

City of Gallatin 2015 Holiday Events

The holiday season is certainly a most wonderful time of the year! In Gallatin, it's also a very busy time. With all of the parties, special events, shopping and baking, sometimes it's easy to miss the joy and forget the reason we celebrate.

This time of year is also a time to remember all that we are thankful for, and to help those who don't have a lot to appreciate.

I am particularly thankful for everyone who makes our community a better place to live - our City employees, who keep Gallatin running smoothly every single day; our business owners, who invest in so many ways; our volunteers who give of their time to help those in need; and our citizens, whose love and pride for our City make it the special place that it is.

I love my hometown. I have an entirely new appreciation for all that we are. I am so proud of Gallatin and the care that its residents have for each other. We have an amazing City, and I am honored to serve our City as Mayor.

May you enjoy the season and all that it brings. I wish blessings upon you and those you love. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



For details on the many area holiday events, call the Gallatin Chamber of Commerce at 615-452-4000 or the Mayor's Office at 615-451-5961 or visit the Chamber's Calendar of events at www.gallatintn.org.

**Open Houses Nov. 14 & 15
Shop Local!**

GALLATIN RETAIL MERCHANT'S
OPEN HOUSE WEEKEND
2nd Saturday & Sunday in November



Tuba Christmas Dec. 1 at 7 p.m.



**City Tree Lighting
Dec. 4 at 5 p.m.**

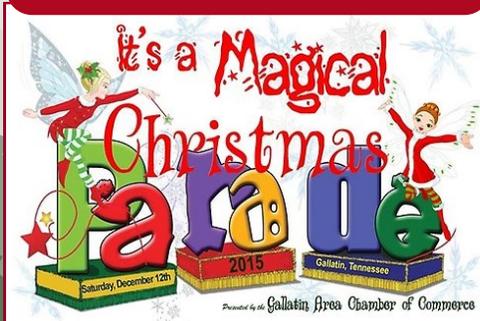
Join the Mayor as she lights the City Christmas Tree on the Downtown Square. Then visit the Trees of Christmas at the Gallatin Library.



**Wreaths Across
America Saturday,
Dec. 12 at 10 a.m.**



**Christmas Parade
Saturday, Dec. 12 at Noon**



Have you seen this in your mailbox? →→→→

More than half of you have!

Thank you for sending in your form. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to be counted, too.

We know our population has grown since the 2010 U.S. Census. That is why the City of Gallatin is conducting a Special Census to ensure we receive our share of population-based funding from the state. The updated count will also put Gallatin in a better position to attract some of the businesses you've been asking for—from retail to restaurants.



Census employees Mike Clinard, left, and Tamecka Strawther, right, are joined by City Councilman Ed Mayberry to open and record census responses.

The City has sent two rounds of mail to more than 15,000 households. This mail includes a letter from Mayor Paige Brown, a form to complete, and a stamped envelope in which to return it.



"We are not asking for any more information than required by the state to certify a new population count," Mayor Brown explained. The state requires the City to confirm the street address, the number of people living in that home, and the first and last names of all the residents.

"I'm very excited about the responses we've received so far," Brown said. "We believe we've added nearly 4,000 residents since 2010. We're more than half-way there in proving our new population count. I want to thank those who mailed their forms to us."

The City will send one more round of mail this month to addresses that have yet to send in their form. After that, City employees will start canvassing neighborhoods knocking on doors.

"If residents mail their form back, they shouldn't get a knock on their door during the next few weeks," Brown said. "If you haven't mailed your form, please do it now so we won't have to bother you at home."

The Special Census staff is happy to answer any questions. They can be reached at 615-527-7224. Or, you're welcome to call the Mayor's Office at 615-451-5961.

Be Counted!

Sumner 3rd Best County to Raise Children in Tennessee

Sumner County is the third best county in Tennessee to raise a child—according to the latest Kids Count report released by the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

The foundation examines what each county does to keep children healthy, safe, educated, nurtured, supported, and engaged. It is released annually in conjunction with the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth.

You can read the entire report about Tennessee at

www.tn.gov/tccy/topic/kc—or read the state by state comparisons at www.aecf.org/resources/the-2015-kids-count-data-book/

Sumner County

Population	168,887		
Child Percent of Population	24.5%		
Percent of Children Living in Poverty	15.7%		
Child Population by Race/Ethnicity	41,301		
White, Including Hispanic	88.3%		
Black, Including Hispanic	9.5%		
Native American/Alaskan	0.3%		
		Asian/Pacific Islander	1.9%
		Hispanic, All Races	7.0%

Where there is no % sign, rate is per 1,000 unless otherwise noted.

Safe	Year	Sumner County		Tennessee
		Number	Rate	Rate
Reported Child Abuse/Neglect Cases	2013	1,459	3.6%	4.3%
Substantiated Child Abuse/Neglect Cases	2013	71	1.7	4.9
Juvenile Court Referrals	2013	2,107	5.2%	5.6%
Commitment to State Custody	2013	131	2.9	4.2
Remaining in State Custody	2013	125	2.8	5.1
Youth who Abuse Illicit Drugs or Alcohol	2010-12	955	6.8%	6.2%

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