

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE

December 11, 2014

SAND BAG STATION

Over 50 yards of sand and 3,000 sandbags were issued on Wednesday, December 10. The station is being monitored for proper usage and adding sand and sandbags as necessary.

STORM PREPARATION

Public Works was busy last week preparing for the anticipated storms. Essential equipment and vehicles were serviced in anticipation of a power outage that could make the City fuel pumps inoperable. Drain inlets have been cleared of leaves and debris to control flooding. In addition, staff have been placed on standby as needed.

GALT MARKET CALFRESH/EBT

The first week of CalFresh/EBT at the Galt Market went very well. Customers were overwhelmingly grateful that we are now offering this service, and indicated that they would bring their EBT cards next time they shop. Response was so good on Tuesday that Alchemist staff, who the City contracted with to administer the program, almost ran out of the available market script and had to get more for Wednesday. On Wednesday, almost double the amount of script was requested by CalFresh/EBT participants!

If the first week is any indicator of the program's potential at the Galt Market, we believe it will be successful in attracting new customers to the Galt Market and allow local low income families a place to shop for fresh produce at a great value.

Additionally, the Lodi News Sentinel ran an article announcing the start of the CalFresh/EBT program on Wednesday, 12/10/14, and CBS 13 ran a story based on the Lodi news article the same day.

FIELD GROOMER

The new field groomer was delivered last week. The field groomer will be used to prepare and maintain all of the infields at City ball diamonds. The field groomer will be a great tool to keep the infields safer and more aesthetically pleasing to users.

TONN MEMORIAL

The majority of the Tonn Memorial work has been completed. Weather permitting, the lighting and the minor sprinkler adjustments will continue on Friday and are anticipated to be completed next week. The City of Galt signage and the granite memorial will be placed upon delivery. Engraved bricks will be placed the week of January 5.

CITY HALL LOBBY REMODEL

The City Hall lobby will receive a minor facelift over the next month, with painting to begin tomorrow and carpet installation planned for next week. A seating area will be added, along with a new display case that will better meet the safety requirements for public areas. Staff will be working on wall décor that may include pieces from our local youth.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE

The concrete foundation and slab floor of the secondary clarifier were installed this week. This improvement allows the contractor to work throughout the winter with minimal delays. Overall, the construction is still on schedule to meet the State mandated requirements by next September

2015.

SIMMERHORN-CARILLION WATER MAIN PROJECT

The connection of the new water main at the Vauxhall/Carillion intersection was completed on Tuesday. Water service to the Chancellor Estates Subdivisions was restored within four hours (vs. the 6.5 hours anticipated).

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

- Creekside 2 (Guttridge) – building permits for 2 new single-family dwellings were issued; 1 in plan check.
- Creekside 4 (KB Homes) – building permits for 1 new single-family dwelling were issued.
- El & El site progress – Building foundation has been completed. They are currently pouring the parking lot. Form boards and rebar are being placed to construction tilt-up wall panels.
- McDonald's site progress – Construction of the building exterior is nearly complete and they have started the installation of finish materials on the interior of the building. The freeway sign is currently be erected.

NEW CAPS VEHICLE

The first new CAPS car hit the street last week with rave reviews from both the public and our CAPS volunteers.