



Seasons Greetings



Guess What You Can Get Right Here In Gallatin

Now that the leaves are turning and the temperatures have begun to drop, our thoughts are turning to the holiday season that is fast approaching. Gallatin has a lot of activities planned between now and Christmas, including Tinsel & Treasures, the Christmas Harvest Craft Show at the Civic Center, Tuba Christmas, the City Tree Lighting, and our ever popular Christmas Parade. See the list on page 2 of this newsletter and make sure to mark your calendar!

One part of the holiday season that keeps all of us busy is searching for items to be placed under the tree. Some spend hours searching for gifts. Too often we think that the only place to find these items is outside of Gallatin and/or Sumner County. But, many of the items you're looking for can be found right here in Gallatin.

Did you know that you can purchase a North Face jacket in Gallatin? That you can find Anne Klein clothes or Dooney & Burke purses here? Did you know that there are iPads, big screen TVs, large appliances, tablets, and cameras available locally? Does someone want a Pandora bracelet or a Vera Bradley bag? These can also be purchased locally. You can buy your Christmas decorations in Gallatin, either at a large retailer or our specialized floral shops. Do you need some pampering? There are numerous spa treatments and packages available, also.

For the men in your life, there are tools, Cub Cadets, Stihl equipment, and of course Carhartts. For large ticket items there are cars, boats, and all of the accessories that go

with them. For the sport truck enthusiast, there are customized sport truck accessories. Maybe you want to do a renovation to your house for the holidays, did you know that you can buy granite and marble right here in Gallatin? When the renovation is complete, you can buy furniture and bedding as well as decorations – again, all here in Gallatin.

If you want to do a gathering for the Christmas season, there is a venue to fit every size and taste. If you don't like to shop, there are gift cards for most chain restaurants and department stores. Need an iTunes card or maybe a Visa gift card—all are available locally.

It is so important to shop locally. It keeps your TAX DOLLARS at home and that, in turn, supports the wonderful community you live in. Our merchants depend on your patronage to keep their businesses viable. These merchants are the very folks we approach every time there is a fundraiser for school, church, or our favorite non-profit. In order for them to continue to support these fundraisers, they need you to support their businesses.



Remember, the next time you think of ordering something on the internet, or driving miles away to spend your money – shop local instead. Keep your tax dollars right here at home.

Mayor Anne Shover



Tuba Christmas: Tuesday, December 3 @ 6:30 p.m.

One of Gallatin's favorite annual holiday events that packs the concert hall is in its fifth year.

Tuba Christmas entertains all ages with holiday classics played solely on various sizes of tubas from the big sousaphone to the euphonium.

For the second year in a row, the Tennessee Tech Tuba Ensemble will join other tuba

players from across Sumner County and middle Tennessee for one of the most unique musical events of the season.

First United Methodist Church hosts Tuba Christmas which is organized by the Mayor's Office. If you have any questions, call 451-5961.

Bring the family, get there early to claim a seat, and enjoy the musical fun.

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Two Shopping Events in November—Get An Early Start

Businesses in Gallatin started this annual tradition more than 40 years ago—hosting a holiday open house early in November to kick off the shopping season.

Participating businesses across the City invite you in for two special days—November 9 & 10 this year—to get a jump start on sales before Black Friday. For more information, contact the Gallatin Chamber @ 452-4000.



But save some of your shopping for Saturday, November 16 and head to the Gallatin Civic Center. That is where you will find the annual **Christmas Harvest Craft Show** from 9am-5pm. Pick up unique and one-of-a-kind gifts or holiday decorations. For more information on the craft show, call the Civic Center @ 451-5911.

Christmas Parade: Candy Land Christmas December 14 @ Noon

The parade launches at Steam Plant Road and Hartsville Pike, then marches down Main Street to Nashville Pike ending at Gallatin High School. Gallatin's own Danny McCorkle will perform holiday music from the balcony of the Gallatin Public Library.

For more information about the parade, contact the Gallatin Chamber @ 452-4000.



Gallatin Invites You to Honor Veterans December 14 @ 10 a.m.— City Cemetery

This year, the City of Gallatin joins other communities nationwide to remember and honor veterans by placing wreaths on veterans' graves at the City Cemetery.

"There are at least 600 veterans buried in the City Cemetery dating back to the Civil War," said Mayor Jo Ann Graves. "This is one way the community can honor these soldiers who protected our freedoms."

Wreaths Across America began more than 20 years ago. Participation is very simple: You may either donate \$15 for the cost of the live wreaths that are delivered by volunteers, attend the ceremony on December 14, or do both. You may purchase a wreath in memory or honor of a loved one. Please make checks payable to **Wreaths Across America** and send them to: Mayor's Office, 132 West Main Street, Gallatin, TN 37066. The City will place wreaths on as many tombstones as donations allow. **For more information on the program, visit: www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org or call the Mayor's Office @ 451-5961.**

City Christmas Tree Lighting—Friday, December 6

The annual lighting of the City Christmas Tree on the downtown square has become a much anticipated event.

There is live music by children's choirs. The Santa House opens for Kris Kringle to take requests from children. Families take their holiday picture in front of the tree. Restaurants are open for a cup of hot chocolate, coffee, or dinner.

Greater Gallatin will play a holiday movie at the Historic Palace Theater. The Gallatin Library features a story hour for children.

But the highlight of the night is when the Mayor flips the switch turning on hundreds of lights on the tree. For the past seven years, the tree has been donated by a local resident.

"We appreciate everyone's offer of a tree this year," Mayor Graves said. "It's great to have citizens who want to be a part of the tradition by giving us a tree."

For more information about these events, call the Mayor's Office @ 451-5961.

