



GALT CONNECTIONS

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SPECIAL DATES

- *Jan. 13th*—Special City Council Meeting
- *Jan. 14th*—Recreation Commission Meeting
- *Jan 20th*—City Council Meeting
- *Jan 28th*—General Plan Community Workshop
- *Feb. 3rd*—City Council Meeting
- *Feb. 12th*—Planning Commission Meeting
- *Feb. 16th*—HOLIDAY

GENERAL PLAN SURVEY RESULTS ARE IN!!

The City of Galt is moving forward with a two year comprehensive update of its General Plan. “Galt General Plan 20/20: A Vision for the Future” is an exciting project that will result in a new policy document guiding land use, transportation, infrastructure and community design decisions in the City for

years to come. If you care about Galt and how it will grow and prosper, we urge you to join your neighbors and participate in this important project.

In the last City newsletter, we printed an opinion survey asking the community some key questions to try and identify some

major planning themes that should be addressed in the new General Plan. The City received back 116 completed surveys and the responses to the questions are shown below.

Do you agree?

GALT NEWSLETTER OPINION SURVEY RESULTS

What Are The Top Three Issues Facing Galt And Its Future?		If You Could Change Just One Thing About Galt, What Would It Be?		What Do You Think Are Galt’s Three Most Important Assets?	
17%	Access off Hwy 99	31%	Revitalize Old Town	24%	Small town quality
13%	Open space between Galt and Elk Grove	19%	Increase shopping opportunities	16%	Galt Flea Market
13%	Creating a logical growth pattern	15%	Beautify Highway 99	15%	Surrounding open space
10%	Expanding sewer treatment plant capacity	13%	Expand cultural facilities and activities	10%	Highway 99 location
10%	Creating more retail development				

If you’d like to give us your opinion on important issues like these, the General Plan update program includes many opportunities for community participation. The effort is being guided by a 16-member Focus Group appointed by the City Council and made up of representatives of community agencies, organizations and citizens.

However, the key to creating a comprehensive and inclusive General Plan is to hear from all Galt residents, business people, and property owners. There-

fore, the city has started conducting a series of community workshops that will continue over the rest of the two year program.

The City has already held two of the six planned community workshops. The first one, held September 3, 2003 focused on priority planning issues similar to those represented by the questions in the newsletter opinion survey. The November 19, 2003 workshop was called “Objectives for the Future.”

It had participants break into discussion groups and identify each team’s three critical objectives for circulation, community design, managing growth and other issues.

To find out what your friends and neighbors had to say about these important issues, please visit our website at: <http://www.ci.galt.ca.us> or call 209-366-7230 and ask for Sandra Kiriu. *(Continued on page 2)*

GENERAL PLAN (CONT.)

WHAT'S NEXT?

Upcoming Community Workshop

Date and Time: January 28, 2004 from 7-9 p.m.

Location: Chabolla Center at 630A Chabolla Avenue

The Alternative Futures Workshop will be a highly interactive event. The evening will be spent reviewing opportunities and using the city map as a game board. Each team will establish their own rules or guiding principles for the game and then play the game using a kit of development parts. Don't worry if you didn't attend the first two workshops; we will summarize everything that has been discussed so far and you can proceed from there.

Future Community Workshops:

The following additional workshops will be coming up in 2004. Although the exact dates are not scheduled, we have provided a general idea of the target month for each workshop. All of the meetings will be held at the Chabolla Center in Galt. Check our website and local newspapers for exact dates or call and ask to be put on our General Plan Notification List.

Community Workshop #4:
Community Design—*February 2004*

Community Workshop #5:
Economic Prosperity—*April 2004*

Community Workshop #6:
Policy Framework—*June 2004*

Please check the City's website at: <http://www.ci.galt.ca.us> for more information about the General

Plan Program. If you would like to receive direct notification of all future meetings and information on the General Plan, you can ask to be put on our General Plan Notification List by sending us an e-mail to Planning@ci.galt.ca.us or call us at 209-366-7230. Please include your name, mailing address, e-mail (if available), and phone number (optional).



COMMUNITY REMINDER - TRIMMING FOR SAFETY

Are you unable to see that traffic sign? Do you have to duck your head when walking on the sidewalk? Is the light from the streetlight blocked by vegetation? Then a little trimming is necessary. The winter months are the perfect time to properly trim trees and shrubs. It is important for every resident and business owner to trim trees, bushes, and shrubs in front of their property to keep our sidewalks clear of obstructions and to maintain visibility of street signage.

Trimming around street lighting will also improve nighttime visibility. Tree branches and other clippings should be cut to a length to fit into the yard and gar-

den (gray) trash receptacle.

⇒ Sidewalk/Pedestrian Clearance – Vegetation to be cleared to 8-feet above the sidewalk and a foot behind the backside of the sidewalk.

⇒ Roadway Clearance – Vegetation to be cleared to 14 feet above the road surface and flush with the face of the curb.

⇒ Signs/Traffic Signals/Street Lights – Vegetation to be cleared so a driver of an approaching vehicle can see the sign, signal or light at a minimum of 600 feet.

City Municipal Code (GMC) Chapter 12.20 requires

that trees and shrubs be maintained so as to not endanger the security or usefulness of any public street or sidewalk. GMC Chapter 12.16 further requires that sidewalks be maintained free of obstructions or impediments. Trimming these obstructions to sidewalks and signage will greatly improve the safety of pedestrians and motorists.

Contact the Public Works Department at 366-7260 for further information.

Thank you for your cooperation.



GOOD NEWS FOR HOMEOWNERS!



If you are a homeowner and a City of Galt utility customer who has a utility deposit with the City, you may be receiving a refund soon! On December 2nd, the City Council approved a waiver of the deposit requirement for utility services for property owners, except where services have been discontinued for lack of payment. Checks were mailed on December 17th for those customers with a deposit on file who qualify for this refund. For more information, please contact an Accounting Assistant in our Billing and Collections department at 366-7150.

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT RECREATION REVIEW

T-Ball, Instructional, and Girls Softball



The Parks & Recreation Department office will be taking registrations for T-ball, Instructional, and Girls Softball from January 5th through February 13th at the Department office located at 660 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 more information, call 366-7180.

Kidsafe Cheer and Self-Defense

The Kidsafe Cheer and Self-Defense programs will begin their next 12 week courses in January. Kidsafe Cheer has classes available for ages 5-7 and 8-13 and also offers an “Advanced” class. Kidsafe Self-Defense has classes available for ages 5-7 and 8-13 and also offers a “Yellow Belt” class. Register at the Galt Parks & Recreation Department office. For more information, call 388-7180.



Gora Aquatic Center

The Gora Aquatic Center will be accepting registrations for all aquatics programs (with the exception of the Galt Area Swim Program) beginning Monday, March 1st. Programs will include the Galt Gators Recreational Swim Team, Swim Lessons, Lifeguard Training classes, Water Safety Instructor class, as well as various individual and family passes. For more information, call 744-9544.



CONSTRUCTION ALERT

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



Water and Wastewater System Relocations and Replacements

- S. Lincoln Way from St. Christopher's Church to Southdale Ct.
- Elm-Orr Rd. from Jennifer Way to McFarland St.
- Area bounded by A St. to C St. and Second St. to Third St.

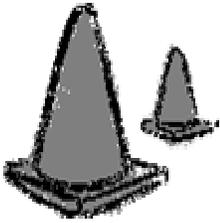
Lincoln Way Improvements

- N. Lincoln Way from Wendy Hope Dr. to Live Oak Ave.
- Pringle Ave.

Water Main Extension – Carillion Blvd. from Union Pacific RR spur to Walnut Ave.

Bicycle Lane Project

- Carol Dr. and E. Stockton Blvd. from Amador Ave. to Walnut
- Walnut Ave. from E. Stockton to Emerald Vista Dr.



Industrial Drive-Live Oak Ave. Street Extension

- Live Oak and north end of Industrial
- Industrial Drive south of Pringle.

Street Repairs Project 2004

- Galt Market Exit at Glendale Intersection
- Caroline Ave. Widening at Pine
- Fourth/Fifth – B/C Street Alleyway

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9:00 am—5:00 pm

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1st & 3rd Tuesdays
7:00 pm

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