House 50th Anniversary Committee reserves the right to extend all deadlines associated with this contest to ensure that a sufficient number of entries are received.

Each design must lend itself to varying formats, including publications, signage, website, promotional items, and other printed material. It must reproduce well in various sizes and when

printed in black and white. Limit designs to five colors or less.

By submitting an entry, the person agrees that the City of White House will become the rightful owner of the image and any likeness of the image, and may alter and reproduce the image at its discretion.

The winning artist will also be recognized at a subsequent City of White House Board of Mayor and Alderman meeting.

The deadline for entries is Wednesday, July 15, 2020. Entries received after the deadline will not be accepted.

\*Grand prize winner will receive \$200 in Chamber Bucks that can be used at a White House Area Merchant.

**For a complete list of rules and submission requirements & the application visit [www.cityofwhitehouse.com](http://www.cityofwhitehouse.com) or [www.whitehousechamber.org](http://www.whitehousechamber.org)**

# General Information

## White House Hillcrest Municipal Cemetery



What is a columbarium? A columbarium is kind of like a mausoleum. It is an above ground burial tomb. The big difference is that it is only for cremations enclosed in urns.

Do you know what you would do with your loved ones cremation? Hillcrest Municipal Cemetery now offers a lower cost alternative.



Our columbarium has 48 niches (hollow spaces) for the safe keeping of your loved one. Each niche can accommodate two family members.

If you would like more information on purchasing a columbarium niche, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 615-672-4350 ext. 2114.

**48 Niche Columbarium**  
**\$750 per niche (includes opening and closing one time plus engraving)**  
**\$150 for additional opening and closing and engraving**  
**11.5" x 11.5" spaces**  
**Up to two urns allowed per niche**

## 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)

### NOTICE REMINDER

**2019 PROPERTY TAXES ARE DUE  
 OCTOBER 1, 2019—TO—FEBRUARY 28, 2020**

**FEBRUARY IS THE LAST MONTH TO PAY PROPERTY TAXES WITHOUT PENALTY**

**NOT RECEIVING A TAX NOTICE WILL NOT RELIEVE YOU OF YOUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR PAYING YOUR PROPERTY TAXES ON TIME  
 YOU CAN CALL TO CHECK ON OR TO REQUEST ANOTHER STATEMENT**

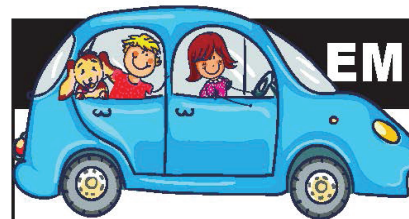
**IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE AREA  
 YOU SHOULD HAVE TWO TAX NOTICES, ONE FROM THE CITY OF WHITE HOUSE AND ONE FROM THE COUNTY YOU ARE LOCATED**

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

**WE STILL HAVE MANY TAXES UPDAID  
 UNSURE IF YOU OR YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY PAID  
 CALL 615-672-4350 X2100**

**TO SEARCH  
[cityofwhitehouse.com](http://cityofwhitehouse.com) - Pay Online**

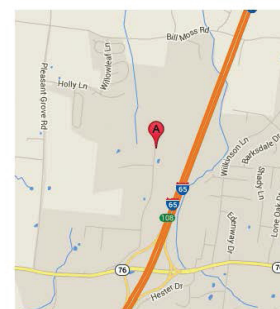
**TAX RELIEF APPLICANTS WILL NEED TO COME IN OR MAIL IN FILLED OUT TAX RELIEF CARD IN ORDER TO RETAIN STATUS ON TAX RELIEF BY APRIL 6, 2020**



## EMISSIONS TESTING

**Monday, April 13th  
 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.**

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



### 2020 TESTING DATES:

~~Jan. 10th~~   ~~Feb. 10th~~   ~~Mar. 9th~~

~~Apr. 10th~~   ~~May 11th~~   Jun. 8th

Jul. 13th   Aug. 10th   Sep. 14th

Oct. 5th   Nov. 16th   Dec. 7th

Discover   
**White House Area**  
 Chamber of Commerce

## #WHOpenForBusiness

# SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES DURING COVID-19



### SHOP LOCAL FIRST

Local businesses often do not have the same resources that larger chains do when it comes to financial assistance and recovering from uncertain times like these. When shopping for goods and services, look to our local businesses first.



### B2B COLLABORATION

If you are a local business owner, take this opportunity to collaborate with your business community to see how you can help one another overcome challenges. Collaborating and understanding the unique challenges of different businesses will lead to solutions that benefit everyone.



### SHOP LOCAL, ONLINE

Many retailers have websites where you can buy online. If your favorite local retailers don't have an online store, many may be willing to take an order over the phone and have it ready for curbside pick up or delivery.



### TIP A LITTLE EXTRA

If you are financially able to do so, tip a little extra to the restaurants, salons and other service industries you may visit. These service workers may not have the privilege of income security, and a little extra can go a long way.



### ORDER TO GO

Our local restaurants offer takeout and delivery options while many are open at 50% capacity. Many have partnered with Premium Food Delivery to offer delivery service to your home or business.



### BUY A GIFT CARD

Unable to shop or dine right now? Buy a gift card from a local business to give to someone as a "thank you" or use at a later time. For those not wanting to visit in person, many businesses will offer to mail or email you your gift card upon request.



### STAY SUBSCRIBED

If you have an ongoing subscription or membership with your local Chamber of Commerce, your gym, or fitness studio consider keeping it active - even if you're not going to show up right now. If you own a business with a B2B like a coffee service - keep that active too if you can. Many of these small businesses rely on that regular cash flow to keep things open.



### GET SOCIAL, ONLINE

Social media can play a huge role in supporting the local community. Lead by example in encouraging your online following to support local businesses. Tag your posts #WHOpenforBusiness and we'll do our best to share on our channels, too!

[WWW.WHITEHOUSECHAMBER.ORG](http://WWW.WHITEHOUSECHAMBER.ORG)