

Tommy Garrott Aquatics Facility

Gallatin, Tennessee



What used to be an empty field in Gallatin, Tennessee is now the most exciting place to cool off on hot days in Sumner County. The Tommy Garrott Aquatics Center offers visitors Gallatin's first zero-depth pool, complete with a splash pad, spray toys, two towering, twisting water slides, and a speed slide, all at a low-cost admission. With plans to add a lazy river and therapy pool, the days of driving hours to an expensive waterpark, are over.

The waterpark fabricator, Vortex Aquatics Structures, is no stranger to the corrosive waterpark environment. With more than 6,500 installations in 45 countries, Vortex's mission is to lead the aquatic play industry by continuing to develop the most fun, innovative and safe products to families and children of all ages and abilities. This industry experience led them to the selection of a duplex system (hot-dip galvanizing and powder coating)

for every steel component in the facility to ensure residents and visitors can enjoy it safely for many years to come.

Hot-dip galvanizing has been used successfully in the waterpark industry for years, and has now become an industry standard. Powder coating over the galvanized steel adds an additional layer of protection while providing the fun, exciting visual appearance people expect out of a waterpark. With an annual expected attendance of 30,000-40,000 people from up to a 75-mile radius, minimal maintenance and optimal performance was a necessity.

The Tommy Garrott Aquatics Facility, named after former late Gallatin mayor and city councilor Joseph "Tommy" Garrott, has been recognized regionally and statewide for its impact to the community. The Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association selected the facility for a prestigious Four Star Award and the Greater Nashville Regional Council honored it with the Parks and Recreation Award.

Christie Simpson from the City of Gallatin Department of Parks and Recreation shared, "The City of Gallatin was in need of a new outdoor pool and we wanted a facility that was going to be affordable for the people of our community - for people to be able to come and enjoy themselves. A place where everyone can play, have fun and be outdoors with their family and friends. Getting off the couch and on their feet, moving towards a healthier lifestyle and enjoying the sunshine. It is rare for a city of our size to offer a facility of this magnitude for citizens to enjoy."

Thanks to the dual protection of hot-dip galvanizing and powder coating in a duplex system, the citizens of Gallatin will be able to splash the days away at the Tommy Garrott Aquatics Facility for decades to come. ■



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Valmont Coatings - Columbia

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