



CITY OF FOLSOM

# Folsom Public Library Summer Reading Program

## Friday, June 1–Tuesday, July 31

Fasten your seatbelts because the Folsom Public Library is ready to take off for this year’s summer reading program, “Reading Takes You Everywhere!” Stories have an extraordinary ability to transport readers to places they could never imagine. Keep busy reading and learning this summer at the Folsom Public Library.

Folsom residents of all ages are encouraged to sign up for this annual event that is sure to deliver action and adventure through reading. Kids and teens who read five books this summer will receive a free book, a reusable book bag, and entry into a drawing for a \$100 Barnes and Noble gift card. Adults reading five books get a reusable book bag and entry into the drawing, too.

## Summer Reading Events for Children

*Goldilocks and the Three Sharks Puppet Show*  
Thursday, June 7 at 2 p.m.

*Brian Scott Magic Show*  
Thursday, June 14 at 2 p.m.

*Fenix Drum and Dance Company*  
Friday, June 22 at 2 p.m.

*Wild Things Animal Show*  
Thursday, July 26 at 2 p.m.

These summer reading events will be held at the Folsom Community Center at 52 Natoma Street. Find more information about the Summer Reading Program and other library resources and programs at [www.folsom.ca.us/library](http://www.folsom.ca.us/library).



## SIGN UP FOR NIXLE EMERGENCY ALERTS

The City of Folsom wants you to be safe and informed during emergencies. Register now to receive emergency notifications to your mobile phone and email. Text 95630 to 888777 to opt-in, or visit [www.folsom.ca.us/emergencyalerts](http://www.folsom.ca.us/emergencyalerts).

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-  CRIME
-  TRAFFIC
-  FIRES
-  ROAD CLOSURES
-  MISSING PERSONS

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Communities throughout Folsom will partner with the Folsom Police Department Tuesday, August 7 for the annual National Night Out, a nationwide program that promotes involvement in crime prevention, police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. Is your neighborhood involved in the Folsom Police Neighborhood Watch program and planning a National Night Out celebration? If so, complete an application prior to July 20. For more information or to request an application, contact Jessica Hess at 916-351-3409 or [jhess@folsom.ca.us](mailto:jhess@folsom.ca.us).

## FIREWORKS SAFETY TIPS

Fourth of July fireworks are a favorite Folsom tradition, but did you know more fires are reported on this day than on any other day of the year in the United States? Nearly half of these fires are caused by fireworks. The good news is you can enjoy the festivities and fireworks with just a few simple safety tips:

- 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.
- 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, away from homes, dry leaves, or grass and other flammable materials.
- Supervise children and be sure other people are out of range before lighting.
- 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.
- Know that use of fireworks on all bike trails and open spaces in the City is prohibited.
- All fireworks are prohibited in all City-owned properties and parks except at the Lembi Community Park parking lot.



# Econome Family Park Grand Opening



**Thursday, July 12, evening**

The public is invited to the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the City of Folsom’s new neighborhood park located at 1900 Parkway Drive North. The park is named to honor brothers George and Nick Econome and their respective wives, Marilyn and Ann, for their collective contributions to the Folsom community. Econome Park incorporates state-of-the-art park design features and environmental components. Recreational amenities include bocce ball courts, synthetic and natural turf soccer fields, tennis courts, and an open-play turf area. A half-mile perimeter walking path connects to two play areas and covered picnic areas, and provides access to The Parkway trail system. The park’s environmental components include LED lighting for reduced energy use, vegetative swales to filter rain water and help replenish the aquifer, and reduced water-use landscaping. Find more details about the grand opening celebration at [www.folsom.ca.us](http://www.folsom.ca.us).



## SUMMER DAY CAMPS FOR KIDS AND TEENS

Summer day camps are a great way for kids and teens to keep their minds engaged and bodies active while they’re out of school. Folsom Parks & Recreation offers a variety of camps for kids to learn a new sport or sharpen existing skills, showcase their talents through the arts, spark their

imaginations through creative play, explore and enjoy the outdoors, make new friends, and create lasting memories. Options range from several hours to all-day camps with extended care options. Camps are conducted by trained and caring staff and provide a supervised, positive and inclusive environment. Register for camps online at <https://webtrac.folsom.ca.us> or call 916-461-6601 for more information.

## COMMUNITY AWARENESS PICNIC AND MOVIE NIGHT SATURDAY, JUNE 9

The Folsom Aquatic Center, in partnership with the Folsom Police and Fire departments, hosts this family event designed to highlight community resources. The doors open at 5:30 p.m. for families with special needs, and 6:30 p.m. to the general public. The first 300 people will receive a free BBQ dinner. Guests may also bring a picnic dinner, and snacks and drinks will be available for purchase from the Poolside Café. Swimming is available until 8 p.m., and an open-air showing of “The Greatest Showman” begins at 8:30 p.m. The Folsom Aquatic Center is located at 1200 Riley Street. Call 916-461-6640 for more information about the event.





## FOLSOM AQUATIC CENTER'S LITTLE DIPPERS SWIM PROGRAM

Little Dippers is exclusively for parents and youngsters age six and under. It provides a great opportunity for little ones to splash and play, and increase their water confidence in a less-crowded environment. The program takes place in the activity pool, 10:30 a.m. to noon on Fridays, June 1 through August 10. Admission is \$5 per person (season passes not valid for this program); all participants are required to exit the facility at noon but are allowed free re-entry at 1 p.m. for recreation swim. Call 916-461-6640 for more information.

## WATER SAFETY TIPS

As the weather warms up, many Folsom residents head to lakes and rivers to cool down. Here are a few tips from the Folsom Fire Department to help you stay safe this summer.

- Always wear a life jacket and ensure it fits properly
- Learn how to swim
- Never swim alone
- Always watch children
- Never use rope swings or jump off of bridges
- Be cautious of currents and rocks under the water
- Only swim in designated areas
- Call 911 immediately if someone is in trouble or drowning



## 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's license. For more information, contact the City of Folsom Fire Department at 916-461-6300.



## SUMMER CONCERTS IN THE PARK

The free Friday evening concert series starts June 1 and continues weekly through July 27 in Folsom City Lions Park. Bands play from 7 to 9 p.m.; bring a picnic or purchase food and beverages from a variety of food trucks. The Summer Concerts in the Park series is presented by Folsom Parks & Recreation.

Date	Band	Genre
June 1	Island of Black & White	Reggae
June 8	FBI	Rock
June 15	Keep on Truckin'	Music of the Woodstock generation
June 22	Dave Russell	Country
June 29	Chad Bushnell	Country
July 6	Innersoul Band	R&B/Latin
July 13	Simple Creation Band	Reggae
July 20	Have Mercy	Classic Rock
July 27	Elana Jane	Country/Pop



## GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION FOR THE BARNYARD EXPERIENCE

**Thursday, June 28, 6–8 p.m.**

The public is invited to the free grand opening celebration for the Folsom Zoo Sanctuary's new hands-on learning center. The Barnyard Experience provides a new home for Gus the horse, miniature donkeys Hallie and Rosie, Ernie the Zebu, and some other new animal friends. Unique exhibits include a mechanical milking cow, a hexagonal glass-walled beehive, and a variety of farm equipment and historical artifacts. After the ribbon-cutting ceremony, take part in hands-on activities, meet some of the barn animals and enjoy light refreshments. Call 916-351-3527 for more details.

## CELEBRATION SATURDAYS AT THE FOLSOM ZOO SANCTUARY

Calling all party animals! Celebrate the summer birthday or adoption anniversary of some of the animals who live at the zoo sanctuary. Make a special card or treat for your favorite animal; all supplies provided with regular zoo admission. Celebration Saturdays are held June 9, July 14 and August 11 (the second Saturday of the month) from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.



## Folsom Pro Rodeo

Don't miss the patriotic family fun at the 58th Annual Folsom Pro Rodeo Saturday, June 30; Sunday, July 1; and Tuesday, July 3. The patriotic event offers non-stop rodeo action, outstanding nightly fireworks, mutton busting, a giant American flag which arrives by skydiver and much more! The Folsom Family Round Up will kick off rodeo week on Friday, June 29. Enjoy live music and meet the stars of the rodeo at this free family fun event at Folsom City Lions Park. For information and tickets, visit [www.FolsomProRodeo.com](http://www.FolsomProRodeo.com).

## FOLSOM SENIOR CENTER PROGRAMS

The Folsom Senior Center provides a wide range of programs and services to the community. The Center is located at 48 Natoma Street and is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month. Anyone age 55 and older is welcome to visit; Folsom residency is not a requirement.

A rotating schedule of free activities take place in the Senior Lounge, and everyone is invited to join in, whether they're a "regular" or a new friend. Activities include games, movies, book discussions, bridge, and a popular "Off-Key Singers" group that meets Mondays and Fridays. The lounge maintains a stock of books, magazines, board games and puzzles for those who want to engage in some quiet activity.

The Folsom Senior Citizens Club welcomes new members to its meetings twice a month at the Center for lunch, games and occasional guest speakers. The Center also provides space for seniors and caregivers to meet with a variety of community support services and agencies. The Meals on Wheels program provides a hot lunch at 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday for any senior age 60 or older. Seniors may also bring a brown-bag lunch and enjoy the mealtime companionship.

Folsom Parks & Recreation offers a variety of classes for seniors, including fine arts and ceramics; fitness classes including yoga, interval training, mobility and flexibility programs, and the popular Walk and Talk guided trail walks; driver's safety; and even free guitar lessons. Many of the senior classes are ongoing; some are fee-based and others are free. Free educational workshops are also offered throughout the year, focusing on topics including Social Security planning, healthcare management, caregiver assistance, identity theft prevention and more.

Free special events celebrating holidays, seasons and themes are hosted at the Senior Center throughout the year. The Independence Day Party takes place at 1:30 p.m. Friday, June 29; anyone age 55+ may attend and enjoy games, live entertainment and light refreshments.

Drop in at the Folsom Senior Center for a free tour any time during regular business hours or call 916-461-6601 for more information.





## WATER QUALITY REPORT AVAILABLE

The City of Folsom is known for its high water quality, which has helped attract major corporations to Folsom, including Gekkeikan-Sake and Kikkoman. As in years past, Folsom's tap water meets all State of California and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency drinking water health standards. The City makes every effort to safeguard its water supply and once again reports Folsom's system meets and exceeds every water quality standard.

The City of Folsom provides its customers with an annual water quality report, the Consumer Confidence Report, to demonstrate how Folsom's water meets and exceeds the state and federal drinking water standards. The City encourages community members to review this report as it provides details about the source and quality of the drinking water delivered to the community in 2017. The report is available on the City of Folsom website at [www.folsom.ca.us/ccr](http://www.folsom.ca.us/ccr).

## WATER-WISE HOUSE CALLS

Want to reduce your water use at home? The City of Folsom offers water customers complimentary Water-Wise House Calls. As part of this service, a city water conservation specialist will run your sprinkler system and evaluate its efficiency, provide advice on how to operate it, help you determine an effective watering schedule, and give advice on upgrading your system with new technology. To schedule your free Water-Wise House Call, contact the City of Folsom's Water Conservation Division at 916-461-6171 or [waterconservation@folsom.ca.us](mailto:waterconservation@folsom.ca.us).

## LAWN CARE BASICS

**Wednesday, July 11  
6:30–8:30 p.m.**

**Folsom Community Center  
52 Natoma Street**

Learn strategies and techniques for dealing with common Folsom lawn care challenges, including watering, summer heat, sloped yards, and hard clay soils.

Call 916-461-6174 or email [waterconservation@folsom.ca.us](mailto:waterconservation@folsom.ca.us).



## SUMMER STORMWATER POLLUTION SOLUTIONS

Everyday summer activities such as gardening, home improvements and washing cars can negatively affect local creeks and streams. Help keep our waterways clean by following these tips on dealing with common around-the-house pollutants this summer:

### FERTILIZERS AND PESTICIDES

- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly, and do not apply two days before a forecasted rainfall.
- Cover piles of dirt and mulch to prevent pollutants from blowing into gutters and storm drains.
- Sweep debris from sidewalks and patios.
- Use non-toxic alternatives for pests.

### HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS

- Rinse paintbrushes in the sink, not in the gutter. Avoid using paint thinner for cleaning, and use disposable brushes instead.
- Clean up outdoor spills with a broom, not a hose. Use absorbents such as cat litter or sawdust.
- Buy non-toxic products whenever possible.

### VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

- Regularly check your vehicles for leaks and repair them. Use cat litter to clean up auto leaks or spills.
- Dispose of motor oil, antifreeze and other fluids at an auto center or gas station that recycles, or participate in the City of Folsom's curbside motor oil pick-up program.



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## “Life Lessons” Art Exhibit Reception



### L'ÉTAPE CALIFORNIA BIKE RIDE AND EXPO

**August 31–September 2**

The annual L'Étape California by Le Tour de France is a mass participation bike ride open to the public and to road cyclists of all skill levels. For the first time, the City of Folsom and Visit Folsom are proud to host this event over the Labor Day weekend, August 31 through September 2. The event includes a Cycling and Lifestyle Expo Friday and Saturday, August 31 and September 1 at the Palladio in Folsom. The L'Étape bike rides take place Sunday, September 2 with two route options that start and finish in Folsom and include the beautiful scenery of the Sierra foothills. Visit [www.letapecalifornia.com](http://www.letapecalifornia.com) for event registration and more detailed information.

The Gallery at 48 Natoma features a new exhibit with figurative sculptures by Amanda Paoletti, paintings by Chris Foster and textile portraits by Sandra Poteet. The gallery hosts a free public reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 13. The evening includes live music and light refreshments. The professional art gallery is located in the 48 Natoma Art Center and is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, with extended hours from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the second Saturday of the month.



### WACKY DASH

**Saturday, August 4, 8 a.m., Rodeo Park**

End your summer with some wet and wild fun with Folsom Parks & Recreation's 4th annual obstacle course challenge. The family-friendly course features mud pits, balance beams, tightropes, water slides, giant inflatables, a foam tunnel and other fun surprises. Tackle the course as an individual or form a team with your friends, family and co-workers. Zany and colorful attire is encouraged, and all registered participants take home a colorful custom medal to commemorate their accomplishment! Learn more and register at [www.folsom.ca.us](http://www.folsom.ca.us).

### FOLSOM POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFERS VACATION CHECKS

Going on a summer vacation? Now you can plan on a little extra peace of mind while you're away. As a Folsom resident, you have the advantage of complimentary vacation checks offered by the Folsom Police Department. As staffing permits, Folsom Police Department volunteers will check the exterior of your home while you're away, making sure doors and gates are secure and any unwanted papers or advertisements are removed from the front porch. If they see a problem, they'll notify you and, if appropriate, will have a police officer respond.

To take advantage of this service, complete an application at least a month before your departure date. Applications are available at [www.folsom.ca.us/police](http://www.folsom.ca.us/police) or at the Folsom Police Department, 46 Natoma Street.

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