



# GALT CONNECTIONS

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## SPECIAL DATES

- **Jan 11th**—P&R Meeting
- **Jan 12th**—Planning Comm. Meeting
- **Jan 17th**—Council Meeting
- **Jan 24th**—Special Council Meeting
- **Jan 31st**—Public Meeting-Utility Rates Adjustment
- **Feb 7th**—Council Meeting
- **Feb 15th**—Blood Drive
- **Feb 8th**—P&R Meeting
- **Feb 9th**—Planning Comm. Meeting
- **Feb 20th**—HOLIDAY
- **Mar 31st**—HOLIDAY
- **Feb 21st**—Council Meeting

## BLOOD DRIVE—FEBRUARY 15, 2006

This December, the City of Galt and BloodSource are continuing their partnership. When you donate blood on Wednesday, February 15th 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](http://www.bloodsource.org).

Visit us at the Galt Community blood drive on Wednesday, February 15th, 4:00pm 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!*



## CITY COUNCIL CLOSER TO SELECTING A PREFERRED LAND USE ALTERNATIVE FOR THE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE (2005-2025)

The Galt City Council and Galt Planning Commission held a special joint meeting on December 12, 2005 to review and discuss the results of the "Expanded Study Area Report". This report is a summary of land use, circulation, infrastructure, economic and environmental issues that are expected to be associated with each of the four General Plan land use alternatives currently under consideration and/or development within a larger area identified as the Expanded Study Area. The City leaders asked for this information in order to assist in their ultimate selection of a preferred land use alternative that will be used as the basis for the new Galt General Plan (2005-2025).

After reviewing the report, City Council decided to postpone any decision and allow further time for the community to review the report and provide input. Another meeting has been scheduled for public input on January 30, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive in Galt. At that time, it is anticipated that City Council will work toward creating a preferred land use alternative for the next twenty years of growth in the community.

If you would like to review the "Expanded Study Area Report", please visit the City's website (<http://www.ci.galt.ca.us>) and click on the General Plan icon on the City's home page. If you would like to submit written comments, on the Expanded Study Area Report or the General Plan Update process, please feel free to e-mail [planning@ci.galt.ca.us](mailto:planning@ci.galt.ca.us) or send comments to the Planning Department at 495 Industrial Drive, Galt, CA 95632. Printed copies of the document are also available for review at the Galt Library, City Clerk's Office and Planning Department and can be purchased from the City Clerk and Planning Department.

Would you like your name added to the General Plan Update notification list? Please e-mail us at [planning@ci.galt.ca.us](mailto:planning@ci.galt.ca.us) or call 209-366-7230 with that request. We will then send you information directly about upcoming General Plan events.

## 2005 CITY OF GALT BUSINESS LICENSE EXPIRED 12/31/05

If you have not renewed your license, your renewal must be received by 1/31/2006 to avoid penalties.

Please contact the Finance Department at (209) 366-7158 or [procha@ci.galt.ca.us](mailto:procha@ci.galt.ca.us) for information. Be sure to include your business name and license number in your email.



## 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](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.

## STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE

The City's street sweeping schedule is currently being revamped. A new schedule is expected to be implemented during the month of January 2006.

The Public Works Department has two street sweeper machines. One is a vacuum and broom combination and the other is a mechanical broom machine. Major arterials will be swept every week, collector and local roads swept every other week and residential streets monthly. Typically, arterials and collector roads have heavier vehicle and pedestrian traffic; while residential streets do not. Therefore, the proposed schedule change will provide a greater degree of efficiency with street sweeping. During "Leaf Season," which is usually from December 1<sup>st</sup> to March 1<sup>st</sup>, two sweepers will be in operation.

Once the new schedule is implemented, the following will be requested of all residents where the City provides this service. You will be the "Key" to the program's success! Please do not park your car on the street after 6:00 am on sweep days. Chances are the sweepers will come through before 1:00 pm, but certainly before 3:30 pm. Remove your trash and recycling containers from the street promptly after they have been dumped. The sweeper is scheduled to come the day after your trash pick up. The City contracts the solid waste removal with California Waste Recovery Systems which has different routes and schedules than street sweeping and operates at different speeds. To accomplish their tasks, street sweepers cover approximately 30 miles per day. Trash collection vehicles must stop and pick-up containers covering approximately 10 miles per day. Occasionally, delays in trash pick-up may result in the need to remove trash cans to allow the sweeper to pass.



## CITY OF GALT ANSWERS THE CALL TO RECYCLE! NATIONAL CELL PHONE AND RECHARGEABLE BATTERY RECYCLING PROGRAM

The City of Galt has joined a national program called *Call2Recycle*™ that helps Galt residents conveniently recycle their cell phones and portable rechargeable batteries.

The City is providing residents with an easy way to recycle their old cell phones and used rechargeable batteries. Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd), Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH), Lithium Ion (Li-ion), and Small Sealed Lead\* (Pb) are commonly found in cellular and cordless phones, laptop computers, cordless power tools, two-way radios, camcorders, remote control toys, and a variety of other portable electronic products. When the battery can no longer hold a charge, it can and should be recycled.

By 2005, roughly 200 million cell phones will be in use in the United States, and approximately 130 million phones will be retired each year. The average American cell phone user has a total of 3 or more cell phones and 5 cordless electronic products in their possession. Consumers can simply drop off their used rechargeable battery and old cell phone at the Galt City Hall, 380 Civic Drive, and it will be collected for recycling.

Galt and other communities nationwide are working in cooperation with the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Cooperation (RBRC), a nonprofit public service organization that operates the *Call2Recycle*™ program. By participating in the RBRC program, the City is helping to conserve the earth's natural resources and to prevent cell phones and rechargeable batteries from entering the country's landfills.

"Community participation is a crucial part of our program because it puts us in touch with the public," says Norm England, RBRC President. "Communities such as Galt are helping to make cell phone and rechargeable battery recycling a reality, and that's great for the environment."

The *Call2Recycle*™ program has various recycling plans that collect old cell phones and used rechargeable batteries from retailers, businesses, communities, and public agencies. To learn more about the *Call2Recycle*™ program or to find a participating drop off location in your area, visit the website at [www.call2recycle.org](http://www.call2recycle.org), call toll free 1-877-2-RECYCLE, or contact Jennifer Cannell at (209) 366-7100.

## RECREATION

### AQUATICS

Registration for all Gora Aquatic Center programs begins on Tuesday, March 1.

The Aquatic Center Office will be open for registrations March 2 – June 2 on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 3:00-6:00pm. Beginning June 3, the Aquatic Center Office will be open during Public Swim hours. Registrations can also be processed at the Parks & Recreation Department office during regular business hours (Monday – Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm).

### Galt Gators Recreational Swim Team

The Galt Gators are a competitive recreational swim team that travels and hosts swim meets with other Northern California Swim League teams. If you love to swim and are between the ages of 4 and 18, this may be for you! There are swimming pre-requisites for all ages. Please call for more information. Registration is March 1-April 30. The season is April 17 – July 23, 2006.

#### **Fees:**

Resident	\$65.00
Non-Resident (in HS District)	\$75.00
Non-Resident (outside HS Dis)	\$80.00



### Spring Swim Lessons

(All classes will be conducted in the Competition Pool.) Each session is 9 days long (Monday – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> week and Monday- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> week). Each day is ½ hour in length.

#### **Session A (May 8-18)**

- 6:35pm Level 1, 2
- 7:10pm Level 2, 3

#### **Session B (May 22-June 2)**

- 6:35pm Level 1, 2
- 7:10pm Level 2, 3

### Youth Sports

#### Instructional/T-Ball

Registration is Jan. 2-Feb. 10. Late registration is Feb. 13-17 (\$10.00 late fee also due). After Feb. 17, a waiting list will be kept for late registrations.

The season is April – the first week of June.

This program's criterion is constructed with all positive factors for the mutual benefit of the parent and young person. The primary focus is and will continue to be building self-esteem and helping the player learn positive interactive skills within his or her peer group. This program is the beginning steps in the teaching of baseball disciplines and defensive and offensive skill development. Fees as follows:

#### 5-6 years

Resident	\$30.00
Non-Resident (in HS Dist)	\$40.00
Non-Res (outside HS Dist)	\$45.00

#### 7-8 years

Resident	\$35.00
Non-Resident (in HS Dist)	\$45.00
Non-Res (outside HS Dist)	\$50.00



#### Girls' Softball

Registration is Jan. 2-Feb. 10. Late registration is Feb. 13-17 (\$10.00 late fee also due). After Feb. 17, a waiting list will be kept for late registrations. Try-outs are March 4-6.

#### 9-10 years

Resident	\$45.00
Non-Resident (in HS Dist)	\$55.00
Non-Res (outside HS Dist)	\$60.00

#### 11-15 years

Resident	\$50.00
Non-Resident (in HS Dist)	\$60.00
Non-Res (outside HS Dist)	\$65.00



## GALT SANITARY SEWER MAINTENANCE

The Public Works Department performs inspection and maintenance of the collection system infrastructure and the twelve sanitary lift stations to ensure uninterrupted collection of wastewater. Sanitary sewer treatment is also performed by the City's Public Works Department.

The City of Galt has 70 miles of sanitary sewer lines. Most of the lines are in the street. Some run through utility easements on private property. Each year, the Streets Division cleans approximately one half of the City's sanitary sewer lines. Lines requiring a higher level of maintenance are cleaned on a quarterly basis. This routine maintenance helps to prevent blockages and backups. The sanitary sewer lines are cleaned using high performance sewer cleaning equipment. A cleaning nozzle is propelled from one manhole to the next using water under high pressure. The nozzle is then pulled back to the starting manhole. As the nozzle is pulled back, water scours the inside of the sanitary sewer pipe. Any debris in the pipe is pulled back with the water. The debris is removed from the manhole with a vacuum unit. If roots are found, they are cut with a root cutter. This process is repeated on every sewer line cleaned.

Keep Your Toilet Bowl Lid Down. During cleaning of sanitary sewer lines, air occasionally vents into a home through the sanitary sewer service line and ventilation system. When this happens, water in the toilet bowl can bubble or surge or, in rare instances, splash out of the bowl. The common causes of air venting into homes during sanitary sewer cleaning are: air movement from normal cleaning operations, the use of higher pressure needed when cleaning sanitary sewer lines that have a steep slope, sewer lines running close to the building, a plugged roof vent, and the size and complexity of the home's waste and ventilation system. **To minimize water splashing out of your toilet bowl, keep the lid down.**



## CONSTRUCTION ALERT WINTER/SPRING 2006

*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

### **Galt Market Entrance and Intersection Improvements**

- Glendale Avenue and Meladee Lane

### **2005 Pavement Rehabilitation (Kost Road)**

- Kost Road
- Joy Road
- McFarland St. 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



### **Elm-McFarland Sewer Pipeline and Lift Station**

- McFarland Street from Elm Avenue to Trudy

### **Chabolla Center Addition**

- Chabolla Avenue

## CITY HALL INFORMATION

City Hall Information  
366-7130

City Website  
[www.ci.galt.ca.us](http://www.ci.galt.ca.us)

City E-Mail Address  
[clerk@ci.galt.ca.us](mailto: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

## Urban Water Management Plan

The City is in the process of preparing the 2005 Update to the Urban Water Management Plan. This document will be available for public viewing starting on January 3, 2006 at the City Clerk's Office and the Marian O. Lawrence Library, and on-line at [www.ci.galt.ca.us](http://www.ci.galt.ca.us). A Public Hearing on this document will be held on January 17, 2006. Please contact Public Works at 366-7260 with any questions.



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