

CITY OF FOLSOM

Newsletter

FOLSOM HONORS VETERANS AT ANNUAL PARADE

Folsom residents will gather to honor the nation's veterans at the 24th annual Wayne Spence Folsom Veterans Day Parade starting at 9 a.m. Monday, 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 Street 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 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.



HISTORIC FOLSOM ICE RINK RETURNS FOR WINTER SEASON

Get ready to lace up your skates and experience the magic of winter in Historic Folsom! The Historic Folsom Ice Rink returns from November 8 through January 20, offering a season full of family fun and festive activities at the Historic Folsom Plaza. Features include special events, firepits, lighting, and a party zone. Learn more at folsomicerink.com.

AT A GLANCE

HOW TO VOTE IN THE 2024 ELECTION

Election Day is Tuesday, November 5. Make your voice heard! Choose how, when, and where you want to vote.

WILD NIGHTS AND HOLIDAY LIGHTS

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SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY

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LEAD ASSESSMENT PROGRAM: CHECK YOUR WATER PIPES

The City of Folsom is asking residents to check their drinking water pipes as part of a nationwide effort to locate and remove lead service pipes within water systems. The city is completing the service line inventory to comply with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Lead and Copper Rule Revisions.

WHY DOES THE CITY NEED THIS INFORMATION?

The survey will allow the city to document the presence or absence of lead service pipes in the water system.

ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

- ▶ Your drinking water is free of lead when it leaves the water treatment plant. However, water can absorb lead if it travels through lead pipes on your property.
- ▶ The city only maintains a portion of the service line, and each homeowner is responsible for the other portion that goes into your home's structure.

WHO SHOULD COMPLETE THE SURVEY?

- ▶ Residents living in homes built before 1986 should complete the survey.
- ▶ Residents living in homes built after 1986 do not need to fill out the survey. The EPA banned the use of lead materials (pipe and solder) for drinking water distribution in 1986.

HOW DO I COMPLETE THE SURVEY?

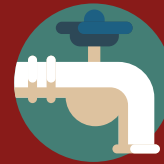
Complete the survey at www.folsom.ca.us/waterpipesurvey.

HELP KEEP LEAVES OUT OF STORM DRAINS

Properly managing leaves on your property can prevent localized flooding and keep storm drains clear. Rake and remove leaves from your yard, gutters, and sidewalks, and place them in your green organics container. Remember, leaves piled in the street will not be collected, and they can clog street-sweeping trucks or conceal hazards.

Schedule a bulky waste cleanup if you have many leaves or other yard debris. Please ensure all yard debris is unbagged and kept separate from other waste.

To schedule a bulky waste cleanup or request an additional green organics bin, visit www.folsom.ca.us/WasteCollection or call **916-461-6730**.



PREVENT FOG CLOGS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Kitchens are bustling with cooking, baking, and festive meals during the holiday season. But holiday gatherings also mean that fats, oils, and grease (FOG) may be in our kitchens more than usual. The City of Folsom reminds residents not to pour FOG down the drain, which could lead to clogged pipes and sewer spills. To help prevent backups, properly dispose of FOG with these three easy steps:

- ▶ **Pour It** – Pour solidified fats and grease into a clear compostable bag.
- ▶ **Scrape It** – Before washing pots and pans, scrape fats, oils, and grease into a clear compostable bag.
- ▶ **Recycle It** – Dispose of bagged greasy food scraps in the green bin. Return used cooking oil to its container and schedule a pickup through the City's Door-2-Door residential household hazardous waste program. Schedule a household hazardous waste pickup online at www.folsom.ca.us/wastewizard or call **916-461-6730**.

For more information, call **916-461-6177** or visit www.folsom.ca.us/FOG.

PUT HOLIDAY WASTE IN ITS PLACE

During the holiday season, waste increases by 25% due to cooking, shipping, and parties. Help reduce landfill waste by following this holiday waste guide.



GREEN BIN APPROVED

Bag food scraps and food-soiled paper in clear plastic or compostable bags. Keep yard waste loose.

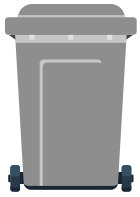
- ▶ Food scraps and leftovers
- ▶ Food-soiled paper (napkins, coffee filters, unlined plates)
- ▶ Natural décor (pumpkins, wreaths) — remove wires and ribbons
- ▶ Christmas trees — cut into pieces no larger than 2 feet



BLUE BIN APPROVED

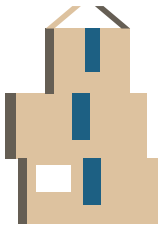
Keep recyclables loose; do not bag.

- ▶ Glass and plastic bottles
- ▶ Aluminum cans
- ▶ Cardboard
- ▶ Non-metallic wrapping paper



GRAY BIN APPROVED

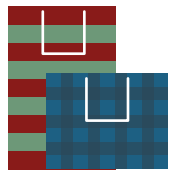
- ▶ Metallic wrapping paper and cards
- ▶ Plastic bags and packing materials
- ▶ Ribbons and bows
- ▶ Disposable utensils



EXTRA CARDBOARD AND RECYCLABLES

To avoid overloading your bin, bring extra cardboard to one of these locations:

- ▶ Folsom Historic District - Leidesdorff & Wool streets
- ▶ Folsom City Hall - 50 Natoma Street
- ▶ Folsom Middle School- 500 Blue Ravine Road
- ▶ Andy Morin Sports Complex - 66 Clarksville Road
- ▶ Lembi Park - 1302 Riley Street



SUSTAINABLE HOLIDAY TIPS

- ▶ Use reusable gift bags or paper bags for wrapping
- ▶ Consider e-cards or recycled paper cards (avoid glossy paper)
- ▶ Switch to LED holiday lights for energy efficiency

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 4, 2025. Watch for more information on the city's website and calendar.



SANTA'S SLEIGH TO DELIVER HOLIDAY CHEER TO FOLSOM

Folsom Police and Fire departments are teaming up with Santa Claus to visit Folsom neighborhoods December 8 through 14. A fleet of emergency vehicles, along with firefighters, police officers, and city officials will escort Santa through the neighborhoods. Santa's elves will collect non-perishable canned goods to help stock the Twin Lakes Food Bank for the holidays, as well as unwrapped toys for the holiday toy drive. Find Santa's schedule and information at [folsomsantatracker.com/routes](https://www.folsomsantatracker.com/routes).



FIRE STATION 34 NOW OPEN

Folsom Fire Station 34 is now officially open! Located at 3255 Westwood Drive in the Folsom Ranch community, this new single-story facility marks a milestone as the first fire station south of Highway 50, significantly enhancing public safety in the area.

This 12,200-square-foot station includes three large apparatus bays designed to house a fire engine, brush engine, and ambulance. It also features six single dorms for crew members, offices, welcoming public spaces, and a Folsom Police Department office, making it a vital addition to the community.

For more information about the Folsom Fire Department, visit

www.folsom.ca.us/fire.



WILD NIGHTS AND HOLIDAY LIGHTS AT THE FOLSOM CITY ZOO SANCTUARY

Step into a winter wonderland as Wild Nights and Holiday Lights returns, transforming the Folsom City Zoo Sanctuary into a dazzling display of festive lights and holiday cheer. Local caroling groups and musicians provide the merry sounds of the season, and the Folsom Valley Railway miniature train provides special nighttime rides.

Wild Nights and Holiday Lights is open from 5 to 8:30 p.m. December 6-8, 12-15, and 18-22 (weather permitting; heavy rains will cancel). All proceeds from the event benefit the zoo sanctuary animals.

EVENT DETAILS:

- ▶ Ticket sales open November 1. Visit webtrac.folsom.ca.us for more information.
- ▶ Admission and train tickets are only available online; no onsite ticket sales.
- ▶ Tickets must be purchased with a selected date and time.
- ▶ Event admission is \$10/person and train tickets are \$6/person; free for ages under 2 years.
- ▶ Special treats and beverages are available for purchase from Fisher's Beastro and from visiting food trucks.
- ▶ Early ticket purchase is encouraged.

Follow [Facebook.com/FolsomParksandRec](https://www.facebook.com/FolsomParksandRec) for daily event updates; call **916-461-6601** with questions.

SHOP LOCAL FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Local shopping and dining supports the local economy, promotes a thriving community, and contributes to Folsom's high quality of life. 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. A smaller percentage of the sales tax is invested locally when you shop online. Make sales tax dollars work for you and your community this holiday season!

Saturday, November 30, is **Small Business Saturday**—a day to celebrate and support small businesses and all they do for the Folsom community.



FOLSOM TREE LIGHTING CEREMONIES

Enjoy the spirit of the holidays in Folsom! The Folsom community is invited to two festive, family-friendly holiday tree lighting celebrations. The Palladio tree lighting event takes place at 5 p.m. on Saturday, November 23, while the Historic District tree lighting begins at 6 p.m. on Friday, December 6.

FOLSOM HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST RETURNS

Join us in spreading holiday cheer throughout Folsom by entering your home, neighborhood, or business in the 4th Annual Folsom Holiday Lights Contest! The Folsom Times will provide prizes to the winners.

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

Register by December 13 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 6. Here are two ways you can help:

- ▶ Select a wish to fulfill from the virtual Christmas tree at FolsomToyDrive.com. To fulfill a child's specific wish, 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 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.

THANK YOU, COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY VOLUNTEERS!

Thousands of volunteers completed service projects throughout Folsom to make the 11th annual Community Service Day a huge success. This year's event was made possible by generous sponsorship support from Dignity Health, Lennar, Folsom Times, Lakeside Church, Style Media Group, Goodfellow Bros., The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento, The Folsom Telegraph, Palladio, Straight Line Roofing & Construction, Dokken Engineering, Kaiser Permanente, American Logowear, Elliott Homes, Inc., Kikkoman, WinCo, Micron, Rotary Club of Folsom, Choose Folsom, Sierra Marlins, American River Ace Hardware, Big Wave Coffee House, SMUD, and Leatherby's.



JOIN THE WINTER READING CHALLENGE!

Embrace the chilly season with good books, and join the Folsom Public Library's Winter Reading Challenge! Sign up to read or listen to five books in December and January. Kids, teens, and adults competing in the challenge win a sticker and entry into a drawing for a \$50 gift card. Prizes will be awarded in each age group. To complete the challenge and enter the drawing, simply read five books, and log your progress on folsom.beanstack.org. The Folsom Public Library is located at 411 Stafford Street. Learn more at www.folsom.ca.us/library.

THANKSGIVING FEAST FOR THE ANIMALS AT THE FOLSOM CITY ZOO SANCTUARY

Join the festive atmosphere and enjoy watching the animals receive specially prepared Thanksgiving treats and meals starting at 10 a.m. Thursday, November 28. Regular admission fees apply.





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HOW TO VOTE IN THE 2024 ELECTION

Election Day is November 5. Make your voice heard! Choose how, when, and where you want to vote:

- » **By Mail:** Registered voters were mailed an official ballot the week of October 7. If you did not receive your ballot or need a replacement ballot, call Sacramento Voter Registration and Elections at **916-875-6155** or email **vbm@saccounty.net**. You may vote by returning your ballot by mail.
- » **Ballot Drop Box:** Securely drop off completed ballots at any Sacramento County Ballot Drop Box location. Ballot Drop Boxes are available at Folsom City Hall at 50 Natoma Street, and Folsom Public Library at 411 Stafford Street. For a complete list of Ballot Drop Box locations and hours, visit **elections.saccounty.net**.
- » **Vote Center:** All Vote Centers will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. four days prior to and including Election Day, and some of the Vote Centers will open up to 11 days prior to and including Election Day. You can visit any Vote Center in the county to drop off completed ballots or vote in person. Vote Center locations in Folsom can be found online at **elections.saccounty.net**.

For additional information about the November 2024 Election, voter registration, and a full listing of Ballot Drop Boxes and Vote Centers, call **1-800-762-8019** or visit **elections.saccounty.net**. For information about the Folsom election, visit **www.folsom.ca.us/elections**.



SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY ON A CITY COMMITTEE OR COMMISSION

Are you passionate about making a difference in your community? The City of Folsom invites you to take an active role in shaping the future of the city by serving on a local commission or committee. These volunteer positions provide a unique opportunity to contribute to the decision-making process and have a direct impact on the issues that matter most to you and your neighbors.

Folsom's committees and commissions include:

- ▶ Arts and Culture Commission
- ▶ Historic District Commission
- ▶ Landscaping and Lighting District Advisory Committee
- ▶ Library Commission
- ▶ Parks and Recreation Commission
- ▶ Planning Commission
- ▶ Traffic Safety Committee
- ▶ Utilities Commission

The application process is straightforward, and the City Council will make at-large appointments in early January. Applications are due by November 14.

To learn more and download an application, visit **www.folsom.ca.us/CommissionsandCommittees**.