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**GALT**

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# GALT. Connections



*A City Working For You!*

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## Special Dates

April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	City Council Meeting
April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Shred It Disposal Event
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Parks & Rec Commission Meeting
April 11 <sup>th</sup>	Planning Commission Meeting
April 13 <sup>th</sup>	Creek Week Clean Up
April 16 <sup>th</sup>	City Council Meeting
April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Commission on Aging
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	City Council Meeting
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Parks & Rec Commission Meeting
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Planning Commission Meeting
May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Memorial Day Offices Closed

## Central Galt Interchange... What Comes Next?

With the completion of the Central Galt Interchange civil work, some have asked, "What's Next?". The City is finalizing landscape plans for the open areas and medians. The landscaping project will provide re-vegetation and concealment of new structures and enhance the visual quality of the area. The project will be constructed in phases, as funding becomes available.

Since cooler weather is the best season for plant establishment, the first phase is anticipated to commence in the fall of 2013.

This phase will plant over 400 trees of nine different varieties. Along

with the planting, the irrigation system for the ultimate landscaping will be constructed in phase 1 to take advantage of an economy of scale and lay the groundwork for future plantings to be cost effective.



## Become A Galt Police 'Explorer'

Law enforcement exploring is a worksite based program for young men and women, ages 15<sup>1/2</sup> to 21 who are interested in careers related to law enforcement.

The Galt Police Department Explorer program meets every Wednesday from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. During the meeting, Explorers are exposed to a variety of training topics including ethics, patrol techniques, property crimes, crimes against persons, and laws of arrest. All topics and activities are based on police academy curriculum with the goal of preparing participants to excel if and when they choose to attend a police academy.

All classes and activities are taught and supervised by law enforcement personnel. Guest instructors, with specialized knowledge in their field, are utilized to enhance the training experience. Most classes involve a hands-on component including mock vehicle stops, crime scene investigation techniques, and other scenarios in which Explorers interact with role players during the investigation of crime.

Explorers are given the opportunity to participate in firearms training and can also participate in "Ride Alongs" during which they shadow a uniformed officer during the performance of their duties.

Beyond introducing explorers to police work, the program seeks to instill a sense of responsibility, honesty, and civil duty in each participant. To that goal, members of the Explorer program participate in a variety of community service activities throughout the year. Additionally, Explorers are expected to adhere to its strict ethical code and are held accountable for their behavior both in and out of the program.

If you're interested in joining the Galt Police Department's Explorer Program, contact Sergeant Stoffel at 366-7082 or [jstoffel@galtpd.com](mailto:jstoffel@galtpd.com).

*"America's hope for the future lies in youth of today." This philosophy led the Boy Scouts of America to develop the Explorer division for career-oriented young adults. Members are referred to as "Explorer" and while the program is part of BSA, the Explorer program is distinctly different from scouting.*







Sacramento Area Creeks Council

# Creek Week

Drive in the Creekside subdivision. Please bring gloves if you have them and we will provide bags and "grabbers".

If you are interested in helping clean up Galt's creeks on April 13, please feel free to volunteer online at [www.creekweek.net](http://www.creekweek.net) or call Sabra Ambrose at (916) 807-4985 or email [sabrasabra@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sabrasabra@sbcglobal.net) to sign up.

All are welcome to come help our creeks at the 5th Annual Creek Week on Saturday, April 13, from 9:00am until 11:00am.

Come join the fun to clear trash and debris from two creeks in Galt, Deadman Gulch and Dry Creek. Please meet either at Canyon Creek Park at 600 Canyon Creek Drive or at the end of Chase

## Water Tips For Your Home

### Water Softeners and Filters

Many homes have water filtering systems or water softening equipment in them that are not receiving regular maintenance. Ignoring these systems can cause problems in the future. Water softeners and filter systems can become clogged, if not serviced and maintained regularly. This can restrict the flow of water to the fixtures in the home.

When running multiple fixtures (a shower, washing machine, and a dishwasher at the same time) you may experience low water pressure due to the restriction at the softener or the filter. If you have a softener or a filter system that you are not using, there are usually bypass valves for the device. These valves can be adjusted to divert water around the unit, eliminating the restriction.

Consult the owner's manual on the operation of the unit to take it out of service, if that's what you choose to do. If you do not have a manual, try to find the product on the internet making sure to have the name of the manufacturer and model number when you search.

### Hot Water Heaters

Over time your hot water heater can collect sediment in the bottom of the tank. When there is a large volume of hot water being used it can stir up the sediment, causing the water to be discolored or dirty looking. Sediment sitting on the heating element can 'cook', forming a white granular material that can become trapped in the screens at faucets and washing machines, restricting the flow and giving the appearance of low pressure. The sediment also shortens the life of your hot water heater and can cause costly repairs.

Most manufacturers recommend that hot water heaters should be flushed at least once a year. Please consult your owner's manual or search for on-line directions on how to flush and maintain your hot water heater.

### Water System Flushing

To minimize the build-up of sediment in the water system, City staff flushes the entire system annually. By opening a fire hydrant, staff can quickly move a large volume of water, flushing out any sediment that may be in the water lines. This is generally done in the winter and spring when the water demand is low and less noticeable in the system.

During the time that staff is flushing, residents may notice sediment or discolored water in their tubs, sinks, and toilets. If this happens, you should run the front hose bib where your water comes into the house.

Limit the use of water in the house until the water is clear in the front of the house. This will help to limit the amount of sediment pulled into the house. Once the water is clear in the front of the house, open up each faucet in the house and run until clear. While unsightly, the water is still safe to drink and use for cooking and washing.

If you have questions about where we are flushing, or items in this article, call the Public Works Department office at 366-7260.

## Galt Needs You!

### Get Involved & Apply Now!

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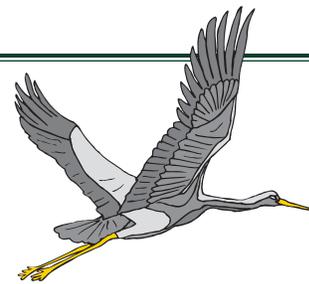
## Protect Your Personal Information

April 7th • 9:00am - 1:00pm • Galt Market

Private information isn't limited to bank statements, tax returns and legal documents and contracts. Printed confidential materials are produced daily from medical records to planning documents. As the fastest-growing form of fraud, identity theft threatens to destroy personal credit ratings as well as reputation and security. Governments and regulators around the world continue to develop legislation to help protect individuals but prevention is the best solution.

You can bring up to three file boxes full of documents to shred, or one garbage bag full of documents.

You must be a resident of the City of Galt (residing within the city limits). Please bring proof of residency or a utility statement.



## City Hall Information

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City Email Address  
[clerk@ci.galt.ca.us](mailto:clerk@ci.galt.ca.us)

City Office Hours  
8:00am to 5:30pm  
Monday thru Thursday

City Council Meetings  
1st & 3rd Tuesday  
Council Chambers  
7:00pm

## Galt Commission on Aging

The Galt Commission on Aging would like to hear opinions from the public. Come tell us what you think, and give us your ideas on how we can provide for and improve the quality of life for seniors living in our community.

The Commission meets the fourth Thursday of most months from 5:15pm until 6:15pm at the Parks and Recreation Conference Room.

We encourage visitors to drop in and participate in our discussions.



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