



# GALT CONNECTIONS

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### SPECIAL DATES

- *April 29th*—Public Meeting—Capital Improvement Plan
- *May 4th*—Galt Clean-Up Day
- *May 6th*—City Council Mtg.
- *May 8th*—Planning Commission Meeting
- *May 14th*—Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
- *May 20th*—City Council Mtg.
- *May 20th & 23rd*—Public Works Week Tours

## GALT CLEAN-UP DAY

Clean-out those closets, garages and clean-up your yards . . . Galt Clean-Up Day is just around the corner. On May 4th, 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. The hazardous waste must be dumped before continuing to the main dumping stations. 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.

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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.



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

## BALANCE YOUR MONTHLY BUDGET!

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

For more information visit the City's web page at:

[www.ci.galt.ca.us](http://www.ci.galt.ca.us)

Copy of Direct Payment Authorization form is enclosed!

## CITY INFORMATION A MOUSE CLICK AWAY



Recently, the City of Galt changed the look and contents of the City's website. The goal is to provide interested internet users with a wealth of information about the City.

From the home page ([www.ci.galt.ca.us](http://www.ci.galt.ca.us)), users can look up City department information and phone numbers, new resident information, City Council agendas and minutes, recreation activities, job descriptions, the zoning code and a number of other documents. Also included are job openings and the City of Galt employment application. In order to access this application, users must have Acrobat Reader. The application cannot be submitted on-line but can be printed and sent to the City.

If you can't find what you are looking for, there is a search feature on the home page to help you locate an item. The City is committed to provide as much information as possible to citizens and visitors of the City's Website.

## CHABOLLA SKATE PARK IS ON THE WAY!

"Chabolla Skate Park" is tentatively planned to open this coming June. The park, to be located north of the Gora Aquatic Center, will include obstacles like a 3' x 12' mini half-pipe, 8' grind box, skate table, kicker ramp and a 2' x 8' bank to stairs-rail.



Because of the commitment of the community's "skaters" and the Skateboard Ad-Hoc Committee who attended many meetings, the City was able to expedite this project in a timely fashion.

The City Council and City staff would like to commend the members of the Ad Hoc Committee, Al Baldwin, Reuven Epstein, Francisco Sanchez, Joe Gilmore, Bob Dees, Corrine Sealey, Adin Selby, Tom Malson and Rick Stancil, for their efforts in the past months.

## PLANNING GALT'S FUTURE

The update to the Galt General Plan is about to begin! City staff has interviewed four consulting teams with a vast amount of experience preparing General Plans for California communities. We are in the process of negotiating a contract with our preferred consultant team and we hope to have the contract approved by City Council in May.

In the following months you will start to see information in the community about this exciting project. Please take advantage of the opportunity to make your voice heard. The General Plan is a document that expresses the community's values, visions and goals for the physical development of the City. As such, it is vital that everyone in the community participate so that the Plan will accurately reflect the ideas and hopes of most Galt residents, property owners, and business people. We guarantee that the process will be fun, informative and dynamic. Come join us!

Please watch the Galt Herald and the City's website [www.ci.galt.ca.us](http://www.ci.galt.ca.us) for upcoming events or us at 209-366-7230 and request that your name be added to our notification list for direct mailings. See you soon.

## WATER CONSERVATION

The Public Works Department would like to remind the residents of Galt to irrigate responsibly this summer. Set the timer on your sprinkler systems so that water does not run off the lawn, onto the sidewalk, and into the gutter. Use several short watering cycles rather than a long one, and avoid watering during the middle of the day. If you have any questions about water conservation, please contact the Public Works Department at (209) 366-7260.



**LINCOLN WAY**—The construction contract is expected to be awarded for construction on Lincoln Way from Wendy Hope to Pringle and will be under way in early summer. During the Lincoln Way construction, citizens should expect some inconvenience and traffic delays through the rest of the year.

**CITY SEAL**—Check out our new City seal on the front page. This seal is a reflection/collage of our City as we know it today . . . historic preservation, agricultural backbone and wildlife surroundings.

## Direct Payment of your City of Galt Utility Bill is now available!

Direct Payment is available to all **residential utility customers** of the City of Galt.

**Billing**—You will continue to receive your City of Galt Utility bill detailing your utility charges on a bi-monthly basis. A message on your bill will advise you that your payment will be made by direct payment.

**Request Changes or Cancel Direct Payment**—You may request changes simply by submitting a new authorization form. Cancellations must be in writing either by mail or fax.

**Direct Payment** will continue as long as your account remains in good standing or until you request a change. Payments rejected by your financial institution because of insufficient funds, closed or unauthorized accounts or any other similar reason will incur a **\$30 service charge**. Direct Payment participation may be cancelled by the City of Galt on any account for which payment is rejected more than once within a 12 month period.

**Questions? \*\*** Call the Billing and Collections Division at **(209) 366-7150 between the hours 9am-5pm**

**What does Direct Payment mean to you?**

- ◆ Your payment will automatically be deducted from the checking account you specify, with no checks to write or postage to pay!
- ◆ No worries about past due payments resulting in late charges.
- ◆ You can choose to have your payment made in full on the bimonthly due date, or choose the equalized payment option to have your payment divided in half and deducted each month.

**Sign up Today!** Complete the application below, attach a **VOIDED CHECK** (deposit slip will not be accepted) and return to:

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

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**Direct Payment Authorization Form:**       **New**       **Change**       **Cancel**

City of Galt Utility Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Service Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Customer Name (as it appears on utility bill): \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Checking Account Information**

Name on Account: \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Institution: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ ABA Routing Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please deduct my payment** (check appropriate box):

- Full Amount on payment due date**     **In equal monthly payments** (1<sup>st</sup> payment will be deducted on the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding the due date, 2<sup>nd</sup> on due date)

You will receive written confirmation prior to your first direct payment transaction.

I authorize the City of Galt and the financial institution designated in this application to withdraw from my checking account payment for my utility services. I understand that both the financial institution and the City of Galt reserve the right to terminate my participation. I also understand that, at any time, I may elect to discontinue my enrollment by providing written notification.

Is a **VOIDED CHECK** enclosed?    **Authorization signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Must match name on check*

Date

City of Galt    Finance Department    380 Civic Drive    Galt, California 95632  
(209) 366-7150    Fax (209) 744-2253

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Senior citizens can contact the City Clerk's office (366-7190) to schedule a pick-up. Items must be bagged, bundled or boxed and be placed in the driveway. There is a limit of one truck-load per home for pick-ups.



Each month citizens pay 70 cents on their garbage 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 for information on County Household Hazardous Waste events. No business 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.

This year the South Valley United Cheer Association will sell coffee and donuts in the morning and hot dogs, chips and sodas in the afternoon.

### 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  
7:00 pm

#### NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

May 18-24, 2003

#### MUNICIPAL CLERK'S WEEK

April 27—May 3, 2003

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#### VISIT US ON THE WEB

WWW.CI.GALT.CA.US

### CEASE AND DESIST LIFTED

The Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) notified the City on April 2nd that it was lifting the Cease and Desist Order regarding the sewer hook up ban. This was imposed on the City in January of 2003. The lifting of the ban will allow building permits to be issued for new construction of both residential and commercial construction. The recent signature on a long-term lease with the Catholic Diocese was the major requirement to getting the ban removed. The mayor and other City staff met numerous times to negotiate the terms of the lease. Staff expects permits to quickly be submitted for approval once contractors have been notified. Anyone with questions about building permits, please contact the building department at 366-7200.

Mailing Address Line 1

Mailing Address Line 2

Mailing Address Line 3

Mailing Address Line 4

Mailing Address Line 5