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City Information

White Hall is a mid-size town in Arkansas, boasting a great school district, superb public safety, and an overall *Quality of Life*. Here are a few quick facts about our community:

- Incorporated in 1964
- Population: 5,526 (according to the U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 estimate)
- Land area: 6.98 square miles
- Ranked 8th best city in Arkansas to raise a family by homesnacks.net in 2019
- Ranked 5th on the best places to live in Arkansas for 2020.
<http://www.homesnacks.net/best-places-to-live-in-arkansas>
- A Safe Choice Security study lists White Hall ranking 4th in the state in the top 10 safest places to live in Arkansas.
<http://www.safechoicesecurity.com/blog/safest-cities-arkansas/>

- According to SafeWise.com, White Hall was voted as one of the top safest cities in Arkansas, coming in at number 2. <http://www.safewise.com/blog/30-safest-cities-Arkansas/>
- 2014 Cities of Distinction Award in the category of Tourism Development in the population category of 5,000-20,000.
- Ranks 2nd in Arkansas in Median Household Income among cities with a population of 5,000 or higher (according to the U.S. Census Bureau) *Note: Many cities claim to have high incomes by using their metropolitan area. White Hall bases its numbers on residents who live within the corporate city limits, not the surrounding area with the same ZIP code.*
- Received the name White Hall from the first building built in the community, a whitewashed wooden church
- Dollarway Road, White Hall's main thoroughfare, was the first paved road in Arkansas and the longest paved road in the United States at the time of its completion in 1913
- City bird is the Eastern Bluebird
- Home of the Arkansas 2012 5A Baseball Champions, 2012 5A Softball champions, and the 2013 5A Softball Champions

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City Leaders



Noel P. Foster
Mayor

Mayor Noel Foster is a lifelong resident of White Hall. He served as Police Chief from August 2003 until his retirement in December 2010. He has 23 years of experience in law enforcement.

Foster took office as the Mayor of White Hall on January 1, 2011.

Mayor Foster's professional training includes graduation from the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training

Academy in East Camden, Arkansas and the FBI's National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. He holds a Senior Law Enforcement Certification from the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training.

Mayor Foster is a member of the White Hall Chamber of Commerce, a Charter Member of the White Hall Noon Lions Club, a member of the White Hall Police Officers Association, Chairman of the Jefferson County 911 Committee, MECA Board Member and a member of 25 for Now Civic Organization of Jefferson County. On the State level, Mayor Foster was appointed by Gov. Mike Beebe to the Arkansas Towing and Recovery Board. He is also a member and past president of the Arkansas Chapter of FBI Graduates.

Mayor Noel Foster lives in White Hall with his wife, Sandy, and they have two daughters.



Ellen Welch
City Clerk

Ellen Welch is a lifelong resident of White Hall, having graduated from White Hall High School. She became the White Hall Court Clerk in 1989. She held that position until 2003, when she was elected White Hall City Clerk. Ellen lives in White Hall with her husband Jerry. They have three children and enjoy six grandchildren.



Tom Owens
City Attorney

Tom Owens has been an attorney in White Hall since 1992. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Westminster College and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Arkansas. He has been a member of the Arkansas Children's Hospital's Professional Advisory Committee as well as Vice President of the ACCESS, Inc. Board of Directors. Tom represents many businesses across Southeast Arkansas and has represented White Hall as the City Attorney since 2008.



Alderman Andy Lunsford
Ward 1, Position 1



Alderman Scott Ray
Ward 2, Position 1



Alderman David Beck
Ward 3, Position 1



Alderman Ken Smith
Ward 1, Position 2



Alderman Beaver Johnson
Ward 2, Position 2



Alderman Joel Foster
Ward 3, Position 2

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