



## News Release

### City of Gallatin Receives Seven Awards of Excellence from GNRC

(September 30, 2011) The Greater Nashville Regional Council (GNRC) has honored Gallatin with seven awards of excellence for a variety of programs and initiatives.

GNRC is the regional planning and economic development organization of the 13 counties and 52 cities in the greater Nashville region of northern Middle Tennessee.

The City of Gallatin received the following awards:

- **Communication Award** – for the VIP program in the Codes/Planning Department. VIP stands for Violations, Inspections & Permits. It allows customers and citizens to access these items on-line for better efficiency and communication.
- **Community Enrichment Award** – for a range of work and events initiated by the Mayor's Community Enrichment Committee, including the Sip, Supper and Song concerts that are now called 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday on Main and are sponsored by Greater Gallatin and the local State Farm agents.
- **Economic Development Award** – for the Work in Gallatin initiative and website, plus the EDA's annual report. The Work in Gallatin program is a collaborative effort between the City and existing industries and it promotes available jobs in Gallatin.

- **Energy Conservation and Resource Protection Award** – for replacing all lights at the Civic Center with energy efficient LED lights; and, also for work of a task force on an Energy Efficiency and Sustainability Plan for Gallatin.
- **Parks and Recreation Facilities Award** – for the first section of Town Creek Greenway and the Mapleshade Rest Earth Day project. Mapleshade Rest was an event organized by Puryear Farms Nursery and Landscaping where volunteers spent a day installing a plaza, seating, trees and other landscaping in Triple Creek Park near the entrance to the greenway.
- **Planning Award** – for development of a Specific Plan District which would allow innovative future development, including areas that could incorporate mass transit.
- **Preservation Award** – for the City Recorder’s project of preserving Gallatin’s records dating back to 1855. These records are now available for viewing by the public in the City Recorder’s Office.

“We are honored that the GNRC has recognized the valuable work of our departments and employees,” Mayor Graves said. “I applaud all city employees for all they do to make Gallatin an award-winning city.”

(Accompanying photo) Accepting the 2011 GNRC Awards on behalf of the City are (l-r front row): Denise Knight and Cindy Brazel, Codes/Planning; Ann Whiteside, Mayor’s Office; Katherine Schoch, Codes/Planning; J.R. Smith, Finance; (l-r back row): Councilman Jimmy Overton; David Brown, Leisure Services; Rosemary Bates, Mayor’s Office; Robert Kalisz, Codes/Planning; John Puryear, Puryear Farms; Connie Kittrell, City Recorder; Shirley Smith, Economic Development Agency.