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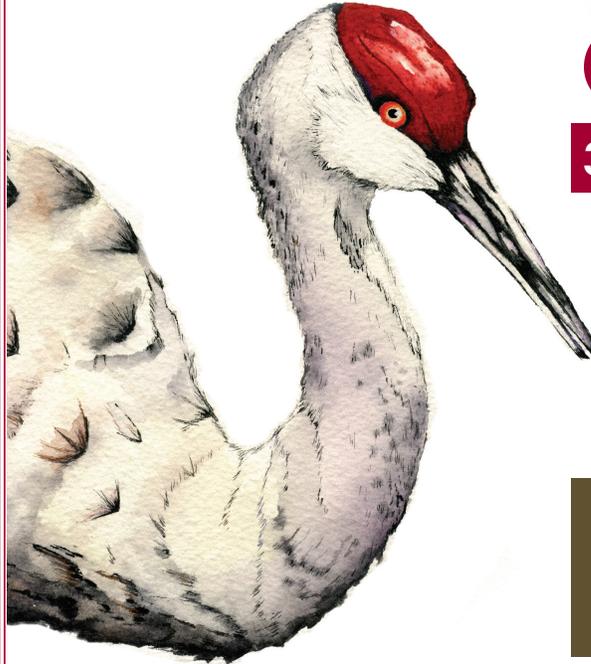
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Special Dates

January 13 th	Parks & Rec Commission Meeting
January 14 th	Planning Commission Meeting
January 19 th	City Council Meeting
January 25 th	Twin Cities Road Round-About Meeting
January 30 th	Winter Bird Festival
February 2 nd	City Council Meeting
February 11 th	Planning Commission Meeting
February 15 th	Holiday President's Day
February 16 th	City Council Meeting
March 2 nd	City Council Meeting



City of GALT

3rd Annual Winter Bird Festival

Saturday, January 30, 2010

McCaffrey Middle School
997 Park Terrace Drive • Galt
209.366.7220 • www.ci.galt.ca.us

Schedule of Events

8:00am - 4:00pm	Art, Craft & Educational Vendors
8:00am - 11:00am	Cosumnes River Preserve General Tour
8:00am - 10:00am	Cosumnes River Preserve Children's Tour
8:30am - 11:00am	Stone Lakes Wildlife Refuge Tour
11:30am - 12:30pm	Wild Things Wild Animal Presentation
1:00pm - 2:30pm	Key Note Speaker Paul Tebbel
2:30pm - 3:30pm	Guest Speakers: Lon & Kat Yarbrough
4:00pm - 6:30pm	Cranes at Sunset Staten Island Tour

Winter Bird Festival Tour

- * Pre-registration for this event is required
- Adults: \$10.00 (all children under 18 years of age are free)
 - You must register for this event no later than January 15, 2010

To register please fill out the form below and mail it with your payment to:

City of Galt • C/O Winter Bird Festival • 380 Civic Drive • Galt, CA 95632



Registration Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Attending Adults: _____ Children: _____

Please indicate which tour you will be attending:

- 8:00am - 11:00am Cosumnes River Preserve Tour
- 8:00am - 11:00am Childrens Tour to Cosumnes River Preserve
- 8:30pm - 11:00am NEW TOUR Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge
- 4:00pm - 6:30pm Cranes at Sunset Tour - Staten Island

* Tickets will be mailed to you along with more information on the tours and directions to the event

Capital Improvement Project Updates

SR2S Safety Upgrades

Pedestrian traffic safety enhancements have been installed at local elementary school zones. The flashing lights, advisory radar speed displays, and traffic signs provide warning to drivers approaching school zones. The \$219,000 project was almost entirely funded using a Safe-Routes-To-School grant.

The City urges local drivers to pay attention to these traffic warning devices and continue to be alert for pedestrians while driving through school zones.



WWTP Effluent Pipeline Project Completed

The WWTP Effluent Pipeline Project at the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant has been substantially completed. The completed pipeline provides a bypass to the storage reservoir during winter periods of direct discharge and will substantially eliminate the penalties for plant violations.

Pavement Overlay Project Completed

Construction of the 2009 Pavement Rehabilitation Project on C Street, Elm Avenue, and New Hope Road is complete. The overlay work provides a smoother riding surface while also extending the life of the road structure. The \$450,000 construction cost was almost entirely funded using an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act economic stimulus grant. The mid-block crosswalk on C Street was also upgraded to improve pedestrian safety.

ADA Sidewalk Project Completed

Construction work on "C", "F", "A" and McFarland Streets as well as on Elm Avenue was recently completed to repair, improve and install sidewalk improvements to bring portions of the City's sidewalks up to American with Disabilities Act compliance. Improvements included the meandering sidewalk along SMUD Park on A Street.

The \$300,000 project was entirely funded by an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act economic stimulus grant.



Walker Park Underway

Work on Phase 1A of Walker Park has started with soil testing, clearing and grubbing complete and grading underway. The selected farm-themed playground equipment chosen for the park pays homage to the agricultural roots of the original use of the property as a dairy farm.



Phase 1A includes two natural turf soccer fields and one synthetic multi-purpose athletic field and is scheduled for completion in November 2010.

Railroad Pedestrian Safety Crossing Project Delayed

The Railroad Pedestrian Safety Crossing Project to install improvements at the Carillion Boulevard, Elm Ave/Industrial Drive, Elm Ave/McFarland Street, A Street, C Street, and F Street railroad crossings has been delayed due to delays in the federal grant funding.

Construction is now anticipated to begin in the spring of 2010.



2009 Waterline Replacement Project Completed

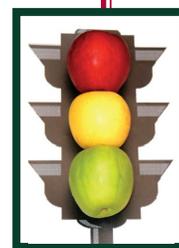
Construction of the 2009 Waterline Replacement Project at Elm Avenue and Maple Street is complete. The completed project replaced small, aging water mains with larger, more durable water pipes and valves, providing increased water pressure and greater dependability. Public Works appreciates the patience of local residents and businesses in dealing with the temporary outages and any other inconveniences the work may have caused.

Twin Cities Round-About Public Meeting

A public informational meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2009, in the Anthony Pescetti Community Room (located at the Police Department, 455 Industrial Drive), to introduce a project to construct traffic round-abouts to improve traffic operations at the signalized frontage road intersections at the Twin Cities Road Interchange with SR99. The City's design consultant, Omni Means Engineers, will present options and solicit comments and questions from the public.

Please contact the Public Works Department at 366-7260 if you have further questions.

Twin Cities Road/Carillion Boulevard Traffic Signal Completed



Installation of the new traffic signal improvements was completed in December and the signal is now operational.

Development Projects

Walmart

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the proposed Walmart Project (southeast corner of Twin Cities Road and Fermoy Way) is expected to be available for public review and comment by the time this newsletter is published. The review and comment period will run through January 2010, so please watch for public notices which will be posted on the City's website (www.ci.galt.ca.us click on "Planning Department"), published in the Galt Herald, and will be direct-mailed to all property owners within 500 feet of the project and anyone who has submitted a written request for notification to the Planning Department.



The City plans to hold a public meeting to accept public testimony on the DEIR in January. Otherwise, all public comments on the Draft EIR must be submitted in writing to the City Planning Department by the end of the review period cited in the public notice.

In accordance with the City's Big Box Ordinance, the project is also subject to approval of a Conditional Use Permit by the Planning Commission. Future public notices will advise interested parties of the date of that public hearing. If you would like to receive e-mail notifications of future actions on the project, contact Chris Erias, Associate Planner at cerias@ci.galt.ca.us or 209-366-7230 with your information.

Kentucky Fried Chicken/Long John Silvers



The Kentucky Fried Chicken/Long John Silvers Restaurant in the Galt Village Shopping Center (Raley's Center) is nearing completion and should be open by January. The restaurant is located at 10350 Twin Cities Road in front of the Comfort Inn Hotel.

We Need You!

Help report street light outages. There are over 1600 street lights in Galt. Some are SMUD owned and maintained, but the majority of lights are City owned and maintained. Due to budget constraints, there is currently no night time inspection program, which is why we need your help!

Report any street light that is out or working intermittently. Public Works staff will issue a service request to either SMUD or our electrical contractor to get the light repaired as quickly as possible. Allow up to two weeks for repair of SMUD owned lights. City owned street lights are usually repaired within three days. To report street light outages, call 366-7260 with the location (street address or cross street), type of pole (wood, fiberglass, metal) any number on the pole (usually located 5-6 feet up) and if light is out or intermittent.

Gora Aquatic Center



Registration for all aquatics programs will begin Monday, March 1st. Programs will include the Galt Gators Recreational Swim Team, Swim Lessons, and a Lifeguard Training class, as well as a variety of individual and family pass options.

Call 366-7180 with questions.

Galt Junior Warriors Football and Cheer

Registration for Junior Warriors Football and Cheer will be accepted on Saturday, January 30, 2010 at the Galt Parks and Recreation offices.

9:00am - 12:00pm Veteran Players
1:00pm - 5:00pm New Players

Registrations will also be accepted on Tuesday, February 2nd and Tuesday, February 9th from 6:00pm until 9:00pm each night. For more information, please call 366-7180.

Parks Playground Renovations



The City will be renovating Lake Canyon Park, Canyon Creek Park, Emerald Vista Park and Greer Park playground surfacing until January 2010. The project consists of removing the rubberized tiles in the playground areas and replacing them with a poured in place rubberized surface.

At Greer Park a poured in place rubberized surface will be installed. It is the Parks & Recreation Department's intention to leave as much of the playgrounds open as possible; however the work zones in each park will be fenced off for approximately two weeks weather permitting.

Proper Disposal of Leaves

Please help keep the City and the environment clean by removing leaves, dirt, and trash from streets and gutters in front of your home or business and properly disposing of debris. Proper disposal keeps our streets attractive and helps protect wildlife and water quality downstream of our storm drain system. Proper cleaning and disposal also helps keep our streets from flooding during the rainy season.

All leaves, clippings, and other yard debris should be placed in garden waste (gray) containers. Do not sweep or blow yard debris into the streets. This is prohibited in Sections 8.32 and 16.10 of the Galt Municipal Code which requires keeping the street and gutter clear of debris in front of your home or business. Thank you for your cooperation.

T-Ball, Instructional, & Girls Softball



Registrations for T-ball, Instructional, and Girls Softball will be accepted from Monday, January 4th through Monday, February 22nd (late fees will be charged for registrations after February 22nd) at the Department office located at 610 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. We have added two evening registration opportunities on Tuesday, February 2nd and Tuesday, February 9th from 6:00pm to 9:00pm.

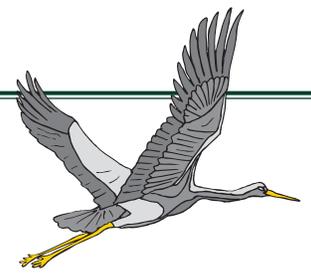
Coaches Needed

Parks and Recreation is currently accepting applications for our 2010 T-Ball, Instructional & Girls' Softball teams. Coaches must be approved prior to being assigned to a team. Pick an application at the Department office.

Call 366-7180 for more information.

Pay Your Utility Bill Online!

Access your utility account online at www.ci.galt.ca.us and use your Master Card, Visa, or personal check to pay your City of Galt bill - no additional charges apply. You will need a copy of your bill and your cycle route number which can be obtained by contacting the Finance Department, Monday through Friday, from 9:00am to 5:00pm at (209) 366-7150, press -0- for customer service and ask for the cycle route on your account. Then click on the "online payments" button of the City's website to get started!



City Hall Information

City Hall
(209) 366-7130

City Website
www.ci.galt.ca.us

City Email Address
clerk@ci.galt.ca.us

City Office Hours
9:00am to 5:00pm

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

Winter Watering

Lawns need less water as winter approaches. Please help conserve and turn off automatic lawn sprinklers during the rainy season. If the lawn appears dry, manually water once, and then turn the system off. It is important to utilize water efficiently.

Customers with water meters will save on their water bills and their sewer bills when they reduce landscape irrigation.

Sand Bag Station

The City has set up the annual self-service sand bag station at 550 Elm Avenue, in front of the Parks and Recreation Corporation Yard. Sand has been delivered and shovels and bags are available. This service is intended for those residing within the city limits of Galt to be able to protect property from flooding. The City is unable to fill or deliver sandbags.

Please call 366-7260 if you have questions.

2010 Galt Business License Renewal Process Underway

Your business license renewal must be received by Monday, February 1, 2010, to avoid penalties. Please contact the Finance Department at (209) 366-7158 or procha@ci.galt.ca.us for information. Be sure to include your business name and license number in your email. 2009 City of Galt Business Licenses expired 12/31/2009.



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