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FOLSOM PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER READING PROGRAM RETURNS

June 1 – July 31

The Folsom Public Library is rolling out the red carpet for readers with its summer reading program, "It's Showtime at Your Library." Folsom residents of all ages are encouraged to sign up at the library or online to take the Five Book Challenge. Kids and teens completing the

challenge receive a free book and entry into a drawing for a \$100 gift card to Barnes & Noble or Palladio 16 Cinemas. Adults reading five books earn entry into the drawing, too. Track your summer reading and activities using the library's Beanstack Tracker app and manage each family member's reading log, scan barcodes to add titles read, and time your reading sessions to keep track of total minutes read.

Craftapalooza for Kids

June 13 at 3 p.m.
Folsom Public Library Meeting Room

It's Showtime on Puppet Planet

June 20 at 2 p.m.
Folsom Community Center

Trevor Wyatt Magic Show

July 25 at 2 p.m.
Folsom Community Center

Find more details about the Summer Reading Program and other library resources and programs at www.folsom.ca.us/library.



Summer Reading Events for Children

Mad Science presents Spin, Pop, Boom!

June 6 at 2 p.m.
Folsom Community Center,
52 Natoma Street

Summer of Music

The free Friday evening concert series returns this year as Summer of Music. The concerts take place every other Friday in June and July in Folsom City Lions Park. Bands play from 7 to 9 p.m.; bring a picnic or purchase food and beverages from a variety of food trucks. The Summer of Music series is presented by Folsom Parks & Recreation.

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| June 14 | Todd Morgan & The Emblems | <i>R&B/Pop</i> |
| June 28 | Innersoul Band | <i>R&B/Latin</i> |
| July 12 | Island of Black & White | <i>Reggae</i> |
| July 26 | Ashley Barron | <i>Country</i> |



2ND ANNUAL COMMUNITY AWARENESS PICNIC AND MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday, June 22 at 5:30 p.m.

The Steve Miklos Aquatic Center, in partnership with the Folsom Police and Fire departments, hosts this free family event designed to highlight community resources and inclusion programming for those with special needs. The barbecue picnic begins at 5:30 p.m., and the pool opens at 6:30 p.m. for swimming. The open-air movie begins just before sunset. Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase from the Poolside Café. The aquatic center is located at 1200 Riley Street. Call 916-461-6640 for more information about the event.



5TH ANNUAL WACKY DASH

**Saturday, August 3 at 8 a.m.
Rodeo Park**

Dash through the obstacle course challenge with your family and friends and conquer the tightropes, giant inflatables, mud pits, foam tunnels, water slides, and other wacky attractions. Sure, you can cross the finish line without ending up as a muddy, foamy, soaking wet mess...but why would you want to?! All registered participants receive a collectible custom medal to commemorate the fun event. Learn more and register at www.folsom.ca.us.



New Summer Programs at the Steve Miklos Aquatic Center

WEDNESDAY FLOAT NIGHTS

Relax and recharge at the new Wednesday Float Nights from 9:15 to 10:15 p.m. June 12 through August 12. We'll play relaxing music to help you unwind, and provide floatation belts or jackets; you may also bring your own single-person inflatable or inner tube to lounge on. Float Nights are for ages 18+ and admission is \$5 per person, per session.

SPECIAL NEEDS SPLASH MONDAYS

Families with special needs are invited to enjoy the activity pool from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Mondays, June 10 through August 5. Splash Mondays are a time set aside exclusively for families with special needs to use the pool. The Poolside Café will offer some special deals in addition to the regular menu. Splash Mondays are open to all ages with a parent or guardian; admission is \$5 per person, per session (note: season passes are not valid for Splash Mondays).

LITTLE DIPPERS

The popular Little Dippers program is now offered from 10:30 a.m. to noon Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, June 3 through August 9. This special program is intended for parents and children age six and under. It provides a great opportunity for little ones to play in the activity pool in a less-crowded environment, and increase their water confidence. Admission is \$5 per person, per session (note: season passes not valid for this program). Participants are required to exit the facility at noon but are allowed free re-entry at 1 p.m. for recreation swim.

LUCKY DUCK DERBY

Cheer on your rubber ducks as they race down the water slide and plunge into the pool! Races are held at 4:30 p.m. Saturdays, June 8 through August 3. Each two-duck race entry is just \$1, and prizes include pizza, aquatic center passes, and other goodies. Proceeds from the Lucky Duck Derby benefit Folsom Runway, a local nonprofit organization that supports and promotes inclusive recreational activities.

Call the Steve Miklos Aquatic Center at 916-461-6640 for more information about these programs.

CELEBRATE PARKS & RECREATION MONTH IN JULY

The month of July is designated as a nationwide celebration recognizing the importance of parks and recreation for residents, communities, and the environment. Folsom residents can celebrate this year's theme—"Game On!"—by taking time to enjoy the city's abundance of outdoor spaces, waterways, parks, trails, and recreational facilities including the Folsom Senior and Art Center, Steve Miklos Aquatic Center, Andy Morin Sports Complex, Folsom Skate and Bike Park, and the Folsom Zoo Sanctuary. Recreational programs, activities, and events for all ages and interests can be found in the summer Rec Guide, available at city facilities or on the City of Folsom website.

REGISTER YOUR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT EVENT

Share in the camaraderie as neighborhoods throughout Folsom partner with the Folsom Police and Fire departments for the annual National Night Out Tuesday, August 6. The National Night Out program promotes involvement in crime prevention, police-community partnerships, and neighborhood community building. Neighborhoods hosting celebrations are encouraged to register their events with the Folsom Police Department. Each year, Folsom police officers, firefighters, and city officials attend dozens of events throughout the city and visit with hundreds of residents at the registered events. Registration for National Night Out begins June 19 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.



Folsom Pro Rodeo

The 59th Annual Folsom Pro Rodeo returns July 4 through 6, offering non-stop rodeo action, outstanding nightly fireworks, mutton busting, and patriotic family fun! Stay for live music and dancing in the Saloon Under the Stars. For tickets, visit www.FolsomProRodeo.com.

FOLSOM SENIOR CENTER HOSTS INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

All seniors age 55+ are invited to this fun celebration from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, June 28. The free event includes light refreshments, entertainment, and a raffle. Party-goers are encouraged to wear their most festive patriotic attire, and may bring a brown-bag lunch. The Folsom Senior Center is located at 48 Natoma Street; call 916-461-6601 for more information.



FOLSOM UNLEASHES NEW ONLINE PET LICENSING

The City of Folsom is teaming with PetData to launch a new online pet licensing system for Folsom residents. The new system provides a quick, easy way for residents to license their pets online. Purchase or renew your pet's license online at www.petdata.com. Options are still available for residents who would prefer to print and mail their license application and payments. Learn more at www.folsom.ca.us/animalservices.

RIVER-FRIENDLY CAR WASHING

When you wash your car in the driveway, pollutants from dirty water such as detergent, motor oil, gas, and residue from exhaust fumes flow into nearby storm drains. These pollutants make their way through the storm drain system and drain into local creeks and rivers.

Choose a Commercial Car Wash Facility Instead

- Federal laws require commercial car wash facilities to drain their waste water into sewer systems, where it goes through a formal treatment process to remove pollutants.
- Car washes use systems and equipment that help save on water usage, and most facilities recycle and re-use their rinse water.

Wash Your Car at Home the Environmentally-Friendly Way!

- Use biodegradable soap made specifically for automotive parts. Make your own car wash solution by mixing a couple of table-spoons of eco-friendly dishwashing detergent with three gallons of water.
- If possible, wash your car on your lawn instead of your driveway. The grass helps capture and filter the runoff.
- Use a hose with a trigger nozzle to save water.



FOLSOM'S ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT AVAILABLE

The City of Folsom provides its water customers with an annual Consumer Confidence Report with detailed information about the city's drinking water quality. The city makes every effort to safeguard its water supply and once again reports Folsom's system meets and exceeds state and federal water quality standards. The city encourages community members to review this report as it provides details about the source and quality of the drinking water delivered to the community in 2018. To view the report and watch a video about the City of Folsom water treatment process, visit www.folsom.ca.us/ccr.



DIG IN TO COMPOSTING

Learn how to turn your organic waste into compost at a free composting and grasscycling workshop from 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday, June 15, at Lew Howard Park. The class is 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 the workshop, participants receive their choice of a discounted rate compost bin or a mulching lawnmower rebate. Class preregistration is required. To sign up, call 916-461-6730 (select "4") or register online at webtrac.folsom.ca.us.



"NEWCASTLE PASTEL ARTISTS" EXHIBIT RECEPTION

The Gallery at 48 Natoma hosts a free public reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 12, for the new exhibit showcasing the work of 12 regional artists who are members of the Newcastle Art Society. The reception includes light refreshments and live music. The professional art gallery is located in the 48 Natoma Senior and Art Center and is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, with extended hours from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the second Saturday of the month.



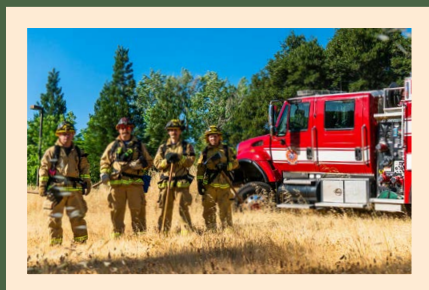
WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS STARTS AT HOME

With the hot, dry season approaching, the Folsom Fire Department reminds residents it is more important than ever to have defensible space around homes and structures to increase your property's chance of withstanding a wildfire.

California law requires homeowners to maintain up to 100 feet of defensible space to create a buffer between a building on your property and the grass, trees, shrubs, or any wildland area that surround it. This space is needed to slow or stop the spread of wildfire and it helps protect your home from catching fire—either from direct flame contact or radiant heat. Defensible space is also important for the protection of the firefighters defending your home. The 100 feet of defensible space is broken down into two zones (if space permits).

Zone 1: First 30 feet

- Remove all dead vegetation. Remove or prune flammable plants and shrubs near windows.
- Remove dead or dry leaves and pine needles from your yard, roof, and rain gutters.
- Keep tree branches at least 10 feet away from your chimney and other trees.



Zone 2: From 30 to 100 feet

- Cut or mow grass down to four inches or shorter.
- Create horizontal spacing between shrubs and trees.
- Create vertical spacing between grass, shrubs, and trees.

Additional suggestions:

- Always have a garden hose connected to each hose bib around the perimeter of your home or business.
- Mow your lawn before 10 a.m. and make sure you are not mowing over rocks or other materials that can create a spark.
- Prepare an emergency kit for your family in case you must evacuate, and include enough items to last for at least 72 hours.
- Know at least two ways out of your neighborhood.
- When it is time to remodel your home, use ignition-resistant materials for the exterior, such as Class-A roofing, cement-fiber or stucco siding, gutter guards, fine-mesh gable vents, fire-rated windows, metal shade structures, and non-wood decking.
- Sign up for Folsom's Nixle emergency alert notifications by texting 95630 to 888777 to opt-in, or visit www.folsom.ca.us/emergencyalerts.

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP: AEROJET AREA 40 CLEANUP PROJECT

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is hosting an informational community workshop from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 10 about the planned cleanup activities at the Aerojet Area 40 site, located east of and adjacent to Prairie City Road.

The meeting will be held at the Folsom Community Center, 52 Natoma Street. Learn more at www.epa.gov/superfund/aerojet.



SEE YOU AT CAMP!

Summer Day Camps for Kids and Teens

Summer day camps are a great way for kids and teens to avoid the summer slump, and keep their minds engaged and bodies active while they're out of school. Folsom Parks & Recreation offers a variety of camps for kids to learn a new sport or sharpen existing skills, showcase their talents through the arts, spark their imaginations through creative play, explore and enjoy the outdoors, make new friends, and create lasting memories. Options range from several hours to all-day camps with extended care. Camps are conducted by trained and caring staff and provide a supervised, positive, and inclusive environment. Pick up a summer camps brochure at Folsom City Hall or at the 48 Natoma Senior and Art Center. Register for camps online at webtrac.folsom.ca.us or call 916-461-6601 for more information.



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HEALTH AND SAFETY HOME REPAIRS

Folsom senior citizens meeting low-income requirements can receive assistance for home repairs through the City of Folsom Seniors Helping Seniors Home Repair Program. The program is designed to help qualifying residents to age in place by offering a variety of health- and safety-related home repairs, such as electrical, plumbing, appliance, and heating/air conditioning services. The program is not for cosmetic repairs or renovations.

To be eligible for assistance through the program, applicants must be at least 65 years of age (55 years of age if a homeowner has a verifiable disability) and earn less than 80 percent of the median income for Sacramento County. For more information, call 916-461-6210 or visit www.folsom.ca.us/housing.



Fireworks Safety Tips

Enjoying the sights and sounds of fireworks on Independence Day is as American as apple pie. However, fireworks can quickly become dangerous if proper precautions are not taken. With a little care and common sense, fireworks can be a safe and fun activity for everyone. The Folsom Fire Department offers these important tips to stay safe this Fourth of July:

- Store fireworks in a cool, dry place.
 - Read and follow all directions.
 - When using legal fireworks, only set them off outdoors in a clear area that is away from homes, dry leaves, grass, and other flammable materials.
 - Supervise children and be sure other people are out of range before lighting fireworks.
 - Always have a bucket of water for disposal of fireworks and a hose connected to water in case of fire.
 - Do not try to relight or handle malfunctioning fireworks. Soak them with water and throw them away.
 - Fireworks are prohibited in all city-owned properties and parks except at the Lembi Community Park parking lot. The use of fireworks on all trails and open spaces in the City of Folsom is prohibited.
- Be sure to purchase "Safe and Sane" fireworks that bear the State Fire Marshal's seal.
 - Fireworks that explode or leave the ground are illegal in California, unless if you have a fire department permit.

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