



GALT CONNECTIONS

A City Working For You

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GENERAL PLAN UPDATE—20/20 A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

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The City of Galt has begun a two-year comprehensive update of its General Plan. Required by State law, the General Plan is Galt's overarching policy document that guides land use, transportation, infrastructure, community design, and other decisions. Galt's current General Plan was adopted in 1990.

The General Plan Update effort will be guided by a 16-member Focus Group appointed by the City Council and made up of representatives of community agencies, organizations and citizens. The Focus Group will meet regularly throughout the Update to review draft documents and to provide direction to City staff and consult-

ants on policy development.

The General Plan Update program will include many opportunities throughout the two-year program for the community to participate in developing the new General Plan. In addition to the Focus Group meetings, which are open to the public, the General Plan Update program will include six community workshops, and six joint study sessions of the City Council and Planning Commission. In September, the City held its first community workshop which was well attended. We have included in this newsletter an opinion survey, that we hope everyone will take the time to complete

and return. Information regarding survey results will be available and posted on the City's website when complete.

The next community workshop is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., November 19th at the Chabolla Center. Additionally, the City Council and Planning Commission will be holding a joint workshop starting at 7:00 p.m. on October 8th at City Hall, 380 Civic Drive. Check the City's website and local newspapers for updates. Hope to see you there!

For more information, consult the City's website at: <http://www.ci.galt.ca.us/site/> or call 209/366-7230.

SPECIAL DATES

- **Oct. 21st**—City Council Meeting
- **Nov. 4th** —City Council Meeting
- **Nov. 11th** —Holiday—**Veteran's Day**
- **Nov. 18th**—City Council Meeting
- **Nov. 19th** —**General Plan 20/20-Community Workshop**
- **Nov. 27th**—Holiday—**Thanksgiving**
- **Nov. 28th**—City Hall Closed



CITY OF GALT ANNUAL CURBSIDE CLEAN-UP



NOVEMBER 3 - 7

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 3, 2003, 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 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



STATE HIGHWAY COOPERATION

The City of Galt has reason to celebrate recent successes in working with Caltrans to improve our local usage of state highways 99 and 104 running through the City. Most visible is the new fencing being installed on the east side of Highway 99 from Amador Avenue to Twin Cities Road. The new freeway fencing is more secure than the barbed wired mesh fencing it replaces and has slatting to reduce the conflict with car lights at night between E. Stockton Blvd and the northbound Highway 99 lanes.

The City recently installed traffic signals on Twin Cities Road (Hwy 104) at East and West Stockton Blvds and Fermoy Way. The addition of these traffic lights has greatly improved the safety of the intersection of Highways 99 and 104. The City turned over the maintenance and operations of the signals to Caltrans; their personnel have been working on the programming and signal timing of the intersections to improve traffic flow.

Another success is the recent encroachment permit approval by Caltrans for the City to install all-way stops at the Ayers and Walnut northbound freeway ramps. The City received permission to convert these two ramp exits to all-way stop control. This change will tremendously enhance the safety of anyone negotiating these intersections, particularly for bicyclists and pedestrians. We will be installing the all-way stops as a part of the E. Stockton/Carol bike lane and pavement-widening project to be constructed this fall.

Finally, the preliminary engineering for the improving of the Central Galt Interchange is progressing well. The initial public meeting and interest group meeting occurred last month. Caltrans is an important partner in this effort. To learn more about the interchange project, please review the insert to this newsletter.

NEW CITY OF GALT PHONE NUMBERS

Building Department	366-7200
City Clerk's Office	366-7130
City Council and Meeting Information	366-7130
City Hall Information	366-7130
City Manager's Office	366-7100
Code Enforcement	366-7200
Finance Department	366-7150
Galt Market Information	366-7160
Human Resources	366-7100
Mayor	366-7130
Parks & Recreation	366-7180
Planning Department	366-7230
Police Department	
Administration	366-7040
Records	366-7030
Business & Info.	366-7000
Detectives	366-7010
Public Works	366-7260
Engineering Division	366-7270
Sewer and Water Emergencies	
8 AM—5 PM Weekdays	366-7260
After Hours, Weekends & Holidays, Call	366-7000
Utility Billing Inquiries	366-7150

COMMUNITY REMINDER - LEAF DISPOSAL



Autumn has arrived and the leaves will soon be falling. Please help keep the City of Galt clean and environmentally friendly by insuring that you remove the leaves, dirt, and trash from the streets and gutters in front of your home or business. This keeps our streets looking good as well as protecting the wildlife downstream of our storm drain system. Additionally, it helps to keep our streets from flooding when the rainy season starts. All leaves, yard clippings, and other yard debris should be placed in the yard and garden waste (gray) containers provided by Cal Waste, for recycling.

Do not sweep or blow leaves and other yard debris in the streets. This is prohibited in sections 8.32 and 16.10 of the Galt Municipal Code. Chapter 8 of the Galt Municipal Code requires keeping the street and gutter free of debris in front of your home or business, and Chapter 16 pertains to storm water protection. We thank you for your cooperation.

DIRECT PAYMENT PROGRAM



LET THE CITY OF GALT HELP BALANCE YOUR MONTHLY BUDGET!

- ◆ No more waiting in lines
- ◆ No more checks to write
- ◆ No postage or mailing
- ◆ No worries about late payment

**City of Galt Finance Department
Utility Billing & Collections
380 Civic Drive, Galt, CA 95632**

For more information call (209) 366-7150 or visit the City's web page at: www.ci.galt.ca.us

- **Schedule your City of Galt Utility payments monthly through the Direct Payment program**
- **Sign up for monthly automatic debits to your checking account**
- **Pay your bill automatically in two equal monthly payments**
- **You will continue to receive your bimonthly billing statement**



HALLOWEEN SAFETY

Halloween is a cherished tradition but the excitement of the night can cause children to forget to be careful. There is no real "trick" to making Halloween a real treat for the entire family. The major dangers are not from witches or spirits but rather from falls and pedestrian/car crashes. Many communities officially designate a "Beggars' Night" and assign specific hours for trick-or-treat activities.

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, medians and curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully.
- At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing.

Parents: Before children start out on their "trick or treat" rounds, parents should:

- 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 your children to travel only in familiar areas and along an established route.
- Teach your children to stop only at houses or apartments that are well-lit and **never** to enter a stranger's home.
- Establish a return time.
- Tell your child not to eat any treat until they return home.

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

—Pin a slip of paper with the child's name, address and phone number inside a pocket in case the youngster gets separated from the group.

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

—Costumes should be loose so warm clothes can be worn underneath.

—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 make-up instead.

—When buying special Halloween makeup, check for packages containing ingredients that are labeled "Made with U.S. Approved Color Additives," "Laboratory Tested," "Meets Federal Standards for Cosmetics," or "Non-Toxic." Follow manufacturer's instruction for application.

—If masks are worn, they should have nose and mouth openings and large eye holes.

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!



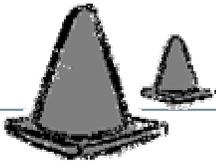
CONSTRUCTION ALERT

FALL/WINTER 2003



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

- Water Main Extension - Carillion Blvd. from the Union Pacific RR spur to Walnut Ave.
- Water Main Extension – S. Lincoln Way from St. Christopher’s Church to Southdale Ct.
- Water Main Extension – Elm-Orr Rd. from Jennifer Way to McFarland St.
- Water and Wastewater System Relocations and Replacements – area bounded by A St. to C St. and Second St. to Third St.
- Wastewater System Relocations and Replacements – area bounded by E St. to F St. and Sixth St. to Seventh St.
- Bicycle Lane Project – Carol Dr. and E. Stockton Blvd. from Amador Ave. to Walnut, and Walnut Ave. from E. Stockton to Emerald Vista Dr.
- Lincoln Way Improvements – N. Lincoln Way from Wendy Hope Dr. to Live Oak Ave., Pringle Ave., and Industrial Dr. south of Pringle.



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

The Parks & Recreation Department will take youth basketball registration applications October 1st through October 31st.

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