



Holiday Events

November, 2011

Mark Your Calendar—Join the Fun!

Calendar of Events:

- * **November 5:** 5K Turkey Run thru Triple Creek Park
- * **November 12 & 13:** Holiday Tinsel & Treasure Merchant Open Houses
- * **November 12:** Children's Choirs perform on the Square, 10:30am to 12:30pm
- * **November 19:** Christmas Harvest Craft Show, 9am to 5pm, Gallatin Civic Center
- * **November 29:** Tuba Christmas, 6:30pm, First United Methodist Church
- * **December 2:** City Christmas Tree lighting at 4:30pm on the Historic Downtown Square
- * **December 2 thru 24:** Trees of Christmas at the Gallatin Library
- * **December 3:** Merry Mantles of Rose Mont, 6pm to 9pm, at Rose Mont
- * **December 10:** Chamber of Commerce "Main Street" Christmas Parade begins at noon

It seems like we've barely said goodbye to summer and hardly had a chance to embrace fall—when it is time to start planning for the holidays!

There are plenty of events in Gallatin to put on your calendar this holiday season—the Tinsel & Treasures Open Houses, Tuba Christmas, City Tree Lighting, Chamber Christmas Parade "Main Street Christmas", the Christmas Harvest Craft Show, Magic on Main Street at the Library and much more.



"Main Street Christmas" is the theme of this year's Chamber Christmas Parade set for noon on Saturday, December 10.

Be sure to put these events on your calendar and join in the fun.

Gallatin is a wonderful place year-round, but the holidays are especially exciting.

On behalf of the City—and all its employees—we wish you a very Happy Holiday.

TubaChristmas—Nov. 29—a Big Hit in Gallatin

TubaChristmas is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 29, at the First United Methodist Church in downtown Gallatin.

This will be Gallatin's third annual TubaChristmas, fast becoming a popular holiday tradition for all ages. Tuba players from across middle Tennessee join together for a night of unusual and fun musical entertainment.



City of Gallatin Honored with Seven Regional Awards

Greater Nashville Regional Council (GNRC) has honored Gallatin with seven awards of excellence.

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.

Community Enrichment Award for a range of work including the inaugural 3rd Thursday on Main.

Economic Development Award for the Work in Gallatin initiative and the EDA's Annual Report.

Energy Conservation & Resource Protection Award for replacing all lights in the Civic Center with energy efficient LED lights.

Parks & Recreation Award for the first section of Town Creek Greenway and the Mapleshade Rest Earth Day Project.

Planning Award for development of a Specific Plan District which would allow for innovative development including mass transit.

Preservation Award for the City

Recorder's project of preserving the City's records dating back to 1855.



Representatives of the City of Gallatin accept seven Awards of Excellence from the GNRC.

TDOT Awards City Another \$2.95 Million Grant for Greenway

TDOT has awarded the City of Gallatin another \$2.95 million grant for the Town Creek Greenway system which will allow the City to complete the greenway into downtown Gallatin.

Even though the City had applied for additional funding through the Metropolitan Planning Organization, the award announcement by TDOT Commissioner John Schroer was still a surprise.

"The MPO considers dozens of projects throughout the region," Mayor Jo Ann Graves said. "Only seven



Hundreds of walkers, bikers, and runners of all ages use Town Creek Greenway year-round.

projects received awards in this round of funding. Gallatin is very appreciative that the MPO and TDOT recognized the City's hard work and commitment to this project."

The award is an 80/20 grant—meaning the State will fund 80% or \$2.36 million and the City contributes 20% or \$590,000.

The first section of Town Creek Greenway starting in Triple Creek Park opened in October, 2010. The next section of greenway—from Perolee to Wilmore—is under design.

Roads and Revitalization Top the Citizen Survey List



Mayor Jo Ann Graves

This summer, Mayor Graves asked citizens to respond to a survey asking, "What are your priorities for Gallatin?"

The results have been compiled and they show roads, revitalization, sidewalks & greenways, mass transit and more recreation & cultural events top the list.

More than 31% of survey responses were about roads—some wanting certain roads widened, some asking for additional traffic signals, some wanting a new coat of asphalt on a particular road and some urging completion of SR 109. Nearly 20% asked that revitalization projects continue, especially on

South Water, and that the City continue to clean up areas of town with requests to add more green space and landscaping. Walking seemed to be popular with 14% asking for more greenways and sidewalks. Pursuing mass transit topped the list for 12% of respondents. And, 10% said they want to see more cultural and recreational activities offered in Gallatin.

"I appreciate everyone's survey comments and suggestions," Mayor Graves said "Your ideas help the Council and I make decisions about the direction Gallatin takes as our City continues to grow."