

## Civic Center Offers Great Venues for Exercise, Events & Escaping the Heat

One of the positive outcomes of our budget discussions this year is the focus on Gallatin's Civic Center. Our Civic Center is a tremendous asset for our citizens. This 64,000 square foot facility offers activities for people of all ages.

The fitness center has treadmills, ellipticals, steppers, and bikes. There is a machine weight room as well as a free weight room. This fitness area is a hot spot of activity.

There is a double gymnasium used not only for basketball, but also for summer day camps that serve our young people. It is also used for craft shows, auctions, concerts, sporting events, dinners, event parties and more. Plus, there is a walking track above the gymnasium that is well used by young and old alike.

This Civic Center has four very popular and busy racquetball courts available for a nominal fee. Upstairs at the Civic Center, there are spin classes, yoga classes, Zumba, and tai chi – just to name a few.

Our aquatics area has a competition size pool. Many of our area high schools use the pool for their swim teams. Did you know that every April our Civic Center hosts a swim meet for the blind?

Challenged swimmers from Tennessee and surrounding states come to participate in this event. It is quite an experience! The aquatic area of our Civic Center also has a sauna and whirlpool and offers many water aerobic classes.

There are meeting rooms with kitchen facilities available at our Civic Center. The rates are very affordable! You can rent the entire space – or it can be partitioned



The 129th Army Band performs at the City of Gallatin's July 4th Celebration. Because of the rain, the music moved inside at the Civic Center. The double gymnasium is a great venue for large events like the Army Band concert.

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off into smaller rooms – whatever size meets your needs for a meeting, birthday party, training classes, or more.

To better serve you, our Civic Center has been undergoing a facelift. There are new skylights for better illumination, new paint, new equipment, fine-tuned weights, stripped and re-finished floors, new mirrors in the bathrooms, newly painted whirlpool, repaired tiles, and our indoor pool is being repainted!

This year alone we have invested more than \$280,000.00 in improvements—many of them at your suggestion.

Our Civic Center is still the best value around in the area. Our rates are very affordable and our staff is very courteous. A family membership at our Civic Center is \$300/year—less than half the cost of other facilities in the area. We also have day rates and other tiers of membership.

The Civic Center at 210 Albert Gallatin Avenue is only four minutes from downtown Gallatin and less than six miles from Volunteer State Community College. Why should you drive to Hendersonville when you can easily access Gallatin's Civic Center?

Visit your Civic Center today. See all it has to offer.

Call 452-5911 and the staff will be happy to answer any of your questions, or visit [www.gallatinciviccenter.com](http://www.gallatinciviccenter.com).

You will be glad you did!



The Civic Center provides a wide variety of opportunities for citizens to improve their health, hold meetings or parties, attend events, take the kids swimming—and more.

## TVA bringing hundreds of workers to Gallatin

You may have read recently that our TVA Steam Plant is undergoing a \$1 billion retrofit.

While TVA is moving to lessen its reliance on coal, TVA considers its facility in Gallatin to be one of its most economical and reliable power generators. It is also strategically located. That is why TVA committed to a \$1 billion clean air investment in the Gallatin facility.

TVA is already making preparations for the mobilization of workers who will be coming to Gallatin for this important project. The impact to Gallatin is tremendous! Next summer, it is estimated that more than 800 workers will be brought to the area for their involvement in this retrofit.

There will be a need for skilled workers from all trades as well as office staff and clerical help. These workers will need lodging and meals. They will impact Gallatin, Hartsville, Westmoreland and Lafayette.

Many of these workers will be flowing into our town—retail establishments, service industries, restaurants, and more. We expect many to patronize the downtown—which means a need for more parking.

It is time we have a more serious conversation about expanding parking downtown. Working with the Council and downtown merchants, we must appropriate the necessary funds to evaluate a parking facility in downtown Gallatin.



## 109 Gateway Bridge Taking Shape, Other Projects Near Completion

The 109 Gateway Bridge over the Cumberland River into Gallatin continues to take shape with the addition of the bike/walking path that loops under the bridge, the decorative rail that will allow views of the river and other elements that create an entryway into the city.

The \$30 million bridge is funded 100% by the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT). Eventually, State Route 109 from I-40 to I-65 will be a four or five lane road creating a northern bypass around Nashville and Davidson County.

Other projects in Gallatin also near completion include the extension of Gateway Drive into the additional 200-plus acres of the Industrial Park. This road is also funded 100% by TDOT. A virtual building program for the park will also allow industry to start up more quickly.

The State, City and private industry funded repairs and improvements to the railroad tracks near the intersection of Airport Road and Steam Plant Road.

The widening of Airport Road to accommodate expansion of the Sumner County Regional Airport is moving into the final design phase. TDOT plans to put the project out to bid in early 2014. This project is funded 100% with state and federal grants.

The City has also received a 3-year state grant to expand recycling programs, and a grant to improve school crossings at Howard Elementary and Shafer Middle Schools.



The new 109 Bridge over the Cumberland River in Gallatin includes a railing that will allow views of the river (above), and a bike/walking path that loops under the bridge (below). It is slated for completion in 2014.



## Mayor Graves to Present State of the City Report September 9 at the Epic Event Centre

Gallatin Mayor Jo Ann Graves will present her annual State of the City Report on Monday, September 9, during the monthly Chamber of Commerce Luncheon beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Epic Event Centre.

“This is a great opportunity for the community to hear about the work of the City, understand our finances, hear about our projects, and the accomplishments of our departments,” said Mayor Graves.

Call the Gallatin Chamber at 452-4000 for reservations.



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