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## MAY IS BIKE MONTH

Bike Month is celebrated throughout the nation every May to highlight the benefits of bicycling and to encourage more people to give it a try. Throughout May, riders across the region are joining forces to swap cars for handlebars, encourage new riders, engage in friendly competitions, and win prizes. Get in on the fun: visit [www.folsom.ca.us/BikeMonth](http://www.folsom.ca.us/BikeMonth) to register and learn about special cycling events taking place in Folsom and around the greater Sacramento region.

May is a great time to explore and enjoy some of Folsom's 50+ miles of paved recreational trails. Safety and courtesy make for a positive experience for all trail users. Cyclists should keep to the right side of the trail, maintain a safe speed, and pass on the left side of oncoming pedestrians. Visit [www.folsom.ca.us](http://www.folsom.ca.us) to find trail maps and additional tips for trail safety and etiquette.

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## SUMMER DAY CAMPS FOR KIDS AND TEENS

Registration is open for Folsom Parks & Recreation summer day camps; selections include zookeeper camps, STEM camps, academic and enrichment camps, weekly themed Vacation Zone and Summer CAVE camps, and a huge variety of sports-focused camps. Camps are a great way for children to keep their minds engaged and bodies active through indoor and outdoor activities, creative play, and social interaction. The camps are conducted by trained and caring staff and provide a supervised, positive, and inclusive environment. Register for camps online at [webtrac.folsom.ca.us](http://webtrac.folsom.ca.us) or call **916-461-6601** for details.

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## AT A GLANCE

### FOLSOM BOULEVARD BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN OVERCROSSING STUDY

New overcrossing planned to improve safety in the Humbug-Willow Creek Trail system.

### SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Sign up to read or listen to five books in June and July.

### SUMMER FUN AT THE AQUATIC CENTER

The aquatic center's summer season begins Saturday, May 27.





# ROUTE REVIEWS, IN REVIEW

The City of Folsom Waste and Recycling Division team recently visited hundreds of households for the first in a series of route reviews. Route reviews are random, periodic visual audits of curbside garbage, recycling, and organics cans to encourage residents to recycle right.

State of California law SB 1383 requires jurisdictions to conduct route reviews. The City of Folsom route reviews are an opportunity to educate the community about recycling and leave real-time, actionable feedback through bin tags. The route reviews also provide valuable information that will shape future education and outreach efforts.

Waste and Recycling staff members work in groups or pairs, wearing high-visibility vests and identification badges. Material will never be removed from the cans, and cans will only be reviewed when they are placed curbside for service.

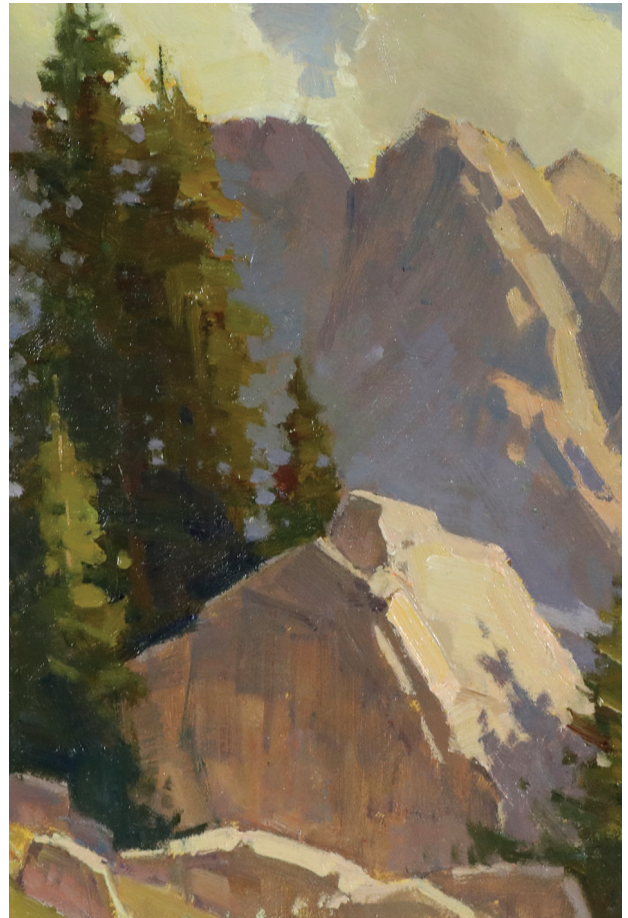
In March, the Waste and Recycling Division team visited nearly 700 addresses and recognized more than 250 households for outstanding recycling practices, including bagging food scraps in clear plastic or compostable bags.

Not sure what to recycle? Download the City of Folsom's free Waste Collection app by searching "waste collection" in the app store. For more information, visit

[www.folsom.ca.us/wastecollection](http://www.folsom.ca.us/wastecollection).

## RECYCLE RIGHT TIPS:

- » Loose bags and bagged recyclables are not permitted in the blue bin. Collecting recyclables in a bag? Simply empty contents, such as plastic containers, glass bottles, and aluminum cans, directly into the blue bin.
- » Plastic film packaging, envelopes, and bubble wrap are not recyclable. Place these items in your gray garbage bin.



## GALLERY AT 48 NATOMA HOSTS "THE GRANITE GROUP" EXHIBIT RECEPTION

The "Granite Group" exhibit features stunning plein air landscape paintings by Suzie Baker, Kevin Courter, Aimee Erickson, Paul Kratter, Carol Marine, Clark Mitchell, and Terry Miura; and Pixar artists Bill Cone, Tia Kratter, and Ernesto Nemesio.

The exhibit reception is open from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 23. The public is invited to attend the free reception to meet the artists and enjoy light refreshments and live music. The exhibit continues in the gallery through August 31.

The professional art gallery is located in the 48 Natoma Senior and Art Center; the gallery's regular hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, with extended hours from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

Call **916-461-6601** for more information.



# CITY WORKS DAY ROLLS INTO FOLSOM

Join us for City Works Day from 9:30 a.m. to noon Wednesday, May 17 and learn about the equipment and skills required to maintain a city. Check out the city's construction equipment, police vehicles, dump trucks, tractors, garbage truck, chipper truck, fire engines, and more!

Visitors of all ages can experience the city's work vehicles for viewing, exploring, and even honking! City staff will share knowledge about their programs and professions.

This free event will showcase the city's wide variety of programs, amenities, and services during National Public Works Week.

Folsom City Works Day is held in advance of National Public Works Week. Every year, the Folsom Public Works Department celebrates City Works Day to commemorate the achievements of Public Works in the daily lives of Folsom residents and celebrate and recognize public works endeavors in cities across the nation.

For more information about City Works Day, visit [www.folsom.ca.us/CityWorksDay](http://www.folsom.ca.us/CityWorksDay) or contact Jen Thiot at [jthiot@folsom.ca.us](mailto:jthiot@folsom.ca.us) or 916-461-6712.

- 🚩 City Works Day
- 📅 Wednesday, May 17 | 9:30 a.m. to noon
- 📍 City Lions Park (near the Folsom Public Library)
- 💰 Free admission



## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE BEGINS MAY 26

The Folsom Public Library invites you to join the 2023 Summer Reading Challenge! Sign up to read or listen to five books in June and July. Kids and teens completing the Challenge win a free book, a book bag, and entry into a drawing for a \$100 gift card. Adults reading five books earn a book bag and an entry into the drawing.

Participate by picking up the Challenge's bingo-style game card at the library or track your summer reading using the Library's Beanstack Tracker app. The one-of-a-kind app lets everyone track the amount they read by scanning ISBNs, timing reading sessions, or keeping records of current and past books completed. Sign up today at [folsom.beanstack.org](http://folsom.beanstack.org).

The Folsom Public Library offers summer activities for kids, including daily story times, weekly crafts and LEGO programs, and a monthly kids' book club. To find more information about the Summer Reading Challenge or other library resources and programs, visit the Library website at [www.folsom.ca.us/library](http://www.folsom.ca.us/library).

## REVEALING FOLSOM: A GLIMPSE OF THE MANY FACETS OF OUR CITY

Folsom History presents "Revealing Folsom"—a bimonthly speaker series focusing on the innovative community of Folsom. Hosts will speak on many areas of interest in our community, including history, research, photography, trends, invention, and business. Stay informed at

[FolsomHistory.org/RevealingFolsom](http://FolsomHistory.org/RevealingFolsom).





# FOLSOM BOULEVARD BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN OVERCROSSING STUDY BEGINS

To improve safety and close a gap in the Humbug-Willow Creek Trail system, the City of Folsom Parks & Recreation Department has begun a feasibility study for a new bicycle and pedestrian bridge over Folsom Boulevard between Blue Ravine Road and Glenn Drive. The city was awarded an American Rescue Plan Act grant to fund this study, which will identify the preferred alignment location and a conceptual architectural design of the bridge. The goal of the feasibility study is to identify a safe, convenient, and cost-effective active transportation connection

across Folsom Boulevard, linking transit, neighborhoods, businesses, and recreational attractions such as the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area.

The city has identified four preliminary alignment alternatives for the overcrossing. To gather input from the public, the city is hosting an Online Community Questionnaire until May 12, which is available at [www.bit.ly/FolsomOvercrossing](http://www.bit.ly/FolsomOvercrossing). For more information, contact Project Manager Brett Bollinger at [bbollinger@folsom.ca.us](mailto:bbollinger@folsom.ca.us) or at **916-461-6632**.

## SUMMER FUN AT THE AQUATIC CENTER

The aquatic center's summer season begins May 27 for daily recreation swim from 1 to 5 p.m. through September 4. The trained lifeguarding staff are always on duty during recreation swim. Guests can enjoy all the great amenities: the interactive play structure, two-story water slide, diving boards, three pools, and the giant inflatable obstacle courses (requires a \$3 wristband).

Purchase a Family Season Pass for just \$149 and enjoy 101 days of recreation swim and aquatics fun. Passes are valid for a family of up to four members; call **916-461-6640** for more details. 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).





## ANNUAL WEED ABATEMENT WORK IS UNDERWAY

Dry vegetation can create fire hazards during hot summer months. Folsom has more than 980 acres of city-owned open space, and nearly all of it is weed abated to achieve the required fire safety interface between residential structures and open spaces.

The City of Folsom requires defensible space of at least 30 feet from structures or the property line and the Fire Chief may increase this distance to 100 feet for high-hazard areas. These requirements apply to city-owned property and private property.

The city uses multiple ways to reduce or remove dry vegetation including maintenance staff, contractors, and grazing animals. Many Folsom residents are likely to see goat herds being used to clear areas in and around their neighborhood over the next few months. Goats will be used to clear 800 acres of open space in the city this year. The herds of four-legged weed eaters are taking on hundreds of additional acres that were historically cleared with human work crews in the past.

The weed abatement schedule is based on fire hazard ratings determined by the Fire Chief. If you notice an area in need of weed abatement, first check the abatement schedules at [www.folsom.ca.us](http://www.folsom.ca.us). If you'd like to report an unscheduled weed abatement need on vacant private property, use [SeeClickFix Folsom](#) or contact the Folsom Fire Department at [916-461-6300](tel:916-461-6300).



## COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY COMMITTEE SEEKS PROJECT IDEAS

The 10th annual Community Service Day takes place Saturday, September 16. 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? The deadline is June 30 to submit your idea for consideration.

A variety of sponsorship opportunities are also available to help support this wonderful community event; call Jen Thiot at [916-461-6712](tel:916-461-6712) or email [jthiot@folsom.ca.us](mailto:jthiot@folsom.ca.us) for more details.

Volunteers help in countless ways to make Community Service Day a success every year! Volunteer registration opens in July; visit the event website to learn about the projects and how you can lend a hand.

Find more information about Community Service Day and submit project ideas at [folsomcommunityservice.org](http://folsomcommunityservice.org).

## REBATE PROGRAM FOR FOLSOM WATER SERVICE CUSTOMERS

City of Folsom water service customers can now save up to \$170 on a Rachio 3 Smart Sprinkler Controller through a rebate program offered by the City of Folsom in partnership with the Regional Water Authority and local water providers.

The Rachio 3 Controller acts like a thermostat for your sprinklers, using local weather conditions to adjust how long your sprinklers run. You can also manage the controller from your smart phone with the Rachio app.

It's estimated that replacing a standard controller with a WaterSense-labeled smart controller like the Rachio 3 can save an average home about 13,500 gallons of water per year. The Rachio 3 Smart Sprinkler Controller is being offered at a reduced price of \$75. Rebates are available for a limited time on a first-come, first-served basis. Sign up at [rwa.rachio.com](http://rwa.rachio.com).





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# HOW TO MAINTAIN YOUR WATER-EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE

Water-wise landscapes are good for you and good for Folsom. Replacing your traditional lawn with California-friendly trees and plants will help you conserve water, save money, and benefit the environment. When maintained correctly, water-efficient gardens are beautiful. They're also easier and less time-consuming to maintain than lawns. These stunning, colorful landscapes also attract hummingbirds, butterflies, and other beneficial species to our community.

- » Low maintenance doesn't mean no maintenance. Weed for a few minutes every two weeks to keep your landscape looking fresh.
- » Water-efficient landscapes are beautiful and natural. Avoid shearing plants into hard geometric shapes. Hard shearing prevents blooming, creates panic growth, and increases water use.
- » Use organic mulch. It will slowly decompose and improve the organic content of your soil.
- » Keep the mulch at least three inches deep to inhibit weed growth and eliminate the need for weed cloth.
- » The City of Folsom provides free mulch and compost at two self-serve locations: Behind City Hall at 50 Natoma Street and at Fire Station 36 (next to the sandbag location on Oak Avenue Parkway). Please bring your own shovels and containers.

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



## SUMMER OF MUSIC

The free Friday evening concert series returns to Folsom City Lions Park. Bands play from 7 to 9 p.m.; bring a picnic or purchase food and treats from a variety of food trucks at each concert. Stay informed about all the latest concert details and food truck lineups at [Facebook.com/FolsomParksandRec](https://www.facebook.com/FolsomParksandRec). The Summer of Music series is presented by Folsom Parks & Recreation.

**June 9** | Band: Pumping Irony (*Rock*)

**June 23** | Band: Wasted Space (*Classic Rock*)

**July 14** | Band: Ariel Jean (*Country*)

**July 28** | Band: Fryed Brothers Band (*Country, Rock*)

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