



GALT CONNECTIONS

A City Working For You

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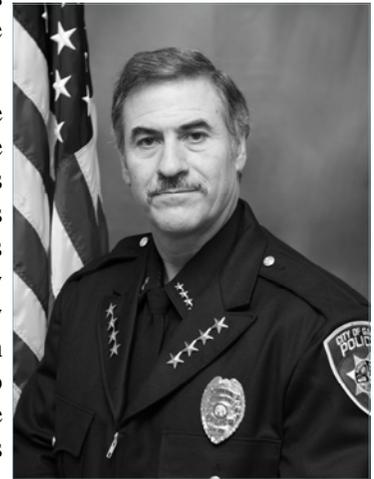
- **Jan 10th**—P&R Meeting
- **Jan 11th**—Planning Comm. Meeting
- **Jan 15th**—Special Council Meeting-General Plan Update
- **Jan 16th**—Council Meeting
- **Jan 30th** —Public Meeting-Utility Rates Adjustment
- **Feb 6th**—Council Meeting
- **Feb 8th**-Planning Comm. Meeting
- **Feb 14th**—P&R Meeting
- **Feb 19th**—**HOLIDAY**
- **Feb 20th**—Council Meeting
- **Feb 21st**—Blood Drive
- **Mar 30th**—**HOLIDAY**

CITY WELCOMES NEW POLICE CHIEF

Loren Cattolico, Lieutenant with the City of Walnut Creek, was named the new Police Chief for the City of Galt. Mr. Cattolico joined the Galt team on November 1, 2006. He was working for the City of Walnut Creek for the last 24 years as a Lieutenant. Mr. Cattolico holds a BA Degree from California State University, Sacramento and is a graduate of the P.O.S.T. Command College.

The position of Police Chief was vacated after Doug Matthews retired after a 30 year career with the Galt Police Department. Mr. Cattolico plans to live in the area with his wife. He has two grown children and his daughter is finishing up her Masters Degree at St. Mary's College in Moraga.

Mr. Cattolico's tenure with the Walnut Creek Police Department included developing and implementing the first Community Policing team in Walnut Creek, he was a founding member of Community Connection which is a team of city employees working with neighborhoods to resolve problems and involve residents in city government, and he developed a police/community interactive web page that provides sector information and direct citizen access to beat officers. He has also taught criminology, criminal justice, investigative techniques and narcotics investigations at Los Medanos Community College.



Please stop by the police department and welcome Chief Cattolico to Galt.

BLOOD DRIVE—FEBRUARY 21, 2007

This February, the City of Galt and BloodSource are continuing their partnership. When you donate blood on Wednesday, February 21st at the Littleton Community Center, you will receive a free personal pizza from Round Table.

To be a blood donor, one must be in generally good health, at least 17 years old (16 with parental consent) and weigh 110 pounds or more. There is no upper age limit for donating blood. Prospective donors must bring a photo ID. For more information about donating blood, please call 1-866-82-BLOOD or visit their Web site at www.bloodsource.org.

Visit us at the Galt Community blood drive on Wednesday, February 21st, 3:30pm to 6:30pm located at Littleton Center, 380 Civic Drive and receive your free pizza. For further information, contact the City Clerk's office at 366-7130.

Yes, you do save lives!



CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM

Welcome to the Crime Prevention Program section for the City of Galt newsletters. Our goal for the Galt Police Department is to make the City of Galt the most livable, and vibrant city for all of our residents. We will be working to increase Neighborhood Watch groups in the community, utilize Crime Stoppers to increase community awareness and develop a partnership with each area of the city.

We are also in the process of developing and working hand in hand with our schools to develop positive proactive programs for all students. For the business community, our goal is to assist you in the promotion of a safe and successful business as we partner with you in Crime Prevention Awareness Programs.

TJ Guidotti, Crime Prevention Coordinator
 City of Galt Police Department

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

Each year various checks become stale dated if they remain un-cashed after six (6) months from the date of issuance. A list of these items can be found on the City of Galt's web site at www.ci.galt.ca.us, link to the Finance Department, Unclaimed Property. Download and complete the "Request for Replacement of Lost, Stolen or Stale Dated Check" form and bring to the Finance Department, 380 Civic Drive. Identification will be required when submitting this form. A copy of the Unclaimed Property List and form are available at the City Clerk's office as well.



FATS, OILS AND GREASE—CLOG THE SEWERS!

Sewage backups and overflows are often the result of grease buildup which can cause property damage, environmental problems and other health hazards. Although fats, oils and grease get into the sewers mainly from commercial food preparation establishments that do not have adequate grease control measures in place, such as grease interceptors, residential users also contribute to the problem. Most grease that is the byproduct of cooking usually can be found in such things as:

- Butter and margarine
- Baking goods
- Sauces
- Dairy products
- Food scraps
- Meat fats
- Lard
- Cooking oil



All too often, fats, oils and grease are washed into the plumbing system, (usually through kitchen sinks and floor drains found in food preparation areas) and stick to the insides of sewer pipes both on your property and in the streets.

Over time, fats, oils and grease builds up and eventually block the entire pipe causing sewage

backups and overflows. As your sewer pipes back-up, sewage and food particles that accumulate can attract insects and other vermin and may create potential health hazards. Clogged sewers can lead to overflows. As sewage overflows onto streets, it enters the storm drain system where the sewage is then carried to our local creeks, rivers, and delta, creating a health risk for swimmers and marine life—potentially causing closures.

Property damage can result from sewage backups leading to expensive cleanup and plumbing repairs that may have to be paid for by the resident or homeowner. Increased sewer blockages and overflows lead to excessive and costly maintenance and can result in severe fines from regulatory agencies. This can increase your sewer fees. Please:

- Do not put grease down garbage disposals. Use baskets or strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids—dispose of it in the trash.
- Don't pour grease into kitchen sinks, floor drains or toilets. Instead, recycle all used grease.
- Be cautious of chemicals and additives (including soaps and detergents) that claim to dissolve grease. Some additives simply pass grease down pipes where it can clog sewer lines in another area.
- For information about grease interceptors, installation and sizing requirements, call the City of Galt Public Works Department at (209) 366-7260.

**UTILITY RATES ADJUSTMENT PUBLIC MEETING WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 30TH
 POLICE COMMUNITY ROOM**

GALT GENERAL PLAN UPDATE—NEXT MEETING

The Galt City Council and Planning Commission last met to discuss the General Plan Update on September 26, 2006. At that time they reviewed some conceptual land use plans and made some minor amendments to the boundaries for the Galt General Plan Update 2025. Property owners within the boundaries were also invited to submit their requests for specific land uses for future Council consideration no later than October 10, 2006. The information that was presented to the Planning Commission and City Council at the last meeting is available for review on the City's website at <http://www.ci.galt.ca.us>. Just click on the General Plan Update icon. You can also contact the Planning Department at 209-366-7230 for information.

The next meeting to discuss the General Plan Update will be on **January 15, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Galt City Council Chambers at 380 Civic Drive in Galt. If you are not already on our list and would like to be notified of upcoming meetings and events, please contact the Planning Department with your mailing/e-mail address and we would be happy to add you to our notification list.

THE GALT BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO

REMIND YOU....

Per Galt Municipal Code Chapter 8.44, it is the responsibility of the property owner/renter/business to remove graffiti immediately/24 hours. Please contact the Police Department to report graffiti activity (209-366-7046). If you need help in removal, the Galt Beautification Committee will be happy to assist. A donation to the Committee would be appreciated.

When you see garbage in your community, please

pick it up and dispose of it properly, particularly on garbage days when debris scatters.

We invite you to contact us with your ideas for enhancement of our community. E-mail address: galtbeautification@ci.galt.ca.us or join us for our meetings the third Thursday of each month at 3:30 p.m. at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 380 Civic Drive.

PLEASE DO NOT LITTER!



PARKS & RECREATION INFORMATION

T-Ball, Instructional, and Girls Softball



The Parks & Recreation Department office will be taking registrations for T-ball, Instructional, and Girls Softball from January 8th through February 16th at the Department office located at 610 Chabolla Avenue. T-Ball is for boys and girls ages 5-6. Instructional is for boys and girls ages 7-8. Girls Softball is for young ladies ages 9-15. For more information, call 366-7180.

Gora Aquatic Center

The Gora Aquatic Center will be accepting registrations for all aquatics programs beginning Thursday, March 1st. Programs will include the Galt Gators Recreational Swim Team, Swim Lessons, Lifeguard Training classes, Water Safety Instructor class, and Galt Area Swim Program as well as various individual and family passes. For more information, call 744-9544 or 366-7180.



CONSTRUCTION ALERT WINTER 2006



*The following City of Galt construction projects
may inconvenience the public:*

Chabolla Center Addition — Chabolla Avenue



CITY HALL INFORMATION

City Hall Information
366-7130

City Website
www.ci.galt.ca.us

City E-Mail Address
clerk@ci.galt.ca.us

City Office Hours
9:00 am—5:00 pm

City Council Meetings:
1st & 3rd Tuesdays
Council Chambers
7:00 pm

WINTER WATERING INFORMATION

Lawns need far less water as winter approaches. *Please turn off lawn sprinklers during the rainy season.* If the lawn appears dry, manually water once then turn the system off. It is important to utilize water efficiently to assure a continued water supply.

2007 CITY OF GALT BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWAL PROCESS UNDERWAY

If you have not renewed your license, your renewal must be received by 1/31/2007 to avoid penalties.

Please contact the Finance Department at (209) 366-7158 or procha@ci.galt.ca.us for information.

Be sure to include your business name and license number in your email.

**2006 City of Galt Business License
expired 12/31/2006.**



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