

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE

December 7, 2012

EASTVIEW MASTER PLANNED COMMUNITY

The City received an application this week from SunCal corporation to develop approximately 350 acres near Liberty Ranch High School, east of Marengo Rd, south of Twin Cities, and north of the railroad spur line. The proposed development would be mostly residential. Prior to development of the project, the property will need to be annexed to the City. The project will also require environmental review, and the development of a Specific Plan to provide details about the layout, infrastructure requirements, lot sizes and community amenities. The developer and City will be seeking community input throughout the process to ensure the project is well received by the community. It will likely take several years before the first homes are constructed but it is a very positive sign of a rebounding housing market and strong interest in development in Galt.

FAMILY DOLLAR STORE

Family Dollar Store is planning on building a store at the northwest corner of Lincoln and A Street (Happy Wok Café). They want to demo the existing building and construct new. The building is a little over 8,000 square feet.

CENTRAL GALT INTERCHANGE

Caltrans will be testing signals this week in advance of going live. Full signal operation could happen as early as next week dependent upon test results. To prepare the driving public for regular traffic flow on the interchange, traffic signals will initially be placed in flashing red mode.

WATER

The City has begun its annual water main flushing program. Questions regarding the program should be directed to Reb Bisnett, Water Supervisor; (209) 744-0847.

SANDBAG STATION

A self-service sandbag station has been set up at the Corporation Yard, 550 Elm Avenue. Free sand and sandbags are available for residents during periods when heavy rain is forecast. 'Loaner' shovels are also available at the site.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

The committee met and discussed the traffic and student pedestrian traffic in the areas of Lake Canyon and Liberty Ranch schools. Principal Brian Deis was in attendance. The Police Department will be providing extra enforcement when possible.

DISTRACTED DRIVING

As part of an OTS grant, officers are actively enforcing distracted driving laws.

GALT ENTERTAINMENT CENTER

Staff is working on the CEQA analysis of the proposed Old Town project including a thorough parking analysis in addition to the standard environmental issues. We hope to release it for public review draft by the week of December 17. Staff is also coordinating with the Architect on the project to create at least 3 design options for Council and the community's consideration.

RECREATION

Youth Basketball Coach and Officials Training –Parks and Recreation Department hosted the 1st training session for our youth program coaches. Bill Heredia of the Positive Coaching Alliance provided the training to approximately 25 coaches. This training will be provided again in the spring for our T-Ball and Softball Coaches.