

# 2025 STATE OF THE CITY

*Progress, Partnership, and Planning Ahead*



# Welcome

On behalf of the Whitehouse City Council, I am proud to share the 2025 State of the City.

Whitehouse continues to grow in ways that reflect our community's values—strong public safety, thoughtful planning, and a shared commitment to serving both today's residents and future generations. Over the past year, your City Council and staff have focused on responsible decision-making, investing in essential infrastructure, and strengthening the relationships that make Whitehouse a place people are proud to call home.

The progress highlighted in this report did not happen by chance. It reflects collaboration between residents, City staff, volunteers, partner organizations, and local leadership who believe in working together to solve problems and plan for the future.

Thank you for your continued trust and engagement. We look forward to what's ahead—together.

— Mayor James Wansley



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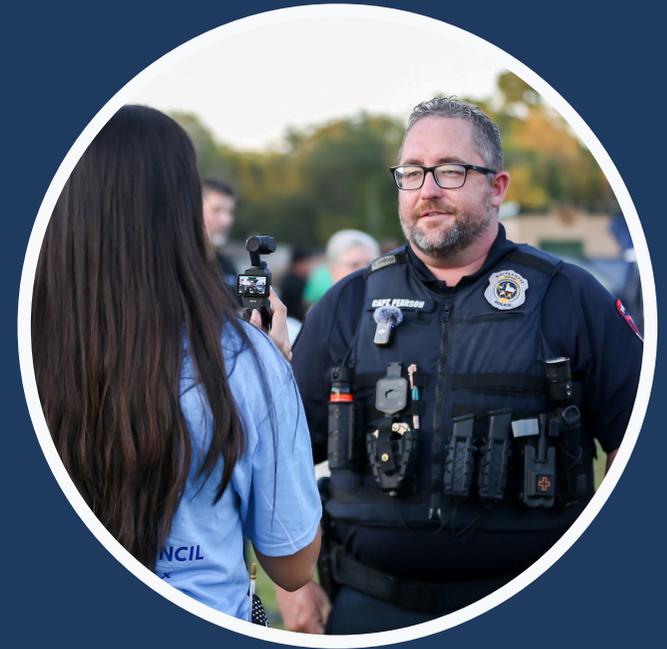
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Council Member

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Council Member

# Community Snapshot

## *Whitehouse at a Glance*

- 25th Safest City in Texas (Safewise)
- Fire response time under four minutes
- Opening of City Center
- Continued infrastructure investment
- Completion of park concept plans



# Public Safety

## *Built on Trust*

Public safety remains the City's highest responsibility. In 2025, Whitehouse's recognition as one of the safest cities in Texas affirmed the daily work of our police officers, firefighters, and emergency personnel.

While rankings are encouraging, the City's focus remains on consistent, dependable service—ensuring residents feel safe, supported, and confident in their local government.



*"Safety is built on trust. Our first responders don't just serve this community, they're part of it."  
-Council Member Matt Lazarine*

# Infrastructure

## *The Work That Keeps Whitehouse Running*

Maintaining and improving infrastructure is essential to keeping Whitehouse safe, accessible, and prepared for growth. Key focus areas included stormwater, streets, and water and sewer systems.

- Roadway condition assessment to prioritize future repairs
- Stormwater replacement projects
- Grant applications to maximize funding opportunities

*"The Council is committed to maintaining a high service level while planning for future growth."*

*-Council Member John Chambers*





## **City Center** *Investing in Access & Collaboration*

The opening of City Center marked a significant milestone for Whitehouse and reflects years of thoughtful planning and partnership. Designed to improve access to city services and create a more welcoming experience for residents, City Center brings municipal functions and community partners together in one central location.

By co-locating the City, the Economic Development Corporation, and the Chamber of Commerce, City Center strengthens coordination, improves service delivery, and creates a space where residents can more easily engage with their local government. This shared approach supports transparency, efficiency, and long-term operational effectiveness.

City Center represents an investment not only in facilities, but in how the City serves its community, today and in the years ahead.



## Parks, Planning & Quality of Life

### *Planning Today for Tomorrow*

Parks play a vital role in community health, recreation, and neighborhood connection. In 2025, the City focused on planning to ensure future park investments are thoughtful, fiscally responsible, and aligned with community needs.

The City completed concept plans for Shahan Park and Forestdale Park. This allows the City Council to evaluate design options, anticipated costs, and long-term maintenance considerations.

Shahan Park concept planning explored improvements that support broader community use while preserving the character of the existing neighborhood. This process helps balance recreation, accessibility, and sustainability.

Forestdale Park planning focused on establishing a neighborhood-centered park vision that reflects the needs of a growing area of the city.

We are laying the groundwork for park spaces that serve residents well today and into the future—while remaining responsible stewards of public resources.



# Community Events & Civic Connection

## *Moments That Bring Us together*

Community connection remains at the heart of Whitehouse. Events like National Night Out and Christmas on Main bring neighbors together, support local businesses, and create shared experiences that strengthen relationships across the community. These moments—rooted in tradition and participation—help reinforce trust, belonging, and the sense of connection that makes Whitehouse a place people are proud to call home.



# Shared Responsibility, Shared Future

The progress highlighted in this report reflects shared responsibility—between the City Council, City staff, volunteers, partner organizations, and engaged residents. Each plays a role in shaping a community that is safe, connected, and prepared for the future.

As Whitehouse continues to grow, the City remains committed to thoughtful governance, responsible planning, and transparent decision-making. These principles guide how we invest resources, deliver services, and plan for the needs of both today and tomorrow.

Thank you for your continued trust and for the role you play in strengthening our community.

We look forward to what's ahead—together.

