



CITY OF FOLSOM  
**Newsletter**

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# TAKE YOUR CAREER TO THE NEXT LEVEL AT THE LIBRARY

Thanks to funding provided by the State of California, administered by the California State Library, library patrons now have free access to thousands of online classes from Coursera, GetSetUp, LearningExpress, LinkedIn Learning, Northstar, and Skillshare. Many of the courses result in professional certifications or badges you can add to your resume or LinkedIn profile. There are courses in everything from basic computer skills to advanced programming languages, design, management, creative, and more skills.



These online resources expand the career development offerings at Folsom Public Library and allow patrons to participate in online classes, take practice exams, learn new vocational and educational skills, and more. Access to these platforms normally requires expensive subscriptions, but for this year, they are all available for free to any California library user.

To access the programs and learn more, visit [www.folsom.ca.us/LibraryCareerDevelopment](http://www.folsom.ca.us/LibraryCareerDevelopment).

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## AT A GLANCE

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### ZOO SANCTUARY DOCENT TRAINING PROGRAM

The Folsom City Zoo Sanctuary is accepting registration for the 2023 Docent Training class.

### PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSES AND REGISTRATION

Folsom Parks & Recreation's preschool programs are hosting open houses.

### PUBLIC SAFETY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The City of Folsom Police and Fire departments are looking for volunteers to help make a difference in the community.



## PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES WITH FOLSOM PARKS & RECREATION

Partnerships help Folsom Parks & Recreation provide community events and enrichment programs for all ages. They also support the city's community recreational facilities—the sports complex, aquatic center, gallery and art center, senior center, the CAVE teen centers, and the zoo sanctuary. Custom partnership packages are tailored to reach your target audience and aligned with your business interests. Enhance our community and show your support with an annual (12-month) partnership of your choice; call Frankie Nelson at **916-461-6614** or Marilyn Robitaille at **916-461-6616** to learn more.

### NEW NATURAL HISTORY SERIES

Folsom Parks & Recreation has partnered with the American River Natural History Association (ARNHA) to present a series of one-night presentations that focus on our region's plants, animals, indigenous cultures, ecosystem, and history. The 90-minute presentations are appropriate for ages 10 through adult, and the fee is only \$5/person. Come and discover the wonders of the natural world! Visit [webtrac.folsom.ca.us](http://webtrac.folsom.ca.us) or call 916-461-6601 to register.



## WINTER IRRIGATION TIPS

Did you know that landscapes are our largest consumer of water? You can save a substantial amount of water by turning off your sprinklers when the rain begins. Cooler temperatures and shorter days mean less growth and additional watering is unnecessary. Seasonal rains will provide all the water needed. Too much water leads to shallow root growth and shallow roots lead to stressed landscapes and increased water use in the spring and summer. Need help? Contact the city's Water Conservation Team and schedule a free Water-Wise House Call—the water conservation experts will meet with you in person and help you determine the best way to water your landscaping. Make an appointment at [waterconservation@folsom.ca.us](mailto:waterconservation@folsom.ca.us) or call **916-461-6177**.

## STAY INFORMED: SUBSCRIBE TO CITY NEWS

Our at-a-glance e-newsletter offers the latest City of Folsom news and events information, delivered to your inbox every week. Sign up at [www.folsom.ca.us/news](http://www.folsom.ca.us/news).



## EXPLORE FOLSOM TRAILS THIS NEW YEAR

What better way to start your New Year's fitness goals than on Folsom trails? Folsom is home to more than 50 miles of Class I recreational trails for cycling, walking, running, and hiking. Access points for the city's trails are located within most neighborhoods and near parks, businesses, and retail centers. For a citywide trail map, visit [www.folsom.ca.us/trails](http://www.folsom.ca.us/trails).





# JOIN THE FOLSOM CITY ZOO SANCTUARY'S DOCENT TRAINING PROGRAM

Registration is open for the 2023 zoo sanctuary Docent Training class. Docents help host school tours, assist with story times and youth day camps, and participate in community events and other activities. The training class will cover the zoo sanctuary's guiding mission and vision, information and facts about the animal residents, and expectations for docent volunteers. Current docents will also share their experiences and the rewards of

volunteering. Classes are held Mondays from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. starting February 13 and continuing through March 20. Class fee is \$40 and includes training materials; must be age 21 or older. Deadline to register is February 6; find more details and register at [webtrac.folsom.ca.us](http://webtrac.folsom.ca.us). Call Sue Bean at **916-715-8610** with questions.

## SUMMER SWIM LESSON REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 9

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. Lessons begin in June; early registration is encouraged as space is limited and classes fill quickly. Visit [webtrac.folsom.ca.us](http://webtrac.folsom.ca.us) to register or call **916-461-6640** for more information.



## JOIN THE AQUATIC CENTER TEAM

As a Steve Miklos Aquatic Center staff member, you will join the ranks of our valued employees who provide the community with aquatic safety and fun. Since 2001, we've employed more than 2,500 people in our many part-time and seasonal positions.

The group interview is the first step to apply for a 2023 summer season aquatic center job. Interviews will be held mid-March; visit [webtrac.folsom.ca.us](http://webtrac.folsom.ca.us) (search "interview") to register for the group interview.

Interested in becoming a lifeguard? Our Ellis Lifeguard Training classes are available in March and April. The class is required to apply for a job as a Steve Miklos Aquatic Center lifeguard. Call **916-461-6640** for more information.



# FROM THE ARCHIVES: SUTTER STREET'S RICH HISTORY

The City of Folsom was incorporated in 1946, but the city's fascinating history dates back much further to the Gold Rush days. Today, you can get a taste of history in Folsom's revitalized Historic District. Enjoy dining, shopping, and nightlife while you soak up the historic architecture.

While the district offers visitors a glimpse into the city's past, many buildings have undergone multiple

transformations over time. As you stroll through the Historic District, keep in mind that you are surrounded by echoes of the past combined with thoughtful and prudent planning of the present.

Want to learn more about the district's hidden past? Folsom History has relaunched a walking tour of Sutter Street. Visit [folsomhistory.org](http://folsomhistory.org) for more details.

## DID YOU KNOW?

815 Sutter Street, the building located next door to the Folsom History Museum, is not the first structure on the site. The original building that sat on that plot of land was the American Exchange Hotel, which was destroyed by fire in 1865. The hotel was rebuilt 10 years later and became a luxurious place to stay on the route to the gold and silver mines. Later, the building was the meeting place for the Native Sons of the Golden West, who used the building as their lodge hall and dance floor. Rubber supports were installed to produce a "spring effect" for dancing. Today, the building houses a number of favorite shops and businesses.

## CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

The city will hold its annual Christmas tree recycling drop-off event Saturday, January 7.

Trees will be accepted from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Rodeo Park at the end of Stafford Street. All ornaments, tinsel, lights, nails, and stands must be removed before dropping off a tree. The trees will be recycled and converted into compost, which adds nutrients into the soil and helps it to retain water. Flocked trees will not be accepted.

In addition, community organizations will collect trees throughout the city as part of their fundraising activities. Residents may also recycle Christmas trees in the green organics bin. Trees must be cut into pieces no larger than two feet in length and four inches in diameter, and the lid must close completely to receive service. Remove all ornaments, tinsel, lights, nails, and stands before placing in the green waste bin.

As a reminder, the city collects garbage, green waste, and recycling on all holidays, so place cans out on your normal collection day.

For more information, contact the City of Folsom Recycling Division at [916-461-6730](tel:916-461-6730) or [recycle@folsom.ca.us](mailto:recycle@folsom.ca.us).





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Folsom Parks & Recreation's Fun Factory Preschool and Kindergarten Readiness programs are hosting open houses from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, January 31. 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. 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.

### ONLINE REGISTRATION METHOD FOR 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

Registration for Fun Factory and Kindergarten Readiness opens 8 a.m. Tuesday, February 7 at [webtrac.folsom.ca.us](http://webtrac.folsom.ca.us). Your child must be age 3 or 4 by September 30 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](http://www.folsom.ca.us/preschool). Call Whitney Kahn at **916-461-6612** or email [wkahn@folsom.ca.us](mailto:wkahn@folsom.ca.us) with questions about the programs.

### AVOID COSTLY PRUNING MISTAKES THIS WINTER

Fallen leaves and exposed branches make winter the perfect time to prune and maintain trees. However, residents may unknowingly do more harm than good by implementing bad pruning practices—such as “tree topping.” Tree topping results in excessive canopy removal and leaves trunks with stubby limbs, which can ultimately lead to problems such as the tree’s death, weakened limbs falling on people or property, and increased long-term maintenance costs.

Tree topping is not allowed 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.

Homeowners can ensure their trees stay healthy by hiring a certified International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) arborist. Professional ISA certified arborists know how to properly maintain trees for both the health of the tree and public safety. For tips on how to properly prune young trees, visit [sactree.org/prune](http://sactree.org/prune). Learn more about Folsom tree permits and guidelines at [www.folsom.ca.us/arborist](http://www.folsom.ca.us/arborist).

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