

CITY OF FOLSOM

# Newsletter

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## MAY IS BIKE MONTH

Bike Month is celebrated throughout the nation every May to highlight the benefits of bicycling and to encourage more people to give it a try. Throughout May, riders across the region are joining forces to swap cars for handlebars, encourage new riders, engage in friendly competitions, and win prizes. Get in on the Bike Month action: visit [lovetoride.net/sacregion](https://lovetoride.net/sacregion) to register and learn about special cycling events taking place in Folsom and around the greater Sacramento region.

## JOIN THE PEDAL QUEST

To kick off May is Bike Month, bike enthusiasts of all ages can take part in the free PedalQuest May 4. Riders can choose a "quest" from route options ranging from 1.5 to 30 miles that showcase the city's amazing trail system. Little ones ages 5 years and under can register for the Balance Bike Bash obstacle course in Historic Folsom. Find more details and register at [clippedinforlife.org](https://clippedinforlife.org).

## EXPLORE FOLSOM TRAILS

May is a great time to explore and enjoy some of Folsom's 50+ miles of paved recreational trails. Safety and courtesy make for a positive experience for all trail users. Cyclists should keep to the right side of the trail, maintain a safe speed, and pass on the left side of oncoming pedestrians. Visit [www.folsom.ca.us/trails](https://www.folsom.ca.us/trails) to find trail maps and additional tips for trail safety and etiquette.

## AT A GLANCE

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### SUBMIT YOUR PROJECT IDEAS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

The deadline is June 28 to submit your idea for consideration.

### SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Sign up to read or listen to five books in June and July.

### SUMMER FUN AT THE AQUATIC CENTER

The aquatic center's summer season begins Saturday, May 25.



# CITY OF FOLSOM OPEN FOR EXPLORATION MAY 15

Hop into the cab of a Folsom garbage truck, climb aboard a fire engine, make it rain on a stormwater table, and participate in other fun interactive activities at City Works Day on Wednesday, May 15. This popular and free annual event is designed to encourage residents to discover and learn about the City of Folsom's wide variety of public services.

City Works Day will showcase work vehicles, such as tractors, trucks, cars, and emergency response vehicles, for viewing, exploring, and even honking. City staff will be stationed at each attraction to share knowledge about City of Folsom programs and professions.

Visitors of all ages will enjoy seeing a Folsom Fire Department truck, talking to Curby the recycling robot, meeting a Folsom Police Department horse and a K9, and so much more.

Folsom City Works Day is held in advance of National Public Works Week, which recognizes public works endeavors in cities across the nation.

For more information about City Works Day, visit [www.folsom.ca.us/CityWorksDay](http://www.folsom.ca.us/CityWorksDay) or contact Jen Thiot at [jthiot@folsom.ca.us](mailto:jthiot@folsom.ca.us) or 916-461-6702.

- 📅 City Works Day
- 📅 Wednesday, May 15 | 9:30 a.m. to noon
- 📍 City Lions Park (near the Folsom Public Library)
- 💰 Free admission



## DIVE INTO THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

The Folsom Public Library invites you to join the Summer Reading Challenge! Sign up to read or listen to five books in June and July. Kids and teens who complete the challenge win a free book, a book bag, and an 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. The app lets everyone track the amount they read by scanning ISBNs, timing reading sessions, or keeping records of current and past books completed.

Sign up today at [folsom.beanstack.org](http://folsom.beanstack.org). The Folsom Public Library offers summer activities for kids, including daily story times, weekly crafts and LEGO programs, and a monthly kids' book club. To find more information about the Summer Reading Challenge, summer events, or other library resources and programs, visit the library website at [www.folsom.ca.us/library](http://www.folsom.ca.us/library).

## AMERICAN RIVER HISTORY: THEN AND NOW

Join the Folsom Public Library at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 11, to explore the captivating Gold Rush history of the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area. State Parks Interpretive Aide Zakary Adams will offer a presentation featuring juxtaposed historical and contemporary photographs. The "then and now" photos have been taken from identical vantage points, which show the evolution of the river and provide insight into the submerged settlements now hidden beneath Folsom Lake. The presentation will be held in the Folsom Public Library Meeting Room, 411 Stafford Street. Learn more at [www.folsom.ca.us/library](http://www.folsom.ca.us/library).



# SPRING INTO ACTION: IT'S TIME TO SPRUCE UP YOUR SPRINKLERS!

As we welcome spring in Folsom, it's a great time to dust off your gardening gloves and get outdoor spaces in tip-top shape. One essential task is giving our sprinkler systems the attention they deserve.

Before taking your sprinklers out of hibernation, you will want to perform a thorough check. Ensuring your sprinklers are in good working order promotes a healthy landscape, conserves water, and saves you money in the long run.

## HERE ARE SOME STEPS TO GET YOU STARTED ON YOUR SPRINKLER CHECK:

1. **Turn On Your Sprinkler System:** Check each zone one by one to ensure all parts function correctly. Look for any signs of damage, like broken heads or pipes.
2. **Adjust Sprinkler Heads:** Ensure your sprinkler heads are properly adjusted. They should provide even coverage without overshooting or missing spots. If needed, adjust the radius and angle of the spray.
3. **Clear Debris:** Inspect your sprinkler heads and nozzles for debris or clogs. Even small obstructions can disrupt the water flow and affect performance. Clean them thoroughly to maintain proper water distribution.
4. **Look for Leaks:** While your system is running, look for leaks in the pipes, connections, or valves. A leaking sprinkler system can lead to water waste and increased utility bills.
5. **Set Timers:** Ensure your sprinkler timers are correctly set to accommodate the spring weather. As temperatures rise and rainfall fluctuates, you may need to adjust watering schedules accordingly.
6. **Consider Upgrades:** If your sprinkler system is outdated or inefficient, spring is an excellent time to explore modern, water-saving options like smart sprinkler controllers. These devices can adjust watering schedules based on weather data, saving you

even more water and money. City of Folsom Water customers are eligible for irrigation efficiency upgrade rebates to convert inefficient irrigation systems to water-efficient systems.

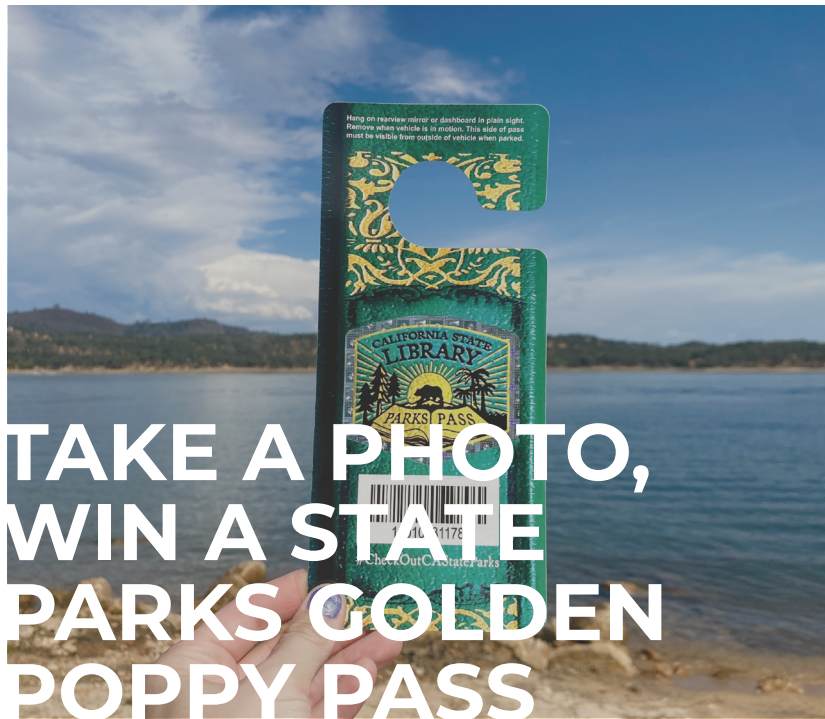
For free assistance and more information, contact the Water Conservation Division at 916-461-6177 or [waterconservation@folsom.ca.us](mailto:waterconservation@folsom.ca.us).



## SUMMER FUN AT THE AQUATIC CENTER

The aquatic center's summer season begins May 25 for daily recreation swim from 1 to 5 p.m. through September 2. Guests can enjoy all the great amenities: the interactive play structure, two-story water slide, diving boards, three pools, and the giant inflatable obstacle courses (requires a \$4 wristband). The trained lifeguarding staff are always on duty during recreation swim.

Purchase a Family Season Pass for just \$179 and enjoy 101 days of recreation swim and aquatics fun. Passes are valid for a family of up to four members; call [916-461-6640](tel:916-461-6640) for more details. The Steve Miklos Aquatic Center is located at 1200 Riley Street; learn more about aquatics programs at [www.folsom.ca.us](http://www.folsom.ca.us).



# TAKE A PHOTO, WIN A STATE PARKS GOLDEN POPPY PASS

The Folsom Public Library is holding a social media photo contest in May. The winner will receive a California State Parks Golden Poppy Pass (good for 12 months). Here's how to enter the contest:

- » Check out one of the library's State Parks Passes with your Folsom Public Library card and take a picture of the pass while having fun at a state park.
- » Follow the Folsom Library on Facebook or Instagram.
- » Post your photo to Facebook or Instagram during May, tagging the Folsom Public Library and using the hashtag #parkspasspictures.
- » The randomly selected winner of the Golden Poppy Pass will be notified in early June.

By entering this contest, you give the Folsom Public Library permission to repost your photo on social media for promotional purposes. Learn more at [www.folsom.ca.us/library](http://www.folsom.ca.us/library).

## SUMMER OF MUSIC CONCERT SERIES

The free Friday evening concert series returns to Folsom City Lions Park. Bands play from 7 to 9 p.m.; bring a picnic or purchase food and treats from a variety of food trucks at each concert. Stay up to date on all the latest concert details and food truck lineups at [facebook.com/FolsomParksandRec](https://www.facebook.com/FolsomParksandRec). The Summer of Music series is presented by Folsom Parks & Recreation.

**June 14** | Band: Remedy 7 (*Classic Rock, Country/Americana*)

**June 28** | Band: Peter Morgan (*Jazz*)

**July 12** | Band: Innersoul (*R&B*)

**July 26** | Band: Modern Relics (*Rock*)



## ANNUAL WEED ABATEMENT WORK IS UNDERWAY

Dry vegetation can create fire hazards during hot summer months. Folsom has more than 980 acres of city-owned open space, and nearly all of it is weed abated to achieve the required fire safety interface between residential structures and open spaces.

The City of Folsom requires defensible space of at least 30 feet from structures or the property line and the Fire Chief may increase this distance to 100 feet for high-hazard areas. These requirements apply to city-owned property and private property.

The city uses multiple ways to reduce or remove dry vegetation including maintenance staff, contractors, and grazing animals. Many Folsom residents are likely to see goat herds being used to clear areas in and around their neighborhood over the next few months. Goats will be used to clear more than 500 acres of open space in the city this year. The herds of four-legged weed eaters are taking on hundreds of additional acres that were historically cleared with human work crews in the past.

The weed abatement schedule is based on fire hazard ratings determined by the Fire Chief. If you notice an area in need of weed abatement, first check the abatement schedules at [www.folsom.ca.us](http://www.folsom.ca.us). If you'd like to report an unscheduled weed abatement need on vacant private property, use SeeClickFix Folsom or contact the Folsom Fire Department at **916-461-6300**.



## FREE COMPOST FOR FOLSOM RESIDENTS

Spring is here, and the Waste & Recycling Division is excited to support Folsom residents with free, self-serve compost for use in home gardens and landscapes.

Compost is available on a first-come, first-served basis. City staff monitor and refill the piles regularly. More compost is ordered as local supplies are depleted; a process that can take up to a few days. We appreciate your patience during this busy season!

Shovel your own compost from the following locations:

- » Behind Folsom City Hall  
50 Natoma Street
- » Hinkle Creek Nature Trail near  
Fire Station 36

Compost is a soil amendment, best mixed with existing soil to improve water retention, texture, and overall soil quality. It can also be applied on top of soil to insulate the soil underneath, reduce evaporation, and regulate temperature. Compost can shock plants if not mixed well or applied properly.

This valuable organic product comes to us as part of SB 1383, the legislation that requires all organic material to be diverted from landfills. Bringing compost back to the community closes the loop on organics recycling, which begins with resident participation in the Green Bin program. More information about compost can be found at [www.folsom.ca.us/organics](http://www.folsom.ca.us/organics).



## FOLSOM'S ADOPT-A-TRAIL PROGRAM HELPS 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 clear of litter and debris.

Trail sections are adopted in approximate one-mile segments. Adopters are required to make a one-year commitment with regular trail checks and cleanup days. There is no fee to adopt or participate in a cleanup day.

The Friends of the Folsom Parkways serve as the Adopt-A-Trail Program Coordinator and are the main point of contact for questions and to provide assistance with the adoption process. Learn more about the Adopt-A-Trail program at [www.folsom.ca.us/trails](http://www.folsom.ca.us/trails).

## 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 deters 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](http://www.folsom.ca.us/VacationChecks).



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The 11<sup>th</sup> annual Community Service Day takes place Saturday, September 21. This major citywide event mobilizes hundreds of volunteers to complete dozens of service projects throughout Folsom that make a positive, lasting impact. Do you have a great idea for a Community Service Day project? The deadline is June 28 to submit your idea for consideration.

A variety of sponsorship opportunities are also available to help support this community event; email [CSDinfo@folsom.ca.us](mailto:CSDinfo@folsom.ca.us) with questions. Volunteers help in countless ways to make Community Service Day a success every year! Volunteer registration opens in July; visit the event website to learn about the projects and how you can lend a hand.

Find more information about Community Service Day and submit project ideas at [folsomcommunityservice.org](http://folsomcommunityservice.org).



## GALLERY AT 48 NATOMA HOSTS "THE FOREST FLOOR" ART EXHIBIT RECEPTION

The Gallery at 48 Natoma hosts a free public reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 28 for the new "The Forest Floor" exhibit. The exhibit features moss art by Kifumi Keppler, botanical illustrations by Kristin Jakob, and photography by Timothy Boomer. The art exhibit continues through August 29. In the adjacent Community Gallery, works by Folsom Art Center students and faculty will be on exhibit from June 13 through August 15.

The reception includes live music and light refreshments. The galleries are located in the 48 Natoma Senior and Art Center; viewing 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.

## SUMMER CAMPS FOR KIDS AND TEENS

Registration is open for Folsom Parks & Recreation summer day camps! Selections include the new Destination Recreation camp for kids who love to stay busy and active, zookeeper camps, STEM camps, academic and enrichment camps, Summer CAVE for teens, and a huge variety of sports-focused camps. Camps are a great way for children to keep their minds engaged and bodies active through indoor and outdoor activities, creative play, and social interaction. The camps are conducted by trained and caring staff and provide a supervised, positive, and inclusive environment. Register for camps online at [webtrac.folsom.ca.us](http://webtrac.folsom.ca.us) or call **916-461-6601** for details.

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