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Special Dates

April 3 rd	City Council Meeting
April 11 th	Parks & Rec Commission Meeting
April 12 th	Planning Commission Meeting
April 17 th	City Council Meeting
May 1 st	City Council Meeting
May 9 th	Parks & Rec Commission Meeting
May 10 th	Planning Commission Meeting
May 15 th	City Council Meeting
May 28 th	Holiday Memorial Day
June 5 th	City Council Meeting

SHRED IT!

Protect Your Personal Information

April 21st • 9:00am - 1:00pm • Galt Market

Private information isn't limited to bank statements, tax returns and legal documents and contracts. Printed confidential materials are produced daily from medical records to planning documents. As the fastest-growing form of fraud, identity theft threatens to destroy personal credit ratings as well as reputation and security. Governments and regulators around the world continue to develop legislation to help protect individuals but prevention is the best solution.

You can bring up to three file boxes full of documents to shred, or one garbage bag full of documents.

You must be a resident of the City of Galt (residing within the city limits). Please bring proof of residency or a utility statement.



For your convenience, both of these events will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2012 from 9:00am to 1:00pm at the Galt Market.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off

April 21st • 9:00am - 1:00pm • Galt Market

Items to be collected for the household hazardous waste event include used oil, automotive fluids, batteries, pesticides, fertilizers, pool chemicals, solvents, used sharps, fluorescent tubes, medications, paint and old household cleaners. Tires are also accepted, but are limited to passenger vehicle size. You must be a resident of the City of Galt (residing within the city limits). Please bring proof of residency or a utility statement.



Bulky Waste Collection

As a reminder, each residence can receive Bulky Waste Collection Service up to two (2) times in 2012 by telephoning California Waste Recovery Systems office at 369-6887 to request service. Cal Waste will come to your house and pick up your bulky waste on your next regularly scheduled service day.

You can get more information about this collection service online at www.cal-waste.com/newsletter/newsletter.pdf.

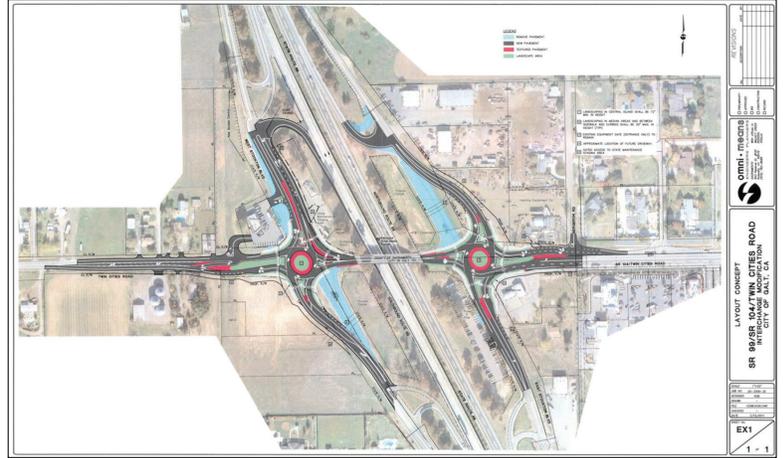
Capital Improvement Project Updates

Twin Cities Road Roundabout Improvements

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 property needed to construct the necessary road improvements. The project is scheduled for construction in mid 2013.

Upon completion, the project will enhance traffic circulation and improve pedestrian & bicycle access. Call Public Works at 366-7260 with questions.



Central Galt Interchange

Construction of the Central Galt Interchange is on schedule and the project is about 55% complete. The A Street Bridge was open to traffic December 2011, which allowed the C Street Bridge to be demolished at night during early January 2012. Much progress has been made on the interchange due to the weather. Weather permitting, the project will continue to process on schedule.

Project information regarding upcoming construction activities and street and ramp closures is posted on the City's website at www.centralgalt.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.

The City, Teichert Construction and Caltrans are trying hard to ensure smooth traffic flow to minimize the inconvenience to Galt residents and nearby businesses. The public is urged to observe and obey traffic control signs when driving through construction zones. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call the Public Works Department at 366-7260.



Construction of the Central Galt Interchange is now over half finished! The C Street Bridge was demolished in January.

Pavement Rehabilitation Project

The City of Galt Public Works Department will have a contractor install slurry seal pavement treatment on local residential streets, and cape seal pavement treatment on F Street, from South Lincoln Way to New Hope Road. The slurry seal treatment consists of asphalt emulsion mixed with aggregate and fillers. The cape seal treatment consists of a rubber asphalt emulsion mixed with well graded 3/8 inch broken stone or gravel rock (also called chip seal) and then topped with a slurry seal. The treatments will seal the pavement, correct raveling, prevent oxidation, improve skid resistance, and overall preserve the pavement surface.

The treatment work is part of the City's Capital Improvement Program to maintain roadway pavement infrastructure. The estimated \$1,000,000 project is funded with Measure "A" Sacramento Transportation Authority (STA) and Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funding. The project is anticipated to be complete by the end of this summer.

All residents and businesses affected by the work will be provided advance notifications. Street closures of 4 to 6 hours will be necessary. The Public Works Department will make every effort to minimize the impact of construction activities on local residents and businesses, but asks all affected to plan ahead and drive safely through the construction areas. Please contact Public Works at 366-7260 if you would like to see the complete project locations, or if you need additional information.

Wastewater Rates & Billing Changes

As part of the City's annual review of utility rates, the City Council reduced wastewater rates effective March 1, 2012. The total wastewater rate was reduced by 6.5%, which reduces the total charge for a single family home by \$3.12 per month. In addition, the "sewer upgrade" fee itemized on your bill is being changed. In the past, the amount was intended to cover increased construction and operating costs for major improvements to the City's wastewater treatment plant needed to meet State discharge requirements. The operating costs, as well as additional improvements that are still needed to meet the City's current discharge permit, are continuing costs. However, since the City received a low-interest loan through the State of California, our loan payment costs are now fixed. The change is that the "sewer upgrade" fee will represent only the amount needed to make the loan payments and will also be fixed. (There would be some slight adjustments downward as additional customers are added). It will be discontinued when the loan is repaid in full in 2030. The remaining charge covers all other operating, maintenance and capital improvement costs and will be adjusted as those costs change through the usual rate review process. If you have questions on wastewater rates, contact the Public Works Department at 366-7260.

Easter Eggstravaganza!



Come celebrate the 3rd Annual Spring Eggstravaganza in Old Town on April 7th on 4th Street between B & E Streets from 10:00am to 2:00pm. 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.

Lots of games and fun for the kids as well as an Easter Egg hunt. Parade starts at 10:00am, with Basket Races starting at 11:00am. Games and Activities begin at 11:30am. The Egg Drop contest will begin at 12:00pm, with the Egg Hunt starting at 1:00pm.

This year's festivities are sponsored by the Galt Shop Local Committee and the Galt Chamber of Commerce.

For more information on the Spring Eggstravaganza schedule or specific events, contact Ann Ullrich at 481-5489.

Fire Season Is Near

With fire season rapidly approaching and very little rainfall this winter the Cosumnes Community Services District (CCSD) Fire Department and Galt Code Enforcement would like to remind everyone to keep your property from becoming a fire hazard!



Approved methods of fire hazard abatement are as follows:

- Two Acres or Larger - disc or scrape a thirty-foot wide area around the entire perimeter and around all structures, fences, fire hydrants and other similar items. Cutting by fine chopping or mulching of the entire parcel is acceptable.
- Less than Two Acres - weeds must be removed from the entire parcel by disking, scraping or cutting, or by fine chopping or mulching. The remaining grass or weed stubble can be no taller than two inches around all structures, fences, fire hydrants, sidewalks and street pavement abutting the parcel.

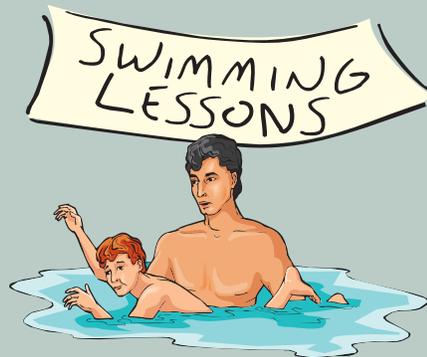
To report Weed Abatement issues on vacant parcels of land, please call the Cosumnes CSD Fire Department Weed Hotline (916) 405-7115. To report Weed Abatement issues on occupied parcels within city limits, please call Galt Code Enforcement (209) 366-7200.



Gora Aquatic Center

The Gora Aquatic Center began accepting registrations for most aquatics programs on March 1st. Programs include the Galt Gators Recreational Swim Team and Swim Lessons. For more information on these programs, please visit the City's website www.ci.galt.ca.us or pickup fliers at the Parks and Recreation Department office. Registrations are currently being taken online at www.ci.galt.ca.us/reconline and at the Parks and Recreation office. For more information regarding our aquatic programs, call 366-7180.

The Aquatic Center will officially open for the 2012 Season on Saturday, May 26th.



Walker Park - Open on Sundays

The artificial turf field located at Walker Community Park is now open to the public on Sundays on a first-come, first-serve basis when not reserved. Park hours are from 8:00am to dusk. An updated schedule will be posted at the park on Mondays and Thursdays. For more information, please call 366-7180.

Adult Spring Softball

The Parks & Recreation office will be accepting registrations through April 5, 2012. The season begins on Monday, April 16th, for Men's League and Thursday, April 19th, for Co-ed. The season will consist of 8 regular season games and playoffs.



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 at 12:30pm (March 17, April 21 and May 19)

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), March 1 - May 31

Price: \$60 per month

HIGH HURDLES HORSEMANSHIP PROGRAM, INC. - Registration Ongoing

A traditional and therapeutic riding program offered in the Galt/Herald area. This program focuses on the individual student and provides instruction on safe horsemanship skills, English and Western disciplines and foundation training for individuals with or without special needs. Please call for more information.

Location: Kwik Ranch, 12785 Borden Road, Herald

Days/Times: Fridays 2:00pm - 3:00pm or Sundays 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Price: \$120 per month (4 classes)

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, March 1 - May 31

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 - 8th grade/high school), Thursday 4:00pm - 5:00pm/5:00pm - 6:00pm (high school), March 1 - May 31 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 7:00pm - 8:00pm, March 1 - May 31

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

ADULT & SENIOR PROGRAMS

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), March - May 31

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, March 1 - May 31

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

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 10:45 - 11:15am, March 1 - May 31

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 9:30pm - 10:15am, March 1 - May 31

Price: \$30 per class (+\$15 Supplies and Materials fee that is paid to the instructor on the day of the class)

GOURMET COOKING - Registration ongoing

Learn to cook and then enjoy eating the meal you prepared in class.

Location: Grocery Outlet Kitchen, 8517 Bond Road, Elk Grove, CA

Days/Times: Multiple Days and Times, please call 366-7180 for specifics

Price: \$30 per class (+\$15 Supplies and Materials fee that is paid to the instructor on the day of the 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, March 1 - May 31

Price: Free

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, March 1 - May 31

Price: \$5 per class

City of Galt Parks & Recreation Department

610 Chabolla Avenue, Galt, CA 95632

(209) 366-7180

Registrations are taken online at www.ci.galt.ca.us/reconline
or at the Galt Parks & Recreation office
Spring Program (March 1 – May 31)

YOUTH PROGRAMS

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, March 1 - May 31

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, March 1 - May 31

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, March 1 - May 31

Price: \$40 per month

GALT GATORS RECREATIONAL SWIM TEAM

The Galt Gators are a recreational swim team that travels and hosts swim meets with other Northern California Swim League teams.

If you love to swim and are between the ages of 4 and 18, this may be for you! There are swimming pre-requisites for all ages.

Please call for more information. This season is April 23 through July 22.

Price: \$85 *Additional Fees due to the Galt Gator Board (\$25 per swimmer, not to exceed \$60 per family)

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 +), March 1 - May 31

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, March 1 - May 31

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), March 1 - May 31

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, March 1 - May 31

Price: \$35 for 4 classes

SWIM LESSON PROGRAM

Each session of swim lessons consists of eight (8), 30 minute classes (typically Monday through Thursday for two weeks).

Classes fill quickly; please reserve your spots now. Swim Lesson flier is available in the offices or online at www.ci.galt.ca.us.

Price: \$35

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, March 1 - May 31

Price: \$30 per month

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 - 11:45 am, March 1 - May 31

Price: \$40 per month

Save The Date!

What: Bicycle Safety Rodeo, ages 3-12, sponsored by the Galt Police Department
When: Saturday, May 12, 2012 from 9am to 2pm
Where: Community Park Pavilion



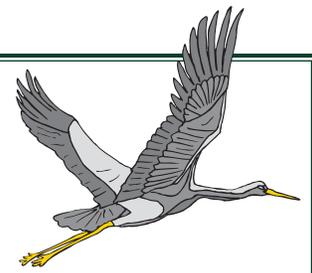
This is a free event that will help kids learn about bicycle safety and test their skills on a real obstacle course. Free hotdogs and bicycle helmets too! For more information, please contact Lynn Hutchinson at the Galt Police Department 366-7056.



Did You Know...

Did you know about the last road closure, major traffic collision, or crime problem in Galt? If not, please visit the Galt Police Department's website at www.galtpd.com and register for automated TIP411 alerts sent directly to your phone or email.

Don't wait, register now and be informed!



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



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