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Community Improvement Projects

The City of Folsom is busy improving our community with these infrastructure and construction projects:

- **Rainbow Bridge:** Work will resume in October on the historic Rainbow Bridge, including concrete patchwork on the arches, columns and abutments. The project is anticipated to have very minor traffic impacts and will be completed by the end of 2017.
- **Green Valley Road Widening:** Construction will begin in spring 2018 to complete the widening of Green Valley Road between East Natoma Street and the El Dorado County line, and add Class 2 bike lanes from East Natoma Street to Sophia Parkway.
- **Neighborhood Sidewalk Rehabilitation Project:** Crews are replacing curbs, gutters and sidewalks in the Natoma Station neighborhood, as well as a large area on Fargo Way.
- **Empire Ranch Signal Project:** Five traffic signals will be installed along Empire Ranch Road in 2018.
- **Golf Links Drive and Silberhorn Drive Improvements:** A new traffic signal will be installed at Golf Links Drive and Silberhorn Drive, and new ADA ramps and an extension of Class 1 Bike Trail will be completed by this winter.
- **Crosswalk Projects:** Crews will replace a 4-way stop at Russell Ranch Elementary School with a pedestrian-activated signal and crosswalk. A new signal and crosswalk at East Bidwell and Coloma streets will improve safety and access to Sutter Middle School.
- **Folsom Sports Complex Traffic:** Traffic flow will improve near the Folsom Sports Complex on Clarks-ville Road thanks to the conversion of a through lane to a left turn lane to better handle traffic.
- **East Bidwell/Coloma Signal Project:** As part of the renovation to the Sutter Middle School Campus Project, the City will design and construct a new traffic signal at the intersection of East Bidwell and Coloma streets. Design will be completed this winter and construction will take place in early 2018.

FOLSOM BREAKS GROUND ON NEW FIRE STATION

Construction began on the new Folsom Fire Department Station 39, located at 2139 Ritchie Street in the Empire Ranch neighborhood. The single-story fire station will have the capacity to house a fire engine, brush engine, an ambulance, and a crew of five personnel. The fire station was designed by Calpo Hom & Dong Architects and is being built by SW Allen Construction, Inc., with an estimated completion date of fall 2018.



Halloween Safety Tips

- **Be Safe; Be Seen.** Choose light or brightly colored costumes and consider adding reflective tape to the costume and trick-or-treat bags for greater visibility. Have each child carry a flashlight with fresh batteries and/or a glow stick to use after dark.
- **Make a Plan.** Plan your route ahead of time. Discuss proper and appropriate behavior that you expect from your child before leaving the house. Have a meeting point in case you and your child get separated, and set a time for older kids to return home.
- **Candy Check.** Check all candy before your child is allowed to eat any of it. Items with loose or damaged wrappers should be discarded. Do not eat homemade treats unless you know and trust the person who gave it to your child.
- **Home Safe.** While at home handing out treats, don't open the door for anyone who makes you feel uncomfortable and never let strangers inside your home.

The Folsom Police Department wishes you and your family a safe and happy Halloween. If you see suspicious activity, report it immediately to 916-355-7231.

FOLSOM AQUATIC CENTER'S PUMPKIN PLUNGE

Take part in the spooktacular family fun from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Saturday, October 28. Activities include a Trunk-or-Treat, a pumpkin plunge, "toxic" water slide, costume contest, craft stations for pumpkin decorating and a screening of the animated movie, "Hotel Transylvania." Admission is \$10 per person; the Folsom Aquatic Center is located at 1200 Riley Street. Call 916-355-8318 for more information.

TRICK-OR-TREAT WITH FOLSOM POLICE

The Folsom Police Department hosts their seventh annual open house from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, October 28. This year's event has a new feature—community members are invited to attend wearing Halloween costumes and take part in a trick-or-treat tour of the police station (please note: costumes that include weapons are not allowed).

Meet and chat with Folsom Police Chief Cynthia Renaud, check out SWAT gear, learn about CSI, and meet our K-9 and Mounted Units. Learn more at www.folsom.ca.us/police.





Thank You, Community Service Day Volunteers!

More than 2,800 volunteers completed 50+ service projects throughout Folsom to make the 4th annual Community Service Day a huge success. This year's event was made possible by generous sponsorship support from Intel; Dignity Health; Rotary Club of Folsom; Style Media Group; Folsom Telegraph; PG&E; Raley's; Lakeside Church; The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.



HELP CREATE HOLIDAY MAGIC FOR THE COMMUNITY

Volunteer decorators and carolers are needed for the Folsom Zoo Sanctuary's Wild Nights and Holiday Lights event. Groups, families and individuals are needed to decorate trees and install the lights on the animal enclosures, buildings, fences and grounds of the Zoo Sanctuary. Caroling groups are needed every evening of the event to add to the festive atmosphere. Decorating dates begin early in November; for more information, e-mail MRobitaille@folsom.ca.us.

FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Folsom Fire Department hosts their annual open house and pancake breakfast from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, October 14 at Station 35, 535 Glenn Drive. Residents are invited to attend and meet firefighters, tour the station and explore fire equipment and vehicles, learn important safety tips and meet Rescue the Fire Dog. Event parking is available at the station or across the street at Walmart. The pancake breakfast is \$7 per person; free for kids 7 years and under.



“FOLSOM FOCUS” PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Photographers of all ages are encouraged to enter their photographs featuring the faces and places of Folsom. Entries are accepted October 16 through 27. Find rules, entry forms and more details at www.FolsomArts.org.



FOLSOM ZOO SANCTUARY HOSTS THANKSGIVING FEAST FOR THE ANIMALS

Join the festive atmosphere and enjoy watching the animals receive specially prepared Thanksgiving treats and meals starting at 11 a.m. Thursday, November 23. Regular admission fees apply; visit www.folsom.ca.us for more details.

RUNWAY 17 FUND-RAISING FASHION SHOW

Local dignitaries and residents will strut the catwalk for a good cause Sunday, November 5 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Folsom Community Center, 52 Natoma Street. Proceeds from the event benefit Folsom Runway, a volunteer community group developed in partnership with Folsom Parks & Recreation to provide inclusive recreational opportunities for children with special needs. Learn more and purchase tickets at www.folsom.ca.us or call 916-355-8319.



Folsom Veterans Day Parade

The City pays tribute to the nation's veterans at the 17th annual Wayne Spence Folsom Veterans Day Parade Saturday, November 11. The parade is held rain or shine and begins at 9 a.m. on Bidwell Street in front of the Target/Home Goods shopping center. The parade ends at Folsom City Lions Park with a brief ceremony to honor local veterans at the Veterans Memorial.

This year's parade theme is "Remembering Our Veterans and Their Sacrifices" and local veteran, Fred Tully Jr., serves as grand marshal. Spectators along the parade route can expect to see more than 2,000 participants with marching bands, floats, classic cars, horseback riders, color guards and other community groups. Local dignitaries and veterans will judge the parade entries and present awards in a variety of categories.

The City of Folsom is accepting parade entries through Friday, October 27; find details and entry forms at www.folsom.ca.us or call 916-461-6615.

FOLSOM GLOW RUN

Registration is open for this annual sell-out event! The Glow Run is a family-friendly 4K walk or run that starts at 7:45 p.m. Saturday, October 7. The easy course begins and ends in Folsom's Historic District and heads onto nearby trails. Along the way, participants take part in a Silly String



battle, enjoy DJ music and a selfie station, and finish in a foam tunnel. All registered participants receive a custom-designed medal to commemorate the event. Strollers and leashed dogs are welcome, and creative ways to show your glow are encouraged! Visit www.folsom.ca.us to learn more and register.



Folsom Public Library Spotlight: WWI and America

In October and November, the Folsom Public Library will mark the centenary of America's entry into World War I with presentations by local authors and historians, and book discussions. Programs include:

World War I and the Sacramento Valley

Friday, October 6 at 10 a.m.

Authors James Scott and Amanda DeWilde present stories of our region's contributions during WWI.

World War I and the Birth of a Genre

Saturday, October 21 at 10 a.m.

Writer Carrie Sessarego demonstrates how WWI helped solidify the genres of science fiction and fantasy. Learn how the war shaped the work of J.R.R. Tolkien, C.S. Lewis and more.

World War I: Over There

Friday, November 3 at 10 a.m.

Colonel Terrance Finnegan (USAF ret.) will present on his book *A Delicate Affair on the Western Front: America Learns How to Fight a Modern War in the Woëvre Trenches* exploring how differently this war was fought from all that came before.

Folsom Public Library is a recipient of the World War I and America grant, a two-year national initiative of The Library of America presented in partnership with The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, the National World War I Museum and Memorial, and other organizations, with generous support from The National Endowment for the Humanities.

SAVE WATER, ENERGY, AND MONEY!

Did you know that bathrooms are the biggest water users in your home, accounting for more than half of all indoor water use? By giving your bathroom a "mini-makeover" with a WaterSense-labeled showerhead, faucet and toilet, your household can save enough water every year to wash six months' worth of laundry! For more information, visit www.epa.gov/watersense or email waterconservation@folsom.ca.us.

CITY OF FOLSOM OFFERS CURBSIDE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTIONS

Products such as paint cleaners, gasoline, oil, batteries, pesticides, and electronics require special care and should not be thrown in your residential waste containers. Folsom residents are eligible for unlimited free HHW pickups at your home through the City's Door 2 Door program. Learn more at www.folsom.ca.us or call 916-355-8350.

ANNUAL BARK 'N' SPLASH BASH

The Folsom Aquatic Center hosts their 15th annual dog swim event Saturday, October 7 from 1 to 4 p.m. The Bark 'n' Splash has become a much-anticipated annual event for Folsom's pet enthusiasts and their four-legged family members. The entry fee is \$10 per dog—as always, human companions are free! Attendees must provide written proof of a current animal license for their dog(s).

Call 916-355-8318 for questions or more information about the event.





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Johnny Cash Trail Grand Opening Celebration

The City of Folsom celebrates the completion of Phase 2 of the Johnny Cash Trail Saturday, October 14 with a ribbon-cutting and grand opening ceremony, fun runs, a community bike ride and free outdoor festival. That evening, the new Robbers' Ravine Bridge—one of the new features along the trail—provides a unique setting for an exclusive outdoor dining experience. Proceeds from all of the events benefit the Art Experience—a world-class public art project that honors Cash's music and his ties to the community.

Phase 2 adds 1.25 miles of paved trail that takes cyclists and pedestrians through a tunnel under the intersection at Prison Road and Natoma Street, through a scenic journey on Folsom State Prison property that

was previously off-limits to the public. The trail traverses rolling hills, open meadows and mature native oak woodlands, and provides views of the American River, the Folsom Zoo Sanctuary bear exhibit and new Barnyard Experience. The wood arched Robbers' Ravine Bridge soars 45 feet above the thickly forested ravine that once served as a hideout for bandits in the mid to late 1800s. The completion of the Johnny Cash Trail also makes it possible to travel a full circle around Lake Natoma entirely by trail, and provides connections to Folsom's Historic District.

Learn more about the Johnny Cash Trail and register for the special events at www.FolsomCashArtTrail.com.



JOHNNY CASH
TRAIL

OWN A PIECE OF HISTORY AND SUPPORT THE JOHNNY CASH TRAIL ART EXPERIENCE

The City of Folsom is celebrating the connection between Johnny Cash, Folsom Prison, and the Folsom community with a limited-edition license plate and photo of Johnny Cash taken in front of Folsom Prison. Proceeds from the sale of the collectible will help fund "Cash's

Pick," the first two public art installations along the Johnny Cash Trail.

Together with the John R. Cash Revocable Trust, the City of Folsom, and California Prison Industry Authority, the California Department of Motor Vehicles has authorized 100 of these license plates to be made in celebration of the 50th anniversary of Cash's live performance at Folsom State Prison. The collectible "JCASH50" license plate is a Califor-

nia legacy plate; a black plate with yellow lettering like the ones issued from 1963 to 1969. The license plate is framed along with a picture of Johnny Cash standing in front of Folsom Prison's east gate, taken by Dan Poush on January 13, 1968—the day of Cash's performance.

Visit www.FolsomCashArtTrail.com to purchase your limited-edition collectible and learn more about the Johnny Cash Trail Art Experience.



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