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Folsom's New City Manager

Meet Elaine Andersen, Folsom's new city manager. As city manager, Elaine is responsible for implementing the policies and goals of the City Council, providing leadership for all city departments, and managing the city's day-to-day operations.

Elaine has served the City of Folsom for more than 13 years, including three years as assistant city manager and two years as deputy city manager. She has served in numerous other roles in the city, including interim assignments as community development director, human resources director and library director.

She began her career with the City of Folsom as special projects manager. Before joining the City of Folsom, she worked for the City of Sacramento's City Manager's Office and Public Works Department. She previously worked for a Sacramento public affairs firm specializing in legislative projects and also for the State of California.

Andersen has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of California at Berkeley, where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. She lives in Folsom with her husband Jay; their two children are college students.



"I've called Folsom home for nearly 30 years and have worked for the city for more than a decade. I'm incredibly proud to serve this community I love and look forward to continuing to provide the best possible programs, services, and amenities to our community," Elaine said. "I am deeply honored to serve Folsom in this special way and want to thank the Folsom City Council for their support and confidence in me."

NEW FIRE STATION GRAND OPENING

The Folsom Fire Department invites the community to a formal dedication and grand opening ceremony for the new Fire Station 39 on Monday, September 10. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. followed by the fire academy graduation, promotional ceremony, an open house with refreshments, displays of fire and rescue equipment, and tours of the new station. Fire Station 39 is located at 2139 Ritchie Street in Folsom.

Fire Station 39 is a modern, single-story fire station located in the Empire Ranch community. The 10,000 square-foot station features three apparatus bays large enough to house a fire engine, brush engine and ambulance, and five single dorms for engine company and ambulance personnel, as well as offices and public areas.

Learn more about the Folsom Fire Department at www.folsom.ca.us/fire.





Volunteer Opportunities Open for Community Service Day

Join your friends and neighbors for Folsom's largest day of volunteerism Saturday, September 15. The fifth annual Community Service Day will unite thousands of volunteers of all ages and interests to complete projects throughout Folsom that make a positive, lasting impact in the community. Beginning Monday, July 30, volunteers can sign up for community projects, including:

- Citywide food drive.
- Project supporting military troops.
- Cleanup projects at Folsom Lake and Lake Natoma.
- Trails cleanup projects.
- Landscaping and beautification projects at Folsom schools.
- Library projects.
- And many more.

Community Service Day is organized by the City of Folsom and more than a dozen local businesses and community organizations. The annual event is made possible thanks to generous sponsorship support from Intel, Dignity Health, Rotary Club of Folsom, Style Media Group, Folsom Telegraph, PG&E and Lakeside Church. Visit www.folsomcommunityservice.org to learn more and volunteer.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT RETURNS AUGUST 7

Communities throughout Folsom will team up with the Folsom Police Department Tuesday, August 7 for National Night Out, a nationwide program that promotes involvement in crime prevention, police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie.

The Folsom Police Department, Folsom Fire Department and city officials will join hundreds of residents at neighborhood parties that have been organized by local Neighborhood Watch groups. Attendees can expect to learn

useful crime prevention information, and have the opportunity to meet police officers and firefighters, and possibly even the Folsom Police Department K-9 or mounted units.

Parties will be hosted in many Folsom neighborhoods. To see if there is a party in your neighborhood, contact Jessica Hess at 916-461-6516 or jhess@folsom.ca.us. Residents are also invited to join Mount Olive Church's National Night Out celebration at 320 Montrose Drive from 5 to 7 p.m.



Back to School Safety Tips

As the school bells ring in August and students head back to class, it is important to remember it is everyone's responsibility to help make sure they make it there safely. Here are a few tips from the Folsom Police Department to remember:

USE CAUTION ON THE ROADS

- Drive slowly and always be aware of your surroundings, especially around the time children are walking along streets and sidewalks to and from school.
- Watch out for school zones and drive the posted speed limits. Typically these areas are marked with flashing signs and other signals to identify the area and the reduced speed limits.
- Be especially careful in school or childcare parking areas.

REMIND CHILDREN TO BE SAFE WHILE WALKING OR RIDING THEIR BIKES

- Always use marked crosswalks when crossing the street and always look both ways twice.
- Watch for driveways when walking on the sidewalk and be aware of vehicles that are turning or backing up.
- Always stay on sidewalks or paths. When walking, if no sidewalk is available, walk facing traffic and stay as far to the left as possible. When riding a bike, scooter or skateboard and no sidewalk is available, ride in the same direction as traffic, in a bike lane if possible, and stay to the right.
- Always wear a helmet when on a bike, scooter or skateboard.
- Walk bikes across busy intersections.

BACK TO SCHOOL TRANSIT

Folsom Stage Line buses can provide local middle school, high school and college students a safe, convenient and low-cost option for getting to school this year. Route 10 makes hourly stops at multiple area schools including Sutter Middle School, Folsom High School and Folsom Lake College every weekday. Route 20 provides direct, peak time service to Vista Del Lago High School with connections to Route 10 at the college. For routes, schedules and fare information, visit www.folsom.ca.us/transit or call 916-461-6750.



ENROLL NOW FOR FUN FACTORY PRESCHOOL

This popular program has introduced children to the joy of learning for more than 20 years. Classes for four-year-olds are held Monday/Wednesday/Friday, and Tuesday/Thursday for three-year-olds. Classrooms are located at the Folsom Community Center and at the Folsom Sports Complex. The program begins August 27 and 28; call 916-461-6610 for information and to arrange a classroom tour.



THE CAVE AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

The CAVE offers supervised recreational activities as an excellent after-school alternative for sixth through eighth grade students attending Sutter Middle School or Folsom Middle School. There is a CAVE Teen Center located on both campuses, operating from the close of school until 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday; and the close of school until 5:30 p.m. Friday (including early dismissal and minimum days). Our recreation leaders engage teens in activities that include outdoor sports, games, movies and crafts. Prior to attending The CAVE, a completed registration packet must be submitted with the \$200 annual administration fee. Submit packets and fees to 48 Natoma Street (the Folsom Senior and Art Center) or to either of The CAVE on-campus locations. For more information about the program, contact Matt Zimmerling at 916-461-6619 or mzimmerling@folsom.ca.us.

L'Étape California Bike Ride and Expo



SEPTEMBER 1 & 2

The annual L'Étape California is a mass participation bike ride open to the public and to road cyclists of all skill levels. The scenic rides are designed by Le Tour de France directors and provide cyclists with challenging courses comparable to an Alps mountain stage of the world's most well-known bike race. For the first time, the City of Folsom, Visit Folsom and Palladio are proud to host this event over the Labor Day weekend, September 1–2. The event includes a Tour de France museum and Lifestyle Expo, Saturday, September 1 at the Palladio in Folsom. The L'Étape California bike rides take place Sunday, September 2 with 60 and 90-mile route options that start and finish in Folsom and include the beautiful scenery of the Sierra foothills. Along the way, competitions for King and Queen of the Mountain will reward the top men and women riders. Visit www.letapecalifornia.com for more detailed information and event registration.

Folsom Police Department Rolls out Bike Patrol Program

Starting this summer, the Folsom Police Department's Citizens Assisting Public Safety volunteers will hop on bikes and take to Folsom's trails. Tasked with being an extra set of eyes and ears, CAPS volunteers will ride along trails and through neighborhoods looking for suspicious activity and reporting potential safety issues back to the Police, Fire, and Parks & Recreation departments. They will also be available to help answer questions and call for assistance. Be sure to say hello to the new CAPS volunteer bike patrol unit as you see them on the trails this summer!

FOLSOM RENAISSANCE FAIRE

This living history event transports guests back in time to a 16th century English village with hundreds of costumed entertainers, jousting competitions, and a variety of food, crafts and wares. The 26th annual event takes place in Folsom City Lions Park, September 22 and 23 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Find details and tickets at www.FolsomFaire.com.



HOW MUCH WATER DO YOU USE?

There's a common misconception that most of the water we use at home goes toward household activities like showering, washing dishes and clothes, or flushing the toilet, but in fact, most household water is used outside on our landscapes.

Hot, dry summers and triple-digit temperatures have a big impact on our water use in Folsom. An average household uses about 250 gallons of water per day with the majority going toward watering lawns and yards. And, studies show that about 30 percent of water used outdoors is wasted because of overwatering and evaporation.

Wondering just how much water your landscape uses? Dropcountr is a free app available to all City of Folsom water customers that provides quick access to personal water use information. Users can track their household water use, identify water leaks and compare personal water use to the average neighborhood household use. Signing up is quick and easy. Simply download the Dropcountr app from Apple's app store or Android's Google Play, or go to www.dropcountr.com/home to sign up online. All you need is your account number and name as it appears on your City of Folsom water bill.



“SECRET LANGUAGE OF DREAMS” ART EXHIBIT RECEPTION

The Gallery at 48 Natoma hosts a free public reception Friday, September 14 from 6 to 8 p.m. for the new exhibit featuring sculptures and paintings by Claudia Cohen. The evening includes live music and light refreshments. The professional art gallery is located in the 48 Natoma Senior and Art Center; the gallery's regular hours are 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Monday through Friday, with extended hours from 6–8 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday.



FRIENDS OF THE FOLSOM LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Folsom Library will host the popular bi-annual book sale September 7–9, featuring thousands of books of every genre at deeply discounted prices. Shop Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. 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.

FOLSOM'S 4TH ANNUAL WACKY DASH



End your summer with some wet and wild fun Saturday, August 4, starting at 8 a.m. in Rodeo Park. The Wacky Dash is a 1.5-mile obstacle course challenge featuring mud pits, balance beams, giant inflatables, water slides, a foam tunnel, and lots of other fun surprises. Tackle the course as an individual or form a team with your family, friends and co-workers. Zany and colorful attire is encouraged to add to the fun. All participants receive a custom die-cut Wacky Dash medal to commemorate their accomplishment! Register today at <http://webtrac.folsom.ca.us> or call Folsom Parks & Recreation at 916-461-6601.



ANNUAL GREEN WASTE AND RECYCLING CALENDAR

Folsom residents were mailed the annual green waste and recycling collection calendar in July. The notice also included a SmartCart flyer, which lists acceptable materials for your different colored waste containers. To avoid scattered garbage on the street, Folsom residents are asked to put loose trash in bags and then deposit the closed bags inside the garbage can. Recycling and green waste should not be bagged prior to placing it in the appropriate cans. The annual calendar and other useful information can be found at www.folsom.ca.us/smartcart. For more information call 916-461-6730.



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9/11 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

The Folsom Fire and Police departments will host a 9/11 remembrance ceremony to honor all those who lost their lives and commemorate the ultimate sacrifices made by first responders. The event will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 11, at Folsom City Lions Park near the gazebo.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE AUGUST 14

BloodSource must collect about 700 pints of blood each day to meet local demands. However, only 38 percent of people in the U.S. are eligible to donate and less than 10 percent actually do. Consequently, the lives of many depend on the generosity of a few. Consider making a lifesaving blood donation on Tuesday, August 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Folsom Public Library. Donors will receive a free BloodSource T-shirt and will be entered into a drawing for great prizes. To make an appointment to donate blood visit www.bloodsource.org/drives and enter blood drive code D327. Call BloodSource at 1-800-995-4420 for questions about donation eligibility and more information.

FOLSOM SENIOR CENTER HOSTS HOT AUGUST NIGHTS PARTY

All seniors age 55+ are invited to this fun social event Friday, August 24 starting at 11:30 a.m. The festivities include live musical entertainment by the 48 Natoma Bluegrass Slow Jam group, light refreshments and a raffle. The Folsom Senior Center is located at 48 Natoma Street, between Folsom City Hall and the Folsom Police Department. Call 916-461-6601 for more information.



FOLSOM GLOW

Registration is open for this annual sell-out event! Folsom Glow is a family-friendly 4K walk Saturday, October 6 starting at 7:45 p.m. The easy course begins and ends in Folsom's Historic District and heads onto nearby trails. Along the way, participants take part in a Silly String battle, enjoy DJ tunes and live music, and capture memories at a selfie station. All registered participants receive a custom-designed medal to commemorate the event. Strollers and leashed dogs are welcome, and creative ways to show your glow are encouraged! Visit www.folsom.ca.us to learn more and register.



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