

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE

February 27, 2015

NEW MARIJUANA ORDINANCE

The new marijuana ordinance, prohibiting the growing of marijuana within Galt City limits goes into effect on March 5. The Police Department will be responsible for enforcement, so any complaints should be made to PD for investigation.

COMMUNITY POLICING SPEAKER SERIES

The second Community Policing Speaker Series took place on Wednesday evening and was a great success. There were 40 citizens in attendance, who learned about the jobs of Detectives and Patrol Officers. The group then took a tour of the police department. The next event is scheduled for Wednesday evening March 25 at 7 p.m., where citizens can hear about the Dispatch function of the department from Galt Police Dispatchers.

DETECTIVES

Officer Azevedo was selected to fill the open detective slot effective April 6, 2015. The filling of this position was made possible based on the filling of open positions and those officers coming off field training, and being deployed as solo officers.

PATROL SCHEDULE UPDATE

The new police patrol schedule is posted for sign ups and is significantly more efficient, shifting from six smaller patrol teams to five larger teams. This new shift takes effect in early April and should increase the number of officers on the street and decrease patrol officer response times.

PROBLEM ORIENTED POLICING TEAM

Officers Pittman and Robinson were selected to fill the Problem Oriented Policing Team positions effective April 6, 2015. This team will work with the patrol and investigation divisions in addressing problem areas in the community. The work hours will vary depending on the needs of the department. Since the officers will not be handling routine patrol duties, they will be able to dedicate their time to more in depth problems or issues in the community. This team will report to the investigations sergeant. This new POP team was made possible by the new patrol shift schedule.

SWIM PROGRAM REGISTRATIONS

Registration for most Aquatic Center programs will begin on March 1.

HARVEY PARK RENNOVATION

Local contractor Benton Fence will be removing and replacing sideline fencing, dugouts and the backstop at the Harvey Park baseball field, followed by installation of the perimeter fencing for the community garden area just south of the park. Work is expected to be completed in about two weeks.

MEADOWVIEW AREA WATER SERVICE LATERAL REPLACEMENTS

Staff distributed over 250 door hangers to the residents of the Meadowview area with information on the upcoming project. A pre-construction meeting has been scheduled and construction is anticipate to start in mid-March, with completion in approximately three months.