

# CITY NEWS

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## Folsom Veterans Day Parade

The city pays tribute to the nation's veterans at the 19th annual Wayne Spence Folsom Veterans Day Parade Monday, November 11. The parade is held rain or shine and begins at 9 a.m. on East Bidwell Street in front of the Target/Home Goods shopping center. The parade ends at Folsom City Lions Park with a brief ceremony to honor local veterans at the Veterans Memorial.

This year's parade theme is "Celebrating Over a Century of Service to Our Country and Going Strong." Local Marine Corps veteran Jay Wiley serves as grand marshal; at just 17 years old, he was a member of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing unit during the Korean War. Parade spectators may recognize Jay as the driver of the bright red Cadillac convertible that has carried previous grand marshals through many years of the Veterans Day Parade. This year's parade lineup includes more than 2,000 participants with marching bands, floats, classic cars, horseback riders, color guards, and a variety of community groups. Local dignitaries and veterans will judge the parade entries and present awards in a variety of categories.

The City of Folsom is accepting parade entries through Friday, October 25; find details and entry forms at [www.folsom.ca.us](http://www.folsom.ca.us) or call 916-461-6615.



### NEW TOOLS HELP MANAGE GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

New digital and web-based tools provide Folsom residents with helpful recycling and waste collection information.

#### Never miss your collection day again.

Visit [www.folsom.ca.us/wastecollection](http://www.folsom.ca.us/wastecollection) and search your home address in the collection calendar tool. You can then:

- Sign up for waste collection reminders.
- Download your collection schedule into your personal calendar.
- Print your collection schedule.

#### Recycle wise. Sort smart.

Wonder what container to use for a pizza box or a plastic coffee cup lid? Simply type an item in the Waste Wizard, and it will inform you if a material can be reused, recycled, composted, or placed in the garbage.

Learn more and download the mobile app at [www.folsom.ca.us/wastewizard](http://www.folsom.ca.us/wastewizard).





# Halloween Spooktacular Family Fun Event

The Steve Miklos Aquatic Center hosts this free event from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Saturday, October 26. The fun for all ages includes trunk-or-treat; games, crafts, activities, and a floating pumpkin patch. Come in costume; bring a bathing suit and towel to participate in optional pool activities. The aquatic center is located at 1200 Riley Street; call 916-461-6640 for more information.

## Trick or Treat with Folsom Police

Join the Folsom Police Department for their 9th annual Open House with a Halloween twist from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, October 26. Bring your little ghosts, goblins, and princesses and trick-or-treat as you tour the building (please no costumes that include weapons). Highlights of this special event include the opportunity to meet and chat with Folsom Police command staff, a chance to check out SWAT gear, learn about crime scene investigations, and meet the K-9 and mounted patrol units. Find more details at [www.folsom.ca.us/police](http://www.folsom.ca.us/police).



## FOLSOM GLASS PUMPKIN PATCH

Folsom Parks & Recreation and 2BGlass Studio present this first annual event from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. October 12 and 13 on the grounds of the Folsom Art Center, 48 Natoma Street. The family-friendly event features spectacular outdoor displays with more than 1,000 hand-blown glass pumpkins of every color, shape, and size available for purchase. Pumpkins are available in a variety of price points, providing a rare opportunity to purchase one-of-a-kind festive glass art created by brothers Aaron and Tate Bezdek, the owners of 2BGlass Studio, and 10 other talented glass artists. Start your collection this year, and make this event an annual tradition in the future!

Proceeds from this event benefit Folsom Parks & Recreation's community arts education programs at the Folsom Art Center. Admission to the Glass Pumpkin Patch is free, and art enthusiasts are also welcome to a free self-guided tour of the "Pushing the Boundaries" exhibit presented by The Gallery at 48 Natoma (located inside the Folsom Art Center). For more information, call 916-461-6601.



## FOLSOM ZOO SANCTUARY HOSTS THANKSGIVING FEAST FOR THE ANIMALS

Join the festive atmosphere and enjoy watching the animals receive specially prepared Thanksgiving treats and meals starting at 11 a.m. Thursday, November 28. Regular admission fees apply; visit [www.folsom.ca.us](http://www.folsom.ca.us) for more details.



## SOCIAL EVENTS AT THE FOLSOM SENIOR CENTER

All seniors age 55+ are invited to join the festive fun at the Halloween Party Thursday, October 31 and the Thanksgiving Celebration Friday, November 22. Both parties begin at 11:30 a.m. and include light refreshments, some fun games and entertainment, and cheerful camaraderie. The Folsom Senior Center is located at 48 Natoma Street; call 916-461-6601 for more information.



# Trails Update

The City of Folsom was recently awarded grant funding from the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) to develop a new Active Transportation Plan (ATP). Folsom's Parks & Recreation and Public Works departments will work together on the city's ATP that will guide the planning, development, and maintenance of existing and future pedestrian and bicycle networks. The ATP will also identify and prioritize improvements to the existing network of walkways, bikeways, and multi-use trails to make it easier, safer, and more convenient for residents to walk and bike in Folsom. Work on the ATP will begin in 2020 and will involve extensive public outreach with key stakeholder groups and community members.

## NEW ADDITIONS TO FOLSOM'S TRAIL SYSTEM

### *Lake Natoma Trail Gap Closure*



This trail segment in Folsom's Historic District parallels Leidesdorff Street between Reading and Riley streets. It was completed in late December 2018, providing cyclists with a connection from the Johnny Cash Trail and Historic Truss Bridge to the Lake Natoma and American River Parkway trails. This project created the city's first cycle track, a two-way

bicycle path that runs parallel to Leidesdorff Street. The majority of the 12-foot-wide paved cycle track is elevated and the remainder is bordered with curbing to separate and protect it from vehicle traffic. Since the cycle track is intended for the exclusive use of cyclists, a new sidewalk for pedestrians was also included in the project.

### *Blue Ravine Cycle Track*

Folsom's second cycle track was completed in August and parallels Blue Ravine Road between Manseau Drive and Arrowsmith Drive. It provides a connection between Elvie Perazzo Briggs Park and the surrounding neighborhoods to the Oak Parkway Trail. The two-way bicycle path is at street grade, and white plastic bollards visually mark and separate it from vehicle traffic. Bright green paint marks the cycle track at each intersection and helps to alert drivers to the possible presence of cyclists. The cycle track is intended only for bicycles; the existing adjacent sidewalk provides pedestrian access along the roadway.

### *Oak Parkway Trail Undercrossing*

Folsom's second bike/pedestrian undercrossing opened for public use in September. The undercrossing is installed directly under East Natoma Street and provides a seamless and safe route for trail users to transition between two of the city's major trailways — the Oak Parkway and Johnny Cash trails.



## TRAIL SAFETY TIPS

Folsom is home to an extensive recreational trail system, with more than 50 miles of Class I paved trails. With cyclists, walkers, and runners all sharing the trails, it's important to show courtesy to fellow trail users and respect the environment. Cyclists should keep to the right side of the trail's centerline, maintain a safe speed, and pass on the left side of oncoming pedestrians. Pedestrians should keep to the left side of the trail in order to face oncoming cyclists. Dogs should be kept on a leash at all times and should stay on the left side of their human.

Find more trail information and maps at [www.folsom.ca.us](http://www.folsom.ca.us).



## Breakfast for Dinner!

### FUNDRAISER FOR THE FRIENDS OF THE FOLSOM ZOO SANCTUARY

The Friends of the Folsom Zoo Sanctuary and the Martell O'Neal Real Estate team are hosting a pancake breakfast—for dinner—from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, October 19. The Barnyard Experience provides the unique indoor/outdoor setting for the event. Tickets include pancakes plus all the traditional breakfast fare. Adults (ages 21+) can purchase additional beverages onsite. The event also includes face painting, live music, a silent auction and raffle, and a scavenger hunt. Stroll through the zoo sanctuary grounds to walk off your meal and enjoy the unique opportunity to visit the animals at night. Proceeds from the event benefit the Friends, a nonprofit organization dedicated to enriching the lives of the Folsom Zoo Sanctuary animals. Learn more and purchase tickets in advance at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) (search "Breakfast for Dinner"); tickets are also available at the event. Call 916-461-6601 for more information.

## THANK YOU, COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY VOLUNTEERS!

A big thanks to the 3,000+ volunteers who completed more than 70 service projects throughout Folsom on the 6th annual Community Service Day!

This year's event was made possible by generous sponsorship support from Intel; Dignity Health; Folsom Telegraph; Style Media Group; Rotary Club of Folsom; Lakeside Church; The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints; AKT Investments, Inc.; Kaiser Permanente; Dokken Engineering; Folsom Ranch; TaxAudit; Gekkeikan Sake; The Greater Folsom Partnership; Safe Credit Union; SMUD; SRC Contractors; Birlasoft for Community; Brittany Black—Lyon Real Estate; Lane Florence, LLC; Aerojet Rocketdyne; Lowe's; Junk King; Micron; and Allstate Insurance Company.



## HELP CREATE HOLIDAY MAGIC FOR THE COMMUNITY

Volunteer tree and section decorators, individual and group carolers, and help with other event-related duties are needed for the Folsom Zoo Sanctuary's 10th annual Wild Nights and Holiday Lights event. Groups, families, and individuals are encouraged to lend a hand and help make this annual event successful. Proceeds directly benefit the amazing animals who live at the Folsom Zoo Sanctuary. Information and volunteer positions are posted now; learn more and register at [www.folsom.ca.us/WildNightsVolunteers](http://www.folsom.ca.us/WildNightsVolunteers).

For more information, email [mrobitaille@folsom.ca.us](mailto:mrobitaille@folsom.ca.us).



## RUNWAY 19 FASHION SHOW

Local dignitaries, kids, and teens will strut the catwalk for a good cause from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, November 3 at the Folsom Community Center, 52 Natoma Street. The third annual event is presented by Folsom Parks & Recreation and the nonprofit Folsom Runway organization.

Proceeds from the fashion show help provide resources and access to recreation programs for youth with special needs. Inclusive recreation benefits all participants — regardless of needs — and helps to foster an awareness and acceptance of individual differences through social interaction. Runway 19 Fashion Show also includes tasty appetizers, no-host beverages, a raffle, and a silent auction. Purchase tickets in advance at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) (search "Runway 19") or at the door. Call 916-461-6640 for more details.



# October is National Arts and Humanities Month



Folsom Parks & Recreation invites all residents to join in this month's celebration of the arts. The fall Rec Guide includes a wide variety of fine arts, dance, and theater classes. Most of these programs take place

at the Folsom Art Center, located at 48 Natoma Street. The Art Center is also home to The Gallery at 48 Natoma that features the work of professional and emerging artists, and the Community Gallery that showcases the work of students and local groups. The exhibits on display throughout October are "Pushing the Boundaries," with fascinating color and light studies, mixed media, and unique sculptural works by acclaimed artists Carol Ladewig and Kim Thoman; and the 13th annual Folsom Focus photography contest entries.

The Gallery at 48 Natoma hosts a free public reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, November 15 for "Small Town," an exhibit featuring collages by Kerri Warner and photographs by Kelly Howell. The evening also includes the center's annual Holiday Show and Sale, with a variety of pottery, woodworking, artwork, and other items crafted by local artisans.

Other events celebrating Arts and Humanities month include dance performances, concerts, art demonstrations, museum exhibits, and festivals. Find a complete list of all events at [www.folsom.ca.us](http://www.folsom.ca.us).

## HELP SHINE A SPOTLIGHT ON THE ARTS

The Folsom Arts Commission is accepting nominations for the 2019 Arts Achievement Awards through October 11. Folsom has a thriving arts and cultural community with dozens of music, dance, theater, performing, and visual artists and groups. Individuals, nonprofit organizations, and businesses that are clearly related to the arts or substantially support the arts may be nominated for the award program. Nominees must be Folsom residents or a business or organization that is based in the city. Find more information about the awards criteria and a nomination form at [www.folsom.ca.us](http://www.folsom.ca.us) or call 916-461-6611.

## PRACTICE YOUR ENGLISH AT THE LIBRARY

Improve your English, learn about American culture, and meet new friends at the Folsom Public Library's Conversation Club. The club is a fun, relaxed place for adults learning English to practice talking with experienced English speakers; all levels are welcome, and no registration is required. The Conversation Club meets Wednesdays from 6:30–7:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 10–11 a.m. in the Library Meeting Room. For more information, call 916-461-6131.

## ZONING CODE UPDATE WORKSHOP

The city's zoning code regulates existing and new development and specifies appropriate land uses in Folsom. The city is updating its zoning code with the goal of creating clear expectations for quality development and making those expectations easy to understand and follow. The city is conducting a series of community outreach events and workshops to share information and obtain community feedback.

The first public workshop focuses on Folsom Historic District zoning. The workshop takes place from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, October 10 at Folsom City Hall, 50 Natoma Street. For more information, visit [www.folsom.ca.us/zoningcode](http://www.folsom.ca.us/zoningcode).

## TREE PRESERVATION ORDINANCE WORKSHOP

Trees are a treasured asset in Folsom and have widespread benefits to the community. The City of Folsom's tree preservation ordinance provides a framework to preserve and protect Folsom's trees. An update is planned to address specific gaps and ambiguities and incorporate current best management practices so that the regulations are clear, easy to follow, and help preserve and maintain healthy trees in Folsom. A public workshop to discuss the tree preservation ordinance updates takes place at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 22, before the regular Folsom City Council meeting, at Folsom City Hall, 50 Natoma Street. For more information, visit [www.folsom.ca.us/trees](http://www.folsom.ca.us/trees).





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## HOME SAFETY TIPS FROM THE FOLSOM FIRE DEPARTMENT

### HOME ESCAPE PLAN

National Fire Prevention Week is October 6 through 12. This year's theme, "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!", highlights the everyday people who motivate their households to develop and practice a home fire escape plan; these seemingly basic behaviors can have a life-saving impact.

A home escape plan includes working smoke alarms on every level of the home, in every bedroom, and near all sleeping areas. It also includes two ways out of every room, usually a door and a window, with a clear path to an outside meeting place that's a safe distance from the home. Home escape plans should be practiced twice a year by all members of the household.



### HOLIDAY FIRE SAFETY

Thanksgiving is the leading day of the year for home cooking fires. Help keep your home safe on Thanksgiving — and every day — by following these tips:

- Stay in the kitchen while cooking, and never leave the stove or oven unattended.
- Make sure all the electrical cords to your cooking appliances are in good condition.
- Keep children away from hot surfaces, hot liquids, and sharp knives.
- Have working smoke alarms in your home and test them monthly.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE AND BARBECUE

The Folsom Fire Department hosts their annual open house from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, October 5 at Station 35, 535 Glenn Drive. Residents are invited to attend and tour the station, meet firefighters, learn important safety tips, and explore fire equipment and vehicles. Event parking is available at the station or across the street at Walmart. The event is free, and lunch is \$5 per person.

Learn more at [www.folsom.ca.us/fire](http://www.folsom.ca.us/fire) or call 916-461-6300.

## OPEN HOUSE ABOUT PROPOSED RATE INCREASES

The City of Folsom is proposing a solid waste, water, and wastewater (sewer) rate increase for residential and commercial customers. The city will hold a public open house from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, November 6 at the Folsom Community Center, 52 Natoma Street. City of Folsom staff will discuss the rate study process and proposed rates, and answer questions about the proposed rate increase.

The city has not adjusted water rates since 2011, wastewater rates since 2008, and solid waste rates since 2004. All City of Folsom customers will receive a mailed notice in compliance with Proposition 218, which requires the city to inform property owners and the customer of record that proposed rate increases are being considered, the amount of the proposed rate adjustment, the basis on which the rates are calculated, and the reason for the adjustment.

The Folsom City Council will hold a public hearing at its regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 10 at Folsom City Hall, 50 Natoma Street, before taking action on the proposed rates. Learn more at [www.folsom.ca.us/utilityrates](http://www.folsom.ca.us/utilityrates).



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