



GALT CONNECTIONS

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SPECIAL DATES

- **Oct 16th**—City Council Meeting
- **Nov. 6th**—City Council Meeting
- **Nov 12th**—Holiday-Veterans Day
- **Nov 14th**—Rec. Comm. Meeting
- **Nov 15th**—Planning Commission Meeting
- **Nov. 20th**—City Council Meeting
- **Nov 22-23**-Holiday-Thanksgiving
- **Nov. 30th**—Holiday Tree Lighting
- **Dec. 12th**—Blood Drive, City Hall

BULKY WASTE COLLECTION

Bulky Waste Curbside Collection will now be held two times each year and will replace the annual cleanup at the Galt Market. The first curbside collection will be held on your regular service day the week of OCTOBER 22, 2007.

You may place up to FOUR (4) cubic yards of material at the curb. The materials may include items such as furniture, carpet, mattresses, clothing, green waste, appliances and electronic waste. Containers with loose items must not exceed sixty (60) pounds or be larger than four feet by four feet (4x4x2). Large green waste such as tree trunks and branches must not exceed two feet in diameter and five feet in length. Refrigerators, freezers and other appliances requiring the CERTIFIED evacuation of Freon may only be included in Bulky Waste if the resident calls the City prior to the collection and agrees to pay the \$30 per unit removal charge. If you have a working refrigerator to dispose of, please see the information regarding the SMUD program inside this brochure.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and tires may not be placed at the curb. Additional information regarding the bulky waste collection will be mailed prior to the event.

The City's recently amended solid waste ordinance now requires all home owners to remove garbage carts from the street within 30 hours of placing them at the curb. The carts must be removed to a location that is not visible from a public street or sidewalk. This change is intended to improve the appearance of neighborhoods.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF EVENT

Household Hazardous Waste drop-off events will now be held twice per year. The first event will be held on Saturday, Oct. 27, 2007 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Galt Market. Items to be collected include used oil, automotive fluids, batteries, pesticides, pool chemicals, solvents, used sharps, fluorescent tubes, medications, paint and old household cleaners. Tires will also be accepted at the event. Proof of Galt residency is required.



GALT WINTER BIRD FESTIVAL



Mark your calendars. The 1st Annual Winter Bird Festival will be held on Saturday, Jan. 12, 2008 at Chabolla Center, 600 Chabolla Ave. from 9:00am-5:00pm. Contact www.ci.galt.ca.us or a 24 hour recorded information line 209-366-7220.

BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWALS

Current Business Licenses will expire Dec. 31, 2007 Individual renewal notices will be mailed Nov. 16, 2007. The business license fee for Jan. 1, 2008 through Dec. 31, 2008 is as follows:

****First owner or employee—\$40.00 **Each additional employee—\$10.00**

If you do not receive your renewal notice by December 1, 2007, please contact the City of Galt Finance Department at (209) 366-7150 or procha@ci.galt.ca.us. Be sure to include your name and license number when contacting the Finance Department.



**** REGARDING GARAGE SALE SIGNS**

The Galt Beautification Committee would like to remind the community that posting garage sale or advertising signs within the public right of way is a violation of Galt Municipal Code section 18.40.120 and is strongly discouraged. This would include posting any sign on a utility pole, street sign or grassy area maintained by the City of Galt. Our Public Works and Parks & Recreation Department staff must take time out of their schedules to remove these signs at a cost to all tax payers. Please remember when planning a garage sale to post your signs on private property only with permission of the owner. As a common courtesy to the community, remember to remove your signs following the sale.



**COMMUNITY REMINDER
* ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN***

Fall season is beginning. Rain, trash and leaves can lead to plugged storm drain inlets and street flooding. Please do your part in keeping the rains draining.

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

Title 8 of the Galt Municipal Code requires keeping streets and gutters clear of debris and Title 16 protects storm water quality. If you need assistance or have any questions, call the Public Works Department, 366-7260.

RECREATION



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 7:00-9:00pm. The following dates have been reserved for the remainder of the year for STAR: Oct. 5th and 26th, Nov. 16th and 30th and Dec. 21st.

Teen Dance—7th and 8th Grade—Enjoy music and dancing with your friends on Oct. 13th from 7:00-9:00pm at the Chabolla Community Center (600 Chabolla Avenue, Galt). This event is for 7th and 8th grade students only! The cost is \$2.00/ person. Bring your student ID for admission to the dance (you will not be admitted without it). Each participant must also have a waiver signed by a parent/guardian in order to gain admittance to this dance. The dance ends promptly at 9:00pm. A parent/guardian must be present in order for you to leave the community center, no exceptions.



Youth Basketball Registration—Sign up now for the Youth Basketball program. Registration is now through Oct. 19th (1st grade registration ends on Nov. 23rd). The program begins in December and will last approximately 10 weeks. Fees are as follows (non-resident fees will also apply):

1st grade-\$25.00 2nd – 3rd grade-\$27.50 4th grade-\$35.00 5th- 6th grade-\$47.50 7th – 10th grade-\$52.50

We are currently recruiting for volunteer coaches for all grade levels. Each coach must be fingerprinted (cost charged to the City) prior to working with the youth. Fingerprinting forms can be picked up at the Recreation office.

Youth T-Ball, Instructional and Girls’ Softball Registration—The Recreation office will be taking registrations for T-ball, Instructional, and Girls Softball from Jan. 2nd through Feb. 8th at the Recreation office. T-Ball is for boys and girls ages 5-6, Instructional is for boys and girls ages 7-8 and Girls Softball is for young ladies ages 9-15.

Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony—The City’s Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on Friday, Nov. 30th. The festivities will begin at 6:30pm at the Littleton Community Center with Holiday songs by the City Tots Preschool and the Galt Community Choir. After the Tree Lighting Ceremony, there will be an appearance by a “Special Guest”.



Community Concert—The Galt Community Choir will be performing on Dec. 15th and 16th for their annual Holiday Concerts at the Galt High School Auditorium.

For more information on all of the programs listed above, please call (209) 366-7180 or check out our website at www.ci.galt.ca.us.

GALT GENERAL PLAN UPDATE 2030 NEARING PUBLIC REVIEW DRAFT

The Proposed Galt General Plan Update: 2030 Project sets out a long-term vision for Galt’s growth and outlines policies, standards, and programs to guide day-to-day decisions concerning Galt’s development through the year 2030. Designed to meet State planning requirements, the General Plan consists of two documents: The Existing Conditions Report and the Policy Document. The Existing Conditions Report is found under separate cover and was previously released for public review in December, 2005. It inventories and analyzes the existing conditions and trends in Galt, and provides the formal supporting documentation for general plan policies.

For the past several months, the City has been working to complete the Policy Document of the Galt General Plan: 2030. This policy document contains explicit statements of goals, policies, standards, implementation programs, and quantified objectives that will constitute the formal policy of the City of Galt for land use, development, and environmental quality. The policy document is divided into an Introduction/Summary plus ten elements or chapters as follows:

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| √ Land Use | √ Public Facilities and Services |
| √ Community Character | √ Conversation and Open Space |
| √ Circulation | √ Historic Resources |
| √ Economic Development | √ Safety and Seismic |
| √ Housing** | √ Noise |

**The Housing Element is on a separate update schedule mandated by the State (June 30, 2008) and will follow shortly after the rest of the elements and be advertised separately.*

The various General Plan elements noted above (except Housing) have now been completed in “workshop draft” form and the Galt Planning Commission held a number of public workshops in late August through early October to review each of them.

The City will now take this information and create a Public Review Draft General Plan 2030 and Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Project. These documents will be advertised when they are ready for public review and public hearings are scheduled before the Galt Planning Commission and Galt City Council later this year.

We encourage you to participate in this important project! For more information or to review any of the information noted herein, please visit our website at <http://www.ci.galt.ca.us> and click on the General Plan 2030 icon or call Sandra Kiriou, Principal Planner at 209-366-7230 or e-mail skiriou@ci.galt.ca.us. If you would like to be notified of upcoming meetings and events, please contact us with your mailing/e-mail address and we’d be happy to add you to our direct notification list.

FORM W-9

The City of Galt is required by the Internal Revenue Service to obtain a correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) from various vendors to whom the City has made payment to for items such as services rendered and/or real estate transactions. Failure to furnish your correct TIN to the City of Galt subjects you to a 29% backup withholding, in addition to a \$50 penalty. These penalties can be deducted from subsequent payments if an accurate W-9 Form is not provided to the City in a reasonable time period.

If you have received a W-9 form from the City of Galt requesting this information, please ensure it’s immediate return to the City. Thank you in advance for your timely response.



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 also available at the City Clerk’s office.

CONSTRUCTION ALERT FALL/WINTER 2007



The following ongoing and/or anticipated City and private development construction projects within the City of Galt may inconvenience the public due to lane closures and/or interruptions in traffic:

Private Development

- SE corner of the intersection of Pringle Ave and Industrial Dr.
- N. Lincoln Way, just south of Pringle Ave. Chabolla Ave.

City Projects

Sidewalk-ADA Improvements 2007-08

- Palin Ave.
- Myrtle Ave.
- Elm Ave. from Oak Ave. to Lincoln Way
- E St. from Lincoln Way to Fourth St.
- A St.

Monterey Park/ Monterey Bay Well & Pipeline

- South side of Twin Cities Rd. in vicinity of Monterey Park
- Monterey Park Court

—Lakepark Ave. from Monterey Park Ct. to Carillion Blvd.
—Carillion Blvd. from Lakepark Ave. to Lake Canyon Park
Roundstone Park

—Roundstone Dr. and Stoneygate Dr.

Crosswalk Safety Improvements

- Various locations
- Bus Shelter Improvements
- Various Locations



ALLOWABLE CONSTRUCTION HOURS

Generally speaking, construction within the City's road rights-of-way is permitted between 6:00 AM and 8:00 PM, weekdays, and between 7:00 AM and 8:00 PM on Saturdays and Sundays, based on current noise regulations included in the Galt Municipal Code. Permittees may request, in writing, a variance to work at other times in the City's rights-of-way, subject to the City's approval.

CITY HALL INFORMATION

City Hall Information
366-7130

City Website
www.ci.galt.ca.us

City E-Mail Address
clerk@ci.galt.ca.us

City Office Hours
9:00 am—5:00 pm

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



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