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### **JOIN LAWN PARTY 2019 TO LAUNCH PLAN GALLATIN**

*Your Ideas Will Shape the City's Future for the Next 15 Years*

(Gallatin, TN) Join the Mayor, Council members and City staff for Lawn Party 2019 to launch PLAN GALLATIN – the first step in giving you the opportunity have a say about Gallatin's future.

Get your free Gallatin Gourmet popcorn and a Petite Perle snowball while you share what you like about where you live or work in Gallatin, what you love about the City, and how you hope Gallatin will develop.

Lawn Party 2019 is Tuesday, June 18, from 5-7 p.m. on the front plaza of Gallatin City Hall, 132 West Main Street. It is open to those who live here and work here. If the weather is bad, we'll move inside the first floor of city hall. Rain or shine, stop in during those hours and be part of PLAN GALLATIN. Here's what to expect at Lawn Party 2019:

- Overview of PLAN GALLATIN and its importance to residents and city leaders
- How it will give the city a literal road map to address transportation and traffic calming
- How it helps Gallatin recruit higher paying jobs and spurs more economic development
- How PLAN GALLATIN encompasses retail and commercial development
- How it shapes current and future park properties as well as land preservation
- How it helps with housing affordability
- How it determines what Gallatin looks like over the next 15 years

“I know Gallatin residents have opinions about how the city should grow – they share their likes and dislikes with me all the time,” Mayor Paige Brown said. “PLAN GALLATIN is an organized process to collect all ideas and determine what the city will put in its blueprint for growth. Now is the time for everyone to share their vision.”

Gallatin is growing by an average of 270 people a month. If this rate of growth continues, the city's population could reach 70,000 by 2045. PLAN GALLATIN offers an all-inclusive approach to analyzing the impact of growth while capturing the needs and desires of our citizens. Input you provide during the PLAN GALLATIN process will guide land use, development, recreation, public safety, infrastructure, jobs and more.

Lawn Party 2019 is the first opportunity for the public to map their experiences, learn about existing projects, and plan for future investment. Later in June and into July, there will be public meetings in each Council District. These meetings allow residents to be specific about their subdivision or area of town. A calendar of those meetings will be announced next week.

The City of Gallatin has partnered with the Greater Nashville Regional Council to help facilitate PLAN GALLATIN. This is the same group that assisted the city to develop the first Gallatin Strategic Plan adopted by the City Council last summer. PLAN GALLATIN is the next step of a blueprint that will set the goals for 15 years. The intent is for the City to continuously adapt the blueprint to changing population and development trends.

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