



(September 30, 2009) The Greater Nashville Regional Council (GNRC) honored the City of Gallatin with five awards at its annual banquet last night.

"This recognition is a tribute to the City's department heads and employees," Gallatin Mayor Jo Ann Graves said in accepting the awards and thanking the GNRC. "It is always positive to have hard work rewarded."

Gallatin received the following awards:

- **Parks and Recreation Facilities Award** for expansion of Triple Creek Park with the addition of the dog park and a four-field adult softball complex which hosts international softball tournaments. Leisure Services Director David Brown was on hand to receive the award.
- **Planning Award** for *Gallatin on the Move 2020: General Development and Transportation Plan* which includes innovative Smart growth and development initiatives for transportation, historic preservation, urban design, and land use. Accepting the award were Codes & Planning Director Tony Allers, Assistant Codes & Planning Director Katherine Schoch, Community Development Coordinator Jim Svoboda, and Planner Kevin Chastine.
- **Solid Waste Award** for the recycling program implemented by the Public Works Department, lead by Superintendent Ronnie Stiles, at the City's Service Center on Long Hollow Pike.
- **Tourism Award** for a new marketing effort to bring more visitors to Historic Rose Mont, which is owned by the City. The effort by the Rose Mont Restoration Foundation, Inc. includes a website, www.historicrosemont.com. Accepting the award were Rose Mont Board Members Jimmy Overton, City Council representative for the district that includes Rose Mont, and David Brown, the Director of Leisure Services.
- **Downtown Revitalization Award** for the joint effort of the City of Gallatin, the Downtown Library Committee and Sumner County to build the new library on East Main Street creating a cornerstone for the new downtown.

The GNRC is the regional planning and economic development organization of the 13 counties and 53 cities in the greater Nashville area and northern Middle Tennessee.

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