

Galesburg city government is here to serve you



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Volunteer to help build your city!

Several City boards and commissions are in need of new members in order to help Galesburg and its residents thrive.

Effective board members work within their respective teams in a spirit of exchange and compromise. They work to understand diverse perspectives while focusing on mutual interests and shared goals.

To express interest in any of the opportunities below, submit an application to City Hall. Applications are available online and at City Hall. The Mayor will review applications as openings become available and will make appointments with the consent of City Council. All boards and commissions operate under Michigan's Open Meetings Act.

Board of Review

The Board of Review hears appeals from individual taxpayers. It reviews and makes adjustments in the assessment rolls when necessary. Applicants should have interest, knowledge, or experience in banking, finance, property appraisal, real estate, law, or community service.

Downtown Development Authority

The authority manages the development, redevelopment, and continuing improvement of Galesburg's business district, with a primary focus on its economic and physical revitalization. It preserves and enhances the business district through a broad range of projects, with current focus on fulfilling requirements of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's Redevelopment Ready Communities program. Members should have an interest in the business district and in supporting the City's sustainability.

Museum Board

The museum board oversees the Galesburg Historical Museum, which operates as a City department for the use and benefit of residents and visitors. This governing body makes and adopts bylaws, rules and regulations for governing the museum and has exclusive control of all resources collected. It is responsible for appointing a suitable caretaker and necessary assistants and annually reports to the City Council on the finances and usage of the museum. Those interested should have a background in budgeting, strategic planning, fundraising, and knowledge of museums.

Parks & Recreation Board

Volunteers on the Parks and Recreation Board work together on plans and

City responds to COVID pandemic

Countywide COVID rates are down to levels seen back in April, though a new, highly-contagious strain threatens to cause an increase in the number of cases and deaths.

Due to these conditions, residents are encouraged to conduct all business possible through mail, email, phone, and dropbox. If you must enter City Hall, you must wear a mask and come alone unless another person is necessary in order to complete your transaction. Your face covering must fit snugly over your nose and mouth while you are in our office. You will be refused service without a mask or face covering. Restrooms are closed to the public. After finishing your transaction and exiting the building, we recommend you wash or sanitize your hands.

City Council continues to meet via Zoom on the first Monday of each month at 6:00 pm. Watch the City's Youtube channel for instructions on participation.



COMMUNITY EVENT

Walk to End Homelessness | Saturday, March 20 | Noon
Come together with your Galesburg friends, neighbors, and elected officials for the annual Housing Resources, Inc. Walk

to End Homelessness. Here's what to do:

- 1** Register at www.galesburgcity.org to walk with the Galesburg Cares team. Donations of any amount are welcome. Get an event t-shirt with a donation of \$35 or more.
- 2** Share the registration link by email and on social media. Encourage your friends to help support this important cause.
- 3** Pick up your t-shirts and swag bags on March 20 at noon behind Galesburg City Hall and join us for this one-mile micro-walk. When combined with other micro-walks, HRI hopes to raise \$90,000 to help Kalamazoo County families avoid homelessness.

Safely dispose of hazardous waste

Proper disposal of household hazardous waste is critical to prevent groundwater contamination and to protect surface water. Improper disposal of these products can lead to groundwater contamination, which affects our drinking water supply. It can also pollute lakes, streams and rivers and affect the health of aquatic wildlife.

Galesburg residents are encouraged to take hazardous materials to Kalamazoo County's Household Hazardous Waste Center. Accepted items include cleansers, pesticides, fuels, electronics, printer ink cartridges, and explosives including fireworks and flares.

Drop materials off at 1301 Lamont Avenue on the northwest side of the Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds Tuesdays and Fridays between 8:00 am – 1:00 pm, Wednesdays, noon – 6:00 pm, and the second Saturday of each month (except September) from 8:00 am – noon. There is no charge for disposal.

For a complete list of accepted and unaccepted materials, refer to the Kalamazoo County website or call 383-8742.

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projects to improve recreational opportunities, spaces, and public art. Members should have an interest or knowledge in maintaining parks and a background in community service.

Planning & Zoning Board

The Planning and Zoning Board provides community leadership on local planning and development policy. It prepares a master plan, which influences the regulations and standards in the zoning ordinance and future changes to it. It hears appeals on matters relating to the zoning ordinance. Potential members should have an interest in or experience in land use planning, construction, real estate, or community service.

Spring bulk trash dropoff

Saturday, May 15 • 9 am - 2 pm • 130 Division Street
Available to Galesburg City residents only.



Tires, asbestos, concrete, and other hazardous materials or construction supplies will not be accepted.

• Leave yard waste in the compost area only.

• Questions?
Call City Hall at 665-7000.