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1919-2019: Rainbow Bridge Centennial Celebration Saturday, May 4



Celebrate the 100th anniversary of Folsom's iconic Rainbow Bridge at once-in-a-lifetime events planned in the Historic District Saturday, May 4.

The Rainbow Bridge will close to vehicular traffic to allow the community to explore the bridge on foot. The festivities kick off with a rededication and ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10 a.m. World-renowned slackline athlete

Ryan Robinson — who was raised in Folsom — will attempt to set a world record by traversing the 1,919-foot span over the American River between Lake Natoma Crossing and the Rainbow Bridge on a 1-inch wide line. A festival with informational displays about the landmark bridge, guided walking tours, hands-on activities, and a display of vintage cars round out the morning events that are free and open to the public.

The Folsom Historic District Association hosts a special tasting

event on the bridge from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., featuring gourmet food and libations provided by Historic District restaurateurs. The evening also includes live music, entertainment, and special surprises. Visit www.historicfolsom.org to purchase tickets. The celebration wraps up with a free concert by the Folsom Lake Symphony in the Historic District Amphitheater from 8 to 9 p.m. Learn more about the bridge and celebration events at www.folsomrainbowbridge.com.



SPRING EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Hop on over to Lembi Park for the annual celebration and giant egg hunt Saturday, April 20. The festivities begin at 8 a.m. with a pancake breakfast, kiddie carnival, entertainment, vendor displays, and youth activities. The egg hunt — featuring more than 25,000 eggs — starts at 10 a.m. sharp! Eggs are divided among four fields for different age categories. There's also a special egg hunt just for parents and grandparents (ticket purchase required). This free event is presented by Folsom Parks & Recreation with the support of community sponsors; pancake breakfast and face painting may be purchased on-site. Find more information at www.folsom.ca.us.



SUMMER DAY CAMPS FOR KIDS AND TEENS

Folsom Parks & Recreation summer day camps are a great way for kids and teens to avoid the summer slump, and help keep their minds engaged and bodies active while they're out of school. Camps provide the opportunity to learn a new sport or sharpen existing skills, showcase talents through the arts, spark imagination through creative play, explore and enjoy the outdoors, make new friends, and create lasting memories. The camps are conducted by trained and caring staff and provide a supervised, positive, and inclusive environment. Sessions begin in June and continue through early August, and times vary from a few hours to all-day camps with extended care options. Register for camps online at webtrac.folsom.ca.us or call 916-461-6601 for more information.



City Works Day May 15



Hop into the cab of a Folsom garbage truck, climb aboard a fire engine, make it rain on a stormwater table, and join in other fun hands-on activities at City Works Day from 9:30 a.m. to noon Wednesday, May 15. This free popular annual event is designed to encourage resident discovery and learning about the City of Folsom's wide variety of services.

City Works Day will showcase work vehicles, such as special tractors,

trucks, and construction equipment for viewing, exploring, and even honking. City staff will be stationed at each attraction to share knowledge about City of Folsom programs and professions.

Visitors of all ages will enjoy seeing the Fire Department apparatus; talking to Curby the robot to learn recycling tips; meeting a Folsom Police Department horse and a K9; and so much more.

The City's celebration is scheduled in May to usher in the American Public Works Association's nationally proclaimed "National Public Works Week." Learn more about City Works Day at www.folsom.ca.us/cityworksdays or call 916-461-6702.

LOCAL AUTHOR EXPO

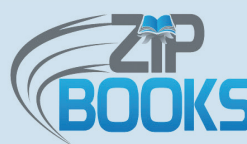
Saturday, April 27, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Meet, network with, and support local authors at the Folsom Public Library's upcoming Local Author Expo Saturday, April 27. More than 40 local authors and writing groups representing all genres and audiences of fiction and nonfiction will sell and sign their books.

Panel discussions include:

- 12:30 p.m. Paths to Publication
- 1:40 p.m. On Memoir
- 2:10 p.m. Writing a Book to Grow your Business

Attendance is free to the public, and attendees can win books in the door prize drawing. For a full schedule, author list, and names of panelists, visit www.folsom.ca.us/library.



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MAY IS BIKE MONTH

Bike Month is celebrated across the nation each May to showcase the benefits of cycling and to encourage more people to find ways to cycle for transportation or fitness. Those who live or work in the greater Sacramento region are encouraged to join the 2 million mile challenge and log miles online at www.MayIsBikeMonth.com. Cyclists can participate in a number of special events in May, including themed rides, group rides, and clinics; find details at www.50corridor.com. May is a great time to hop on your bike and enjoy some of Folsom's 50+ miles of beautiful recreational trails. Pick up a free trail map at City Hall or at the 48 Natoma Street Senior and Art Center, or find the map on the City of Folsom website (under Parks & Recreation/Parks & Trails).



Folsom Ride with the Mayor

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 8 A.M.

Enjoy a 30-mile group ride to celebrate Bike Month. Riders meet at the Historic Folsom parking garage, 905 Leidesdorff Street, to fuel up on complimentary pastries and coffee from Karen's Bakery before the 9 a.m. departure. The group will converge with other riders and elected officials at the Hagan Community Park energizer station, and continue to McKinley Park for a free catered lunch. After lunch, the group will ride the last few miles to the State Capitol

grounds for the Bike Fest event from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. After the festival, riders may rejoin the group to ride back to Folsom or take light rail for the return trip. This event is free, but participants are encouraged to preregister to assist with the meal counts; register online at webtrac.folsom.ca.us. Questions about the event can be directed to Brett Bollinger, bbollinger@folsom.ca.us.

Note: The Great Scott Bike & Walk event that typically takes place in early May has been canceled this year. The City of Folsom is working with local jurisdictions and the 50 Corridor Transportation Management Association to bring the event back in 2020.

TRAIL SAFETY REMINDER

The City of Folsom has more than 50 miles of Class I paved trails and the Folsom Police Department encourages cyclists, walkers, and runners all sharing the trails to stay safe this spring season. Cyclists should keep to the right side of the trail, maintain a safe speed, and pass on the left side of oncoming pedestrians. Pedestrians should keep to the left side of the trail in order to face oncoming cyclists. Dogs should be kept on a leash at all times, and should stay on the left side of their human. Find more trail information and maps at www.folsom.ca.us.





Folsom Trails Day is Saturday, April 13

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY, ARBOR DAY, AND CREEK WEEK

These annual events bring together community volunteers to enhance the quality of Folsom's trails, woodlands, and waterways.

FOLSOM CELEBRATES ARBOR DAY

Folsom is home to a lush urban forest, a hallmark of our city that offers tremendous economic, health, and environmental benefits. Trees increase property values, enhance the vitality of business areas, provide shade, clean our air, and beautify the community. The Folsom City Council adopted an Arbor Day resolution to encourage residents to plant and care for trees this April.

The City of Folsom provides a number of resources to help residents find the right tree for a property. The City Arborist offers an extensive master tree list, plus a host of helpful articles on mulch, soil testing, mistletoe, and establishing young trees. Learn more at www.folsom.ca.us/community/arborist.

Free shade trees are also available for residents and businesses through the Shade Tree Program offered by SMUD and the Sacramento Tree Foundation. Shade trees can help to dramatically reduce cooling costs during the hot summer months. Visit www.smud.org for details.

TRAILS DAY / ARBOR DAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers are needed to help prune trees near trails and open spaces, and replace eroded trail borders along two sections of the Oak Parkway Trail. Volunteers will gather at 9 a.m. at B.T. Collins Park, 828 Willow Creek Drive in Folsom and will divide into project crews. Visit webtrac.folsom.ca.us (activity code 589908-09) to register, or call 916-461-6601 for more information.

CREEK WEEK VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers are needed to remove non-native invasive water plants and litter from Humbug, Willow, and Hinkle creeks in Folsom. This event is sponsored by the Sacramento Area Creeks Council. Visit www.creekweek.net or call 916-454-4544 for registration and information.

These events are free, but volunteers must pre-register to participate! All volunteers receive a free commemorative T-shirt, lunch, and beverages — plus the satisfaction of enhancing the environment.

FIRST TREES PLANTED IN FOLSOM PLAN AREA

The construction of the Folsom Plan Area is well underway. In addition to construction of the first homes and the installation of the first street lights, hydrants, and pathways, more than 550 trees have already been planted along the new streetscapes. Trees contribute to the beauty and character of our community as well as provide tangible benefits such as clean air and energy savings.

SPRING CLEANING

Well-maintained properties that are free of tall grass, weeds, and dead vegetation help keep neighborhoods safe, healthy, and more attractive. With this goal in mind, the City of Folsom Code Enforcement

Division reminds residents that property maintenance is important and spring is the perfect time of year to freshen up yards and landscaping.



- Remove overgrowth of vegetation, including side yards, and near fences, and walls.
- Remove all dead vegetation.
- Remove vegetation away from sidewalks so as to not obstruct vision and clear path of travel.
- Remove all junk and debris.





Watering Tips for a Healthy Lawn

In the Sacramento region, most household water is used outside on our landscapes — about 30 percent of that is wasted due to overwatering and evaporation. Here are some easy steps to make sure your lawn and plants are receiving just the right amount of water to be healthy:

- **Check the Soil:** Use a moisture meter, soil probe, or eight-inch screwdriver to see if your yard needs water. If the meter says it's moist or the screwdriver easily goes into the soil, you can skip running the sprinklers.
- **Add a Weather-Based Sprinkler Timer:** These sprinkler timers take the guesswork out of how much to water your landscape. They act like a thermostat for your sprinklers, turning water on and off based on weather conditions, soil type, sun exposure (such as shade vs. full sun), and plant type. As conditions change, the controller adjusts the amount of water plants and lawn receive. You can learn more about the timers at www.epa.gov/watersense/irrigation-controllers.

Need a little help? City of Folsom water customers can schedule a free evaluation of indoor and outdoor water use, including an irrigation check-up. Call the Water Management Program at 916-461-6174 or send an e-mail to waterconservation@folsom.ca.us to request a free water use survey.

ALL ABOUT IRRIGATION WORKSHOP

Wednesday, April 24, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Folsom Community Center, 52 Natoma Street

Spring is a great time to tune-up your watering system for new plantings or to improve the system's efficiency. Learn how much to water, how long to water, and how to identify and fix problems with your irrigation system at this free workshop offered by the City of Folsom's water conservation coordinator. To register, contact waterconservation@folsom.ca.us or call 916-461-6174.

CELEBRATE MOMS, FAMILY AND FITNESS

Honor and celebrate moms at the 5th annual Love My Mom 5K Saturday, May 11. This popular event is presented by Folsom Parks & Recreation in partnership with the Palladio and Kaiser. The 5K course — 3.1 miles — 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 popular Kids' Dash for ages 10 and under returns, 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 female, top mom, and others. All registered 5K participants will receive a custom dry-fit shirt and special finisher's medal to commemorate their effort. At the finish area, all participants can explore vendor booths, enjoy DJ music, and sample light refreshments. Register today! Visit www.folsom.ca.us for information and a link to online registration.





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SEVERE WEATHER



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ROAD CLOSURES



MISSING PERSONS

GET READY, GET SET, GO! WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS TIPS

May is Wildfire Awareness Month and CAL FIRE and the Folsom Fire Department want to help prepare residents for the possibility of wildfire. Learn how to prepare, and when to evacuate at www.readyforwildfire.org.



Lord. The artists are members of the prestigious California Art Club. The professional art gallery is located in the 48 Natoma Art Center; the gallery's regular hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, with extended hours from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday.

“WATERSCAPES” EXHIBIT RECEPTION

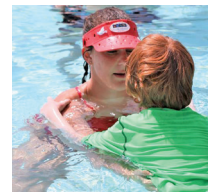
The Gallery at 48 Natoma hosts a free public reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, May 10 for the new exhibit featuring oil paintings by Karen Anable-Nichols, paintings by Susan Sarback, and watercolors by Carolyn

HEADED TO THE GOLDEN 1 CENTER? TAKE SACRT

Sacramento Regional Transit (SacRT) is your family-friendly way to get to Golden 1 Center events and Sacramento Kings home games. SacRT has light rail stops within one block of the Golden 1 Center and free parking is offered at all of its Folsom park and ride lots. Passengers riding to the Golden 1 Center from Folsom should exit the train at the 8th & K light rail station, and head to the 7th & Capitol light rail station to return to Folsom. SacRT operates extended service to Folsom stations for major events and Kings home games. Visit GoSacRT.com or call 916-321-BUSS (2877) for more information about routes.

LEARN TO SWIM AT THE STEVE MIKLOS AQUATIC CENTER

We've taught more than 30,000 people to swim and we can teach you, too! Swim lessons are offered for all ages, from absolute beginners to advanced levels starting in the spring and continuing throughout the summer. Semi-private swim lessons — which are limited to two students to allow for plenty of individualized attention — have been expanded with more times available at both the Vista del Lago High School pool and the aquatic center. Lessons are also available in group, private, and parent-tot formats. Find details about swim lessons in the summer Folsom Parks & Recreation Rec Guide or call 916-461-6640.



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