

CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

May 5, 2017

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Peace Officers Memorial Week

In honor of police officers and sheriff's deputies who have died in the line of duty, there are regional events being held in Sacramento beginning Thursday, May 4. A Peace Officer Memorial Candlelight Vigil will be held May 7 at sunset, 10th Street, Capitol Mall and a California Peace Officer Memorial Enrollment Ceremony will be held May 8, 10:30 am, 10th Street, Capitol Mall.

Bike Safety Event

The Police Department, Liberty Ranch High School Honor Society Students, Galt Youth Commission and the City's Business Community Partners will be holding a Bike Safety Event on Saturday, May 6, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the Food Truck Mania Event on C Street, between 4th and 5th Streets. You can bring your bike for a safety inspection, test your riding skills in the Bike Safety obstacle course and enter the bike raffle giveaway. There have been several generous donations from the community and a variety of businesses that include 15 bikes and 30 helmets.

Prescription Drug Take Back Day

The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day held on April 29 was an incredible success. The Police Department received 360 pounds of prescription medication. It was delivered to the Drug Enforcement Administration for immediate destruction. This day is vital to our community as it helps prevent misuse of medications, accidental use of expired medications and keeps dangerous drugs out of landfills and waterways.

Community Services Project

The Police Department was provided \$1,600 in funding by County Supervisor, Don Nottoli. These funds, via the area Transient Occupancy Tax, have been earmarked for the purchase of microchip scanners and animal pens for animals recovered and temporarily held at the Police Department. Staff has identified the immediate needs to include one Datamars Omnimax Microchip Scanner \$386.00; one Xtend Max Universal Stick Reader \$835; one Compact Max Universal Chip Reader \$287; and miscellaneous food and water bowls.

PUBLIC WORKS

4th Street Improvements Update

The removal of existing curbing and pavement to accommodate roadway widening and preliminary open space grading has been completed. An interim overflow parking lot has been established to help offset the loss of on-street parking during construction. This is located in the vacant lot across the street north of Brewsters. Underground utility work will continue this next week, including within existing roadway areas. One-way traffic controls and flagmen will be present to assure worker and public safety, while maintaining access to all businesses. The historic flag pole will be removed to facilitate construction of a new flagpole and pedestal. The existing historic plaque will be saved and remounted on the new flag pedestal.

Water Conservation Status

Galt remains in a Stage 2 Water Alert, which prohibits water waste such as free running hoses; washing of driveways, sidewalks, streets or other hardscapes; and requires the use of buckets to wash vehicles and boats, with no more than a 3 minute rinse with a hose equipped with an automatic shut-off device (spray nozzle). Under Stage 2, outdoor irrigation is limited to a maximum of 3 days per week based upon house number:

- Even Addresses: Wednesday, Friday, Sunday only
- Odd Addresses: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday only
- No watering on Mondays

A complete list of Stage 2 restrictions can be found on the City's website: www.ci.galt.ca.us.

PARKS AND RECREATION

The City appreciates the volunteer services from a variety of community groups that assist in the maintenance and beautification of our community. Recently, the youth group “Pathfinders,” volunteered their time at Galt Community Park to remove sand from the playground to prepare for the installation of wood fiber. Saturday, May 6, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will have members volunteering their time to complete several landscaping projects which will include:

1. Removing all plant material along Paddington Circle landscape to prepare for irrigation renovation.
2. Re-painting the wood park amenities (picnic tables, benches, trash cans) and restroom at Canyon Creek Park.
3. Fertilizing and installing mulch to tree wells on all newly planted trees at Canyon Creek and Lake Canyon Parks.
4. Installing mulch along West Elm Street landscape shrub beds.
5. Installing mulch to Market wall landscape

Staff has identified potential safety issues with the “Old Town” tree planters. Parks Maintenance will be installing decomposed granite in the planters to level them with the sidewalk. Staff will start this project the week of May 8 and it should be completed by the week of May 15.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Shred Event, May 6, Galt Market, 9:00 am (once truck reaches capacity, event will be over).
- Chamber Food Truck Event, May 6, C Street (between 4th and 5th Streets).
- Small Business Tax Seminar and Resource Expo for Winemakers, May 18, 8:30 am – 12:00 pm (check-in begins at 8:00 am); Littleton Community Center.