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Folsom's New Reporting App

Want to report a water leak in your neighborhood? Burned out streetlight on your block? In Folsom, there's an app for that. The City of Folsom launched Folsom Connect, a free, new app that improves your ability to submit and track non-emergency service requests through an online and mobile platform. The place-based reporting platform allows you to document and monitor neighborhood concerns and improvements, ranging from litter and flooding to damaged sidewalks and malfunctioning traffic signals. To download the app, visit your app store and search for Folsom Connect or visit folsom.ca.us.



MEDICINE COLLECTION BIN AVAILABLE AT FOLSOM POLICE DEPARTMENT

Have unused or unwanted meds around the house? Don't send those down the drain or trash. Instead, stop by the Folsom Police Department at 46 Natoma Street and toss them in the new medicine collection bin, offered as part of the Don't Rush to Flush program.

"The 'Don't Rush to Flush' program not only protects our waterways, but most importantly, the members of our community who already struggle with addiction," said Folsom Police Chief Cynthia Renaud.

Residents using the medication collection bin should take pills out of the bottles and place in baggies. Liquids and creams should be left

in original containers. Syringes will not be accepted. The Folsom Police Department lobby is open from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays, excluding Wednesdays and holidays.

For more information, visit dontrushtoflush.org.



Folsom Police Chief Cynthia Renaud demonstrates a disposal in the new medicine collection bin.



EAST BIDWELL STREET IMPROVEMENTS UNDERWAY

A project to improve safety and traffic flow on E. Bidwell Street is underway. A third northbound vehicle lane and an extra-wide bicycle lane have been added between Scholar Drive and Oak Avenue Parkway. This spring, the pavement on E. Bidwell Street will be resurfaced to improve the drivability and extend the lifespan of this heavily-traveled corridor, and streetlights will be upgraded with energy-efficient LEDs. Stay informed about lane closures at folsom.ca.us.





New Dimensions: 3D Printing Lab Comes to Folsom Public Library

Bring your ideas to life at the Folsom Public Library's new 3D Printing Lab. The Library's 3D printers make three-dimensional objects in plastic using a design that is uploaded from a digital computer file. The 3D Printing Lab is open the second and fourth Sunday of each month from noon to 4 p.m. 3D printing is currently free to the public, but plastic filament donations are welcome. The lab was made possible thanks to grant funding from the Intel Foundation.



WATER CONSERVATION – THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT

Tracking water use for Folsom's water customers is easier than ever before, thanks to the City of Folsom's tech tool Dropcountr. The free app provides easy access to current water use data and compares the consumption to users of similar family and lot size. Signing up is quick and easy. Simply download the Dropcountr app from Apple or Google Play, or visit dropcountr.com to sign up from your personal computer. You will need your account number, which is printed on your City of Folsom utility bill. If you have any questions, contact the City's Water Conservation Team at waterconservation@folsom.ca.us or 355-7252.

CHANGE CLOCKS, CHANGE SMOKE ALARM BATTERIES ON MARCH 13

A simple task can save a life. Your chance of surviving a house fire doubles if there are working smoke alarms in your home. That's why the Folsom Fire Department is reminding you to change the batteries in your home smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms when you change your clocks on March 13 for daylight saving time.

There should be one smoke alarm in every bedroom, along with an alarm outside each sleeping area and a carbon monoxide alarm should be installed on each floor of the residence at least five feet above the floor level. As well as changing the batteries twice a year, it is also important to check smoke and carbon monoxide alarms monthly by pressing the test button.



NEW STREET SWEEPER ADDED TO CITY FLEET

Folsom streets will now be swept clean with a new, high-tech, fuel-efficient street sweeper. More than 2,500 miles of roadways are swept annually by two street sweepers in order to remove paper, leaves and other debris that collects in gutters. Street sweeping keeps city streets looking well-kept and minimizes localized flooding by keeping storm drains clear.





PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

Wednesday, March 2, 4–6 p.m.

LOCATIONS

- **Fun Factory Folsom Community Center, 52 Natoma Street**
- **Fun Factory Folsom Sports Complex, 66 Clarksville Road**
- **Kindergarten Readiness at the Hinkle Creek Nature Center, 7000 Baldwin Dam Road**

Folsom Parks & Recreation's Fun Factory Preschool and Kindergarten Readiness classrooms are hosting an open house for parents to meet our wonderful teachers, ask questions, and determine which program and location best suits your child. In-person registration for the fall school year takes place March 9, 5:30–7:30 p.m. Find more information about these programs at folsom.ca.us or call Preschool Director Sarah Trobee at 355-8355.

LOW-COST RABIES CLINIC OFFERED

The City of Folsom Animal Services Department offers a low-cost monthly rabies clinic for residents, providing an easy and affordable way for pet owners to rabies vaccinate, microchip and license Folsom's four-legged residents.

The clinic is held on the fourth Wednesday of every month, excluding November and December, from 6–8 p.m. at Folsom City Lions Park at 403 Stafford Street.

Rabies vaccinations are offered for pets for \$5, and for a limited time a microchip with lifetime registration is free with the purchase or renewal of a City of Folsom pet license at the clinic.



SIGN UP FOR SAFETY ALERTS

Stay up-to-date on public safety news and information with the City of Folsom's public notification service Nixle. This service provides real-time alerts via email and text message on crimes, fires, storms and other important public safety issues. Sign up at folsom.ca.us/depts/police.



Saturday, March 26, 8–11 a.m.

Egg hunt starts at 10 a.m. sharp!

**Lembi Community Park,
1328 Riley Street (next to
the Folsom Aquatic Center)**

Spring Eggstravaganza

Hop on over to Lembi Park for this annual favorite community event. Before the hunt starts, kids can take part in the free carnival games and vendor activities, enjoy a magic show, and the entire family can enjoy a pancake breakfast (tickets sold onsite). The big egg hunt features nearly 20,000 eggs and takes place on four athletic fields by age group.

New this year: help restock the shelves at Folsom's Twin Lakes Food Bank! Bring a donation of nonperishable food items/canned foods. Find a list of most-needed items at twinlakesfoodbank.org.





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CITY HOSTS AMGEN TOUR OF CALIFORNIA THIS MAY

Pro cyclists return to Folsom this May for the 11th annual Amgen Tour of California. Folsom will host the men's sixth stage, an individual time trial, and the women's second stage, a team time trial, on Friday, May 20, 2016.

The Tour of California is broadcast on NBC Sports to a worldwide audience, and Folsom's approximately 12-mile course will showcase some of the city's distinctive landmarks and natural amenities as riders start and finish in the Historic District, and travel over the Rainbow Bridge and Folsom Lake Crossing.

The time trials are an especially exciting event for spectators, as the world's best pro riders race all-out against the clock for the fastest times.

Volunteers are needed to serve as course marshals, assist with crowd control, and other duties. Find more information and register to volunteer at AmgenTourofCalifornia.com.

For more information about volunteer opportunities, contact Norma Pekelo-Kuykendall at npekelo@folsom.ca.us.

PEDAL STOP OFFERS SECURE BIKE PARKING IN HISTORIC FOLSOM

Folsom's Historic District is a hub for cyclists, offering easy access to Light Rail, trails, Lake Natoma, restaurants and shops. Cyclists can safely store bikes at the Pedal Stop, located in the Historic District parking garage. Pedal Stop offers convenient and secure temporary bike parking for less than a dollar a day. The facility can accommodate 60 bikes, and provides storage space for clothes, bags and shoes. For more information or to purchase a smart card, visit bikelink.org.

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