



FREE WIRELESS INTERNET ACCESS AVAILABLE IN DOWNTOWN GALLATIN

GALLATIN, TN, AUGUST 18, 2008: Residents and visitors to Gallatin now have access to the internet almost anywhere in the downtown public area. The organization ConnectGallatin has completed installation and testing of the system that provides computer users a broad range access point in the heart of Gallatin.

ConnectGallatin was formed by a small group of interested Gallatin residents in an effort to enhance the soon to begin downtown revitalization. The group hopes that this will be the first installation of several planned for the City of Gallatin.

"Having internet access is a convenience that anyone in our city can appreciate," says committee member Tom Givens, "it sets our city apart, and it will help promote Gallatin and its abundance of opportunities."

Gallatin Economic Development Agency Director Clay Walker says ConnectGallatin's project is a significant initiative.

"Imagine a company asking to see where the hot spots are in four communities and Gallatin having its entire downtown on that list - that is a difference maker," according to Walker.

"Hot Zones" are designated by door stickers in the downtown area. It is also available in outdoor areas. Users will simply select

"ConnectGallatin" as the wireless service they wish to use. While users will be directed to a portal site, there will not be a charge for the use of this service.

"We hope computer users will take advantage of this available access and spread the word about its availability," says Chuck Barnett of ConnectGallatin. "It can be a real asset to Gallatin and a huge convenience for those of us in need of access when we're not at home or work."

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