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City Office Hours
8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Monday thru Thursday

City Council Meetings
1st & 3rd Tuesday
Council Chambers, 7:00 p.m.

Youth T-Ball / Girls' Softball

Registration for youth T-Bal (5-6), Instructional (7-8) and Girls' Softball (9-14) will be taken January 20, 2014 through March 3, 2014. Games will be played Monday-Saturdays.

Adult Softball

Registration for the 2014 Spring Adult Men's & Co-Ed Softball season will be taken February 3 through March 17, 2014. All games are played at the Sports Complex. Men's league is scheduled to begin on Monday, March 31, 2014 and Co-Ed league is scheduled to begin on Thursday, April 3, 2014.



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7th Annual Galt

Winter Bird Festival

Saturday, February 1st
8am - 4pm

A CELEBRATION OF BIRDS

- Free Admission
- Local Food Vendors
- Arts and Crafts Vendors
- Free Children's Activities All Day
- Tours to various local preserves including specialty tours
- Wild Animal Presentation
- Guest Speakers

Sign up at the festival for your chance to win a \$250 Bass Pro Gift Card!

To sign up for any of the following tours, please visit www.ci.galt.ca.us and click on the Winter Bird Festival. You'll also find more information here on how to become a vendor and the exciting guest speakers and presentations offered throughout the day!

- ZenOptic Wetlands Dawn Photo Tour with Lon Yarbrough
- Cosumnes River Preserve Photo Tour Sponsored by Canon Camera
- Wetlands and Waterbirds Cosumnes River Preserve Manager's Tour
- Cosumnes River Preserve Wildlife Biologist Tour
- Cosumnes River Preserve Children's Tour - Kids 18 and under are FREE!
- Heritage Oaks Winery Field Trip with Lunch & Wine Tasting - David Yee
- Birding on the River Kayak Paddle Tour
- Sunset with the Cranes

Please note that some tours leave from McCaffrey Middle School on Storer Coachway Buses and others have specific meeting instructions.



Wood Duck

McCaffrey Middle School
997 Park Terrace Drive
Galt, CA 95632
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Special Dates

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| January 21 | City Council Meeting |
| February 1 | Winter Bird Festival |
| February 4 | City Council Meeting |
| February 17 | Presidents Day, City Closed |

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Water Meter Installation Project

The City of Galt has contracted with Global Water/Fathom to install “smart” radio-read water meters citywide. This will include installing new meters and meter boxes for properties that are not currently metered, and replacing or upgrading existing water meters. Properties that do not currently have a water meter and have not paid a deposit for future meter installation will be assessed a meter fee. The amount of the fee will be based upon the size of meter needed to serve the property. The proposed fee for a typical 3/4” residential water meter is \$300. Larger meters will cost more. No charge is proposed for the replacement or upgrade of existing meters. The proposed meter installation fees will be subject to a Proposition 218 protest hearing later this spring. Following completion of a citywide water service survey and inventory, affected property owners will receive written notification of their proposed fee, payment options and protest procedures.

Current flat rate residential customers will not be transitioned to metered rates until the fall of 2014, following receipt of 2 “mock billings” showing what their metered charges would be for the example billing periods. This will allow customers to proactively take steps to adjust their water usage, prior to being charged the metered rate.

Global will begin the citywide site survey and inventory of water service connections in January to determine appropriate meter locations and installation requirements. Completion of these site reviews will take several months. Following completion of the citywide survey, Myers Plumbing & Engineering (Global’s subcontractor) will begin meter installations. Residents may see these contractors working throughout the City, and will recognize them by their company’s name and the City of Galt’s logo with the word “Subcontractor” on their identification badges and vehicles. Door hanger notifications will be provided to residents in advance of planned work on their water service. Additional project information can be viewed on the City of Galt’s website (www.ci.galt.ca.us and select City Departments/Public Works/Projects).

2014 Utility Rate Adjustments

In February of 2012 the City Council adopted revised water, sewer, stormwater (Tier 2) and solid waste rates effective March 1, 2012. The Council also authorized annual rate adjustments for the subsequent five-year period based upon changes to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Urban Consumers. The annual adjustments allow the City’s utility rates to keep pace with inflation and avoid service reductions. These actions were taken following public notifications, informational meetings and a noticed public hearing, in accordance with the majority protest provisions of the “Right to Vote on Taxes Act” (Proposition 218).

Based upon the 12 month period ending October 2013, the applicable CPI index increased by 0.858%. Effective March 1, 2014, water, sewer, and stormwater (Tier 2) rates will increase a corresponding amount. As a result, a typical single family residence in a Tier 2 area without a water meter will see an increase of 57 cents per month for utilities (23¢ for water, 29¢ for sewer, 5¢ for storm drainage). Metered water rates will also increase 0.858%. Tier 1 stormwater rates will remain unchanged for 2014. Additional information regarding City utility rates can be found on the City of Galt’s website (www.ci.galt.ca.us and select City Departments/Public Works/Fee Schedule).

Twin Cities Road Roundabouts



Initial road work has been completed on the west side of Highway 99, which has allowed re-opening of the West Stockton Blvd, southbound SR 99 off-ramps. Due to inclement weather, additional major construction work will be deferred until the rainy season has passed. However, minor work efforts and utility relocations will continue through the winter, as weather permits. Please refer to the City’s Website for up-to-date information on road closures, driving instructions and other project information (www.ci.galt.ca.us and select City Departments/Public Works/Projects).

Water System Flushing



In December, the City began its annual water system flushing program. Flushing is performed in order to ensure that any accumulated sediment is removed from the water system in compliance with State regulations. Flushing will continue citywide over the next several months. To accomplish this, Public Works crews will open fire hydrants for a short period of time. Winter is the desired time for flushing since water demand is at its lowest. Questions regarding this program may be directed to the Public Works department at 366-7260.

Sacramento County Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program

Galt City Council recently made it possible for property owners within the City limits to finance energy efficiency, water conservation, and renewable energy upgrades with low up-front costs. Galt is now a member of the Sacramento County Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program which allows Galt property owners to finance these improvements by a voluntary tax on their property tax bill.

PACE’s unique financing mechanism is tied to the property, rather than the individual. Eligibility is based primarily on property value and equity (a minimum of 15 percent is required) rather than credit score, and the payment obligation may transfer to a new owner if the property is sold. The program enables 100% financing for efficiency retrofits and helps Galt achieve its goal of reducing energy use by 15% before 2020.



All eligible commercial and residential property owners in Galt may now use this financing option which is administered by Ygrene Energy Fund under the governance of Sacramento County. Homes and businesses that participate are likely to enjoy increased property values and reduced energy costs.

Ygrene Energy Fund is accepting applications for the PACE program at www.CleanEnergySac.com or interested property owners can visit the Ygrene Energy Center located at 2600 Capitol Avenue in Sacramento or call (916) 444-9700.

In addition to the Sacramento County PACE Program, there are other energy efficiency resources and financing options available to Galt property owners including: CaliforniaFIRST PACE program (established in 2010): PACE program only available for commercial/industrial properties. www.california.org/overview Energy Upgrade California: One stop clearinghouse for information on residential energy efficiency, incentive programs, available rebates, financing options, and qualified contractors. www.energyupgradecalifornia.com

Social Media Is Here!

For all your information on the City, events, classes, etc., please log onto our Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/cityofgalt) and “Like Us”. You can also find us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/cityofgalt or search for @cityofgalt.



Lift Station and Well Rehabilitation

To insure continued reliability of its sewer and water systems, the City is in the process of rehabilitating some of its aging sewer lift stations and water wells. These efforts are part of the City’s five year Capital Improvement Program. Work was recently completed on a total refurbishment of the E Street Lift Station located near First Street at a cost of \$183,000. The work included placing a fiberglass liner in the wet well and installing new pumps and mounting rails. Similar improvements are currently being designed for the Vintage Oak Lift Station located near Carillion Blvd.

Inspections, to identify any deficiencies, and rehabilitation work is planned for three of the City’s water supply wells: Gateway Well #14, Golden Heights Well #17 and River Oaks Water Well #18. Rehabilitation efforts will include cleaning and repair of the pumps, motors, shafts, well screens and casing pipes. Each well’s production will then be tested to determine if further rehabilitation efforts are necessary. The preliminary well rehabilitation efforts are anticipated to cost approximately \$200,000.

