



Celebrate the Summer in Gallatin – Civic Center Offers Relief from the Heat

It is hard to believe that we are already to the end of June and the 4th of July holiday is on the horizon. However, there are still many activities going on for the summer that you will want to mark on your calendar.

The 4th of July celebration this year is going to be very special. The 129th Army Band comprised of 48 members will play for Gallatin's celebration. And a local favorite, The Garage Band Revival, will play as well. The music alone should be spectacular. But stay for the fireworks at dark – once again provided by the same group that shoots off the Nashville fireworks display! The Sumner County Food Bank and the American Legion will have food and beverages available. It all takes place on the grounds of the Civic Center. The Fire Department's popular Tower of Foam kicks off the evening at 5pm followed by Opening ceremonies at 5:45pm then the music and fireworks. Bring blankets or folding chairs and just relax. It will be a fantastic evening and one you won't want to miss.

But the summer events don't stop there. Our next 3rd Thursday on Main is July 18th with T. Graham Brown headlining! He is sure to draw a crowd. The Anti-Drug Coalition Bold Enough Challenge Rodeo is scheduled for July 12 & 13 at Triple Creek Park. On August 15th, the 3rd Thursday on Main concert features Daryle Singletary.

If you want to get out of the heat but stay active, let me recommend the Gallatin Civic Center. There is an indoor pool for adults and children to cool off or have fun on a rainy day. The Civic Center offers classes and equipment to suit every need – Zumba, spinning, boot camp, water aerobics, free weights, basketball, racquet ball, and more. It can also be used for meetings, dinners, shows, special events and camps.

Our Civic Center is undergoing an update and you need to come see it. There are new skylights in the foyer and hall which illuminate the facility. We have some new treadmills and the machine weights have been fine-tuned and repaired where needed. The tile floors in the fitness area have been stripped and refinished. The restrooms in the facility have new drop ceilings and the tile floors there have been acid washed. There is new carpet and mirrors in the changing areas and restrooms to brighten the space. Our whirlpool has been painted as well as the blue border around the pool. Later, the floor in the gym will be refinished. Come and see the Civic center. Take advantage of all it has to offer.

While the Civic Center is a great asset, it does not generate enough revenue to cover the cost of its operation. The Civic Center loses approximately \$660,000 every year. There are discussions currently with the staff and City Council on ways to close that gap. You can help by joining and using the facility. The Civic Center has served many needs in our community and will continue to do so.

If I haven't already given you enough ideas on how to fill your summer, keep watch on the City's website for news and events: www.gallatinonthemove.com. Or, visit the Chamber of Commerce website at: www.gallatintn.org. As always, you're welcome to call my office at 451-5961. Have a great summer!