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SOAR Summer Program

Located at Fairsite Elementary Beginning June 20th

The Galt Parks & Recreation Department is happy to announce the “School’s Out!” Academic & Recreation (SOAR) Program will be offered this summer! Participants will be able to visit the Gora Aquatic Center each day. It is available to all children who will be entering grades 1-6 in August 2016. The Summer SOAR Program runs Mondays through Fridays from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm.

Weekly fees vary:

\$125 M-F/Full Days 7:00 am - 6:00 pm
\$90 MWF/ Full Days 7:00 am - 6:00 pm
\$60 T/Th/ Full Days 7:00 am - 6:00 pm
\$45 MWF/Half Days OR \$30 T/Th/Half Days
7:00 am - 12:00 pm OR 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

\$75 M-F/Half Days 7:00 am - 12:00 pm OR 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

A registration packet must be completed at the time of registration. Registration packets are available at our office or can be downloaded at the City of Galt website at www.ci.galt.ca.us. For more information, please call 209.366.7180 or visit the Parks & Recreation Office at 610 Chabolla Ave.



INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION!
Save the Date
Saturday, July 2nd
Parade – Free Entry
Kevin Tonn 5K Run
Tournaments, Kid Zone,
Fireworks in the Pool, etc.
For more information, visit
www.ci.galt.ca.us/IDC

CALENDAR OF CITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

City Council Meeting
7:00 pm
City Hall Council Chambers
April 5, 19, May 3, 17, June 7, 21

Galt Youth Commission
6:00 pm
City Hall Council Chambers
April 4, May 2, June 6

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
April 14, May 12, June 9

Beautification Committee Meeting
3:30 pm
City Hall Community Room
April 21, May 19, June 16

Commission on Aging Meeting
5:15 pm
Parks & Recreation Building
California Room
April 28, May 26, June 28

Public Safety Committee
6:00 pm
Police Department Pescetti
Community Room
May 23, July 25

CITY HOLIDAYS

Memorial Day Observed
May 30



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Meet the New Police Chief

After concluding an extensive recruitment and selection process, Tod Sockman has been selected by City Manager Eugene Palazzo to be the next Police Chief for the City of Galt. He is scheduled to take the helm on March 21, 2016.



“Mr. Sockman has a solid reputation as a leader and a strong commitment to partnering in the community and region,” said Palazzo. “I am pleased that he will be joining the City’s team and am looking forward to working with him. Besides his proven track record as a leader, Mr. Sockman brings to the City of Galt a diverse set of skills that will continue to move the department and the City forward.”

The new Police Chief brings to the City of Galt an impressive 18 year law enforcement career with the City of West Sacramento Police Department. Starting out as a patrol officer in 1997, Mr. Sockman promoted up through the ranks to the position of Police Lieutenant reporting directly to the Deputy Chief of Police. Prior to that, he served 10 years in the United States Air Force as Security Police. His expansive career has allowed him to lead each department within the West Sacramento Police Department providing experience in the areas of Community Policing, Predictive Policing, Professional Standards, Critical Incident Management and Investigations. In addition to holding a Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice Management, Mr. Sockman graduated from the FBI National Academy and attained a Graduate Certificate of Achievement with a concentration in Homeland Security from the University of Virginia.

“I am honored and humbled for the opportunity to lead such a great team of men and women of the Galt Police Department”, said Sockman. “Galt is a very safe community and through our partnerships with our residents, businesses, employees, and schools we will make sure that we remain one of the safest cities in the region.”

Teen Perspective Art Exhibit

Remember what it was like being a teenager? Are you living with one now? Join us April 29th, 2016 from 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm at the Littleton Center, 410 Civic Drive as local teenagers express themselves through art and poetry. Nationally acclaimed keynote speaker and youth motivator Michael Pritchard will share stories of the challenges facing our teens today. This is a free event brought to you by the Galt Youth Commission. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/galtyouthcommission.

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April 29th 2016
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Featuring Nationally Acclaimed Keynote Speaker and Youth Motivator
Michael Pritchard
For More Information Visit
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Update on Wilton Rancheria Casino Project

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) has released a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) that analyzes the potential environmental effects of Wilton Rancheria's (Tribe's) application for a 282-acre fee-to-trust transfer and casino-hotel project to be located west of Highway 99 and north of Twin Cities Road. The DEIS also evaluates two alternative locations. The BIA is serving as Lead Agency for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The BIA issued a Notice of Availability of the DEIS on December 29, 2015 which initiated a 45-day public review period, which closed on February 29, 2016. A public hearing on the project was held at the Chabolla Community Center on January 29, 2016.

The BIA will prepare responses to the comments received on the DEIS, and release a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) in the summer of 2016. After the release of the FEIS, the BIA will determine whether the land may be taken into trust and the project constructed on the site. If the BIA approves the Tribe's application, then the Tribe will negotiate an agreement with the State to allow the operation of a casino.

Below are frequently asked questions and answers regarding the Wilton Rancheria project:

What role does the City of Galt play in the review and approval of the Wilton Rancheria project?
The proposed casino-hotel project and the DEIS are undertakings of the Wilton Rancheria, the BIA and the State of California. The City has no land use or approval authority over the project. However, if the decision is made by the Tribe, BIA and State to locate the project north of Twin Cities Road, the project will impact the City. Therefore, the City is in the process of determining what those impacts will be, and the extent of the impacts.

Will the City Council or Galt residents have an opportunity to vote on the Wilton Rancheria project?

The Wilton Rancheria project requires approval from the BIA to take the land into trust and the California Governor's Office to approve a tribal gaming compact. Local jurisdictions are consulted through the process, but ultimately have no vote or land use authority over the project.

What is the City doing to address impacts of the project on our community, such as loss of future tax revenue, public safety and traffic?

The DEIS presents an evaluation of all alternative sites for the potential impacts

associated with the project, including such items as economic, social, transportation, public safety and noise. The DEIS can be found at www.wiltoneis.com. The City has submitted a comment letter on the DEIS, which can be found on the City's homepage at www.ci.galt.ca.us. Prior to proceeding with development of the project, the Tribe is required to negotiate agreements with affected local jurisdictions to mitigate potential impacts.

Has the City taken an official position on the project or its location?

The City has taken no position on the project or its location.

Celebrate National Library Week at Galt - Marian O. Lawrence Library

Build Squishy Circuits - April 12, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Children (ages 6-12) can participate in an Art Beast STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) program. Each child will build working circuits that use lights, buzzers, and conductive play dough. Children will build both parallel and series circuits with the doughs, adding LED lights and then testing their circuits with a safe, mobile battery pack. Building squishy circuits, as pointed out by Art Beast, has been featured on Ted Talks. Sign up soon, either online (www.saclibrary.org) or at the public service desk, because this program is limited to 20 participants.

Water Rate Adjustments

On March 15, 2016, the City Council approved new metered water rates. The changes will be reflected on most customers' June billing statements. Depending on how much water a customer uses, their water bill may go up, down or see little change under the new rate structure. Flat rate customers that did not receive their meters until after July 15, 2015 will not be transitioned to metered bills until October of 2016, after they receive their 4th example metered bill. To assist customers with monitoring their water usage, a new on-line tool will soon be available using the internet. This will allow customers to review their metered water usage on a monthly, weekly, daily or hourly basis. Details and log-in information will be announced as soon as final testing of the on-line tool is completed.



**4th Annual
Officer Kevin Tonn
Memorial 5k Fun Run/Walk
Saturday July 2, 2016
Galt City Hall, Galt, CA**

For more information and/or to register online go to
www.ci.galt.ca.us/IDC

Water Conservation Update

The State Water Board has extended Emergency Water Conservation Regulations through October of 2016. This is due to insufficient rain and Sierra snowpack levels this winter to reverse the effects of the extended drought being experienced in California. As of March 1st, the City's new conservation goal is 29%, which is a reduction from the prior 32% requirement. Should heavy rains be experienced in April, the Water Board could adjust or eliminate the Emergency Regulations. To achieve compliance, the City's Stage 3 water use restrictions will remain in effect. Stage 3 requirements limit outdoor watering to 2 days per week, based upon a customer's address:

- Even numbered addresses may irrigate only

on Wednesdays and/or Sundays;

- Odd numbered addresses may irrigate only on Tuesdays and/or Saturdays;
- No outdoor watering will be permitted on Mondays, Thursdays or Fridays.

Washing of sidewalks, driveways, buildings or other hardscapes continues to be prohibited. If you observe water waste, you may report it to the Public Works Department at 209.366.7260 or email publicworks@ci.galt.ca.us. Please provide a description, the address and the time of the water waste. Callers will be asked for their name and phone number in case more information is needed, but individuals making reports will remain anonymous.

Shred Day 2016

Protect Your Personal Information

June 4 • 9:00 am – 1:00 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 or 209.366.7130.

Garage and Yard Sale Regulations

As we enter spring, the City's Code Enforcement Division reminds you of the City's ordinance on garage and yard sales. Galt Municipal Code Section 18.68.110 states that garage and yard sales shall be limited to a maximum of two (2) per year, each of which shall last no more than three (3) consecutive days.

If you are planning a garage or yard sale this year, please be aware that signs that advertise your sale may not be placed or affixed to City property (i.e. utility poles, trees, etc.). Additionally, sandwich board type signs cannot be placed in City street medians, landscape areas or where they will obstruct sidewalks.

We have encountered many signs in the past that were erected and not taken down after the sale. This creates blight in the City and utilizes City resources to remove them. Therefore, please respect your neighbors and your community by limiting the number of garage or yard sales to no more than two per year and by ensuring that any signs promoting the sale are kept within your yard or on your vehicle.



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
Code Enforcement	366.7200
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

Community Benefit Funding Grant



The City of Galt released its annual Community Benefit Funding Application on Wednesday, April 4, 2016, which allows any local Galt Community 501(c) (3) non-profit organization to apply for the Community Benefit Funding Grant opportunity. Funding decisions are made solely by the City Council and funds must be expended between the time-period of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. Applicants must be a community-based resident 501(c) (3) non-profit organization with proper certification from the Internal Revenue Service and must be in good standing with the California Franchise Tax Board. Applications and materials are available on the City's website at www.ci.galt.ca.us, or can be picked-up from the City Clerk's Office, 380 Civic Drive, Galt, CA. Contact the City Clerk at clerk@ci.galt.ca.us for any additional questions. Applications are due no later than 5:30 pm on April 28, 2016.