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Volunteer for Community Service Day

Thousands of volunteers will complete dozens of service projects Saturday, September 18 at the eighth annual Community Service Day, Folsom's largest day of volunteerism. This major citywide event mobilizes volunteers of all ages and interests to complete projects throughout Folsom that make a positive, lasting impact.

Community Service Day is organized by the City of Folsom, local businesses, and community organizations. The annual event is made possible thanks to generous sponsorship support from Intel, Dignity Health, Style Media Group, Folsom Telegraph, Lakeside Church, and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Learn more and register to volunteer at www.folsomcommunityservice.org.



Remembering the 20th Anniversary of 9/11

The Folsom Fire and Police departments will hold a remembrance ceremony marking the 20th anniversary of 9/11. The ceremony will honor those who lost their lives and will recognize the ultimate sacrifices made by first responders. The public is invited to attend the ceremony that begins promptly at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, September 11, at Folsom City Lions Park near the gazebo.



FRIENDS OF THE FOLSOM LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Folsom Library Book Sale returns September 10 through 12, with thousands of books at deeply discounted prices. Proceeds from the sale help fund the library's programming, materials, and more. 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! Support the library all year long by becoming a Friends member; learn more at www.foflib.org.

"FOUND IN NATURE" ART EXHIBIT RECEPTION

The Gallery at 48 Natoma hosts a free public reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, October 15 for the new exhibit featuring paintings by Randy Honerlah and Judy Lew Loose, and wood sculptures by Lutz Hornischer. The adjacent Community Gallery features nature photography by members of the FolPho Photography Club.

The reception 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 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The art exhibits continue through January 13.



Volunteer with the Folsom Fire Department

The Folsom Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteer program plays a key role in the City of Folsom's goal to protect and advance community safety. When large-scale incidents occur, CERT volunteers provide neighbor-helping-neighbor assistance before the arrival of firefighters, police, or other first responders.

The next CERT training course begins September 7 and includes a curriculum on how to assist family members and neighbors until emergency responders arrive, disaster preparedness, first aid, search and rescue, and emergency response plans.

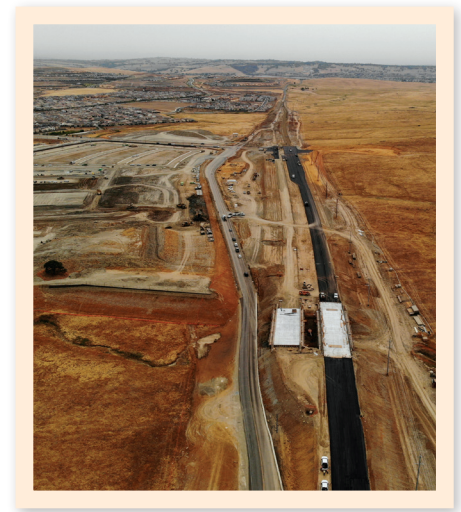
Members of the current CERT team will teach the course in-person; classes are held from 6 to 9 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday from September 7 through October 5. All eight classes must be attended to complete the program. Students who complete the required training course and pass a background check may be eligible to volunteer for the Folsom Fire Department's CERT team.

The CERT training course is free; participants must be age 18 or older, and preference is given to applicants who live or work in Folsom. For more information and to register, email contact@folsomcert.org.

PROGRESS CONTINUES ON CAPITAL SOUTHEAST CONNECTOR PROJECT

Construction continues 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. When complete, the long-planned project will serve as a commute alternative to Highways 50 and 99, relieve traffic congestion, and improve roadway safety.

This large-scale project is divided into segments that are being completed as funding is available. Progress continues on a segment in Folsom that extends from Prairie City Road to E. Bidwell Street. Construction is nearly complete on a four-lane bridge over Alder Creek, and sections of White Rock Road have been realigned and widened. Learn more at www.connectorjpa.net.





TRICK OR TREAT WITH FOLSOM POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Join the Folsom Police and Fire departments for a Public Safety Trunk-or-Treat event from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, October 30. Bring your little ghosts, goblins, superheroes, and princesses, and trick-or-treat safely as you check out police and fire vehicles and equipment (please no costumes that include weapons). The event will be held outside the Folsom Police Department, 46 Natoma Street. Learn more at www.folsom.ca.us/police.

NEW CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFT PREVENTION PROGRAM

To deter would-be thieves and track stolen catalytic converters, the Folsom Police Department has teamed up with local auto repair shops for a new Etch and Catch anti-theft program.

Catalytic converters reduce exhaust emissions from an engine and nearly every vehicle has one. They are also extremely expensive to replace. Thieves target catalytic converters for this very reason—they contain valuable precious metals.

The Folsom Police Department has partnered with Folsom auto repair shops for its Etch and Catch program. The program partners will etch your vehicle's license plate number onto your catalytic converter for free. This identifying information acts as a deterrent to thieves, and if a catalytic converter is stolen, there is a way to identify the owner.

Learn more and find a participating auto repair shop at www.folsom.ca.us/EtchAndCatch.



Open Space Closures in Folsom Due to Extreme Fire Risk

Designated city-owned open spaces that have high fire risk potential are now off-limits in Folsom. The City of Folsom issued an emergency order August 9 in response to extreme fire danger and extraordinary drought conditions.

All existing public trails, bicycle paths, and parks remain open for normal use. Maps of temporarily closed city-owned open spaces are available on the city's website. Closed areas have been clearly marked with signage.

In a report to the City Council, Folsom Fire Chief Ken Cusano stated that the fire risk conditions are extreme.

In the last year alone, the Folsom Fire Department responded to 47 fires in the city's open spaces—all caused by people.

The city owns approximately 1,000 acres of open space. Extremely dry vegetation caused by consecutive years of drought conditions has made these areas susceptible to severe fire. Common causes of fires in the open space areas include discarded cigarettes, unattended

campfires, trash burning, and any use of open flame.

For more information, visit www.folsom.ca.us/OpenSpaceClosures or contact the Folsom Fire Department at 916-461-6300 or folsomfire@folsom.ca.us. To report concerns of potential violations of the emergency order, call the Folsom Police Department at 916-461-6400. Call 9-1-1 to report a fire or other emergencies.



Ballot Drop Box Locations in Folsom

Every active registered California voter will receive a ballot in the mail for the upcoming gubernatorial recall election. Voters will have the option to return their ballot by mail or at one of many Sacramento County ballot drop-off locations.



Folsom City Hall serves as a ballot drop-off location for the election. Voters may drop off their ballot through 5 p.m. September 14 in the ballot drop box located in the lobby of Folsom City Hall, 50 Natoma Street. City Hall is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Vote Center locations are set by Sacramento County Elections

Department and are provided by the county prior to the election. At the Vote Centers, individuals can vote, solve voter registration issues, register to vote, get a replacement ballot, and receive assistance—including help with accessible voting devices and language assistance.

For more information about Sacramento County ballot drop-off locations and Vote Centers, visit www.elections.saccounty.net.

CITY OF FOLSOM BEGINS BY-DISTRICT ELECTIONS TRANSITION PROCESS

After weighing potentially high litigation costs, the Folsom City Council approved a resolution declaring its intent to transition to a by-district system for electing Folsom City Councilmembers.

The City Council's decision to transition to district-based elections is in response to lawsuits against other California public agencies related to the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA). Under the CVRA, public agencies can be sued when an at-large election system is alleged to have impaired the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of their choice or their ability to influence the outcome of an election.



There has been no finding that the City of Folsom has violated the CVRA or any other law protecting Folsom residents' right to vote. However, proof of discriminatory intent or historic discrimination is not required for a plaintiff to prevail in a CVRA lawsuit.

The city anticipates that the by-district system for electing future Folsom City Councilmembers would begin with the November 2022 General Municipal Election.

The city is committed to extensive public outreach throughout the by-district transition process. The process for establishing districts is controlled by federal and state laws, including data from the U.S. Census. The city is required to identify the number of districts, adopt a map, determine the election sequencing, and hold a minimum of five public hearings.

The initial two public hearings will be held to receive input on the composition of districts, and they are scheduled for the September 14 and October 12 Folsom City Council meetings. The meetings will take place at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 50 Natoma Street.

For a full schedule of public hearings and additional information, visit www.folsom.ca.us/districtelections.

FOLSOM VOTE CENTERS

Harris Center for the Arts at Folsom Lake College

10 College Parkway

September 4–14

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Election Day

7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Folsom Community Center

52 Natoma Street

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Proposed Solid Waste Utility Rate Increases

SB 1383 was signed into California law in 2016 as part of the state's broader effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) is working with jurisdictions, including the City of Folsom, to divert up to 26 million tons of organic material from landfills annually by 2025 to reduce methane emissions and support the state's climate change goals.

The state-mandated programs required by SB 1383 will significantly increase costs. These programs include weekly collection of all organic materials from residents and businesses, community outreach and education, procurement of products made from recycled organic material, edible food recovery, and enforcement.

In response to these new regulatory requirements, the City of Folsom Solid Waste Division conducted a comprehensive rate study to determine revenue requirements and rate structures for new operational and capital needs. An independent, third-party financial expert prepared the City of Folsom's rate study. The rate study includes an in-depth look at current revenues, operation and maintenance costs, capital investment plans, and reserves. The rate study recommends that the city increase solid waste utility rates so that the operating and capital expenses match the revenues received from customers.

Folsom residents are invited to learn more about the rate study and proposed rate schedule at a community meeting from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Monday, November 8 at the Folsom Community Center, 52 Natoma Street. The Folsom City Council will hold a public hearing at its regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 14 at Folsom City Hall, 50 Natoma Street, before taking action on the proposed rates. In October, every property owner and customer using utility services will receive a mailed notice about the proposed rates, community meeting, and public hearing, as required by Proposition 218.

To learn more and view the proposed utility rate schedule, visit www.folsom.ca.us/UtilityRates.



FOLSOM GLASS PUMPKIN PATCH

Folsom Parks & Recreation and 2BGlass Studio present the third annual event from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. October 9 and 10 on the grounds of the Folsom Art Center, 48 Natoma Street. Spectacular outdoor displays will showcase thousands of hand-blown glass pumpkins of every color, shape, and size available for purchase. New this year are acorns, feathers, apples, snails, flowers, and other unique items—all created out of hand-blown glass. These festive glass works of art are available in a variety of price points, providing a rare opportunity to purchase one-of-a-kind glass art created by brothers Aaron and Tate Bezdek, the owners of 2BGlass Studio, and talented glass artists from 15 other studios. Proceeds from this event benefit Folsom Parks & Recreation's community arts education programs at the Folsom Art Center.

Admission to the Glass Pumpkin Patch is free. The City of Folsom is following public health guidelines provided by local, state, and federal officials. As these guidelines evolve, event details may change as well. For more information, call 916-461-6601.



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SOCIAL PROGRAMS FOR FOLSOM SENIORS

The Folsom Senior Center is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. Seniors ages 55+ are invited to drop in and enjoy books, board games, and friendly conversation. A variety of organized activities including bingo, the Off-Key Singers, Mah Jongg, and book club are also offered at various times. The Parkinson's and Dementia Caregiver support groups meet monthly.

Walk 'n' Talk—the popular guided group trail walk program—begins September 2. Walks take place from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays through October, weather permitting. Seniors are also encouraged to register for a wide variety of adult fine arts programs offered at the Folsom Art Center. Find the complete schedule of activities in the Folsom Parks & Recreation digital Rec Guide at www.folsom.ca.us/recguide or call the Folsom Senior Center at 916-461-6601.



Reduce Water Use by 20%

Folsom City Manager Elaine Andersen issued a Stage 3 water conservation declaration that went into effect August 30. Folsom residents are now required to reduce water use by 20% to protect the city's water supply.

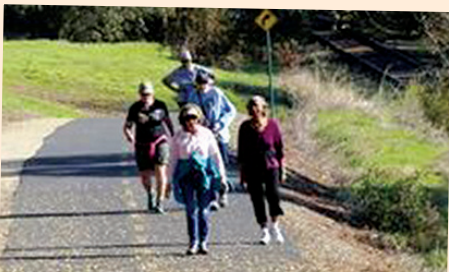
Landscape watering is limited to a maximum of two days per week, except for drip irrigation, which may be conducted on any day.

- Residents with street addresses that end with an odd number may irrigate only on Tuesdays and Saturdays.
- Residents with street addresses that end with an even number may irrigate only on Wednesdays and Sundays.

IN ADDITION:

- Washing of parking lots, streets, driveways, and sidewalks is prohibited.
- The use of city water for construction purposes without city approval is prohibited.
- Restaurants are required to only serve water upon request.
- All pools, spas, and ornamental fountains/ponds should be equipped with a recirculation pump.
- Pool refilling is only allowed for health, maintenance, or structural considerations.

Find ways to reduce water use, schedule a Water-Wise House Call, or learn more about rebates at www.folsom.ca.us/WaterConservation. For more information, email waterconservation@folsom.ca.us or call 916-461-6177. To report a water emergency after business hours, call 916-461-6400.



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