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Prospector Park

FIRST PARK IN THE FOLSOM PLAN AREA

In January, the Folsom City Council approved the name Prospector Park for the first park to be built in the Folsom Plan Area. The park site—formerly known as Neighborhood Park 3—is located on Mangini Parkway, immediately adjacent to Mangini Ranch Elementary School.

A public call for names was issued twice by Folsom Parks & Recreation last fall. Submittals were reviewed by the Folsom Parks & Recreation Commission and the name Prospector Park was selected as the preferred name to be forwarded to the City Council for final approval. The name reflects the prospectors who traveled to the area during the Gold Rush.

City staff and the design consulting team held public workshops last summer to provide an overview of the potential features and amenities to be considered in the design of the park. Based on community input received at the meetings, a Preferred Master Plan was developed and taken to the Parks and Recreation Commission. The Commission unanimously forwarded a recommendation to the Folsom City Council to approve the Master Plan and the approval was made in October.

The 11.8-acre Prospector Park will include a children's play area; a lighted multi-use sports field and lighted ball field; tennis, volleyball, and basketball courts; a dog park; restrooms; and a parking lot. Construction is scheduled to begin this summer. Contact City of Folsom Senior Park Planner Brad Nelson at bnelson@folsom.ca.us with questions about the park.



SPRING BREAK ACTIVITIES

Folsom Parks & Recreation offers spring break camps to keep kids busy and engaged in a fun learning environment. Camp selections include zookeeper camp, sports, engineering and coding, and science; learn more and register at webtrac.folsom.ca.us.

The Folsom Skate and Bike Park is open from 1 to 8 p.m. April 11-15. Looking for something to enjoy as a family? The Folsom City Zoo Sanctuary is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Sunday; tickets are available at webtrac.folsom.ca.us or at the gate. The Andy Morin Sports Complex offers drop-in sports activities plus baseball and softball batting cages. You can also visit one of Folsom's 48 parks and explore some of the city's 50+ miles of paved trails. Find more information, park listings, and trail maps at www.folsom.ca.us.





City of Folsom WASTE & RECYCLING

RESIDENTIAL ORGANICS/FOOD WASTE PROGRAM STARTS IN JULY

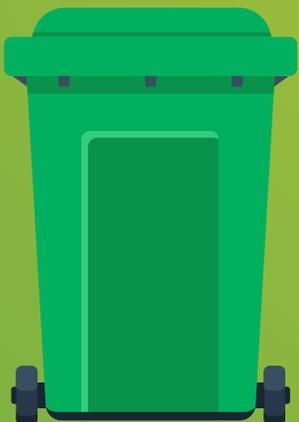
The city is launching a residential organics recycling program July 1 to comply with a new state law designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The law requires all California residents and businesses to recycle organic waste. Organic waste includes food waste, food-soiled paper (napkins, coffee filters), yard waste, and clean wood. This program begins March 1 for residents who live in apartments.

Starting on these dates, residents will place food waste and food-soiled paper in the green bins that are currently used for yard waste only. Green bins are mandatory for all residents. If you currently don't have a green bin, you will receive one automatically after the program begins.

When the program begins, green bins will be serviced weekly, along with garbage collection. Blue bin recycling will continue to be every other week. Although residents won't begin placing food waste in the bins at their homes until July (March for apartments), you will see these new recycling efforts rolling out at restaurants in Folsom. Help us make the program a success by separating food waste appropriately.

The city will work with property owners of zero lot line communities who do not currently have green bins to determine the best green bin options for each community.

As the start date approaches, we will notify Folsom residents via mail and through the Folsom Waste Collection App that the "Green Bin Approved" initiative is kicking off!



WHAT TO PLACE IN YOUR GREEN BIN

Starting in July (March for apartments) here's how to recycle correctly using your green residential organics bin.

YES, TOSS IT IN, GREEN BIN APPROVED!

- ✓ Food scraps
- ✓ Food-soiled paper (napkins, coffee filters)
Note: at commercial businesses all food-soiled paper is allowed in the green bins
- ✓ Yard waste
- ✓ Clean wood
- ✓ Remember to bag your food scraps and food-soiled paper using compostable or clear plastic bags before placing them in the bin with un-bagged yard waste.

NO, NOT GREEN BIN APPROVED.

- ✓ Styrofoam/plastic containers
- ✓ Coated paper or cups
- ✓ Dirt or rocks
- ✓ Diapers or pet/human waste

HOW TO COLLECT WASTE IN THE KITCHEN

Common kitchen organics bins include a countertop pail, a waste bin with a pedal, or a three-bin system for trash, recycling, and food waste. Please use clear plastic or compostable bags.

Download the **FOLSOM WASTE COLLECTION APP** to learn more.



Learn more at WWW.FOLSOM.CA.US/ORGANICS.



LOVE MY MOM FAMILY FITNESS EVENT

The 8th annual Love My Mom 5K and Kids' Dash takes place May 1. This popular event that celebrates family and community is presented by Folsom Parks & Recreation in partnership with the Palladio and Kaiser. The 5K course is flat and closed to traffic, making it an ideal route for runners, walkers, and stroller striders—leashed dogs are welcome, too. The race starts and finishes at Whole Foods; the course includes the Palladio's interior streets and surrounding roads. The fun Kids' Dash for ages 10 and under returns this year, with medals awarded to all registered participants.

Participants in the 5K will be electronically timed and special awards will be presented to top finishers in a variety of categories including single and double strollers, top mom, top female, and top male. All registered 5K participants will receive a custom dry-fit shirt and special commemorative finisher's medal. At the finish area, all participants can explore vendor booths, enjoy DJ music, and enjoy light refreshments. Register today—visit raceroster.com and follow [@FolsomParksandRec](https://www.facebook.com/FolsomParksandRec) on Facebook and Instagram to stay up to date on race details.



Preschool Open Houses and Registration

Folsom Parks & Recreation's Fun Factory Preschool and Kindergarten Readiness programs are hosting open houses from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 22. Fun Factory offers separate classes for 3- and 4-year-olds; classrooms are located at 52 Natoma Street (inside the Folsom Community Center) and 66 Clarksville Road (inside the Andy Morin Sports Complex). Kindergarten Readiness is for 4-year-olds; the classroom is located inside the sports complex at 66 Clarksville Road (new permanent location for the 2022-23 school year). Parents can visit any—or all—of the classrooms to meet our wonderful teachers, ask questions, and determine which program and class best suits your child.

NEW ONLINE REGISTRATION METHOD FOR 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

Registration for Fun Factory and Kindergarten Readiness opens 7 a.m. Tuesday, March 29 at webtrac.folsom.ca.us. Your child must be age 3 or 4 by September 1 to enroll. Find more information about the preschool programs, the online registration process, and answers to frequently asked questions at www.folsom.ca.us/preschool. Call Whitney Kahn at 916-461-6612 or email wkahn@folsom.ca.us with questions about the programs.



Registration is Open for Summer Swim Lessons

Join The Squad this summer and start building your water confidence and swim skills! The Steve Miklos Aquatic Center offers a great lineup of summer swim lessons through its popular Sea Squad Swim School. Lessons for ages 3 to 15 are available for those who are just beginning and developing water confidence, as well as students who want to advance and build on existing swim skills. The aquatic center is following current public health guidelines and swim lesson protocol. Lessons begin in June; early registration is encouraged as space is limited and classes are filling quickly. Visit webtrac.folsom.ca.us to register or call 916-461-6640 for more information.



FOLSOM PUBLIC LIBRARY EXPANDS E-BOOK COLLECTION

Enjoy thousands of free e-books, audiobooks, and more from the Folsom Public Library's new e-reading app, The Palace Project. The app provides library cardholders access to the entire Folsom Public Library electronic collection and a wide selection of digital materials from the California State Library. The Palace Project app is available through app stores. Learn more at www.folsom.ca.us/library.



ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

The City of Folsom Active Transportation Plan (ATP) guides the planning, development, and maintenance of existing and future bicycle and pedestrian facilities within Folsom. The Draft ATP will be published in mid-March and public comments will be accepted through mid-April.

The Draft ATP public comment period will also include presentations at the following public hearings:

- Traffic Safety Committee: March 24
- Parks & Recreation Commission: April 5
- City Council: April 12



Final adoption of the ATP will take place this summer, following public comment and review of the Draft version. Contact Brett Bollinger, City of Folsom Senior Trails Planner, at bbollinger@folsom.ca.us to receive notifications for upcoming events and plan updates, and to submit questions or comments about the ATP.

Prescription Drug Take Back Day Returns April 30

In a continued effort to prevent prescription medications from falling into the wrong hands, the Folsom Police Department will take part in the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day event Saturday, April 30. Bring your unused, unwanted, or expired prescription medications to the Folsom Police Department at 46 Natoma Street from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the community about the potential for abuse of medications. This one-day event provides an opportunity for residents to dispose of prescription drugs free of charge and anonymously, with no questions asked.

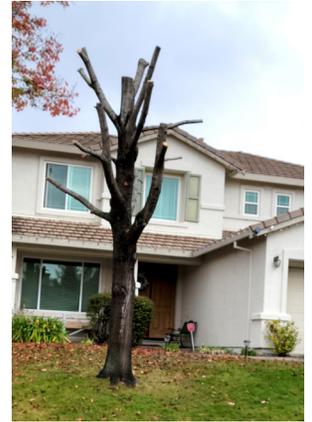
Please remove all pills, tablets, and capsules from their packaging and consolidate them into one bag before disposal. Vape pens and e-cigarettes will be accepted. Needles, auto-injectors, or other sharps will not be accepted.

For a list of accepted items and additional disposal locations in Folsom, visit www.folsom.ca.us/MedicationDisposal.



TOPPING HURTS TREES

Topping of trees—leaving trunks with stubby limbs—is recognized by the City of Folsom, the State of California, and arborists as a harmful and unacceptable practice. It can cause a multitude of problems that often result in either the death of the tree or weakened limbs falling on people or property.



Tree topping is illegal in the City of Folsom for any tree that is considered a protected tree—including native oak trees, privately-owned trees that are within 12.5 feet of the sidewalk or right of way, heritage trees, and trees on commercial properties that were planted as part of the original development.

Pruning or removal of any protected tree requires a City of Folsom tree permit. When you obtain a tree permit, the city arborist can provide guidance to help you protect your property and trees.

Learn more at www.folsom.ca.us/arborist.

COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY FOLSOM'S LARGEST DAY OF VOLUNTEERISM

Planning is underway for the ninth annual Community Service Day Saturday, September 17. This major citywide event mobilizes thousands of volunteers to complete dozens of service projects throughout Folsom that make a positive, lasting impact. Do you have a great idea for a Community Service Day project? Submit your idea for consideration at folsomcommunityservice.org.

Want to help support this wonderful community event? A variety of sponsorship opportunities are available; call Jen Thiot at 916-461-6712 or email jthiot@folsom.ca.us for more details.





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WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

The City of Folsom Environmental and Water Resources Department is rehabilitating and replacing portions of the city's water distribution system to improve water reliability.

This maintenance and construction work may require a one-day water service outage at homes or businesses. Water customers affected by this work are being notified in advance by door tags, the city newsletter, and social media notices.

The City of Folsom is committed to providing exceptional and reliable services to our water customers. Crews will minimize impacts to water customers as much as possible. For a schedule of planned water outages, visit www.folsom.ca.us/wateroutages.

Affected Areas

Duchow Way,
East Bidwell
Street (300 Block)

Talisman Drive,
Evelyn Way

Darrington Drive,
Eveland Court,
Moreland Court,
Metz Court

Econome Court,
Rawlings Court

Orange Blossom
Circle,
Fantages Way

Briggs Ranch Drive,
Jumper Court,
Fath Court

Coloma Street

Toney Court

Mercy Hospital,
Creekside Drive

Marietta Court,
Berry Creek Drive,
Deerwood Way,
Hillswood Drive,
and nearby streets

Prairie City Road,
Willard Drive

East Bidwell Street
(2300 block)

Natoma Street

LOOKING FOR A SUMMER JOB?

FOLSOM PARKS & RECREATION IS HIRING!

Folsom Parks & Recreation is accepting applications for a variety of summer job opportunities, including staff for Zoo Sanctuary, Vacation Zone, and CAVE summer camps; front desk, shift supervisor, site monitor, scorekeeper, and ballfield prep positions for the Andy Morin Sports Complex; park aide and park aide specialist positions; and lifeguard, swim instructor, café and party staff, and front office assistants at the Steve Miklos Aquatic Center. Many of these positions fill quickly, and interviews begin in March.

Learn more about the requirements to apply and find position descriptions at www.folsom.ca.us/hr.



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