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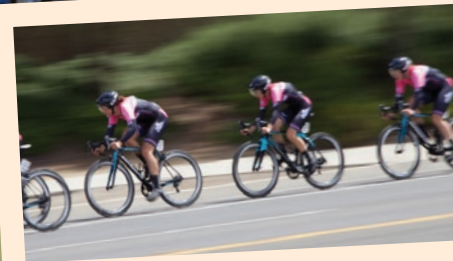
ICE SKATE IN FOLSOM'S HISTORIC DISTRICT

Lace up your skates for frozen fun in Folsom's Historic District this holiday season. Folsom's favorite ice rink encircles the historic railroad turntable and a tall, decorated Christmas tree. The Folsom Ice Rink is open daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., including Christmas Day. Skate, shop, dine and sip hot cocoa in the heart of Folsom. Learn more at www.folsomicerink.com.



Amgen Tour of California Returns to Folsom in 2018

America's largest cycling race, the Amgen Tour of California, will bring the excitement of professional cycling to California for the 13th consecutive year May 13–19, 2018. Throughout seven stages over seven days, the world's best cyclists will compete on a 600-mile course through roadways, highways and coastlines from Long Beach to Sacramento. Folsom will host the men's sixth stage start Friday, May 18. This signature event brings national and international awareness to Folsom's world-class cycling routes, iconic landmarks and striking scenery. Learn more at www.amgentourofcalifornia.com.



SANTA'S SLEIGH VISITS FOLSOM NEIGHBORHOODS

Santa and Mrs. Claus will join the Folsom Fire and Police Departments this holiday season to visit neighborhoods throughout the City December 10 to 14. Santa's elves will collect non-perishable canned goods to help stock the Twin Lakes Food Bank for the holidays. Get route information and updates each night on Santa's location at www.facebook.com/FolsomPOA.



Volunteer Opportunities at the City of Folsom

FOLSOM ZOO SANCTUARY DOCENT PROGRAM



Volunteer docents serve a vital role in helping to promote the Zoo Sanctuary's educational mission of teaching responsible behavior toward all animals. Docents host school tours, staff booths at community events, help with youth camps, and assist at special events. The docent training class begins February 12 and continues through March 19. Docents must be at least age 21 and pass a pre-registration telephone interview; class fee is \$40. To learn more and schedule your interview, contact Sue at 916-715-8610.

PARKS & RECREATION SPECIAL EVENTS TEAM

Folsom Parks & Recreation hosts numerous special events throughout the year that benefit the Folsom community by reinforcing family bonds, encouraging friendships, and promoting health and wellness. Our valued corps of special event volunteers assist with registration and packet pick-up, set-up and clean-up, course control, and other tasks.

CITIZENS ASSISTING PUBLIC SAFETY

Volunteers with the Citizens Assisting Public Safety (CAPS) program assist the Police and Fire Departments with various functions. CAPS volunteers can be seen driving around town conducting vacation checks or patrolling parking lots as extra eyes and ears for the Police Department. They are also commonly seen helping with public education and safety fairs, working at the front counters, assisting with traffic control during parades and DUI checkpoints, and leading the city's Neighborhood Watch, Business Watch and Dog Walker Watch programs. The first step to becoming a CAPS volunteer is to complete the 11-week Citizens Academy. Applications for the 2018 academy will be made available online and in the lobby of the Folsom Police Department on January 19. For more information visit www.folsompd.com or call Jessica Hess, Police Volunteer Coordinator at 916-351-3409.



COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers assist first responders during emergency situations, staff first aid stations at community events, and help educate the community about emergency preparedness. CERT volunteers must complete an eight-week training session (class is held one night per week) and must pass a background check. The next CERT training class takes place in spring 2018; for more information and to register, call 916-533-4116 or email FolsomCERT@folsom.ca.us.

Learn more about volunteer opportunities at the City of Folsom at www.folsom.ca.us/getinvolved.

GIFTS THAT GIVE BACK

Commemorative Johnny Cash Trail items make great gifts, whether you're looking to top off a stocking or wow the recipient with a one-of-a-kind item—or treat yourself! Johnny Cash Trail branded items for sale include pick-shaped mouse pads and medals, marble coasters, reusable tote bags, long-sleeve quarter-zip shirts, cycling jerseys and shorts. A limited-edition "JCASH50" California legacy license plate is available, beautifully framed with a photo of Johnny Cash standing in front of Folsom Prison's east gate in 1968—the day of his famed live performance for an inmate audience—and an engraved silver plate of commemoration. Only 100 of these special license plates were made in honor of the 50th anniversary of Cash's performance at Folsom State Prison.

Find samples and purchase any of these unique items at the Folsom Senior and Art Center, 48 Natoma Street; open 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The framed license plates may also be purchased online at www.FolsomCashArtTrail.com. All proceeds from these items benefit the Johnny Cash Trail Art Experience, and are specifically earmarked for "Cash's Pick"—two 7-foot-tall bronze guitar picks that will anchor each end of the trail.





Wild Nights and Holiday Lights at the Folsom Zoo Sanctuary

Many hours of hands-on work by local families, businesses, community groups and city staff go into installing the lights, decorations and displays for the Folsom Zoo Sanctuary's eighth annual Wild Nights and Holiday Lights event. Thousands of feet of bright and colorful light strands, decorated trees, lighted animal figures, and seasonal displays transform the Zoo Sanctuary into a winter wonderland.

To enhance the experience for both visitors and animals alike, zookeepers provide enrichment—special treats or food tucked into cardboard tubes or specially wrapped boxes—for some of the animals. Zoo Sanctuary Docents are on hand to share their knowledge and provide fun facts about the animals.

The event expands this year to include the new Barnyard Experience exhibit, where Santa Claus will visit with guests. Each night includes a performance by local caroling groups and musicians to spread holiday cheer. The Folsom Valley Railway miniature live steam train operates during the event, providing special nighttime rides for kids and adults.

Wild Nights and Holiday Lights is open from 5 to 8 p.m. December 1, 2, 8, 9, 15 through 23, and 26 through 30 (weather permitting; heavy rains will cancel). Admission is \$7/person; free for ages two and under; train tickets are \$5/person. On December 20, some fun extras include the Food Truck Safari that takes place just outside the zoo entrance in Folsom City Lions Park, and a gathering of costumed icons from around the region at the Mascot Mashup for fun photo ops.

All proceeds from the event benefit the Folsom Zoo Sanctuary animals. Tickets may be purchased in advance at <http://webtrac.folsom.ca.us>, or at the gate. For more information, call 916-355-7285.

HOLIDAY BREAK CAMPS FOR KIDS AND TEENS

Folsom Parks & Recreation holiday camps keep kids active and engaged while they're on school break. Camp selections include a variety of sports and a junior zookeeper camp. Find camp details and register online at <http://webtrac.folsom.ca.us> or call 916-355-7285 for more information.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING SAFETY TIPS

The Folsom Police Department wishes you a safe, happy and peaceful holiday season! The holidays are a time to celebrate, but it's also a time when busy people can be vulnerable to theft and other crime. For a list of tips to keep you safe this holiday season, visit www.folsom.ca.us/news.



FOLSOM PUBLIC LIBRARY LEGO® BUILDING CONTEST

LEGO® maniacs are invited to submit their best original creations for competition, or visit the Folsom Public Library to see the creations and vote for their favorites. Participants are asked to deliver completed projects to the library beginning Tuesday, January 16 through Saturday, January 20 at noon to enter the contest.

Judging will take place Saturday, January 20 by a team of LEGO® enthusiasts. The public is also invited to view the entries and cast votes for their favorite in each age group.

For more information and to see the rules for the LEGO® competition, visit the Library website at www.folsom.ca.us/library.





Sandbags Available for Storm Preparation

If your property has a history of flooding, it's important to prepare in advance of a storm. Sand and sandbags are available for Folsom residents and business owners at no charge. The City's two self-serve sandbag stations are next to Fire Station 36 at 9700 Oak Avenue Parkway and behind City Hall at 50 Natoma Street. The City offers free sandbag materials, including bags, sand and shovels, but bring your own shovel. You may also wish to bring safety goggles, gloves and a flashlight. Sandbags and sand can also be purchased at most major hardware or home improvement stores. Learn how to fill a sandbag and find other useful information at www.folsom.ca.us/sandbags.



HOLIDAY RECYCLING

Buying, wrapping and celebrating substantially increases the amount of waste we generate during the holiday season. Help manage the extra waste by recycling what you can, and keeping prohibited items out of the blue recycle bins.

Recycle

- Wrapping paper and tissue
- Cards and envelopes
- Food and beverage containers
- Cardboard boxes (flattened and cut to about 12"x12" pieces)

Place in your trash can

(or even better, reuse these!)

- Metallic paper (including tissue with metallic trim)
- Vinyl or Mylar wrapping
- Styrofoam
- Ribbons and bows



HELP KEEP LEAVES OUT OF STORM DRAINS

Keep storm drains clear and prevent localized flooding by managing the leaves on your property. Rake and remove the leaves in your yard, gutters and sidewalks and place the leaves in your green waste container. Leaves piled on the street can make street sweeping difficult, and can clog street sweeping trucks. Remember that residential households can have up to two green waste (and two recycle) carts with their basic trash rate. You can also include yard waste in your next bulky waste cleanup collection. Leaves and other smaller items should be bagged. To schedule a bulky waste cleanup or to order a second green waste cart, call 916-355-8367 or visit the City's website.



REPORT STORM-RELATED HAZARDS WITH SECLICKFIX FOLSOM

Clogged storm drain or localized flooding in your neighborhood? Fallen tree limb or stop sign on your street? Non-emergency storm-related incidents can be submitted to the City of Folsom with reporting app SeeClickFix Folsom. This free place-based online and mobile platform allows you to report, document and monitor a variety of neighborhood concerns and improvements. To download the app, visit your app store and search for SeeClickFix Folsom or visit www.folsom.ca.us.

Holiday Toy Drive for Families in Need

Bring holiday cheer to neighbors in need by participating in the annual Christmas Toy Drive. The toy drive is organized by Folsom's Citizens Assisting Public Safety (CAPS), in partnership with the Folsom Police and Fire Departments and the Folsom Police Foundation. Toys and gifts collected are delivered to Folsom families in need by police and fire personnel in the days before Christmas.

Help make the holidays special for local families in two ways:

Make a wish come true. Select an ornament from the trees in the lobby of the Folsom Police Department or Folsom Fire Department Station 35 to fill the specific wish of a child. Return the ornament and new, unwrapped gift to the Police or Fire Department.

Bring a gift of your choosing for a child, teen or adult. New, unopened and unwrapped toys, as well as new clothing or gift cards, may be dropped off at the Folsom Police Department or at the Folsom Fire Department Station 35.

The Folsom Police Department is located at 46 Natoma Street and Folsom Fire Department Station 35 is located at 535 Glenn Drive. Donated gifts can be delivered between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. through December 8. For more information contact Jessica Hess at 916-351-3409 or jhess@folsom.ca.us.

HOLIDAY SWEATER PARTY AT THE FOLSOM SENIOR CENTER

Wear your most festive holiday sweater to this fun celebration Friday, December 22 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Bring your own brown bag lunch or reserve a hot lunch from the Senior Nutrition program by calling 916-351-3386 (deadline to place a hot lunch order is December 11). The Senior Center's very own "Off-Key Singers" will provide musical entertainment, light refreshments will be served, a prize will be awarded for the most festive holiday sweater, and a raffle will be held. The event is free for ages 55+. The Folsom Senior Center is located at 48 Natoma Street; call 916-355-7285 for more information.



CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

The City will be holding its annual Christmas Tree recycling drop-off event Saturday, January 6. Trees will be accepted from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Rodeo Park at the end of Stafford Street. All ornaments, tinsel, lights, nails and stands must be removed before dropping off a tree. Boy Scouts will be present to help unload trees and will also collect trees throughout the City as part of their fundraising activities. Residents may also recycle Christmas trees in their green waste bins. Trees must be cut into pieces no larger than two feet in length and four inches in diameter and the lid must close completely to receive service.

As a reminder, the City collects garbage, green waste and recycling on all holidays so place carts out on your normal collection day.



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SAVE WATER THIS WINTER

Saving water isn't just a summer necessity. Here are four tips to help you save water this winter.

Check toilets to reveal any silent leaks. Just add a few drops of food coloring to the toilet tank and wait 10 minutes before flushing. If dye appears in the toilet bowl, your toilet has a leak.

If you don't have them already, twist an aerator onto each bathroom faucet to save water without noticing a difference in flow. Faucet aerators can save a household more than 500 gallons each year.

Replace your old showerhead with a WaterSense labeled model, which helps you shrink your water footprint while still enjoying a satisfying shower.

Turn off your sprinklers and save that water for summer. Most of your landscape is dormant and gets all the water it needs from our seasonal rains.

The City of Folsom's Water Conservation Team is here to help. Call 916-355-7252 or email waterconservation@folsom.ca.us with any questions or to schedule a free Water-Wise House Call.



Keep Pipes Free of Fats, Oils and Grease this Holiday Season

The City of Folsom's Environmental and Water Resources Department reminds residents to dispose of food properly this holiday season.

Fats, oils and grease—also known as FOG—can clog sewer pipes and cause overflows. Food items such as butter, gravy, meat fats, sour cream, ice cream and salad dressings are considered FOG. Properly disposing of FOG will help avoid costly repairs to plumbing, prevent blockages in the City's sewer system and protect our waterways.

TIPS FOR PROPERLY DISPOSING OF FOG:

- **Can it!** Once cooled, pour leftover oils and grease into a sturdy container like an empty coffee can or glass jar.
- **Scrape it!** Before washing, scrape out fats, oils, and grease from pots and pans.
- **Trash it!** Put fatty and greasy food scraps in the garbage, not down the drain.

For more information, call 916-355-8365 or visit www.folsom.ca.us/FOG.

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