

## **CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE**

### **May 18, 2017**

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Police Officer, Max Dodgion, started Monday, May 15 and new recruit, Kameron Smith will be attending the Delta Police Academy in Stockton starting Wednesday, May 24. Both employees were sworn in at the May 16 Council Meeting.

On May 10, Chief Sockman presented Assembly Member Jim Cooper with the California Police Chief's Association 2016 Legislator of the Year Award. Assembly Member Cooper has used his time in the Assembly to highlight the consequences of Proposition 47, impacts of marijuana legalization, gun violence, and resources for victims.

#### **BUILDING**

The Starbucks/Arco project has obtained their building permit and should begin construction shortly. Tenant improvements for Rita's Italian Ice have been approved and construction is moving forward. Residential development continues at a steady pace for both Elliott and KB Homes.

#### **FINANCE**

The Finance Department is happy to report that the City of Galt has once again been awarded the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. Everyone, from the line staff to management, plays a role in this achievement. It speaks to the high degree of dedication and professionalism of the City's Finance Staff and their continued commitment to excellence.

Staff is currently working on an upgrade to our existing interactive voice response (IVR) system. One function of this system allows our customers to pay their City of Galt utility bill over the telephone via credit card. The upgraded service will also add the ability for our customers to make payments via echeck over the telephone using their checking account information to create an electronic transaction. The upgrade is expected to be completed in July.

#### **PARKS AND RECREATION**

##### Gora Aquatic Center

Summer is upon us and the Gora Aquatic Center is now open to the public for lap swimming and swim team. Beginning May 27, the aquatic center will officially open for the 2017 season. Throughout the summer, the aquatic center offers various programs and activities such as swimming lessons, watercise, and public swimming. Visit [www.ci.galt.ca.us](http://www.ci.galt.ca.us) for more information.

Currently, there are 320 swimmers, ages 4 to 18, registered for the Galt Gators Recreational Swim Team. There are 255 swimmers who have also registered with the Northern California Swim League, to make them eligible to swim in the competitive meets throughout the season. The first dual meet of the season is this Saturday, May 20, against Arden Hills at the Gora Aquatic Center starting at 8:30 am.

##### City Tots

The 2016-2017 City Tots Program is finishing up its school year with their graduation ceremony scheduled for Wednesday, May 31, at the Littleton Community Center. Forty-nine students are scheduled to participate in the ceremony which will include special guest Mayor Powers.

This school year had a total of 89 participants. Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning classes were full for the majority of the year with 24 students and the Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoon classes, along with the Tuesday and Thursday classes, averaging 23 students.

City Tots is currently accepting applications and registration fees for the 2017-2018 school year for returning students and their siblings. Beginning June 1, registration will be open for all new students. Classes will start on Tuesday, September 5, at Marengo Ranch Elementary School.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Strawberry Festival, Saturday, May 20, 10:00 am – 8:00 pm; Sunday, May 21, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm, Galt Market.
- State Bus Roadeo, Saturday, May 27, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm; Sunday, May 28, 6:00 am – 3:00 pm, Galt Market.
- Galt Cemetery Memorial Day Event, Monday, May 29, Galt-Arno Cemetery.