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Newsletter

FOLSOM VETERANS DAY PARADE

Folsom residents will honor the nation's veterans at the 22nd annual Wayne Spence Folsom Veterans Day Parade starting at 9 a.m. Friday, November 11. The parade stages in the Target/Home Goods parking lot and begins on East Bidwell Street near Montrose Drive. The route travels westbound on E. Bidwell Street, northbound on Coloma Street, and will proceed to Natoma Street. The event wraps up with a brief ceremony to honor local veterans at the Veterans Memorial in City Lions Park.

The Folsom Police Department will coordinate a temporary closure of all lanes of traffic on East Bidwell Street from approximately 8 to 11 a.m. Natoma Street from Coloma to Wales Drive will close from approximately 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. Closures will be lifted immediately after the parade ends. Detours around the parade will be marked; motorists are encouraged to take Riley and School streets as alternate routes.

More than 2,000 participants will take part in this year's parade, including marching bands, floats, classic cars, horseback riders, color guards, and a variety of community groups. The parade is held rain or shine; for more information call **916-461-6615** or email tocampo@folsom.ca.us.

AT A GLANCE

CAPITAL SOUTHEAST CONNECTOR, FOLSOM SEGMENT

White Rock Road has been reconstructed into a safer, higher-capacity four-lane expressway.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

Donate toys and gifts to support Folsom families in need.

FOLSOM HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST

Let's light up Folsom with holiday cheer! Enter your home, neighborhood, or business into the contest.



FOLSOM ICE RINK RETURNS FOR WINTER SEASON

Ice skating in Historic Folsom is a cherished winter tradition. The Folsom Ice Rink will be open from November 11 through January 16. This year's rink moves to 825 Leidesdorff Street, adjacent to the Historic District Plaza. Features include special events, firepits, special lighting, and a party zone. Learn more at folsomicerink.com.



Election Day is Tuesday, November 8. Make your voice heard this election and vote!

- ✓ **By Mail:** All registered voters were mailed an official ballot in early October. If you did not receive your ballot or if you need a replacement ballot, call Sacramento Voter Registration and Elections at **916-875-6155** or email **vbm@saccountry.net**.
- ✓ **Ballot Drop Box:** Completed ballots may be placed in any of the secured drop box locations throughout Sacramento County. There is a Ballot Drop Box inside Folsom City Hall, 50 Natoma Street, available to the public from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- ✓ **Vote Center:** All Vote Centers will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. 10 days prior to and including Election Day, and some of the Vote Centers will be open up to 11 days prior to and including Election Day. Weekend voting is also available. Voters can visit any Vote Center in the county to drop off completed ballots or they can vote in person.

In addition to the general election, Folsom voters will elect three City Councilmembers in the city's first by-district election. Councilmembers must live in the district they represent. This November, members of the City Council from Council Districts 1, 3, and 5 will be elected. Members from Council Districts 2 and 4 will be elected in 2024. Learn more about Folsom's by-district elections at **www.folsom.ca.us/districtelections**.

For additional information about the November 2022 Election, voter registration, and a full listing of Ballot Drop Box and Vote Center locations, call **1-800-762-8019** or visit **elections.saccountry.net**.



STOP THE CLOG THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

The City of Folsom Environmental and Water Resources Department encourages residents to properly dispose of fats, oils, and grease (FOG) this holiday season and all year long.

Properly dispose of FOG to help prevent drain and sewer backups:

- » **Can It** – Transfer solidified fats and grease into a clear plastic or compostable bag, tie it shut, and place it in your Green Bin.
- » **Scrape It** – Before washing, scrape fats, oils, and grease from pots and pans into the clear plastic or compostable bag you use to collect food scraps. When it is full, tie the bag shut and place it in your Green Bin.
- » **Compost It** – Put fatty and greasy food scraps in the clear plastic or compostable bag you use to collect other food scraps. When it is full, tie the bag shut and place it in your Green Bin.
- » **Recycle It** – Place cooled cooking oil back into the original container and make an appointment to have it picked up through the City of Folsom Door 2 Door Residential Household Hazardous Waste program.

Call **916-461-6177** or visit **www.folsom.ca.us/FOG** for more information.

FOLSOM HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST

Let's light up Folsom with holiday cheer! Enter your home, neighborhood, or business into the Folsom Holiday Lights contest.

Categories include:

- » **Holly Jolly Residence** – Best overall residence.
- » **Clark Griswold** – Best use of holiday lights (residential).

- » **Hollywood Christmas** – Best use of theme and/or fictional characters (residential).
- » **Merry and Bright Business** – Festive commercial business display (includes window painting).

- » **Illuminate the Block** – Best multi-house display.

Register by December 12 at **www.folsom.ca.us/HolidayLightsContest**.



The Folsom Citizens Assisting Public Safety (CAPS), in partnership with the Folsom Police and Fire departments, are collecting toys for the Annual Folsom CAPS Holiday Toy Drive. The donated items are delivered to Folsom families in need by police and fire personnel in the days before the holidays.

Donations will be accepted November 12 through December 9. Here are two ways you can help:

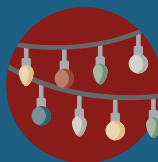
- » You can select a wish to fill from the virtual Christmas Tree at www.FolsomToyDrive.com. To fill the specific wish of a child, choose to receive an Amazon Wish List or shop for the item locally.
- » Bring a gift of your choosing for a child, teen, or adult. New, unopened, and unwrapped toys, as well as new clothing or gift cards, may be dropped off during regular business hours at Folsom Fire Department Station 35, located at 535 Glenn Drive; at the Folsom Police Department, located at 46 Natoma Street; or other designated toy drop-off locations.

The program helps hundreds of community members annually. Visit www.FolsomToyDrive.com for additional details and designated toy drop-off locations. Contact Jessica Hess at **916-461-6516** or jhess@folsom.ca.us for more information.



SANTA'S SLEIGH BRINGS HOLIDAY SPIRIT TO FOLSOM

Santa and Mrs. Claus will join the Folsom Fire and Police departments to visit neighborhoods throughout the city this December. Follow Santa's route at folsomsantatracker.com/routes.



FOLSOM TREE LIGHTING EVENTS

The Folsom community has two great options for family-friendly holiday tree lighting events. Palladio's tree lighting takes place 5 p.m. Saturday, November 19, and the Historic District tree lighting event begins at 6 p.m. Friday, December 2. Enjoy the spirit of the holidays in Folsom!



JOIN THE WINTER READING CHALLENGE

Cozy up with a good book and join the Folsom Public Library Winter Reading Challenge from December 1 through January 31. Each age group—kids ages 5+, teens, and adults—have a chance to win a prize. To complete the challenge and enter the drawing, simply read five books and log your progress on folsom.beanstack.org. Learn more at www.folsom.ca.us/library.

SHOP AND DINE LOCAL THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Shopping and dining locally supports the local economy, promotes a thriving community, and contributes to a high quality of life in Folsom. Dollars you spend in Folsom help fund vital public services, such as police, fire, schools, trash collection, recycling, and road maintenance—plus amenities such as parks, the Folsom City Zoo Sanctuary, and the Folsom Public Library. When you shop online, a smaller percentage of the sales tax is invested locally. Make sales tax dollars work for you and your community this holiday season!

Saturday, November 26, is Small Business Saturday—a day to celebrate and support small businesses and all they do for the Folsom community.

When small businesses succeed, we all do!



WILD NIGHTS AND HOLIDAY LIGHTS AT THE FOLSOM CITY ZOO SANCTUARY

This annual family event returns for the 12th year with its bright and festive seasonal cheer! Thousands of bright and colorful lights, sparkling ornaments and trees, lighted animal figures, and displays transform the zoo sanctuary with holiday spirit. Local caroling groups and musicians provide the merry sounds of the season, and the Folsom Valley Railway miniature train provides special nighttime rides. Santa Paws, the holiday bear mascot, will visit each night to greet guests and pose for photos.

Wild Nights and Holiday Lights is open from 5 to 8:30 p.m. December 2, 3, 9-11, and 16-22 (weather



permitting; heavy rains will cancel). All proceeds from the event benefit the zoo sanctuary animals.

Early ticket purchase is encouraged since many nights of the event sell out quickly. Follow [facebook.com/FolsomParksandRec](https://www.facebook.com/FolsomParksandRec) for daily event updates, ticket availability, and potential weather-related schedule changes. Call **916-461-6601** for questions.

EVENT DETAILS

- » Ticket sales open November 1 at webtrac.folsom.ca.us.
- » **Admission and train tickets are only available online; no onsite ticket sales.**
- » To provide an enhanced experience for guests, admission and train rides are limited each night of the event.
- » Tickets are date-specific.
- » Event admission is \$10/person and train tickets are \$5/person; free for ages under 2 years.
- » Hot chocolate and kettle corn is available for purchase at Fisher's Beastro, just outside the front gates.

JOIN THE FOLSOM CITY ZOO SANCTUARY DOCENT TRAINING PROGRAM

The Folsom City Zoo Sanctuary is accepting registrations for their upcoming Docent Training class. Docents serve a vital role in helping to promote the zoo sanctuary's educational mission, host school tours, interact with the public at community events, help with youth camps, and assist at a variety of special events.

The docent training class is only offered once each year; the 2023 session begins February 13 and continues through March 20. Docents must be at least age 21; complete the required paperwork and register online at webtrac.folsom.ca.us. Contact Sue Bean at **916-715-8610** with questions.



WINTER WATER SAVINGS

As the season changes, so do the watering needs of your landscape. Remember to check your irrigation controllers and consider these tips during the fall and winter seasons.

- » Install a WaterSense-labeled weather-based irrigation controller to take the guesswork out of watering. These controllers work much like a thermostat and will only water your lawn when needed. Rebates are available to Folsom water customers at www.folsom.ca.us/rebates.
- » Winter is also a great time to rethink your landscape to figure out ways to cut down on your outdoor water use. Winter is the best time for new plantings. Consider using native, lower water use varieties—they need less water and are more resistant to pests and diseases.
- » Add mulch around garden areas and shrubs to keep the soil moist, reduce evaporation, and inhibit weed growth.

Need help? Contact the city's Water Conservation Team and schedule a free Water-Wise House Call—the water conservation experts will meet with you in person and help you determine the best way to water your landscaping. Make an appointment at waterconservation@folsom.ca.us or call **916-461-6177**.

FROM THE ARCHIVES: FOLSOM HIGH SCHOOL CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

Folsom High School, the home of the Bulldogs, was established in 1922. To honor the school's centennial milestone, the Folsom History Museum announced the opening of "Go Bulldogs! 100 years of Folsom High"—a temporary exhibit focusing on the high school experience and the school's milestone anniversary. Visit the Folsom History Museum from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Monday at 823 Sutter Street. Learn more at folsomhistory.org.

- » In 1922, Folsom Union High School opened its temporary doors at the Folsom Community Church for 22 freshman students.
- » By 1924, the high school was completed on Riley Street, and the student population tripled in size. The curriculum included mathematics, English, science, languages, history, arts, physical education, agriculture, and mechanics.
- » Students living two miles from the district received a stipend of 1.5¢ per mile to attend.
- » On June 22, 1959, a fire started in the school. Families watched in horror from the street as the fire swept through the school. It took nine trucks, 40 firefighters, and 2 hours to finally stop the blaze.
- » Amidst the fire's devastation, the school continued to remain open, and the fall term began that same year. Restoration began in 1961 and was completed in 1964.
- » The school relocated to a new, larger campus, on Iron Point in 1998.

APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE FOR COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

The City of Folsom has long benefited from the active involvement of residents in many civic activities. One of the many ways that our residents can be involved is by serving on one of the city's commissions and committees. There are a variety of opportunities available, and residents are encouraged to take part in helping to develop city programs. For more information on the available opportunities and applications, visit www.folsom.ca.us. Applications are due November 14.



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'TIS THE SEASON TO GO GREEN

Americans throw away an extra 25 million tons of garbage between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day—25% more waste than any other time of year. This year, use your green bin to keep organic waste in its place—and out of the landfill.

PLACE THESE HOLIDAY ITEMS IN YOUR GREEN BIN:

- » All food scraps, including meat, bones, eggs, bread, baked goods, cheese, and vegetable trimmings.
- » Toothpicks, cocktail napkins, and paper towels.
- » Christmas trees cut down into 2-foot-long sections.
- » Pumpkins, squash, and gourds.
- » Wreaths, boughs, and other evergreen decorations. Be sure to remove wires, ribbons, lights, and other artificial elements before tossing décor into the green bin.

SUSTAINABLE HOLIDAY SEASON TIPS:

- ✓ Before food shopping, take inventory of items you have at home, and make a plan for storing and using leftovers.
- ✓ Set up a kitchen pail to collect food scraps after serving snacks and meals.
- ✓ Get creative with your gift-giving and consider shopping at local businesses.
- ✓ Reach for reusable gift bags or upcycle paper bags into wrapping paper.
- ✓ Switch to e-cards instead of printed holiday cards. If you choose traditional cards, look for those printed on recycled paper. Avoid glossy or foil-coated paper because these are not recyclable.
- ✓ Switch to energy-efficient LED holiday lights when it's time to replace your lighting.

HOLIDAY WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE AND CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

There is no change to waste collection services on holidays. Please place your cans curbside according to your usual collection schedule. This year's Christmas Tree Recycling event takes place January 7, 2023. Watch for more information on the city's website and city calendar.



FIRST FOLSOM SEGMENT OF THE CAPITAL SOUTHEAST CONNECTOR EXPRESSWAY COMPLETE

Phase 1 of the Folsom segment of the Capital SouthEast Connector project is complete and fully open to motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians. White Rock Road from Prairie City Road to East Bidwell Street has been reconstructed into a safer, higher-capacity four-lane expressway.

The 3-mile segment also includes new traffic signals, improved intersections, a new bridge over Alder Creek, and a Class 1 bike/pedestrian trail.

In addition, the Scott Road Extension Project will be completed in December, and will improve travel between Highway 50 and the community of Rancho Murieta.

The Capital SouthEast Connector is a planned 34-mile expressway that will connect Interstate 5 in Elk Grove to Highway 50 in El Dorado County. For more information, visit connectorjpa.net.