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A City Working For You!

New!

View and Register for Recreational Activities Online

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Special Dates

January 3 rd	City Council Meeting Canceled
January 11 th	Parks & Rec Commission Meeting
January 12 th	Planning Commission Meeting
January 16 th	City Offices Closed
January 17 th	City Council Meeting
February 7 th	City Council Meeting
February 8 th	Parks & Rec Commission Meeting
February 9 th	Planning Commission Meeting
February 20 th	Holiday President's Day
February 21 st	City Council Meeting

Register online for your favorite recreational activities and be active today!

www.ci.galt.ca.us/reonline

What?

We are very excited to offer you the ability to easily and securely view and register for recreation activities online.

You can now access our up-to-date program information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This new online registration system truly shows our commitment to delivering the best customer service possible. It also means that we can spend more time where it really matters ... with you!

Why?

Fast! No more waiting in line.

Easy! Programs are just a few clicks away.

Timely! Around the clock access. Meet deadlines easily.

Convenient! Registration from the comfort of home.

Secure! Your account information remains private and safe.

How?

Go online and you're first in line!

View and Register for activities online today!

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Central Galt Interchange

Construction of the Central Galt Interchange is proceeding as scheduled with the project being about 40% completed. The A Street Bridge is anticipated to be open for public traffic in early January 2012. Once the A Street Bridge is open, the existing C Street Bridge will be demolished for reconstruction. Construction progress, during the winter months, will be weather dependent. Information regarding upcoming construction activities and street and ramp closures are posted at www.centralgaltic.com throughout the project. The project can also be accessed through www.ci.galt.ca.us.

The City, Teichert Construction and Caltrans are working hard to ensure the smooth flow of traffic to minimize the inconvenience to Galt residents and nearby businesses. Drivers are urged to observe and obey all traffic control signs when driving through the construction area. If you have any questions, please call the Public Works Department at 366-7260.

Self Service Sand Bag Station

The City will set up the annual self-service sand bag station prior to the next forecasted major storm event. The location is 550 Elm Avenue, which is in front of the Parks Maintenance Corporation Yard. Shovels, bags and sand will be available for residents to fill sandbags to be used to prevent localized flooding. The City asks that only residents within the City limits utilize the self-service sand bag station.

Sacramento County opens sandbag distribution sites prior to severe storm events. San Joaquin County offers information on where to purchase sandbagging supplies.

Information for residents of Sacramento and San Joaquin Counties can be found at these websites:

www.msa.saccounty.net/waterresources/stormready/sandbags

www.sjgov.org/oes/Sandbags_Sand.pdf

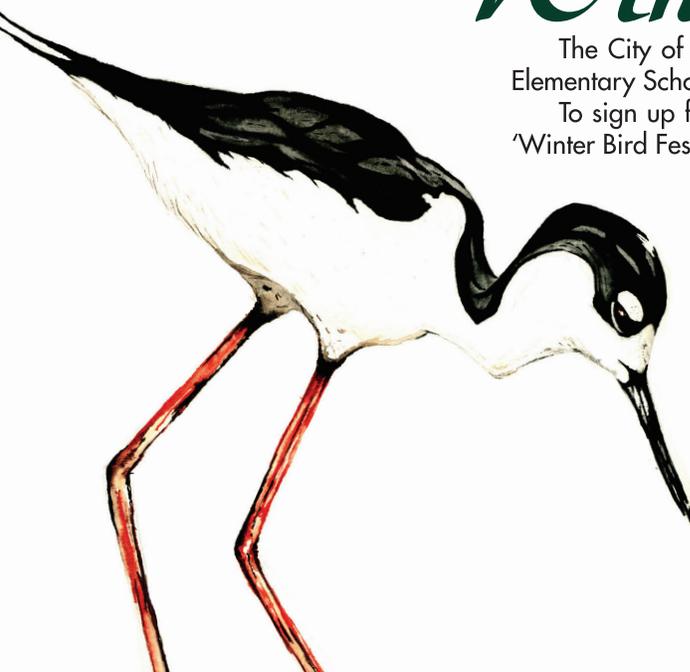
Please call Public Works at 366-7260 if you have any questions or concerns.

5th ANNUAL GALT

Winter Bird Festival

The City of Galt, in collaboration with the Cosumnes River Preserve and Galt Joint Union Elementary School District, is pleased to bring you the 5th Annual Winter Bird Festival.

To sign up for any of our tours, please visit our website at www.ci.galt.ca.us and click on 'Winter Bird Festival' or call 366-7115.



Tour Schedule

For enhanced wildlife viewing opportunities, be sure to visit the free festival at McCaffrey Middle School after your tour is over! Wild animal presentations, guest speakers, demonstrations, exhibits, free youth activities and a variety of food vendors will all be awaiting your return!

6:00am - 8:30am	Dawn in the Wetlands Photo Tour
6:30am - 9:30am	Early Morning Songbirds Tour
7:00am - 10:00am	Preserve Managers Tour
8:00am - 11:00am	Bufferlands Tour
9:00am - 11:00am	McFarland Ranch Children's Tour
4:30pm - 7:30pm	Staten Island Sunset Crane Tour

Art/Education/ Food Vendors Exhibit Hall

open 8:00am - 4:00pm

Presentation Schedule

All presentations will be held in the Jeff Jennings Auditorium

10:30am - 11:30am
Point Reyes Bird Observatory - Shorebirds Presentation

12:00pm - 1:00pm
Native Birds Presentation

1:30pm - 2:30pm
Wetlands and Waterbirds in the Central Valley: Two Centuries of Loss and Recovery

3:00pm - 4:00pm
Wild Things, Inc. - Wild Animal Show Bird festival

Saturday - January 28, 2012

LOCATION

McCaffrey Middle School
997 Park Terrace Drive
Galt CA 95632

Home Sweet (Energy Efficient) Home!

In recent years, we have been hearing more and more about “going green” and how we can alter our lifestyles to become more energy efficient. One of the main areas we can easily focus our attention is in our own homes. Did you know, for example, that electricity and natural gas used in our homes creates over 20% of the greenhouse gas emissions generated in the City of Galt? That’s why it is important that we make sure our homes are as energy efficient as possible... especially if your home was built prior to 1990.

By making energy efficiency improvements, you can increase the comfort level in your own home, lower your monthly utility costs and add resale value to your home. Now you can save money at the same time! The City of Galt has partnered with Energy Upgrade California (www.energyupgradecalifornia.com) to provide a one stop clearinghouse for information on residential energy efficiency, incentive programs, available rebates, financing options, and qualified contractors to perform certain work.

This website will teach you how to increase the efficiency of your home beyond switching off a light bulb. By participating in these programs, you can contribute to a “greener” environment for your community and, as an added bonus, lower your bills and keep the “green” in your wallet! To learn more, please visit the website and enter your zip code for information specific to Galt. If you have any questions about building permit requirements for certain improvements or if you have trouble navigating the site, please call the Galt Building Department at 366-7200 or e-mail questions to building@ci.galt.ca.us.

Sunshine Fuel

Solar power is now running the treatment facilities at the Galt Wastewater Treatment Plant thanks to a City Council approved Solar Power Purchase Agreement (PPA).

This approximately 1 Megawatt solar plant was constructed by SunPower Corporation on behalf of Solar Star California, XXII, a private solar provider. The City has no ownership or maintenance responsibilities for the facility but is able to buy solar electricity at a stabilized rate that is less than current and projected SMUD rates. Even better, the rate will not change over the term of the PPA. This will benefit Galt ratepayers by stabilizing energy costs for the new treatment facilities at a level lower than SMUD rates. Estimated energy cost savings at the Wastewater Treatment Plant over the next twenty years are over \$1.2 million.

The City is pleased that this renewable energy project will save money for Galt ratepayers and help the environment at the same time. If you would like more information, please contact Sandra Kiri, Principal Planner at 366-7230 (skiri@ci.galt.ca.us).



T-Ball, Instructional and Girl’s Softball

The Parks and Recreation Department will be accepting registrations for T-Ball, Instructional and Girl’s Softball starting on January 9, 2012 and continuing until February 20, 2012.

Games will be played Mondays through Saturdays at the Galt Sports Complex. This year’s season runs from March into June.

T-Ball Minors 5 years old - \$35 • T-Ball Majors 6 years old - \$35 • T-Ball Girls 5&6 years old - \$35

Instructional - \$35

Boys and Girls 7&8 years old

Girl’s Softball - \$65

Minis (9-10) – Minors (11-12) – Majors (13-14)



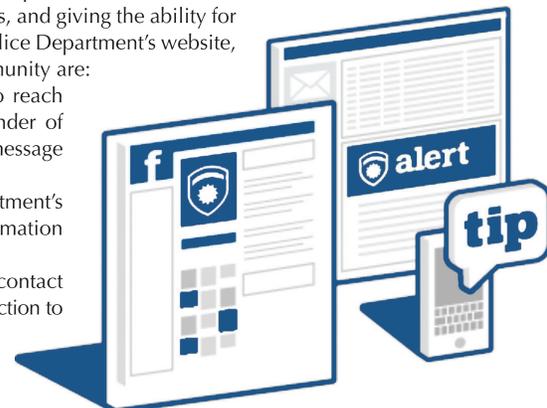
Want To Know What’s Going On In Galt?

TIP 411 IS THE ANSWER!

The Galt Police Department is unveiling a new information system this month which will allow the community to receive information or the “411” on what’s happening in Galt. Tip411 uses the internet in conjunction with social media sites and citizens to create safer and more connected communities. Tip411 is a service that provides law enforcement effective ways to engage the public. Through Tip411, the Galt Police Department will be able to create awareness of current police activities or emergency situations through group alerts, expanding that reach through social media sites, and giving the ability for citizens to provide immediate, anonymous tips and intelligence. Simply follow the Tip411 link on the Galt Police Department’s website, www.galtpd.com, to sign up. Examples of how Tip411 can assist the Galt Police Department and the community are:

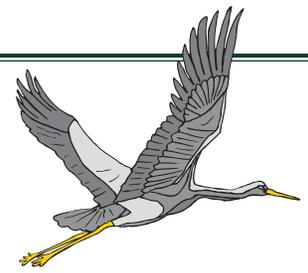
- Group Alerting – Pinpoint targeted text and email alerts to custom public groups that we want to reach such as neighborhood watch, businesses, schools or other private groups. For example, a reminder of an upcoming neighborhood watch meeting would go out to those signed up for that group or a message regarding an “in progress” crime near a school to those signed up for that group.
- Social Media Publishing – Securely and simultaneously publish information to the Police Department’s Facebook and Twitter pages-with the click of a button. Reaching people where they get their information everyday further engages the public.
- Anonymous Text Tips – Proactively engage the public by giving them the ability to anonymously contact the Police Department via text message or web tips. Chat functionality gives the police a two way connection to interact with tipsters to gather more intelligence and information regarding crime and quality of life issues.

The Galt Police Department hopes with the help of the community we can create a safer more connected City.



Pay Your Utility Bill Online!

To begin your online service, contact the Finance Department during regular business hours at 366-7150, press -0- for customer service and ask for your cycle route number along with easy to follow instructions to get started today!



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
8:00am to 5:30pm
Monday thru Thursday

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

2012 Galt Business License Renewal Process Underway

Your business license renewal must be received by Monday, February 1, 2012, to avoid penalties. Please contact the Finance Department at 366-7158 or finance@ci.galt.ca.us for information. Be sure to include your business name and license number in your email. City of Galt 2011 Business Licenses expired 12/31/2011.

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

Each year various checks become stale dated if they remain uncashed after six (6) months from the date of issuance. A list of these items can be found on the City of Galt's web site at www.ci.galt.ca.us, link to the Finance Department, Unclaimed Property. Download and complete the "Request For Replacement of Lost, Stolen or Stale Dated Check" form and bring to the Finance Department, 380 Civic Drive. Identification will be required when submitting this form. A copy of the Unclaimed Property List and form are available at the City Clerk's office as well.



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Registrations are taken online at www.ci.galt.ca.us/reconline or
at the Galt Parks & Recreation office
Winter Program (December 18 – February 28)

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 (January 21st, February 18th and March 17th)

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) December 18 - February 28

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 December 18 - February 28

Price: \$25 per month

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

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

ADULT & SENIOR PROGRAMS

MEN'S & CO-ED SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL Registration February 6 - April 2 • Games Played April - June

Teams are guaranteed 9-games. 1st Half (4 games) are for division seeding. 2nd Half (4 games) are for playoff seeding. All teams make playoffs.

Location: Galt Sports Complex

Days/Times: Men's - Mondays 6:00pm - 9:00pm

CO-ED - Thursdays 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Price: \$360 per team

BALLROOM DANCING Registration ongoing

Four week and eight week classes are offered through the Department. Partners are required for most classes.

Location: Parks & Recreation Classrooms

Days/Times: Tuesdays 7:00pm - 8:00pm (eight week classes) or 8:15pm - 9:15pm (four week classes), December 18 – February 28

Price: \$124/pair per class for eight weeks; \$64/pair per four weeks

CANE-FU Registration ongoing

Senior Training & Exercise using a combination of isometric and isotonic techniques to provide an effective and efficient regimen for muscle toning, flexibility and rehabilitation.

Location: Iron Dragon Kenpo Karate, 232 S. Lincoln Way, Galt

Days/Times: Monday thru Friday 6:00pm - 9:00pm, Monday & Thursday 8:00am – 10:00am, Saturdays 2:00pm - 3:00pm, December 18 – February 28

Price: \$60, two-2 hour classes each week/\$40, one-2 hour class each week, \$8 drop in rate

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, December 18 – February 28

Price: \$2 per visit

GOURMET COOKING Registration ongoing. Please visit our web-site for class locations and times.

Learn to cook and then enjoy eating the meal you prepared in 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 9:30am – 10:30am, December 18 – February 28

Price: \$5 per class

ADDITIONAL CLASSES AND PROGRAMS CAN BE FOUND ON THE CITY OF GALT WEBSITE

YOUTH PROGRAMS

YOUTH T-BALL/INSTRUCTIONAL/GIRLS' SOFTBALL Registration is January 9, 2012 – February 21, 2012

Location: Galt Sports Complex
Days/Times: Games are played Mondays - Saturdays
Prices: T-Ball (5-6) - \$35 Instructional (7-8) - \$35 Girls Minis (9-10), Minor (11-12) and Majors (13-14) - \$65

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.

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: January 13, February 10, March 2 & 16
Times: 7:00pm - 9:00pm (Participants must be picked up no later than 9:15pm)
Price: Free

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, December 18 - February 28
Price: \$35 per month

BABY BALLETT 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, December 18 - February 28
Price: \$35 per month

BALLETT 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, December 18 - February 28
Price: \$40 per month

CHILDREN'S SCIENCE CLASSES

Children will enjoy exciting hands-on science lessons! In each session, children will have the opportunity to explore science themes.
Location: Parks & Recreation Classrooms
Days/Times: Tuesdays, January 10-31 Ages 3-6 3:30pm - 4:00pm Grades 1-6 4:30pm - 5:00pm
Price: \$35

CHILDREN'S MUSICAL THEATER

A nine-week course that allows participants to perform on stage while learning physical expressiveness, memorization, and improvisation for children 6 to 12.
Location: Littleton Community Center
Days/Times: Thursdays 4:00pm - 5:30pm Performance on Friday at the end of the course. March 1 - April 26, 2012.
Price: \$95

TAE-KWON-DO FOR 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, December 18 - February 28
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 +). December 18 - February 28
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, December 18 - February 28
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); December 18 - February 28
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, December 18 - February 28
Price: \$35 for 4 classes

TWILIGHT TWIRLERS Registration ongoing

Recreational and competitive baton twirling, which includes instruction in coordination and physical fitness for 2nd grade +.
Location: Parks & Recreation Classrooms
Days/Times: Saturdays 11:00am - 11:45am, December 18 - February 28
Price: \$40 per month