



CITY OF FOLSOM

Newsletter

FOLSOM LAKE CROSSING AND EAST NATOMA STREET TRAFFIC SAFETY PROJECT UNDERWAY

A traffic safety improvement project at Folsom Lake Crossing and East Natoma Street is underway. The project is designed to improve safety, reduce accidents and fatalities, and increase mobility.

This July, crews will install 2,150 feet of metal beam median barriers, radar speed feedback signs, and updated pavement markers and signage. Median barrier rails will be installed on Folsom Lake Crossing, between the Johnny Cash Bridge and Folsom Spillway Access Road, and on East Natoma Street, between Gionata Way to the Folsom Lake Crossing intersection. The city has also resurfaced the same portion of East Natoma Street and Folsom Lake Crossing with a “friction course” overlay—a pavement treatment that improves surface drainage and tire traction.

These locations were identified in the city’s 2021 Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP)—a data-driven analysis of major traffic collisions, which identifies the appropriate corrective measures to reduce traffic accident fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads. A U.S. Department of Transportation Highway Safety Improvement Program grant funds the Folsom Lake Crossing and East Natoma Street Barrier Rail Project.

For more information about the project, contact Senior Civil Engineer Ryan Chance at **916-461-6713** or rchance@folsom.ca.us.

AT A GLANCE

VOLUNTEER FOR FOLSOM COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the annual event.

FOLSOM CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS BUDGET AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The spending plan maintains core service levels and amenities while investing in fundamental community priorities.

FALL 2023 CERT BASIC ACADEMY ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS

The City of Folsom Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Basic Academy begins in late August.

JOIN THE FOLSOM COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM FOR THE FALL 2023 CERT BASIC ACADEMY!

Have you ever wondered what you would do in a disaster? Are you interested in learning how to help yourself, your family, and your neighbors in the immediate aftermath? Would you like to know more about volunteer opportunities with the Folsom Fire Department?

The City of Folsom Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will hold its Fall 2023 CERT Basic Academy beginning in late August. The course is offered free of charge, and preference is given to those who live or work in Folsom. All classes are held from 6 to 9 p.m. at Fire Station 35, 535 Glenn Drive.

To learn more and register, visit academy.folsomcert.org or email contact@folsomcert.org.



Thousands of volunteers will complete dozens of service projects Saturday, September 16 at Community Service Day. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the annual citywide event. Since its inception, Community Service Day has made a positive, lasting impact throughout Folsom.

The event is organized by the City of Folsom, local businesses, and community organizations. The annual event is made possible thanks to generous sponsorship support from Intel, Dignity Health, Lennar, Folsom Times, Lakeside Church, and other members of the business and service community.

Volunteer registration opens July 17; early registration is encouraged as project teams fill quickly. Learn more and register to volunteer at folsomcommunityservice.org.

THE NEIGHBORS HELPING SENIORS INITIATIVE

This unique category of Community Service Day projects aims to help local seniors in need of a helping hand. Projects can include gutter cleaning, weeding and pruning, exterior window cleaning, touch-up exterior painting, fence repair, and other similar light maintenance and repair tasks. Supporting our neighbors is part of what makes the Folsom community special. Submit a Neighbors Helping Seniors project application by **August 1** if you or a loved one can use a helping hand. Find the online application and more information at folsomcommunityservice.org.



There's still time to join the 2023 Summer Reading Challenge! Sign up to read or listen to five books through July. Kids and teens completing the Challenge win a free book, a book bag, and entry into a drawing for a \$100 gift card. Adults reading five books earn a book bag and an entry into the drawing. Participate by picking up the Challenge's bingo-style game card at the library or track your summer reading using the Library's Beanstack Tracker app.

Check out the Folsom Public Library's lineup of summer activities for kids, including daily story times, weekly crafts and LEGO programs, and a monthly kids' book club. Learn more about the Summer Reading Challenge and other library programs at www.folsom.ca.us/library.



GREEN BIN PROGRAM TURNS ONE

The City of Folsom's Green Bin Program, introduced in 2022 to comply with SB 1383, has reached an important milestone as the city celebrates the program's first anniversary.

Since the program's inception, participation has steadily increased. In May, Folsom businesses diverted a record-breaking 27 tons of organics from landfills, marking the highest monthly commercial diversion to date. Since July 2022, Folsom residents and businesses have collectively diverted over 11,000 tons of organic material from the landfill. This diversion not only provides a valuable feedstock for compost production but also helps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Residents of Folsom can benefit from the city's commitment to sustainability. Free compost and mulch are available year-round at two locations: behind City Hall at 50 Natoma Street and at the Hinkle Creek Nature Trail, next to Fire Station 36 at 9700 Oak Avenue Parkway. To date, the city has distributed 800 tons

of compost for household gardening and landscaping projects since the spring of 2022.

To support organics recycling at home, the Waste and Recycling Division continues to offer kitchen pails, bin labels, and educational recycling and composting workshops. Information regarding kitchen pail pick-up and educational events can be found on the city's website event calendar.

Residents are encouraged to utilize the Green Bin for collecting food scraps during parties and gatherings. Remember that all food scraps, including meat, bones, eggs, bread, baked goods, melon rinds, and spoiled foods, should be placed in the Green Bin. Additionally, paper towels, popsicle sticks, toothpicks, skewers, and food-soiled paper also belong in the Green Bin.

Thank you for helping make the City of Folsom Organics Recycling Program a success!

Learn more at www.folsom.ca.us/organics.

CITY OF FOLSOM ENDS STAGE 3 WATER RESTRICTIONS

Following one of California's wettest winters, the City of Folsom ended its Water Conservation "Water Warning"—Stage 3 in June. This change aligns with the governor lifting the state's drought restrictions and the expiration of California State Water Resources Control Board emergency regulations.

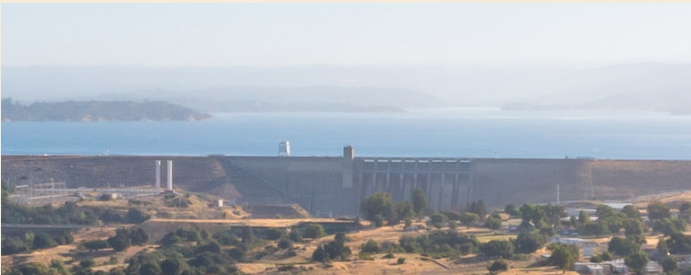
Storage levels for Folsom Reservoir are above average for this time of year, and the city has adequate supplies to meet projected customer demand; therefore, the city moved back to Water Conservation Stage 1—Basic Stage.

The following mandatory restrictions for all Californians are still in place and prohibit:

- ▶ Using potable water to wash sidewalks and driveways, except for health or safety reasons.
- ▶ Allowing runoff when watering with potable water.

- ▶ Using hoses with no shutoff nozzles to wash cars.
- ▶ Using potable water in decorative water features that do not recirculate the water.
- ▶ Watering outdoors during and within 48 hours following measurable rainfall.

For more information on how to conserve water and water-saving rebates and programs, visit www.folsom.ca.us/waterconservation.



FROM THE ARCHIVES: THE PONY EXPRESS

Operating from 1860 to 1861, the Pony Express was a short-lived but iconic U.S. mail delivery system. The service utilized horseback riders who traveled vast distances, often risking their lives, to deliver mail across the country. It played a crucial role in connecting the East and West coasts, bridging the communication gap during a time of rapid expansion and settlement. However, the advent of the telegraph rendered the Pony Express obsolete.

The Folsom History Museum is a reminder of the remarkable era when it served as one of the final stops for riders. They would stop at the Wells Fargo Assay office in Folsom, where the mail was then delivered to Sacramento by train. From there, the mail would continue its journey by steamer down the Sacramento River to San Francisco. To delve deeper into Folsom's rich history, visit the Folsom History Museum at 823 Sutter Street or online at folsomhistory.org.

REQUEST A VACATION CHECK WITH THE FOLSOM POLICE DEPARTMENT

Before you check out for vacation, check in with the Folsom Police Department's Vacation Check Service! As a free



service to residents, Citizens Assisting Public Safety (CAPS) volunteers will check your home while you are away on vacation.

The service helps deter would-be robbers during the busy travel season and provides residents extra protection and peace of mind. As often as once a day, a volunteer will walk the perimeter of the home, check doors and windows to make sure they are locked, and remove any papers or packages that are a tell-tale sign that the resident is not home.

For more information or to request a Vacation Check for your home, visit www.folsom.ca.us/VacationChecks.



The Folsom City Council unanimously approved a strategic plan that sets goals, strategies, and priorities to guide the city's work over the next five years. The action-oriented plan outlines the city's vision, mission, operating principles, and priority areas of focus aimed at supporting financial sustainability, increasing public safety resources, boosting economic and community development, and maximizing organizational effectiveness.

THE PLAN OUTLINES THE CITY COUNCIL'S CORE GOALS:

- ▶ Financial Stability and Sustainability
- ▶ Public Safety and Infrastructure
- ▶ Economic and Community Development
- ▶ Organizational Effectiveness

THE CITY COUNCIL'S SHORT-TERM PRIORITIES INCLUDE:

- ▶ Identify a funding plan to expand police department facilities to meet department needs.
- ▶ Identify funding to increase police department staffing to meet community needs.
- ▶ Initiate technology solutions to streamline the organization and improve efficiency.
- ▶ Complete the River District Master Plan to enhance the city's waterfront and waterfront-adjacent recreation and development opportunities.
- ▶ Develop a funding/sponsorship plan for the Johnny Cash Art Trail.

To review the strategic plan and operational work plan, visit www.folsom.ca.us/strategicplan. For more information, call the Folsom City Manager's Office at **916-461-6010**.



FOLSOM CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS BUDGET AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The Folsom City Council unanimously adopted a \$246 million operating budget and capital improvement plan for the 2023–24 fiscal year that takes effect July 1. The spending plan, approved at the May 23 City Council meeting, maintains core service levels and amenities while investing in fundamental community priorities.

“Although the City of Folsom’s General Fund is currently in a fiscally sound position thanks to the prudent and conservative planning by the City Council, we are facing a situation where expenses are growing at a faster rate than revenues. As a result, we anticipate deficits as we work toward balancing the budget in future years,” said City Manager Elaine Andersen. “Moreover, the city is confronted with mounting infrastructure and building maintenance needs that cannot be ignored and are lacking a dedicated funding source. Our primary focus in this constrained environment is to uphold the essential services the city provides.”

While the City of Folsom currently maintains a stable financial status, an Aa2 credit rating, and reserves in the rainy-day fund, upcoming fiscal challenges are anticipated. The five-year forecast predicts this structural deficit will grow as the cost of providing services outpaces revenue growth.

The FY 2023–24 budget includes an operating budget for day-to-day city programs and services, and a capital improvement program—a long-range plan that funds public construction projects and infrastructure.

Learn more about the City of Folsom FY 2023-24 budget and presentation on the City of Folsom website at www.folsom.ca.us/budget.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT RETURNS AUGUST 1

National Night Out will be celebrated throughout Folsom and around the nation Tuesday, August 1. It may look like potlucks and ice cream socials, but National Night Out events bring neighbors and first responders together to help build a safer community. Each year, Folsom police officers, firefighters, city officials, and hundreds of residents attend dozens of National Night Out events throughout the city. Neighborhoods hosting celebrations are encouraged to register their National Night Out event by July 17 at www.folsom.ca.us/police. For more information or to request an application, contact Police Volunteer Coordinator Jessica Hess at **916-461-6516** or jhess@folsom.ca.us.



FREE FAMILY SWIM AND MOVIE NIGHT

The Steve Miklos Aquatic Center hosts an evening of family fun from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Saturday, August 5. Guests can cool off before the movie from 6:30 to 8 p.m. with free access to the pools, diving boards, water slide, and play structure. Those who dare can test their skills on one of the giant inflatable obstacle courses. The outdoor screening of the family-friendly movie “Luca” begins after dark (approximately 8:30 p.m.).

The aquatic center’s summer season continues through September 4 with daily recreation swim from 1 to 5 p.m. The Steve Miklos Aquatic Center is located at 1200 Riley Street; call 916-461-6640 for more details.



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CITY OF FOLSOM EMPLOYEES HONORED WITH STATEWIDE AWARDS

Three city employees were recently honored for their notable contributions and achievements in their respective fields:

- ▶ General Services Manager **Marie McKeeth** was named Solid Waste Manager of the Year in May by the American Public Works Association, Sacramento Chapter. Marie manages the city's Waste and Recycling Division, Household Hazardous Waste, and Fleet Management. In her nearly 30 years of public service, Marie has been integral to the growth and development of Folsom's recycling program.
- ▶ Engineering Manager **Brian Reed** was named Engineering Manager of the Year in May by the American Public Works Association, Sacramento Chapter. Brian has served the Folsom community since 1997. Some of his notable projects include overseeing the construction of the Lake Natoma Crossing bridge and the Historic District Revitalization Project, as well as major transportation projects, including the Orangevale Bridge Rehabilitation, the Green Valley Road Widening Project, and the Capital SouthEast Connector Segment D3A Project.
- ▶ Communications Director **Christine Brainerd** was awarded the California Association of Public Information Officials (CAPIO) 2023 Paul B. Clark Achievement Award in May. Honored for her exceptional leadership and dedication in her 17+ years of public service, Brainerd continues to raise the standards in public information through her unwavering commitment to and advocacy for the communications profession, career of milestone achievements, mentoring of staff, and ongoing contributions to CAPIO.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION REMINDER: KEEP IT SAFE, KEEP IT LEGAL

The City of Folsom enforces stricter penalties for illegal fireworks usage. The Folsom City Council adopted a social host ordinance that levies \$1,000 fines against property owners that either use or allow the use of illegal fireworks on their property. Calls for service increase dramatically on July 4, and emergency response resources are stretched extremely thin. During the holiday weekend, use 9-1-1 for emergencies only, like an active fire, injury, or an immediate threat to people or property.

TO REPORT ILLEGAL FIREWORK USAGE

- ▶ Email fireworks@folsom.ca.us
- ▶ Submit a Request via [SeeClickFix.com/folsom](https://www.seeclickfix.com/folsom)

SUMMER OF MUSIC JULY CONCERTS



The free Friday evening concert series continues July 14 with the Ariel Jean Band, and wraps up the season July 28 with the award-winning Fryed Brothers Band. The bands play from 7 to 9 p.m. in Folsom City Lions Park. Bring a picnic or purchase food and treats from a rotating selection of food trucks. Stay up to date on all concert details at [Facebook.com/FolsomParksandRec](https://www.facebook.com/FolsomParksandRec). The Summer of Music series is presented by Folsom Parks & Recreation.

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