

# MAYOR'S UPDATE



Mayor Jo Ann Graves

## Shop Gallatin & Keep Your Tax Dollars at Home

- All Downtown restaurants, shops & businesses open
- Find most anything you want or need in Gallatin
- Gallatin businesses recently featured in television news stories for their innovative practices and products
- Contact Greater Gallatin about what Downtown offers (452-5692)
- Contact the Chamber of Commerce (452-4000) to find what you need in Gallatin or visit: [www.shopgallatin.org](http://www.shopgallatin.org)



## DOWNTOWN STREETSCAPE TAKES SHAPE: NORTH WATER OPEN, TOUR THE PROGRESS

The Downtown Streetscape continues to take shape with new features and infrastructure completed almost daily.

“The project may have seemed slow-going the first couple of months as work focused on removing the old sidewalks and road,” Mayor Jo Ann Graves said. “But in the last few weeks, we’ve been putting in new sidewalks and completing portions of North Water. The changes are very exciting.”

The first section to be completed was a new storm water sewer line from Franklin Street up N. Water to Broadway. Next was the new intersection at Franklin Street and N. Water featuring a concrete island with brick crosswalks and landscape beds. New sidewalks have been added to N. Water between Franklin Street and Main Street with that section of road re-opening on May 22.

“Now that North Water has reopened with additional parking, we encourage folks to drive through the downtown and see first-hand the new features,” Graves said. “All our businesses are open.”



North Water re-opens with new sidewalks, plaza areas, brick crosswalks, additional parking and landscape islands.

## CITY RECEIVES STIMULUS FUNDS: THE MPO SELECTS FOUR PROJECTS, RECOGNIZES GALLATIN'S PLANNING AND VISION

The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has approved a list of stimulus package projects totaling \$3,230,000 for four projects in the City of Gallatin. Those projects are Big Station Camp Bridge & Road Realignment (\$1,000,000); Town Creek Greenway (\$1,000,000); improvements to South Water Avenue (\$750,000); and additional Downtown Streetscape work (\$480,000).

“This allocation will create jobs and provide the needed funds to complete numerous projects that are current

priority projects for the City,” Mayor Graves said. “The City is particularly pleased the stimulus package will provide necessary funds to begin revitalization of a portion of the South Water Avenue area from Guild School to Maple Street.”

“The stimulus package provides 100% funding from the federal government,” Graves explained. **“The City is not required to provide any sort of match to receive the funds.”**

The City of Gallatin received the second highest total allocation among all

the counties and municipalities in the MPO. Metro Nashville/Davidson County received the highest allocation of stimulus funds. All projects considered for stimulus funds through the MPO underwent a strict and formal review. The MPO ranked the projects according to their criteria.

“The City is very appreciative that the MPO recognized our vision and our planning by awarding us these funds,” said Mayor Graves. “Dozens of projects in Middle Tennessee were considered and Gallatin fared very well.”

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*"North Water has reopened making it easier to see all the exciting changes in the Downtown Streetscape."*

*-Mayor Jo Ann Graves*

**CULTURAL EVENTS:  
CURRENT & RECENT  
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**UNIQUE, BRONZE  
SCULPTURE WORKS  
FEATURED  
THROUGHOUT THE  
GALLATIN LIBRARY  
DURING JUNE  
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**NASHVILLE BALLET  
PERFORMED  
FERDINAND THE  
BULL IN MAY AT  
THE HISTORIC  
PALACE THEATER**

**Updates on Other  
Projects**

- Town Creek Greenway is in the right-of-way phase, awaiting details on stimulus funding requirements to move into construction
- Big Station Camp Road and Bridge realignment is undergoing required federal environmental clearance and is scheduled to go to bid in August
- The Farmers' Market is under construction and should be complete by late summer or early fall

## DOWNTOWN FEATURES BRICK CROSSWALKS, NEW BENCHES, PLAZA AREAS AND MORE



Benches donated by Greater Gallatin are one of the new features in the Downtown Streetscape. These are in the plaza area outside Govan's Salon & Espresso Café on North Water.



Downtown Streetscape designs include protecting the historical integrity of buildings like the one housing Upscale Boutique. The unique, rounded tile entryway to the building was carefully incorporated into the sidewalk.



Brick pavers highlight entrances to the Sumner County Courthouse on the Square. Brick pavers are also used in crosswalks and some plaza areas. Public Square includes a large brick plaza area for special events. New, decorative light poles will be added later in the project. Trees and other landscaping will be planted at the end of all construction.

## KROGER/SR 109/NASHVILLE PIKE INTERSECTION CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY

The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has begun construction on the new intersection at Kroger/State Route 109/Nashville Pike.

A new ramp off of State Route 109 onto Nashville Pike is being built. The entrance into the Kroger shopping center is being realigned with the State Route 109 ramps. And, the new intersection will be signalized.

"The redesign of the entrance along with the new traffic light will make this

area safer and more accessible," Mayor Jo Ann Graves explained, "especially with the new gas pumps at Kroger."

The project is funded by TDOT, the City of Gallatin and Kroger.

"This project shows how valuable a public/private partnership can be to a community," Graves said. "We appreciate the State and Kroger working with the City to make these much needed improvements for access and safety."