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City of Folsom Open for Exploration on May 17

City Works Day will showcase City of Folsom programs and professions

Climb aboard a fire engine, sit in the driver's seat of a garbage truck, play rainmaker at a stormwater activity table, and more, at Folsom's annual City Works Day on Wednesday, May 17. The free, popular event is designed to educate residents about the City of Folsom and its many public services.

Visitors of all ages can view the Fire Department's rescue boat and fire engine, talk to Curby the robot to learn about recycling, meet a Folsom Police Department K9 and mounted patrol horse, play interactive games with the City's Parks and Recreation team, and more.

The City's celebration is scheduled in May to support the American Public Works Association's "National Public Works Week." Learn more about City Works Day at www.folsom.ca.us or call 916-355-7303.



City Works Day

Wednesday, May 17
9:30 a.m. to noon
Folsom City Lions Park
(near the Folsom Public Library)
Free admission



SPRING EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Hop on over to Lembi Park for the annual celebration and giant egg hunt on Saturday, April 15. The festivities begin at 8 a.m. with a pancake breakfast, kiddie carnival, entertainment, vendor displays and youth activities. The egg hunt—featuring more than 20,000 eggs—starts at 10 a.m. sharp! Eggs are divided among four fields for different age categories. This free event is presented by Folsom Parks & Recreation with the support of community sponsors; pancake breakfast and face painting may be purchased on-site. Find more information at www.folsom.ca.us.



MAY IS BIKE MONTH

Bike Month is celebrated throughout the nation 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. Cyclists can also take part in a variety of special events in May.



◀ Great Scott Bike and Walk Event

Sunday, May 7, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Enjoy more than 30 miles of beautiful country roads, 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 Chambers of Commerce, and a variety of community sponsors.

Fast riders can access the course from 8 to 10 a.m.; from 10 a.m. to 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.

10TH ANNUAL FOLSOM RIDE WITH THE MAYOR

Thursday, May 11, 7:30 a.m.

Enjoy a free group ride to celebrate Bike Month! Riders meet in Historic Folsom with free coffee and pastries before the 8:30 a.m. departure. Along the 30-mile route, the group will converge with riders from Rancho Cordova and then continue to Discovery Park in Sacramento to join other cyclists from around the region for a free catered

lunch provided by the May is Bike Month organization. After lunch, the group will ride the last few miles to the State Capitol grounds to join in the Capitol Bike Fest. After the festival, 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 and lunch counts. Register online at <http://webtrac.folsom.ca.us>, and search for Activity Code 271060-01 or call 916-355-7285 for assistance. Questions about the event can be directed to Jim Konopka at jkonopka@folsom.ca.us.





TIPS ON TRAIL SAFETY FROM THE FOLSOM POLICE DEPARTMENT

Folsom is home to an extensive trail system, with more than 45 miles of trails for walkers, runners and cyclists. As you enjoy Folsom's multiuse trails this spring, the Folsom Police Department offers a few safety tips to remember before you head out.

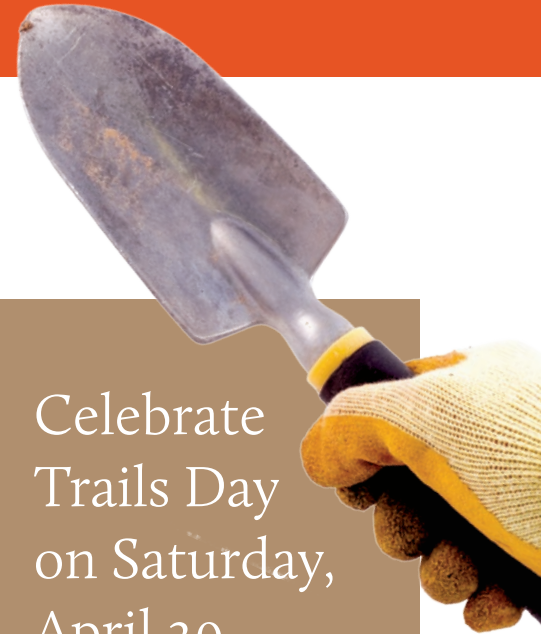
Bicyclists

- Keep to the right side of the trail
- Yield to pedestrians
- Pass on the left side of oncoming pedestrians/joggers
- Ride at a safe speed; single-file in congested conditions or in areas with reduced visibility

Pedestrians

- Keep to the left side of the trail (facing oncoming cyclists)
- Watch for other trail users
- Maintain single-file in congested conditions and in areas with reduced visibility

Residents are encouraged to join the Folsom Police Department's Dog Walker Watch and help prevent crime on the trails. This special program trains residents who use trails and pathways regularly on how to spot and report suspicious activity. Find the next training session and additional information at www.folsompd.com or call Police Volunteer Coordinator Jessica Hess at 916-351-3409.



Celebrate Trails Day on Saturday, April 29

Join other community volunteers from 9 a.m. to noon at the 23rd annual event to beautify and enhance a portion of Folsom's recreational trail system. All volunteers receive a commemorative Trails Day T-shirt, lunch and beverages—plus the satisfaction of contributing to the community. This event is sponsored by the City of Folsom.

Volunteers should wear work clothes and shoes, and bring a pair of work gloves. This event is free, but you must pre-register to participate! Find more details and register at <http://webtrac.folsom.ca.us> or call 916-355-7285.



SUMMER DAY CAMPS FOR KIDS AND TEENS

Camps are a great way for kids and teens to keep their minds engaged and bodies active while they're out of school. Folsom Parks & Recreation offers a wide variety of camp choices to learn a new sport or sharpen existing skills, showcase talents through the arts, spark imaginations through creative play, explore and enjoy the outdoors, make new friends, and create lasting memories.



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 916-355-7285 for more information.

ENJOY A NEW FITNESS EXPERIENCE AT FOLSOM'S RUN WITH NATURE

This year marks more great "firsts" for the 34th annual fitness event on Saturday, May 20—including a new location, and new run and walk courses. What haven't changed are the elements that make this event a favorite annual tradition for so many people: beautiful views, natural scenery, and a family-friendly format.

The race takes place along the Humbug-Willow Creek Trail system, on paved trails surrounded by acres of open space and wetlands.

You'll be amazed that you're in the heart of the city and yet surrounded by beautiful natural scenery!

The course options include a 5.8K fitness walk, 5.8K and 13K chip-timed runs, and a youth half-mile fun run (contained within Cummings Family Park where the other events start and finish). Note: runners on the 13K course will be able to determine their 10K split time with mileage markers.

Registered 5.8K and 13K participants receive a commemorative finisher's medal and T-shirt; the top male and female run finishers will each receive a special prize. Youth fun run participants receive a T-shirt and a raffle ticket. All participants can enjoy post-race festivities including DJ entertainment, refreshments, and vendor booths with information and product samples.

Proceeds from the race benefit Folsom Parks & Recreation, the Folsom Athletic Association, and Friends of the Folsom Parkways and provide Folsom youth with recreational opportunities and also help fund trail improvements. Visit www.FolsomRunWithNature.com for race information and online registration.



CELEBRATE MOMS, FAMILY AND FITNESS

The 3rd annual Love My Mom 5K takes place on Saturday, May 13. Join us as we honor and celebrate moms and their tireless commitment to family and community at this popular event 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 Food Market; the course includes the Palladio's interior streets and surrounding roads. New this year is a half-mile youth fun run for ages 10 and under.

Participants will be electronically timed for those who like to aim for a goal, and a special award will be presented to the top finisher in a variety of categories. However, the focus of the event is fitness, not competition, so all registered 5K participants will receive a custom dry-fit T-shirt and special finisher's medal to commemorate their effort. At the finish area, all participants can explore vendor booths, enjoy DJ music, and sample some light refreshments.

Visit www.folsom.ca.us for more information and a link to online registration.

REPORT ABANDONED VEHICLES TO FOLSOM CODE ENFORCEMENT

Abandoned vehicles are an eyesore, contribute to neighborhood blight and are one of the most commonly reported nuisances in the city. Folsom Code Enforcement officers are here to assist with the removal of abandoned, wrecked, inoperative, unregistered and illegally parked vehicles on public property.

While City and State codes allow vehicles to be parked on the public roadway, any vehicle parked in the same location for more than 72 hours is considered a violation. All utility trailers and boat trailers must be attached to the tow vehicle and they must be moved every 72 hours.

Please contact us if you believe there is an abandoned vehicle in your area. When making your report, provide the vehicle location, license plate number and a description.

REPORT ABANDONED VEHICLES

City of Folsom Abandoned Vehicle Hotline

916-930-1074

City of Folsom Code Enforcement Team

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SeeClickFix Folsom

To download the reporting app, visit your app store and search for SeeClickFix Folsom or visit www.folsom.ca.us.

Folsom Dispatchers Honored During National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week



Dispatchers are often the first in line in emergency service response—the calming voice you hear when you are hurt, in danger, or need help fast. The week of April 9 is National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, honoring the men and women who answer 911 emergency calls, and dispatch police, fire, and paramedic personnel that provide life-saving assistance.

The City of Folsom's 12 dispatchers handled more than 103,300 calls in 2016, and 98% of those calls were answered within

10 seconds. Folsom dispatchers work in teams of two to ensure emergency responders are ready when every second counts. While one dispatcher responds to emergency calls, the other dispatcher relays the critical information to the appropriate responders.

Folsom Police Department dispatchers will be recognized at the Organization of Public Safety Telecommunicators Week banquet on April 8; Elva Valasek will be named Dispatcher of the Year and Jennie Paraniel will receive the Customer Service Award. The celebration will continue throughout the week with special activities, honoring all of the City's dispatchers. Join us in honoring the first responders on the other end of the line.

ORANGEVALE BRIDGE TO REOPEN

The Orangevale Avenue Bridge will reopen this spring after a year-long rehabilitation project on the century-old bridge that connects Folsom and Orangevale.

The historic bridge spans Gold Creek and is located on Orangevale Avenue between Placer Mine Road and American River Canyon Road. An estimated 1,000 vehicles cross the bridge daily.

The rehabilitated Orangevale Avenue Bridge meets current structural standards while preserving the historical character. The project also included utility and sewer upgrades in the area. The \$2.1 million project was funded largely by a federal grant administered by the Caltrans Highway Bridge Program.

The Orangevale Avenue Bridge was originally completed in 1915 to connect Folsom and Orangevale prior to the completion of Greenback Lane in the 1950s.





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Folsom Celebrates National Library Week

The Folsom Public Library joins the National Library Week celebration April 9 to 15 with special events for kids, teens and adults. This year's theme is "Libraries Transform," recognizing the many ways that libraries have adapted to a changing world while still providing all ages with opportunities for personal growth and lifelong learning.

You can help support the Folsom Public Library during National Library Week when you shop in-store or

online at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, or make a purchase at the Barnes & Noble Café. Visit online at www.folsom.ca.us/library for more details and to print vouchers.

The fun continues with the Library's annual Summer Reading Kickoff celebration on May 27 from 10 a.m. to noon, with live music, games, prizes, and Summer Reading program sign-ups.

Celebrate National Library Week at the Folsom Public Library April 9

to 15 with events for children, teens and adults. Programs include:

Tommy's Space Adventure

a puppet show presented by PuppetArt Theater
Wednesday, April 12, 3:30 p.m.

Storytime with Special Character Appearance by Pete the Cat

Friday, April 14, 10:30 a.m.

Computer Skills for Adults: Email

Saturday, April 15, 1 to 2:30 p.m.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND ROAD IMPROVEMENTS BEGIN SOUTH OF HIGHWAY 50

An 18-month schedule of infrastructure and road improvements is starting south of Highway 50 for the new Folsom Ranch plan area—3,513 acres annexed into the City of Folsom in 2012. This spring and summer, construction activities will include infrastructure and safety improvements such as water, sewer, streets and utilities, plus temporary closures and detours of Placerville Road and Scott Road. An east-west connector will be built between those roads, eventually running parallel to Highway 50, similar to Iron Point Road to the north. The Sacramento Municipal Utility District will build a substation to serve the area with electrical power. Traffic safety and detour signs will be posted.

Planned in accordance with Measure W, a ballot measure passed by Folsom voters, land owners were required to secure an independent water supply for the plan area, provide transportation improvements to mitigate traffic impacts, preserve 30 percent of the land as natural open space, and allow for new schools—all at no cost to existing Folsom residents. The plan that met those requirements was adopted by the Folsom City Council in 2012.

The plan area was the subject of a visioning process instituted by the City with hundreds of residents at dozens of public hearings addressing a range of issues including land use, open space, transportation, and financing. Their recommendations resulted in scenarios reviewed by the Folsom City Council in 2005, which ultimately evolved into the design adopted in 2012.

Highlights of the plan area include 835 contiguous acres of oak woodlands, 120 acres of community parks, a vibrant town center, new homes, transit improvements to mitigate traffic impacts from the plan area, up to 8,000 high quality jobs, and a new high school, middle school and elementary schools.



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