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**GALT**

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# GALT. Connections

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## Special Dates

October 6 <sup>th</sup>	City Council Meeting
October 8 <sup>th</sup>	Planning Commission Meeting
October 14 <sup>th</sup>	Parks & Recs Commission Meeting
October 17 <sup>th</sup>	Hazardous Waste Drop Off
October 17 <sup>th</sup>	Shred It Event
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	City Council Meeting
November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	City Council Meeting
November 9 <sup>th</sup>	City of Galt Blood Drive
November 11 <sup>th</sup>	Holiday Veteran's Day
November 26 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup>	Holiday Thanksgiving

## Enhanced School Zone Safety

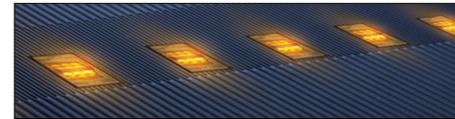


The City's Public Works Department was successful in obtaining a California Safe Routes 2 School grant. This grant is being used to install various traffic safety devices in the majority of school zones in the City that will enhance and increase both pedestrian safety and drivers' awareness.

These devices include in-road crosswalk warning lights, school zone flashing beacons and driver speed radar displays. A significant feature of the radar speed displays is that they are programmable and thus can be set to inform motorists of their speeds during select times, such as during school start and end bell times.

The installation of these devices should be done by early October. Call Public Works at 366-7260 with any questions.

**Driver Speed Displays**



**In-Road Crosswalk Warning Lights**

**School Zone Flashing Beacons**

## Walker Community Park

The construction of the first phase of Walker Community Park is expected to begin October 2009. The first phase will include grading the entire 40-acre site and the following amenities: synthetic turf combination football/soccer field, two turf soccer fields, a parking lot, a picnic area with shade structures, a playground for kids, restrooms with an attached maintenance building and an access road off of West Elm/Orr Road.

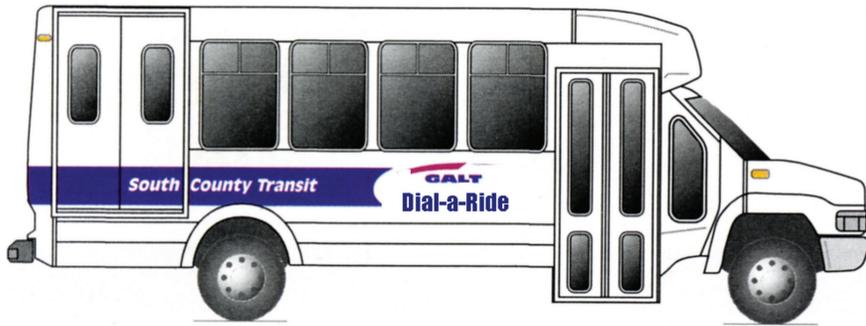
If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at 366-7260.

### Plan Legend

A Lighted Soccer Field (210' x 330')	L Circular Drop-off
B Small Group Picnic Area (25 person)	M Restrooms
C Large Group Picnic Area (80 person)	N Accessible Creative Play Area
D Parking (Approximately 410 stalls)	O Interactive Water Feature
E Lighted Synthetic Football/Soccer Field	P Multi-Use Path with Security Lighting
F Lighted Little League Field	Q Corporation Yard
G Concession/Storage/Restroom Building	R Gated Quail Hollow Drop-off
H Lighted Pony League/Girls Softball Field	S Gated Park Entrance
I Lighted Tennis Courts	T Park Signage
J Lighted Basketball Courts	U Turf Volleyball
K Community Center (30,000 sf)	V Masonry Wall
	W Public Art/Sports Monumentation
	X Bleachers



# Improved Public Transit



**(209) 745-3052 or (800) 338-8676**

**[www.sctlink.com](http://www.sctlink.com)**

South County Transit/Link, the public transit provider for Galt and southern Sacramento County, announces the start up of Saturday service on its heavily traveled Highway 99 Express route and the implementation of a new group rate discount.

SCT/Link's Highway 99 Express bus began Saturday service on August 15. The bus leaves Galt City Hall every two hours starting at 8:20am, with the last bus arriving from Sacramento at 5:25pm. The Highway 99 Express bus goes north from Galt to Elk Grove to Florin Towne Center in Sacramento. On its southbound trips it goes to Lodi.

On September 1st, SCT/Link's dial-a-ride service implemented a group rate discount. The discount works like this: when there are five or more cash paying passengers and they all get on the bus at the same place and they all get off at the same place, each passenger's fare is reduced by 75 cents.

In these tight economic times, SCT/Link is striving to do what it can to help people remain mobile and happy. Call SCT/Link at 209-745-3052 for more information.

## A Message from the City: What You Should Know About Stormwater

The storm drains on our streets are part of a citywide stormwater collection system that takes rainwater and various non-stormwater discharges, such as irrigation water run-off, and carries that water to nearby creeks where it then flows to the Cosumnes and Mokelumne Rivers. This water is not treated or cleaned before it reaches the creeks and rivers – what pollutants that may be carried away from our yards and streets by today's rain becomes part of tomorrow's river water. These pollutants can be harmful to aquatic life and detrimental to human uses.

Automobile oil and dirt from our streets, pesticides and herbicide residues from our yards, and sediment and cement products from construction sites all contribute to the pollutant load. Please do not pour motor oils and other pollutants and wastes down storm drain catch basin inlets. This is a violation of our local ordinance, along with State and Federal law, and can result in large fines – possibly as high as \$10,000. Anyone that witnesses an "illicit discharge" is urged to call the City of Galt Public Works Department at 366-7260.

The City of Galt asks that residents help protect the health of our creeks and rivers by doing the following:



- 1. Use pesticides and herbicides carefully and in moderation, making sure to check weather forecasts and avoiding the application of chemicals prior to rain.**
- 2. When cleaning oil and grease from driveways, sweep up absorbent materials once it has absorbed the mess, and place it in your garbage can. Don't hose it down the storm drains.**
- 3. Never wash or dump dirt, oil, paint, cement products, chemicals or other pollutants down the storm drains.**
- 4. Pool water can only be discharged to the storm system with prior written permission from the Director of Public Works. Provide test results from a pool service company to make certain chlorine and other chemicals have dissipated or have been removed.**

Thank you in advance for keeping our future water clean. Should you have any questions, call Public Works at 366-7260.

# Current Development Projects...

## Kentucky Fried Chicken/Long John Silvers Restaurant



The Kentucky Fried Chicken/Long John Silvers Restaurant in the Galt Village Shopping Center (Raley's Center) has decided to proceed with construction this year, so they have broken ground and expect to be open for business in November, 2009.



They are located on the west side of the shopping center in front of the Comfort Inn Hotel.

## Carillion Corners Shopping Center

Joining the Tractor Supply Company, Rite Aid, OP Nails, and Papa Murphy's in the Carillion Corners Shopping Center will be the Anytime Fitness Health Club. Look for the grand opening by the end of the year.

The shopping center is located at the southwest corner of Twin Cities Road and Carillion Boulevard.

## Galt Shopping (Stop & Shop) Center



It's complete! The Galt Stop & Shop Center facade upgrade is finished and looks great! The facade improvement included a raised parapet wall to hide the roof top equipment and covered walkways to provide the center with a modern appearance.

Parking lot improvements include landscape islands with trees and new and improved lighting.

Look for renovations to the small building in front of the center. It will soon match the rest of the center.

Some of the existing tenants will remain and the owner hopes to soon fill the vacant spaces with new stores.

## Galt Industrial Park's Newest Construction Projects

The Galt Industrial Park will be home to two new manufacturers that both create metal fabrication work. Peak Manufacturing is under construction on Industrial Court between BMD and Air Products, Inc. This business, relocated from Sacramento, creates a variety of fabricated, formed, machined or welded parts including residential roof and deck flashing, custom laser cutting, and art work for metal gates and signs.

Consolidated Fabricators is also constructing a new metal fabrication facility at 650 Live Oak Avenue, but this fabricating business will use primarily steel coil processing and roll forming to create metal studs and related products.

Both industries are welcome additions to the City of Galt!



Consolidated Fabricators

## Wal-Mart Project

The Walmart project continues to move forward. Staff is expecting to release the Draft Environmental Impact Report for public review and comment in the near future. Staff is also working on presenting the project design to the Architectural Review Committee (ARC). The proposed Walmart store is 133,279 square feet on eleven acres at the southeast corner of

Twin Cities Road and Fermoy Way. The building is proposed to be oriented toward Twin Cities Road with vehicle access points on Twin Cities Road and Fermoy Way. The store includes:



- 24,999 sq ft of grocery sales area
- 5,390 sq ft of indoor garden area
- 6,030 sq ft of outdoor garden area

In accordance with the City's Big Box Ordinance, the project is subject to approval of a Conditional Use Permit by the Galt Planning Commission. The project will be scheduled for a Planning Commission public hearing once the EIR is completed later this year.



# Capital Improvement Project Updates

## 2009 Pavement Rehabilitation Project

Work locations are on Elm Avenue from Lincoln Way to Oak Avenue, New Hope Road from 1st Street to Eric Circle, and C Street from Civic Drive to Lincoln Way. Work is expected from October until mid-December, 2009. These dates are tentative based on the weather and any other unforeseen conditions.

Construction activities include grinding, installation of asphalt concrete, and support work. Traffic detour will be provided during construction. Efforts will be made to minimize impact to local residents and businesses, but we ask for your patience and consideration.

All resident and business access will be kept open, but the City does ask affected residents and businesses to plan ahead when driving through the construction zones.

For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at 366-7260.

**SLOW  
CONSTRUCTION  
ZONE**

## 2009 Waterline Replacement Project

Work locations are at Elm Avenue, from Lincoln Way to Oak Avenue and Maple Avenue and alley, from Caroline to C Street. Work is expected from approximately September 1, 2009, to October 31, 2009. These dates are tentative based on the weather and any other unforeseen conditions. Construction activities include trenching, installation of new waterline, and support work. Traffic detour will be provided during construction.

Efforts will be made to minimize impact to local residents, but we ask for your patience and consideration. All resident and business access will be kept open but we ask affected residents to plan ahead when driving through the construction zone.

Contact Public Works Department at 366-7260 should you have questions.

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## Sewer Lateral Maintenance Reminder

In Galt, the maintenance of sewer laterals is the responsibility of the property owner. The City of Galt does not maintain sewer laterals.

In accordance with Section 14.10.100, Maintenance of Sewer Laterals, of the Galt Municipal Code, where premises are connected to the City sanitary sewer mains, it is the responsibility of the property owner, at the owner's expense, to maintain the sewer service lateral from the premises to the city owned and operated main line. Such maintenance shall include the removal of tree roots and other blockages.

The property owner is also responsible for repairs of the lateral line within the property boundaries. The City will repair damaged and deteriorated lateral lines in the City right-of-way at City expense unless damage was caused by the property owner.

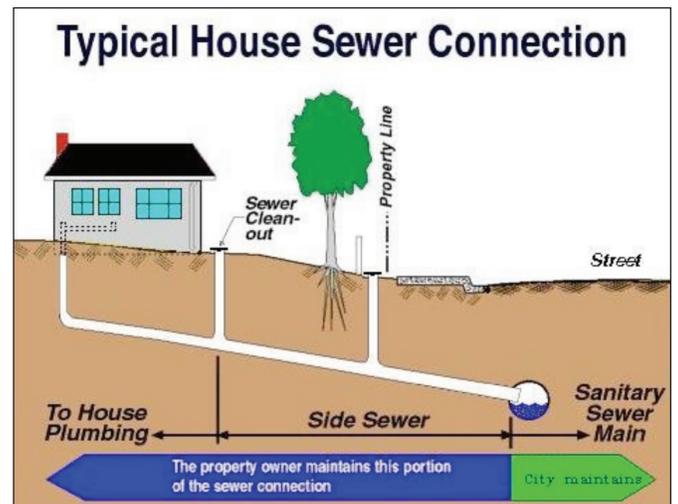
If a sewage back-up occurs, property owners should first call a plumber to check if the blockage is within the lateral. If not, the owner should then contact Public Works.

If the property owner believes that there is a lateral structural problem in the City right-of-way, the property owner needs to have the lateral televised and then provide a copy to the Streets Division.

If there is a structural problem in the right-of-way and it is not the result of negligence by the property owner, the City will make the repair at no cost to the property owner.

### Online Utilities Access Coming Soon!

Very soon you'll be able to access all of your City of Galt Utility information and pay your utility bill ONLINE at our website [www.ci.galt.ca.us](http://www.ci.galt.ca.us). Check your next utility bill for more information!



**This graphic illustrates responsibility for private lateral maintenance.**

# Halloween Safety



Halloween is a cherished tradition but the excitement of the night can cause children to forget to be careful. There is no real “trick” to making Halloween a real treat for the entire family. The major dangers are not from witches or spirits but rather from falls and pedestrian/car crashes.

Both children and adults need to think about safety on this annual day of make-believe.

**Motorists:** The National Safety Council urges motorists to be especially alert on Halloween.

- Watch for children darting out from between parked cars.
- Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully, and watch for children in dark clothing.

**Parents:** Before children start out on their “trick or treat” rounds, parents should:

- Make sure that an adult or older responsible youth will be supervising the outing for children under 12.
- Plan and discuss the route trick-or-treaters intend to follow. Know the names of older children’s companions.
- Instruct your children to travel only in familiar areas and along an established route.
- Teach your children to stop only at houses or apartments that are well-lit and never to enter a stranger’s home.
- Establish a return time.
- Tell your child not to eat any treat until they return home.
- Pin a slip of paper with the child’s name, address and phone number inside a pocket in case the youngster gets separated from the group.

**Costume Designs:** Only fire-retardant materials should be used for costumes.

- Costumes should be loose so warm clothes can be worn underneath and should not be so long that they are a tripping hazard.
- Outfits should be made with light colored materials. Strips of retro-reflective tape should be used to make children visible.

**Face Designs:** Masks can obstruct vision. Use facial make-up instead.

- When buying special Halloween makeup, check for packages containing ingredients that are labeled “Made with U.S. Approved Color Additives,” “Laboratory Tested,” Meets Federal Standards for Cosmetics,” or “Non-Toxic.” Follow manufacturer’s instruction for application.
- If masks are worn, they should have nose and mouth openings and large eye holes.

**Treats:** When in doubt, throw it out!

## Summer Youth Program

The City of Galt was fortunate to have eleven summer youth to help with the Carrillion Island Renovation Project. Two of the youth were from the Estrellita High School Program and nine of them were from the California Human Development agency.

All of the youth were local kids seeking job skills and experience in the field of Landscaping.

The funding for the nine kids from the California Human Development agency came from SETA, which was funded by President Obama’s 2009 Recovery Act.

The youth were trained in proper soil and irrigation preparation, different types of fertilizer for specific applications, how to check the roots and how to properly place the plants in the ground.

Approximately 3,000 plants and shrubs were planted. The Carrillion Island Renovation Project is a three year project and the kids were a perfect match for the project. The youth did a fantastic job and got the project off to a great start.



# Parks & Recreation Department

## STAR – Special Teens and Recreation Activities

The STAR Program has activities planned for every month. Adults and teens with special needs are invited to these events at the Chabolla Community Center from 7:00 to 9:00pm. The following dates have been reserved for STAR: October 9th and 30th, November 13th and December 4th.

For more information regarding the dates and the program, please call 366-7180.

## Youth Basketball Registration

Sign up now for the Youth Basketball program. Registration ends October 9th (1st grade registration ends on December 18th). The program will last approximately 10 weeks for all grade levels.

We are currently recruiting for volunteer coaches for all grade levels. Each coach must be fingerprinted through the Parks and Recreation Department prior to working with the youth. Sign up at the Parks and Recreation office.

For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department.



## Adult Basketball League

Registration is now through October 30, 2009. Games will be played from December 7th, 2009 until March 2010.

A fully completed registration form and all fees must be paid no later than October 30th in order to play in the League.

For more information, check out our website at [www.ci.galt.ca.us](http://www.ci.galt.ca.us) or call 366-7180.

## Youth T-Ball, Instructional & Girls' Softball Registration

The Parks & Recreation Department office will be taking registrations for T-ball, Instructional, and Girls Softball from January 4th through February 12th at the Department office located at 610 Chabolla Avenue. T-Ball is for boys and girls ages 5-6. Instructional is for boys and girls ages 7-8. Girls Softball is for young ladies ages 9-15. For information, call 366-7180.



## City Tots Preschool

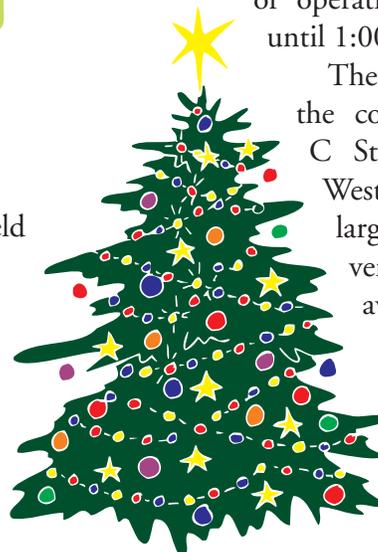
We currently still have a few openings for various classes. If you are interested in enrolling your 3 year old or 4 year old, please contact Parks and Recreation at 366-7180.

## Galt's Own Certified Farmers Market

Come visit your hometown Certified Farmers Market. Hours of operation are from 8:00am until 1:00pm.

The Market is located at the corner of Lincoln and C Streets in the Premier West Bank parking lot. A large assortment of other vendors and produce is available. The Market is open now through October 25.

For information, please contact Parks and Recreation at 366-7180.



## Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony

The City's Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on Friday, December 4th.

The festivities will begin at 6:30pm at the Littleton Community Center with Holiday songs to be performed by the City Tots Preschool Program and the Galt Community Choir, both fan favorites from years past.

Stick around after the Tree Lighting Ceremony when there will be an appearance by a "Special Guest".

For more information, please call 366-7180.

# SHRED IT!

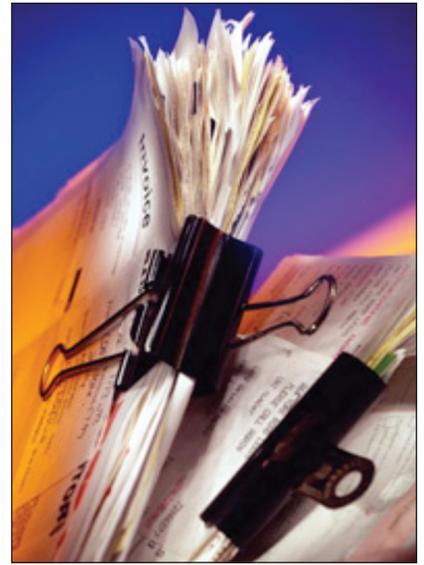
## Protect Your Personal Information

October 17th • 9:00am - 1:00pm • Galt Market

Private information isn't limited to bank statements, tax returns and legal documents and contracts. Printed confidential materials are produced daily from medical records to planning documents. As the fastest-growing form of fraud, identity theft threatens to destroy personal credit ratings as well as reputation and security. Governments and regulators around the world continue to develop legislation to help protect individuals but prevention is the best solution.

You can bring up to three file 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 your convenience, both of these events will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2009, from 9:00am to 1:00pm at the Galt Market.**

## Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off

October 17th • 9:00am - 1:00pm • Galt Market

Items to be collected for the household hazardous waste event include used oil, automotive fluids, batteries, pesticides, fertilizers, pool chemicals, solvents, used sharps, fluorescent tubes, medications, paint and old household cleaners. Tires are also accepted, but are limited to passenger vehicle size. You must be a resident of the City of Galt (residing within the city limits). Please bring proof of residency or a utility statement.



## Bulky Waste Collection

As a reminder, each residence can receive Bulky Waste Collection Service up to two (2) times in 2009 by telephoning California Waste Recovery Systems office at 369-6887 to request service. Cal Waste will come to your house and pick up your bulky waste on your next regularly scheduled service day.

You can get more information about this collection service online at [www.cal-waste.com/newsletter/newsletter.pdf](http://www.cal-waste.com/newsletter/newsletter.pdf).

## City of Galt Blood Drive

BloodSource welcomes blood donors, rain or shine, to centers and mobile drives during November. BloodSource blood donors give hope to accident victims, surgery patients, cancer patients and many others in need. Thanks to the generosity of BloodSource blood donors throughout Northern and Central California, BloodSource provides blood to patients from Merced to the Oregon border, from Vacaville to Lake Tahoe. And you can save up to three lives by donating blood at BloodSource centers or mobile drives.

Mitzy Edgcomb, BloodSource Director of Operations, remarks, "We are grateful to blood donors for taking time out of their busy schedules to help others. A safe and plentiful blood supply for our community, readily available for patients in need, is a remarkable achievement due to BloodSource blood donors. Their gifts truly save lives."

### Save lives today by donating at:

The City of Galt blood drive on Monday, November 9th from 3:30pm to 6:30pm at the Littleton Center, 380 Civic Drive. For more information please call BloodSource at (916) 453-3045.

Donating blood is safe, easy and takes about an hour. Blood donors must weigh at least 110 pounds, be in good general health and 17 years old or older, 16 with a signed parental consent form. BloodSource consent forms are located at [www.bloodsource.org/schools](http://www.bloodsource.org/schools). There is no upper age limit for blood donations.



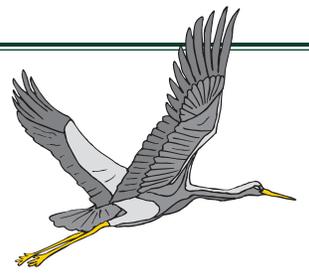
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**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 30<sup>TH</sup> • 2010**



## **3RD ANNUAL WINTER BIRD FESTIVAL**

free admission  
arts & crafts  
free kid's activities  
bird tours  
guest speakers  
live animal demonstrations  
local food vendors



### **City Hall Information**

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(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  
9:00am to 5:00pm

City Council Meetings  
1st & 3rd Tuesday  
Council Chambers  
7:00pm

## **A CELEBRATION OF BIRDS & FAMILY FUN!**

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