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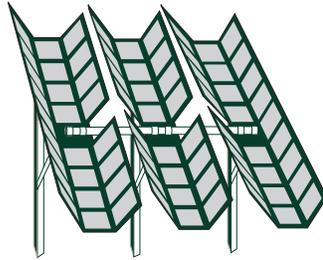
Special Dates

April 5 th	City Council Meeting
April 13 th	Parks & Rec Commission Meeting
April 14 th	Planning Commission Meeting
April 16 th	Eggstravaganza Railroad Park
April 19 th	City Council Meeting
May 3 rd	City Council Meeting
May 5 th	Business Fair and Farmers Market
May 11 th	Parks & Rec Commission Meeting
May 12 th	Planning Commission Meeting
May 17 th	City Council Meeting

Galt Goes Solar

The sun's energy may soon be running operations at the Galt Wastewater Treatment Plant thanks to City Council's recent approval of a solar power purchase agreement (PPA).

Under the PPA, an approved solar provider will construct, operate, and maintain a solar photovoltaic system (subject to various environmental and permit approvals) on 5.5 acres leased from the wastewater treatment plant. The City then guarantees to purchase at least 2,000,000 kWh/year of solar electricity over the next 20 years at a stabilized rate that is less than current and projected SMUD rates.



This project will help stabilize costs for Galt's ratepayers and is projected to save the City at least \$1.2 million dollars over the next twenty years. The solar PV system is expected to be operational by the end of 2011. If you have questions or would like more information, contact Sandra Kiriu, Principal Planner at 366-7230 (skiriu@ci.galt.ca.us).

New Community Calendar

The City of Galt is introducing a Community Events Calendar with the cooperation of the Galt Herald.

If you are planning an event or just want to see what is going on around town, go to the Galt Herald's calendar at www.galtheraldonline.com, or the City's web page at www.ci.galt.ca.us which links to the Galt Herald's community events calendar. It is a way to get the most attendance to your event. The plan is to have the school districts link to the Galt Herald Community Calendar as well. It will be a one stop location to check all the events in Galt.



Easter Eggstravaganza!



Come celebrate the 2nd Annual Spring Eggstravaganza in Old Town on April 16 at 4th & C from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Put on your Easter bonnets or decorate those strollers for the walking parade. Use your creativity and make an Easter basket mobile, but no motors for the race. However, there will be a car show for those more modern car enthusiasts. Prizes for the winners of each. Breakfast at the Grange from 7:00am to 10:00am, and support the Galt High Booster serving tri tip sandwiches from 10:00am to 1:00pm.

Lots of games and fun for the kids as well as an Easter Egg hunt. Get your beautiful Easter portraits to remember forever. Parade is at 9:00am. Games at 9:30am. Egg hunt at 10:00am. Races at 10:30am.

Galt Receives National Recognition

The City Of Galt was awarded the America's Promise Award which represents one of the 100 best communities. It recognizes the community for its work to create the best environment in which to raise children. Galt was part of the Sacramento Area EMERGE Coalition and recognized for its work with youth.

General Colin Powell, with his own 5 promises, has recognized the need to prepare youth for college and life beyond as part of the America's Promise. Galt has displayed the award in the lobby of the City Hall but is now sharing it with both the Galt Elementary School District and the Galt High School District to truly recognize that it takes a whole village to raise a child.



Capital Improvement Project Updates

Central Galt Interchange

Construction of Central Galt Interchange has begun in earnest. The City and Teichert Construction are trying hard to ensure smooth traffic flow to minimize the inconvenience to Galt residents and nearby businesses.

In order to accommodate the work, intermittent closure of surrounding streets and State Route 99 on/off ramps will be necessary. Work on SR 99 itself will require night time lane closures to move the concrete barriers. Advance message signs will be used to help direct traffic to downtown businesses and the Galt Market.

Project information regarding upcoming construction activities and street and ramp closures is posted on the City's project website at www.centralgaltic.com and will be updated throughout the project. The project page can also be accessed through the city's home page at www.ci.galt.ca.us.

If you have any questions or need additional information, you may call the Public Works Department at 366-7260.



A Street And Lincoln Way Flashing Crosswalks



Be on the look out for the City of Galt's flashing crosswalk, soon to be installed, on the south and west sides of Galt Joint Union High School. The lighted crosswalks are solar powered, in-road warning lights and flashing traffic school signs, activated by a pedestrian push-button. The project is funded by \$56,200 of Sacramento Transportation Authority (STA) Measure A funding and \$66,800 of Transportation Development Act (TDA) Pedestrian and Bicycle funding. Construction is anticipated to be complete by late summer.

Arsenic Rule Compliance

After years of hard work and millions of dollars for improvements, the City is now in full compliance with the EPA's new arsenic rules. In February, City of Galt water customers received the latest required notice regarding levels of arsenic in Galt's drinking water being in excess of the revised maximum contamination level of 10 parts per billion (ppb). The City has been issuing such notices since December 2008 and is required to do so quarterly until all non-compliant wells are taken off line or required improvements are completed. The City has been working on the problem since 2005 and has spent over \$4.6M in capital improvement and operations to provide arsenic treatment. The City was recently awarded additional projects totaling approximately \$4.3M for improvements at the Golden Heights well site. This well was taken out of service last fall, after which the arsenic level in water delivered to customers was reduced to typically 4-8 ppb.

On January 31, 2011, the Golden Heights well was officially placed on "stand-by" status which resulted in the City regaining full compliance with the new arsenic limit for all operating wells. Activation of the new Golden Heights deep well will occur later this year. Call 366-7260 for more information.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Complete

The dedication ceremony for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade project was held on February 9, 2011, marking substantial completion of the \$23.3M project. The completed tertiary filtration, ultra-violet light disinfection and bio-solids process



improvements will provide the technical capability to comply with the new discharge permit issued by the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Overall, the project was delivered under the original budget which resulted in the recent reduction in wastewater service charges. The majority of project costs was funded by a low interest State Revolving Fund loan and will be paid back over the next 20 years.

Safety First! Call Before You Dig!

When doing any work around your home or business, knowing where underground and overhead utilities are located is very important to your safety. Before you or your contractor do any digging near any suspected utility lines, state law requires that you call either 811 (www.call811.com) or (800) 227-2600 (www.usanorth.org) for an Underground Service Alert (USA) request at least 48 hours in advance. As a free service, the respective utility companies will mark the locations of their existing facilities within two days.

If you will be working near overhead electrical lines, visit the SMUD website for safety information: www.smud.org/en/education-safety/Pages/index.aspx. For gas line safety, check with PG&E: www.pge.com/myhome/edusafety/. Call 366-7260 for information.

Opening Soon!

Galt Place Senior Apartments Mixed Use Development

Construction for the Galt Place project is almost complete! Galt Place is an exciting new project at 4th Street in Old Town Galt between D and E Streets. This project consists of 80 affordable senior apartments on two floors above ground floor retail shops and covered parking. This three story building is designed so that it reflects and complements the surrounding historical architecture in the area. The Galt Redevelopment Agency assisted with the development of the project by providing loans to the builder. The building owner/operator is expecting to start leasing the residential units by the end of March and beginning of April. Call (916) 446-4040 for rental information.



Brewster's Bar and Grill is Coming Soon

Galt will soon have another great restaurant! The renovation of the historic Brewster (Odd Fellows) Building is expected to be completed soon. When complete, the building will be home to Brewster's Bar and Grill, a sit down family restaurant featuring traditional American cuisine. The restaurant will have a full bar, and a wine cellar in the basement that can be seen through a glass floor from the first floor bar area. The renovation includes a first rate outdoor dining courtyard area. Much of the material used in the construction of the courtyard came from salvaged material from the main building.

The City's Redevelopment Agency assisted with the renovation by providing loans to the developer. The renovation respects the historic integrity of the building by keeping the original design. The newly added elevator room and outdoor canopies are not only functional they help provide seismic reinforcement to the building.



Current Rendering



Early 1900's Photo

Galt Gators Swim Team

Dive into summer! The Galt Gators swim season runs from April 18 until July 24. To participate on the swim team, both of the following fees must be paid at the time of registration:

- **Registration Fee (Parks & Recreation):** \$85.00 Resident/\$105.00 Non-Resident in HS District or \$110.00 Non-Resident out of HS District
- **Gators Fee:** \$20.00 for each swimmer (not to exceed \$50 per family)

Both fees must be paid in order to swim with the Galt Gators. For more information, please call 366-7180 or 744-9544.

Children's Musical Theater

Self-confidence will grow and creativity will shine as students take on the challenges and excitement of performing on stage. The class will incorporate exercises in physical expressiveness, voice production, improvisation, and the memorization of scenes. Students will have fun acting and singing as they work together to perform a fun filled and entertaining musical theater production for family and friends to enjoy.

Thursdays, April 28 - June 16 4:00pm - 5:30pm
Friday, June 17 3:30pm - 6:30pm
(with a performance at 6:30pm)

All children between the ages of 6 and 12 are welcome. Cost is \$95 per person. For information, call 366-7180.

Save The Date!

Eggstravaganza Sponsored by Shop Local Committee
April 16 at Railroad Park 9:00am - 1:00pm

Business Fair
May 5 5:00pm - 8:00pm
Join us at Galt Community Park, 1000 Walnut Avenue for our Business Fair and the opening of the Farmer's Market!

Farmers Market - Thursdays 5:00pm - 8:00pm
May 5 at Galt Community Park
May 12 - August 25 on Lincoln between A and C

Farmers Market - Saturdays 8:00am - 1:00pm
Beginning May 7th at Galt Community Park

Shred It / Hazardous Waste Drop Off
May 21st 9:00am - 1:00pm Galt Market

Preschool Teacher Certification Program

Are you or do you know someone interested in a college degree program for preschool teacher certification? The Galt Joint Union Elementary School District is striving to provide preschool for all Galt's four year olds. The school district must determine if there is enough interest in supporting college coursework in Galt that will lead to a preschool teaching certification.

An electronic survey is available on the school district home page at www.galt.k12.ca.us. Paper surveys are also available at any GJUESD School, Galt High School District Office, and City of Galt. The survey needs to be completed by April 22. For information, call Donna Whitlock, Fairsite School Readiness Coordinator, at 745-1546 ext. 303.

PARKS & RECREATION

BUSINESS FAIR

May 5th • 5:00pm - 8:00pm • Galt Community Park

Come support your community and promote your business by participating in the Shop Local Business Fair on May 5 at the Northeast Area Community Park (corner of Carillion and Walnut) from 5:00pm - 8:00pm. Show your wares, have people test your food or get information out on your services by retaining a booth. Other attractions include the grand opening of the Farmers Market which will include fresh vegetables, fresh flowers, baked goods, etc.

Come join the fun and support your local businesses at the Galt Business Fair open to all Galt Businesses. Contact Ann Ulrich, Shop Local Committee, at (209) 481-5489.

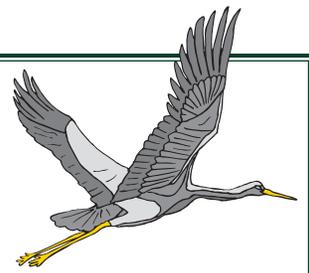
Galt Certified Farmers Market

May 5th • 5:00pm - 8:00pm • Galt Community Park

The Certified Farmers Market is returning for their 4th Season in Galt. The “kick-off” for the Thursday Night Market this year will be held at the Galt Community Park on Thursday, May 5 from 5:00pm - 8:00pm.

The Market will then return to last year’s location (Lincoln Way between A and C Streets) May 12 - August 25 from 5:00pm - 8:00pm. This year we will also be offering a Saturday Morning Market at the Galt Community Park from 9:00am - 1:00pm (May 7 – August 27).

Contact Parks & Recreation at 366-7180 for more information.



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



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