



# GALT CONNECTIONS

*A City Working For You*

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## CITY FIREWORKS JULY 2ND



The City's annual July Fireworks Display will be conducted on **Sunday, July 2nd** at approximately 9:15pm. As in years past, the best viewing for the "low aerials" portion of the show will be at Veterans Soccer Field.

Plan to come early to enjoy the entertainment that starts at 5:00pm. Spectators may bring lawn chairs, blankets and food. Glass bottles or alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited.



For additional information, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department office at 366-7180.

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## POLICE CHIEF ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

Calling it the worst kept secret in the city, Galt Police Chief Doug Matthews announced his retirement this coming fall. After thirty-two years of service to the community of Galt, including eighteen as the Police Chief, Matthews says it's time. It's rare to find a police chief that serves more than five to seven years in any one city. The California Police Chief's Association reports that Matthews is the longest tenured police chief in California and when first appointed as chief, Matthews at the age of 31, was also the youngest.



Matthews originally planned to work a few more years but says the department is at a cross roads. All of the major projects have been completed. It's time to look at a strategic plan and set new long term goals and objectives for the police department. The department will need a leader to carry through with those new goals, not someone who will just get them started and then retire.

Matthews began his career at the age of eighteen with the City of Galt when he was hired as a part-time dispatcher by then Police Chief Walter E. Froehlich. A few months later he was working as a dispatcher full time and going to college. In June of 1975 he was appointed as a police officer. Two months later, he married his high school sweetheart, Diana Miller. One month following their wedding, Matthews attended the Sacramento Law Enforcement Training Center. **(Continued on page 2)**

### SPECIAL DATES

- **July 2nd**—Fireworks
- **July 5th**—City Council Meeting
- **July 12th**—Rec. Commission Meeting
- **July 13th**—Planning Commission Meeting
- **July 18th**—City Council Meeting
- **Aug 1st**—National Night Out
- **Aug 8th**—Blood Drive
- **Aug 9th**—Rec. Commission Meeting
- **Aug 10th**—Planning Commission Meeting

**Police Chief Continued:**

Matthews has held the positions of dispatcher, police officer, field training officer, sergeant, lieutenant, twice acting police chief, and finally, chief of police. He served and commanded the department’s first SWAT team in the mid-1980s.

When asked what he is most proud of, Matthews said that he and his wife of thirty-one years, Diana, have survived and raised three fantastic children. The oldest, Michael and his wife, Sarah, live in Nevada where he is a Deputy Sheriff for the Douglas County Sheriff’s office, Daniel and his wife Vanessa, live in New York where he is serving in the United States Army as a military police officer, and Sarah, who is attending college and plans to be a nurse. Matthews said professionally, he is most proud of the new police building. Despite the first contractor filing bankruptcy, the nearly 6 million dollar project came in just under budget. The facility will serve the community for decades to come.

Matthews plans to “take a time out” after retiring to reassess his goals and objectives in life. Matthews said he would like to do more volunteer work and give back to the community that he loves so much.

**BUILDING SUMMER FUN**

Come and enjoy this summer with “Building Summer Fun.” This is a free summer program sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department and the Boys and Girls Club for children 6 years of age though 8th grade. A \$25 membership fee must be paid to the Boys & Girls Club prior to participation in the program. The program will be held Monday-Friday, 9:00am - 6:00pm at both Greer and McCaffrey schools. For more information, please call 366-7180.

<u>DATES</u>	<u>THEMES</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>THEMES</u>
July 5-7	Fun Foods (*We will be closed July 3rd & 4th)	July 24-28	Wet & Wild
July 10-14	Mad for Messes	July 31-Aug 4	Beach Blast
July 17-21	Get Crafty		



**Galt Area Swim Program**

The Galt Area Swim Program (GASP) is available for swimmers who are 18 years and younger and who have had swim team experience. The team practices Mondays – Fridays. Season length will depend on the number of swimmers participating. It is highly recommended that swimmers become members of the USS Program and attend USS meets throughout the season. For more information, please call the Aquatic Center at 745-9544.

Monthly Fees:

Resident	\$60.00
Non-resident (in HS Dist)	\$70.00
Non-resident (outside HS Dist)	\$75.00



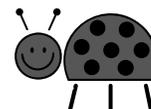
**Preschool—City Tots**

The City Tots Preschool Program is currently taking registrations for the 2006-2007 school year. Classes are filling up! The 2-year old class is already full, but we are accepting names for the waiting list. Please call the Parks & Recreation Department office at 366-71280 to verify availability and to answer any questions. Classes will be held at the Littleton Community Center located at 420 Civic Drive.

**I Love My Park**

The I Love My Park program was created in an effort to increase community involvement and awareness in regards to parks located near your home. Throughout the year, there will be “I Love My Park” events scheduled at parks throughout the City. At each event, various booths will be set up to help increase community awareness for various program and organizations. If you would like to become involved or learn more about the program, please call 366-7180.

June 25	1:00-3:00pm	Meadowview Park
July 15	1:00-3:00pm	Lions Oak Park
August 1	6:00-9:00pm	Community Park (National Night Out)
August 11	7:00-9:00pm	Skate Park



**Youth Sign-Ups**

Youth Basketball sign ups, grades 1-10, will be taken, starting Monday, September 4 and run through Friday, Oct. 13, 2006. A \$10 late fee will be charged for registrations taken Oct. 14-20. No registrations will be taken after Oct. 20 (a wait list will be formed.) For more information, please call the Galt Parks and Recreation Office at 366-7180.

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The 23rd annual National Night Out will be celebrated on Tuesday, August 1st. National Night Out is an annual event in dedication to reclaiming communities for families, and for making every city neighborhood a safe place for families to raise children. We at the Galt Police Department are very excited about this event. Again this year we have organized a community event to be held at the Galt Community Park, 1000 Walnut Avenue, from 6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Galt Police Department along with Galt Parks & Recreation Department have planned a full night of activities for the citizens of Galt. There will be face painting, bounce houses, and much more. McGruff and Scruff are looking forward to this exciting event. For more information contact Lynn Hutchinson at the Galt Police Department, (209) 366-7056.



## DELTA COLLEGE AUTHORIZE OPTION TO PURCHASE GALT LAND

In a five-to-two vote, the San Joaquin Delta Community College District Board of Trustees gave the go-ahead for superintendent/President Raul Rodriguez to execute a Purchase Agreement and Joint Escrow Instructions with the property owner for the district's purchase of approximately 140 acres located on Liberty Road, in the Galt area.

"It is clear that San Joaquin Delta Community College District has a demonstrated need in the north county region," said Dr. Rodriguez. He pointed out that program offerings for this site would be separate and distinct from those of the currently proposed site in Lodi.



Board President Ted Simas said, "This property is proposed to be used in the future as the site of a new educational center to serve the Galt area. The program offered at the center would be designed to complement existing Delta programs and educational centers."

## BLOOD DRIVE—AUGUST 8, 2005



This August, the City of Galt, BloodSource and Baskin-Robbins are continuing their tradition of offering a delicious way to beat the heat. When you donate blood on Tuesday, August 8th at the Littleton Community Center, you will receive a coupon redeemable for a pint of Baskin-Robbins ice cream.

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](http://www.bloodsource.org).

Visit us at the Galt Community blood drive on Tuesday, August 8th, 3:30pm to 6:30pm located at Littleton Center, 380 Civic Drive and receive your coupon good for a pint of Baskin-Robbins ice cream. For further information, contact the City Clerk's office at 366-7130. *Yes, you do save lives!*



### NEW STOP SIGNS IMPROVE SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY



#### LINCOLN WAY & CAROLINE AVE.

As of June 8, a new all-way stop is in operation at the intersection of South Lincoln Way and Caroline Avenue. The intersection is adjacent to Fairway Elementary School.

## UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

Each year various checks become stale dated if they remain uncashed 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](http://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.

## CONSTRUCTION ALERT SUMMER 2005



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

1. Bicycle Lane Project
  - Carol Dr. and E. Stockton Blvd. from Amador Ave. to Walnut Avenue
  - Walnut Ave. from E. Stockton Blvd. to Emerald Vista Drive
2. Chabolla Center Addition
  - Chabolla Avenue
3. Sidewalk-ADA Improvements Project 2006
  - Oak Ave. and adjacent portions of Elm Ave. and "A" Street
  - "C" Street and Second Street adjacent to Valley Oaks School
  - Caroline Ave. adjacent to Fairsite School and Chabolla soccer field
  - Portions of Meadowview Subdivision along Galt Transit Route 2, including First Street, Downing Drive, Tudor Street, Meadowview Drive and Carlo Court.



## CITY HALL INFORMATION

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366-7130

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City Office Hours  
9:00 am—5:00 pm

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



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