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Special Dates

July 1st	City Council Meeting
July 4th	Fireworks Spectacular
July 10th	Planning Commission Meeting
July 15th	City Council Meeting
July 19th	Shred-It Event
August 5th	City Council Meeting
August 19th	City Council Meeting
September 1st	Holiday Labor Day
September 9th	City Council Meeting
September 16th	City Council Meeting

Fireworks Spectacular!

Friday, July 4th • Veteran's Soccer Field



The City of Galt is sponsoring the 2008 Fireworks Program. The show will be on Friday, July 4th. Come to the Veterans Soccer Field beginning at 5:30pm. Fireworks will begin at approximately 9:30pm. For more information, please call 366-7180.



Shred Your Personal Information

July 19th • 9:00am to 1:00pm • Galt Market Grounds

Private information isn't limited to bank statements, tax returns and legal documents or contracts. Confidential materials are printed 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. Bring your documents to the Galt Market grounds on Saturday, July 19th from 9:00am until 1:00pm. You can shred up to three file boxes full of documents, or one full garbage bag. You must be a resident of the City of Galt (residing within the city limits). Please bring proof of residency or a utility statement.



Park Master Plan Update



Please get involved in the future of the parks and facilities in your community. Please take the time to complete the Park Master Plan Survey. The surveys are located at the Parks and Recreation Department office located at 610 Chabolla Avenue, the Gora Aquatic Center located at 630 Chabolla Avenue, the Marion Lawrence Library or online at www.ci.galt.ca.us.

The second Community Workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, August 13th at 7:00pm at the Chabolla Community Center. We will begin working on the conceptual designs for 3 future parks at this important workshop. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Boyce Jeffries at 366-7180.

Youth Basketball

Registration is the month of September thru October 10th. Late registration is October 13th to 17th (\$20.00 late fee also due). Try-outs will be October 25th. The season is November 2008 thru February 2009. After October 17th, a waiting list will be kept for late registrations.

Magic!

Galt Parks & Recreation proudly presents the Magic of Jonathan Lopez on September 13th from 7:00pm until 8:00pm at the Littleton Community Center. Fun, thrills and chills await participants of all ages as the illusionist performs feats of prestidigitation and death defying acts of magic. Birds will appear in the blink of an eye, a woman will be "sawed in half" and acts of levitation will amaze you. Tricks so unbelievable you won't believe your eyes! Tickets available at the door.

Fees:	\$5.00	12 years and older
	\$4.00	Seniors (60+ years of age)
	\$3.00	3-11 years of age
	FREE	under 3 years of age



Capital Improvement Project Updates

Bus Shelter Improvements

The City Public Works Department crews installed bus shelters, benches, solar lighting, and trash receptacles at Civic Drive in front of City Hall and in front of F&M Bank. Comfrey Senior Housing and Valley Oaks Senior Village also received bus shelters.



This project is part of the City's Capital Improvement Program to provide comfort to passengers as well as improve transit ridership and visibility in the community.

The program is budgeted to provide four more shelters during next 5 years at locations to best service the Dial-a-Ride program.



Pedestrian Safety Grants Received

The City recently received approximately \$472,000 from the California State Legislative Safe Routes to School (SR2S) grant funding program and \$325,000 from State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Improvements Funds. The SR2S program provides funding for infrastructure improvement projects intended to improve safety and heighten awareness of both pedestrians and motorists within school zones and along routes to school. STIP Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Improvements funds are used for a wide variety of pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure projects.

The proposed improvements include the installation of flashing beacons at Valley Oaks Elementary School, permanent radar speed advisory signs and flashing beacons at Greer Middle School and River Oaks Elementary School, and flashing beacons and in-pavement crosswalk lights at Marengo Ranch Elementary School, McCaffrey Middle School, and Lake Canyon Elementary School.

Improved pedestrian crossings over the UPRR tracks at Carillion Boulevard, A Street, C Street, F Street, Elm at Industrial, Elm at McFarland, and Kost Road are also scheduled for completion. Design and coordination work with UPRR has begun with construction anticipated to begin by Spring 2009.

Water Meter Implementation Plan Workshop

In accordance with state law, all water services installed after January 1, 1992 must be metered by January 1, 2010. The remaining water services (those installed prior to 1992) must be metered prior to January 2025.

To accomplish this, Public Works and our consultant, HDR Engineering, are nearing completion of a Water Meter Implementation Plan. The implementation plan, which will be presented to Council for approval, will call for the installation of approximately 3,260 water meters in 2009 and will contain recommendations for deployment alternatives and funding strategies to install the remaining approximately 3,500 services. The implementation plan is being prepared in conjunction with a comprehensive water and wastewater service rate study. As part of the overall project, a public workshop will be held to share the proposed meter installation program and rate structure recommendation with the public and to solicit feedback prior to finalizing the study and presenting it to Council. Although an exact date was not established as of the date of printing, the workshop is tentatively scheduled for July/August 2008. The final date and time will be announced.

For more information contact Public Works at (209) 366-7260.



Public Safety Plan... Citizen's Advisory Group Moves Forward

As you know, gang violence and drug use in Galt is on the rise. Unfortunately, because of lack of funds, there are not enough police on the streets to fight these problems. To address these urgent safety needs, our City, Police Officers and Police Chief have been working with the community to evaluate and prioritize Galt's public safety needs.

Members of our Police Department have given over 30 Public Safety presentations to groups such as the Chamber of Commerce, PTA, School Board and other community service organizations to discuss Galt's safety needs, answer your questions, and solicit feedback on potential next steps.

We've also heard from over 700 local residents telling us what our community safety priorities should be. Overwhelmingly, your neighbors have expressed a need to reduce gang and drug-related crimes, hire more anti-gang and anti-drug officers, and increase police patrols in neighborhoods and schools.

An ad hoc Citizens Advisory Committee has been formed to create a Public Safety Plan to address the community's needs. The Public Safety Plan is being refined to include:

- *More police officers to patrol our streets and arrest criminals and parole violators*
- *Police patrols to protect our neighborhoods, parks and schools*
- *Youth gang and drug prevention programs*
- *Advanced police training*
- *Code enforcement on graffiti and vacant buildings*
- *Participate in County anti-gang and anti-drug programs*

If you haven't yet filled out our community public safety survey, visit our website at www.ci.galt.ca.us and complete it on-line. We look forward to getting your feedback!



Exercise Your Freedom!

The City of Galt will hold a General Municipal Election on Tuesday, November 4, 2008. The last day to register to vote in this election is October 20, 2008, but it's always better to register early to assure you receive all the written materials from the Registrar of Voters, which includes the sample ballot.

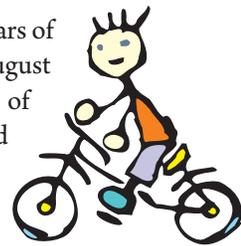
Voters will elect two council members, the city clerk and city treasurer. Authority and responsibility for legislative enactment is vested in council members elected by all the people to serve as representatives of all the people. Members are elected at-large on a non-partisan basis and serve a four-year term.

If you have any questions, please contact the city clerk's office at (209) 366-7130 or via e-mail at Laguire@ci.galt.ca.us.

Kids in the Park

Our Kids in the Park program is available to all kids 5-12 years of age. This program is Mondays thru Fridays, June 30th until August 1st (closed July 4th) at the Galt Community Park (corner of Walnut and Carillion) from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Waivers and emergency paperwork must be filled out prior to attending any part of the program. Pre-Registration is also required for participation in the program. For more information, please call 366-7180.

- Fees:** **\$50.00 Resident**
\$70.00 Non-Resident in High School District
\$75.00 Non-Resident outside High School District



Economic Development Roadmap

On May 7th, the Galt City Council in a joint session with the Economic Development Task Force accepted an Economic Development Roadmap created by Chabin Concepts. It was the City's first economic development plan.

The Roadmap focuses on four strategic initiatives - Business Climate and Image, Old Town, Retention and Attraction of Retail niches and Retention and Attraction of Manufacturers.

The Council agreed on immediate actions to create a unified brand to be used in banners, billboards, way signage and marketing, as well as urban design concepts to create a sense of place and tie the Central Business District to the historic Old Town.

The City has scheduled a community workshop to review urban design concepts and the proposed C Street Commercial Corridor Illustrative Plan to be developed by Bramare Design. The community workshop is scheduled for Thursday, July 10th at 6:30 pm at City Hall. Resident and business participation is desired to ensure that the design is reflective of the image and character desired by the community.

New Interactive Voice Response System

Now Available!

24-7 Access to your Utility Account Information and Pay-by-Phone with a credit card* available for your City of Galt Utility bill. Now you may call the Finance Department at 366-7150 at your convenience, 24 hours a day, seven days per week!

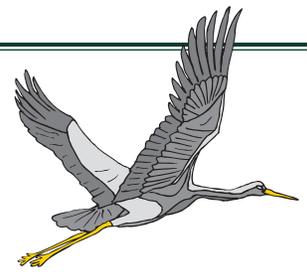
Using the City's new Interactive Voice Response system the following is now available, at your fingertips!



* Convenience fee applies

- Account balance, including current charges and unpaid balances
- Date and amount of last payment
- Scheduled date for the next bill
- Date and amount of the last bill
- Ability to request a fax copy of account information.
- Easily transfer to customer service personnel during office hours

You may also choose to pay your bill over the phone using your MasterCard or Visa*.



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
9:00am to 5:00pm

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

Unclaimed Property

Each year various checks become stale dated if they remain uncashed after six (6) months from the date of issuance. A list of these items can be found on the City of Galt's web site at www.ci.galt.ca.us, link to the Finance Department, Unclaimed Property. Download and complete the "Request For Replacement of Lost, Stolen or Stale Dated Check" form and bring to the Finance Department, 380 Civic Drive.

Identification will be required when submitting this form. A copy of the Unclaimed Property List and form are available at the City Clerk's office as well.



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