



# GALT CONNECTIONS

*A City Working For You*



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## SPECIAL DATES TO REMEMBER

- *Feb. 4, 2003*—City Council Meeting
- *Feb. 12, 2003*—Parks & Recreation Commission Mtg.
- *Feb. 13, 2003*—Planning Commission Meeting
- *Feb. 18, 2003*—City Council Meeting
- *March 4, 2003*—City Council Meeting
- *Apr. 27, 2003*—Galt Clean-up Day

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF 2002

Message to the Citizens of Galt:

I would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you a happy and prosperous 2003. The new year proves to be full of challenges and new opportunities for success within the city. We will remember 2002 as the year the city achieved completion of many ongoing capital projects directed by the city council. A special thank you goes out to city staff for their dedication to the community they represent. In addition, the city is fortunate to have council members who donate a tremendous number of

hours on behalf of their community.

Join me in looking back on major accomplishments in 2002:

- Old Town Improvement*
- Galt Market Improvements*
- Construction of the new police facility was initiated*
- Work began on the installation of new water tanks in the Industrial Park*
- Galt Market Soundwall*
- Acquisition of additional park property on the east and west side of Galt*
- McCaffery Middle School Park*
- Raley's Shopping Center*

Our goal for 2003 is to move the city of Galt forward in the direction determined by city council. As city manager, I pledge to the citizens of Galt that we will strive to make positive decisions to enhance our community in the coming year.

I encourage the citizens of Galt to express their views and take advantage of the city's open door policy where your concerns can be heard.

From all of us at the city of Galt, Happy New Year!

--Ted Anderson, City Manager

## CALLING ALL CONCERNED CITIZENS

We need your help to plan the future of Galt. The city is going to be updating the 1989-2005 General Plan which will affect every Galt resident, business owner and property owner. We are currently soliciting proposals from qualified consulting firms to work on the project and we hope to get underway with the project by April, 2003.

A General Plan expresses the community's values, visions and goals for the physical development of the city. Consequently, it is important that we hear from the entire community to ensure all citizen's concerns are heard and the best ideas are included in the new General Plan. The General Plan will be the new "road map" guiding all future development in the city. It will

ultimately affect the way we all live, work and interact in the community. We think it deserves top priority and we hope you will get involved to make a difference in Galt.

Please watch the Galt Herald and the city's website [www.ci.galt.ca.us](http://www.ci.galt.ca.us) for upcoming events or call the planning department at 209-366-7230 and request that your name be added to our notification list for direct mailings.

We hope to see you soon.

## RALEY'S COMES TO TOWN

The Raley's grocery store, in the new Galt Village Shopping Center on Twin Cities Road, celebrated its grand opening on January 15, 2003. This state-of-the-art new store boasts a Java City café, several different styles of take-out food and Raley's usual selection of fine products. Raley's joins Blockbuster Video and the Dollar Tree store as the first businesses to open in the shopping center, but they will soon be joined by many more stores as construction continues. Please stop in and see the results for yourself.

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With Industrial Facilities*



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**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**

Just before the holidays, mold was found in the Galt Boys & Girls Club building. The city took immediate steps to close the facility and brought in experts in mold detection. A registered environmental hygienist is evaluating the extent of the mold problem and will help develop a remediation plan.

Before action can be taken, the roof structure of the building has to be evaluated and repaired or possibly replaced to eliminate water invasion into the building.

The city is meeting with the Boys & Girls Club representatives on a regular basis to update them on the progress regarding the building.

The parks & rec. department is currently accepting registrations for t-ball, instructional and girls softball leagues through 2/28/03. You may register at the P&R department located at 660 Chabolla Ave., M-F, 9-5pm.

Pursuant to Ordinance #2002-16, the city council meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. beginning on February 18, 2003. If you have any questions, please contact the city clerk's office at 366-7130.

**LINCOLN WAY PROJECT**

The Lincoln Way Improvement Project will include the upgrades of storm drain lines, water lines, sanitary sewer lines, and roadway widening and resurfacing from Wendy Hope to Spaans Drive. It will also include installation of a traffic signal at Amador Avenue, a wider, interconnected railroad crossing, and the undergrounding of power, telephone and cable TV lines. The project is expected to be underway in May with completion before Christmas of this year.

**POLICE FACILITY**

The new police building continues to progress towards its estimated completion date in March, 2003. The 21,000 sq. ft. building will be occupied by the Galt Police Department.

The building project has had many challenges including having the general contractor, GenCon, file for bankruptcy protection in early July, 2002.

When completed, the City of Galt will have a state-of-the-art police facility that will greatly enhance the department's ability to serve the public.

**BUILDING PERMITS SUSPENDED**

The city of Galt treats 2.1 million gallons of sanitary sewer discharge per day. The treated water is used to irrigate agricultural fields at the city's wastewater treatment facility.

On Friday, January 10, 2003, the city of Galt received a tentative Cease and Desist Order from the California State Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) which imposed a ban on any new sanitary sewer connections in the city of Galt. This order was issued because RWQCB staff believes the city does not have enough land adjacent to its wastewater treatment plant to accommodate the discharge requirements for the summer of 2003.

The city has been working for more than a year to purchase land adjacent to the wastewater treatment facility. In the spring of 2002, the city moved to acquire the land through eminent domain proceedings. The California Superior Court in Sacramento intervened in the city's efforts and invalidated the condemnation proceedings.

The city is continuing to look at all options with regard to obtaining an appropriate amount of land adjacent to the wastewater treatment plant. Despite the city's efforts to acquire the land necessary, the Cease and Desist Order has the immediate impact of prohibiting the issuance of any building permits in the city that require a new sewer connection. The city is actively pursuing the lifting of the Cease and Desist Order in light of the progress the city has been making on a long-term solution. For further information call 366-7230.

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1st & 3rd Tuesdays  
City Council Chambers  
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7:00 pm