

Please Complete Citizen Survey on Back—We Want to Hear from You

Mayor's Corner



Inaugural Derby 5K Run and Fun Walk May 4:

The citizen survey I send out every year always provides valuable ideas. One request that came from citizens was for more cultural, fitness and family events.

In response, I formed the Mayor's Community Enrichment Committee (CEC). The CEC launched what is now the concert series called Third Thursday on Main.

This year, the CEC is organizing the inaugural Derby 5K Run and 1 Mile Fun Walk on Saturday, May 4. The activities begin at 7:30am at the Gallatin High School Football Field. There will be a chip-timed race with water stations along the route.

For more information, call my office at 451-5961. To register for the Derby 5K Run and 1 Mile Fun Walk, go to: www.active.com

Shawna Shaver

109 Bridge, Gateway Drive on Track

As the City of Gallatin begins a new year, we continue to assess vital projects that will open our community to more opportunities and convenience.

The 109/Cumberland River Bridge continues to rise above the existing bridge and is on target for completion by the end of this year. The new, 5-lane bridge will create a distinctive gateway into Gallatin. TDOT is also working on widening SR 109 from the bridge to Airport Road in Gallatin. That section of road is in the preliminary design phase. During construction, the City will re-align Drivers Lane to create a 4-way intersection with Nichols Lane. The \$30-million project is being managed and funded entirely by TDOT. Eventually, vehicles will be able to travel from I-40 north to I-65 through Wilson and Sumner Counties on four or five lane highways—creating a northern bypass around Nashville.

The City is extending Gateway Drive in the industrial park



New 109/Cumberland River Gateway Bridge rises above the existing bridge as more foundation is laid for tons of concrete that will be topped with asphalt. The bridge is on target for completion by the end of this year.

to allow access to more than 200 acres of undeveloped land. This road is being funded 100% by a \$2-million State Industrial Access Grant. It should be complete by the end of the summer. The City is also working on a virtual building program that would allow an expedited construction process for any business or industry that would like to locate in the park.

Scouts Donate Project to City's Town Creek Greenway

More than 20 Boy Scouts, their parents, and leaders donated a mulch walking trail, wooden benches and plantings around a federally protected wetland area on section 2 of the Town Creek Greenway. The event was organized and lead by Garrett Dilbeck, a senior at Gallatin High School, as part of his Eagle Scout project. He worked with Kimley-Horn, the firm that designed the



greenway. The Scouts contributed more than 200 combined hours installing the trail using mulch recycled from brush along the greenway. Puryear Farms Nursery and Landscaping assisted with the project. Tennessee Hardware donated the use of an auger to drill holes for the wooden benches. A neighbor of the greenway donated dozens of iris bulbs that were planted by the Scouts. The iris is Tennessee's state flower. There are more than 500 varieties of flowering plants, grasses and trees in the wetland which is fed by an underground spring.



Citizen Survey 2013

Dear Citizens of Gallatin,

Over the last six years, I have sought your input and implemented many of your ideas. I hold a *Mayor's Night In* at least once a quarter for you to visit me after regular business hours. I conduct community meetings throughout Gallatin. And, each year, I send out a Citizen Survey.

In response to your ideas, suggestions and priorities—the City of Gallatin has improved both South and North Water Avenues; we have widened Long Hollow Pike and added a turn lane on Red River Road at Dorothy Jordan Avenue; started a free summer concert series on the Downtown Square; built two sections of greenway; helped businesses and industry both locate and expand here; and the list goes on.

Please take time to complete this year's survey. Return it with your GPU payment. Or fax it to me at 451-5934.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Thank you.

Citizen Survey—Your Ideas Are Important—Your Opinion Counts

1. Do you think the City of Gallatin is headed in the right direction?

Yes No Why? _____

2. Do you currently use the City's Recycling Center on Long Hollow Pike?

Yes No Why? _____

3. Would you use curbside recycling?

Yes No Why? _____

4. Would you be willing to pay an additional fee for curbside recycling?

Yes No Why? _____

5. Do you use Friday's pick up of large items?

Yes No Why? _____

6. Which cultural events appeal most to you?

Festivals Music/Concerts Art Shows
 Bicycling Runs/Walks Sports

7. How would you prefer the City to communicate with you?

Email Newsletters Facebook
 Other (Please specify) _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Graves Named 2012 Mayor of Year

The Sumner County Council of Governments (SCCG) named Gallatin Mayor Jo Ann Graves as 2012 Mayor of the Year. The SCCG cited Graves' leadership in acquiring more than \$100 million in grants for dozens of City projects including roads, other infrastructure, firefighter salaries, an emergency response boat, and an aerial platform truck for the Fire Department. "To be recognized by your peers for what they consider a good job is very humbling. We are on the right track," Graves said.