

...Gallatin is Headed in the Right Direction



Mayor Jo Ann Graves

For the past several years, I have asked for your input on how well the City is doing and what you think Gallatin's priorities ought to be. Every year your responses help provide direction for the City including improvements, new programs, and new services.

More than 400 citizens responded to the 2014 survey. Is the City headed in the right direction? You overwhelmingly said yes—leaning toward “Strongly Agree”.

Your specific “top priorities” for the City varied, but overall you said you want to finish major road projects that will open up commercial development—and you want more recycling options as well as more sidewalks and greenways in all parts of town.

And, 95% of you prefer to get your news about the City either from this newsletter or email. Remember, you can sign up for email alerts by clicking the envelope icon on the City's website.

On the following pages are the tabulated survey results along with all your comments regarding your top priorities for the City.

You don't have to wait for a survey, however, to share your ideas with me. You are welcome to email me at: joann.graves@gallatin-tn.gov or call my office @ 451-5961 to talk or make an appointment.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jo Ann Graves".

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CITY OF GALLATIN

CITIZEN SURVEY REPORT

The 2014 Citizen survey gave you seven statements to rate on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being “Strongly Agree” and 5 being “Strongly Disagree”. Overall, you placed 6 of the 7 statements between “Strongly Agree” and “Agree”. Only one statement fell between “Agree and “Strongly Disagree.” Below are the statements along with how you ranked them.

Please rank the following projects/ideas each on a scale of 1-5:

1 2 3 4 5
Strongly Agree Agree Strongly Disagree

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The City is headed in the right direction

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Completion of the Albert Gallatin/Hatten Track Extension, Gallatin’s northern bypass, is important for growth and ease of travel in the City

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Completion of the GreenLea Extension to Long Hollow Pike is important for retail, residential, and commercial development

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Install more drop off sites for recycling

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Gallatin needs more sidewalks, bike paths, and pedestrian walkways

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The City should pursue public/private partnerships to offer recreational facilities on the western side of Gallatin, i.e. warm water pool, lap pool, fitness center

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Spend \$2-Million for the addition of a warm water pool and children’s splash garden to the existing Civic Center

What were your top priorities for the City? Keep reading...

The 2014 Citizen Survey gave you the opportunity to write in your top priorities for the City. Your comments are listed by category:

Roads/Traffic/Mass Transit

- We need to look into more public transportation opportunities to be able to travel to Nashville and other cities. Atlanta has some of the best transportation opportunities and Nashville is so far behind.
- Provide more information, like traffic counts, on the reasons for the Hatten Track extension.
- Provide information on studies that have likely been done to determine if there is a way to move traffic under, over or around the many trains that come through.
- Completion of the north and south east-west bypass of the city.
- Implement speed reduction for Lower Station Camp Road.
- Albert Gallatin Ext.
- Street repaving.
- Albert Gallatin/Hatten Track Extension.
- Need more information on the proposed by-pass!
- Before spending \$ on new projects, how about finishing the streets the City tore up last fall: Louise, McDavid, Factory, Spencer, and others. I have spent over \$700 on front-end repairs and I go very slow down these streets. Also, you might want to provide a level for the crew that installs the sewer cleanouts in people's front yards. Hardly any of them are straight.
- No to completion of GreenLea. Affects why my family and I bought 42 acres which we pay taxes on - good chunk!
- Traffic on Carson St. is a real bottle neck during drop off and pick up times. There are properties that need to be cleaned up and streets that need repaired. Completion of Albert Gallatin/Hatten Track Extension.
- Completion of GreenLea Extension.
- Completion of Red River Road project.
- Completion of the Albert Gallatin/Hatten Track Extension.
- Completion of the GreenLea & Hatten Track Extensions.
- Completion of the southern side of 109 to create 4 lane access to I-40 should be a higher priority the heading north.
- Better traffic flow.
- Road bike friendlier streets and tougher laws on people who harass bikers.
- Mass transit to connect Gallatin with Hendersonville, Madison, Nashville.
- Continued upgrades to roads, continued road progress.
- Do away with "cameras" at Belvedere and Station Camp Blvd and Maple. Please do something about this!
- Do away with 20mph on Steam Plant Road with radar.
- Please pave the streets! If replacing sewer lines, please re-pave each street as it is finished. Please don't leave cones and metal plates for extended periods of time. I have lived in this neighborhood for 11 years and only one street has been paved during this time (it was recently).

Roads/Traffic/Mass Transit—continued:

- Do not need Albert Gallatin/Hatten Track yet.
- Development of the transportation hub to Nashville near GreenLea.
- Do a better job fixing potholes. Pave Louise Street and others near the fair-grounds.
- Prevent more "cuts" into roadway on highway 386; Mayor and City Council seem determined to turn highway 386 into another Nashville Pike after years of lobbying efforts to obtain limited access highway to connect with I-65. Do not complete Albert Gallatin or GreenLea if you have to take property.
- Get rid of the traffic cameras. That is why our taxes go towards the police department.
- Get the 109 Bridge finished.
- Extension of GreenLea is so important as an outlet for Cambridge Farms.
- Extend Tulip Poplar to Long Hollow Pike.
- Getting "POT HOLES" fixed and then resurface those roads that need it. More particular the main roads in Cambridge Farms sub division. Repaint the road lines and reinstall the bike lane markers.
- I believe the Albert Gallatin/Hatten Track extension is very important to the east side of the city. Getting out of town takes 15-20 minutes sometimes.
- Train service to/from Nashville.
- Transit... #1 - Make a combined effort with the mayors, along a much needed AMTRAK passenger rail service, linking the mid-State to Chicago and Atlanta. Memphis is handling 75,000 at its station every year, up 4.5% in 2013. The mid-state could do much better than that. It would increase tourism, convention traffic, and allow Tennesseans another form of travel other than flying.
- BRT service/Rapid Bus transit linking Gallatin and Hendersonville to Nashville, with more frequent service than the early morning and late afternoon bus runs. The present runs are only good for "Worker Bees ". Totally useless to a Gallatin resident .
- Transport. BRT service connecting Gallatin to Hendersonville and Nashville.
- Widen the one-way bridge on E. Winchester St. to two-way & cut bushes back at intersections in the area.
- The return of Amtrak to Gallatin, allowing Gallatin residents access to Chicago via Bowling Green - Louisville and access to Atlanta via Nashville and Chattanooga.
- The intersection @ Cairo Rd and Airport Rd needs a traffic signal. It's a very high risk/high speed intersection.
- The road behind the hospital needs to be paved.
- To be able to commute through and around the city with ease and safely, especially with the new factories and businesses that are coming to the town which will be needing the roadways for their trucks to travel in and out to reach the inter-states.
- Repair roads where needed.
- Repair the streets. Some are really bad.
- Re-pave the current roads throughout the city and in subdivisions, not just fixing potholes, but totally re-paving.

Roads/Traffic/Mass Transit—continued:

- The city needs increased public transportation options around the city, as well as into the Nashville area. Other than Mid-Cumberland (with limited availability) and expensive taxis, there is nothing available if residents do not have access to a vehicle. This service is desperately needed and would cut down on transportation costs, accidents, pollution and unemployment. Benefits of the service would include, increased revenue for local businesses and activity for all.
- The GreenLea extension is unnecessary at this time, for the current expansion of GreenLea has no development. Why would you continue to pour money into a roadway that doesn't even have development on the currently expanded area?
- Street building & repair.
- Speed on 109N By-Pass needs to be reduced. 55mph is too fast in a residential area especially with a 55 and older community trying to access the by-pass.
- Scheduled public transportation and/or safe bike paths.
- Road design, construction and routes that facilitate efficient movement of traffic through Gallatin.
- Re-route 109 N-S "through" traffic (e.g. commercial semi-trucks) around the eastern and southeastern quadrants...closer to the industrial park and airport...to better accommodate and encourage manufacturing and industry. Traffic and travelers of this nature are not interested in playing golf, mall shopping, or attending Vol State--- and should be incorporated into the northern by-pass being planned. This should stimulate commerce and boost/expand tax-base more than completion of the Green Lea Blvd. extension along the other side of the city.
- Red River Rd to 109 By-Pass. Fix the bad roads.
- Gallatin GreenLea Extension.
- I live on the south side (Halewood Subdivision) and feel we are overlooked when it comes to allotting tax dollars. We have been here 47 1/2 years paying our taxes all this time yet we have some of the worst streets in the city and get only patchwork street paving. I think Kenny St. has only been paved once since we have lived here and then as soon as it was done, they came along and dug it up and half way patched it. It is a disgrace.
- Hwy 109.
- Infrastructure to ensure that traffic doesn't become a bigger issue as the city grows.
- Complete the widening of 109 to Highway 70.
- Making 109 S from Airport Rd to new 109 bridge 4 lane.
- Look for ways to alleviate 31-E congestion.
- Need a right turn lane from Long Hollow onto Bypass!! Need large speed bumps on all straightaways in Cambridge Farms! Save our children.
- Widen 31E.
- Obtain federal and private funding to provide for train service to and from Nashville and outlying areas.
- Please paint lines on Cages Bend & Station Camp. It is hard to see them at night and impossible if it is raining! Very dangerous.
- City buses, please.
- Public transportation - bus, trolley around the city.

Jobs/Business/Retail/Industrial

- A large white-collar, high-paying business headquarters.
- Work on getting more stores filled and maybe bringing big name stores like Costco to the area.
- It would be nice to have a regional shopping center located in the Gallatin/Hendersonville area so residents would not have to travel to Nashville's Green Hills Mall nor have to frequent the deteriorating Rivergate Mall/area.
- Need a Target.
- Any project that helps increase economic development and jobs for Gallatin.
- Bring in more businesses.
- Continue to develop new business and industry.
- Costco & Olive Garden.
- Business recruitment.
- Development of a master plan to create a gateway from 109 to Water Street on 31E. If you want economic development the city needs to create a progressive appearance on its main street connecting the Green Lea Development and the downtown area. When I expanded my business and looked for communities to add manufacturing one of the key factors was how aggressive was the city government to create an environment within their city to be progressive in their master city plan. When you first visit Gallatin this area looks run-down and not very well planned. In the world of Economic Development perspective businesses evaluate the cities appearance and the incentives to relocate or expand to that area. I want to see a master plan for the City and its approach for the future.
- Do more for small business and less wealthy.
- Need more white-collar jobs.
- Gallatin needs a signature shopping area similar to The Streets of Indian Lake. Also some that distinguishes Gallatin from other communities in Sumner County.
- Get more industry/businesses to come to Gallatin to add more good paying jobs for the local citizens.
- I also think that city officials should visit the small businesses more...small business is what makes the town...I know large business is good but small is what Gallatin was known for. Small businesses have a hard time making it since it seems no one is interested in what they have to say...Please listen to us.
- Good paying manufacturing jobs are important.
- We lack restaurants that are not fast food, franchised or pizza places. Shopping tends to go to Hendersonville, not Gallatin.
- Haven't read anything more about Panera's coming to Gallatin & Dairy Queen moving to a new area.
- Growth in jobs, safe community, low cost government.
- Growth like Beretta.
- Home Depot or Office Depot.
- I'm thrilled to have a Publix and Kroger Marketplace close by as well as Lowe's.
- I wish there were more non-chain restaurants.
- I would like to see more growth of retail and upscale businesses.
- I would like to see a Target retail store.

Jobs/Business/Retail/Industrial—continued:

- This side (south side) of town has been neglected and ignored for too long. This side of town could become productive and vibrate again. We need a grocery store on this of town, use to have one years ago Winn Dixie was out here.
- Job Training. Job Training. If Gallatin is going to grow we need to have a prepared workforce that invites the interest of possible employers. I'm interested in working for Beretta BUT I don't know how or where to go to apply. We need to advertise that Gallatin is not only a good place to live and work but also a place that has a future for you and your family.
- Jobs & better pay.
- Jobs.
- Jobs.
- Jobs
- Work even harder at bringing high paying jobs to Gallatin making it possible to live and work in Gallatin.
- Maintain strong growth incentives for home owners & business.
- Job creations/new manufacturing.
- Great job getting Beretta to Gallatin.
- With lower taxes it promotes new businesses and new income in the form of people moving to Gallatin.
- GLAD TO SEE BERRETTA COMING TO GALLATIN.
- More business and more retail such as Target.
- More jobs.
- More retail growth - want to spend my \$ in Gallatin.
- More restaurants & a Target.
- New Job development.
- Not necessarily a priority, but Gallatin needs a "Ryan's Restaurant" or other buffet -type restaurant.
- Retail variety. We certainly have more retail than we used to and some decent selection, but we seem to lack the variety you would see in a suburb of a large city. If we could up to Hendersonville-level, I suppose that would even be better. Nashville and Cool Springs seem to get all the newest, hippest, coolest stuff first. I know there are demographics at play, but I think we can make more of an effort in this area. I suppose this is the developer's job as well. The retail space near the college on GreenLea and on 31E could be a signature location -with great access to 386, 31E and GreenLea and with a large built-in customer base with the college, the Gap, and Kennesaw. I'd be impressed if we're able to develop this area as envisioned in the transit village concept.
- Priorities first! Work on projects that will result in commercial and residential growth, that will improve general revenues for the City and County.
- Promote more industrial, commercial, retail growth including new infrastructure in the city.
- Provide incentives for more upscale housing developments, restaurants.
- Recruit industry of high quality to provide jobs.
- Retail, commercial development.

Jobs/Business/Retail/Industrial—continued:

- Revitalize the south side of Gallatin. If you could bring in a major grocery store it would go a long way toward doing this. At present there are 2 locations suitable for this. The old Winn Dixie building in Southgate shopping center or the building where Yorks was. This locations drawback would be parking.
- Slow down development! Shame on you! We liked to move here to get away from that!
- The city must attract better quality retail shops! And restaurants!
- The city needs to concentrate on development of business centers and NOT recreational or recycling. Development of high paying professional jobs, NOT retail or all industrial is needed. The average pay of an industrial job is about \$10-15 dollars an hour and the average pay of a retail job is \$8-12; that pay does not support \$2 million dollar swimming pools (which is a RIDICULOUS addition for a limited minority of citizens usage). Also, citizens that are professionals usually support major improvements that improve their overall lifestyle; since they are not living paycheck to paycheck and believe in good health or looks.
- The top priority should be economic development, attracting good paying jobs both from manufacturing as well as office sectors. We need those jobs so we can stop commuting. For example, I commute to Franklin, TN. If there were better opportunities here, I might switch jobs.
- There are no fast food places on 109N to I-40. Need some fast food places on 109N @ the Bypass for people who travel I-40 to work & back daily.
- We need more new industries & new jobs. To recruit more new industries to this town. Example: Beretta - that industry is a win-win for Gallatin and Sumner County. This is just what we need.
- We need more restaurants, growth on east side of town, Airport Road expansion with no green division.
- We need more restaurants. At least one that is an upscale chain like PF Chang's.
- We need Target, J.C. Penney, Kohl's, Macy's - a place to shop that is not Rivergate or Hendersonville.

Recycling/Trash/Keeping City Clean

- I would like to see curb-side recycling at our residences.
- We do not need more recycling dumps. That's the wrong direction! We need curbside recycling like everywhere else! Many good models to follow in TN. (Nashville, Chattanooga, Knoxville, etc.)
- Promote recycling more.
- Keep litter of the sides of the roads.
- Affordable curbside recycling.
- Keeping the city clean. The 109 bypass is what a lot of people see when they come into or city and most of the time it is an eye sore.
- Keep the trash picked up in the streets where people put out old mattresses, furniture, so forth. Many areas of Gallatin look very trashy!
- More recycling.
- Curbside recycling.

Recycling/Trash/Keeping City Clean—continued:

- Lessen the rules for those who live "a rock throw" to Gallatin City limits who still pay taxes to the City but can't use recycling bins there.
- Curbside.
- More focus on picking up household and yard trash in the whole South Water Street district. Also I have no idea where recycling site is - be nice if I did.
- Wish the recycling drop off sites would allow people to use them that work in Gallatin but live in another town. Some towns (small rural areas) do not have recycling drop offs and we are denied use of Gallatin's facilities even if we own a business in Gallatin. I would like to see this changed. If we have proof of working Gallatin, the main idea is to recycle and I wouldn't even mind if there was a small fee.
- Initiate curb side pickup of recycling
- Instead of more recycle drop offs, I'd like to see a home recycling program and pick up for plastic, glass, paper, etc. This can be provided by a public or private business, it does not have to be paid for by the city. Also, if empty boxes, etc. are left at the curb for pick up, pick up should not be refused with a form letter advising to drop it at the Long Hollow recycling drop off. Not everyone has a vehicle large enough to transport large boxes, etc. for drop off. If an item is left at the curb and it is not hazardous to pick up, then it should be picked up, no questions asked. This is a service that our taxes pay for and there shouldn't be any discrimination, period. It'd be beneficial to publish the curb pick up guidelines regularly in addition to refusing to pick up and simply leaving form letters. Recycling is a benefit to our environment and it would benefit the city of Gallatin.
- More drops for recycling.
- More recycling drop off or pickup with trash.
- Taxpayers as myself want trash removed from roads. All of Cairo Road is awful!
- Keeping the city clean.
- We need to beautify it better. Hendersonville is way ahead of us!
- Something that has bothered me for years is the lack of proper garbage trucks. I really don't think the people with plywood sided pickup trucks should be allowed to pick up garbage. The 109 bypass and Airport road are constantly littered with garbage that is not contained on the way to the Resource Center. It makes the city look dirty and low class.
- I think Gallatin needs to focus for cleaning up the side streets of all kinds of trash and household items stacked in front of homes for pick up and disposal. My street used to be a nice looking clean neighborhood before it rezoned commercial and so many homes no longer exist. The streets Foster, Locust, and Hickory Streets are embarrassing to drive down. Even my street is once you get pass the Town Creek Bridge toward the City Cemetery.
- Beauty.
- Need curbside recycling!
- Need more recycling dropoffs!
- Install recycling drop-off on the hospital side of town.
- Provide curbside recycling.
- Recycling pickup!!!

Recycling/Trash/Keeping City Clean—continued:

- PLEASE set up more recycling drop off sites! The one on Long Hollow is ALWAYS full!
- Recycling pickup from my house.
- Recycling pickup!!
- The south is woefully behind in recycling efforts. Gallatin could lead the way.
- Recycling.
- Recycling should be done by curbside pickup. Pick up trash across town, not just downtown.
- Public, not private, contracted pickup sites needed.
- Very much need more recycling.
- I am happy to see a grant has been approved for litter/recycling.

Sidewalks/Greenways/Bike Paths/Connectivity

- A sidewalk on North Westland from Perolee to Main Street.
- Add sidewalks to N. Westland and repave E. Eastland.
- Sidewalks.
- Gallatin needs more sidewalks on Belvedere, Peninsula, and a walking area for South Gallatin streets!!
- I live just off of Lock 4 Rd and have noticed an increased amount of traffic. I would like to see a sidewalk and or bike lane built, because there is no shoulder on which to walk.
- I would like to see more sidewalks as well continued improvement in roadways.
- I would like to see sidewalks built on Lock 4 Rd between Peninsula and Route 31. More and more people are walking on the side of Lock 4 but it is dangerous due to traffic.
- Improve the livability of residential Gallatin: sidewalks, bike paths, and pedestrian walkways, etc.
- The older parts of town could use some refurbishment to make them attractive; sidewalk projects leading to greenways and parks.
- Bike paths (greenways).
- Completing the Town Creek Greenway.
- Completion of the greenway before someone gets hurt walking/biking/running on Lower Station Camp Creek Road. Many speeders on a narrow, crooked stretch of road.
- Completion of the greenway is important to our family. We love to walk, run, and ride bikes on the greenway and park paths. I think completing the greenway would increase pedestrian and bike traffic to businesses in and around the city square.
- More greenways.
- Bike and walking paths and recreation facilities on the western side of the city.
- My top priority is to see the greenway system grow.
- Need sidewalks on Airport Road.

Sidewalks/Greenways/Bike Paths/Connectivity—continued:

- More walkways & bike paths to encourage exercise.
- My highest priority for Gallatin is to see the master plan for the greenway to be completed. I am a resident on the western side of Gallatin in Fairway Farms subdivision (next to Long Hollow golf course) and see a greenway entrance close to the front of our neighborhood on the master plan map. I would be thrilled to see the greenway expanded throughout the city with all the major and minor walkways with trailheads completed. Our family uses the existing greenway at Triple Creek park a tremendous amount, so I would love to see it expanded to be able to access from our own neighborhood and throughout the western side of town.
- My top priority for the City would be to be more pedestrian and bike friendly.
- Need sidewalks desperately near and around Union Elementary - Union Park down to the school - no sidewalk on either side of the street.
- Completing the town creek greenway.
- Pedestrian walkways/sidewalks and bike path along Lock Four Rd. Sumner County Park, at the southern end of Lock Four Road, provides wonderful bicycling opportunities. Unfortunately, you must drive your vehicle (bike attached) along the three miles of Lock Four Road until you reach the park. If a bike path or lane existed along Lock Four Road, people could ride their bikes to the Sumner Co. Park.
- Need more sidewalks on Tulip Poplar from the Co. Admin. building to Maple St/ Gallatin Road intersection. Sidewalk there would be great.
- Sidewalks.
- Finishing the greenway and connecting through the other cities of Sumner Co.
- More public areas for walking , playing, cycling, and hiking.
- Sidewalks & crosswalks on roads that have none.
- Sidewalks and paving neglected streets.
- Sidewalks installed and street repair.
- Sidewalks please on Lock 4 from Nashville Pike to Town Creek.
- Sidewalks. Sidewalks. Sidewalks. I see people walking in ditches on Lock 4 Road.
- Strengthen our neighborhoods by making it easy for people to walk places, including our parks, etc., safely!! We believe it would encourage shopping and fitness.
- I like to fish with my son. Last year while we were fishing, a guy from the city asked me if I would fish here more if a sidewalk and an extension to the lake would make it more enjoyable for me. I told him sure we would. He took my picture fishing and I have not heard a word nor has anything been done has he had suggested. I wish that I could enjoy my community more, but let's face it, when it comes to guys in a wheelchair, we are not exactly a priority for the city.
- Greenways and bike paths - connections to the parks.
- Complete greenway on Lower Station Camp.
- Adding greenways is great.
- Install more bike paths.
- More sidewalks in the city limits.
- More safe places to walk.
- More sidewalks, bike paths, etc.

Downtown

- We need more handicap parking spaces for a conversion van as well as handicap entrances to businesses. I am in a wheel chair and it is impossible for me to attend any events that our city may have. I miss out on any activity, especially downtown. The Farmer's Market is the only function that I can enjoy. Any festivals, carnivals, or special events such as 9/11 remembrances, are impossible for me to attend. There is just no where to park our oversized van and maneuvering the foot traffic as well as the street traffic is all but impossible.
- Rejuvenate downtown w/ more restaurants & shopping.
- Develop the Downtown area for evening.
- Downtown could be so great, but it isn't yet! Make the city a place you want to shop at, eat in, visit.
- Too many empty buildings now. Get more business & good restaurants around the square.
- Put money into town square area.
- Rebuild center of Gallatin.
- Downtown development.
- Create more temporary parking when the city holds events at the city square.
- Could parking in front of Larriviere's, Govan's, Whippoorwill (that whole section from Main Street to Franklin Street) be restricted to cars only? No dualies, vans or pickups with trailer hitches. Or maybe have parallel parking along that area. It's very difficult to get through there when all lanes are in use at the same time. Thank you. Or maybe we need a pedestrian only area all around the courthouse area. Thanks again.
- Downtown parking and & north/south bypass.
- Downtown parking.
- Need more parking in the square area.
- Continue efforts to improve downtown.
- To continue the wonderful work like the Square & to try to get businesses to locate in the vacant buildings before building new strip malls.
- Revitalization of the square.
- Fix the mess on the square. It's a colossal mess. The parking lots, no businesses.
- Revitalize the city square. There are too many vacant buildings.
- More parking for the square area and a big restaurant to fill the vacant, former restaurant.
- Downtown revitalization effort was needed but may not be successful in the end. You tried.
- Getting the bricks on Main street fixed...The streets are awful and it never was fixed like the area on HWY 31...it looks bad on the city for the downtown area...I am sorry but I drive that way almost daily and it is not a good reflection on the city.
- I think downtown Gallatin has the potential to be as charming as Franklin.
- More "fun" shops in the Downtown area. Would love to see Gallatin become more like Franklin, bringing in the boutique trade. Cleaning up of South Water St.
- More development in downtown area - late evenings, restaurants, entertainment.

Downtown—continued:

- Continue the focus downtown. Might a parking garage be a solution to complaints of needed parking downtown? Or maybe just better signage? "Build it and they will come."
- I would like to see more revitalization to the historic downtown and courthouse square. It would be nice to have more shops and cafes to serve visitors and residents.
- Bring retail back to the downtown.
- Another thing I would like to see addressed is the outside wall at Antiques On Main. The painting has served its purpose. It needs to be painted over. I feel that it is an eyesore to the entrance of the town square. The Mayor and Chamber of Commerce are doing an excellent job in steering our city in the right direction. Thank you!
- Increase restaurants/businesses on square and improve functionality of farmers market.
- Build a downtown parking garage to revitalize businesses in the downtown area.
- The parking in town continues to be a major problem. In question is the one opposite the library, the one with the trees in what used to be street. The major problem is the parking. You know when we have street fairs, people will come if no traffic is allowed. We have to decide if we want a strong retail downtown or traffic. You can't have both. We now have one lot for parking. The few that work in town more than likely park there. Where else?

Recreation/Activities/Civic Center

- Let local businesses advertise at the Civic Center to help pay for it.
- Keep the concerts going in the summer!
- Other projects that lack funding, i.e., the warm water pool funded by the City, is absolutely the wrong approach. Let's do things that will result in increased revenues, growth, and increased property values first.
- The development of the lake at Nat Caldwell Park. It could be a very good water ski venue that could attract world class ski events to Gallatin.
- More things for kids to do to keep them out of trouble.
- Another thing I would like to see is the cleanup of the lake at Nat Caldwell Park making it a beautiful entrance into the city and maybe offering more than is there at the present time. Right now it is an eye sore and maybe even a health hazard.
- This City should pursue a partnership with Sumner Station. Heck Yeah! I want a warm water pool, but prefer other options than the Civic Center.
- Thank you for giving us this opportunity - I so wanted input on NOT expanding the Civic Center.
- I would rather see the recreation center, then additions to the current center at this time.
- Support the on-coming projects now in place!
- Spend \$2million to offer recreational facilities on the western side of Gallatin - NOT the Civic Center.
- Spend some money on children. Save & clean up the Civic Center.

Recreation/Activities/Civic Center—continued:

- Use salt instead of chlorine in the Civic Center pool.
- Instead of building a new pool or partnering with a private entity, make sure everyone is welcome at the current facility. Gallatin needs a larger post office.
- Warm water therapy pool.
- We have a warm water pool at Sumner Station. Open it up!
- A better night life for young adults.
- All the above are important, but for me, a fitness center on the western side of Gallatin with a warm water pool with a separate pool for kids would be most appreciated. Now I'm a member of the Y in Hendersonville.
- Do a long-term bond for road projects and Civic Center expansion.
- Do not add to Civic Center, certainly when the Civic Center currently loses several hundred thousand dollars each year; Dog Park, additional multifunctional community parks and recreation facilities.
- Recreation.
- City should buy the old Sumner Station Center for recreational development on the western side of town.
- I would like to see more emphasis placed on Clearview Park the park does not have a outside restroom or water fountain. The clubhouse has restrooms but the clubhouse is locked unless it is being used. More community activities in that area for the children and teenagers to encourage them to be healthy and fit and focus on developing our teenagers of that community to become successful in areas of technology by having a computer workshop and other educational activities and encourage and help develop them into strong leaders.
- I am active duty Navy living in WI but own & rent out a home I plan to retire in, in Gallatin. My children miss the castle playground that was by the civic center. We were saddened at its loss. We used to drive from Springfield & Hendersonville to play there even would shop & eat in town. My top priority is continued prosperity & sense of community.
- Get the exercise equipment at the Civic Center updated.
- Spending money frivolously (such as kids wading pool) is not allowed - continue to veto.
- I just relocated from Gallatin from Tampa, FL. I chose Gallatin because of the house and neighborhood and proximity to work. I wish we had a YMCA that was closer. I looked at Green Hills/West End and passed due to overpriced real estate, long commute to work and crowding.
- I think more recreational facilities would be a great addition to the city.
- More activities, more cultural events, more out of doors activities (city wide bike trails, skateboard park, mud runs, etc.
- Improve Civic Center in the Weight Lifting area. Raise price of Civic Center to get better equipment & keep one day a week people away that have no respect for the equipment. Would love to see something done with the Sumner Station site.
- Fitness Center since Silver Sneakers is not available.
- More funding for library. Proponents of warm water pool should take a warm bath at home.
- More outdoor projects for the children - playground and bigger pool.

Recreation/Activities/Civic Center—continued:

- More outdoor projects for the children - playground and bigger pool.
- We already have a pool at the Civic Center. NO to expansion.
- Make use of Sumner Station - it's a beautiful facility standing vacant.
- Move the tractor pull away from Grandview Estates
- Open Sumner Station!
- (Pursue) private partnership only if we have excess in the budget to pay for it. Same for expanding the Civic Center.
- Exercise equipment at the Civic Center should be updated.

Other "Top Priorities"

- Reduce the burgeoning bloat of government workers. I cannot drive from one side of the city to the other without seeing 10 or 12 city vehicles, usually with at least a couple of employees riding. Looks like the typical case of "spend last year's budget or lose it for this year."
- Related to the above, (and I know this is heresy!) reduce the fees on some of the city services. Probably start with reducing the number of employees. Fees continue to increase while the income of too many remained fixed.
- Improve the public utilities - I have ACH so why waste an envelope to mail payment? I just chuck it every month.
- Balanced fiscal budgets; stable real estate taxes.
- Balanced budget, Low Taxes, Minimize political staffing.
- Make schools more accountable for their budgets.
- Make parents realize their responsibility for and taking care of their children and families.
- Make people realize that government is not responsible for raising their children.
- Make parents responsible for the actions of their children, including gun control.
- Keep taxes down. Because I live on the North side and across the street from Union Elementary school, I would like to see the North side cleaned up. We cannot even get pizza delivery at my address, day or night, even if we are willing to pre-pay. I just turned 69 and there is no assistance by the city to help the older folks. The North side is one of the poorest areas in Gallatin and needs help cleaning it up. Abandoned lots and houses. Houses that people need help to improve. We are citizens also and want to be proud of our neighborhoods.
- Better and newer water lines and sewers.
- Tear down unused buildings that the city owns.
- Caring for all citizens - not just rich. Why not help the older, east side of town?
- City is headed in the right direction.
- Continue to control the budget, and do not increase property taxes.
- Continued slow growth and staying within the budget.
- Controlled development so as not to destroy Gallatin's rural character and innate beauty.
- Growth.

Other "Top Priorities"—continued:

- Controlled growth of the city. A city cannot be a healthy city without controlled growth. The addition of the manufacturing facility is certainly a step in the right direction. Gallatin still seems a little provincial to me. It is a little good ole boy city. Gallatin is a great bedroom community for Nashville, but it could be so much more.
- Crime reduction.
- Curtail high density residential complex such as the one being built at Nashville Pk & Douglas Bend!
- Education and care for the children of poverty. If we care for our children, everything else will take care of its self.
- Equality in city offices such as more African Americans in Human Resources, clerks at payment windows and so on.
- Everyone get along.
- Financial responsibility - not going over budget.
- Finish projects already approved
- Fiscal responsibility.
- Fiscal soundness while continuing to progress.
- Focus on areas that leadership feels have best chance of success
- Get electricity underground.
- Give tax money back to property owners.
- Good water, good schools, local activity.
- Growth.
- Growth - but maintain sound financial plan & budget. Thank you for doing survey!
- Growth exactly as what is happening. Keep Gallatin clean and make sure the square is continuously kept updated.
- Have mailboxes around Gallatin (at least for dropoffs). Thanks.
- Healthier, "green" environment.
- The City leadership seems eager to develop Gallatin. I'm glad.
- I would like to see a storm warning system, I.e. Tornado sirens installed. With the increase of more violent storms in the Sumner Co. Area. It is important that the safety of our neighbors is put first.
- If you ask my neighbors they will probably give the same answer. Our water pressure is so low that I don't dare wash my car at home because I can't get the soap off the car. My pressure is low when my neighbors are washing clothes or taking a shower. This doesn't seem right and needs to be repaired. I think everyone here is so used to it that they have not said anything about it. Water issues is my top priority.
- Improve older part the city - the appearance.
- Reducing drive time to work has a multitude of benefits along with the possibility of riding a bicycle to work. People who live in the newer developments on the west side of Gallatin tend to work in Nashville and do not join in as part of the community. Improved quality of life issues. Our schools could be much better.
- Instead of spending money on city projects, how about giving city employees a good cost of living raise?

Other “Top Priorities”—continued:

- Push for more rights for God in schools and civic buildings.
- Job growth.
- Crime.
- Keep budget balanced & keep apartments out - no overcrowding.
- Keep crime & drugs out of Gallatin. Keep property taxes low.
- Gallatin water and sewer services for all Gallatin residents (White House water is expensive). When Stone Creek was annexed, we were told we would be moved to Gallatin water. That has not happened.
- Keep sales & property taxes as low as possible. We are both retired and on a fixed income!
- Keep taxes down, but continue with controlled, positive growth.
- Keeping property taxes the same, this city and county are seeing the impacts of what conservative ideals can bring to a community.
- Keeping the city financially sound - no property tax increase.
- Higher tax relief for seniors.
- Low taxes and decreasing debt.
- Lower property taxes.
- Lower real estate taxes.
- Lower taxes.
- Make the Codes Dept. do their job! Making people clean up their property of trash and old un-driveable cars and trucks. Also, single family homes that have 3-5 families living there. Also, buildings & out buildings being built without permits & up to codes.

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