



CITY OF FOLSOM
Newsletter

FOLSOM CITY ZOO SANCTUARY CELEBRATES 60 YEARS

The Folsom City Zoo Sanctuary is celebrating their 60th birthday in October; that's 180 in monkey years! You're invited to visit and enjoy special weekend activities throughout October, including docent presentations, biofact displays, keeper chats, and more. The animals are also included in the fun, and will receive special celebration-themed enrichment at various times. All special activities are included with regular zoo admission fees. Find more details about the zoo sanctuary, hours of operation, and ticket information at www.folsom.ca.us/zoo.

9/11 REMEMBRANCE GATHERING

The Folsom Fire and Police departments will host a 9/11 remembrance gathering to honor those who lost their lives and commemorate the ultimate sacrifices made by first responders. The gathering will begin promptly at 8:46 a.m. Monday, September 11, at Folsom City Lions Park.

AT A GLANCE

ADOPT-A-TRAIL PROGRAM

Volunteers and organizations can maintain and enhance the city's trail system through one-year commitments and sponsorships.

VOLUNTEER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

Join over 1,500 volunteers for the 10th annual Community Service Day September 16 and make an impact in the Folsom community.

FALL EVENTS

Mark your calendar for a lineup of festive fall events hosted by the City of Folsom.



FRIENDS OF THE FOLSOM LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The book sale returns September 8 through 10, featuring thousands of books and media at deeply discounted prices. Shop from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday for the best selection; \$5 admission on Friday only (military with ID and Friends of the Folsom Library members are free). Admission is free Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.—and Sunday shoppers can fill a grocery bag for just \$5! Learn more at foflib.org.

FALL FOR COMPOSTING

Fall is a great time to set up a backyard compost system. Here are simple steps to get started:

- 1. Select location and composting bin.** Choose a convenient spot that provides enough space for a 3'x3'x3' pile, room for turning the pile, and a water source nearby. Compost bins can be purchased or be built from scrap materials such as pallets and chicken wire.
- 2. Gather organic matter.** A healthy compost pile has about a 3:1 ratio by volume of brown carbon-rich material (dried leaves, twigs and branches, wood chips, and cardboard) to green nitrogen-rich material (food scraps, fruit and vegetable peels, coffee grounds, eggshells, pesticide-free yard clippings). Avoid adding meat and dairy products, and instead bag these items in a clear plastic or compostable bag and place them in your Green Bin.

- 3. Turn compost and keep it moist.** A compost bin requires moisture to begin and maintain a healthy microbial presence, which allows the decomposition process to take place. Water the compost at least once a week and monitor to ensure that it is staying moist. Turn and mix the compost to aerate the pile once a week in the summer or more if you want your compost to be ready earlier.

Within 8 to 12 months, compost will be ready for use in your garden beds and yards to add nutrients and improve soil texture and water retention.

Learn more about backyard composting at a free workshop hosted by the City of Folsom and the Twin Lakes Food Bank from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday, October 13 at the Twin Lakes Food Bank Garden, 320 Montrose Drive. Attendees must park in the Eastside parking lot at Mount Olive Church. Email recycle@folsom.ca.us with questions.



HALLOWEEN CLEANUP

Plain and carved pumpkins (mold and all) can be tossed in your Green Bin—no bag required. Remember to remove candles or lights before disposing. Painted or artificial pumpkins are not allowed in the Green Bin and must be thrown in the trash.



The Gallery at 48 Natoma hosts a free public reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, September 8 for the new exhibit featuring larger-than-life glass and metal flowers by Katie Shulte Jung, amazing trompe-l'oeil watercolors by Nataly Tikhomirov, and incredible appliquéd textile pieces by Sandra Mollon.

The reception includes live music and light refreshments. The professional art gallery is located in the Folsom Senior and Art Center; the gallery's regular hours are from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The art exhibits continue through November 8.

HELP CREATE HOLIDAY MAGIC FOR THE COMMUNITY

Volunteer decorators and carolers are needed for the Folsom City Zoo Sanctuary's Holiday Lights event. Groups, families, and individuals are needed to help hang thousands of feet of sparkling lights along the fences and grounds of the zoo sanctuary. Caroling groups are needed every evening of the event to add to the festive atmosphere. Funds raised by the annual Holiday Lights event help provide for the care of the zoo sanctuary's animal residents. Decorating dates begin early in November; register at www.folsom.ca.us/HolidayLightsVolunteer. For more information, email strobee@folsom.ca.us.



PROGRAMS TO HELP VULNERABLE RESIDENTS PRONE TO WANDERING

The Folsom Police Department offers programs to assist families and caregivers of individuals who may wander from home or have difficulty communicating with first responders.

- » **Project Lifesaver:** This program is designed for residents with cognitive disorders such as autism or Alzheimer's disease, which may make them prone to wandering and not realizing the danger of their situation. Medically qualified residents are given a free wearable transmitter with an individualized frequency. Should they wander from their caregiver and the Folsom Police Department is notified, the frequency can be used to locate them quickly.
- » **H.E.L.P. (Help Every Lost Person):** This program is designed for residents who may not wish to wear a bracelet or beacon but may wander. The H.E.L.P. program allows the Folsom Police Department to place information about the individual—such as a recent photo, medical conditions, family member names, and addresses—into our information systems so that it can be quickly distributed to officers should that person wander from their caregivers.
- » Grant funding allows qualified residents to register with one or more programs and caregivers to receive a free Ring Doorbell to assist officers in finding a loved one should they wander from home. Visit www.folsom.ca.us/AutismDementiaAssistance or call **916-461-6516** for more information.



FOLSOM RENAISSANCE FAIRE

This living history event transports guests back in time to a 16th century English village with hundreds of costumed entertainers, artisan crafts and wares, and a variety of tasty food and drink. Jousting tournaments take place both days of the Faire, featuring riders in full suits of armor riding on sturdy draft horses. The Faire takes place in Folsom City Lions Park from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. September 23 and 24. Tickets are available by advance online purchase only; no tickets will be sold at the gate. Visit folsomfaire.com for tickets and more event details.

FOLSOM'S ADOPT-A-TRAIL PROGRAM

Help Maintain Our Beautiful Trails

The Adopt-A-Trail program was developed by Folsom Parks & Recreation to provide the opportunity for community members and organizations to beautify, restore, and help maintain the city's treasured trail system. Through the dedication of our volunteers, the trail system receives the extra attention needed to help keep the trails maintained.

Trail sections are adopted in one-mile segments. Adopters are required to make a one-year commitment with regular trail checks and workdays. Individuals, groups, or businesses can opt to sponsor their favorite section of trail. The annual required donation amount is \$1,000 per trail section, or \$4,000 for a five-year term. The sponsorship funds will be used for the continued maintenance and upkeep of the section selected by the sponsor. Adopters and sponsors are acknowledged on signage at the sponsored trail section. Learn more about the Adopt-A-Trail program at www.folsom.ca.us/trails.

FOLSOM GLASS PUMPKIN PATCH

Folsom Parks & Recreation and 2B Glass Studio present this popular annual event from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

October 14 and 15 on the grounds of the Folsom Art Center, 48 Natoma Street.

Themed outdoor displays will showcase more than 5,000 pieces of hand-blown glass art: pumpkins, acorns, fruits, vegetables, and other creations.

Back by popular demand are the live glass blowing demonstrations, and live music will add to the festive atmosphere at various times each day. Proceeds from this event benefit Folsom Parks & Recreation's community arts education programs at the Folsom Art Center. Admission and parking are free. For more information, call **916-461-6601**.



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

Follow these tips from the Folsom Police Department for a safe and happy Halloween:

- ☞ **Be Safe. Be Seen.** Choose light or brightly colored costumes and add reflective tape to the costume and trick-or-treat bags. Have each child carry a flashlight with fresh batteries or a glow stick.
- ☞ **Make a Plan.** Plan your route and discuss appropriate behavior that you expect from your child. Have a meeting point in case you and your child get separated, and set a time for older children to return home.

- ☞ **Candy Check.** Check all candy your child has collected and discard unwrapped or damaged items. Do not eat homemade treats unless you know and trust the person who gave it to your child.
- ☞ **Keep Your Home Safe.** Don't open the door for anyone who makes you feel uncomfortable, and never let strangers inside your home.
- ☞ **See Something, Say Something.** Report suspicious activity to the Folsom Police Department at **916-461-6400**.



SWIM WITH THE PUMPKINS

Join the free, not-too-scary family fun from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, October 21 at the Steve Miklos Aquatic Center. Wear your favorite costume and enjoy hands-on activities and collect plenty of treats. Call **916-461-6640** for more information.

WILD HOWL-O-WEEN AT THE FOLSOM CITY ZOO SANCTUARY

Calling all ghosts, goblins, and witches...come and enjoy our family-friendly Halloween event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, October 28. Take part in a variety of fun hands-on activities, visit your favorite zoo sanctuary animal, and—of course—get lots of goodies! Costumes are encouraged! Event admission is \$10/person; ages under 2 years are free. Purchase tickets online at webtrac.folsom.ca.us or at the gate. Call **916-461-6601** with questions.

TRICK OR TREAT WITH THE FOLSOM POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Folsom Police Department hosts a Public Safety Trunk-or-Treat event from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, October 28. Wear your favorite Halloween costume and trick-or-treat as you check out police vehicles, equipment, and programs. The event will be held at the Folsom Police Department, 46 Natoma Street. Parking will be available at the Folsom Community Center, 52 Natoma Street. Costumes that include weapons are not allowed. For more information about this event, visit www.folsom.ca.us/police.





The Folsom Fire Department hosts their annual open house and pancake breakfast from 9 to 11 a.m., Saturday, October 14 at Station 35, 535 Glenn Drive. Residents are invited to attend and meet firefighters, tour the station, explore fire equipment and vehicles, and learn important safety tips. Event parking is available at the station or across the street at Walmart. The pancake breakfast is \$5 per person; free for kids 2 years and under. This event is sponsored by the Folsom Firefighter's Association and wraps up National Fire Prevention Week; proceeds and donations will support public fire prevention education programs. Call **916-461-6301** for more information or visit www.folsom.ca.us/fire.

VOLUNTEER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

The 10th annual Community Service Day takes place Saturday, September 16. This major citywide event needs more than 1,500 volunteers to complete projects throughout Folsom. Most projects don't require special skills other than a willingness to pitch in where needed and a desire to make a positive and lasting impact in the community. Early registration is encouraged as project teams fill quickly. Learn more and register to volunteer at folsomcommunityservice.org.



Community Service Day 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, Folsom Times, Lennar, Style Media Group, Lakeside Church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, the Rotary Club of Folsom, the Folsom Telegraph, and other members of the business and service community.

FOLSOM'S VETERANS DAY PARADE ACCEPTING ENTRIES

Thousands will honor local veterans at the annual Wayne Spence Folsom Veterans Day Parade Saturday, November 11. The route begins on East Bidwell Street in front of the Target/Home Goods shopping center and ends at the Folsom Community Center, 52 Natoma Street. The City of Folsom is accepting parade entries through Friday, October 27. Find entry forms and information at www.folsom.ca.us or call **916-461-6615** with questions.

BARK 'N' SPLASH BASH

The Steve Miklos Aquatic Center hosts their 19th annual Bark 'n' Splash dog swim event from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, October 7. The entry fee is \$10 per dog—and as always, human companions are free! Attendees must provide written proof of a current animal license for their dog(s). Dogs are allowed to swim and frolic in the aquatic center's activity pool, which features a pooch-pleasing play structure and sloped beach-style entry into the water. For the water-shy, there's abundant lawn for romping and doggie socializing. (After the event, the pool is drained, sanitized, and inspected as standard post-season procedure.) A variety of event sponsors and local pet-related businesses will be on hand to provide information and free samples. Call **916-461-6640** to learn about vendor/sponsorship opportunities and with questions.



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CITY BREAKS GROUND ON PROSPECTOR PARK AND FIRE STATION 34

The City of Folsom recently broke ground on Prospector Park and Fire Station 34—two highly anticipated projects in Folsom Ranch.

The groundbreaking events mark significant milestones in the development of the planned community-focused recreational and emergency services facilities. Prospector Park is the first of nine parks in the Folsom Plan Area, and Folsom Fire Station 34 is the first of two planned stations.

Prospector Park, located at 4578 Sparrow Drive, spans 12 acres and will feature a multi-use sports field, a lighted ball field, sports courts, picnic areas, nature areas, and a dog park. The play area will include dueling zip lines, a roller slide, and 20-foot-tall rope climber. The park’s design incorporates sustainable features to preserve the natural environment and encourage eco-friendly practices. Construction began in late July and the park is anticipated to open to the public in early 2025.

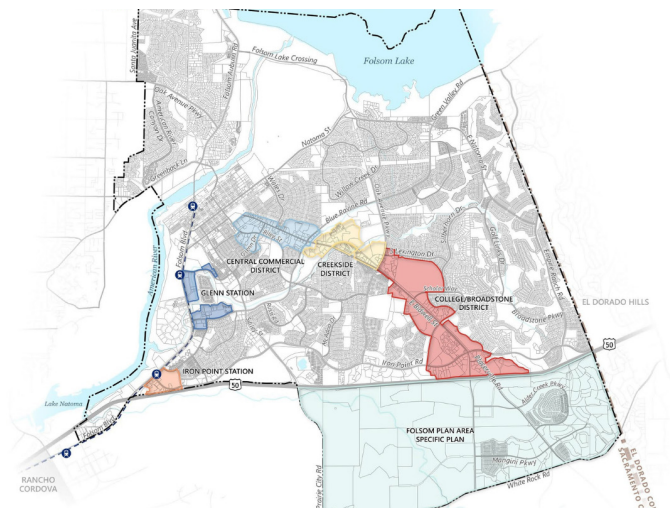
Future Fire Station 34, located at 3255 Westwood Drive, will be an important addition to Folsom’s emergency response infrastructure. As Folsom continues to grow, the station will help ensure the community’s safety by improving response times and expanding coverage. Equipped with modern facilities and advanced firefighting equipment, Station 34 will enhance the city’s ability to protect residents and property. The station will staff an Advanced Life Support Type 1 Engine and cross-staff a Type 3 Engine with three full-time firefighters daily.

CITY PREPARING PLAN FOR INCREASING RESIDENTIAL CAPACITY

In early 2021, in response to state housing requirements, the City of Folsom began a two-part effort to increase housing capacity for multifamily and affordable development in targeted areas.

After completing the first part of this effort in 2022, which included a detailed housing and design study, city staff began the preparation of proposed amendments to the General Plan and the Folsom Plan Area Specific Plan (FPASP) as well as a Subsequent Environmental Impact Report. The primary objective of this work is to consider changes that would increase the capacity for residential development in three specific areas of the city, including the East Bidwell Street corridor, the areas near the Glenn and Iron Point light rail stations, and the Folsom Plan Area.

As the first step, the city prepared a Notice of Preparation and held a public scoping meeting in August to solicit public input. The Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report and proposed amendments will be available for public review in early 2024. Visit www.folsom.ca.us/housingstudy for more information.



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