



City of Gallatin

Mayor Paige Brown

News Release

GALLATIN GROUP DEVELOPS VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES TO ADDRESS AGING POPULATION *SUPPORT NEEDED FOR TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNITY CENTER ACCESS AND CONNECTING SENIORS*

Gallatin – According to the Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability, by the year 2030 the senior population of Sumner County will grow by 38%, accounting for one in five residents in the area. To ensure Gallatin addresses issues before they arise, the newly formed Gallatin Senior Council Roundtable is looking for community volunteers to help meet the needs of those with limitations.

Robin Williams is the CEO of Silverlink and organizer of the Gallatin Senior Council Roundtable, a group committed to improving the quality of life of older adults by garnering public and private support. “Older residents often leave their homes or even their community when barriers become too great,” said Williams. “Building a network of senior-friendly volunteers is an important next step in Gallatin’s preparation for this aging population.”

The Gallatin Senior Council Roundtable is looking for volunteers to serve on the following committees:

- Transportation (e.g., medical appointments, grocery shopping, socialization)
- Gallatin Senior Programs (activities and general assistance)
- Connecting Seniors (communicating, facilitating socialization)

The Gallatin Senior Council Roundtable is comprised of 14 representatives of the public and private sectors, health and senior services as well as ministry and non-profit organizations of Gallatin. The roundtable began its work in March 2019. Their mission includes a focus on community-based solutions resulting in improvements in seniors’ everyday lives.

Gallatin Mayor Paige Brown joined the roundtable after receiving regular inquiries for information and resources for local seniors. “Gallatin’s older adult population presents challenges and opportunities that are obviously different than the ever-increasing general population,” said Gallatin Mayor Paige Brown. “Designating Gallatin as an age-friendly city is just as important as attracting and retaining younger residents.”

For more information on serving on a volunteer committee, contact the Gallatin Mayor’s Office at 615-451-5961 or e-mail seniors@gallatintn.gov.