



### **Projects Benefit Entire City**

(March, 2012) Now that it is budget time, there is a lot of interest in what future projects the City of Gallatin will undertake. A survey has been sent to all of our citizens to solicit feedback on what is important to them. Over the years many of you have made suggestions and the City has worked hard to address those projects. One has only to take an historical view of all the projects that have been done in the City to know that citizen input is vital. Every district in our City has benefitted.

District 1 encompasses the Greenway as it does Downtown, however every citizen benefits from these projects because not only are they used by our citizens, but they also bring visitors and tax dollars to our city. The North Water/Broadway intersection improvements are in District 1, but the entire city benefits because the intersection has been made safer.

District 2 and 3 share many improvement projects, including the widening of South Water and the new 109 Gateway Bridge. The widening of 109 South from our current bypass to Odoms Bend not only will benefit both District 2 and 3 but will also benefit every citizen because it will bring more people through Gallatin who will stop and spend their money in local restaurants, gas stations, motels and more.

District 4 has seen the widening of Belvedere, the completion of Tulip Poplar to Belvedere, and a new fire hall/ambulance facility. Tulip Poplar from Belvedere to Nashville Pike is close to completion. While Tulip Poplar is in District 4, citizens and visitors from the entire City frequent this commercial area. The improvements to Big Station Camp are in District 4, but the area is traveled by citizens from Gallatin and other communities who shop at the new Kroger Marketplace – again, contributing to the City’s tax base.

District 5 has improvements to the Clearview Park playground as well as Shalom Zone. Long Hollow Pike was widened to three lanes. Albert Gallatin/Hatten Track will open up a new roadway in the district that will attract more commercial ventures. North Water is currently being designed for improvements and will benefit District 5 as well as citizens from around the city who travel to Albert Gallatin.

All these projects create opportunities for business to move in and bring jobs. The City has improved railroad crossings throughout our town and the THDA Home Grant benefits all areas of our city. This list is only a small view of all the projects either complete or in process.

While we have been successful with many projects, there are numerous others to consider. Gallatin has remained fiscally strong in a very difficult time in our economy through wise decision-making. Like you, the City must live within its means and that requires prioritizing projects. The budget process runs from March until June. Our budget discussions are open and the public is welcome to attend. We appreciate your input.