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## Capital SouthEast Connector Construction Begins

Construction is underway on the Capital SouthEast Connector project—a 34-mile expressway that will fill a critical gap by connecting the southern area of Sacramento County to El Dorado County in the east and serve as a connection between Elk Grove, Rancho Cordova, and Folsom.



The Capital SouthEast Connector is the Sacramento region's largest approved transportation project. Construction activity is in progress at three locations: White Rock Road (between Prairie City Road and East Bidwell Street), Kammerer Road (between Bruceville Road and Lotz Parkway), and Grant Line Road (between Waterman Road and Bradshaw Road).

Learn more at [www.connectorjpa.net](http://www.connectorjpa.net).

## NEW AND IMPROVED UTILITY BILL PAY SERVICE

*Convenient Payments \* Enhanced Features \* Improved Experience*

The City of Folsom is launching a new user-friendly online payment system for utilities customers this summer. Online features include:

- Make a payment online, by phone, or by text.
- View and pay your bill online with a credit card, debit card, eCheck, Apple Pay or Google Pay.
- Securely store payment information for later use.
- Save time and avoid late payments with autopay.
- Go paperless to receive bills via email after registering your account.
- Get an email notification when your bill is ready, just before the due date, and when a scheduled payment is pending.
- Pay by phone, or check your balance 24/7.
- No convenience fees when paying by eCheck.

All current City of Folsom autopay and bank draft customers must re-enroll.

Learn more at [www.folsom.ca.us/NewBillPay](http://www.folsom.ca.us/NewBillPay).

## CITY OF FOLSOM WAIVES BUSINESS LICENSE FEES

Recognizing the financial strain that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to have on local businesses, the City of Folsom is offering a relief waiver to businesses with license fees of \$600 or less.

The one-year waiver applies to new business license applications and renewals from July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022. Businesses with prior delinquencies must bring their license to current before a waiver can be reviewed for the 2021 year.

The waiver will apply to nearly 4,600 businesses, including retail stores, hair and beauty shops, gyms and fitness centers, restaurants and bars, museums and art galleries, home occupations, and private schools.

For more information about the program, visit [www.folsom.ca.us/businesslicenses](http://www.folsom.ca.us/businesslicenses), email [folsom@HdLgov.com](mailto:folsom@HdLgov.com), or call 916-458-4753.



## Folsom City Council Adopts Ordinance to Enforce Illegal Use of Fireworks

The Folsom City Council adopted an ordinance Tuesday to address the increased usage of illegal fireworks around the Fourth of July holiday and strengthen enforcement capabilities.

The new “Social Host Liability Ordinance” is intended to hold persons in control of a property accountable for the illegal use of fireworks. Under the ordinance, property owners and tenants could face fines for illegal firework displays set off on their property, regardless of whether they ignited the displays. Those found in violation of the ordinance will be fined up to \$1,000.

Illegal use of fireworks is dangerous and has recently resulted in injury and fires in Folsom. Additionally, 9-1-1 calls about illegal fireworks can result in longer public safety response times for other critical emergencies.

Under the City of Folsom Municipal Code, the use of illegal fireworks can result in administrative violations subject to a fine of up to \$5,000. Using, selling, or possessing illegal fireworks also fall under many California Health and Safety Codes violations that could result in \$50,000 fines and jail time.

“Safe and Sane” fireworks are currently allowed in nearly 300 communities across the state, including all communities in Sacramento County. These fireworks are not explosive, not aerially launched, and are tested and approved by the Office of the State Fire Marshal. In Folsom, fireworks sales and usage are limited to June 28 through July 4. For more information, visit [www.folsom.ca.us/fire](http://www.folsom.ca.us/fire).

## FIREWORKS SAFETY TIPS

The Folsom Fire Department offers these important tips to stay safe this Fourth of July:

- Be sure to purchase “Safe and Sane” fireworks that display the State Fire Marshal’s seal.
- Fireworks that explode or leave the ground are illegal in California, unless you have a fire department permit.
- Store fireworks in a cool, dry place.
- Read and follow all directions.
- When using legal fireworks, only set them off outdoors in a clear area that is away from homes, dry leaves, grass, and other flammable materials.
- Supervise children and be sure other people are out of range before lighting fireworks.
- Always have a bucket of water for disposal of fireworks and a hose connected to water in case of fire.
- Do not try to relight or handle malfunctioning fireworks. Soak them with water and throw them away.
- Fireworks are prohibited in all city-owned properties and parks except at the Lembi Community Park parking lot. The use of fireworks on all trails and open spaces in the City of Folsom is prohibited.



# July is Parks Make Life Better Month

The month of July is designated as a nationwide celebration recognizing the importance of parks and recreation for residents, communities, and the environment. Our local parks, trails, and open spaces have been essential throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, and many community members have discovered a new appreciation for the mental and physical benefits these vital outdoor spaces can provide.

Folsom residents can join the celebration by taking time to enjoy the city's abundance of outdoor spaces, waterways, parks, trails, and recreational programs. Find information about summer day camps, events, and programs for all ages in the digital Rec Guide at [www.folsom.ca.us/recguide](http://www.folsom.ca.us/recguide).



## SUMMER FUN AT THE AQUATIC CENTER

Recreation swim takes place daily from 1 to 5 p.m. through September 6. Guests can enjoy the colorful new interactive play structure, sparkling new plaster and tile on the instructional and play pools, and new concrete decking. Other amenities available during recreation swim are the two-story water slide, a poolside basketball hoop, 10 dedicated lanes for lap swimming, free-swim in the 50-meter pool (4.5-foot depth section), two diving boards, and the Poolside Café. The aquatic center's trained lifeguarding staff are always on duty during recreation swim.

**Daily lap swim** is offered in a variety of morning, afternoon, and evening session times. Lap swim is available by daily drop-in rates or with money-saving passes.

**Little Dippers** for parents and children 6 years and younger takes place from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fridays through August 6. This program provides an opportunity for younger children to increase their water confidence in a calmer environment.

**The giant floating obstacle courses** are available Saturdays and Sundays starting July 3. A wristband must be purchased to play on the giant inflatables.

**Family Movie Night** returns Saturday, August 7. Swimming will be available from 6:30 to 8 p.m., and the open-air movie will begin after dark.

**The Steve Miklos Aquatic Center** is located at 1200 Riley Street; learn more about aquatics programs at [www.folsom.ca.us](http://www.folsom.ca.us) or call 916-461-6640.

## PLANNING UNDERWAY FOR NEW CITY PARK

City staff and the design consulting team held a public workshop June 9 for the first park in the Folsom Plan Area. The park—currently known as Neighborhood Park #3—is located on Mangini Parkway, immediately adjacent to Mangini Ranch Elementary School, which is scheduled to open for the 2021-22 school year.

The virtual workshop was attended by 148 community members who were able to provide input and comments about the potential features and amenities to be considered in the design of the park. Staff and the consulting team are evaluating the input received and will present the information to the community and the Parks and Recreation Commission this summer.

Find the Neighborhood Park #3 workshop presentation and responses to comments at [www.folsom.ca.us/NP3](http://www.folsom.ca.us/NP3).

Contact Brad Nelson, City of Folsom Senior Park Planner, at [bnelson@folsom.ca.us](mailto:bnelson@folsom.ca.us) with questions about the park.

## Gallery at 48 Natoma Hosts New Exhibit

The gallery's new exhibit, "Body of Work," features photographs of graceful body forms engaged in dance by Tony Nguyen, and wire mesh shadow sculptures that convey movement of the body by Myra Cooper Holmes. The exhibit opens July 16 and continues through September 30. The adjacent Community Exhibition Gallery will feature work by the Folsom Art Center faculty art instructors.

Starting July 16, the gallery will be open to the public for free,

self-guided tours for individuals or groups from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, with extended evening hours on some weeknights coming later this summer.

Additional self-guided tour hours are available with an advance reservation—call 916-461-6601 or email [cabraham@folsom.ca.us](mailto:cabraham@folsom.ca.us).

The gallery is located at 48 Natoma Street, next to Folsom City Hall.

## SUMMER OF MUSIC CONCERTS

### *Friday evening concert series returns to City Lions Park*

Folsom Parks & Recreation's free Friday evening concert series returns this summer with four outstanding bands representing a variety of musical genres. The open-air concerts are held from 7 to 9 p.m. at Folsom City Lions Park. Bring blankets, lawn chairs, and your own picnic, or purchase a variety of food, beverages, and treats on site from visiting food trucks.

The concerts will also stream live on [facebook.com/FolsomParksandRec](https://www.facebook.com/FolsomParksandRec), so you can still enjoy the music even if you can't make it to the park.

**Summer of Music featured bands and food trucks:**

### July 9

**Band:** Bobby Zoppi and The Corduroys (*country hits and classics*)

**Food trucks:** The Wing Spot 916, Jeeroz Food Truck, Outlaw Cuisine, Daisy's Desserts, Pink Ice Cream Cart Company, Inc.

### July 23

**Band:** Dad's Impala (*classic rock and power chord blues*)

**Food trucks:** Zintzuni Cocina Mexicana, Hefty Gyros, The Wing Spot 916, Happy Cow Ice Cream, Hella-Halo Sacramento, Pink Ice Cream Cart Company, Inc.

### August 13

**Band:** Innersoul (*R&B and Latin*)

**Food trucks:** Hefty Gyros, The Fry Boys, Tailgater44, Local Kine Shave Ice, Pink Ice Cream Cart Company, Inc.

## HELP PLAN THE FUTURE OF WALKING AND BICYCLING IN FOLSOM

### CITY OF FOLSOM ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The Active Transportation Master Plan (ATP) will combine and update the master plans for both pedestrian and bicycle facilities in the City of Folsom. The ATP will guide the planning, development, and maintenance of existing and future bicycle and pedestrian facilities within the city, including recommended citywide active transportation network improvements and Safe Routes to School.

The ATP is expected to be completed in early 2022. This planning effort is made possible by funding from the SACOG 2019 State of Good Repair Planning and Project Development Grant Funding Program.

### PUBLIC INPUT MAP

You can provide input by adding your feedback to the online project map at [walkbiketrailsfolsom.com](http://walkbiketrailsfolsom.com). The online map allows you to draw preferred walking and bicycling routes, identify key destinations, and inform us of barriers to walking and bicycling in Folsom.

### STAY INFORMED

While the ATP is in development, the project team will participate in a variety of community events and host public meetings to gather information and ask your opinions about future bikeways and pedestrian improvements. Contact Brett Bollinger, City of Folsom Senior Trails Planner, at [bbollinger@folsom.ca.us](mailto:bbollinger@folsom.ca.us) to receive notifications of upcoming events and plan updates, and to submit questions or comments about the project.



# Folsom City Council Adopts Balanced Budget

The Folsom City Council unanimously approved a \$220 million structurally sound and balanced operating budget and capital improvement plan for the 2021-22 fiscal year that takes effect July 1.

The budget focuses on fiscal responsibility and recovery from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. As the pandemic subsides and the economy improves, the budget reflects promising economic growth and modest increases in the city's primary revenue sources. Highlights include:

- Capital SouthEast Connector
- Sewer evaluation and capacity assurance plan
- Street resurfacing, sewer, and drainage improvements
- Contract for police body-worn cameras
- Two ambulances and a street sweeper
- Preliminary design of Fire Station 34, located in the Folsom Plan Area
- Davies Park improvements, including a turf ball field and parking lot
- Livermore Community Park improvements, including a new parking lot and walkways
- First neighborhood park in the Folsom Plan Area
- Folsom Plan Area trails
- Upgrades at the Folsom City Zoo Sanctuary and Folsom Community Center

Find complete budget details at [www.folsom.ca.us/budget](http://www.folsom.ca.us/budget).



## FIRE STATION 38 DEDICATED TO CAPTAIN JOHN MURRAY

On June 1, Folsom Fire Station 38 was dedicated to Folsom Fire Captain John H. Murray, who died in the line of duty October 2, 1995. The station, located at 1300 Blue Ravine Road, is being remodeled and is scheduled to reopen this summer.

Captain Murray is survived by his wife, Stephanie Murray, and daughters Ryann and Samantha, who were all presented with engraved commemorative bricks from the original Station 38.

## JOIN THE SUMMER READING BINGO CHALLENGE

Join the Summer Reading Bingo Challenge with the Folsom Public Library! Sign up to read or listen to five books by the end of July. Kids and teens completing the Bingo Challenge win a free book and entry into a drawing for a \$100 Target gift card. Adults who complete the challenge also earn entry into the drawing. Pick up the Bingo Challenge game card at the library or use the library's Beanstack app. In addition to the reading challenge, readers can log books by scanning ISBN numbers, time reading sessions, and keep records of current and past reading with the Beanstack app. Sign up at [folsom.beanstack.org](http://folsom.beanstack.org).

Reading during the summer months helps prevent "summer slide"—a phenomenon where students lose up to two months of learned reading skills when they are out of school. Stay informed about the Folsom Public Library at [www.folsom.ca.us/library](http://www.folsom.ca.us/library).







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## FOLSOM WATER CUSTOMERS CALLED TO CONSERVE AMID DROUGHT CONDITIONS

At its May 25 meeting, the Folsom City Council requested that the city's water customers voluntarily reduce water use by 10% amid drought conditions and directed staff to increase outreach about water conservation. The request is in response to the Governor Newsom's May 10 emergency executive order to mitigate the effects of drought conditions in 41 of California's 58 counties, including Sacramento County.

The City of Folsom receives its water supply from the American River at Folsom Reservoir. Reservoir storage levels are lower than historic drought conditions in 2014 and 2015, and this is currently the second driest year on record since 1977. Folsom water customers are encouraged to voluntarily conserve water, especially outdoors, where most household water use typically occurs. Customers can reduce sprinkler runoff and fix plumbing leaks to achieve significant water savings.

The City of Folsom Water Conservation Division offers a number of services and programs to help you use water wisely, including free water-wise house calls and water efficiency rebates. Folsom water customers can track water use by reviewing their utility bills or by downloading the Dropcountr water conservation app.

Find ways to reduce water use, schedule a water-wise house call, or learn more about rebates at [www.folsom.ca.us/WaterConservation](http://www.folsom.ca.us/WaterConservation).

## BEST WAYS TO SAVE

In the Sacramento region, most of the water we use daily goes on lawns and outdoor landscaping, and about 30% of that is lost due to overwatering and evaporation. There are many ways to save water at home, but using water efficiently outdoors can make the biggest difference of all.



1. *Check the soil with a moisture meter before turning on sprinklers*—saves 80 gallons of water per day.
2. *Replace older sprinklers with high-efficiency rotary nozzles*—saves 8 gallons of water per 1,000 square feet of yard per day.
3. *Upgrade to a WaterSense-labeled weather-based sprinkler timer*—saves up to 100–150 gallons of water per day.
4. *Water plants early in the morning to reduce evaporation*—saves 50 gallons of water each time you water.
5. *Inside your home, check and fix leaks*—saves 30–50 gallons of water per day.



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