



GALT CONNECTIONS

A City Working For You

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SPECIAL DATES

- **Apr. 11th** —Parks & Rec. Meeting
- **Apr. 12th**—Planning Commission Meeting
- **Apr. 17th**—City Council Meeting
- **Apr. 22nd** —**GALT CLEAN-UP DAY**
- **May 1st** —City Council Meeting
- **May 9th** —Parks & Rec. Meeting
- **May 10th**—Planning Commission Meeting
- **May 15th** —City Council Meeting
- **June 20th**—Galt Blood Drive-Littleton Center

CLEAN-UP DAY



Clean-out those closets, garages and clean-up your yards . . . Galt Clean-Up Day is just around the corner. On April 22nd, 9am-2pm at the Galt Market grounds, Galt citizens can dispose of yard and garden waste, hazardous waste, furniture, tires, appliances, etc. free of charge.



Once again, the City will be accepting hazardous waste items. Please refer to the enclosed flyer for acceptable and non-acceptable hazardous waste items. **Since you are not allowed to exit your vehicle in the hazardous waste site area, all items must be easily accessible for the hazardous waste staff to unload. Staff will not remove regular trash items to gain access to your hazardous waste and once again, you will not be allowed out of your vehicle. In such cases, you will be directed to dispose of your regular trash first and then routed back in line to dispose of your hazardous waste.**

Beginning this year, garbage and hazardous waste pick-up are limited to citizens with backyard service who have provided the required documentation. Those that qualify can contact the City Clerk's office after April 16th at 366-7130 to schedule a pick-up. Items must be bagged, bundled or boxed and placed in the driveway. There is a limit of items that can be picked-up so please call for more information. **Please note that the household hazardous waste curbside pick-up is scheduled for Saturday, April 21st.**

Each month citizens pay 70 cents on their utility bill to finance the event therefore, participants **MUST** live within the Galt City limits. Participants must bring a City utility bill **and** a California Driver's License or ID card. Residents of unincorporated Sacramento County may call (916) 363-9390 or go to www.sacreteam.com for information on County Household Hazardous Waste events. No business or industrial waste is permitted.

City staff, parks and recreation and public works employees will be on duty to work the waste removal event. So, clean out your closets and clean-up your yards, sheds, garages, etc. and take advantage of this event. For more information, call 366-7130.

- Schedule your City of Galt Utility payments monthly through the Direct Payment program

- Sign up for monthly automatic debits to your checking account

- Pay your bill automatically in two equal monthly payments

- You will continue to receive your bimonthly billing statement.

For more information and an application call 366-7150 or visit our website at www.ci.galt.ca.us and click on the Finance Department link.



*City of Galt Finance Department
Utility Billing & Collections
380 Civic Drive, Galt, CA 95632*

- ◆ No more waiting in lines
- ◆ No more checks to write
- ◆ No postage or mailing
- ◆ No worries about late

Balance Your Monthly Budget!

FIRE HYDRANT INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

The Public Works Department has started its annual hydrant maintenance, inspection, and testing program. The program involves the inspection and maintenance of approximately 860 hydrants citywide. Each hydrant inspection takes approximately 20 minutes. When hydrants near your home are exercised, you may expect to see a temporary discoloration of your water. This discoloration is due to velocity flows that scour rust particles from the inside of iron water mains. While most of the rust is flushed from the pipe, a small amount may remain suspended in the water. This rust is not hazardous; however, it could cause staining of clothing or water appliances. If you experience discolored water, run the outside hose bib closest to your water service until your water runs clear (should take approximately 10 to 15 minutes). If your water does not clear up after 10 to 15 minutes, please call the City of Galt, Public Works Department at (209) 366-7260.



The program began the first week of January 2007 and should be completed by June 2007; however, this schedule is subject to change. This schedule can be viewed by visiting the City's web site at www.ci.galt.ca.us. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

YOUTH COMMITTEE

The Youth Committee voted to co-sponsor the Health Faire at Galt High School on May 5th. Various health screenings will be available. This event is free and open to the public. Vendors with health related products are invited to attend. Contact Becky Cook at 745-3081, ext 2049.

The scholarships for Estrellita High School will be funded by a Turkey Dinner on the 10th of April. Tickets are \$10 and \$5 for children and are available at 745-3935.

Amended by-laws were approved and will be submitted to the City Council shortly. The committee will soon be taking applications for youth members. It is expected that members will rotate in presenting the Youth Committee activities to the city council at the Council meetings.

The Youth Committee will also be assisting with the Galt Festival.

SPRING RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Gora Aquatic Center - The Gora Aquatic Center will be accepting registrations for all aquatics programs. Programs include the Galt Gators Recreational Swim Team, Swim Lessons, Lifeguard Training classes. You can also purchase various individual and family passes. For more information on these programs, please visit the City's website (www.ci.galt.ca.us) or call 366-7180. Currently, all registrations are taking place at the Parks and Recreation Department located at 610 Chabolla Avenue. The Aquatic Center will officially open for the 2007 Season on Saturday, May 26th.



Adult Sports Registration — The Parks and Recreation Department will be accepting registrations for this Summer Mens and Coed Softball teams April 16 - May 31, 2007. For more information, please call 366-7180.



City Tots - Registration for the 2007-2008 City Tots Preschool Program will begin for the public on June 1st. The class year is August 1, 2007 – May 23, 2008. This program is available to 3 year olds (must be 3 by December 2, 2007) and 4 year olds (must be 4 by December 2, 2007). The 3-year-old class will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30am – 10:30am. There are three (3) 4 year old classes to choose from: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 7:30am-10:30am, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 11:00am-2:00pm, and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00am – 2:00pm. For more information, please call 366-7180.



"A Day at the Park" - The Parks and Recreation Department is hosting "A Day at the Park" events this summer. The first event will be held at Meadowview Park from 6:00-8:00pm on Thursday, May 3rd. The second event will be Saturday, June 23rd at Emerald Vista Park. These family-oriented events are free to everyone! Come out to the parks and enjoy arts & crafts, games and activities. For more information, please call 366-7180.



Central Galt Interchange Draft Environmental Impact Report

An informational public meeting will be held **April 11, 2007, at 7pm** in the Galt Police Department Anthony Pescetti Community Room at 455 Industrial Drive.

CENTRAL GALT INTERCHANGE PROJECT DESIGN UPDATE

The final two design alternatives have been thoroughly analyzed and are documented in the Draft Environmental Assessment/ Environmental Impact Report (EIR/EA) which is now available for a 45-day public review and comment period beginning March 14, 2007, and ending on April 30, 2007, at 5pm. The Draft EIR/EA is available for review at City Hall, at the Planning Department, and at the Marion Lawrence Library. The document is also available for download from the City's website at www.ci.galt.ca.us under the Planning Department link.

During the public review period, interested and concerned individuals or public agencies are invited to submit written comments to the City of Galt Planning Department Attn: Sandra Kiriou, 495 Industrial Drive, Galt, CA 95632, or by fax to (209) 744-1642, or email to planning@ci.galt.ca.us. **Comments must be received by April 30, 2007, at 5pm.**

ATTENTION ALL SENIORS

On April 28, 2007, a Senior Safety Forum will be held for all south county residents at the senior center of Elk Grove. The Forum will provide workshops on a variety of subjects including ATM and parking lot safety, identity theft, financial abuse, fall protection, emergency preparedness, the vial of life, choosing the right doctor/questions to ask. For more information, call (209) 366-7114.

THE GALT MARKET

Open Tuesday and Wednesday at 6:00 am. Call (209) 366-7160 for more information.



BLOOD DRIVE JUNE 20, 2007

**BLOODSOURCE AND BASKIN-ROBBINS
OFFERS**

"A PINT FOR A PINT"

Thanking donors in thirty-one-der-ful ways

City of Galt Blood Drive

Wednesday, June 20th

3:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Open to the Public

Littleton Center, Civic Drive

For further information contact

the Galt City Clerk's Office

(209) 366-7130

COUNCIL APPROVES NEW UTILITY RATES EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2007

On February 20, 2007, the City Council approved the 2007 Utility Rates Adjustment recommended by City Staff. These rates become effective March 1, 2007, and are to be shown on bills mailed to customers around April 1, 2007. Water, wastewater, and Tier 2 storm drain rates were adjusted by an inflationary 2.8% while Tier 1 storm drain rates remained the same. In addition to the annual across-the-board inflationary increase, Council approved larger increases for select specific fees. The first of these were the special penalty fees for late payment and re-establishing water service following shutoff. The second larger recommended fee increase was to the "Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Upgrade Account Fee" from \$10.00/ residence (or equivalent) per month to \$25.00/ residence (or equivalent) per month. The funds collected from this fee will be used exclusively to pay for engineering and improvements for the upgrade of the WWTP which are estimated at \$50 million. If you have any questions about the new rates, please contact Public Works at 366-7260.

PREPARE YOUR SPRINKLER SYSTEM FOR SUMMER



Galt residents have kept their sprinkler systems off all during the past winter rainy season, right? Now that spring is finally upon us, no doubt residents need to spend some time to prepare their irrigation systems for the warm, dry weather ahead. When they do, residents are asked to heed a few water saving recommendations from our Public Works Department.

- **PROVIDE WATER HOSES WITH AUTOMATIC SHUT-OFF NOZZLES for use when watering lawns or gardens and washing equipment, vehicles, and similar uses.
- **CHECK FOR LEAKS. Repair all leaking water lines and sprinkler systems promptly.
- **OBSERVE LAWN SPRINKLERS in operation. Note how many minutes pass before water begins to run-off into the street. Avoid run-off; reduce landscape irrigation system schedule run times.
- **ADJUST SPRINKLER HEADS to water the lawn, not the sidewalk or driveway.
- **REPLACE CLOGGED EMITTERS OR NOZZLES. A well maintained system will keep plants greener.
- **AVOID IRRIGATING BETWEEN 5 TO 9 AM AND 6 TO 10 PM. These are the times of highest water usage, and also the times when pressure is lowest.
- **AVOID IRRIGATING DURING THE HOTTEST TIME OF DAY, when evaporation is greatest.
- **AERATE LAWN TO IMPROVE ABSORPTION. This will reduce runoff.
- **CONSIDER REPLACING SOME TURF AREAS WITH MORE WATER EFFICIENT TYPE GROUND COVERS. When combined with water efficient modifications to irrigation systems, this measure can provide permanent water savings.

It is important for us all to utilize water efficiently to assure a continued sufficient water supply. THANK YOU!

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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