



GALT CONNECTIONS

A City Working For You

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SPECIAL DATES

- **Jan. 12th** —Parks & Rec. Meeting
- **Jan. 13th**—Planning Commission Meeting
- **Jan. 18th**—City Council Meeting
- **Jan. 25th**—Special City Council Meeting
- **Feb. 1st**—City Council Meeting
- **Feb. 9th** —Parks & Rec. Meeting
- **Feb. 10th**—Planning Commission Meeting
- **Feb. 15th**—City Council Meeting

SEEDS OF HOPE

A heartfelt thank you to the many volunteers who joined the City of Galt and American Cancer Society in planting “Seeds of Hope” throughout the community on Saturday, October 30, 2004. Donations were received in the form of money, bulbs and time, from City Employees, City Clerk’s Office, City Parks Division, City Attorney, American Cancer Society, the Galt Beautification Committee, Galt Kiwanis Club, Galt High School Key Club, Boy Scout Troop #238, Girl Scout Troop #1459 and several citizens. Many volunteers spent their Saturday morning planting over 3,000 daffodils in an effort to bring awareness to cancer. Hopefully this spring we can spread the beauty of daffodils across the City.



CITY RECEIVES “PROJECT OF THE YEAR” AWARD



The City of Galt recently was honored by the American Public Works Association, Sacramento Chapter, with the Project of The Year Award in the Historical Preservation/Restoration Category for the Galt Old Town Improvement Project. The Sacramento Chapter includes most of the Central Valley Area from Public Works. The City of Galt competed with cities from 20,000 to 100,000 in population in the Central Valley for this award.

This project was undertaken to stimulate the economic revitalization of the City’s Old Town while preserving its historic character. By authorizing major new improvements, City officials hoped to foster a “village” flavor in Old Town. Upgrading its infrastructure and providing attractive street improvements, landscaping, and parking facilities, the City struck a responsive chord among the business community. Local business owners were ready and willing to do their fair share to help the City meet its goals. As the City’s work progressed, so did a number of private building upgrades adjacent to the street improvements.



The improvements included creating pedestrian ramps that integrate carriage-height curbs and are ADA compliant; doubling available street parking by using diagonal stalls, resurfacing existing pavement; removing all aerial utilities and placing underground, installing landscaping with street trees; providing color coordinated street signs, benches, and vintage style street lighting, upgrading the storm drainage system, and water system.

Accepting the award on behalf of the City was Mr. Larry Evans, Project Engineer in the Public Works Department. While the Galt Old Town Improvement Project was completed in December of 2002, work by private business owners to improve their buildings continues today.

GENERAL PLAN SURVEY RESULTS ARE BEING COUNTED

Many of you responded to the Citizen Survey on the Galt General Plan which was mailed in October. The City received over 600 survey responses, and that information is being tabulated. Once the information has been compiled, we will make the results available on the City's website www.ci.galt.ca.us.

Click on the General Plan icon to view the information and to see the status of all information related to the Galt General Plan Update 2005-2025. Copies of the survey report and all other upcoming General

Plan documents will also be available from the Galt Planning Department for the cost of the copy.

The City will also be scheduling public meetings on the General Plan Update project in the next few weeks, so please check the website periodically for that information as well. If you are on our General Plan mailing list, we will send you information about upcoming General Plan events. If you would like to have your name added to the mailing list (regular mail or e-mail), please e-mail us at planning@ci.galt.ca.us or call 209-366-7230.

WINTER/SPRING RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

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 prerequisites for all ages. Please call for more information. Registration is March 1-April 30. The season is April 18 - July 24, 2005.



Fees:

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

Spring Practices:

April 18-June 10	
Monday-Friday	3:30-6:30pm
8 & Younger	3:30-4:15pm
9-10 years	4:15-5:15pm
11-18 years	5:15-6:30pm

Summer Practices:

June 13-July 22	
Monday-Friday	6:15-10:30am
8 & Younger	9:30-10:30am
9-10 years	8:30-9:30am
11-18 years	7:00-8:30am
Early Birds	6:15-7:15am



Registration for all aquatic programs will begin on March 1st.

For more information, please call 744-9544.

Girls' Softball

Registration is January 3-February 11. Late registration is February 14-18 (\$10.00 late fee also due). After February 18, 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



Instructional/T-Ball

Registration is January 3-February 11. Late registration is February 14-18 (\$10.00 late fee also due). After February 18, 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:

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



For more information, please call 366-7180.

CENTRAL GALT INTERCHANGE UPDATE

Since our last public meeting, the Project Development Team (PDT) has been working to better define the interchange design alternatives and the potential impacts and costs of each alternative. A pre-application meeting was held with the Army Corp of Engineers and other State and Federal Agencies to discuss the potential impacts to wetlands and endangered species, and various design issues associated with each interchange alternative have been identified and resolved. The Area of Potential Effect Map – a formal document which defines the study limits of the Environmental Impact Report - was approved clearing the way for the various environmental studies to begin.



The next step includes the detailed study of environmental issues such as air quality, noise, biological and archeological resources and the processing of the Project Study Report through Caltrans. For information about the alternatives being considered, visit the project website at www.centralgaltic.com.

REMINDER—GALT BUSINESS LICENSE

It's time to renew your **City of Galt Business License**. Renewals must be paid and received by January 31, 2005 to avoid penalties. You may renew by mail or in person at 380 Civic Drive, Galt. For questions related to your business license renewal, or if you have not received your renewal notice by mail, please call (209) 366-7158.

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 its immediate return to the City. Thank you in advance for your timely response.

COMMUNITY REMINDER — DON'T SELL OUT WITH SALE SIGNS



Keep the City looking good – Don't post garage/yard sale signs on utility poles, street or traffic light posts, or street signs. Small garage/yard sale signs may be posted temporarily on private property with the owner's permission, or in the windows of parked vehicles. It is prohibited by Galt Municipal Code to post garage/yard sale signs on light posts and signs. Signs posted on poles are unsightly and pose a safety hazard when posted on regulatory street signs.

BLOOD DRIVE—FEBRUARY 8, 2005

This February, BloodSource and Round Table are teaming up to offer 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 free one-topping personal pizza from Round Table with the purchase of another item. When you purchase a soda, you can redeem your coupon for a free one-topping personal pizza.



The local need for blood never stops. These organizations are providing an effective way to maintain safe and adequate blood supply for Northern and Central California.

Visit us at the Galt Community blood drive on Tuesday, February 8th 3:30 pm to 7:00 pm located at Littleton Center, 380 Civic Drive and receive your coupon good for a free Round Table, one-topping personal pizza.

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.

CONSTRUCTION ALERT
WINTER/SPRING 2005

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

Water and Wastewater System Relocations and Replacements
S. Lincoln Way from St. Christopher's Church to Southdale Ct.
Elm-Orr Rd. from Jennifer Way to McFarland St.
Area bounded by A St. to C St. and Second St. to Third St.



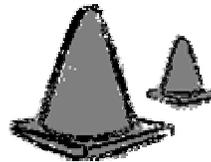
Lincoln Way Improvements
N. Lincoln Way from Wendy Hope Dr. to Live Oak Ave.
Pringle Ave.

Water Main Extension – 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.

Industrial Drive-Live Oak Ave. Street Extension
Live Oak and north end of Industrial
Industrial Drive south of Pringle.

Street Repairs Project 2004
Galt Market Exit at Glendale Intersection
Caroline Ave. Widening at Pine
Fourth/Fifth – B/C Street Alleyway



**CITY HALL
INFORMATION**

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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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