

Gallatin is a blast in **Summertime**

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Gallatin Mayor
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I'm so proud to serve such an amazing community. Gallatin really showed its pride, its spirit and its competitive nature when it helped us win the popular vote for the Reader's Digest "Nicest Place in America" contest. We expect some visits from the decision makers at the publication in the next month and we will know their final decision in October. Gallatin truly is a kind community, and I'm very excited that our story will be shared with millions across our country via the November issue of Reader's Digest. In other news, it's really been a fabulous summer. In addition to the opening of the new Tommy Garrott Aquatics Facility, many other projects are making our city better. The city recently launched its new website, GallatinTN.com; a huge old home was relocated for a new engineering facility and lots of work is happening around our city; the GreenLea extension opened in July; College Street improvements are close to completion; Airport Road and South Water work is in progress; and we are expecting the Albert Gallatin project to be bid before the end of this year. These are only a few of the infrastructure plans that are funded and in the pipeline.

Additionally, the City of Gallatin is soon to begin a strategic planning process. Residents will be asked to participate, and I hope that you will consider contributing your suggestions and ideas. This year's State of the City will be presented on October 16th at the Gallatin Chamber of Commerce meeting. You can be there, or watch it online after the event.

Finally, I want to extend a special congratulations on behalf of the City of Gallatin to the newly appointed Ambassador to Japan, William F. Hagerty, IV. "Bill" is a native of Gallatin. Previously, he served as the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development for the State of Tennessee. His mother, Ruth, resides in Gallatin. I know we all are proud of his accomplishments and grateful for his contributions to Gallatin and for his service to our country. Our best wishes to him and his family as they embark on this exciting adventure.



GIANT BUTTERFLY in Triple Creek Park

Volunteers from The Truth and Peace Student Leadership Conference took part in creating a "pollinator garden" in the shape of a butterfly in Triple Creek Park. The idea is to help bring back the more than one BILLION monarchs and other pollinators that have disappeared due to herbicides killing milkweed and other plants they need to survive. The project's success is due to the leadership of Union Elementary's David Collins together with help from David Brown and the Gallatin Parks and Recreation Department. Visit gallatintn.gov/green for more.

HISTORIC HOUSE on Wheels



The Franklin House, which sat on Main Street for 100 years, successfully made the journey to its new home on Long Hollow Pike. The foundation and basement should be ready in about a month, and then the house will move to its final destination. Check out HD video of the move at the City FB site @gallatingov.

HAVE YOU BEEN to the pool yet?



Imagine a summertime retreat from the heat where three massive waterslides challenge thrill seekers of all ages. That's what you'll find right here in Gallatin, and the slides are just the beginning of the fun. Check out all of the cool attractions at the new Civic Center Tommy Garrott Aquatics Facility while it's still hot.



Thursday, Aug. 17 | **OFF DA HOOK**

Thursday, Sep. 21 | **ERIC HEATHERLY**

6:30 - 9:00 p.m. on Gallatin's Downtown Square

THE GALLATIN TN ECLIPSE ENCOUNTER

TRIPLE CREEK PARK

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7:00 a.m.	Park gates open
9:00 a.m.	Group Yoga Session and Live Mermaid Photo Op
9:45 a.m.	Station Camp Dance Team
10:00 a.m.	Music with Mark Gallant
11:00 a.m.	American Idol Kimberley Locke
11:59 a.m.	Partial Eclipse Phase
1:27 p.m.	Total Eclipse Phase
1:45 p.m.	Music with Little Feather
2:30 p.m.	Music with Mark Gallant
2:54 p.m.	Partial Eclipse Phase Ends

Gallatin is expecting tens of thousands (with some estimates exceeding 200,000) of visitors on Eclipse Day, as we are considered one of the best places in the country to view the eclipse. While we want everyone to enjoy the day, public safety will be our top concern. Many resources will be supporting our local forces, but we know that traffic will be a major issue and that travel around our city will be difficult. We are asking Gallatin residents to plan ahead and be prepared.



KIMBERLEY locke

AMERICAN IDOL - ECLIPSE HEADLINER

The Gallatin Eclipse Encounter is excited to have Kimberley Locke as the featured performer at Triple Creek Park on August 21. Locke went to Gallatin High School and is an alumna of Belmont University. In 2002, Locke was chosen to compete on the reality TV show *American Idol*. She finished third behind winner Ruben Studdard and runner-up Clay Aiken. Locke has had 11 charting singles, including eight Billboard # 1s. Find Kimberley Locke on FB @kimberleylocke

Eye Safety During a Total Solar Eclipse



During the short time when the moon completely obscures the sun it is safe to look directly at the eclipse without eclipse glasses, but it's crucial to know when to take off and put back on your glasses.

Ordinary sunglasses, even very dark ones, are not safe for looking at the sun.

Do not look at the uneclipsed or partially eclipsed sun through an unfiltered camera, telescope, binoculars, or any other optical device while using your eclipse glasses, as the concentrated solar rays will damage the filter and injure your eyes. Remove your glasses only when the moon completely covers the sun's bright face and it suddenly gets quite dark. As soon as the bright sun begins to reappear, replace your solar viewer to glance at the remaining partial phases.

Gallatin's Civic Center has eclipse glasses available for purchase for \$2. The Gallatin Public Library has a limited supply at no charge. Sumner County Tourism will have 20,000 free glasses that will only be available at Triple Creek Park the day of the eclipse.

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6 - 10:30PM

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