

# CITY NEWS

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## Amgen Tour of California

**Stage 6 Men's Race Start and Lifestyle Festival**  
**Friday, May 18, 8–11 a.m.**  
**Rodeo Park in Folsom**

America's largest cycling race, the Amgen Tour of California, brings the excitement of professional cycling to the City of Folsom with Stage 6 of the men's race. This challenging stage of the race will start at 9:45 a.m. on the Johnny Cash Trail. At the start gun, the Tour of California riders will funnel down the trail to cross the stunning wood arched Robbers' Ravine Bridge. Near the end of the trail, which is anchored by the iconic Johnny Cash Bridge, the riders

will transition to the roadway and the peloton will dramatically ramp up the speed as they reach Green Valley Road. The race is officially on as riders begin the 123-mile Stage 6 route, with 16,000 feet of climbing. The elevation in Folsom is a mere 275 feet; racers will top 8,600 feet at the crest of Carson Pass, and finish at 6,600 feet in South Lake Tahoe. Spectators can get a close-up look at the professional cyclists as they warm up and prepare for the race, and find information, refreshments and activities at the on-site Lifestyle Festival. Find more information at [www.folsom.ca.us](http://www.folsom.ca.us).



### RAINBOW BRIDGE MAINTENANCE PROJECT COMPLETE

A year-long maintenance project on the Rainbow Bridge is complete. The project will extend the lifespan of the historic bridge and provide a smoother and safer drive for motorists.

The work required removing the asphalt concrete on the bridge deck and treating the deck with polyester concrete, reconstructing and replacing bridge deck joints, repairing the bridge barrier and repairing concrete spalls and cracks.

Rainbow Bridge, which spans the American River at Greenback Lane, has provided a major connection for businesses and residents for nearly 100 years. The \$1.1 million project was funded largely by a federal grant administered by the Caltrans Bridge Preventive Maintenance Program.



## HELP KEEP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN AND SAFE

A clean neighborhood is good for the environment, beneficial for residents, and helps to grow property values and community investment. Together, we can address common neighborhood concerns.

- Residents are encouraged to park recreational vehicles on private property. Boats and utility trailers should remain attached to the tow vehicle at all times. If any vehicle is parked on a public street, it must be moved after 72 hours. Vehicles in front of a home must be parked on improved surfaces, such as concrete and pavers.
- Consider scheduling a bulky waste pickup to dispose of unwanted junk, debris and yard waste. Schedule your bulky waste appointment at [www.folsom.ca.us/bulkywaste](http://www.folsom.ca.us/bulkywaste) or by calling 916-461-6730.
- Report any graffiti in your neighborhood by contacting the City of Folsom's Code Enforcement Department or with the City's reporting app SeeClickFix Folsom. To download the app, visit your app store and search for SeeClickFix Folsom or visit [www.folsom.ca.us](http://www.folsom.ca.us)

Contact the City of Folsom's Code Enforcement Department at 916-461-6227 or email Pete Piccardo at [ppiccardo@folsom.ca.us](mailto:ppiccardo@folsom.ca.us) with any questions or concerns about your neighborhood.



## City Works Day Returns May 16

**Wednesday, May 16**

**9:30 a.m. to noon**

**Folsom City Lions Park  
(near the Folsom Public Library)**

**Free admission**

Hop into the cab of a Folsom garbage truck, climb aboard a fire engine, make it rain on a stormwater table, and take part in other fun hands-on activities at City Works Day Wednesday, May 16. 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 buses 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 the Fire Department apparatus, talking to Curby the robot to learn recycling tips, meeting a Folsom Police Department horse and a K9, playing with the Parks and Recreation team, and so much more.

The City's celebration is scheduled in May to usher in the American Public Works Association's nationally proclaimed "National Public Works Week." For information about City Works Day, visit [www.folsom.ca.us/cityworksdays](http://www.folsom.ca.us/cityworksdays) or call 916-461-6702.

## CITY OFFERS PROGRAMS TO HELP WITH YOUR SPRING CLEANING

The City of Folsom offers a number of programs and services to help residents reduce household clutter and dispose of unwanted items this spring cleaning season.

- Free door-to-door collections of household hazardous waste, such as motor oil, paint, stains, medications and electronics.
- Free take back of sharps—including lancets, hypodermic needles, syringes and scalpel blades—at various locations citywide. Free sharps containers also available.
- Curbside collection of unwanted bulky waste, such as furniture, barbecues and appliances.

- Residential customers are allowed three pickups per calendar year. Advance reservation required.
- Dumpster rentals.
- Free bilge oil clean up kits for boaters, to reduce motor oil discharges into Folsom Lake.
- Various drop off sites for household batteries, fluorescent lamps, used motor oil and filters.
- Secured collection bin at the Folsom Police Department for unwanted, unused or expired medications.

Learn more about these City programs and services at [www.folsom.ca.us](http://www.folsom.ca.us).





## MAY IS BIKE MONTH

National Bike Month is celebrated each May to encourage citizens of every age to embrace “pedal power” and enjoy the many benefits of cycling. Those who live or work in the greater Sacramento region are encouraged to join the 2 million mile challenge and log miles online at [www.MayIsBikeMonth.com](http://www.MayIsBikeMonth.com). Cyclists can participate in a number of special events in May, including themed rides, group rides, and clinics; find details at [www.50corridor.com](http://www.50corridor.com).

### GREAT SCOTT BIKE AND WALK EVENT

**SUNDAY, MAY 6, 8 A.M.–3 P.M.**

More than 30 miles of beautiful country roads are closed to vehicle traffic for the exclusive use of cyclists and pedestrians. This free event is made possible by the City of Folsom, Sacramento County, El Dorado County, the City of Rancho Cordova, the 50 Corridor Transportation Management Association, and a variety of community sponsors. Fast riders can access the course from 8–10 a.m.; from 10 a.m.–3 p.m., the speed limit slows for family-friendly rides. Ride distance is up to each participant, whether you choose to complete the entire 30 miles or just a portion of the course. Find more information and registration details at [www.BikeGreatScott.com](http://www.BikeGreatScott.com).

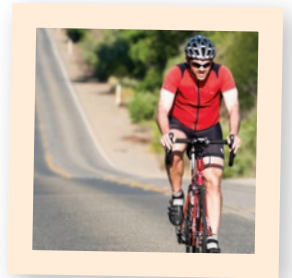
### 11TH ANNUAL FOLSOM RIDE WITH THE MAYOR

**FRIDAY, MAY 11, 8 A.M.**

Enjoy a 30-mile group ride to celebrate Bike Month. Riders meet in Historic Folsom to enjoy a free breakfast before the 9 a.m. departure. Along the 30-mile route, the group will converge with riders from Rancho Cordova and then continue to downtown Sacramento where a free catered lunch will be provided. Riders may rejoin the group to ride back to Folsom or hop aboard light rail (free tickets for participants). This event is free, but participants are encouraged to pre-register to assist with the breakfast/lunch counts; register online at [www.50corridor.com](http://www.50corridor.com). Questions about the event can be directed to Jim Konopka, [jkonopka@folsom.ca.us](mailto:jkonopka@folsom.ca.us).

### 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, 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).



### CELEBRATE MOMS, FAMILY AND FITNESS

Honor and celebrate moms at the 4th annual Love My Mom 5K Saturday, May 12. This popular event is presented by Folsom Parks & Recreation in partnership with the Palladio. The 5K course—3.1 miles—is flat and closed to traffic, making it an ideal route for runners, walkers and stroller striders. The race starts and finishes at Whole Foods; the course includes the Palladio's interior streets and surrounding roads. New this year is a Kids' Dash for ages 10 and under.

Participants will be electronically timed and special awards will be presented to top finishers in a variety of categories including single and double strollers, top female, top mom, and others. All registered 5K participants will receive a custom dry-fit shirt and special finisher's medal to commemorate their effort. At the finish area, all participants can explore vendor booths, enjoy DJ music, and enjoy light refreshments. Register today! Visit [www.folsom.ca.us](http://www.folsom.ca.us) for information and a link to online registration.

# Folsom Trails Day is Saturday, April 14

## CELEBRATE EARTH DAY, ARBOR DAY, AND CREEK WEEK

Roll up your sleeves and join other community volunteers as we work to improve the environment and enhance the beauty of Folsom's trails and waterways.



## TRAILS DAY/ARBOR DAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers are needed to help plant and stake new trees, add safety stenciling to trails, replace eroded trail borders, and other duties at B.T. Collins Park, 828 Willow Creek Drive in Folsom. Visit <http://webtrac.folsom.ca.us> (activity code 589908-08) to register, or call 916-461-6601 for more information.

## CREEK WEEK VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers are needed to remove non-native invasive water plants and litter from local creeks and waterways. This event is sponsored by the Sacramento Area Creeks Council. Visit [www.creekweek.net](http://www.creekweek.net) or call 916-454-4544 for registration and information.

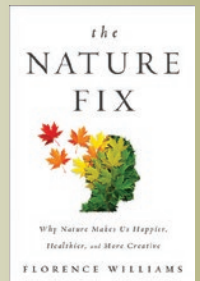
These events are free, but volunteers must pre-register to participate! All volunteers receive a free commemorative T-shirt, lunch and beverages—plus the satisfaction of contributing to the community.



## BOOK-TO-ACTION AT THE FOLSOM PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Folsom Public Library will participate in Book-to-Action in May and June—a twist on the traditional library book group. The program offers participants the opportunity to collectively read and discuss a book and then put their newfound knowledge into action.

The community read will be “The Nature Fix: Why Nature Makes Us Happier, Healthier, and More Creative” by Florence Williams. Participants will be encouraged to read the book, take action by spending time outdoors using Folsom’s parks and trails, and track their time using the library’s reading program software for a chance to win prizes. The library will host several events related to the book, including a visit from the author, Florence Williams, on June 7 at 6:30 p.m.



The program is sponsored by the California Center for the Book. The grant provides 125 free copies of the book to distribute to the Folsom community on a first-come, first-served basis. Learn more about the program at [www.folsom.ca.us/library](http://www.folsom.ca.us/library).



## “FEAST FOR THE EYES” EXHIBIT RECEPTION

The Gallery at 48 Natoma hosts a free public reception Friday, May 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. for the new exhibit featuring stunningly detailed scratchboard still-life works by Linda Heath Clark and beautiful oil paintings by Craig Stephens. A collection of vintage fruit crate lithography will also be on display. The professional art gallery is located in the 48 Natoma Senior and Art Center; 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 Tuesday and Wednesday.

## WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS STARTS AT HOME

May is Wildfire Awareness Month, and the Folsom Fire Department encourages residents to reduce the threat of wildfires in the community. According to the National Fire Protection Association, it is often embers and small flames that cause homes to ignite during wildfires. Residents can make their own property—and their neighborhood—safer with these tips:

- Clear leaves and other debris from gutters, eaves, porches and decks.
- Remove dead vegetation and other items from under your deck or porch.
- Replace or repair shingles on your roof and enclose under-eave and soffit vents or screens with metal mesh to prevent ember entry.
- Cover exterior attic vents with metal wire mesh no larger than 1/8 inch to prevent sparks from entering the home.
- Remove flammable materials (dead vegetation, firewood stacks, propane tanks) within 30 feet of your home's foundation and outbuildings, up to your property line, including garages and sheds.
- Don't let debris and lawn cuttings linger.
- Develop an emergency evacuation plan and practice it with everyone in your home.
- Prune trees so the lowest branches are 6 to 10 feet from the ground. Tree canopies should not touch the house.
- Stay informed and sign up for emergency alerts at [www.folsom.ca.us/police](http://www.folsom.ca.us/police).



## New Voting Procedures

Sacramento County is one of five counties in California to implement the Voter's Choice Act, expanding voting opportunities for all residents. Beginning with the June 2018 Primary Election, all registered voters will receive a ballot in the mail, and Vote Centers will be offered in place of traditional polling places. The Sacramento County Department of Voter Registration and Elections outlines the voting process in three simple steps:



All voters will be mailed a ballot starting 29 days before Election Day (June 5). Look for your pink envelope!



Mark your ballot and sign your envelope. Voters with disabilities can download their ballot at home using the new Accessible Vote by Mail system.



Return your marked ballot in the mail or in person at any Vote Center or Ballot Drop Box. Vote Centers are replacing polling places, and:

- Open beginning 10 days before Election Day
- Allow you to decide which Vote Center to use

For additional information about voting in Sacramento County, visit the Department of Voter Registration and Elections website at [www.Elections.SacCounty.net](http://www.Elections.SacCounty.net).

## FOLSOM PLAN AREA UPDATE

As infrastructure and road improvements progress in the Folsom Plan Area south of Highway 50, the City of Folsom plans to welcome new residents to the 95630 lifestyle as early as winter 2018. Construction of the first new neighborhoods will begin this spring, and the first model homes are expected to be completed during the summer. Park planning has begun, and the first park in Folsom Ranch could open as soon as summer of 2020. Officials anticipate the first Folsom Cordova Unified School District elementary school will open for the 2020–21 academic year.

Infrastructure work—including sewer connections, natural gas lines from PG&E and the routing of electrical power from a new SMUD substation—has been completed. Large-scale landscaping, including construction of entry monuments and the planting of water-efficient native plants, is scheduled to begin this spring. Learn more at [www.folsom.ca.us/FolsomPlanArea](http://www.folsom.ca.us/FolsomPlanArea).





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### SUMMER DAY CAMPS FOR KIDS AND TEENS

Folsom Parks & Recreation offers a wide variety of camp choices 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. Camps are also a great way for kids and teens to keep their minds engaged and bodies active while they're out of school. Camps are conducted by trained and caring staff and provide a supervised, positive and inclusive environment. Camp sessions begin in June and continue through early August, and times vary from a few hours to all-day camps with extended care options. Register for camps online at <http://webtrac.folsom.ca.us> or call 916-461-6601 for more information.

## Headed to Golden 1 Center? Let SacRT Drive!

There's no need to fight traffic or pay for parking! SacRT is a convenient and cost-effective way to get to events at Golden 1 Center. With extended service to Folsom on many Golden 1 Center event nights, passengers can take advantage of two additional light rail trips that serve the Hazel, Iron Point, Glenn, and Historic Folsom stations for up to 45 minutes after the conclusion of Sacramento Kings home games and other major events.

Before parking at a Folsom station, be sure to check the service calendar at [www.gosacrt.com](http://www.gosacrt.com) to find out if SacRT is providing extended service. Folsom residents are also encouraged to park-and-ride from the Sunrise Station, which has later and more frequent service along with extended security hours.

Take the Gold Line to the 8th & K Station and walk just a few hundred yards to Golden 1 Center. Keep in mind that you will need to board Gold Line trains at the 7th & Capitol Station for your return trip back toward Folsom.

Save time and purchase SacRT tickets directly from your smartphone with the mobile fare app ZipPass. You can purchase tickets in advance and use them when you are ready to ride.

For more information, visit [www.gosacrt.com](http://www.gosacrt.com), or call 916-321-BUSS (2877).



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