



New Sidewalks - Hopefully

We have applied to the FDOT for new sidewalks on Skye Ave and Jordan Street. Also, we applied for new sidewalks from SW Horton from the Fort White Middle School to

New website!



We spent the last several months working to design a new website that is updated, user-friendly, and packed with as much helpful information as we can provide. We hope you like the new fresh look of the website with improved navigation. We strive to deliver a tool that residents and visitors can use to find information about our Town operations, meetings, services, agendas, activities, news, and events. The website address is www.fortwhitefl.com.

Community Development Block Grant

The Town has applied for a grant that may provide many improvements in Town. If approved, it may provide for new sidewalks and other upgrades.

Andy Easton and Luke Tia from the Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project (SERCAP) have been conducting door-to-door surveys as part of the grant application process. Thank you very much for participating in these surveys.

Credit/Debit Cards for Utility Payments

Utility customers can now make a payment at the Town Hall with a credit or debit card. We also have a payment drop box located at the north end of Town Hall for your convenience.

Fort White Produce

The Town is excited to see Robert Simmons doing well after a health scare last year. He's doing great and has reopened the Fort White Produce Stand located at 7748 SW US Hwy 27, Fort White. We all wish him well and continued health.



Report a Problem

The Town has created online forms for residents to easily report a problem or submit a request for maintenance. You can report issues such as issues with potholes, water issues, tree removal, sign repair or missing signs @ website www.fortwhitefl.com.



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The Informer

Fort White Receives \$1 Million

Fort White scored \$1 million in state funding which was presented July 26, 2021 at the Town Council Meeting by State Rep. Chuck Brannan and State Senator Jennifer Bradley. Last year we got close to receiving the funds, but it was vetoed with the covid shutdown. This funding means a lot to our small town. It will help to make water project Improvements. "We're excited," said Mayor Ronnie Frazier "\$1 million is a start. This is probably one of the biggest checks that I think Fort White has ever gotten in its life. I'm really excited for Fort White." Mayor Frazier went on to explain that our priority is getting a new well field for the water system, so we can hopefully get a better quality of water out of the ground, so it won't be as hard to treat and get rid of the discoloration. During this meeting the Town Council voted to enter into an interlocal agreement with Columbia County to manage the operations of the water system.



The Town's Community Yard Sale will be held on October 2, 2021 at the Southside Ball Field Parking Lot. This is a great opportunity to socialize with your neighbors and find something special to take home with you. All shoppers will enjoy free admission.

Have Something to Sell?

The cost for vendors will be \$10.00 per 10'x10' space and \$25 per food vendors. Reservations are on a first come, first served basis, and can be made by calling Town Hall at 386-497-2321. No utilities will be available. Tables, Canopies, Chairs, etc. will be the responsibility of the vendor.

SW Jordan Street

Fort White recently received funding by the Florida Department of Transportation Rural Roadway Assistance Program for the road reconstruction of SW Jordan Street. Paving will start in 2022.

FDOT Small County Outreach Program Grant

The Town has submitted a request to the Florida Department of Transportation for a Small County Outreach Program Grant to repave Yulan and Dortch streets.

\$3.7 Million Dollar Grant

The Town Clerk Connie Brecheen recently applied for a \$3.7 Million Dollar Grant from Congressman Neal Dunn's office to be used to improve infrastructure.

Tax Collector – Fort White

The Fort White Office is open each Wednesday, 8:00am - 4:30pm. The office is located at 118 SW Wilson Springs Road, Fort White. Please enter through the Sheriff's Office Door opposite of Town Hall.

Property tax payments, limited driver license services, & tag/title transactions will be done on a first come, first served basis.

NO DRIVING SKILL TESTS, or CONCEALED WEAPON transactions are offered in the Fort White Office.

Town Council

Ronnie Frazier, Mayor - Phone: 904-333-3183
Donald Cook, District 1 Councilman - Phone: 386-265-4111
David Bishop, District 2 Councilman - Phone: 386-623-3406
Mary Fleming, District 3 Councilwoman - Phone: 386-288-1437
William "Bill" Koon, District 4 Councilman - Phone: 386-365-8292



Fort White High School Foot Ball

Date	Time	Opponent	Location
27-Aug	7:30 PM	Union County	Union County High School
3-Sep	7:30 PM	Newberry Hamilton County	Newberry High School
10-Sep	7:30 PM	Santa Fe	Fort White High School
17-Sep	7:30 PM	Branford	Fort White High School
24-Sep	7:30 PM	Keystone Heights	Fort White High School
1-Oct	7:30 PM	Dixie County	Senior Night - FWHS
15-Oct	7:30 PM	P.K. Yonge	Homecoming - FWHS
22-Oct	7:30 PM	Interlachen	Interlachen High School
29-Oct	7:30 PM	Bradford	Bradford High School

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Columbia County Contact Numbers

Tax Collector:

Fort White 386-497-2456
Lake City 386-758-1077

Property Appraiser:

Fort White 386-497-1626
Lake City 386-758-1083

Sheriff's Office:

Fort White 386-497-3797
Lake City 386-758-2005

Code Enforcement:

Lake City 386-758-1019

Building and Zoning:

Lake City 386-758-1008
386-758-1124

Fort White Library:

386-497-1108

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Public Works Director Retired

Vern Zinnermon, Director of Public Works for the past 26 years, recently announced his plans to retire on August 3, 2021. The Town of Fort White has benefited greatly from Vern's leadership. He worked tirelessly to maintain and improve our town's infrastructure. His high standards will not soon be forgotten. Congratulations Vern and Happy Retirement.

\$300,512.

The town of Fort White is expected to receive \$300,512 in stimulus relief under the American Recue Plan Act. This money will be used to assist in rebuilding the Town's Infrastructure.

Waste Pro

Garbage is collected each Tuesday morning. If you have any issues regarding your service, please contact Waste Pro via phone (386) 758-7800.

Fort White Community Center

If you're looking for the perfect place to hold your next party, family gathering, or business event, look no further than your local community center



For reservation availability call (386) 497-2321, M-F 8AM –4PM or E-mail Town@Fortwhitefl.com

WE NEED YOUR HELP



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE SPECIAL CATEGORY HISTORICAL GRANT

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST: \$200,000

CASH MATCH REQUIREMENT: \$12,500

The Town of Fort White needs your help. In the heart of our Town lives a Little Red Caboose that also lives in the hearts of thousands of local town and county residents.

The caboose is in urgent need of repair and we're asking for your help to save the historic caboose for future generations.

The Town seeks donations to fund professional train restoration of the caboose back to its original state when it was constructed in the 1920's.

To Donate

Contact Connie Brecheen, Town Clerk

(386) 497-2321 or CLERK@FORTWHITEFL.COM