



Greetings from Mayor Paige Brown

As we approach the holidays and the end of 2021, it's a good opportunity to reflect back. While we are still amid troubled times, I think there is much to appreciate and even more to anticipate.

In October I was honored to present my seventh State of the City address, hosted at EPIC Event Centre by the Gallatin Area Chamber of Commerce (which is celebrating its 100th year of serving Gallatin this year!).

A few of the key points I think you'd like to know:

- Gallatin's finances are doing much better than expected
- Our property tax rate remains among the lowest in the state at 80 cents
- Our general fund budget this year is \$43M, up \$5M over last year (and a 9% increase over the previous, pre-covid, budget year)
- Our Rainy Day balance is over \$7.7 million
- The cost of competitive compensation for our employees and the rising prices of goods and services will impact the city significantly, but we will work to navigate the challenges well

I also presented data on new investment and development (remember gallatintn.gov website has detailed information on all approved plans).

- 944 new home permits were issued in the past year
- Permits are up 40% over the previous year
- Inspections are up 19%
- Investment in our city was up 694 percent, almost 1.5 billion dollars (largely due to Facebook's \$800 million dollar data center construction)

I'd invite you to view the State of the City presentation on the city's website at gallatintn.gov, as it highlights SO much that we have accomplished in the last year, and sheds a positive light on the future here in our great city.

As you prepare for the holiday season, please use the information in the rest of this newsletter and join some of the festivities in and around Gallatin. There is much to do and many ways to be involved.

I do encourage you to patronize our local retailers. You'll find many great gifts and support our businesses with dollars and #locallove.

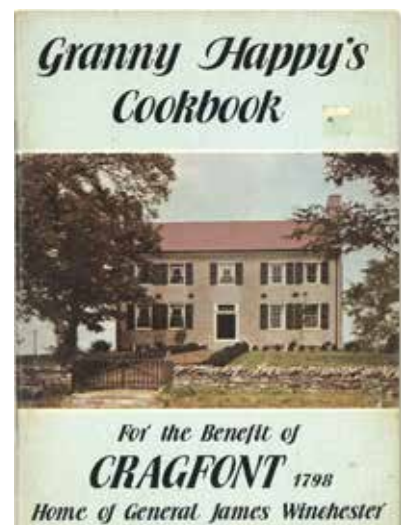
May you have a wonderful holiday season and a very Merry Christmas. I pray that 2022 is a better year, as I know so many have suffered heartbreak and loss from the pandemic. Now, more than ever, I think it's very important to be patient, extend grace and be kind.

It is an honor to serve as your Mayor of the City of Gallatin. I wish you peace, happiness, good health, love and blessings.

FUDGE PIE

- 1 stick butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 squares unsweetened chocolate
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon salt

Cream butter, sugar and flour together with mixer. Add eggs one at a time and continue beating. Add buttermilk and vanilla. Pour into unbaked pie crust and bake at 350° for 30 minutes or until firm.



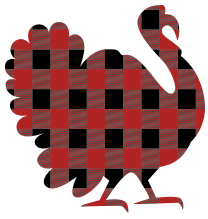
This recipe is from "Granny Happy's Cookbook," a book created by Ellen Wemyss (1895-2001), who resided at Fairvue from 1939 until her death. This cookbook was begun as a gift for her grandchildren but evolved into a publication to benefit Sumner County's historic Cragfont in Castalian Springs. The Wemyss family contributed to many important efforts in the City of Gallatin and Sumner County. "Miss Ellen" was widely known, respected and adored.

The holidays are a perfect time to see both Cragfont and the nearby Wynnewood in their Christmas splendor, with Saturday tours. For reservations or more information visit www.historiccastaliansprings.org.



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Gallatin Gobble Turkey Shoot

Saturday, November 13. Take your aim at a paper target 30 yards away. Registration is 8 a.m. at the Gallatin Civic Center. 615-452-4000 or email info@gallatintn.org for more.



Merry
CHRISTMAS



Mayor Paige Brown helps ignite the holiday spirit with the Annual lighting of the tree. Monday, December 6 at 5 p.m. at the Downtown Square.



Holiday Tinsel & Treasures

Saturday, Nov. 13
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 14
12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Get a jump start on shopping before Black Friday.



Gallatin Christmas Parade

"Past, Present, Future"

Celebrating 100 Years of the Gallatin Chamber

Saturday, December 11 at noon. The parade starts at noon and will end with Santa Claus kicking off the holiday season!

Call 615-452-4000 for more information.



Christmas Harvest Craft Show

Saturday, November 20
It's a long-time tradition held each year at the Gallatin Civic Center. Enjoy shopping for seasonal items from artisans around the region! 615-451-5911



We have Santa's address so you can write a letter, and he'll write you back! Drop by the Civic Center or visit their website under Special Events to find Santa's form. The deadline is early December! 615-451-5911



Tuba Christmas

Featuring the world-renowned Tennessee Tech Tuba Ensemble and local tuba players. Tuesday, December 7th at 7 p.m. First Baptist Church on East Main Street 615-451-5961



Wreaths Across America



Honor 600 Veterans at the Gallatin City Cemetery with a wreath placed on their grave sites. Donations accepted through Monday, Nov. 22. Ceremony on Saturday, December 18 at 10 a.m. 615-451-5961



CHRISTMAS for Kids Noon Rotary Club



Since 1985, the Rotary Club has bought gifts of joy for children in Sumner County. Call 615-207-5113 to sponsor a child or food basket. Venmo and Paypal accepted!



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Shop with a Cop

Every year the Gallatin Police Department hosts "Shop with a Cop" at Walmart to conduct holiday shopping for local kids. For many of the children this event will be the only Christmas gifts they receive. If you would like to assist call Misty Blanton at 615-452-1313 Ext. 3175

