



A Wild Holiday Celebration at the Folsom City Zoo Sanctuary

**December 2, 3, 9, 10 and 16-23
5 to 8 p.m.
Folsom City Zoo Sanctuary**

Now in its seventh year, Wild Nights and Holiday Lights – the Folsom City Zoo Sanctuary’s popular holiday event – is a wonderful way for families to celebrate the season. It’s also an opportunity to see how many of the animals behave after dark.

Many hours of hands-on work by local families, businesses, community groups and city staff go into installing the lights, decorations and displays that make this event so special.

Santa Claus visits each night of the event, and local caroling groups and musicians provide the festive sounds of the season. The Folsom Valley Railway miniature live steam train provides special nighttime rides for kids and adults.

Wild Nights and Holiday Lights is open from 5 to 8 p.m. on December 2-3, 9-10 and 16-23 (weather permitting; Zoo Sanctuary closed in heavy rains). Admission is \$5 per person; free for ages two and under. Train tickets are \$4 per person. On December 21 from 5 to 8 p.m., the Food Truck Safari takes place next to the Zoo Sanctuary in Folsom City Lions Park.

All proceeds from Holiday Lights benefit the Folsom Zoo Sanctuary animals. Tickets may be purchased in advance at <http://webtrac.folsom.ca.us>, or at the gate. Advance ticket holders will be granted early entry at 4:45 p.m. For more information, call 916-355-7285 or visit FolsomZooFriends.org.

HISTORIC FOLSOM TREE LIGHTING

**December 2, 6 to 9 p.m.
Sutter Street**

Enjoy the spirit of the holidays at the annual Historic Folsom Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, December 2. The festive event features train rides, carolers, live music, children’s activities, visits from Santa Claus, and Yuletide cheer. Learn more at www.historicfolsom.org.

HOLIDAY BREAK CAMPS FOR KIDS AND TEENS

Folsom Parks & Recreation holiday camps keep kids active and engaged while they’re on school break. Camp selections include a variety of sports, science, and even a junior zookeeper camp. Find camp details and register online at <http://webtrac.folsom.ca.us> or call 916-355-7285 for more information.



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Winter Conservation Tips

When it’s raining, conserving water may be the last thing that comes to mind. But water conservation should be a daily, year-round habit for all of us. Here are some tips and ideas on how to conserve water this winter:

H2OLIDAY WATER-SAVING IDEAS

Have a bunch of houseguests for the holidays? Throwing some big dinner parties? Here are ideas for a fun and water-efficient holiday season.

- If you’re using the good china or silverware that requires hand washing, fill one basin with soapy water and the other with rinse water rather than letting the faucet run.

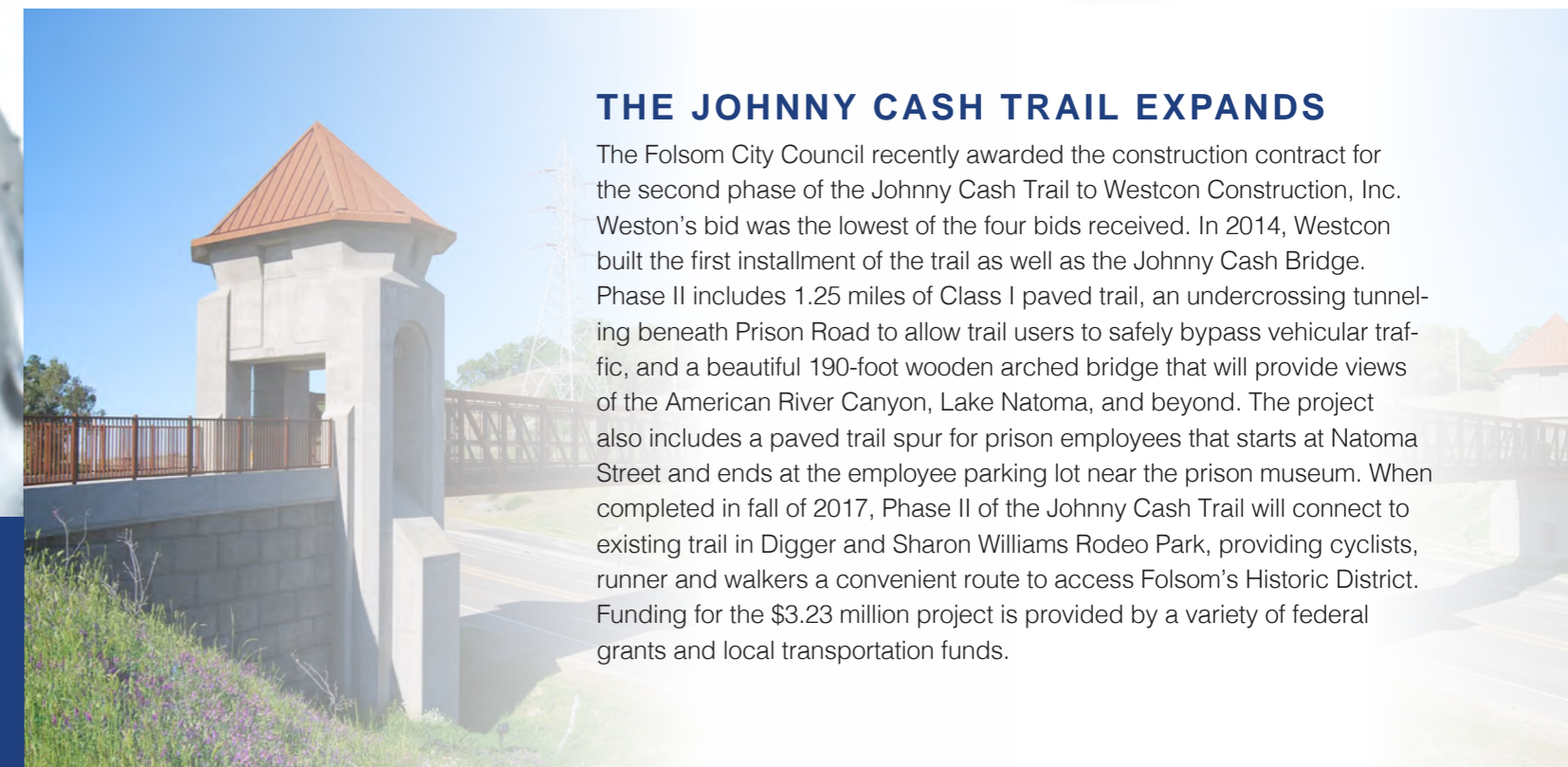
You can find more ways to save water this holiday season at BeWaterSmart.info or www.folsom.ca.us.

Download Folsom’s Dropcounter app for your mobile phone or visit Dropcountr.com and start tracking your water usage on an hourly, daily, weekly or monthly basis.

GIVE YOUR SPRINKLERS A HOLIDAY

Your yard shouldn’t need any supplemental water this winter, so turn off your sprinklers and let Mother Nature do the watering for you. While we take a break from watering the lawn, now is a great time to conserve water indoors.

- Scrape the dishes into the trash instead of using the sink’s garbage disposal.
- Save water and energy by letting your frozen food thaw in the microwave or overnight in the fridge, instead of running water over it.
- A full household means extra laundry and dishes. Remember to run your clothes washer or dishwasher only when full. If you’re in the market for new appliances, look for the Water-Sense label. You’ll save water and energy each time you use them.
- Run your dishwasher on the “light wash” setting, which can cut water use by 55 percent and work just as well for most loads.
- Wash fruits and vegetables in a small pan instead of rinsing under running water.
- Install high-efficiency appliances such as toilets, showerheads, faucets, dishwashers, and clothes washers.
- Limit showers to five minutes or less and turn off the faucet when shaving or brushing your teeth.
- Check plumbing and appliances for leaks and fix them within 48 hours.



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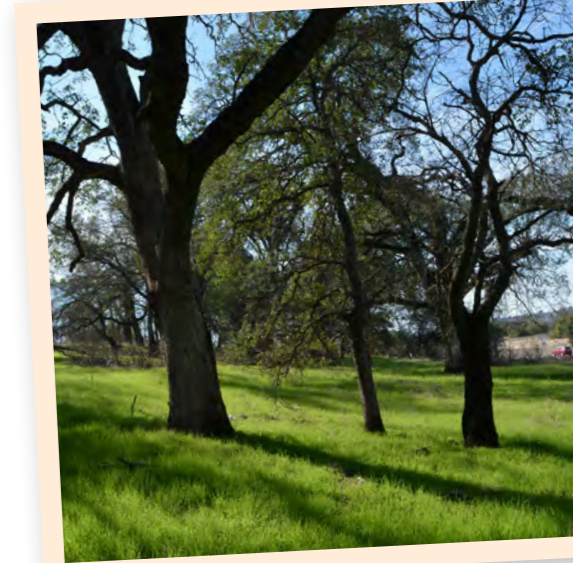
Preserving Folsom’s Open Space, Historical Resources

Nearly three acres of land at Highway 50 and Folsom Boulevard has been preserved forever as public open space. The site maintains the natural beauty of an important gateway to the City, and preserves natural vegetation, heritage oaks and historical resources.

The land was previously planned for commercial development before it was donated to the City of Folsom this fall. The site provides views of historical sluice diggings—deep

trenches that were used in the early 1900s during the process of extracting gold from the nearby creeks.

The City has a long and proud history of protecting and maintaining open space. As the season brings cooler temperatures and color changes in leaves, residents are encouraged to explore the many open spaces and trails that make Folsom *Distinctive by Nature*.



THE JOHNNY CASH TRAIL EXPANDS

The Folsom City Council recently awarded the construction contract for the second phase of the Johnny Cash Trail to Westcon Construction, Inc. Weston’s bid was the lowest of the four bids received. In 2014, Westcon built the first installment of the trail as well as the Johnny Cash Bridge. Phase II includes 1.25 miles of Class I paved trail, an undercrossing tunneling beneath Prison Road to allow trail users to safely bypass vehicular traffic, and a beautiful 190-foot wooden arched bridge that will provide views of the American River Canyon, Lake Natoma, and beyond. The project also includes a paved trail spur for prison employees that starts at Natoma Street and ends at the employee parking lot near the prison museum. When completed in fall of 2017, Phase II of the Johnny Cash Trail will connect to existing trail in Digger and Sharon Williams Rodeo Park, providing cyclists, runner and walkers a convenient route to access Folsom’s Historic District. Funding for the \$3.23 million project is provided by a variety of federal grants and local transportation funds.

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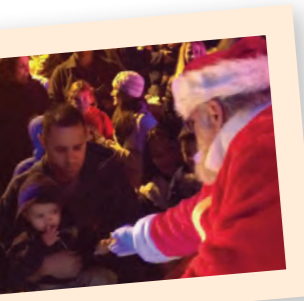
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Santa Returns to Folsom with Lights and Sirens

Santa and Mrs. Claus are teaming up with the Folsom Fire and Police Departments to visit neighborhoods throughout the City from December 11 to 15. Santa's elves will be collecting non-perishable canned goods to help stock the Twin Lakes Food Bank for the holidays. Get route information and updates each night on Santa's location at [facebook.com/FolsomPOA](https://www.facebook.com/FolsomPOA).



HOLIDAY SWEATER PARTY AT THE FOLSOM SENIOR CENTER

December 16, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Wear your most festive holiday sweater to this fun holiday celebration! Bring your own brown bag lunch or reserve a hot lunch from the Meals on Wheels program by calling 916-351-3386; deadline to order is December 5. The Senior Center's very own "Off-Key Singers" will provide musical entertainment, light refreshments will be served, a prize will be awarded for the most festive holiday sweater, and a raffle will be held.

The event is free for ages 55+. The Folsom Senior Center is located at 48 Natoma Street. Call 916-355-7285 for more information.



FOLSOM POLICE HOST TOY DRIVE FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

Help make the holidays special for a family in need through the Annual Christmas Toy Drive. The Folsom Police Department and Folsom Police Foundation are collecting toys for local families this holiday season. New, unopened and unwrapped toys, as well as new clothing or gift cards, may be dropped off at the



Folsom Police Department at 46 Natoma Street or at Folsom Fire Station #35 at 535 Glenn Drive from November 28 to December 9 between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m.

SHOP LOCAL THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

From national brands to one-of-a-kind boutiques, Folsom offers a wide variety of holiday shopping options. Shopping locally keeps dollars in the local economy and community, and supports quality services, such as police, fire, libraries and parks. Shop local this holiday season and support your local businesses and economy!

ICE SKATE IN HISTORIC FOLSOM

Lace up your skates for frozen fun in Folsom's Historic District. Folsom's favorite doughnut-shaped ice rink encircles the historic railroad turntable and a tall, decorated Christmas tree. The Folsom Ice Rink is open daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., including Christmas Day. Skate, shop, dine and sip hot cocoa in the heart of Folsom. Learn more at www.folsomicerink.com.



EXTENDED LIGHT RAIL SERVICE TO GOLDEN 1 CENTER EVENTS

Sacramento Regional Transit is your family-friendly way to get to Golden 1 Center events and Kings home games! Up to one hour after major evening Golden 1 Center events, RT will operate two extra light rail trips on the Gold Line to Folsom beyond the last regularly scheduled departure from the Sunrise Station at 7:05 p.m. Folsom stations include Hazel, Iron Point, Glenn and Historic Folsom. Learn more and plan your trip at <http://gosacr.com>.



SANDBAGS AVAILABLE FOR STORM PREPARATION

If your property has a history of flooding, it's important to get prepared in advance of a storm. Sand and sandbags are available for Folsom residents and business owners at no charge. The City's two self-serve sandbag stations are next to Fire Station 36 at 9700 Oak Avenue Parkway and behind City Hall at 50 Natoma Street. The City offers free sandbag materials, including bags, sand and shovels, but bring your own shovel and flashlight in case needed. You may also wish to bring safety goggles and gloves. Sandbags and sand can also be purchased at most major hardware or home improvement stores. Learn how to fill a sandbag and find other useful information at www.folsom.ca.us/sandbags.



FOLSOM PUBLIC LIBRARY CELEBRATES HARRY POTTER ANNIVERSARY

Believe it or not, 2017 marks the 20th anniversary of "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," the first in the beloved fantasy series by J.K. Rowling. The Folsom Public Library will celebrate the magical anniversary with a Harry Potter-Palooza event on Saturday, January 21 from 1 to 4 p.m., featuring a magic show, crafts and activities for all ages. Next time you visit the Folsom Public Library, check out the new Harry Potter display in the children's area.

CREATE A LASTING LEGACY FOR YOUR FAMILY, COMMUNITY GROUP OR BUSINESS

Purchase a commemorative plaque on the Johnny Cash Art Trail Donor Wall and show your support for this world-class project! The donor wall is in fabrication at Romo Studios, which will also create a number of the public art works that will become part of the art trail in the future. The rust-colored Cor-Ten steel wall will be installed in January along the trail near the Johnny Cash Bridge, and is designed to complement the architecture and materials used on the bridge. Commemorative plaques are made of the same Core-Ten steel and are available in four sizes. Plaques make a unique and meaningful gift, and the proceeds help fund the various art works that will make the Johnny Cash Art Trail a landmark destination. Learn more about the project and order your plaque at www.FolsomCashArtTrail.com.

Keep Pipes Free of Fats, Oils and Grease this Holiday Season

The holidays are a time for families and friends to share a hearty home-cooked meal together, and the City of Folsom's Environmental and Water Resources Department wants to remind residents to dispose of food properly.

Fats, oils and grease—also known as FOG—can clog sewer pipes and cause overflows. Food items such as butter, gravy, meat fats, sour cream, ice cream and salad dressings are considered FOG. Properly disposing of FOG will help avoid expensive plumber visits, prevent blockages in the City's sewer system and protect our waterways.

Always place cooled oil and grease into trash bins or covered collection containers, use a strainer in the sink to collect excess food particles, scrape food scraps from dishes into trash bins, and manually wipe off all visible FOG residue from dishes and cookware into trash bins. For more information, call 916-355-8365 or visit www.folsom.ca.us/FOG.



VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

Volunteers Needed for Citizens Assisting Public Safety Program

Looking for a challenging, fun way to contribute to the community while helping reduce crime and increase public safety services to Folsom? The Citizens Assisting Public Safety (CAPS) program may be the opportunity for you.

The Folsom CAPS volunteers assist the Police and Fire Departments with various functions. You can often spot the volunteers driving around town conducting vacation checks or patrolling parking lots as extra eyes and ears for the Police Department. They are also commonly seen helping with public education and safety fairs, working at the front counters, assisting with traffic control during parades and DUI checkpoints, and leading the city's Neighborhood Watch, Business Watch, and Dog Walker Watch programs.

CAPS volunteers must complete the Citizens Academy and pass an extensive background check. The Citizens Academy is an annual 11-week academy from March to May that provides an in-depth look at the Folsom Police and Fire Departments and other city services.



Applications for the Citizens Academy become available each January. For more information about the CAPS program or the Citizens Academy, visit www.folsompd.com or call Jessica Hess, Police Volunteer Coordinator at 916-351-3409.

HOLIDAY RECYCLING AND TREE DISPOSAL

Residents can recycle their holiday packaging materials by placing them in their blue recycling carts. Acceptable items include wrapping paper, tissue paper, cardboard boxes, cards and other paper packaging materials. Bows and ribbons can be reused and Christmas trees can be cut up and placed in green waste carts as long as the lid is completely closed.

The City will also be holding its annual Christmas Tree Recycling Drop-off Event on Saturday, January 7. Trees will be accepted from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Rodeo Park at the end of Stafford Street. All ornaments and stands must be removed before dropping off a tree. Boy Scouts will help residents unload trees and will also be collecting trees throughout the City as part of their fundraising activities.

As a reminder, the City collects garbage, green waste, and recycling on all holidays so place carts out on your normal collection day.



JOIN THE FOLSOM ZOO SANCTUARY DOCENT PROGRAM

Do you have a passion for animals and want to make a difference? Consider joining the volunteer docent team! Docents are an integral part of helping to promote the Folsom City Zoo Sanctuary's educational mission of teaching responsible behavior toward all animals. Docents host school tours, staff booths at community events, help with youth camps, assist at special events, and more. The docent training class begins February 13 and meets on Mondays through March 20. Docents must be at least age 21 and pass a pre-registration telephone interview. The class fee is \$40. To learn more and schedule your interview, contact Sue Bean at 916-715-8610.

For more information, contact the City's Solid Waste Division at 916-355-8367 or solidwaste@folsom.ca.us.

