



GALT CONNECTIONS

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ANNUAL CURBSIDE CLEAN-UP WEEK NOVEMBER 7-11

Each City of Galt resident can place the equivalent of (3) 64-gallon trash carts (1 cubic yard) at their curb. All refuse must be containerized in 32-gallon bags, cans or bundles 4' in length or less. Bags, cans or bundles may not exceed 40 lbs. each.

► Items must be out on the resident's regular collection day during the week of November 7, 2005, by 5:00 a.m.

► No hazardous materials, tires, dirt, concrete, rock, liquids, batteries or appliances will be accepted.

For more information, call or visit our website:

PROVIDED BY:



City of Galt
380 Civic Drive
209-366-7100
www.ci.galt.ca.us



SPECIAL DATES

- **Oct 18th—City Council Meeting**
- **Nov. 1st—City Council Meeting**
- **Nov 9th—Rec. Comm. Meeting**
- **Nov 10th—Planning Commission Meeting**
- **Nov 11th—HOLIDAY-Veterans Day**
- **Nov. 15th—City Council Meeting**
- **Nov 24-25-HOLIDAY-Thanksgiving**
- **Dec. 2nd—Christmas Tree Lighting**
- **Dec 13th—Blood Drive**

GENERAL PLAN EXPANDED STUDY AREA REPORT NEARLY COMPLETE

On June 10, 2005, the General Plan Update consultant team began preparation of additional land use alternatives analysis for an area identified by the City Council as the Expanded Study Area. This report is nearing completion and it is expected that the information will be presented to the City Council in late October or November of 2005. The City will be scheduling the public meeting on the General Plan Update project in the next few weeks and providing whatever reports are available on the website as well. Photocopies can also be purchased, when they are available, for the cost of the copy at the Planning Department. Please check the website periodically for update information (<http://www.ci.galt.ca.us>) by clicking on the General Plan icon on the city's home page.

If you are on our General Plan mailing list, we will send you information directly about upcoming General Plan events via e-mail or regular mail. If you would like to have your name added to the mailing list, please e-mail us at planning@ci.galt.ca.us or call 209-366-7230.

BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWALS—Current licenses will expire December 31, 2005. If you do not receive your renewal notice by December 1, 2005, please contact the Finance Dept. at 366-7150 or at procha@ci.galt.ca.us. Be sure to include your business name and license number and a renewal form will be mailed to you.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

The City's annual Christmas Tree Lighting will be held Friday, December 2nd at the Littleton Community Center. The festivities will begin at 6:30pm in the Community Center with Christmas Carols being sung by the City Tots Preschool Program and the Galt Community Choir. From there, everyone will proceed outside to view the lighting of the Christmas tree on the corner of Civic and C Street. Refreshments will be served afterwards. In addition, a "special" guest is scheduled to appear after the Tree Lighting Ceremony! For more information, please call 366-7180.



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, link to the Finance Department, Unclaimed Property. Download and complete the "A 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.

CITY PROJECTS UPDATE

Awards: For the second year in a row, a City Project has been awarded "Project of the Year" by the Sacramento Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA). This year the winner of the "Transportation" category award is the *Lincoln Way Improvement Project*. At the APWA award ceremony luncheon held in Sacramento on September 9, Project Engineer Larry Evans accepted the 2005 Award for the City. In 2004, The *Galt Old Town Improvement Project* won the award in the "Historical Restoration/Preservation" category.



Improved Pressure: Water supply upgrades are finally having an impact on customers' water flows and pressures. Construction of the new River Oaks water supply well, a new 16 inch transmission main, improvements to the nearby Carillion Well, and major repairs to the Gateway Well are now complete. Each of these projects has contributed to noticeable improvements in the City's water delivery system. The supply picture will be enhanced further by a new well and treatment facility now under construction at the City's Industrial Reservoir site.

Detours: Over the next few months, street projects are expected to cause detours and road closures from time to time. The most prominent of these is the Elm Avenue/McFarland Street sewer main extension and lift station improvement work. On at least one occasion, the Elm/McFarland intersection will have to be closed during the day with detours provided to motorists. Other temporary street closures along Elm and on McFarland are expected as well. The 2005 Road Repairs and Rehabilitation work will also lead to a few road closures, particularly along Kost Road and Joy Drive.



RECREATION

Youth Basketball - The Parks and Recreation Department is taking registration for Youth Basketball through October 21, 2005. Boys and Girls 1st grade through 8th grade are encouraged to participate in this program. The 1st and 2nd grade programs will be held on Saturdays at the Littleton Community Center. The 3rd - 8th grade programs will have games and/or practices Mondays - Saturdays (actual dates and times will depend on the schedule). For more information, please stop by the Parks and Recreation Department office (660 Chabolla Avenue) or call 366-7180.



Chess Program - The Chess Program is open to youth and adults who are interested in learning to play chess, or have a desire to improve their playing skills. This program is designed to assist participants in analyzing positions and winning chess games. Good sportsmanship and team spirit will be stressed. Visit the Parks and Recreation Department offices (660 Chabolla Avenue) from 3:15-6:00pm on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Wednesday of each month if you are interested in participating. This class is FREE of charge! For more information, please call 366-7180.



Senior Bus Trips - There are 2 more Senior Bus Trips planned for the 2005 calendar year. On October 20th, the bus will be visiting Jackson Rancheria and on November 17th, we will be visiting Feather Falls. The cost for each trip is \$10.00 per person. If interested, please register ASAP. If buses are not more than 1/2 full two weeks prior to the trip, the trip must be cancelled. For more information, please call 366-7180.



YARD SALE SIGNS

The City of Galt zoning ordinance prohibits the posting of yard sale signs on any public or private property. The reasons for the ban are as follows:

- Unightly clutter in the city.
- Hazards such as nails, tacks, staples, tape, etc.
- Time and resources by city employees to remove signs and repair damage caused by the placement of such signs.
- Signs may cause a distraction to motorists and interfere with safety.



Anyone caught posting a yard sale sign could be issued a citation by the city code enforcement officer or the Galt Police Dept.

EMERGENCY SUPPLIES CHECKLIST

Can you go it alone for three days? The first 72 hours after a major emergency or disaster are critical. Electricity, gas, water, and telephones may not be working. In addition, public safety services such as police and fire departments will be busy handling serious crises. You should be prepared to be self-sufficient — able to live without running water, electricity and/or gas, and telephones — for at least three days following a major emergency. To do so, keep on hand in a central location the following:

Essentials

- Water — 1 gallon per person per day (a week's supply of water is preferable)
- Water purification kit
- First aid kit, freshly stocked
- First aid book
- Food
- Can opener (non-electric)
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Portable radio, flashlight and spare batteries
- Essential medications
- Extra pair of eyeglasses
- Extra pair of house and car keys
- Fire extinguisher — A-B-C type
- Food, water and restraint (leash or carrier) for pets
- Cash and change
- Baby supplies: formula, bottle, pacifier, soap and baby powder, clothing, blankets, baby wipes, disposable diapers, canned food and juices.



Sanitation Supplies

- Large plastic trash bags for waste; tarps and rain ponchos
- Large trash cans
- Bar soap and liquid detergent
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Feminine hygiene supplies
- Toilet paper
- Household bleach



Safety and Comfort

- Sturdy shoes
- Heavy gloves for clearing debris
- Candles and matches
- Light sticks
- Change of clothing
- Knife or razor blades
- Garden hose for siphoning and firefighting
- Tent
- Communication kit: paper, pens, stamps



Cooking

- Plastic knives, forks, spoons
- Paper plates and cups
- Paper towels
- Heavy-duty aluminum foil
- Camping stove for outdoor cooking (caution: before using fire to indoors)



Tools and Supplies

- Axe, shovel, broom
- Adjustable wrench for turning off gas
- Tool kit including a screwdriver, pliers and a hammer
- Coil of 1/2 " rope
- Plastic tape, staple gun and sheeting for window replacement
- Bicycle
- City map

Useful web links: The US Dept. of Homeland Security (www.ready.gov), American Red Cross (www.redcross.org/services/disaster/beprepared/) and FEMA (www.fema.gov/library/prepandprev.shtm).

FORM W-9

The City of Galt is required by the Internal Revenue Service to obtain a correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) from various vendors to whom the City has made payment to for items such as services rendered and/or real estate transactions. Failure to furnish your correct TIN to the City of Galt subjects you to a 29% backup withholding, in addition to a \$50 penalty. These penalties can be deducted from subsequent payments if an accurate W-9 Form is not provided to the City in a reasonable time period.

If you have received a W-9 form from the City of Galt requesting this information, please ensure it's immediate return to the City. Thank you in advance for your timely response.



BLOOD DRIVE—DECEMBER 13, 2005

This December, the City of Galt and BloodSource are continuing their partnership. When you donate blood on Tuesday, December 13th at the Littleton Community Center, you will receive a free T-Shirt.

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 Tuesday, December 13th, 3:30pm to 7:00pm located at Littleton Center, 380 Civic Drive and receive your T-Shirt. For further information, contact the City Clerk's office at 366-7130. **Yes, you do save lives!**



CONSTRUCTION ALERT FALL/WINTER 2005

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

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

Street Improvements 2004 Project

- Caroline Avenue pavement striping at Pine Street

Monterey Park Well Construction

- Monterey Bay Ct

2005 Pavement Rehabilitation (Kost Road)

- Kost Road
- Joy Road
- McFarland Street from Elm Avenue to A St.
- Lincoln Way at Dry Creek Bridge
- Industrial Drive north of Elm Avenue
- Amador Avenue east of Carol Drive
- East Stockton Blvd. north of Walnut
- Creskide Subdivision (patching and slurry)
- Emerald Vista Area (patching and slurry)

Industrial Drive Storm Drain Extension

- South of Pringle Avenue

Galt Market Entrance and Intersection Improvements

- Glendale Avenue and Meladee Lane

Chabolla Center Addition

- Chabolla Avenue

Elm-McFarland Sewer Pipeline and Lift Station

- Elm Avenue from McFarland to Robin
- McFarland Street from Elm Avenue to Trudy



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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



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