

CITY NEWS

SUMMER 2020 FOLSOM NEWSLETTER



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County Public Health Order Allows Additional Businesses and Activities to Reopen

STAGE 3 Reopening

Sacramento County amended its Public Health Order June 12 to allow additional businesses and activities to reopen, with modifications to provide for social distancing and health and safety protocols. The Order is consistent with the direction of the State of California, to move further into Stage 3 of the state's Resilience Roadmap. The Health Order supersedes previous orders and is in effect until it is rescinded or amended by the county health officer. Learn more at covid19.saccounty.net.

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES AND ACTIVITIES

The City of Folsom Parks & Recreation Department will begin to reopen some additional facilities and activities this summer, following the guidance of the Order and other industry-specific public health guidelines.

- The Steve Miklos Aquatic Center is now open for scheduled morning and evening lap swim. Please note that the play pools and play structures are closed at this time due to a planned renovation.
- Water features at Livermore, Kemp, and Nisenan parks will open by early July.
- The Folsom City Zoo Sanctuary will reopen Friday, July 17. New temporary hours of operation will be 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Advance online ticket purchase is required for all guests.
- The popular Junior and Senior Zookeeper Summer Camps will be offered later this summer.
- The Andy Morin Sports Complex is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday for table tennis, batting cages, pickleball, and 2x2 volleyball. Face coverings are required at all times inside the complex.
- The Folsom Skate and Bike Park at Cummings Family Park is open from 1 to 7 p.m. daily.
- Park playgrounds, play equipment, tennis, bocce ball, pickleball, outdoor volleyball courts, and ball walls are open. Park athletic fields are open for non-contact sports or recreational activities. No structured or organized practices, games, trainings, coaching, or team/league sports groups are permitted.
- FIDO Field Dog Park is open 8 a.m. to noon daily.
- Disc golf course at B.T. Collins Park is open.

Parks and equipment users are asked to take personal responsibility for sanitizing sports equipment. Masks or cloth face coverings are strongly advised when six-foot social distancing cannot be maintained. Signage is prominently posted around parks to remind the public to comply with social distancing practices. City parks, trails, pavilions, and barbecues remain open so long as the public adheres to social distancing requirements.

Visit www.folsom.ca.us/parks for additional details as they become available.

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FOLSOM PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Folsom Public Library began a phased reopening in June. Current hours are 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, for a limited number of visitors to browse, check out books, and use computers. Each visitor will be able to use the library for no more than one hour at a time. Programming is not offered at this time, and children's computers are not available. Curbside library services will continue. To promote a safe environment, visitors are highly encouraged to wear face coverings at the library. For the safety of library patrons and staff, borrowed books and other materials will continue to be held for a minimum of three days after they are returned. To learn more, visit www.folsom.ca.us/library.

SUPPORTING A PHASED REOPENING OF BUSINESSES

The City of Folsom stands ready to support the reopening of local businesses. A number of tools are available at www.folsom.ca.us/businessresources as you plan and prepare in advance for a safe and prosperous reopening.

FOLSOM LAKE STATE RECREATION AREA

California State Parks continues a phased approach to increase access to the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area. Park entrances are open to vehicular traffic; and day-use, restrooms, and boat launching facilities at these locations are open. A limited number of concessions have reopened, and limited camping reservations are available. Visit www.parks.ca.gov for current updates.



Folsom City Council Adopts Balanced Budget

The Folsom City Council unanimously approved a balanced budget for the new fiscal year, which began July 1. The spending plan maintains high quality service levels and amenities for the Folsom community.

Some highlights of the spending plan include upgrades to the city's water treatment plant; street, sewer, and drainage improvements; Community Development permit center; and Light Rail station cameras in the Folsom Historic District.

Learn more about the city's finances at www.folsom.ca.us/budget.



Help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and follow these three easy steps:

CLEAN your hands regularly with soap and water.

COVER your face when you can't maintain six feet of distance from others in public.

CONTAIN the spread of germs by staying home when you're sick — even just a little.

Learn more at www.folsom.ca.us/COVID-19.



LOCAL ROADWAY SAFETY PLAN

The City of Folsom is seeking input from the community to help develop its first comprehensive Local Roadway Safety Plan, which provides a framework to identify, analyze, and prioritize local roadway safety improvements. The plan will enable the City to identify potential traffic safety projects in Folsom. Learn more and attend a virtual workshop at www.folsomsafecitystreets.com.

There is Still Time to Complete the 2020 Census



Thank you, Folsom! Approximately 72 percent of Folsom residents responded to the 2020 Census, but we still have more work to do to get everyone counted. Funding for our community's critical programs that support hospitals, housing, education, and emergency preparedness is based in part on accurate Census counts. The self-response period — which includes online, phone, and mailed responses — has been extended from July 31 to October 31 due to the coronavirus pandemic. Learn more at my2020census.gov.



CITY SEEKS INPUT ON HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE

The City of Folsom is updating its Housing Element and is conducting a community survey to gather information on the housing needs and priorities of Folsom residents and to form strategies to meet the city's future housing needs. Help guide the future of housing in Folsom by responding to the survey online at www.folsomhousingelement.com/get-involved. The survey is available online through July 31, 2020.



SARATOGA WAY/WILSON BOULEVARD EXTENSION PROJECT COMPLETE

Traffic flow between El Dorado Hills and Folsom will significantly improve now that El Dorado County has completed the Saratoga Way/Wilson Boulevard Extension Project. Saratoga Way travels a short distance westward from El Dorado Hills Boulevard, closely paralleling Highway 50 and connecting to Iron Point Road. Wilson Boulevard extends from the north intersecting with Saratoga Way. The Wilson Boulevard and the four-lane Saratoga Way extensions provide a direct connection via Iron Point Road in Folsom, and are more efficient venues to access destinations within Folsom.



GREEN VALLEY ROAD WIDENING UPDATE

Used by more than 25,000 motorists daily, Green Valley Road is an important connection between Folsom and El Dorado County. The Green Valley Road widening project is now complete, adding four travel lanes, buffered Class II bike lanes, a painted median/turn lane, and a parking area for the Mormon Island Wetlands State Park. The project will improve traffic flow, wait times at nearby traffic signals, and air quality by reducing commute times.



HOME REPAIR GRANTS FOR FOLSOM SENIOR CITIZENS

The City of Folsom assists qualified low-income senior citizens with minor health- and safety-related home repairs through its Seniors Helping Seniors Home Repair program, including electrical, plumbing, appliance, and heating/air conditioning repair projects. The program is not meant for cosmetic repairs or renovations.

To be eligible, applicants must be at least 65 years of age (55 years of age if a homeowner has a verifiable disability) and must earn less than 80 percent of the median income for Sacramento County. For more information, call 916-461-6210 or visit www.folsom.ca.us/seniorshelpingseniors.

Waste and Recycling Collections

The City of Folsom Solid Waste Division has seen a spike in the volume of trash and recycling during the stay-at-home orders. Help manage the extra waste by recycling what you can and keeping prohibited items out of the blue recycle bins.

THE SOLID WASTE DIVISION OFFERS SIMPLE REMINDERS

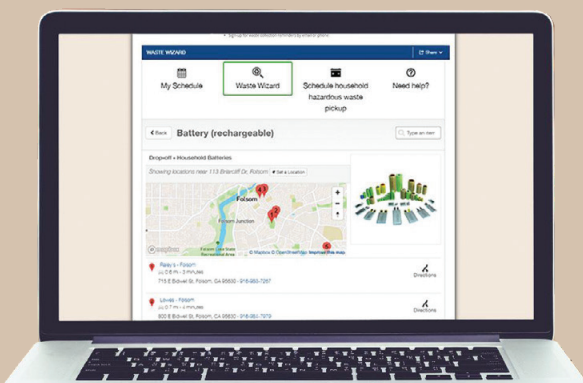
- Single-use plastic bags cannot be recycled. Please reuse, place in your garbage can, or place in collection bins at your local grocery or home improvement store.
- Takeout food containers, including utensils, cups, paper plates, and napkins are not recyclable.
- Pizza boxes are not recyclable due to food residue. If the top of the pizza box is completely clean, it may be torn off and placed in the recycle bin.
- Recycle cardboard boxes (flattened and cut to about 12"x12" pieces). Larger boxes may be recycled at one of our community recycling drop-off locations.
- Tin, steel, and aluminum cans are recyclable; make sure the cans are clean and dry.

Wondering if an item is recyclable? Simply type an item in the Waste Wizard at www.folsom.ca.us/wastecollection to find out if a material can be reused, recycled, composted, or placed in the garbage.

NEVER MISS YOUR COLLECTION DAY AGAIN

Visit www.folsom.ca.us/wastecollection and search your home address in the collection calendar tool. You can then:

- See your recycling and green waste collection schedule and sign up for reminders.
- Download your collection schedule into your personal calendar or print a copy.



SPRUCE UP YOUR SPRINKLER SYSTEM AND SAVE

A little maintenance goes a long way toward making your home irrigation system use water more efficiently, saving you money on your utility bills. You can spruce up your irrigation system in four simple steps:

- **Inspect.** Check your system for clogged, broken, or missing sprinkler heads. Better yet, contact Folsom's Water Conservation Team and let one of our certified professionals perform a free Water-Wise House Call to check your system and identify problems, and provide you with helpful watering and landscape advice. Make an appointment by calling 916-461-6174 or visit waterconservation@folsom.ca.us.
- **Connect.** Examine points where the sprinkler heads connect to pipes or hoses. If water pools in your landscape or you have large wet areas, you could have a leak in your system. A leak as small as the tip of a ballpoint pen can waste about 6,300 gallons of water per month.
- **Direct.** Make sure to direct your sprinklers to apply water only to the landscape — not the driveway, house, or sidewalk.
- **Select.** An improperly scheduled irrigation controller can waste a lot of water and money. Update your system's schedule with the seasons, or select a WaterSense labeled controller to take the guesswork out of scheduling.

FREE LIFE JACKET LOANER PROGRAM

The Folsom Fire Department's Life Jacket Loaner Program provides Folsom residents with free daily and weekend rental of life jackets for all ages of children and adults. The life jackets are available at Folsom Fire Station 35 at 535 Glenn Drive; borrowers must provide a valid driver license. For more information, call 916-461-6300.





Fireworks Safety Tips

Fourth of July fireworks are a favorite Folsom tradition. However, fireworks can quickly become dangerous if proper precautions are not taken. With a little care and common sense, fireworks can be a safe and fun activity for everyone. The Folsom Fire Department offers these important tips to stay safe this Fourth of July:

- Be sure to purchase “Safe and Sane” fireworks that bear the State Fire Marshal’s seal.
- Fireworks that explode or leave the ground are illegal in California, unless if you have a fire department permit.
- Store fireworks in a cool, dry place.
- Read and follow all directions.
- When using legal fireworks, only set them off outdoors in a clear area that is away from homes, dry leaves, grass, and other flammable materials.

- Supervise children and be sure other people are out of range before lighting fireworks.
- Always have a bucket of water for disposal of fireworks and a hose connected to water in case of fire.
- Do not try to relight or handle malfunctioning fireworks. Soak them with water and throw them away.
- Fireworks are prohibited in all city-owned properties and parks except at the Lembi Community Park parking lot. The use of fireworks on all trails and open spaces in the City of Folsom is prohibited.

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



TRAIL SAFETY AND ETIQUETTE

Folsom’s 50+ miles of beautiful recreational trails are shared by cyclists and pedestrians; safety and courtesy make for a positive experience for all trail users. The trails are being used more than ever this year, and many new cyclists, runners, and walkers are just becoming aware of trail etiquette practices and may not be entirely familiar with them yet. Cyclists should keep to the right side of the trail, maintain a safe speed, and pass on the left side of oncoming pedestrians. Walkers and runners should keep to the left side of the trail, facing oncoming bicycle traffic. All trail users should maintain social distancing. Find trail maps and informative trail safety and etiquette videos at www.folsom.ca.us.





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The Folsom Public Library Invites You to Join the Summer Reading Challenge

Sign up to read five books now through July 31! Kids and teens completing the challenge receive a free book, and entry into a drawing for a \$100 Target gift card. Adults who read five books earn entry into the drawing, too. Sign up and play the Reading Challenge Bingo at folsom.beanstack.org.

Find more information about the Summer Reading Challenge, other library resources, and virtual programs at www.folsom.ca.us/library.



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Reading Challenge - June & July

BINGO



Any book	Animal	Award winner	Made into a movie	Adventure
TITLE	TITLE	TITLE	TITLE	TITLE
Graphic novel	Any book	One word title	Fiction	Poetry
TITLE	TITLE	TITLE	TITLE	TITLE
Nonfiction	Fantasy	Any book	First in a series	Humorous
TITLE	TITLE	TITLE	TITLE	TITLE
Biography	Nonfiction	Fiction	Any book	Mystery
TITLE	TITLE	TITLE	TITLE	TITLE
New book	Historical	Audiobook	Classic	Any book
TITLE	TITLE	TITLE	TITLE	TITLE



BINGO: Kids and teens earn a free book & a \$100 Target gift card drawing entry. Adults earn a \$100 Target gift card drawing entry.

BLACKOUT: Another entry into the gift card drawings.

NAME: _____

AGE: _____ PHONE: _____

Sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge and track your progress at <https://folsom.beanstack.org>

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