

Folsom Gets in Gear for Bike Month



The month of May is an opportunity to celebrate the “power of the pedal” and enjoy the many benefits of cycling.

Anyone who lives or works in the greater Sacramento region is encouraged to join the 2 million mile challenge and log miles online at www.MayIsBikeMonth.com. Cyclists can also enjoy a number of special events this month, including:



THE FAST FREDDIE FOLSOM FONDO

Saturday, May 7
8 a.m.–4 p.m.

Join former pro racer and 2016 Amgen Tour of California race ambassador “Fast Freddie” Rodriguez for this fundraising ride to support programs to get underprivileged kids on bikes.

The Fondo starts and finishes at the Folsom Historic District amphitheater. Two routes are offered: 41 miles and 75 miles – both rides feature beautiful foothill and farm country scenery. For more information about the routes and registration details, visit www.ffgranfondo.net.



AMGEN TOUR OF CALIFORNIA TRAFFIC IMPACTS MAY 20

America’s largest cycling race, the Amgen Tour of California, will bring the excitement of professional cycling to Folsom on Friday, May 20. The world’s top cyclists will be in town, offering an exciting opportunity to showcase our community before a world-wide television audience. Folsom’s approximately 12-mile course will feature some of the city’s distinctive landmarks and natural amenities as riders start and finish in the Historic District, and travel over the Rainbow Bridge and Folsom Lake Crossing. Consider the opportunity to join the community at the main event area in the Historic District, or hold your own viewing party near your neighborhood!

This large-scale event will create traffic impacts for personal and business travelers along the course and surrounding roadways, including the Historic District, where the race starts and ends. The race course will be open during peak morning and evening commute times, but will be closed from approximately 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Routes and road closure information is available at www.folsom.ca.us. For race day detour recommendations call 608-6222. The City of Folsom thanks you for your patience with the one-day traffic impacts.



GREAT SCOTT BIKE AND WALK EVENT

Sunday, May 1
9 a.m.–2 p.m.

Enjoy more than 30 miles of beautiful country roads, closed to vehicle traffic for the exclusive use of cyclists and pedestrians.

Find route and registration details at www.BikeGreatScott.com.



9TH ANNUAL FOLSOM RIDE WITH THE MAYOR

Thursday, May 12
7:30 a.m.

Join us for Folsom’s annual Ride with the Mayor and enjoy a scenic ride along the American River Bike Trail from Historic Folsom to Sacramento. This event is free, but participants are encouraged to pre-register online at <http://webtrac.folsom.ca.us> or call 355-7285 for assistance. Questions about the event can be directed to Jim Konopka, jkonopka@folsom.ca.us.



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Folsom, CA 95630

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FOLSOM SENIOR CENTER HOSTS HAWAIIAN LUAU PARTY

All seniors age 55+ are invited to a Luau-themed party starting at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, May 6. This fun, free event includes a live musical performance by the Valley Ukulele Society, light refreshments, a raffle, and a prize for the best Hawaiian attire. The Folsom Senior Center is located at 48 Natoma Street, between Folsom City Hall and the Folsom Police Department. Call 355-3510 for more information.

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HEALTHY HOUSEHOLD HABITS FOR CLEAN STORM WATER

Many Folsom residents begin home improvement projects this time of year. Keep the waterways clean by following these tips:

- Sweep sidewalks and patios rather than hosing them down.
- Never rinse paint brushes or cans in the street. Rinse brushes in the sink. Water-based paint cans should be dried out then put in the garbage bin.
- Use river-friendly pest control methods that minimize use of toxic pesticides.
- Avoid buying oil-based paints whenever possible. Dispose of unused/unwanted oil-based paint at the household hazardous waste facility.
- Ensure that contractors you hire are not washing or discharging pollutants into the storm drain.
- Only discharge swimming pool water into the storm drain if it is free of chemicals and toxins. Rinse pool filters on the lawn, not in the street gutter.

It’s a violation of Folsom city code to discharge pollutants into the storm drains or local waterways. Learn more about stormwater pollution prevention at creeks.folsom.ca.us.

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City of Folsom’s 70th Anniversary Jubilee

Historic Folsom

Saturday, April 9, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
www.folsom.ca.us

Our story begins in 1946, when far-sighted civic leaders from the Folsom Chamber of Commerce fought for Folsom’s cityhood— forever improving the quality of life for future generations. Since then, the City of Folsom has become one of the most desirable places to live, work and play.

Bring your family and friends to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the City with a day of music, food and fun at the place where it all began — Historic Folsom.

- Watch live orchestra at the amphitheater and enjoy performances by actors from the Sutter Street Theater.
- Step back in time and visit the Folsom History Museum, Folsom Railroad Museum and new Museum of Wonder and Delight.

- Mine for gold and watch blacksmith demonstrations at the Folsom Pioneer Village.
- Meet Folsom police officers and firefighters and get up close to Folsom’s vintage engines from the 1940s.
- Check out vehicles from throughout the decades at the Cappuccino Cruisers vintage car display.
- Stroll and shop the Historic Folsom Farmers Market.
- And much more!

RAINBOW BRIDGE MAINTENANCE PROJECT BEGINS THIS SPRING

Rainbow Bridge, which spans the American River at Greenback Lane, has provided a major connection for businesses and residents on both sides of Lake Natoma for nearly 100 years. An upcoming rehabilitation project will extend the lifespan of the historic bridge and provide a smoother and safer drive for motorists. The \$1.1 million project is funded largely by a federal grant administered by the Caltrans Bridge Preventive Maintenance Program.

The four-month project will begin this spring and will require a complete bridge closure for one week in June. Stay informed about closures and detours at www.folsom.ca.us. For more information about the project, contact Brian Reed at breed@folsom.ca.us or call 355-8322.



ORANGEVALE BRIDGE CLOSURES FOR MAJOR REHABILITATION PROJECT

A one-year rehabilitation project on the Historic Orangevale Avenue Bridge will begin this April, allowing crews to make significant improvements on the century-old bridge that connects Folsom and Orangevale. The construction will improve the safety and drivability of the bridge and extend its lifespan. The Orangevale Bridge will be closed to motorists, cyclists and pedestrians for up to nine months beginning this spring. Detours to Greenback Lane will be provided during the closure. Stay informed about closures and project updates at www.folsom.ca.us.



City of Folsom Open for Exploration on May 18



WHAT: City Works Day
WHEN: Wednesday, May 18
9:30 a.m. – Noon
WHERE: City Lions Park (near the Folsom Public Library)
COST: Free admission

Climb aboard a fire engine, sit in the driver's seat of a garbage truck, meet cute Animal Services critters and more at Folsom's annual City Works Day on May 18. The free, popular annual event is designed to educate the community about the City's many programs and services.

City Works Day will feature City trucks, buses, cars and construction equipment to look at, sit in, and even honk. City staff members will be stationed at each vehicle to educate the community about their professions and City services.

Visitors can view the Fire Department rescue boat and fire engine, watch Curby the Robot teach recycling, meet a Folsom Police Department K9 and horse, and play fitness games with the City's Parks and Recreation team and more.

The City's celebration is scheduled each year during the American Public Works Association's nationally proclaimed "National Public Works Week."

For more information about City Works Day, visit www.folsom.ca.us or call 355-7303.

LED STREETLIGHT CONVERSION UNDERWAY

Work is underway on a project to convert Folsom streetlights to energy-efficient LEDs, reducing energy consumption and limiting maintenance costs for the City of Folsom. Crews have already retrofitted 80 streetlights at major intersections this year and will replace 160 more over the next two years. Additionally, 100 other streetlights on major corridors including Folsom Lake Crossing and East Bidwell Street have been upgraded. The City has tested dozens of products to ensure the highest quality and safety of the new LEDs.



"FLIGHTS OF FANCY" OPENING RECEPTION ON FRIDAY, MAY 13

The Gallery at 48 Natoma hosts a free public reception from 6 to 8 p.m. for the new exhibit featuring watercolors by Jeannie Vodden, and bronze and stone sculptures by Judi Stickney. The professional art gallery is located in the 48 Natoma Senior and 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. on Tuesday and Wednesday.

LOVE MY MOM 5K ON SATURDAY, MAY 7

Kick off your Mother's Day weekend with a morning of fitness and fun! The 2nd annual Love My Mom 5K takes place on Saturday, May 7. Join us as we honor and celebrate moms and their tireless commitment to family and community at this fun event presented by Folsom Parks & Recreation in partnership with the Palladio. The 5K course – 3.1 miles – is flat and closed to traffic, making it an ideal route whether you're a runner, walker, or stroller strider. Register today! Visit www.folsom.ca.us for information and a link to online registration.



CELEBRATE TRAILS DAY, ARBOR DAY, CREEK WEEK AND EARTH DAY ON SATURDAY, APRIL 9

TRAILS DAY/ARBOR DAY

Join community volunteers as we work to enhance Folsom's Johnny Cash Trail. Volunteers are needed to plant and stake 100 new native trees along the trail segment, and add mulch and irrigation around the plantings. All volunteers receive a free commemorative Trails Day T-shirt, lunch and beverages – plus the satisfaction of contributing to the community. The event is sponsored by the City of Folsom. The event is free, but you must pre-register to participate. Register online at <http://webtrac.folsom.ca.us>.



DIG INTO COMPOSTING AT UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Learn how to turn yard trash into garden treasure at the City of Folsom's composting and grasscycling workshops on April 9 and June 4. Composting, nature's own recycling system, can produce essential soil conditioner that helps plants grow and also reduces landfill garbage. Registration is required and limited to Folsom residents only. Sign up online at <http://webtrac.folsom.ca.us>.

FOLSOM GETS 1,600+ NEW TREES THIS SPRING

Trees are an important community asset, as they clean our air and water, save energy, provide cooling shade, and beautify our community. Folsom will add more than 1,600 new trees to its urban forest this spring, as the City celebrates its 10th year designated as a "Tree City USA" by the Arbor Day Foundation. Trees will be planted at various parks and trails throughout Folsom, and volunteer opportunities are available. See the Arbor Day and Trails Day article for details.

CREEK WEEK

Volunteers are needed to clean up sections of the Humbug and Willow Creeks, and pick up litter along the open space corridors. This event is sponsored by the Urban Creeks Council as part of the Regional Creek Week activities, in partnership with the City of Folsom. To register for Creek Week volunteer duty, call 454-4544 or visit www.creekweek.net.



NEW LOCATION, NEW COURSES FOR FOLSOM'S RUN WITH NATURE

This year marks a lot of exciting "firsts" for the 33rd annual Run with Nature on Saturday, May 14 – with a new location, and new run and walk courses. What haven't changed are the elements that make this event a favorite annual tradition for so many people: beautiful views, natural scenery, and a family-friendly format.

The races take place in the Alder Creek Preserve in Folsom Ranch. The Alder Creek Preserve designates more than 400 acres of contiguous oak woodland and natural resources and provides a spectacular setting for the event. The course options include a 5K fitness trail walk, 5K and 10K competitive trail runs, and a youth half-mile trail run. Visit www.FolsomRunWithNature.com for race information and online registration.



CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK!

Join the National Library Week celebration at the Folsom Public Library April 10 to 16 with events for children, teens and adults. Programs include:

- 3D Printing Lab on April 10, Noon to 4 p.m.
- Music Mike kids concert on April 12 at 10:30 a.m.
- "Jack and the Beanstalk" presented by PuppetArt Theater on April 14 at 4 p.m.

Barnes & Noble Booksellers is supporting the Folsom Public Library with a fundraiser during National Library Week; shop in stores or online between April 10 and 16 with a voucher and 25 percent of your purchase will be donated to the library! Visit the library webpage at www.folsom.ca.us to print vouchers and learn more.

The fun continues with the annual Summer Reading Kick-Off celebration on May 28, with games, prizes, live music, and Summer Reading signups!



FOLSOM SCHOOL UPGRADES PLANNED

The Folsom Cordova Unified School District has developed a plan for upgrades and new construction at all 15 Folsom schools over the next decade under Measure G, the \$195 million bond measure approved by voters in 2014. Projects include technology and safety improvements, replacing portables with permanent classrooms, and other major upgrades and renovations. Initial projects anticipated to begin construction in 2016 include:

- Carl Sundahl Elementary School modernization and new construction.
- Sutter Middle School modernization and new construction—Phase 1.
- A second gymnasium at Folsom High School.
- Completion of the Vista del Lago High School stadium.
- Technology infrastructure upgrades throughout Folsom schools.

For more information or to view the Master Plan, visit www.fcusd.org.

See You at Camp!

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR FOLSOM PARKS & RECREATION SUMMER DAY CAMPS

Camps are a great way for kids and teens to keep their minds engaged and bodies active while they're out of school. There are lots of choices 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.

Camps are conducted by trained and caring staff and provide a supervised, positive and inclusive environment. Camp 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 <http://webtrac.folsom.ca.us> or call 355-7285 for more information.

MOONLIGHT WITH MOM ZOO SLEEPOVER

Saturday and Sunday, May 7–8

Spend some quality time with mom at the Folsom Zoo Sanctuary, including a special nighttime tour, crafts, stories, snack time and more. At bedtime, cozy up in your snuggly sleeping bag and snooze the night away on the outdoor bear deck. In the morning, you'll be treated to a continental breakfast before you head home. Event fee is \$45 for mom and \$25 per child. Register online at <http://webtrac.folsom.ca.us> or call 355-7285.

