

THE WHITE HOUSE  
HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

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## Opening of our Holiday Shop on the Ellipse

## Purchase the Official White House Christmas Ornament

*Special Shop Located Near the National Christmas Tree*

**November 30, 2018** (Washington, D.C) – Beginning tomorrow, Saturday, December 1, 2018, the White House Historical Association will sell the [2018 Official White House Christmas Ornament](#) at its annual holiday shop on the Ellipse, located near the National Christmas Tree.

The Shop will be open December 1 – 28, 2018.

### *Hours of Operation*

Opens December 1, at 11:30am

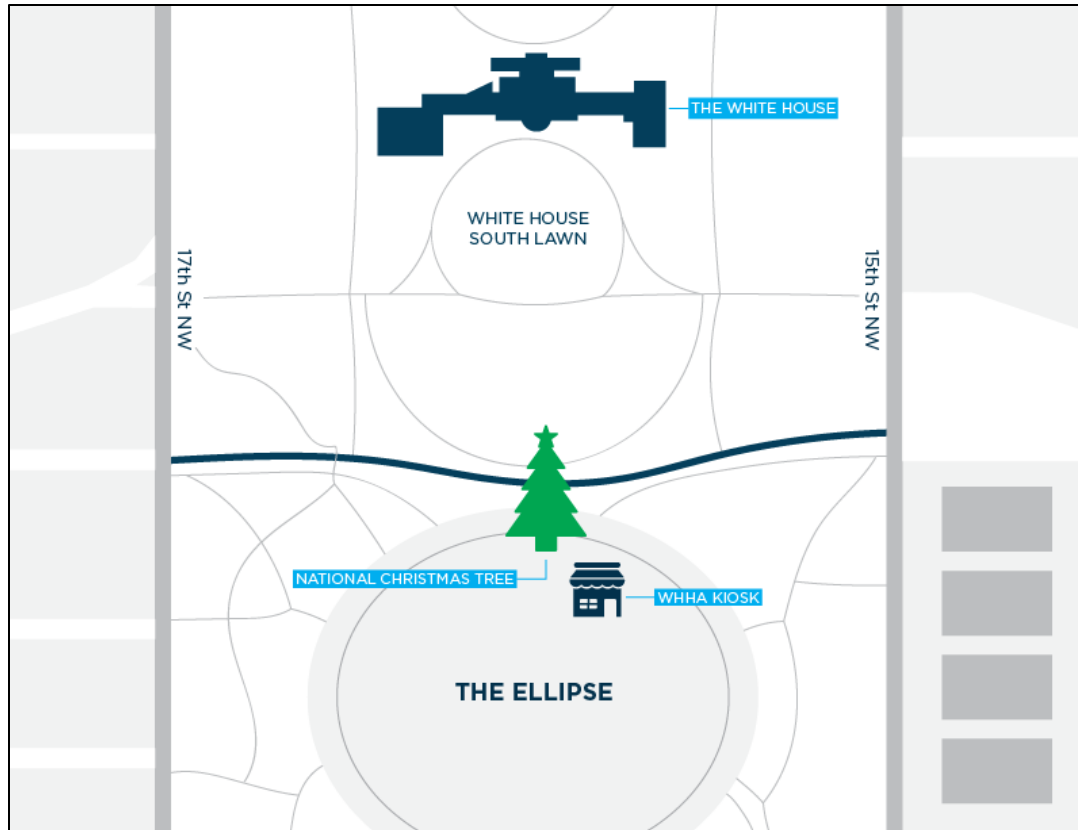
Monday-Thursday: 1:30-9pm

Friday-Sunday: 11:30am-9pm

\*Please note that the shop will be closed on December 25, and will close at 5pm on Christmas Eve, December 24.

**WHERE:** On the Ellipse, near the National Christmas tree. (See map below)





### The 2018 Official White House Christmas Ornament

This year's ornament honors the period of time that President Harry S. Truman spent in the White House, illustrating three significant changes he made during his administration: one to the Presidential Seal, and two to the White House. One side of the ornament features the celebrated Truman Balcony, added in 1947–48 to the South Portico, and the other side features a renovated Blue Room, which, like all the rooms in the White House, was dismantled and rebuilt during the renovation of 1948–52. These two images represent Truman's White House alterations and restorations, the most extensive work on the house since President George Washington built it in the nation's dawning and Presidents James Madison and James Monroe restored it after the fire in the War of 1812.



[Learn more about the 2018 Official White House Christmas Ornament.](#)

The 2018 Official White House Christmas Ornament is also available for purchase online at [shop.whitehousehistory.org](http://shop.whitehousehistory.org) and at the White House Historical Association's two retail locations:

White House History Shop

**Holiday Hours are:**

Monday-Saturday 9am-5pm

December 22, 9am-3pm

1610 H St. NW

Washington, D.C. 20006

White House Visitor Center (Flagship Store)

Monday-Sunday 7:30am-4pm

1450 Pennsylvania Ave. NW

Washington, D.C. 20006

If you are interested in covering the shop opening or requesting an interview about the Official White House Ornament, please contact [press@whha.org](mailto:press@whha.org) or Jessica Fredericks, Communications Director at [JFredericks@whha.org](mailto:JFredericks@whha.org).

### **About The White House Historical Association**

First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy envisioned a restored White House that conveyed a sense of history through its decorative and fine arts. In 1961, the White House Historical Association was established to support her vision to preserve and share the Executive Mansion's legacy for generations to come. Supported entirely by private resources, the Association's mission is to assist in the preservation of the state and public rooms, fund acquisitions for the White House permanent collection, and educate the public on the history of the White House. Since its founding, the White House Historical Association has contributed more than \$47 million in fulfillment of its mission. To learn more about the White House Historical Association, please visit [www.whitehousehistory.org](http://www.whitehousehistory.org).