



CITY HALL INFORMATION

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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 Boys and Girls T-Ball (4-5), Boys and Girls Instructional (6), Girls Instructional Softball (7-8) and Girls Softball (9-14) will be taken February 2, 2015 through March 9, 2015. Games will be played Monday-Saturdays.

Adult Softball

Registration for the 2015 Spring Adult Men's & Co-Ed Softball season will be taken February 2 through March 9, 2015. All games are played at the Sports Complex. Men's league is scheduled to begin on Monday, March 23, 2015 and Co-Ed league is scheduled to begin on Thursday, March 26, 2015.

City Tots Preschool Program

The Parks & Recreation Department is still accepting applications for most City Tots Preschool class times. Classes are now conducted at Marengo Ranch Elementary School in Room F1. Class times are MWF 8:30-11:30am and/or 12:00-3:00pm and T/Th 8:30-11:30am and/or 12:00-3:00pm. Fees are \$25 registration fee (due at time of registration). MWF classes: \$115/month. T/Th classes: \$80/month.

SOAR After School Program

The Parks & Recreation Department continues to accept registrations for the SOAR (School's Out Academic & Recreation) Program. SOAR is being offered at Lake Canyon, Marengo Ranch, and River Oaks Elementary schools every day after school when classes are in session (Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Fri. from 2:30-6:00pm and Wednesday from 1:00-6:00pm). Initial registration must be done in person at the Parks & Recreation Department office.

Gora Aquatic Center

The Parks & Recreation Department will begin registration March 2, 2015 for most aquatic programs.



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE
Eggstravaganza
March 28th

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8th Annual Galt

Winter Bird Festival

Saturday, February 7, 2015
8am - 4pm

- 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 Presentations
- Guest Speakers

LOCATION

McCaffrey Middle School
997 Park Terrace Drive
Galt, CA 95632



Yellow-billed Magpie

Visit www.ci.galt.ca.us for more information
or call 209-366-7115

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A CELEBRATION OF BIRDS WILDLIFE & OUR ENVIRONMENT

Friday, February 6

Wildlife Habitat Celebration Dinner

A delightful evening of theater & music at Brewster's brings forth the magical nature of wildlife and a vital message of conservation. Grammy Award winning Mary Youngblood will captivate our guests with the artistry of the Native American Flute.

Saturday, February 7

Tours, presentations & activities begin!

Take advantage of this incredible opportunity to catch sightings of waterfowl, shorebirds and wildlife in their winter habitat. Festival headquarters provide a starting point for exclusive preserve tours, educational presentations, wildlife shows, art displays, wine walk, hometown history and hands-on activities. This is a winter wildlife celebration you'll always remember.

Sign up at the festival
for your chance to win a
\$300 BASS PRO GIFT CARD!

SPECIAL FEATURES

- International award winning photographer Paul Bannick
- Canon Camera Cosumnes River Photo tour
- Wildlife biologist Mike Denega
- Zen Optic Tour with Lon Yarbrough
- Sustainable Landscape Artists Mike and Annette Heacox
- Native plant specialist Corey Shake
- Heritage Oak Wine and Bird Walk with David Yee
- Field Sketching on the Cosumnes River Preserve
- Hawks, Honkers & Hoots / Wild Things animal ambassadors
- Introduction to Birding for all ages!

Special Dates

January 15.. Kevin Tonn Memorial Dedication
January 19..... City Offices Closed - MLK Day
January 20..... City Council Meeting
February 3..... City Council Meeting
March 28..... Eggstravaganza

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Water System Updates

Water Meters

Water meter installations have been underway since August of 2014. As of December 15th, over 3,300 water meters have been installed. Over the next few months, the contractor will be installing water meters in the older “not-meter-ready” areas of the City. These locations will require the installation of a meter box near the property line. Multi-family units (triplexes, apartments, mobile home parks, etc.) will receive master meters. The final phase of the construction project will be to upgrade existing meters with radio-read capability. “Mock” billings with the new meters are scheduled for summer 2015.

Simmerhorn-Carillion Water Main Extension

Work has been completed on a new water main extension running along Simmerhorn Rd. from Palm Ave. to Carillion Blvd., then north along Carillion Blvd. to Vauxhall Ave. This project will facilitate future development in the area and provide increased capacity to transfer water east and west across Highway 99.

Water Conservation

Galt residents are commended for exemplary efforts to meet the Governor’s request for a 20% reduction in water use. The goal was met in 3 of the past 4 months, based upon comparison with the same month in 2013:

- August – 20%
- September – 23%
- October – 11%
- November – 26%

While we welcome recent rains, they are not yet enough to declare an end to the 3-year drought being experienced in northern California. It is imperative that residents and businesses continue to conserve water during the winter months. Automatic sprinklers should be turned off, except when absolutely necessary. Additional efforts should focus on reducing indoor water usage.

Galt Police Activities League (PAL)

Galt Police Activities League is a nonprofit community organization that exists to prevent juvenile crime and violence by providing civic, athletic, recreational and educational opportunities and resources to children, youth, and families. Our mission is to build positive partnerships between youth, police and the community to prevent juvenile crimes. Our programs are focused on education enrichment, sports, health & fitness and leadership mentoring that affords youth the values, assets and skills to succeed.

P.A.L. is based on the conviction that young people (if they are reached early enough) can develop strong positive attitudes towards police officers and their community. Studies have shown that if a young person respects a police officer on the ball field, gym or classroom, the youth will likely come to respect the laws that police officers enforce. Such respect is beneficial to the youth, the police officer, the neighborhood and the business community.

The PAL program brings youth under the supervision of positive influence of a law enforcement agency and expands public awareness about the role of a police officer and the reinforcement of the responsible values and attitudes instilled in young people by their parents.

If you’re interested in joining, volunteering or donating to the Galt P.A.L. program, please contact Chief Bill Bowen 209-366-7000 or a School Resource Officer at your school.



River Cats Game 2014

Winter Storm Preparedness

Residents are encouraged to help keep storm drain inlets free of leaves and other debris. Remember to dispose of leaves and yard waste properly, only in garden waste (gray) containers provided by Cal Waste. It is illegal to deposit leaves and yard waste in the roadway or roadside ditches.

Even with debris-free drains, heavy storm events can still cause localized flooding. The City has set up a self-service sand bag station located outside of the Corporation Yard Annex, at 550 Elm Avenue. Sand, bags and shovels are available to residents and businesses within the city limits to help them protect their property from localized flooding.

Please call Galt Public Works at (209) 366-7260 or use the Galt Connect app to report flooding or other roadway concerns within the city limits.



Development Code Update

The City is in the process of comprehensively updating its Zoning Ordinance. The purpose of the update is to make the City’s development regulations easier to understand, and streamline processes. The City began the update in August 2014 by convening a committee of two City Council and two Planning Commission members to provide guidance for the project. The Committee reviewed development standards, the land use matrix, processes and other items. Based on the Committee’s input, the new Development Code is being drafted and is expected to be presented to the Planning Commission in February and City Council for adoption in March. The City is also preparing new landscape design guidelines to replace the outdated Landscape Manual. The guidelines will help with designing landscape projects that enhance the City and comply with water efficiency regulations. The new Development Code and landscape design guidelines will provide the City with state-of-the-art tools that result in quality development, ensure the City a competitive place in the regional market, and maintain the City’s small-town atmosphere.

CalFresh/EBT Available at the Galt Market

It’s finally here! CalFresh/EBT users can now shop using their benefits at the Galt Market thanks to an agreement between the City of Galt and Alchemist CDC. Now low-income families can access the fresh, local produce and great values available at the Galt Market.

CalFresh/EBT benefits are delivered to users via debit cards, but most produce vendors aren’t set up to accept those cards, so CalFresh/EBT users were unable to shop with their benefits at the Galt Market, until now. Alchemist CDC staff and volunteers process EBT cards at a centrally located booth at the market, and give CalFresh customers scrip (vouchers) with which to pay the vendors; vendors later return the scrip to Alchemist CDC for reimbursement. Shoppers are happy to be able to buy quality produce, and vendors are equally happy to have CalFresh recipients as new customers. It’s a great way to make sure that the food funds designated for the Sacramento region go to local markets and farms, which helps our local economy, while simultaneously ensuring that a larger portion of CalFresh/EBT benefits are spent on healthy fresh food.

Visit the CalFresh booth at the Galt Market, located centrally where food row & A/B row meet, Tuesday & Wednesday from 7am to 2pm.

Code Enforcement Awareness

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The City continues to recover from the economic downturn in development. Many of the previously approved residential projects that went dormant have come back to life. In the northeast area, Elliott Homes continues to build out phase I of River Oaks and is preparing for construction of phase II. In the south end of town, 4G’s continues to build out Creekside 2, while Benchmark Communities recently obtained approval of their plans for Creekside 3 and KB Homes has started construction in Creekside 4 after taking that project over recently. 4G’s is also preparing plans for development of 25 homes along E. Stockton Boulevard, south of Deadman’s Gulch. Near the intersection of Twin Cities Road/Cherokee Lane, Suncal is preparing the design and environmental impact report for their Eastview/Liberty Ranch project. When completed, this project will contain approximately 1,800 homes, plus parks, a new school and trails on 330 acres south and east of Liberty Ranch High School. Non-residential development underway includes construction of El & El Wood Products’ distribution center at Live Oak Road/Industrial Drive and a new McDonald’s on Twin Cities Road at Highway 99. A new Dollar Tree store should be under construction soon at Carillion Corners along with a new Chevron/Mr. Pickles at the Simmerhorn Road off-ramp.

The City’s property ordinance maintenance states that it is a public nuisance for any person owning or occupying a property to maintain the following when visible from a public street:

- The exterior accumulation of weeds, litter or debris.
- Broken or discarded furniture or other household goods.
- Buildings, fences or other structures that are cracked, broken, leaning, falling, decayed or defaced.
- Neglected or improperly maintained landscaping.
- Storage of five or more use tires that allows accumulation of water or debris.

Contact the City’s Code Enforcement Division at 209-366-7200 to report any violations.

Dedication of the Officer Kevin Tonn Fallen Hero’s Memorial

What does a community do when a hero makes the ultimate sacrifice? In Galt the answer was to build a memorial. A place of reflection and appreciation and to recognize fallen First Responders, Public Employees or City Volunteers who are killed in the line of duty; heroes who have made the ultimate sacrifice so we may live with decency and order. Galt community members wanted to help. CHAMP, Community Heroes Appreciation Memorial Project, is a non-profit made up of community members and City employees. This tireless group along with the support of our community made this project possible through awareness and fundraising. We want to acknowledge and thank them for their hard work and the community for the generous support that made the memorial possible, along with funds and property provided by the City of Galt.

The Memorial Plaza will serve as a visual reminder to the citizens of Galt, and all who visit, that this City recognizes the loss of these remarkable people and will never forget their sacrifice and the loss their families, friends and co-workers have suffered.

The Memorial Plaza came to fruition after the City of Galt lost its first Police Officer in the line of duty on January 15, 2013. Officer Kevin Tonn was killed while responding to a burglary call just prior to noon that tragic day. It was a shock to the community of Galt to say the least. Officer Kevin Tonn had spent his entire adult life serving others. He began his career as a Firefighter and Medic before becoming a Police Officer with the City of Galt. It was truly a huge loss to the Galt Police Department and the community of Galt.

Join us Thursday, January 15 when we unveil and dedicate the “Officer Kevin Tonn Fallen Heroes Memorial” honoring Officer Kevin Tonn and Sacramento Animal Control Officer Roy Marcum. The ceremony will start at 1:00 p.m. at the corner of Civic Drive & C Street with a reception to follow at the Littleton Center.