

**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. \$25 fee is due at time of registration. MWF classes: \$115/month. T/Th classes: \$80/month. Students must have reached 3 years of age by 9/1/15 in order to attend this school year.



**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 1, 2016 for most aquatic programs.



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**Youth T-Ball and Softball Sign Ups**

Registration for youth Boys & Girls T-Ball (4-5 years), Boys & Girls Instructional Softball (6), Girls Instructional Softball (7-8), and Girls Softball (9-14) will be taken January 11 – March 7 (\$20 late fee will be charged March 8-14). Opening Day is scheduled for April 9, 2016. Games will be played Mondays through Saturdays.

**Spring Adult Softball Sign Ups**

Registration for the 2016 Spring Adult Men's and Co-Ed Softball will be taken January 11 – March 21 (late registration is March 22-28). All games are played at the Sports Complex. Men's League is scheduled to begin on Monday, April 4, 2016 and Co-Ed League is scheduled to begin on Thursday, April 7, 2016.



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**CALENDAR OF CITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

**City Council Meeting**  
7:00 pm  
City Hall Council Chambers  
January 19, February 2, 16,  
March 1, 22

**Galt Youth Commission**  
6:00 pm  
City Hall Council Chambers  
January 4, February 1, March 7

**Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting**  
7:00 pm  
City Hall Council Chambers  
January 13, February 10, March 9

**Planning Commission Meeting**  
6:00 pm  
City Hall Council Chambers  
January 14, February 11,  
March 10

**Beautification Committee Meeting**  
3:30 pm  
City Hall Community Room  
January 21, February 18,  
March 17

**Commission on Aging Meeting**  
5:15 pm  
Parks & Recreation Building  
California Room  
January 28, February 25,  
March 24

**Public Safety Committee**  
6:00 pm  
Police Department Pescetti  
Community Room  
January 25, March 28

**CITY HOLIDAYS**

Martin Luther King Day Observed  
January 18

Presidents Day Observed  
February 15

Cesar Chavez Day Observed  
March 31



**Galt. Connections**  
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*9th Annual Galt*  
**Winter Bird Festival**  
Saturday, January 23, 2016  
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



**McCaffrey Middle School**  
997 Park Terrace Drive  
Galt, CA 95632

Visit [www.ci.galt.ca.us](http://www.ci.galt.ca.us) for more information  
or call 209-366-7115

**A CELEBRATION OF BIRDS**

Wildlife & Our Environment

**PRESENTATIONS and WORKSHOPS**

- Megan Hertel, Program Director Audubon California
- Chris Cameron, Raptor/Owl Presentation
- David Kukas, Key Note Speaker
- Chris Cameron, Birding and Technology Workshop
- Native American Hoop Dancer (Dance of the Eagle)
- Hawks, Honkers and Hoots
- Wild Things, Inc.

**TOURS - Pre-register for tours now at [www.ci.galt.ca.us](http://www.ci.galt.ca.us)**

- Sunrise Tour / Lon Yarbrough
- Remote Riparian & Tall Forest with John Trochet
- Cosumnes River Preserve & SMUD Avian Protection Program Tour
- Howard Ranch Vernal Pool Tour with Jaymee Marty
- Heritage Oaks Bird Walk & Lunch
- Cosumnes River Preserve Family Tour
- Kingbird Farm Tour & Lunch
- Wine & Art (Barsetti Tasting Room) Painting Class
- Sunset Tour - Save Our Sandhill Cranes (Woodbridge Road)
- Sunset Tour - Staten Island

**ART / EDUCATIONAL / FOOD VENDORS**

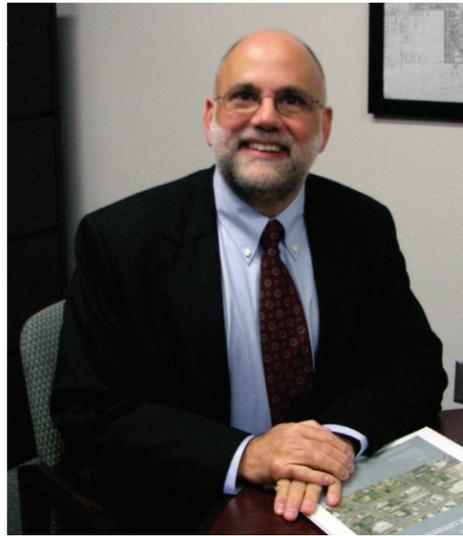
**COME FOR THE BIRDS - STAY FOR THE FOOD!**

This year, we are joining up with A MOVEABLE FEAST and SMOKIN HOT PIZZA's Food Truck to serve up delicious food at our event! One truck specializes in gourmet sandwiches, burgers and fries and another serving up gourmet pizzas -- you're in for a real treat!

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# Meet the New City Manager



City Council voted unanimously to select Mr. Palazzo and approved his employment contract at the December 15, 2015, regular council meeting. He is expected to assume his new duties in Galt on or before March 1, 2016.

Mayor Mark Crews stated: "Eugene Palazzo has all the qualities we were looking for in our next city manager -- strong fiscal leadership, a customer-service oriented philosophy, and the professional experience that aligns with the City of Galt's needs. We are happy to welcome Eugene to our community and look forward to a successful partnership."

Mr. Palazzo has over 27 years in local government and is the current City Manager of Crescent City, California, a position he has held since 2011. His career began in 1989 as a Planning Technician in Nevada County and he has worked in several agencies in our area including Folsom, Riverbank, and Yuba City. Prior to his position with Crescent City, he worked in South Lake Tahoe from 2003-

The City of Galt is pleased to announce the appointment of Eugene Palazzo as the next City Manager. After concluding an extensive recruitment and selection process, the Galt

## Funding Sacramento County Transportation Improvements

*Measure A Successes and Additional Transportation Needs*

Transportation improvement projects keep Sacramento motorists safe, pave the way for first responders to do their job, enable businesses to run efficiently, make our region attractive for economic investments, and allow families to move safely around town. The recent Central Galt and Hwy 99 interchange upgrade is one example of how local transportation improvement projects help businesses and residents.

While progress is being made the reality is that Sacramento County has many aging roadways and transportation facilities that are in disrepair. They must be fixed and new investments must be made in order to grow the region's economy, keep up with the demands of a growing population, and improve quality of life for our residents.

Improving existing roadways, bridges and public transportation as well as building new projects are funded through a combination of local, state and federal dollars. In 2004, more than 75 percent of Sacramento County voters approved extending Measure A -- the County's half percent sales tax until 2039 -- to pay for transportation projects. The proceeds of the Measure A sales tax are funding a comprehensive transportation improvement



program which has resulted in traffic relief, improved driver, bicycle and pedestrian safety, street maintenance, roadway improvements and expanded transit services.

While Measure A has been critical in generating much needed revenue, there are additional unfunded transportation projects countywide. Additional funding is needed to fix, expand and build new roadways to provide traffic relief in congested areas as well as repair aging roads and bridges to increase efficiency and address safety risks.

The Sacramento Transportation Authority wants to hear what your transportation priorities are. What projects matter to you? How do you want your transportation dollars spent? Log onto [www.sacramentogo.com/your-opinion](http://www.sacramentogo.com/your-opinion) to give feedback about transportation issues and learn more about current and future transportation projects.

2011, where he was ultimately promoted to the Director of Redevelopment and Housing in 2005. He holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Geography with a minor in Business Administration.

During Mr. Palazzo's tenure as the City Manager of Crescent City, he is credited with strengthening the city's revenue base. This includes the creation of a 45-acre parks master plan, which incorporated existing facilities, pool, RV Park and event center, which created new recreation opportunities. In addition, Mr. Palazzo stabilized the sewer rate structure by successfully re-negotiating with the State Water Resource Control Board saving the ratepayers \$15 million over 26 years.

Eugene Palazzo stated: "I am looking forward to working with the City Council, city staff, and the community. I am excited to help implement the City Council's and community's vision and be a part of the team."

## Job Coach at Galt Library

*Get one-on-one job help!*



Every Friday from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm get one-on-one help finding, applying to, and interviewing for your next job. We have a volunteer ready to help individuals one-on-one with job searching and using our database, Tutor.com, which offers live help fixing resumes and provides links to job websites. Drop-in visits are welcome. If you want to schedule an appointment, contact the library at 1.800.209.4627.

# Update on Water Issues

Galt water customers continue to perform admirably in taking steps to reduce water usage and assist the City in meeting its 32% water reduction mandate. However, we need to redouble our efforts now that winter is upon us. Meeting the mandate will be harder during the winter months, which will require significant reductions in indoor water usage in addition to curtailed outdoor usage. The mandatory water use reductions are also having an impact on water rates, as the City moves forward with transitioning flat-rate residential customers to water meters. Historically, the City's water revenues have been very stable with over 90% of our residential customers paying predictable flat rates. However, future revenues will be dramatically impacted without a rate adjustment, as flat rate customers are transitioned to a metered rate while using 32% less water. To address this concern the City is proposing to adjust its current metered water rates. The proposed rate adjustment will increase the base monthly water fee customers pay, to help defray the fixed costs of operating the water system, while lowering the water rate paid for each unit of water used. All Galt water customers should have received a notice regarding the proposed water rate adjustments and Public Hearing to be held on January 19, 2016. If you did not receive the notice, copies are available on the City's web page ([www.ci.galt.ca.us](http://www.ci.galt.ca.us)) or at the City Clerk's Office in City Hall.

The City's contractor, Global Water/Fathom, has recently completed the installation of over 7000 water meters throughout the City. These "smart water meters" are now providing real time information to the City on customer water use. The City mailed the first of 4 "sample bills" to flat rate water customers in December, covering metered water usage from 7/15/15 to 9/15/15. These sample billings are intended to show flat rate customers how much water they are using and what a future



water bill would be for comparable usage, under the proposed new water rates. This will allow flat rate customers to review their water usage and take steps to reduce consumption prior to being transitioned to metered water billings next spring. Flat rate customers that received their meter after 7/15/15 will receive their first sample bill in February and will be transitioned to metered rates in early summer.

In the near future, customers will be able to create an on-line account to access their water usage via the internet. This will allow review of their water usage history on a monthly, weekly, daily or even hourly basis. The hourly usage can help customers identify potential leaks or times of day when they use the most water. Customers will also be able to see how their usage compares to typical water usage and create email alerts for high water usage. More information will be provided to customers on how to access this information once the website is fully operational. Questions regarding the proposed water rates or meter installation program may be directed to the Galt Public Works Department at 209-366-7260.



## WHO TO CALL

Administration .....	366.7100
Building Department .....	366.7200
24-hour Bldg Inspection .....	745.1337
City Clerk's Office .....	366.7130
City Council and Mayor .....	366.7130
City Hall Information .....	366.7130
Chabolla Center.....	745.7269
Council Meeting Info.....	366.7130
Engineering Division.....	366.7270
Finance Department.....	366.7150
Galt Market Information.....	366.7160
Parks & Recreation .....	366.7180
Planning Department.....	366.7230
Police Department (business).....	366.7000
Anonymous Tip Line .....	745.5745
Detectives .....	366.7010
Device for Hearing Impaired.....	366.7060
Graffiti Hotline .....	366.7071
Emergency Calls .....	911
Public Works Department.....	366.7260
Sewer & Water Emergency before 8AM & after 5PM, Weekends & Holidays.....	366.7000
Swimming Pool .....	744.9544
Utility Billing Information.....	366.7150

## New Disposal Option for Home-Generated Sharps



Improper disposal of home-generated sharps waste, such as syringes and lancets, poses a threat to the health and safety of solid waste workers and the public. To address this concern and provide affordable local disposal options, the Galt City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2015-08 on October 20, 2015, adding Chapter 8.49 to the Galt Municipal Code. This new Ordinance requires retailers and distributors of medical sharps located within the Galt City Limits to either take back the sharps they have sold or distributed free of charge or make a free mail back option available to customers, commencing January 18, 2016.

It should be noted that retailers and providers may require proof of sales or evidence the used sharps being returned came from their establishment. Questions regarding this new Sharps Ordinance should be directed to the Galt Public Works Department at 209-366-7260.