

CITY OF FOLSOM

# Newsletter

## EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Join the City of Folsom for our first Earth Day celebration! This free, family-friendly event brings the community together through volunteerism, fun activities, and inspiring exhibits that raise environmental awareness. Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate our vibrant city and get involved by volunteering and learning about solutions to address environmental concerns in our community. The event will begin with volunteer opportunities followed by an informational and fun festival near City Hall.

Earth Day is a worldwide annual celebration dedicated to raising awareness and appreciation for the planet's environment and advocating for environmental protection. Learn more and sign up to volunteer at [www.folsom.ca.us/EarthDay](http://www.folsom.ca.us/EarthDay).



**Saturday, April 20**

**Earth Day Cleanup**

9 a.m. to noon

**Earth Day Festival**

11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 48 Natoma Street

## AT A GLANCE

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR SOME EGGCELLENT SPRINGTIME FUN!

Folsom Parks & Recreation hosts the annual Festival of Eggs Saturday, March 30.

### FOLSOM WATER VISION MEETING

The public is invited to attend the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 16.

### SUMMER DAY CAMPS FOR KIDS AND TEENS

Registration for Folsom Parks & Recreation summer day camps opens April 17.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

### Folsom's Largest Day of Volunteerism

Planning is underway for the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Community Service Day Saturday, September 21. This major citywide event mobilizes thousands of volunteers to complete service projects throughout Folsom that make a positive, lasting impact. Sponsorship support is vital to the success of the event, providing funding for the supplies volunteers use to complete 80+ service projects throughout the community. Want to help support this wonderful community event? A variety of sponsorship opportunities are available; call Jen Thiot at [916-461-6612](tel:916-461-6612) or email [jthiot@folsom.ca.us](mailto:jthiot@folsom.ca.us) for more details.





# UPCOMING LIBRARY EVENTS

## FRIENDS OF THE FOLSOM LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Folsom Library book sale returns March 8–10, featuring thousands of books and media at deeply discounted prices. Shop from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday for the best selection and enjoy \$5 admission on Friday only (free for military with ID and Friends of the Folsom Library members). Admission is free Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and on Sunday, shoppers can fill a grocery bag for just \$5. Learn more at [foflib.org](http://foflib.org).

## PANEL DISCUSSION WITH NATURE AUTHORS

Celebrate the spring equinox with our trio of nature authors at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 16, in the Library Meeting Room. These local authors each have a different nature-writing specialty: trail guides, nature observation, and backpacking. The authors will talk about their most recent books followed by Q&A. The books are available for purchase and signing following the program.

## JOIN A BOOK CLUB AT THE LIBRARY

The Folsom Public Library hosts three book clubs each month for a variety of ages and interests.

- » **The Book Club** meets in the Library Meeting Room from 11 a.m. to noon the third Thursday of the month.
- » **The “We Read YA” Book Club** focuses on Young Adult books and meets at Barnes & Noble Kitchen in Folsom from 6 to 7 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month. For ages 18+.
- » **The Kids Book Club** meets in the Library’s Children’s Area at 3 p.m. the third Saturday of the month. For ages 7 to 12.



## NEW FAMILY FUN NIGHT EVENT APRIL 26

Folsom Parks & Recreation is hosting a new special event for families from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 26 at the Andy Morin Sports Complex, 66 Clarksville Road. The event begins with a pizza dinner and creating a family flag for your team. Then you’ll decide what to take on first: organized games, activities, and competitions. There’s something for everyone: a free throw competition and soccer shoot out, a puzzle competition and life-sized board games, and a family relay obstacle course.

Registration for a Folsom resident family of four is \$40; each additional family member is \$10; visit [webtrac.folsom.ca.us](http://webtrac.folsom.ca.us) and search for code **114580** to sign up. Call **916-461-6601** with questions.





# COMMUNITY WEIGHS IN ON THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT REVITALIZATION PROJECT

The City of Folsom is developing a plan to revitalize the Central Business District along East Bidwell Street from Riley Street to Blue Ravine Road. The plan will create a vision for the area and guide future development and infrastructure improvements.

As part of the planning effort, the city invited Folsom residents and visitors to share their values, priorities, and vision for the area through an online survey. Enhancing landscaping and green spaces, creating more entertainment opportunities, and encouraging mixed-use development that blends housing and commercial spaces are just a few of the ideas that community members shared.

The survey was open for three weeks. Read the summary of the community survey results and learn more at [www.folsom.ca.us/centralbusinessdistrict](http://www.folsom.ca.us/centralbusinessdistrict).



## SUMMER DAY CAMPS FOR KIDS AND TEENS

Online registration opens April 17 for Folsom Parks & Recreation summer day camps; selections include zookeeper camps, STEM camps, academic and enrichment camps, a new weekly themed Destination Recreation camp, Summer CAVE, and a wide 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.

Early registration is encouraged as many of the camps fill quickly; visit [webtrac.folsom.ca.us](http://webtrac.folsom.ca.us) or call **916-461-6601** for details.

## 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 youth and teen summer camps and lifeguard, swim instructor, café and party staff, and front office assistants at the Steve Miklos Aquatic Center. Group interviews for aquatic center positions and lifeguard training classes begin in March; register at [webtrac.folsom.ca.us](http://webtrac.folsom.ca.us). Applications for summer day camp counselors are due March 15; find job descriptions and more information at [folsom.ca.us/hr](http://folsom.ca.us/hr).







Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 30 and hop on over to Folsom's Lembi Park, 1302 Riley Street, for the Festival of Eggs. The annual springtime event includes all the popular elements: a pancake breakfast (purchase onsite), free kiddie carnival games hosted by the Folsom Teen Council, entertainment, vendor displays, and lots of hands-on activities.

Kids ages 6 and under should arrive from 8 to 9:30 a.m., and ages 7 to 10 from 9:30 to 11 a.m.—remember to bring a basket with you. Pick up your Bunny Trail Map and begin your journey as you visit vendors along the trail to collect goodies and eggs. Join the bunny at the end of the trail for a special photo op to commemorate your day. Those who complete every stop listed on the map will receive a ticket for a special egg hunt and a chance to win a Golden Egg Prize.

This well-attended community event provides an excellent outreach opportunity for local businesses and organizations. Email [fnelson@folsom.ca.us](mailto:fnelson@folsom.ca.us) or [jkarges@folsom.ca.us](mailto:jkarges@folsom.ca.us) for information about partnership and vendor opportunities.

## LOVE MY MOM FAMILY FITNESS EVENT CELEBRATES 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Love My Mom 5K and Kids' Dash takes place Sunday, May 5. This popular event that celebrates family and community is presented by Folsom Parks & Recreation in partnership with the Palladio and Kaiser. The start is located by Whole Foods, and the course route is fast and flat, making it an ideal route for runners, walkers, and stroller striders—leashed dogs are welcome, too. The fun Kids' Dash for ages 10 and under will be held prior to the start of the 5K, 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 special 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary finisher's medal and a Dri Fit shirt.

The finish line and post-race festivities take place in the Palladio Piazza, with a variety of vendor booths to explore, DJ music, delicious refreshments, and a raffle for high-value prizes. Save on registration: use code "CityNews" for a \$5 discount on each 5K registration at [raceroster.com](http://raceroster.com). Follow [@FolsomParksandRec](https://www.instagram.com/FolsomParksandRec) for the most up-to-date race information.







# FOOD SCRAPS ARE RIPE WITH OPPORTUNITY

Don't let your food scraps go to waste. Banana peels, chicken bones, food-soiled paper, other food scraps, and yard trimmings are the perfect ingredients to make compost through the City of Folsom Green Bin program.

Transforming your food scraps and yard trimmings is easy with the Green Bin program. Place all food scraps and food-soiled paper in a clear plastic or compostable bag, and loose yard trimmings into your Green Bin for weekly pick up.

The City of Folsom collects and transports the contents of the Green Bin to an industrial composting facility where the material is converted into compost. Compost is so

beneficial to gardens, yards, and agriculture that it's often referred to as "garden gold."

The Green Bin program is mandatory to comply with California state law that requires all organic material to be diverted away from landfills. This law is a part of California's strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

## FREE COMPOST AVAILABLE FOR YARDS AND GARDENS

Free compost is available for pick up at 50 Natoma Street (behind City Hall) and Hinkle Creek Nature Trail near Fire Station 36 on Oak Avenue Parkway. Piles are stocked regularly and monitored by city employees.



## GALLERY AT 48 NATOMA HOSTS EXHIBIT RECEPTION APRIL 26

The gallery's new "Things with Wings" exhibit showcases works of art themed around birds, bugs, and butterflies. The show includes ceramics by Sandy Fong Whetstone and bird quilts by Linda Waddle. The adjacent Community Gallery features the El Dorado Hills Arts Association Studio Tour Preview Show.

The exhibit reception is open from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 26. 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 June 20.

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. on Tuesday and Thursday. Call **916-461-6601** for more information.



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Folsom’s Environmental and Water Resources Department is continuing its planning effort to guide the management of the city’s water resources over the next 50 years. Currently, the city gets its drinking water almost exclusively from Folsom Reservoir. The Folsom Water Vision project will help the city evaluate water supply alternatives to proactively plan for increased droughts, flood events, rising temperatures, and other challenges.

Understanding the community’s needs and priorities for water resource management is vital to the success of this planning effort. We invite you to attend the second in a series of public meetings to learn about the project and share your needs, interests, and goals for creating a resilient water future.

### FOLSOM WATER VISION MEETING

- » 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 16
- » Folsom Police Department Training Room
- » 46 Natoma Street
- » To watch a recording of the first workshop and to learn more about the project, visit [www.folsom.ca.us/WaterVision](http://www.folsom.ca.us/WaterVision).

For more information, contact Environmental and Water Resources Director Marcus Yasutake at **916-461-6161** or [myasutake@folsom.ca.us](mailto:myasutake@folsom.ca.us).

## EXHIBIT WALKS THROUGH HALLS OF FOLSOM’S HISTORY

“Made In Folsom,” a temporary exhibit at Folsom History Museum, highlights the high school experience in Folsom and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Folsom High School’s first freshman class. While you’re making plans to see the exhibit, here are some things about Folsom’s history you may not know:

- » Folsom was originally named Granite City when Joseph Folsom and Theodore Judah were mapping the town. The city was renamed to honor Joseph Folsom after he died in 1855.
- » Folsom was a stop along the Lincoln Highway, one of the nation’s first transcontinental highways, running from Times Square in New York to Lincoln Park in San Francisco. In Folsom, the Lincoln Highway ran down Sutter Street and across the Rainbow Bridge until it was replaced by other routes.
- » The Wells Fargo Assay building was built in 1860 and at one point was used as an icehouse. It was torn down in 1959, but some parts of the original façade were saved and used by the original Folsom Historical Society to restore the building in 1976.

### “Made in Folsom” Exhibit

11 a.m.–4 p.m. Thursday–Monday  
Folsom History Museum  
823 Sutter Street, Folsom CA

[folsomhistory.org](http://folsomhistory.org)

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