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GALT. Connections

A City Working For You!

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Special Dates

October 2 nd	City Council Meeting
October 10 th	Parks & Rec Commission Meeting
October 11 th	Planning Commission Meeting
October 16 th	City Council Meeting
November 6 th	General Election
November 6 th	City Council Meeting
November 8 th	Planning Commission Meeting
November 14 th	Parks & Rec Commission Meeting
November 20 th	City Council Meeting
December 1 st	Lighting of the Night

Galt Crime Rate Reduction Continues!

The City of Galt has experienced a double digit reduction in crime over the past 4 years and the trend appears to be continuing through the first 6 months of 2012. Below is a snapshot showing how some of the crimes with the greatest affect on quality of life have dropped an average of nearly 42%. Additionally, Galt's per capita crime rate for both violent and property crimes is significantly lower than neighboring cities of Elk Grove and Lodi.

	2008	2011	Change
Burglary	161	113	-30%
Aggravated Assault	38	20	-47%
Larceny (Theft)	476	268	-44%
Auto Theft	101	45	-55%



Much of this success can be attributed to the community's support of the police department's crime prevention and community policing efforts and the passage of the Measure R Public Safety Initiative in 2008.

The police department has developed a positive working relationship with our neighborhoods, schools, business community, churches and many other community organizations in an effort to proactively reduce crime in our City. The transparency of Measure R approved by voters has allowed the Galt Police Department to put more officers on the streets and in investigations. By taking a directed enforcement approach towards cases involving narcotics, gangs and graffiti the department has been successful in addressing

crime and quality of life issues. This is in contrast to many communities in the central valley who are unfortunately experiencing staff shortages and increases in crime.

It is the hard working dedication of the men and women in the Galt Police Department, support from citizens, community leaders, City Council and City management that make up the components for success to provide the citizens of Galt a safe place to live and raise their families.

New City Manager's Weekly Update

A new feature has been added to the City's website called the City Manager's Weekly Update. The Weekly Update is a regular news briefing that is provided to the citizens of Galt that includes important City news, updates on key initiatives and projects, and how the City is delivering services and responding to any concerns from our community. The Weekly Update can be found on the City's website www.ci.galt.ca.us. You can also sign up to receive notifications directly to your email account by registering through the City's eNotify program on the website.

The Galt City Council has made government transparency and community engagement among its top priorities. In addition to the City Manager's Weekly Update, a number of other new City initiatives will be rolled out in the coming months to better communicate City business with the public, including the creation of a City Facebook page and Twitter account. Announcements will be made in the local newspapers and posted on the City's website once they are ready for citizens to join.

Capital Improvement Project Updates

Central Galt Interchange

The construction of the Central Galt Interchange is ahead of schedule and within budget. The City, Teichert Construction and Caltrans have worked hard to complete the project in a timely manner, maintain smooth traffic flow and minimize the inconvenience to the Galt residents and nearby businesses. The construction of the interchange is scheduled to be completed in October 2012. The interchange landscaping is anticipated to go out to bid this winter with the landscaping being installed late winter / early spring.

Project specifics can be obtained from the City's website at www.centralgaltic.com.



Twin Cities Roundabouts

City staff has been working with Caltrans and Sacramento County to replace the existing traffic signals on Twin Cities Road and East & West Stockton Blvd with roundabouts. Currently, property needed to construct the improvements is in the process of being acquired.

The roundabouts construction is scheduled to start in Spring 2013. Once completed, the project will enhance traffic circulation and provide improved pedestrian and bicycle access.

Call 366-7260 with any questions.

Highway 99 Express

On August 6th the City of Galt launched the new Highway 99 Service. This service will no longer service 65th Street and Florin in Sacramento. Instead, the Highway 99 route will make stops at Cosumnes River College, Kaiser South, and the Methodist Hospital. Additionally, the Highway 99 service will now go to Lodi one hour earlier in order to provide service for passengers trying to connect with the commuter route in Galt.



(209) 745-03052 or (800) 338-8676
www.sctlink.com

Galt-Sacramento Commuter Express Bus

The Galt-Sacramento Commuter Express, introduced on April 30th, continues to prove its worth providing Galt residents with three round trips to the Sacramento mid-town area.

Residents continue to use the commuter service to access convenient stops at eight Sacramento Downtown and Midtown locations. Ridership is steadily growing with the following impressive numbers: May - 567, June - 948, and July - 1,030 for a total of 2,545.

Highway 99 Express and Commuter Service fares and route schedules are available by calling SCT/Link at (209) 745-3052 or (800) 338-8676. Information is also available at www.sctlink.com.



City of Galt Blood Drive

Giving blood is one of the most generous acts of kindness that one human being can do for another. Every day, the outpouring of gratitude expressed by blood recipients gives testimony to this fact.

The City of Galt and BloodSource offer an opportunity to donate blood on Thursday, November 1st from 3:30pm to 6:30pm at the Littleton Community Center, 380 Civic Drive. When you support your local blood drives, you save lives.



BloodSource®

Call the Galt City Clerk's Office at 366-7130 or email clerk@ci.galt.ca.us for more information.

Lighting of the Night Event



Please remember to hold the date of Saturday, December 1st for the City of Galt's Annual Lighting of the Night Event. Join us for the Lighting of the City Tree, City Tots Christmas Performance and Shop Local's Christmas activities at the Littleton Center, followed by the Lighting of the Night Parade.

Additional information will be made available in November on our website www.ci.galt.ca.us or by calling the Parks & Recreation Department at 366-7180.

Youth Basketball Sign-Ups



Sign-Ups for Youth Basketball will be taken through October 8th.

You may use the Parks and Recreation Department's on-line registration system to register www.ci.galt.ca.us/reconline or you can call 366-7180 for more information.



City Tots Preschool Program

The Parks & Recreation Department is accepting applications for some City Tots Preschool Class times.

Class times are MWF 8:30am - 11:30am and/or 12:00pm - 3:00pm and T/Th 8:30am - 11:30am and/or 12:00pm - 3:00pm.

- Fees:**
- \$25 registration fee (due at registration)
 - MWF classes: \$115/month
 - T/Th classes: \$80/month

Call the Galt Parks & Recreation office at (209) 366-7180.

SOAR After School Program

The Parks & Recreation office is proud to announce that registrations are now being accepted for the Social Overall Academic & Recreation (SOAR) After School Program!

SOAR is being offered at Lake Canyon, Marengo, and River Oaks Elementary Schools everyday after school when school is in session (M, T, Th, F from 2:30pm - 6:00pm and W from 1:00pm - 6:00pm). Participants must be enrolled as students at that particular school in order to register for SOAR. Program fees are due monthly (\$115 per participant) and are due the last Thursday of the preceding month. Space is limited!

Initial registration must be done in person at the Parks & Recreation Department office. For more information, please call 366-7180.

SAVE THE DATE!

Winter Bird Festival Kick Off Event

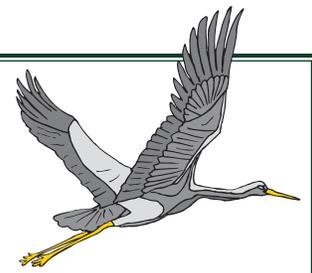
Friday, January 25th
at Brewsters Bar and Grill
Ticket Price Includes: Buffet Dinner,
Guest Speaker & a Live Band!
Call 209-366-7115 to reserve your spot!



6th Annual Winter Bird Festival

Saturday, January 26th
at McCaffrey Middle School
997 Park Terrace Drive
For information call 209-366-7220

www.ci.galt.ca.us



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City Website
www.ci.galt.ca.us

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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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