



GALT CONNECTIONS

A City Working For You

Volume 05, Issue 2

April, 2005

Inside this issue:

Galt Clean-Up Day	1
Daffodils	1
Recreational Activities	2
I Love Galt	2
Unclaimed Property	2
Water Conservation	3
Galt Interchange	3
Blood Drive	3
Construction Alert	4

SPECIAL DATES

- **Apr. 13th** —Parks & Rec. Meeting
- **Apr. 14th**—Planning Commission Meeting
- **Apr. 17th**—**GALT CLEAN-UP DAY**
- **Apr. 19th**—City Council Meeting
- **Apr. 26th**—Special City Council Meeting
- **May 3rd**—City Council Meeting
- **June 1st**—*Galt Blood Drive* Meeting
- **June 22nd** —Central Galt Interchange Meeting (See pg. 3 for details)

GALT CLEAN-UP DAY



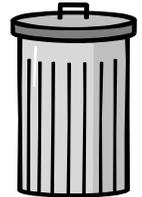
Clean-out those closets, garages and clean-up your yards . . . Galt Clean-Up Day is just around the corner. On April 17th, from 9am-2pm at the Galt Market grounds, Galt citizens can dispose of yard and garden waste, hazardous waste, furniture, tires, appliances, etc. free of charge.

This year as in past years, the City will be accepting hazardous waste which includes paint, batteries, TV's, fertilizers, computer monitors, household cleaners and propane tanks. **All hazardous waste must be dumped before continuing to the main dumping stations and must be accessible and on top of any trash items.** Explosives, biomedical and radioactive waste will not be accepted.

Tips for safe transport of hazardous waste include insuring all caps are tightly secured, stand items in boxes or other containers to prevent spillage and box like products together.

Senior citizens can contact the City Clerk's office (366-7130) to schedule a pick-up. Items must be bagged, bundled or boxed and be placed in the driveway. There is a limit of items that can be picked-up so please call for more information.

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 or a California Driver's License or ID card. Residents of unincorporated Sacramento County may call (916) 363-9390 for information on County Household Hazardous Waste events. No business or industrial waste is permitted.



City staff will volunteer their time while parks and recreation and public works employees will be on duty to work the waste removal event.

So, clean out your closets, yards, sheds, garages, etc. and take advantage of this event. For more information, call 366-7130.

DAFFODILS ARE IN BLOOM



On October 30, 2004 over 40 volunteers helped plant approximately 3,000 daffodil bulbs around City Hall, Library, Parks & Recreation Office, Galt High School and local post office. With the coming of spring we can now all enjoy the beautiful site of blooming daffodils. The event is called "Seeds of Hope" and is sponsored by the City of Galt in cooperation with the American Cancer Society whose goal is to bring awareness of cancer, and the research being done to fight cancer, to the community and to spread hope by the spreading of daffodils.

In the fall of 2005, we will once again plant thousands of daffodil bulbs throughout the community. If you would like to participate, please contact Patti Rocha 366-7146.

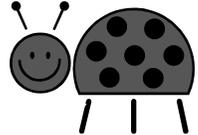


Marion O. Lawrence Library—2005

I LOVE GALT

The Galt City Council has endorsed a new program entitled *I Love Galt*. The *I Love Galt* program is a bold volunteer recruitment initiative that seeks an army of citizens to actively participate in existing community service programs like the police department's volunteer patrol and neighborhood watch programs, the parks and recreation department's adopt-a-park program and assist the Galt Beautification Committee in its various efforts at improving the aesthetics of our city.

I Love Galt seeks to focus on the youth of our community, both as a forum in which they can become actively involved in community outreach as well as provide young people with admirable examples of adults involved in their community. The *I Love Galt* committee will be meeting soon to organize interested youth and adults to take on this important community effort. Please consider your own involvement in our city. Your support means our city's success in creating a home town we all know and love.



UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

Each year various checks become stale dated if they remain un-cashed 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.

SPRING RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Ongoing: Aquatic Center—The Gora Aquatic Center is currently accepting registrations for the Swim Lessons Program and the Gators Recreational Swim Team. The Aquatic Center office will be open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 3:00-6:00pm. For more information regarding our programs, please call 744-9544 or visit our web page at www.ci.galt.ca.us.



April 2: Girl's Softball Opening Day—The Girls' Softball Season will begin on Saturday, April 2. The Opening Day Ceremony will be at 8:45am and games will follow. For more information, call 366-7180.



April 9: T-Ball/Instructional Ball Opening Day—Youth T-Ball and Instructional Ball Opening Day will be on Saturday, April 9 at the Sports Complex located at 1022 Caroline Ave. Come show your enthusiasm for these young athletes! For more information, call 366-7180.



April 16: Earth Day—The City Parks division will be celebrating Earth Day on Saturday, April 16 at the Community Park (corner of Carillion Blvd. and Walnut Ave). We will start the day at 8:00 a.m. with volunteers helping the Parks and Recreation Department plant trees and picking up trash. At 11 a.m. we will serve barbecued hot dogs and drinks to the volunteers. In addition, for the kids, there will be a presentation highlighting some products that are made from trees. If you are interested in volunteering, call Troy Bonnet at 366-7180.

April 17: Clean-Up Day—Once again, the city clerk's department is sponsoring Galt Clean-Up Day and is teaming up with the Parks & Recreation Department and the Public Works Department. Galt Clean-Up Day will begin at 9:00am on Sunday, April 17th (more information on front page).



April 30: Galt Chiefs/Jr. Warriors Football & Cheerleading Registration—Saturday, April 30, 2005 is the last day to register for the upcoming 2005 season. Register at the Galt Parks & Recreation Department office located at 660 Chabolla Avenue from 9:00 am—1:00 pm.



May 14: "A Day At The Vet" (Veteran's Soccer Field) -



This fun-filled family day will include games, activities and entertainment for the entire family at the Veteran's Soccer Field located at the corner of Caroline Way and Chabolla Avenue! Enjoy refreshments sold by Recreation teams and organizations throughout the day. The day's festivities will conclude with a fireworks display at dusk. Please call 744-9544 for more information.

July 3, 2005: 4th of July Fireworks Celebration—The Parks & Recreation Department is once again sponsoring the holiday's fireworks display for the City. The fireworks show will take place on the Market Grounds on Sunday, July 3rd at dusk. Arrive early to the Veteran's Soccer Field to save your spot and enjoy games, activities and entertainment. Please call 366-7180 for more information.



CENTRAL GALT INTERCHANGE PROJECT STATUS AND PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

An informational meeting has been scheduled for **Wednesday, June 22, 2005, at the Chabolla Center from 6:00 to 8:00 PM** to provide further opportunity for public input on the three alternatives. At this meeting, you will receive an update about the project, including an in-depth look at the costs and benefits of the remaining three design alternatives, a review of comments received and design modifications incorporated since the last public meeting.

CENTRAL GALT INTERCHANGE PUBLIC MEETING

June 22, 2005 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

Chabolla Center
630A Chabolla Ave.



Although the selection of an alternative cannot be completed until the environmental impacts of the project have been fully determined and disclosed to the public in the EIR, comments and suggestions from the public are an important element of the project record and help to shape the project to meet the community's needs.

The selection process to determine the interchange design alternative for the Central Galt Interchange is progressing on schedule. The three alternatives selected by the City Council for further review have undergone extensive analysis to determine the cost and benefits of each alternative. Additional field studies and preliminary design of the alternatives have been completed and the preparation of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project has begun.

A critical part of the selection process included incorporating input on the project from the public, businesses and property owners potentially affected by the project and from public agencies responsible for providing the necessary approvals. Over the past months, the Project Development Team (PDT) has met with members of the community and reviewing agencies to respond to their questions and receive suggestions on each of the alternatives. These included the property owners in and around the Central Business District, Galt High School and state and federal resource agencies such as the Army Corp of Engineers, Department of Fish and Game, Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Environmental Protection Agency.

COMMUNITY REMINDER – WATER CONSERVATION

Last summer Galt residents rallied to calls for conserving water. In doing so, residents helped overcome a temporary water supply shortage and allowed the City to maintain system pressures and replenish its reservoirs. Though new water supply facilities are under construction, the need to conserve this precious resource is still important.



Residents are encouraged to observe the following responsible water conservation practices; 1) Avoid gutter flooding by monitoring yard sprinklers and minimizing run-off; 2) Use automatic shutoff devices on hoses to water lawns, gardens and vehicle washing; 3) Promptly repair leaking water lines and/or faulty sprinklers; 4) Sweep, not wash sidewalks or driveways {prohibited under Chapter 16.10, GMC}; 5) Check your sprinkler systems for proper operation. Limit lawn watering to three days per week or less. Residents with even numbered street addresses should water on Wednesdays-Fridays-Sundays, while those with odd numbered street addresses should water on Tuesdays-Thursdays-Saturdays. Avoid watering on Mondays. Not only will this practice help save water, it will also help improve the health of your landscape – over-watering can harm lawns and other plants!

BLOOD DRIVE—JUNE 1, 2005

This June, the City of Galt, BloodSource and Baskin-Robbins are continuing their tradition of offering a delicious way to beat the heat. When you donate blood on Wednesday, June 1st at the Littleton Community Center, you will receive a coupon redeemable for a pint of Baskin-Robbins ice cream.



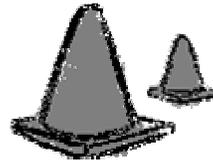
To be a blood donor, one must be in generally good health, at least 17 years old (16 with parental consent) and weigh 110 pounds or more. There is no upper age limit for donating blood. Prospective donors must bring a photo ID. For more information about donating blood, please call 1-866-82-BLOOD or visit our Web site at www.bloodsource.org. *Yes, you do save lives!*

Visit us at the Galt Community blood drive on Wednesday, June 1st, 3:30 pm to 7:00 pm located at Littleton Center, 380 Civic Drive and receive your coupon good for a pint of Baskin-Robbins ice cream.. For further information, contact the City Clerk's office at 366-7130.

CONSTRUCTION ALERT
SPRING/SUMMER 2005

The following City of Galt construction projects may inconvenience the public:

1. Water Mains
—Northbound Carillion Blvd from Union Pacific RR spur to Walnut Ave.
2. Bicycle Lane Project
—Highway 99 northbound off ramps at Ayers and Walnut Avenues
—Carol Dr. and E. Stockton Blvd. from Amador Ave. to Walnut Avenue
—Walnut Ave. from E. Stockton Blvd. to Emerald Vista Drive
3. Lincoln Way North Connector Project
—N. Lincoln Way from Spaans Drive to Live Oak Ave.
4. Street Improvements 2004 Project
—Caroline Avenue paving at Pine Street
5. Monterey Park Well Construction
—Monterey Bay Ct.
6. Kost Road Repairs and Overlay Project
—Kost Road
7. Chabolla Center Addition
—Chabolla Avenue



**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

A CITY WORKING
FOR YOU



A City of Galt Publication
Editor: Liz Aguire, City Clerk
City of Galt
380 Civic Drive
Galt, CA 95632

Phone: (209) 366-7130
Fax: (209) 745-3373
Email: clerk@ci.galt.ca.us

VISIT US ON THE WEB

WWW.CI.GALT.CA.US

Postal Customer
Galt, CA 95632