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# GALT. Connections

*A City Working For You!*

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## Special Dates

October 4 <sup>th</sup>	City Council Meeting
October 12 <sup>th</sup>	Parks & Rec Commission Meeting
October 13 <sup>th</sup>	Planning Commission Meeting
October 18 <sup>th</sup>	City Council Meeting
November 1 <sup>st</sup>	City Council Meeting
November 9 <sup>th</sup>	Parks & Rec Commission Meeting
November 10 <sup>th</sup>	Planning Commission Meeting
November 15 <sup>th</sup>	City Council Meeting
November 24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup>	Holiday Thanksgiving
December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tree Lighting and Parade

## Holiday Tree Lighting & Parade

Join the community on the evening of Saturday, December 3rd at 6:00pm for a festive evening of Holiday activities sponsored by the City of Galt.

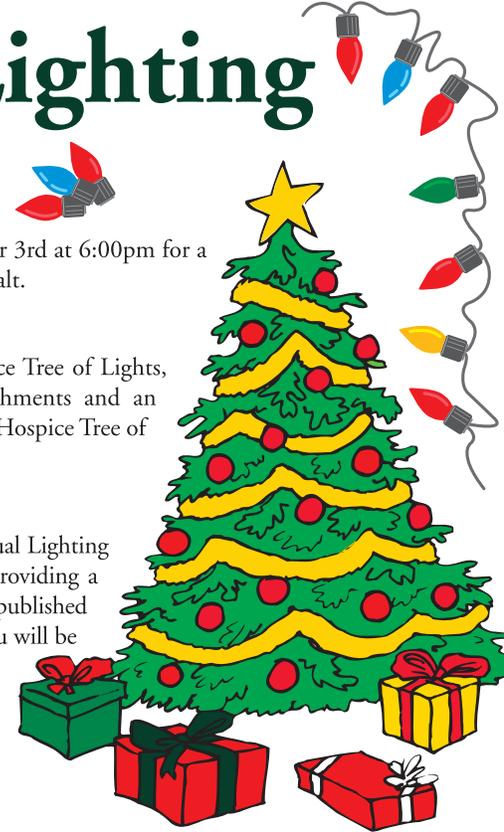
### Tree Lighting Ceremony

This year's tree lighting ceremony will include the Hospice Tree of Lights, holiday music provided by the City Tots Pre-School, refreshments and an appearance by a special guest! For more information about the Hospice Tree of Lights and how you can participate, go to [www.hospicesj.org](http://www.hospicesj.org).

### Holiday Parade

Following the inspirational tree lighting ceremony, the annual Lighting of the Night Parade will commence and wind through town providing a wonderfully festive feeling to the air. The parade route will be published on the city's website at [www.ci.galt.ca.us](http://www.ci.galt.ca.us) by early November. You will be able to quickly print the route from the website.

So mark your calendar and make plans for you, your family and friends to join the Season's festivities on Saturday, December 3rd. It's a wonderful time to come together and celebrate community. See you there!



## Study Identifies Best Retail Matches for Galt

The Buxton Company, a highly-respected retail development and location specialist with over 2,000 retail clients, recently completed a study to help the City fill the gap in the local retail sector that causes the loss of millions of dollars in sales tax revenue every year to communities outside Galt.

Buxton uses a sophisticated approach that takes into account demographic (such as age and gender) and psychographic characteristics (such as household media viewing, purchasing preferences, club memberships) to create consumer profiles which retailers can use to identify the best new store locations. Much of the information can also be used by existing businesses to better understand the buying habits and preferences of local consumers.

The study identified Galt's primary trade area, analyzed Galt's consumer profile within that trade area, and then matched that information with the preferred criteria for a long list of national retailers and restaurateurs. The result was a "Best Match" list of retailers whose customer profile closely matches that of Galt's consumers. It included Home Depot, Payless Shoe Source, Famous Footwear, Dress Barn, Hallmark, Big Lots, Starbucks, and International House of Pancakes, among others.

For the immediate future, city staff will continue to work with the Buxton Company and the business and brokerage community to try and recruit businesses from the "Best Match" list to the City. The City is also reaching out to existing local businesses to share new tools that will be available to help them better understand local consumer preferences and potential sales opportunities. For more information, please contact Sandra Kiriu, Principal Planner at 366-7230 or [skiriu@ci.galt.ca.us](mailto:skiriu@ci.galt.ca.us).



# Capital Improvement Project Updates

## Central Galt Interchange

Construction of the Central Galt Interchange is on schedule and the project is about 30% complete. It is anticipated that the new A Street bridge at Highway 99 will be open for traffic in Winter 2011. The existing bridge on C Street will be demolished for reconstruction after the opening of the A Street Bridge. The City, Teichert Construction and Caltrans are trying hard to ensure smooth traffic flow to minimize the inconvenience to Galt residents and nearby businesses.

Advance message signs are in use to help direct traffic to downtown businesses and the Galt Market.

Information regarding upcoming construction activities and street and ramp closures is posted at [www.centralgaltic.com](http://www.centralgaltic.com) and will be updated throughout the project. The project page can also be accessed through [www.ci.galt.ca.us](http://www.ci.galt.ca.us). The public is urged to observe and obey traffic control signs when driving through construction zones. Flaggers will be on duty at strategic locations to assist you during rush hours. If you have any questions, please call the Public Works Department at 366-7260.



## Twin Cities Road Round-Abouts Improvements at State Route 99

Construction plans to replace the existing traffic signals on Twin Cities Road and East & West Stockton Boulevards with modern roundabouts are being developed in collaboration with Sacramento County and Caltrans. City Staff is working with adjacent property owners to acquire the land required to construct the road improvements. The project is scheduled to advertise for construction bids in Spring 2012. Upon completion, the project will enhance traffic circulation and improve pedestrian and bicycle access.

If you have any questions, please call the Public Works Department at 366-7260.

## Deadman Gulch Trail Project

The City of Galt was awarded \$100,000 from the Sacramento Area Council of Governments Community Design Grant program to install pedestrian crossing improvements at Deadman Gulch at Carillion Blvd. The design work will be completed by the end of this year, and construction is anticipated to be completed by Spring 2012.

The crossing improvements will include stamped asphalt concrete, an audible in-road warning lights system, and minor concrete work to connect the existing trail pathways.

If you have any questions, please call the Public Works Department at 366-7260.



## Energy Efficient Street Lights Are Coming!

The City of Galt will be retrofitting 184 High Pressure Sodium (HPS) street lights scattered throughout the City with energy efficient Light-Emitting Diode (LED) street lights. The new LED lights will reduce energy consumption by at least 20%.

The project is funded by a \$133,736 grant from the California Energy Commission, and \$55,000 from Community Development Block Grant funding. The retrofit work is anticipated to be completed by the end of this year.

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

# Galt's Parks Need Your Help

With the opening of Walker Park, Galt now has twenty parks for residents to enjoy. The City is proud of our parks and amenities and is working to maintain them in the best and safest conditions possible.

Unfortunately, vandalism is an ongoing problem in our parks. Graffiti is the number one issue. Wire theft, playground structure damage, and clogging sinks and toilets with debris are other common issues. Vandalism costs have been \$20,000 - \$30,000 annually over the last three years. Since the City is self insured, funding to repair vandalism is taken out of the maintenance and operations budget and, therefore, not available for necessary maintenance of the parks.

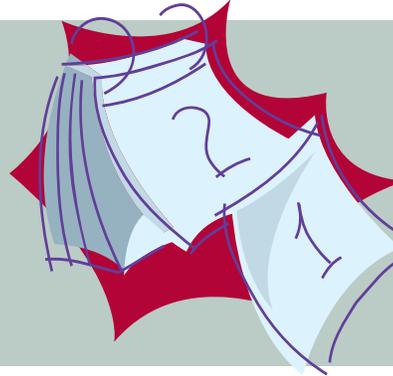


The City is asking you to partner with us to reduce the damage that a few are causing to the detriment of the majority who use, enjoy, and respect our parks. Please report suspicious activity and vandalism to the Galt Police Department. The direct number for the Galt Police Dispatch is (209) 366-7000. Together we can reduce vandalism and save money that is needed to keep our parks safe and a treasure for all to enjoy.



## ★ Tree Lighting Ceremony

Saturday, December 3rd  
6:00pm



Have you checked the  
Community Calendar today?

[www.galtheraldonline.com](http://www.galtheraldonline.com)

Halloween Party – Adams Family  
Monster Bash on October 22nd at  
Chabolla Center from 7:00pm until  
10:00pm. Lots of other exciting events  
around town. Check the calendar today!

## Crime Prevention 101

It's true that anyone can become a victim of crime, but there are some basic things that you can do to deter criminals from choosing you. People generally think of their homes as safe havens where the outside world can not get to them, but statistics constantly show that crime and home invasions are on the rise all over the United States. Do what you can to make your home as safe as possible. It all starts by becoming more active with your neighborhood.

### Crime In Your Neighborhood

One of the best ways to ensure that a burglar does not target your house for a break in is to make your entire block a highly secure area. This involves working with your neighbors so that everyone watches out for each other. Think of your block as a mini community, and you can rely on your neighbors to keep you safe just as much as they can rely on you.

Meet the people who live nearby, and get to know their names, what cars they have and exchange phone numbers. Keep a list of this contact information near a phone, so you can call anyone on your block should the need arise. Consider starting a Neighborhood Watch Group by contacting the Galt Police Department's Crime Prevention Coordinator (TJ Guidotti) at 366-7021 to help watch over everyone in your neighborhood.

### Watch For Strangers

Once you get to know the people around you, you will be better prepared to notice strangers who seem to be hanging around a lot. Seeing someone you don't know walk down your street once is not at all unusual, but if that same person were to be lingering and going back and forth on your block frequently, they may be casing the neighborhood and looking for a home to burglarize.

Similarly, if you note an unfamiliar car that is spending a lot of time driving on your street, it could be an indication that criminals are looking for potential targets. Warn a neighbor if you see someone looking at their home, and don't be afraid to call the police to report suspicious behavior. As it is often said, the best way to avoid being victimized by crime is to prevent it from happening.

### Deter Criminals From Choosing Your Home

Even a well watched neighborhood can be struck by crime. A burglar looks for the easiest target possible, so it is up to you to make your house difficult to break into. Keep exterior and interior lights on during the night. Criminals prefer a cover of darkness, and will gravitate towards a home that has no lights on at all.

When you go out for the night, keep a television on, or play a radio inside the house. This will give the appearance that someone is still home. Experts often recommend choosing a talk station for the radio to give the impression that a conversation is taking place inside. A law breaker may still attempt to break into your home if they become reasonably certain they can do so without being noticed.

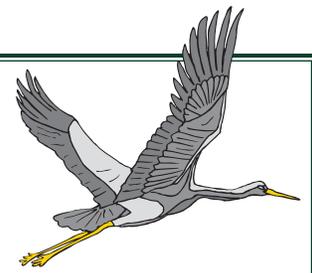


# Register For The Early Childhood Education Permit or College Degree Program

San Joaquin Delta College will be offering coursework in Galt beginning in January leading to a permit or degree in Early Childhood Education. The Galt Joint Union Elementary School District seeks to strengthen or expand quality prekindergarten services with a qualified workforce. Interested community members can begin the first two steps by completing:

1. **The Financial Aid Application at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) and use the Delta College Code 001280**
2. **Applying for Admissions for Delta College at [www.deltacollege.edu](http://www.deltacollege.edu)**

For additional information, please contact Donna Whitlock, Fairsite School Readiness Coordinator at 745-1546 Ext. 303 or e-mail [dwhitlock@galt.k12.ca.us](mailto:dwhitlock@galt.k12.ca.us).



## City Hall Information

City Hall  
(209) 366-7130

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

City Email Address  
[clerk@ci.galt.ca.us](mailto:clerk@ci.galt.ca.us)

City Office Hours  
8:00am to 5:30pm  
Monday thru Thursday

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

You Are Invited To

## Adam's Family Monster Bash!

October 22nd, 2011

7:00pm - 10:00pm • Chabolla Center

All Ages Are Welcome!

Admission: \$3 per person or a family of 4 or more \$10

Prize for best costume! • Prize for best family costume!  
Devils Food Cake! • Spooky activities and music!



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# City of Galt Parks & Recreation Department

610 Chabolla Avenue, Galt, CA 95632

(209) 366-7180

Currently registrations are taken at the Parks & Recreation office

Mondays – Thursdays 8:00am – 5:30pm

ONLINE REGISTRATION COMING IN NOVEMBER

Fall Quarter

## YOUTH & ADULT & SENIOR PROGRAMS

### EGG ARTISTRY 101 - Registration Ongoing

Beginning techniques used to create an egg art project using real eggshells for participants of all ages.

Location: Parks & Recreation Classrooms

Days/Times: Once Monthly on Saturdays 9:00am - 3:00pm (October 15<sup>th</sup>, November 19<sup>th</sup> and December 10<sup>th</sup>)

Price: \$5 (plus approx \$20 in supplies)

### GROUP GUITAR LESSONS - Registration Ongoing

Learn to play guitar or enhance your skills.

Location: Parks & Recreation Classrooms

Days/Times: Wednesdays 4:00pm - 4:45pm (beginners) • 4:45pm - 5:30pm (intermediates)

Price: \$60 per month

### TANG SOO DO KARATE - Registration Ongoing

Adults and youth 8 years and older will learn, physical agility, self defense, self-confidence.

Location: Chabolla Community Center

Days/Times: Tuesdays (beginners) 6:30pm - 8:30pm • Wednesdays (advanced) 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Price: \$25 per month

### TENNIS LESSONS - Registration Ongoing

Tennis lessons and clinics to learn tennis or enhance your skills for all age levels.

Location: Galt Community Park Tennis Courts

Days/Times: Monday 4:00pm - 5:00pm (intermediate) • Tuesday 4:00pm - 5:00pm (beginning) • Wednesday 3:00pm - 4:30pm (open tennis 8<sup>th</sup> grade/high school)  
Thursday 4:00pm - 5:00pm / 5:00-6:00pm (high school) • (weather permitting)

Price: \$55 per month (\$25 per month for high school students)

### ZUMBA - Registration Ongoing

Burn 800 - 1000 calories per class while learning the hottest dance steps to Latin and other International rhythms.

Location: Parks & Recreation Classrooms

Days/Times: Mondays 7:30pm - 8:30pm • Thursdays 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Price: \$5 per class or \$20 punch card (good for 5 visits!)

## ADULT & SENIOR PROGRAMS

### ADULT BASKETBALL - Registration is October 31<sup>st</sup> - December 19<sup>th</sup>

Location: Galt High School Gym (Notolli Dome)

Days/Times: Games on Sundays (January 8<sup>th</sup> - March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012)

Prices: \$440 per team (non-resident fees will be charged per player as needed)

### FITNESS IN A CHAIR - Registration Ongoing

Exercise to music with emphasis on stretching, flexing and toning the body. All exercises are performed in a chair.

Location: Chabolla Community Center

Days/Times: Mondays and Fridays 10:45am - 11:15am

Price: \$1 per class

### FITNESS IS FOREVER - Registration Ongoing

Exercise to music emphasis on stretching, flexing, and toning the body.

Location: Chabolla Community Center

Days/Times: Mondays and Fridays 9:30am - 10:15am

Price: \$2 per class

### T'AI CHI - Registration Ongoing

Instruction offered to all levels of T'ai Chi enthusiasts from novice to advance for adults.

Location: Parks & Recreation Classrooms

Days/Times: Tuesdays 9:30pm - 10:30am

Price: \$5 per class

### LINE DANCING - No Registration Required

No partner needed! Have fun while learning aerobic exercises and line dances for participants 18 years and older.

Location: Chabolla Community Center

Days/Times: Wednesdays 8:00am - 9:30am and Thursdays 3:00pm - 4:30pm

Price: Free

# YOUTH PROGRAMS

## CITY TOTS PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

M/W/F M/W/F T/TH  
8:30am - 11:30am 12:00pm - 3:00pm 8:30am - 11:30am Students can register for more than one class time. Currently accepting applications.  
Location: Littleton Community Center  
Dates: September - May  
Prices: \$25 registration fee - M/W/F classes: \$115 per month and T/TH classes: \$80 per month (non-resident fees will be charged)

## STAR Program (Special Teens and Adults) No Registration Required

All teens and adults with special needs are invited to participate in this program.

Location: Chabolla Community Center  
Dates: October 7<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, November 11<sup>th</sup>, and December 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Times: 7:00pm - 9:00pm (Participants must be picked up no later than 9:15pm)  
Prices: Free

## YOUTH BASKETBALL - Registration is September 6<sup>th</sup> - October 24<sup>th</sup>

Location: Chabolla Community Center / Littleton Community Center / Galt High School Gym  
Days/Times: Weekday evenings and Saturdays. Games are January 7<sup>th</sup> - February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012.  
Prices: 1st grade: \$25 • 2nd-3rd grades: \$30 • 4th grade: \$37.50 • 5th-6th grades: \$50 • 7th-8th grades: \$55 (non-resident fees will be charged)

## PARENT & ME INTRO TO MOVEMENT & DANCE - Registration Ongoing

Creative movement and pre-ballet/dance introduction for parents and their children (walking to 2 years of age).

Location: Parks & Recreation Classrooms  
Days/Times: Saturdays 9:00am - 11:15am  
Price: \$35 per month

## BABY BALLET - Registration Ongoing

Creative movement and pre-ballet / dance introduction for children ages 3 to 4 years old.

Location: Parks & Recreation Classrooms  
Days/Times: Saturdays 9:45am - 10:15am  
Price: \$35 per month

## BALLET - Registration Ongoing

Ballet and creative movement, basic terminology, body alignment and flexibility for children 5 years and older.

Location: Parks & Recreation Classrooms  
Days/Times: Saturdays 10:30am - 11:15am  
Price: \$40 per month

## TAE-KWON-DO TOTS - Registration Ongoing

Basic karate techniques, building coordination and gaining self-esteem for children 2 to 4 years of age.

Location: Parks & Recreation Classrooms  
Days/Times: Mondays 3:45pm - 4:15pm  
Price: \$30 per month

## KIDSAFE USA

Participants will learn skills and knowledge for protection as well as enhance self-esteem.

Location: Parks & Recreation Classrooms  
Days/Times: Mondays 4:30pm - 5:10pm (5-7 years) • 5:15pm - 5:55pm (8-13 years) • 6:00pm - 6:40pm (Yellow Belts +)  
Price: \$60 per month

## KINDERGYM - Registration Ongoing

Participants 20-36 months will learn to develop their strength, coordination, & social skills while having fun with gymnastics skills.

Location: Parks & Recreation Classrooms  
Days/Times: Thursdays 10:15am - 10:45am  
Price: \$30 per month

## GYMNASTICS FOR KIDS - Registration Ongoing

Children of different ages will learn fun skills such as tumbling, balance beam, stretching, and vaulting.

Location: Littleton Community Center  
Days/Times: Mondays 3:00pm - 3:30pm (Preschool) • 3:45pm - 4:30pm (5-7 years) • 4:30pm - 5:15pm (8+ years)  
Price: \$35 per month (Preschool) or \$40 per month

## GYMNASTICS FOR TOTS - Registration Ongoing

Tumbling, balance beam, stretching, vaulting, music, and fun for children 3 and 4 years old.

Location: Parks & Recreation Classrooms  
Days/Times: Thursdays 9:30am - 10:00am  
Price: \$35 for 4 classes

## TWILIGHT TWIRLERS - Registration Ongoing

Recreational and competitive baton twirling, which includes instruction in coordination and physical fitness for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and up.

Location: Parks & Recreation Classrooms  
Days/Times: Saturdays 11:00am - 11:45 am  
Price: \$40 per month

## CHILDREN'S SCIENCE PROGRAM

Hands-on, literature-based science lesson for your 3-6 year olds!

Location: P&R Classrooms  
Days/Times: Tuesdays 3:30-4:00pm October 11-November 1, 2011  
Price: \$35/child