

HELLO FROM MAYOR BROWN *

If you know me, you know I LOVE hot weather – so I'm most excited that Spring is here. I hope you and those you care about are enjoying these days and are able to get outdoors and have some special times together. It seems we are all trying to make up for our time that has been compromised by COVID. I think everyone is feeling relief that the threat of this horrible virus may be waning. I'm so looking forward to in person meetings (Gallatin began meeting in person on May 4th) and seeing people again. I certainly credit the efforts of those who have helped us get to this place – and there are so many to whom we are grateful. I do want to say a special thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to deliver COVID vaccines. The Sumner County Health Department has run an efficient, safe and effective clinic for many months. With the support of Sumner Emergency Medical Services and Management Agency, Gallatin Police and Fire Departments, and Hendersonville Police Department, thousands of Gallatin residents have had a great experience getting a vaccine. I also want to recognize Volunteer State Community College for hosting the inoculations. We are fortunate that VSCC is always such a supportive community partner. Finally, while we do have much to celebrate, please continue to be mindful of your family, friends and neighbors who may be at high risk. The virus is changing and there is still much that is unknown so it's prudent to recognize that it is still a danger. As always, contact my office if you need assistance by calling 615-451-5961 or e-mail paige.brown@gallatintn.gov. May we all be kind to one another and have a wonderful summer!

CITY COUNCIL LIVE THIS MONTH

The Gallatin City Council voted unanimously to return to in-person meetings on May 4. Meetings will no longer broadcast live on Facebook or on the Zoom video conferencing program. Regular council meetings will stream live on the city's website at www.gallatintn.gov and broadcast on Comcast Cable 19.

CIVIC CENTER POOLS ARE OPEN IN 2021

The Gallatin Civic Center indoor pool is now open after being closed for the past year. Cracks, broken drains and pipes were all repaired at a cost of more than \$380K. We're also excited to reopen the Tommy Garrott Aquatics Center outdoor pool on May 29. Please call us if you'd like to join our team as a certified lifeguard this summer! 615-451-5911 or gallatintn.gov/jobs

WELCOME GALLATIN'S PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

The Gallatin City Council has appointed Richard DePriest as the city's new Superintendent of Public Works. Since 2019, DePriest has served as the assistant director of that department. "I am extremely grateful and excited to lead the outstanding employees of the Public Works department to provide the best services possible to all Gallatin residents."

FIRE DEPARTMENT RANKS AMONG TOP 5% IN TN

The City of Gallatin's Insurance Services Office rating has improved from a Class 4 to Class 2/2x. Only 34 fire departments in the state of Tennessee have achieved an ISO Class 2 rating. An improved ISO rating can result in lowered premiums for home, property, and commercial building insurance, as our homes or businesses are less likely to be severely damaged or destroyed by fire.





DUMPING USED OIL IN STORMWATER DRAINS IS NOT ALLOWED

The city recently issued a press release reminding residents that stormwater drains are “for stormwater only.” In March, Gallatin’s Stormwater Utility was notified that used motor oil had been poured down a storm drain by a homeowner. Thanks to the prompt notification from a neighbor, most of the oil was recovered. According to the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, spilling a single gallon of oil can contaminate one million gallons of water. Please help us protect our lake (and drinking water) by contacting the Stormwater Utility in the Engineering Division if you see illegal dumping in our storm drains at 615-451-5965.

STRIVING TO BE AN AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

Gallatin has enrolled to be in the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities. Cities with this designation have free resources from AARP as well as networking with other cities sharing similar goals. Availability of affordable housing, options for transportation (including access to rides, sidewalks and bike lanes), ADA accessibility and social networking are just a few areas we’ll strive to improve.

GALLATIN SATURDAYS 9am-1pm FARMERS MARKET

Gallatin’s outdoor market is back for the season with local produce, plants, bread, soap, sweets, seafood and more. Also look out for the *Moonlight Market at the Farmers Market* on Friday, May 21 from 6pm-9pm and every third Friday through November.
615-452-4000

DECORATION DAY 5/22 9-11AM AT GALLATIN CITY CEMETERY

Volunteer to help restore old headstones in the historic Gallatin City Cemetery. Training and materials are provided for this unique experience!
615-451-5961

KIDS FISHING DERBY 6/12 8AM AT LOCK 4 PARK

Join the free fishing tournament for kids ages 5-16 at Lock 4 Park. The fun event aligns with the state of Tennessee’s permit-free fishing the week of June 5-13, 2021. Register by June 4th.
615-451-5911

THIRD THURSDAY 6/17 6:30PM MUSIC ON THE SQUARE

Live music on the Gallatin City Square is back in 2021 with four Third-Thursday shows beginning in June. Lineup TBA.
615-452-5692

STONEWALL 6/26 4PM MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL

The Sumner County Museum presents local musicians, artisans, food and beverages. Two stages of entertainment!
\$20 tickets at Eventbrite.
615-451-3738

FARM TO TABLE 9/18 6PM DINNER

Celebrate fabulous farmers market vendors with delicious locally-sourced fare at the first Gallatin Farm to Table Dinner in the heart of our historic downtown! \$75 tickets on sale June 15.
615-452-4000