

Only Rain Down the Drain

The rainy season is upon us. Rain, trash and leaves can lead to plugged storm drain inlets and street flooding. Organics, trash and debris are also harmful to the environment when discharged in our local drainage channels, which are tributaries to the Delta. Please do your part in keeping our storm drains clear and clean:

- Insure that you remove leaves, dirt, and trash from the streets and gutters in front of your home or business and put in the proper waste receptacle.
- Rake leaves and yard debris away from storm drain inlets and place in the yard and garden waste (gray) containers. The City street sweepers cannot pick up leaves, so please clear the leaves from the gutter.
- Do not hose pet waste, dirt, mud, or any other contaminant into the gutter or storm drain inlet. Use a broom and/or a shovel and put it in the trash.

Section 8 of the Galt Municipal Code requires keeping streets and gutters clear of debris and Section 16 protects storm water quality. If you need assistance or have any questions, call Public Works at 366-7260.

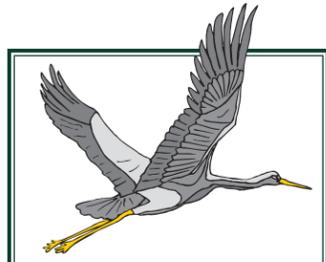
Self Service Sand Bag Station

The City has set up the annual self-service sandbag station. Sand, bags, and 'loaner' shovels will be available during forecasted periods of heavy rain at 550 Elm Avenue, which is in front of the Parks Maintenance Corporation Yard.

This service is intended for those residing within the city limits of Galt to protect properties from localized flooding. Please call Public Works at 366-7260 if you have any questions or concerns.

2013 Business License Renewals

Your 2013 City of Galt Business License renewal must be received by Wednesday, January 30, 2013, to avoid penalties. Contact the Finance Department at 366-7158 or finance@ci.galt.ca.us for information. Include your business name and license number in your email. 2012 Business Licenses expire 12/31/2012.



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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Special Dates

January 9 th	Parks & Rec Commission Meeting
January 10 th	Planning Commission Meeting
January 15 th	City Council Meeting
January 21 st	Offices Closed
January 26 th	Winter Bird Festival
February 5 th	City Council Meeting
February 13 th	Parks & Rec Commission Meeting
February 14 th	Planning Commission Meeting
February 18 th	Holiday Offices Closed
February 19 th	City Council Meeting
March 5 th	City Council Meeting

GALT Connections

A City Working For You!

6th Annual Galt

Winter Bird Festival

Saturday January 26th • 8:00am to 4:00pm • McCaffrey Middle School

A CELEBRATION OF BIRDS!

Free Admission • Local Food Vendors • Arts and Crafts Vendors

Free Children's Activities All Day • Wide Variety of Tours

Wild Animal Presentation • Guest Speakers • & Much More!

Notable Events

- **Keynote Speaker** - David Yee's "Are You Doing A Big Year?"
11:30am - 12:30pm
- **Wild Things, Inc.** - Wild Animal Show
1:00pm - 2:00pm
- **Kerster's Falconry** - Falcon Demonstration
2:30pm - 3:15pm

Tour Schedule

- 6:00am - 8:30am**
Dawn in the Wetlands Photo Tour
- 6:00am - 10:00am**
Cosumnes River Preserve Photo Blind Tour
Canon Camera Feature Tour
- 7:00am - 10:00am**
Preserve Manager's Tour
Canon Camera Tour
- 8:00am - 11:00am**
Wetlands Manager Tour
- 9:00 am - 12:00pm**
Wildlife Biologist Tour
- 10:00am - 12:00pm**
Children's Tour (Sponsored by Ducks Unlimited)
- 3:30 pm - Sunset**
Staten Island Sunset Crane Tour
Canon Camera Tour



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

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Galt Police Department Looking for Volunteers

Have you ever thought about being involved in law enforcement but never quite knew how to go about it? Well here's your chance!

The Galt Police Department invites you to an Open House on Wednesday, January 23rd at 6:30pm where we will talk about the Citizens Assisting Police Services (CAPS) program and volunteer opportunities available to persons over the age of 21.

You can make a difference in your community... Volunteer!

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Lynn Hutchinson at 366-7056



The Galt Police Department is looking for a few good volunteers to help make a difference!

Who Needs a Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarm and Why?

Since 1985, California has required Smoke Alarms be installed in all homes. Senate Bill 183; Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act, passed in California on January 1, 2011, now requires Carbon Monoxide Alarms also be installed for dwelling units intended for human occupancy with a fuel burning appliance, fireplace or attached garage.

Carbon Monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas that is produced from heaters, fireplaces, furnaces, and many types of appliances and cooking devices. It can also be produced by vehicles that are idling.

Examples of Carbon Monoxide producers in use around the household include:

- Fuel fired furnaces (non-electric)
- Gas water heaters
- Fireplaces and woodstoves
- Gas stoves
- Gas dryers
- Charcoal grills
- Lawnmowers, snow blowers and other yard equipment
- Automobiles

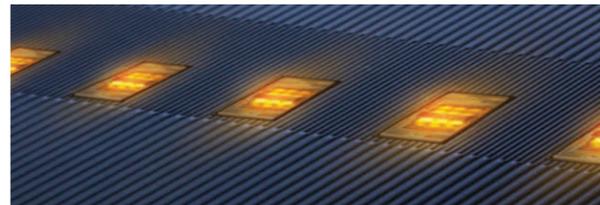
Smoke Detectors and Carbon Monoxide Alarms should be installed outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home including the basement. The manufacturer's installation instruction should always be followed.

The Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC) reports that approximately 200 people per year are killed by accidental CO poisoning with an additional 5,000 people injured. Please keep your family safe this year!

Lighted Crosswalk Safety - "Press to Cross"

The City recognizes pedestrian safety and 'walkability' as key components to enhance the livability of Galt. In recent years, the City has installed various pedestrian crossing improvements to enhance safety and accessibility for pedestrians. These improvements include enhanced signing and flashing warning lights at several high volume, mid-block or uncontrolled pedestrian crossings. The purpose is to warn drivers of the presence of pedestrians about to cross or already in the crosswalk. These devices have been installed at the following locations:

- Elk Hills Drive and Walnut Avenue
- Lake Canyon Avenue and Carillion Boulevard
- Carillion Boulevard south of Walnut Avenue (Deadman Gulch North Fork)
- A Street (Southside of Galt High School)
- Lincoln Way and Myrtle Avenue (Westside of Galt High School)



The flashing lights provide excellent driver awareness of pedestrians using the crosswalks, but only if the "push button" is activated. Pedestrian safety may actually be reduced when the crosswalk lights are not activated because drivers are not expecting pedestrians to be in the crosswalk. Parents and teachers are encouraged to remind children to press the button every time prior to crossing at the locations noted above. A growing number of reports are being received about 'near misses', where drivers have almost hit pedestrians using the crossings without activating the flashing lights. Drivers are reminded that the noted locations are legal crosswalks, whether the lights are flashing or not. Please be on the lookout for pedestrians.

Galt Market

Tuesdays & Wednesdays • 7:00am - 2:00pm



Open To The Public!

Over 800 Spaces • Fresh Produce • Garage Sale Treasures • New Products • Closeouts

City Tots Preschool Program 2012-2013 School Year

The Parks & Recreation Department is accepting applications for most City Tots Preschool Class times. Students can be registered for more than one class time.

Classes are MWF 8:30am to 11:30am and/or 12:00pm to 3:00pm and T/Th 8:30am to 11:30am and/or 12:00pm to 3:00pm.

Fees: \$25 registration fee (due at the time of registration)
MWF classes: \$115/month • T/Th classes: \$80/month

For more information, please call 366-7180.

Adult Softball

Registration for the 2013 Spring Adult Men's & Co-Ed Softball season will be taken February 4 through March 11, 2013. All games are played at the Sports Complex. Men's league will begin play on Monday, April 1, 2013 and co-ed league will begin on Thursday, April 4, 2013.



Youth T-Ball/Softball

Registration for youth T-Ball (5-6), Instructional (7-8) and Girl's Softball (9-14) will be taken January 7, 2013 through February 26, 2013. Games will be played Monday - Saturday at multiple sites throughout the city.

Children's Musical Theater

The Parks & Recreation Department has begun taking registrations for the 2013 Spring Children's Musical Theater Class. 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.

When: Thursdays, March 7, 2013 - April 25, 2013 (4:00pm - 5:30pm)
Friday, April 26, 2013 (3:30pm - 6:30pm) - Performance Rehearsal
Performance starts at 6:30pm.

Where: Littleton Community Center, 420 Civic Drive, Galt
Registration Fee - \$95
Age: 6 - 12 years of age

Visit the City's website at www.ci.galt.ca.us to learn more about a variety of upcoming special interest classes such as High Hurdles Horsemanship, Kids Safe Karate, Ballet, Yoga, etc.

SOAR After School Program

The Parks & Recreation office is continuing to accept registrations for the SOAR (Social Overall Academic & Recreation) Program.

SOAR is being offered at Lake Canyon, Marengo Ranch, and River Oaks Elementary Schools everyday after school when school is in session at the following times:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday
2:30pm - 6:00pm

Wednesday
1:00pm - 6:00pm

Program fees are due monthly (\$115 per participant) and are due the last Thursday of the preceding month. Initial registration must be done in person at the Parks & Recreation Department office.

For more information or questions, please call 366-7180.