



The Galt Beautification Committee is currently accepting applications for their Adopt-A-Street program. This is a great opportunity as an individual, organization or business to contribute to the community. In addition, it is a terrific form of advertisement.

Please consider the benefits of the Adopt-A Street program for our community and your business or organization.

If you are interested or would like more information on how you can get involved, contact Sue Cory in the City Clerk's Office at 209-366-7130.

Remember, it takes all of us to keep Galt beautiful.

There's no place like home!

Buying whatever you can locally makes a difference to Galt. Significantly more money re-circulates in Galt when purchases are made at locally owned businesses. More money is kept in the community because locally owned businesses often purchase from other local businesses, service providers, and farms. Purchasing local helps grow other businesses, supports local causes and keeps our community unique.

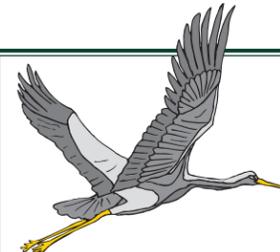
Additionally, the City relies on the sales tax generated by local businesses to provide essential services to the community like public safety, parks and recreation and other civic programs.

Currently, the City of Galt is working with the Chamber of Commerce and other businesses to bring back the good old days when you could find whatever you needed here, in your own home town. Events that highlight what we already have available and learn what the citizens want are in the planning stages. We ask the community to watch for and support these events.



2009 Waterline Improvement Project

Public Works will advertise and award the annual waterline replacement beginning in August 2009. The work will upgrade aging 4" and 6" main pipes with new 8" mains on Elm Avenue, between Lincoln Way and Oak Avenue, and Maple Street (and alley), between C Street and Caroline Avenue. Construction is anticipated to start September 2009. Temporary water outages will be necessary to complete the work. Affected residents will be notified in advance. Contact the Public Works Department at 366-7260 or at publicworks@ci.galt.ca.us for more information.



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Special Dates

July 4 th	Fireworks Spectacular
July 7 th	City Council Meeting
July 9 th	Planning Commission Meeting
July 21 st	City Council Meeting
August 4 th	City Council Meeting
August 4 th	America's National Night Out
August 18 th	City Council Meeting
September 1 st	City Council Meeting
September 7 th	Holiday Labor Day
September 15 th	City Council Meeting

GALT. Connections

A City Working For You!

July Fireworks Spectacular

Saturday, July 4th • 6:00pm • Veterans Soccer Field



The City of Galt's Annual Fireworks Spectacular will be on Saturday, July 4th. Premier viewing will be at the Veterans Soccer Field with entertainment and the band 'Moments Notice' starting at 6:00pm. Fireworks will begin at approximately 10:00pm. For more information, please call 366-7180.



Certified Farmers Market

Come visit the Certified Farmers Market on Sundays from 8:00am until 1:00pm. The Market is located at the corner of Lincoln and C Streets in the Premier West Bank parking lot. A large assortment of other vendors and produce is available. For more information, please call 366-7180.



Kids in the Park

Our Kids in the Park program is available to all kids 5-12 years of age. This program is Monday thru Friday from June 29 until July 31 at the Galt Community Park (corner of Walnut and Carillion) during the hours of 9:00am until 12:00pm. Waivers and emergency paperwork must be filled out prior to attending the program. Pre-Registration is also required for participation. For more information, please call 366-7180.

<i>Fees:</i>	<i>Resident</i>	<i>\$50.00</i>
	<i>Non-Resident in High School District</i>	<i>\$70.00</i>
	<i>Non-Resident outside High School District</i>	<i>\$75.00</i>

Registrations

Basketball Registration is September 1st through October 9th. Late registration is October 12th thru 16th (\$20.00 late fee also due). Try-outs will be October 24th. The season is from November 2009 until February 2010. After October 16th, a waiting list will be kept for late registrations.

We are currently accepting registrations for the City Tots Preschool Program's 2009-2010 Season. Classes begin on September 1st. For more information, please call 366-7180.

National Night Out... America's Night Out Against Crime!

The "26th Annual National Night Out" (NNO), is a unique crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch www.nationaltownwatch.org/natw/index.html (NATW). This year's event is scheduled for Tuesday, August 4, 2009. We cordially invite you and your community to participate in this year's event to celebrate with other Galt Area Neighborhoods.

Last year's National Night Out campaign was a tremendous success once again with Galt neighborhoods coming out to show support for each other and take back our streets. **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT** is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back

Along with the traditional display of outdoor lights and front porch vigils, cities, towns and neighborhoods 'celebrate' NNO with a variety of events and activities such as:

- block parties • cookouts • visits from local police and sheriff departments
- parades • exhibits • flashlight walks • contests • youth programs

NNO has proven to be an effective, inexpensive and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood safety. To get involved and participate, please contact T.J. Guidotti, Crime Prevention Coordinator for the Galt Police Department, at 209-366-7021, 209-329-7873, or email at tjguidotti@galtpd.com.

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Capital Improvement Project Updates

2009 Overlay Project

Federal funding authorization under the American Recovery and Reauthorization Act in the amount of \$416,000 has been received and Public Works is proceeding with the 2009 Pavement Overlay Project. The total budget for this year's overlay project is \$900,000. Staff will advertise and award the project in July 2009. The work locations include Elm Avenue, from Lincoln Way to Oak Avenue, C Street from Civic Drive to South Lincoln Way, and New Hope from Eric Circle to 1st Street.

Construction is anticipated to start in August 2009. Contact the Public Works Department at 366-7260 or at publicworks@ci.galt.ca.us for more information.

Twin Cities/Marengo Road Stop Signs

In anticipation of the upcoming opening of Liberty Ranch High School in August 2009, Caltrans and Galt Joint Union High School District will be installing improvements and a three-way STOP control at the Twin Cities Road (S.R. 104) / Marengo Road intersection.

Contact the Public Works Department at 366-7260 or at publicworks@ci.galt.ca.us for more information.

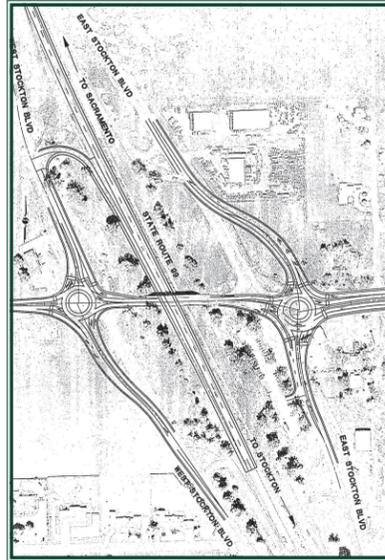


Central Galt Interchange Update

Final construction plans and specification are schedule to be submitted to Caltrans by mid July. Over 70% of the required right of way needed to build the project is in the final process of being acquired. Purchase offers have been made, several offers have been accepted, while the remaining 30% of right of way is in the appraisal phase. Advanced tree removal of approximately 600 trees is being planned for September and October of this year. Most of the trees are in Caltrans right of way and in the path of new improvements for the interchange.

Also planned for this winter is the relocation of an existing 67 KV power line by SMUD that will span the new interchange. Winter was chosen for this work due to a lesser demand for electricity because the power line must be temporarily removed from service to accomplish this work.

Construction of the interchange itself is scheduled to begin Spring 2010. Construction is expected take approximately two years. Contact the Public Works Department at 366-7260 or at publicworks@ci.galt.ca.us for more information.



Highway 99 / Twin Cities Road Improvement Project

Due to significant capacity constraints, the Twin Cities Road (S.R. 104) / S.R. 99 interchange is programmed for full reconstruction in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2035 for 2023 at an estimated cost of \$84.5M, (inflated to a 2023 delivery year). Due to this enormous cost, the City is looking for interim improvements to provide congestion relief for 10-15 years and has partnered with Sacramento County and Caltrans to design and construct the first phase of the overall interchange project which consists of two multi-lane traffic circles (roundabouts) on Twin Cities Road/S.R. 104 to replace the existing signalized intersections with frontage roads that, in turn, service the S.R. 99 on and off ramps.

The project will provide much needed congestion relief for local road and freeway ramp traffic, improve emergency vehicle response time, increase safety and promote economic opportunities. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$5.0M. Cal Trans has agreed to provide \$1.0M to the City for the project. The City is currently working to identify additional funding sources to complete the project. Contact the Public Works Department at 366-7260 or at publicworks@ci.galt.ca.us for more information.



Does Your Pool Look Like This?

Foreclosures and vacant homes and lack of proper maintenance have resulted in many neglected pools in our area. In addition to mosquito problems, neglected pools can be home to algae and bacteria as well as other unknown man-made contaminants. The Galt Municipal Code prohibits draining any pool directly into an open drainage channel. Subject to prior written approval of the Public Works Department, pools can be drained into the street storm drain system. In order to do so, the water in the pool must be tested to show that it is free of chlorine, algaecides, and other chemicals. It must also be free of debris, algae and vegetation and have a pH between 6.5 & 8.5.

If the water in your pool does not meet these conditions, the water will need to be drained into the sanitary sewer system of your house. Pump the water into the sewer cleanout (typically located in your front and/or back yard) or an interior sink or other plumbing fixture. Never open a sewer manhole to discharge the water. When discharging water to the sanitary sewer, make sure the flow rate is slow enough that it does not cause the sewer to back up and overflow into your house or onto the street. Due to sewer treatment plant conditions, from May 1-October 31 there may be limitations on draining pools to the sewer system. Contact the Public Works Department at 366-7260 or at publicworks@ci.galt.ca.us for more information.



Sanitary Sewer Management Plan

In 2006 the State Water Resources Control Board mandated a new waste discharge requirement that all cities having sewer collection systems with more than one mile of sewer pipe develop a sanitary sewer management plan (SSMP). The goal in developing the SSMP is to properly manage, operate, and maintain all parts of the wastewater collection system in order to reduce and prevent sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs), as well as to mitigate any SSOs that occur. The SSMP supplements and supports the City's existing Operations and Maintenance Program and Goals by providing high-level, consolidated guidelines and procedures for all aspects of the City's sewer system management. The SSMP will contribute to the proper management of the collection system and assist the City in minimizing the frequency and impacts of SSOs by providing guidance for appropriate maintenance, capacity management, and emergency response. The SSMP is comprised of eleven elements:

- 1) Goals
- 2) Organization
- 3) Legal Authority
- 4) Measures and Activities (Operations and Maintenance)
- 5) Design and Construction
- 6) Overflow Emergency Response Plan
- 7) Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) Control Program
- 8) Capacity Management
- 9) Monitoring, Measurement, and Program
- 10) SSMP Audits
- 11) Communication Program

The SSMP is a living document that will be updated periodically to respond to any areas needing improvement. Additionally, major updates are required every five years. The SSMP has been placed on the City's website so that the public can review the document and make any comments. Staff anticipates presenting the SSMP to Council for adoption in early July 2009. Contact the Public Works at 366-7260 or at publicworks@ci.galt.ca.us for more information.

Wal-Mart Project

In September 2007 Wal-Mart submitted an application for a 132,000sf store (including grocery sales and a garden center) to be located on eleven acres at the southeast corner of Twin Cities Road and Fermoy Way. In accordance with the City's Big Box Ordinance, the project is subject to approval of a Conditional Use Permit by the Galt Planning Commission. The building is proposed to be oriented toward Twin Cities Road with vehicle access points on Twin Cities Road and Fermoy Way. The project applicant is working on information related to the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project. The Draft EIR is expected to be sent out for public review later in 2009. Pending approval by the City, Wal-Mart estimates that they will start construction in 2010.

Carillion Corners Center

Tractor Supply Company, Rite Aid, OP Nails, and Papa Murphy's are open for business! The stores are in the Carillion Corners Shopping Center which is located at the southwest corner of Twin Cities Road and Carillion Boulevard. In addition, a Fresh and Easy grocery store is planned for the site and there are still tenant spaces available.

Stop & Shop Center

As you may have noticed, the Galt Stop & Shop Center is undergoing a major façade upgrade and parking lot improvements. The façade improvement will include a raised parapet wall to hide the roof top equipment and covered walkways which will provide the center with a modern appearance. Parking lot improvements include landscape islands with trees and new and improved parking lot lighting. We are also happy to report that the small building in front of the center will also be renovated to match the rest of the center. Some of the existing tenants will remain and the owner hopes to soon fill the vacant spaces with new tenants.

Galt Place Senior Apartments Mixed Use Development

The official ground breaking for the Galt Place project will take place soon! Construction is expected to start by the end of summer 2009. Galt Place is an exciting new project to be built at 4th Street in Old Town Galt between D and E Streets. This project will consist of 80 affordable senior apartments on two floors, above ground floor retail shops and covered parking. This three-story building will be designed so that it reflects and complements the surrounding historical architecture in the area.

Online Utilities Information Coming Soon!

We're working hard so that soon, you'll be able to access your City of Galt Utility information and pay your utility bill ONLINE at www.ci.galt.ca.us. Check your next utility bill for more information!

New City Website

The City recently developed a new website that provides unprecedented accessibility to government information and services. One of the City's goals in developing the new website is to make City government available to residents 24/7 to best serve your needs. In addition to the attractive design of the new site, the structure allows you to more easily find the information you need most without having to understand the City's organizational structure. This is possible because the information is organized by audience, service, topic and/or department.

The website uses powerful search tools and includes multiple ways to access the most important information. Additionally, the website offers expanded or new features and services such as:

- Calendar of events
- Online utility bill payments
- Job Postings
- Webcasting of live Council Meetings
- Indexed videos of archived Council Meetings
- eNotify Sign-Up – users can enter their email address to stay connected with upcoming City agendas, news and events
- Announcements and City news
- Emergency Notification
- Staff Directory
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Let Us Know - users can fill out a form to notify the City of a service request such as a pothole that needs to be fixed or street light that needs to be replaced or any other concern

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The City is extremely proud of the new website and hope that you will visit it often to stay connected and informed about your City government. Comments about the new site are appreciated and can be sent to admin@ci.galt.ca.us.