

WORD ON WHITE HOUSE

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105 College Street • White House, Tennessee 37188

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CONGRATULATIONS

The White House Rotary honored the first responders in White House who give their time so generously and sacrifice their safety and well being to do a job that so many of us take for granted.

Congratulations to JUSTIN WHITAKER for being voted as the Firefighter of the year!

Congratulations to Brandon Waller for being chosen as the Police Officer of the Year!

Thank you both for protecting and serving the community!



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**CITY OFFICES HOLIDAY
May 31st - Closed**



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

Phone: 672-4350

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White House, TN 37188

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White House Postal Routes**

GENERAL INFORMATION



Gerald O. Herman
City Administrator

Greetings,

Spring is my favorite season of the year. The sun shines longer, the days get

warmer, and the earth's beauty radiates with color as the trees and flowers bloom. With all the mayhem with COVID 19 and political unrest, last spring seemed to have lost its luster for me. But, this spring, I am committed to viewing the world through rose-colored glasses taking a more optimist approach. Taking a few moments to stop and look at a tree blooming or a flower opening up seems to be more refreshing to the soul versus staring at a television screen wondering if I am going to catch a deadly virus or what city is undergoing emotional political unrest today. Not that these issues are not important, it's just that I do not need them consuming my every thought.

This is budget time for our City. This is the time of year that the Finance Director and I prepare a budget to deliver to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen for their approval. We actually started the process in January of this year with a Department Head Budget Retreat. Department Heads share with each other their plans for capital projects and personnel changes. Projects

are reviewed, discussed and scored for their priority. In early March we had a budget retreat with the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. Department Heads gave presentations to the board concerning their budget priorities. The Board carefully considered each project and scored the projects as it lined up with their vision for the City. In April, the Finance Director and I will review all the projected revenues and expenditures. If projected expenditures exceed projected revenues I look at cutting projects from the bottom up from the list of priority projects. In the first week of May, the Board has a study session to review the proposed budget carefully reviewing all expenditures and source of anticipated revenues. At the regular May meeting on the third Thursday the Board will have a first reading of the budget ordinance. In the regular June meeting on the third Thursday the Board will open to public comment on the proposed budget and have a second vote. If the budget

ordinance passes on the second reading of the budget it becomes law and is effective beginning July 1, 2021. Our fiscal budget year is July 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2022. It's spring!!! Enjoy and smile often. 😊

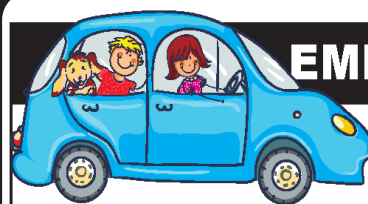
MAY 31, 2021

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

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IN MEMORY OF ALL OUR FALLEN SOLDIERS AND RETIREES.

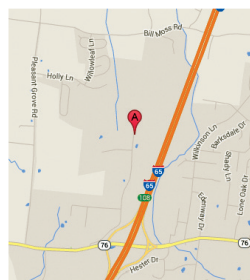
MONDAY | 10:30 AM
BILLY S. HOBBS MUNICIPAL BUILDING



EMISSIONS TESTING

9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

427 INDUSTRIAL DR. • BEHIND PUBLIC WORKS BLDG.



2021 TESTING DATES:

Jan. 11th	Feb. 8th	Mar. 8th
Apr. 12th	May 10th	Jun. 14th
Jul. 12th	Aug. 9th	Sep. 13th
Oct. 18th	Nov. 15th	Dec. 13th

Emissions testing will be held for Sumner County at Public Services (427 Industrial Drive, White House, TN) 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

GREENWAY SAFETY TIPS

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

DON'T BE THE DEALER



WHPD
WHITE HOUSE KROGER
Participate in DEA's Nationwide Prescription "Drug Take-Back Day"

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and its community partners will hold the fifth National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day at sites throughout the United States on April 24th, 2021 (10AM-2PM local time). This will be an opportunity for the public to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs for safe disposal.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Prescription drugs are being misused and abused at alarming rates in the United States—more Americans currently abuse prescription drugs than the number of those using cocaine, hallucinogens, and heroin combined, according to the 2009 National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Many Americans are not aware that medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Visit the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day website: <http://www.nationaltakebackday.com/>

The White House Police Department will have a "Take Back" station set up at the White House Kroger, 510 Hwy 76, on **Saturday April 24th, 2021 from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm.**

These Prescription Medications Will Be Accepted:

- Prescribed narcotic drugs (Vicodin, Oxycontin, etc.)
- Prescription medications
- Over the counter medications
- Medication samples
- Pet medications
- Medicated ointments/ lotions
- Vitamins
- Inhalers
- EpiPens (unopened)

These Prescription Drugs Will Not Be Accepted:

- Personal care items
- Hydrogen peroxide
- Aerosol cans
- EpiPens (used)
- Mercury products
- Iodine products
- Radioactives
- Business waste
- Empty containers or "sharps" (needles)
- Liquid medications/cough syrups

For more information, contact Sgt. Eric Enck WHPD, 615-672-4903

PARKS & RECREATION

Upcoming Programs

Be on the lookout for information about new adult league programs that could be kicking off in summer 2021! Keep checking out our website for more details on all of our leagues, events and more at:

<http://www.whitehousetn.gov>

or

<https://whparks.recdesk.com/Community/Home>



21ST ANNUAL INDEPENDENCE 5K

21st Annual Independence 5K

The date for the 21st Annual Independence 5K has been set for Saturday, July 3rd at 8:00AM. The race will start at the White House High School trailhead.

Early Bird Registration will begin May 3rd

Entry Fee: Early Bird Deadline by June 6th

\$20/Individual

\$15/Individual 10 & Under

\$65/Family (up to 4 members)

Fee after June 6th:

\$25/Individual

\$20/Individual 10 & Under

\$75/Family (up to 4 members)

Youth Basketball Winners

Top Right: 3rd & 4th Grade Girls -
Coach Locklear

Bottom Right: 5th - 8th Grade Girls -
Coach King

LITTLE LEAGUE CHALLENGER BASEBALL

WE ARE KICKING OFF OUR LITTLE LEAGUE CHALLENGER BASEBALL SEASON. CHALLENGER BASEBALL IS ONE OF OUR WHITE HOUSE SPECIAL NEEDS ATHLETIC PROGRAMS AND IS FOR ANY BOY OR GIRL BETWEEN THE AGES OF 4 AND 18 THAT FACE MENTAL OR PHYSICAL CHALLENGES. PRACTICES BEGAN IN MARCH AND SATURDAY GAMES BEGIN APRIL. ALL GAMES WILL BE PLAYED ON SATURDAYS AT 9:30AM. COME OUT AND SUPPORT THIS ONE-OF-A-KIND LEAGUE!



PARKS & RECREATION



Youth Basketball Winners

Top Left: 3rd & 4th Grade Boys - Coach Buehring

Top Right: 5th & 6th Grade Boys - Coach Greer

Bottom Left: 7th & 8th Grade Boys - Coach Smith

SENIOR CENTER

Welcome

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.



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.

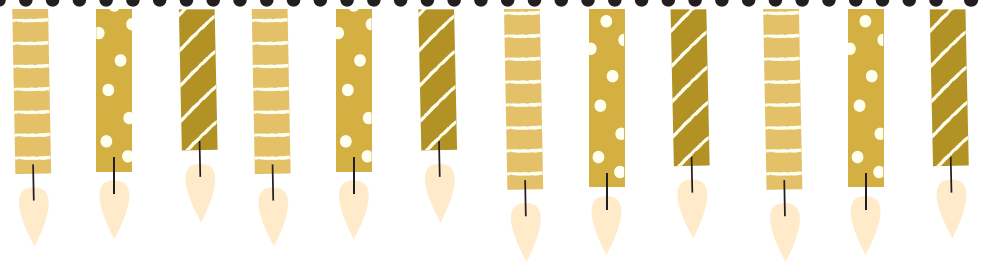




COMMUNITY WALKERS
 LOCATION: CIVIC CENTER GYMNASIUM
 WHEN: Monday-Thursday
 7:15AM-10:00AM
 FREE FOR EVERYONE (Walkers **ONLY**)



No activities planned at this time. Check calendar monthly for updates.



WHITE HOUSE TURNS 50!

Join us as we celebrate the
City of White House turning 50!

Live Music - Featuring Jeff Allen & AC Drive



FREE Cupcakes



FREE Face Painting



FREE Balloon & Caricature Artists



Photo Displays , Food Trucks & More!



SATURDAY, MARCH



27TH 3:00 - 6:00 PM

**Fran Hutson Amphitheater
105 College Street**

*Parking on College St. &
at Church of Christ*



READ ALL ABOUT IT

1970s City of White House Celebrates 50 Years



The City of White House Votes For Incorporation



In the winter months of 1970 a group of residents began collecting signatures on a petition to propose the incorporation of the City of White House, Tennessee. A general election was set for January 30, 1971 with a total of 213 votes cast: 142 votes "FOR" Corporation and 71 "AGAINST" corporation.

Incorporated under the Mayor-Alderman form of Government on March

27, 1971, a second election was held for the position of Mayor and aldermen for the newly formed City of White House, Tennessee. A total of 124 votes were cast and history was written with the election of Mayor Billy S. Hobbs and aldermen: Ronnie Brooks, Cordell Hester, John W. Smart and Joe S. Wilkinson - this group of founding fathers took the Oath of Office on April 1, 1971.

Pictured left to right are the city's first Board of Mayor and Aldermen at their first meeting in April of 1971. Cordell Hester, Joe S. Wilkinson, Mayor Billy S. Hobbs, John W. Smart, and Ronnie Brooks

THIS YEAR IN 1971

AVERAGE COST:


- SALARY - \$10,622.00
- NEW CAR - \$3,560.00
- HOUSE - \$25,200.00
- GAS - \$0.36

- POSTAGE STAMP - \$0.08
- EGGS - \$0.45
- BREAD - \$0.25
- MOVIE TICKET - \$1.65

HIT TV SHOWS:


- THE DORRIS DAY SHOW
- ALL IN THE FAMILY
- HAWAII FIVE-O
- BONANZA
- THE BEVERLY HILLBILLIES

TOP-MODEL CAR:



1971 CHRYSLER NEW YORKER

PRESIDENT:



RICHARD NIXON

ON THE RADIO:

- "JOY TO THE WORLD" - THREE DOG NIGHT
- "TAKE ME HOME, COUNTRY ROADS" - JOHN DENVER
- "MAGGIE MAY / REASON TO BELIEVE" - ROD STEWART



Acres acquired for a public park in White House

In 1975 Mayor Billy S. Hobbs entered into an agreement with the Warren family to purchase 88 acres to be used as parkland for the City of White House. The property located at 420 Highway 76 would grow into a thriving center of activity for the residents of the town. The first football game was played at the Dewey Whitson Stadium in 1976. The park now offers baseball and softball fields, football fields, pavilions, two playgrounds, a dog park, tennis courts, a walking trail, exercise area and a disc golf course.

Watch White House History Wednesday on the last Wednesday of the month to learn more about events and history in White House

Join us on March 27th for the City's Anniversary Celebration at 3 pm at the Fran Hutson Amphitheater

FIRE DEPARTMENT

TIPS TO HELP SENIORS AVOID FALLS

A BAD FALL CAN BE LIFE-ALTERING – FROM CAUSING IMPAIRED MOBILITY TO POSSIBLE BRAIN INJURIES. HELP REDUCE THE RISKS OF FALLING.



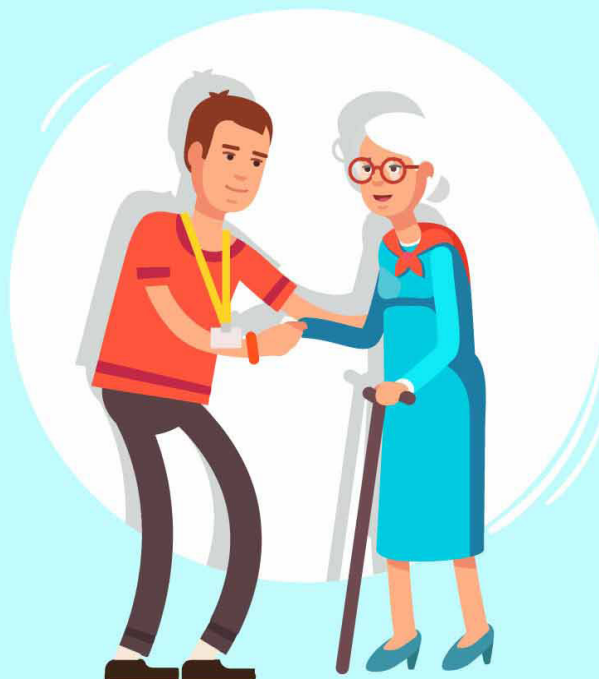
CHECK MEDICATIONS

Ask the doctor to check your loved one's medications for side effects such as dizziness or drowsiness.



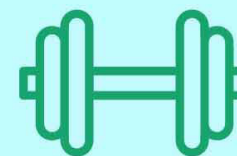
FALL-PROOF THE HOME

Remove loose rugs, cords and clutter. Make sure rooms have good lighting. Install grab bars in the bathroom and along walkways.



WEAR THE RIGHT SHOES

Choose well-fitting shoes with low, wide, flat heels and non-slip soles. Wear them both indoors and out.



GET REGULAR EXERCISE

Strength and balance exercises like standing on one foot and weight-lifting can help build up muscle bulk.



"PUMP THE GAS"

After sitting for a long period, have your loved one point and flex their feet a few times before standing to get the blood flowing.

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

Schedule of Fees

Ground Burials

Sale of Lots - \$750.00

Openings & Closings - \$850.00

(\$650.00 if marker already exists)

Refundable Marker Deposit - \$200.00

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

Two Cremation Limit Columbarium

Sale of Lots - \$750.00

(includes opening, closing and engraving for first interment)

\$150.00 for second interment and engraving

Additional Opening and Closing - \$150.00

NOTICE REMINDER

2020 PROPERTY TAXES ARE DUE
OCTOBER 1, 2020—TO—FEBRUARY 28, 2021

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

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

A LOT OF 2019 & 2020 PROPERTY
TAXES ARE NOT PAID.
UNSURE IF YOU OR YOUR
MORTGAGE COMPANY PAID
GO TO www.whitehousetn.gov

YOU CAN CHECK ON OR PAY ONLINE AT
www.whitehousetn.gov – I WANT TOO
THEN PAY OR SEARCH PROPERTY TAX

TAX RELIEF APPLICANTS DEADLINE APRIL 5 2021
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:

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

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

CSturm@WhiteHouseTN.gov

LIBRARY

The library will be closed on Monday, May 31 for Memorial Day.

The library will start having programs outside again in April and May. Story times for ages 0-2 will be held on Tuesdays at 10:30am, ages 3-5 will meet on Wednesdays at 10:30am.

We are bringing back our Monday crafternoon. They will meet at 4:00pm on Mondays.

Tweens and teens ages 12-18 will meet on Tuesdays at 4:30pm. The first Tuesday of the month will be creative writing, the 2nd and 4th Tuesday will be sewing/craft day while the third Tuesday will be drawing club. The Teen advisory board will start meeting again in April. We will meet the first Tuesday of the month at 4:00pm. Any teen ages 12 and up are welcome to become part of the board. These teens will get to help come up with program ideas, library displays, and book recommendations.

All children, teen and tween programs will stop the week of May 24th as we prepare for our summer reading events and Fandomcon. Summer reading will run during the months of June and July.



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the library has portable Hot Spots available for checkout that you can use at home to receive FREE Internet WIFI? Just call the library to request a device. They check out for two weeks. You must have an active library card to check one out. 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.

Are you looking for a career change or need continuing education courses 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 or call the library at 615-672-0239 for more info.



The library staff is working on getting all of our members up-to-date so their cards will remain active. If it has been a while since you used the library, you

can call us at 615-672-0239 to renew your card over the phone. By having an active card, you will have access to:

- The library's collection including books, DVDs, board games, puzzles, and cake pans

- Home WIFI through hot spot checkouts
- Tablet, laptop/Chromebook and kindle checkouts



SAVE THE DATE!
WHITE HOUSE
FARMERS
MARKET OPENS
MAY 19TH!

Save The Date

FANDOMCON

June 5, 2021 --- 10:00am to 3:00pm

PUBLIC SERVICES



Did you know?

The City of White House Public Works Department maintains approximately 80 miles of roadway; residents can report an issue online through our website homepage. Things such as pot hole repairs, snow plowing, and subdivision decorative street light outages are all encouraged to be submitted for expedited repair and remediation. Thus, until the city has accepted the roads and all other applicable infrastructure, it is the developers responsible to maintain until such time the city agrees to take ownership/acceptance.

In new subdivisions, the applicant (6-102 Applicant -- The owner of land proposed to be subdivided or his authorized representative. Consent shall be required from the legal owner of the premise(s)) shall be required to maintain all improvements including all lot improvements, until acceptance of the public improvements by the governmental body (City of White House).

Article 3 Section 3-103 Maintenance of Improvements

The applicant (Developer) shall be required to file a maintenance bond with the governing body prior to dedication, in an amount considered adequate by the city engineer or appropriate governmental representative and in a form satisfactory to legal counsel in order to assure the satisfactory condition of the required improvements, including all lot improvements, for a period of one year after the date of acceptance of the public improvements by the governing body. The City of White House also requires developers to conduct traffic studies. These studies play an important role in the overall functionality of our city and roadways. The results of a traffic study can help engineers construct different solutions for roadway design and traffic control. With these studies, the main goal is to provide White House residents with a safe and efficient means of traffic movement.

Article 4 Section 4-103.20 Traffic Impact Study

Any subdivision containing lots for seventy-five (75) or more dwelling units shall be required to prepare at the expense of the developer or individual proposing the subdivision a traffic impact study. At the discretion of the City Planning Director, a subdivision of any size may be required to prepare a traffic impact study. Such study shall be prepared by a licensed traffic engineer in accordance with standards and procedures supplied by the City. The study will provide information as to current and proposed or projected traffic levels along all streets touching, immediately abutting or directly impacted by the subdivision. Prior to development of the study, the applicant and/or the individual selected by the developer to prepare the study shall meet with the City Planning Director for purposes of establishing scope and design parameters to be used in preparing such study. Any improvements proposed to offset the traffic impact of the subdivision shall be indicated. Such traffic impact study shall be submitted with the associated preliminary plat.

What is the difference between proper and improper drainage?

Swales are shallow ditches usually found between the road and your front yard. These swales convey storm water to canals, rivers, ponds and lakes by gravity flow. Swales are designed and permitted to meet local and state water management standards at the time of construction. Water levels in the swale should be less than six inches and drain within 72 hours after the last rain fall in most residential areas. Soils must have adequate permeability to allow water to infiltrate. If water is retained in the swale longer than 72 hours after the last rainfall, it could indicate a problem with drainage in your immediate neighborhood.

Poor drainage can lead to flooding, resulting in property loss and can endanger public health and safety. Contact the City of White House – Public Services Department office at (615) 672-3654 and notify them of an issue.

What can I do to prevent drainage problems?

- Do not re-dig, re-grade, fill or alter the swale in any fashion.
- Do not distribute grass clippings or leaves in or near the swale.
- Do not pipe swales without local approval.
- Frequently inspect your drainage pipes for trash, debris, or dirt.



2021 TAL PLUMLEE



Tournament

THURS., APRIL 29TH

The Tal Plumlee Farm Bureau Insurance Golf Tournament hosted by the White House Area Chamber of Commerce allows members and guest to network and make new contacts while enjoying a day of golf with a number of marketing and sponsorship opportunities.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

HOSTED BY THE WHITE HOUSE AREA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE
CALL 615-672-3937

CORPORATE SPONSOR | \$1,000

- Team of four (choice of flight)
- Signage at the event
- Logo on invitations and event bags
- Table display at registration pavilion
- Pre- & post-event recognition

HOLE IN ONE SPONSOR | \$500

- Signage at the event
- Table or tent at hole

HOLE SPONSOR | \$150

- Signage at the event

CORPORATE SPONSORS

NOVATECH 



THE FARMERS BANK

FOUR-SOME - \$400

- Four-Person Scramble
- 18 Holes of Golf
- Cart & Range Time
- Lunch & Goody Bag
- Beverages Courtesy of Budweiser of Clarksville
- Closest-to-the-Pin Contest
- \$10,000 Hole In One Contest
- Longest Drive Contest
- Door Prizes

CONTACT THE WHITE HOUSE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AT 615.672.3937