



Water Conservation Update

Galt residents and commercial customers have done an outstanding job of conserving water this summer, in response to the City's declaration of a Stage 3 – Water Warning and the State Water Board's imposition of a 32% water conservation requirement on the City. This requires Galt water customers to achieve a 32% cumulative reduction from 2013 water usage levels each month. Our customers have consistently exceeded the required reduction since the new mandate became effective on June 1st: June 2015 – 37%; July 2015 – 38%; Aug. 2015 – 38%.

Despite predictions of a strengthening El Nino weather pattern, it is too soon to predict a wet winter for the Sacramento region and Sierra Nevada Mountain Range. Residents are encouraged to continue conserving water as we transition into the fall and winter seasons. The City's Water Conservation Officers have responded to hundreds of water waste reports, leaving door hangar warnings and responding to questions from residents and businesses. Water conservation information is available on the City's website at <http://www.ci.galt.ca.us/> or at <http://saveourwater.com/>. Water waste should be reported to the Public Works Department at 209-366-7260.



Winter Preparedness

With any luck, the rainy season will soon be upon us. Should heavy storms develop, there is the potential that runoff may overwhelm the capacity of City's drain inlets. Trash and leaves can lead to plugged storm drain inlets and street flooding. Organics, trash and debris are also harmful to the environment when discharged to our local drainage channels, which are tributary to the Delta. Please do your part in keeping our storm drains clear and clean:

- Insure that you remove leaves, dirt, and trash from the streets and gutters in front of your home or business and put them in the proper waste receptacle.
- Rake leaves and yard debris away from storm drain inlets and place them in your grey yard and garden waste container. The City street sweepers cannot pick up piles of leaves or greenwaste, so please clear them from the gutter.
- Do not hose pet waste, dirt, mud, or any other contaminant into the gutter or storm drain inlet. Collect it with a broom or a shovel and put it in the trash.

In the event that heavy rains are forecast, the City will establish a self-service sand bag station to assist residents in protecting their property. Should you observe local flooding problems or have any questions, please call the Galt Public Works Department at 209-366-7260.



21st Annual Giant Pumpkin Festival October 3 and 4 10am to 5pm Elk Grove Regional Park

Celebrate the fun of the fall at one of the largest family festivals in the area. There's something for everyone, including a pie-eating contest, pumpkin derby, pumpkin recipe contest, scarecrow-making contest, kids' zone, and live entertainment. Festival admission is free and parking is \$10. For more information: 916-405-5600 or www.yourcsd.com.



Special Dates	
November 11	Veterans Day
November 19	City Blood Drive
November 25-26	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 6	Lighting of the Night Event
December 23-24	Christmas Holiday

Lighting of the Night Save the date

Saturday, December 5th is the City of Galt's Annual Lighting of the Night Event. Join us for the lighting of the City Tree, City Tots Christmas Performance, Lighting of the Night Parade and Shop Local activities. The festivities will take place in the Littleton Community Center and City Hall. Please visit the City website for more information. www.ci.galt.ca.us.



CITY HALL INFORMATION

City Hall (209) 366-7130

City Website www.ci.galt.ca.us

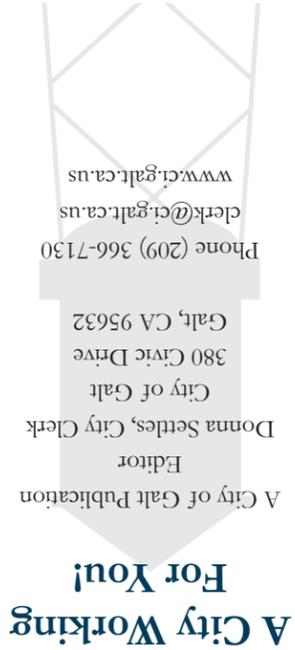
City Email Address clerk@ci.galt.ca.us

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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Personalized Technology Help on Your Digital Device at Galt - Marian O. Lawrence Library Wednesdays - Saturdays, beginning at 1pm

Having trouble downloading library ebooks or audiobooks to your mobile device? Or need help using a computer, tablet, or your smart phone? Contact us to set up a time with our Library Technology Assistant who will be happy to provide individual help for you on your device during library open hours on Wednesdays-Saturdays, beginning at 1 pm. Whether you are a digital beginner, wanting to learn how to set up an email account, or an experienced user who is having trouble connecting your tablet to the library's WIFI system, you can receive step-by-step, individual, friendly help. Contact us today at the library information desk or by calling 1-800-209-4627 to set up an appointment.

Children's Halloween Hunt at Galt - Marian O. Lawrence Library October 31, Saturday, 10am - 5pm

Come into the library in costume and look for a mysterious wooden figure and mini-pumpkin hidden among the books. Bring one figure and one pumpkin up to the desk - we have treats to give you! Keep the figure and pumpkin along with the treats-one per child, please!



Youth Basketball Sign-ups

Registration for the Youth Basketball Program is open until October 19th.

Late registrations will be accepted October 20th through October 26th with an additional \$20 fee.

Registration for the First Grade Basketball Program is open through December 21st. Late registrations will be accepted December 22nd through December 28th.

Use the Parks and Recreation online registration system at www.ci.galt.ca.us/reconline.

City Tots Preschool Program

Marengo Ranch Elementary School Room F1
Registrations are currently being accepted for all classes.

M/W/F (8:30-11:30am or 12:00-3:00pm)

Monthly Fee: \$115

T/TH (8:30-11:30am or 12:00-3:00pm)

Monthly Fee: \$80

Monthly fees are due one month in advance (i.e. September's tuition is due no later than August 1). A completed registration packet, \$25 deposit, copy of the birth certificate and shot record is due at the time of registration.

SOAR (School's Out Academic and Recreation) Afterschool Program

Lake Canyon, Marengo Ranch,
and River Oaks Elementary Schools

Registration is now open

The City of Galt operates SOAR in conjunction with the Galt Elementary School District calendar. Participants can attend the program Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursday and Fridays from 2:30-6:00pm and Wednesdays from 1:00-6:00pm.

The fee is \$115 per month. Registration packets can be downloaded from the City's website at www.ci.galt.ca.us.

Property Maintenance

The City of Galt Code Enforcement Division covers a wide variety of ordinances including Galt Municipal Code 8.20.110, the Property Maintenance Ordinance. This ordinance was put into place to ensure that our neighborhoods and community remain healthy and vibrant.

Please be aware that the following can be viewed as a public nuisance and could result in a citation being issued.

- The exterior accumulation of weeds, rank growths, dirt, litter, rubbish or debris (including abandoned furniture, or other household equipment) which is visible from a public street, sidewalk or right-of-way.
- Buildings, fences or other structures which are visible from a public street, sidewalk or right-of-way, that contain graffiti or other inscribed material, or which are cracked, broken, leaning, fallen, decayed, deteriorated or defaced.
- Any dangerous, unsightly or blighted condition.
- Neglected or improperly maintained landscaping, visible from a public street, sidewalk or right-of-way, including but not limited to dead, debris laden, weed infested or overgrown vegetation, provided however, that the provision as to dead or dying vegetation due to lack of water shall not to be enforced during a drought year, as determined by the City. A lawn area shall be deemed overgrown if fifty percent or more of its area exceeds twelve inches in height.

The City's Code Enforcement Division can be contacted at 209-366-7200 for any questions or concerns regarding the Property Maintenance Ordinance.

Save the Date for the 9th Annual Galt Winter Bird Festival!

The Galt Winter Bird Festival will be held on Saturday, January 23, 2016, at McCaffrey Middle School, 997 Park Terrace Drive, Galt. The festival committee is putting together exciting tours, speakers, displays, etc. so start planning your trip to Galt! For information call 209-366-7115 or visit the City's website at www.ci.galt.ca.us.



Galt Community Garden at Harvey Park

Did you know that community gardeners and their children eat healthier diets than do non-gardening families? In addition, working out in the garden can be a good workout and excellent excuse to spend time outside. Stop by the City Clerk's Office and pick up an application today or visit the City's website at www.ci.galt.ca.us.

Citywide Water Meter Installation Update

The City's contractor, Global Water/Fathom, has completed the installation of nearly all the new and replacement meters throughout the City. The new "smart meters" began collecting hourly water usage information shortly after the installation at each property. This data is then transmitted wirelessly to data collectors positioned strategically around the City. The hourly data allows identification of potential water leaks (24 hours of continuous flow) in real time, which allows the City to advise customers to check for potential leaks (landscaping areas that are continuously wet, toilet valves that do not shut-off correctly, running faucets, etc.) Monthly water usage data will be used to provide current flat rate customers with 4 cycles of "mock bills" comparing what their future water bills would be for similar usage, once they are transitioned to metered rates. This will give customers an opportunity to adjust their water usage patterns prior to receiving billings based upon their actual metered water usage.

Given the recent citywide reductions in water usage in response to the state mandate for Galt to achieve a 32% reduction in water usage, it became apparent that the City needed to review the adequacy of its current water rate structure prior to issuing the mock billings and transitioning over 6,100 additional customers to metered rates. A water rate study is underway identifying whether the City's current metered rate structure can provide sustainable funding for operation of the City's water system. The purpose of the rate study is to ensure that reduced water usage does not result in a significant reduction in future water revenue and an inability for the City to effectively operate its water system. Any rate adjustment recommendations that result from the study should not result in significant changes to the typical water bills for customers that are currently paying the metered water rate. Notice of any proposed adjustments will be sent to all customers along with information regarding the proposed adjustment and how customers may provide input to the City or protest the adjustments. A water rate study session will be held at 4:30pm on October 6th, City Council Chambers.

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& Wednesdays
at 7:00 AM**

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