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Folsom Plan Area Update

The Folsom Plan Area is Folsom's newest community, located on 3,520 acres bounded by Highway 50, White Rock Road, Prairie City Road, and the El Dorado County line. The City of Folsom is known for its high quality of life – safe, well-maintained neighborhoods, recreational opportunities, award-winning schools, quality parks, and natural amenities. Folsom's Plan Area has been planned to reflect that same vision, with 11,000 quality homes; 8,000 local jobs; 130+ acres of public parks; 30+ miles of paths and bike trails; and five new elementary schools, a middle school and high school. Learn more about the Folsom Plan Area at www.folsom.ca.us.

Nimish Agashiwala (*pictured center*), was the first resident to move into the Folsom Plan Area; joining him for the exciting occasion as he accepted the keys to his new home in November were (*pictured left to right*): Fire Division Chief Chad Wilson, Fire Chief Felipe Rodriguez, City Manager Elaine Andersen, Police Chief Rick Hillman, and Police Lieutenant Eric Heichlinger. To date, more than 130 homes have sold in the Folsom Plan Area, and nearly half of the home buyers are current Folsom residents.



Folsom Celebrates Rainbow Centennial Anniversary



The Folsom community is coming together to celebrate the 100-year anniversary of the iconic Rainbow Bridge, which opened February 10,

1919. The bridge was built to address the growing need for automobile transportation across the American River. The outstanding level of aesthetics incorporated into the bridge design, and the soaring concrete arches, helped make

Rainbow Bridge one of Folsom's signature landmarks.

The centennial celebration begins in February, with a variety of special promotions, events, and activities taking place through May. The celebration culminates Saturday, May 4 with day-long special events on the bridge and throughout the Folsom Historic District.

Learn more and stay informed at www.folsomrainbowbridge.com.



Owl Be Your Valentine

Join the Folsom Zoo Sanctuary for this fun event 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., February 9 and 10. Craft materials are supplied for participants to create a special Valentine card that will be put on display near your favorite zoo animal. Regular admission fees apply; call 916-351-3527 for more information.



Keep Track of Your Water Use with Dropcountr



The free Dropcountr app helps you track your water use, with data provided for hourly, daily, weekly, and monthly periods. The app also monitors for conditions of constant flow, caused by sprinkler systems that don't turn off completely, a dripping faucet or constantly running toilet, or an underground pipe that is leaking. These common conditions will result in higher bills and wasted water. Dropcountr monitors your water meter and will send you an email or text when it detects continuous flow.

Download Dropcountr from your favorite app store or visit Dropcountr.com/Folsom. For more information, call the city's water conservation department at 916-461-6174 or email waterconservation@folsom.ca.us.

SPRING CLEANING? WE CAN HELP

Do you need to get rid of bulky items that don't fit into your trash cans, such as old barbecues, patio furniture, and extra yard waste? The City of Folsom can help with its free Bulky Waste Pickup Program. Follow these easy steps to schedule a pickup:

- **Plan ahead.** Bulky waste pickups are available by appointment only.
- **How much stuff?** Up to five cubic yards of material is accepted per pickup. A maximum of three appointments per resident are allowed each year.
- **Curb placement rules.** Place material curbside by 6 a.m. on the day of your scheduled appointment, but no earlier than one day before. You do not need to be home for the pickup.
- **Appointment Scheduling:** Email your name, address, phone number, and list of pickup items to solidwaste@folsom.ca.us. City staff will reply with the next available appointment. Call 916-461-6730 if you prefer to schedule by phone.



PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

Wednesday, March 6, 4–6 p.m.

LOCATIONS:

Fun Factory at the Folsom Community Center, 52 Natoma Street
Fun Factory at the Andy Morin Sports Complex, 66 Clarksville Road
Kindergarten Readiness at the Hinkle Creek Nature Center, 7000 Baldwin Dam Road

Parents are invited to visit Folsom Parks & Recreation's Fun Factory Preschool and Kindergarten Readiness classrooms to meet the wonderful teachers, ask questions, and determine which program and location best suits your child. In-person registration for the 2019-20 school year takes place 7 to 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 13 at the Folsom Community Center for all classroom locations. For more information about these programs, visit www.folsom.ca.us or call the preschool hotline at 916-461-6610 or email strobe@folsom.ca.us.



DIG IN TO COMPOSTING

Roll up your sleeves and learn how to turn your organic waste into compost at a free composting and grasscycling workshop. Workshops will take place 9 to 10 a.m., March 9 and June 15, at Lew Howard Park, 7100 Baldwin Dam Road. The classes are part of the City of Folsom's Minimizing Organic Waste with Education and Recycling (MOWER) Program, which helps reduce the amount of waste going to the landfill. At the end of each workshop, participants receive their choice of a discounted rate compost bin or a mulching lawnmower rebate. Class preregistration is required. To sign up for a workshop, call 916-461-6730 (select "4") or register online at <https://webtrac.folsom.ca.us>.



Special Events for Seniors

The Folsom Senior Center hosts a Valentine's Day Party Friday, February 8, and a St. Patrick's Day Party Friday, March 15. Both parties begin at 11:30 a.m. and partygoers may bring a brown bag lunch. Parties include entertainment, light refreshments, and a raffle. The parties are free for ages 55+. The Folsom Senior Center is located at 48 Natoma Street; call 916-461-6601 for more information.



GALLERY AT 48 NATOMA HOSTS RECEPTION FOR NEW EXHIBIT

The gallery features photographs of horses by Mary Aiu, wildlife photography by Lynne Edwards, and landscape photography by Ruby Pacheco in the new "Three Women Photographers" exhibit. The adjacent Community Exhibition Gallery features unique paintings by the animal artists-in-residence at the Folsom Zoo Sanctuary. The free public reception is from 6 to 8 p.m., Friday, March 29 and includes live music and light refreshments. The exhibit continues through May 2; the gallery's regular hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, with extended hours from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The gallery is located at the 48 Natoma Senior and Art Center; admission is free.



NOW HIRING FOR SUMMER JOBS

Folsom Parks & Recreation is hiring summer day camp counselors and site leaders to plan and supervise group games, arts and crafts, field trips, and other activities for youth and teen day camps. Applicants must be at least age 17, and prior experience working with youth is desirable. Visit www.folsom.ca.us to download an application (on the Human Resources page). Call 916-461-6614 or email fnelson@folsom.ca.us for more information.

The Folsom Aquatic Center is also hiring summer staff to fill the positions of lifeguards, swim instructors, snack bar attendants, and other jobs. Lifeguards must be at least age 15 and enroll in a training class in March or April. For more details about the positions, call 916-461-6640 or email sseeba@folsom.ca.us.



MY FIRST LIBRARY CARD PROJECT RETURNS

The Folsom Public Library is visiting classrooms throughout Folsom to give all kindergarten students public library cards. The My First Library Card project aims to promote literacy, foster library access, and encourage a love of reading. Parents/guardians and students are asked to return to the library to activate the card and receive a free book to keep. The program is funded by the Friends of the Folsom Library and a State of California Pacific Library Partnership Student Success Initiative grant. For more information about the My First Library Card project, call 916-461-6132. Learn more about the Folsom Public Library at www.folsom.ca.us/library.

FRIENDS OF THE FOLSOM LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The popular bi-annual book sale takes place March 8 through 10, featuring thousands of books of every genre at deeply discounted prices. Shop 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 on Saturday and Sunday. Sunday shoppers can fill a grocery bag for just \$5! Organizers are in need of brown grocery bags for the sale, and donations would be appreciated. Learn more at www.foflib.org.



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2019 Brings New Laws

Hundreds of new California state laws are now in effect. Here are some that Folsom residents should be aware of:

HOV Lane Decals: Green or white decals that allow drivers with a low emission vehicle to use the HOV lanes are no longer valid. Vehicles issued a green or white decal after January 1, 2017 will need to apply for a new red decal. The Department of Motor Vehicles will begin to issue purple decals in 2019. Find more details at www.dmv.ca.gov.

Bicycle Helmets and Youth: If a minor under the age of 18 is caught riding a bike, scooter, skateboard, or skates without a helmet, they will receive a citation. Violators will have 120 days to take a safety class to clear the ticket and show they have a helmet to avoid paying a fine.

Bicycle Accidents: A bicyclist could face felony hit-and-run charges if they leave the scene of an accident where someone is injured or dies. If you are involved in a bicycle accident and someone is hurt, please call 9-1-1 immediately and stay on the scene. Find more information about state laws at www.ca.gov.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: ASSIST FOLSOM'S FIRST RESPONDERS

The Folsom Fire Department's annual Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) course begins in March. The course curriculum includes: how to assist family members and neighbors until emergency responders arrive, disaster preparedness, first aid, search and rescue, and emergency response plans. Students who complete the required training course and pass a background check will become members of the Folsom Fire Department's volunteer CERT team.

The CERT training course is free; participants must be age 18 or older, and preference is given to applicants who live or work in Folsom. For more information and to register, email folsomcert@folsom.ca.us.

HOME SAFETY TIP

Daylight saving time begins Sunday, March 10, when we "spring forward" and set clocks ahead by one hour. As you change your clocks, it's also a good time to put new batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. Alarms should also be tested monthly, and all alarms should be replaced every 10 years (manufacture dates are printed on the back side so you know when to replace them).

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