



# Galt Connect

*A City Working For You*

## Save The Date ... Saturday, July 4th

- Parade - Free Entry
- Officer Kevin Tonn Memorial 5K Fun Run / Walk
- Tournaments
- Exhibition Hall
- Kid Zone

For more information, visit [www.ci.galt.ca.us/IDC](http://www.ci.galt.ca.us/IDC)

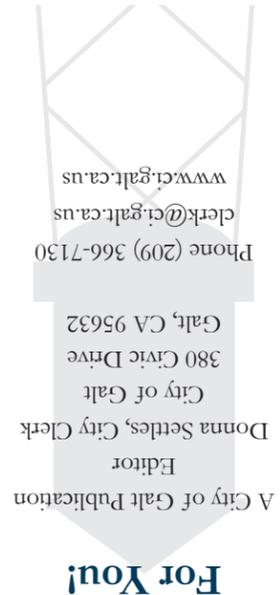


## Water Meter and Conservation Updates

In response to recent emergency regulations adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board, Galt is currently under a mandate to achieve a 32% reduction in water use from 2013 levels. Citizens and businesses in Galt have done a good initial job of conserving water, heeding the Governor's call for a 20% reduction in 5 of the 9 months since announcement of the Stage 2 water alert in August of 2014 and averaging a 21% reduction over 2013 levels for the 9 month period ending in April.

To achieve an additional 11% reduction to meet the new 32% mandate the City has declared a Stage 3 Water Warning. This past May, following the Stage 3 declaration, the City achieved a 42% reduction compared to May of 2013. The Stage 3 declaration imposes new restrictions including limiting outdoor irrigation to two days per week: Even addresses: Wednesdays and/or Sundays only; Odd addresses: Tuesdays and/or Saturdays only; No outdoor watering is allowed on Mondays, Thursdays or Fridays.

All types of potable water waste (public water system) are prohibited, along with watering during or within 48 hours after a measurable rainfall event (0.01"). Washing of driveways, sidewalks, parking lots, buildings or other 'hardscapes' or use of potable water for construction purposes is also prohibited, unless specifically approved in writing by the City Engineer. In the event of a hardship or special circumstance, a waiver request for a specific requirement may be submitted to the Public Works Department for consideration. Additional water conservation information is available on the City's website at [www.ci.galt.ca.us/](http://www.ci.galt.ca.us/) or at <http://saveourwater.com/>



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Galt, CA 95632



## National Night Out 2015

Tuesday, August 4, 2015 ~ 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

It's that time of the year again when the Galt Police Department has the opportunity to meet with residents, answer questions, to interact in a casual setting at the National Night Out events.

National Night Out is a nationwide community event to promote Crime Prevention and increase Police and Community Partnerships.

This year there will be events at three locations, each of which will offer games, music and food.

- The Westside location will be Meadowview Park
- The Central location will be the Galt Library
- The Northeast location will be the Galt Community Park

Details will be finalized in the next few weeks and will be publicized.

### City Tots & SOAR Program

City Tots accepting registration for the fall. Contact Parks & Recreation Department. "School's Out" Academic and Recreation (SOAR) Program will be offered this summer. Contact Parks & Recreation Department.

## CITY HALL INFORMATION

City Hall  
(209) 366-7130

City Website  
[www.ci.galt.ca.us](http://www.ci.galt.ca.us)

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

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.



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Special Dates	
July 4.....	Independence Day Celebration
July 16.....	City Council Meeting
August 4.....	National Night Out
August 4.....	City Council Meeting
September 7.....	City Closed
September 8.....	City Council Meeting
September 22.....	City Council Meeting

## Shred Day 2015 Protect Your Personal Information June 27 • 10:00 am – 2:00 pm • Galt Market

We realize the safest and most secure method regarding the destruction of your confidential information is by having the shortest chain of custody ... from your home directly to the mobile shredding truck. Once your documents are shredded, they will be co-mingled with other shredded documents in the shredded material compartment and then taken directly to a certified recycling plant.

You can bring up to three standard storage 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. For more information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at [clerk@ci.galt.ca.us](mailto:clerk@ci.galt.ca.us) or 366-7130.

## PACE Programs

Did you know as a property owner in Galt, you can take advantage of Property Assessed Clean Energy, or "PACE" programs to finance certain energy efficiency, water conservation, and renewable energy improvements?

The City of Galt currently participates in two PACE programs: the CaliforniaFIRST program (limited to commercial, industrial and multi-family projects); and the Sacramento County Community Facilities District No. 2012-1, which is administered through the Ygrene Energy Fund for single-family properties. The City will become a member of two additional programs this summer: The California Home Energy Renovation Opportunities ("HERO") Program; and the Figtree Financing PACE program. Both of these programs will be available for all types of development.

There is a wide variety of improvements that can be financed, including: artificial turf, irrigation systems and controllers, faucets and toilets, solar panels, energy-efficient water heaters, cooling units and furnaces, windows and doors, and many others.

The programs offer 100% financing through loans that are re-paid through the property tax bill over a set period of time (generally 5-20 years). This reduces upfront costs and allows the debt associated with the improvements to be transferred with the sale of the property. Loans are awarded based on equity and not a credit score. The funds are secured via liens on the subject property and the programs are handled through their respective administrators. In addition to these benefits, property owners can take advantage of all rebates and incentives offered, since they own the improvements, and enjoy energy and/or water savings and increased property values when the projects are complete.

For more information, contact the PACE program administrators at:

Ygrene Energy Fund: [www.CleanEnergySac.com](http://www.CleanEnergySac.com), or at 2600 Capital Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95816 (916) 444-9700

CaliforniaFIRST: [www.californiafirst.org](http://www.californiafirst.org), or at 500 12th St., #300, Oakland, CA 94607 (888) 839-1857

HERO: [www.heroprogram.com](http://www.heroprogram.com), or at 15073 Avenue of Science, San Diego, CA 92128 (855) 437-6411

Figtree Financing: [www.figtreefinancing.com](http://www.figtreefinancing.com), or at 9915 Mira Mesa Blvd., #130, San Diego, CA 92131 (877) 577-7373

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at 7:00 AM**

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**209-366-7161**

[www.GaltMarket.us](http://www.GaltMarket.us)



## New Commuter Express Bus

Sacramento County has provided funding for a new Commuter Express bus and County staff has purchased a minimally used 2014 Motor Coach Industries 57 passenger coach style bus. The new larger bus will accommodate increased ridership between the city of Galt and downtown Sacramento with capacity to accommodate up to two wheelchairs when needed. The Galt-Sacramento Commuter Express (GSCE) has been very successful and has begun to exceed the capacity of the current Storer bus that typically runs at over 90% capacity during commute hours. Acquisition of the new bus will allow a supplemental morning and afternoon run to be added to the GSCE schedule in the near future.

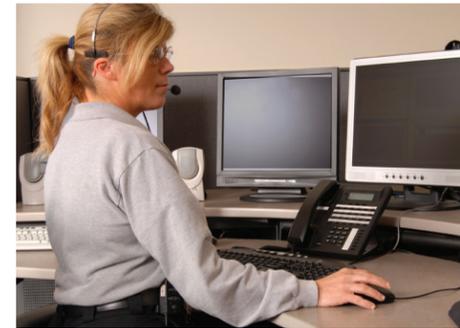


## Summer Reading Challenge

Join the Sacramento Public Library's Read to the Rhythm Summer Reading Challenge for all ages! To register, simply go to [www.saclibrary.org](http://www.saclibrary.org) and click on Summer Reading. After registering, come to the Galt-Marian O. Lawrence Library: preschoolers, school-age kids and teens each get a voucher for a free ticket to a Sacramento Kings game, a pencil that changes color when held, and an activity sheet which explains how to earn 100 points for each book read and 25 points for special activities completed. After reading 5 books, preschoolers, school-age kids, and teens can each choose a new book to keep, purchased by the Friends of the Galt-Marian O. Lawrence Library; adults will receive a free book bag. See you at the Marian O. Lawrence Library!



## Online Police Reports Now Available



The Galt Police Department is pleased to announce that on May 1, 2015 the Online Police Reporting system was launched. Citizens now have the option of reporting certain incidents or crimes occurring in the City of Galt (minor theft, graffiti, vandalism, lost property, crime tips, etc.) online 24 hours a day at their convenience.

We hope that the online reporting will be popular with residents, giving Officers more opportunity to resolve problems and solve crimes. There is also a computer kiosk in the lobby of the Police Department for citizens who do not have computer or internet access or do not want to wait for an officer to take a report.

To access Online Reporting, go to [www.galtpd.com](http://www.galtpd.com). On the left side of the page is a menu, go to the tab at the bottom, "Citizens Online Police Reporting." Clicking on this link will take you to the report page. Follow the prompts to complete the form, then press "submit."

## Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

The City of Galt has contracted with the City of Elk Grove and the City of Sacramento to accept non-commercial Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) from Galt residents at no charge\*, at the following locations:

- Elk Grove Special Waste Collection Center (SWCC), 9255 Disposal Lane, Elk Grove, CA 95624 (Grant Line Road exit). Hours of operation are Sunday through Wednesday, 9:00 AM—4:00 PM.
- The City of Elk Grove is hosting three waste tire collection events thru Sept. 9, 2015 (see website below for scheduling). There is no disposal fee and residents can bring up to 9 tires per event. Waste tires accepted are passenger (automobile), truck "over the road" tires and bicycle tires. Tires with rims are accepted. Tires will not be accepted from tire businesses or waste tire haulers without prior written authorization.
- Sacramento Recycling and Transfer Station, 8491 Fruitridge Road, Sacramento, CA 95826. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Saturday, 8:00 AM—5:00 PM.

\*Special fees apply to some items (syringes/sharps, E-waste, appliances, overweight, restricted delivery days, etc.)

HHW deliveries to both locations are limited to a maximum of 125 pounds or 15 gallons of acceptable hazardous waste per visit. Galt residents will be required to provide proof of their physical address including city and zip code. Residents can verify what items are acceptable for disposal, acceptable packaging, specific event dates and any special fees by visiting the following websites:

[http://www.elkgrovecity.org/city\\_hall/departments\\_divisions/garbage\\_recycling/special\\_waste\\_collection\\_center/](http://www.elkgrovecity.org/city_hall/departments_divisions/garbage_recycling/special_waste_collection_center/)

<http://portal.cityofsacramento.org/General-Services/RSW/Collection-Services/Household-Hazardous-Waste>

## Water Meter Billing Transition Plan

After 9 months of meter installation work, crews are nearing completion on efforts to install over 7,000 new and replacement meters citywide. Approximately 87% of these are new meters for existing flat rate customers. Following the completion of meter installations in late June, the City will begin collecting water usage data to provide existing flat rate customers with 4 example metered billings covering July 16, 2015 through March 15, 2016. These 'mock bills' will provide flat rate customers with an indication of what future billing amounts may be for similar future usage. Flat rate customers will be transitioned to metered billings beginning with their June 2016 billing; which will cover usage from March 16, 2016 through May 15, 2016.



Prior to distribution of the first 'mock bills', a rate study is being conducted to assess appropriate adjustments that may be needed in the City's current metered rate structure. This is to assure that the State's new 32% water conservation mandate does not result in a significant loss in revenues necessary to continue operating the water system. The study will identify an appropriate fixed base monthly water rate needed to cover fixed operating costs. Any resulting proposal to increase the base monthly rate would be offset by a proposed reduction in the metered rate charged for water usage. Overall, this should not result in a change in the average customer's annual water costs. Flat rate customers with below average usage will likely see a decrease in their annual water costs when they transition to metered rates and those with above average usage will likely see an increase. Billings will typically be less for winter months and higher for summer months. Customers will be provided notice of any proposed rate adjustments and be given the opportunity to support or oppose them through a majority protest/public hearing process.

## City Blood Drive

The City of Galt and BloodSource offer an opportunity to donate blood on Thursday, August 6th from 3:30 – 6:30 pm at the Littleton Community Center, 410 Civic Drive.



BloodSource needs donors, especially during summer when vacation travel is at its highest. Blood donors give hope to accident victims, surgery patients, cancer patients and many others in need. The community-based, not-for-profit blood center provides blood and services throughout Northern California and beyond – wherever and whenever the need. When you support your local blood drives, you save lives. Call 366-7130 for more information.

