



GALT CONNECTIONS

A City Working For You

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BLOOD DRIVE DECEMBER 7, 2004



This December, BloodSource and Baskin-Robbins are continuing their tradition of offering a delicious way to help others. People who visit a BloodSource location or mobile drive to donate blood will receive a coupon redeemable for a pint of Baskin-Robbins ice cream.

Although December is the holiday season, the need for blood never stops. The long-standing relationship between these organizations

has proven to be very effective in maintaining a safe and adequate blood supply for Northern and Central California.

Visit us at the Galt Community blood drive on Tuesday, December 7th from 3:30 pm to 7:00 pm located at Littleton Center, 380 Civic Drive and receive your coupon good 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 further information, contact the City Clerk's office at 366-7130.

SPECIAL DATES

- **Oct. 14th**—Commission on Aging
- **Oct. 14th**—Planning Commission Meeting
- **Oct 19th** —City Council Meeting
- **Oct. 21st**—Beautification Meeting
- **Oct. 27th** —Parks & Rec. Meeting
- **Nov. 2nd**—**VOTE!**
- **Nov. 2nd**—City Council Meeting
- **Nov. 16th**—City Council Meeting

CITY OF GALT ANNUAL



CURBSIDE CLEAN-UP



NOVEMBER 1 - 5

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 feet in length or less. Bags, cans, or bundles may not exceed 40 lbs. each.

► Items must be placed out on the resident's regular collection day during the week of November 1, 2004, by 5 a.m.

► **NO** hazardous materials, tires, dirt, concrete, rock, liquids, batteries, appliances, or auto parts will be accepted.

► This annual one-time special service provided at no additional charge to residential customers in Galt city limits includes single family homes, apartments, duplexes, triplexes, and mobile home parks.

This service is provided by the City of Galt and California Waste Recovery Systems.

Questions: 209/366-7100

THE GENERAL PLAN SURVEY IS COMING TO YOUR MAILBOX HOW EASY IS THAT?

How will your city look and feel in 20 years? Don't leave that important decision up to everyone else. Let us know how you feel about it. It will only take a few minutes now to make a huge difference later. Don't be left out---fill out your Citizen Survey!

If you haven't already heard, the City is in the middle of a comprehensive update to the Galt General Plan. Why is this important, you ask? Well, the General Plan is a document required by state law of every California city and county. It must set forth the community's plan for future growth and must be the guiding document for virtually all development decisions made by the City. Think of it as a blueprint for the future development of Galt. Without a good blueprint, it's hard to know if you're making the right decisions to end up where you want to be.

We have already held over 20 community meetings to find out what residents, business owners and developers think about the future of Galt. The invitation is open to everyone, but we know many of you have been unable to attend the meetings. That's why we are taking the show on the road and coming directly to your house!

You will soon be receiving your "Citizen Survey on the Galt General Plan" in your mailbox. It will look like a thin magazine, but it will have an encyclopedia full of information. The survey will show you the four different future land use patterns (blueprints) that have been developed for Galt based on the variety of input from friends and neighbors at the General Plan Community Workshops. Each land use alternative shows different areas for growth and different types of land uses.

We want to find out which future land use alternative is closest to your idea for the future of Galt and what

changes you would recommend to make it better. We're also giving you a chance to prioritize different areas around the City that should be considered for future growth opportunities.

The Citizen Survey on the General Plan will include return postage so you can return it to us with no charge. We have tried to make it as easy as possible for you to tell us what you think. Please don't keep us waiting!

For more information on the Galt General Plan Update Project, please visit the City's website at www.ci.galt.ca.us and click on the General Plan icon on the home page. We will also be happy to add you to our mailing/e-mailing list for notification of upcoming events. Please call 209-366-7230 or e-mail us at planning@ci.galt.ca.us with your mailing/e-mailing information.

COMMUNITY REMINDER - RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN

Fall season is beginning. Rain and leaves can lead to plugged drains and street flooding. Please do your part in keeping the rains draining.

—Insure that you remove the leaves, dirt, and trash from the streets and gutters in front of your home or business and put in the proper waste receptacle.

—Rake leaves and yard debris away from the storm drain and place in the yard and garden waste (gray) containers. The City street sweeper cannot pick up leaves so please clear the leaves from the gutter.

—Do not hose pet waste, dirt, mud, or any other contaminant into the gutter. Use a broom and/or a shovel and put it in the trash.

The Galt Municipal Code requires keeping streets and gutters clear of debris and protecting storm water quality.

COMMUNITY REMINDER - WATER CONSERVATION

The City Manager rescinded the Water Alert effective October 4, 2004. The City of Galt would like to thank all residents for taking extra care to conserve water during the summer allowing the City to replenish its reservoirs and maintain system pressures. Residents are encouraged to continue water conservation measures: 1) Use automatic shutoff devices on hoses to water lawns, gardens and vehicle washing; 2) Promptly repair leaking water lines and/or faulty sprinklers; 3) Sweep, not wash sidewalks or driveways {prohibited under Chapter 16.10, GMC}; and 4) Avoid gutter flooding by monitoring yard sprinklers and minimizing run-off.



Landscaping needs are much reduced in fall and winter. Irrigation systems should be adjusted or turned off accordingly as weather permits.

WASTEWATER AND THE CITY'S NEW PERMIT

The City's wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) operates under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, re-adopted by the State of California earlier this year. This permit requires a significant number of new studies and reports, as well as a substantial increase in sampling to demonstrate compliance. Also, the permit mandates many new, more onerous limitations on effluent that is discharged to Laguna Creek between November 1 and April 30. The new permit requires not only tertiary treatment, but requires advanced treatment of other chemicals costing the City between \$30 million and \$60 million in plant upgrades plus \$2.5 million a year in additional operating expenses.

The City continues to contest what we believe are unreasonable portions of the permit that would result in millions

of dollars in costs with no appreciable benefit. In addition, the City is implementing this permit since the State Water Resources Control Board has denied a Stay of the permit pending review of our appeal. There are several alternatives under evaluation to determine if there is a lower cost method for wastewater processing than the current method in our permit. These include: connection to another WWTP (either Sacramento Regional or Lodi), relocation of the discharge point to the Sacramento or Mokelumne Rivers, and new re-use (at future SMUD power plant, year-round on agricultural lands, or wetlands). The City has initiated a Feasibility Study to determine which of these options appear to be feasible. Options that pass the initial screening process will be analyzed in more detail, prior to selection of an alternative expected in November 2004.

BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWALS!

Current Licenses will expire 12/31/04. Renewal Notices will be mailed in November. The business license fee for January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005 is as follows:

First owner or employee	\$40.00
Each additional employee	\$10.00

If you do not receive your renewal notice by December 1, 2004, please contact the City of Galt Finance Department at (209) 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.



HALLOWEEN SAFETY

Both children and adults need to think about safety on this annual day of make-believe.

Motorists: The National Safety Council urges motorists to be especially alert on Halloween.

- Watch for children darting out from between parked cars.
- Watch for children walking on roadways and curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully.
- Watch for children in dark clothing.

Parents: Before children start trick or treating:

- Make sure that an adult or older responsible youth will be supervising the outing for children under 12.
- Plan and discuss the route trick-or-treaters intend to follow. Know the names of older children's companions.
- Instruct children to travel in familiar areas and established routes.
- Teach your children to stop only at houses or apartments that are well-lit and **never** enter a stranger's home.
- Establish a return time.
- Tell children not to eat any treat until they return home.

—Review all appropriate trick-or-treat safety precautions, including pedestrian/traffic safety rules.

Costume Designs: Only fire-retardant materials should be used for costumes.

- Wear warm clothing underneath costumes.
- Costumes should not be so long that they are a tripping hazard. Falls are the leading cause of unintentional injuries on Halloween.
- If children are allowed out after dark, outfits should be made with light colored materials. Strips of retroreflective tape should be used to make children visible.

Face Designs: Masks can obstruct vision. Use facial makeup instead.

Rules: Children should understand the following rules:

- Do not enter homes or apartments without adult supervision.
- Walk, do not run, from house to house.

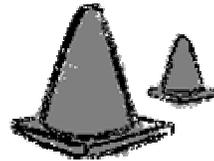
Treats: When in doubt, throw it out!



CONSTRUCTION ALERT FALL/WINTER 2004

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

- Water Mains
Northbound Carillion Blvd from Union Pacific RR spur to Walnut Ave
- Bicycle Lane Project
Carol Dr. and E. Stockton Blvd. from Amador Ave. to Walnut
Walnut Ave. from E. Stockton to Emerald Vista Dr.
Highway 99 northbound off ramps at Ayers and Walnut
- Lincoln Way Improvements Project
N. Lincoln Way from Wendy Hope Dr. to Live Oak Ave.
- Lincoln Way North Connector Project
N. Lincoln Way from Spaans Dr. to Live Oak Ave.
Live Oak Avenue
Portions of Industrial Drive
- Street Improvements 2004 Project
Intersection – Glendale Ave and Meladee Lane
Caroline Avenue widening at Pine



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

SEEDS OF HOPE



Please join the City of Galt in cooperation with the American Cancer Society and sow the “Seeds of Hope” by planting daffodil bulbs. Last year, over 2,000 bulbs were planted throughout the community. You, your family and your friends are invited to share in this unique experience. Check the City’s website for more information.

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