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Celebrate National Night Out on Tuesday, August 2

The Folsom Police Department is proud to partner with the community for National Night Out on Tuesday, August 2. National Night Out is a nationwide program that promotes involvement in crime prevention, police-community partnerships, and neighborhood camaraderie. The annual event contributes to the low crime rate Folsom is known for and sends a strong signal to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and united.

This year, Folsom Police Department, Folsom Fire Department and City officials will join hundreds of residents at neighborhood park and block parties that have been organized by local Neighborhood Watch groups. Attendees can expect to learn useful crime prevention information, and have the opportunity to meet police officers and firefighters, and possibly even the Folsom Police Department K-9 or mounted units. For more information on National Night Out or how to start a Neighborhood Watch in your neighborhood, contact Jessica Hess, Folsom Police Department volunteer coordinator, at 916-351-3409 or jhess@folsom.ca.us.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES OPEN FOR 2016 COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

Join us for the third annual Community Service Day on Saturday, September 17, Folsom's largest day of volunteerism. This major citywide event mobilizes hundreds of volunteers of all ages and interests to complete projects throughout Folsom that make a positive, lasting impact in the community. Beginning Monday, August 8, volunteers can sign up for community projects, including:

- Citywide food drive
- Projects supporting the military troops
- Library book cleaning
- Folsom schools beautification
- Trail enhancements and tree plantings
- Wetlands cleanup
- Kids Play Park structure staining
- Acorn collections
- Folsom Lake cleanup projects
- And many more!

Community Service Day is organized by the City of Folsom and more than a dozen local corporations, businesses and non-profit organizations. Community Service Day is possible thanks to generous support from our sponsors, including Intel, Dignity Health, Style Media Group, Folsom Telegraph, Rotary International, Lakeside Church and Folsom Ranch.

To volunteer or for more information, visit www.folsomcommunityservice.org.



FOLSOM PUBLIC LIBRARY BLOOD DRIVE

BloodSource must collect about 700 units of blood per day to meet local demands. But only 38 percent of people in the U.S. are eligible to donate, and less than 10 percent actually do. Consequently, the lives of many depend on the generosity of a few.

Please consider being one of those generous enough to donate blood on Tuesday, August 23 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Folsom Public Library. One donation has the potential to save as many as three lives. To make an appointment to donate visit www.bloodsource.org/ drives and enter blood drive code D327. For eligibility questions call BloodSource at 1-800-995-4420.



9/11 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

The Folsom Fire and Police departments will host a 9/11 remembrance ceremony to pay tribute to those who lost their lives on 9/11. The event will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 11, at City Park near the gazebo.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Folsom Public Library will host the popular bi-annual book sale September 9–11, featuring thousands of books, audio-books, CDs and DVDs at deeply discounted prices. Come Friday for the best selection; come Sunday for the best prices. \$5 admission on Friday only. Organizers are in need of brown grocery bags for the sale, and donations would be appreciated. Learn more at www.foflib.org.



Water Conservation Update

With changing drought conditions, the State Water Resources Control Board approved a resolution that removes its mandatory conservation mandates and allows water agencies to set conservation targets based on local supply and demand. The City of Folsom has moved from a Stage 3 to Stage 1 conservation level, removing restrictions on day-of-the-week watering. Folsom water customers are encouraged to voluntarily reduce water consumption by 10 percent, compared with 2013 water usage.

UNDER STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD REGULATIONS:

- Water waste is prohibited at all times. Allowing water to run off into a gutter, ditch or drain, or failing to repair a controllable leak is considered water waste.

- Cars can be washed at home if the hose is equipped with a shut-off valve.
- Watering lawns is permitted any day of the week before 10 a.m. or after 10 p.m., with the exception of drip irrigation. Watering lawns or landscaping when it's raining or within 48 hours of measurable rain is prohibited.
- Hand watering with a hand-held hose, drip irrigation, soaker hose or bucket is permitted any time of day. Using a hose that's not equipped with a shut-off nozzle is prohibited.
- Washing driveways and sidewalks for purposes other than an immediate health and safety need is restricted.

Learn more at www.folsom.ca.us.



Parks and Trails Update

ECONOME FAMILY PARK

Site preparation for Folsom's newest park will begin late this summer and construction will be underway by fall. The 12-acre park, located at 1900 Parkway Drive, is named for brothers George and Nick Econome and their wives Marilyn and Anne, in recognition of their collective dedication to the city and community of Folsom. The park is anticipated to open in late fall of 2017, and will feature sports fields, tennis courts, bocce ball courts, a walking circuit, picnic areas and two play areas.

LEVY TRAIL

In June, a new 95-foot-long steel arched bridge was installed to connect the Levy Park Trail and the Humbug-Willow Creek Trail. With this addition, Folsom's popular recreational trails system now has more than 50 bike/pedestrian bridges. The project was funded through a federal grant.

LAKE NATOMA WATERFRONT TRAIL

This ¾-mile loop trail will open in fall, after trees are planted during Folsom's Community Service Day, and other enhancements are completed. The trail, which will be ADA accessible, begins at the sidewalk along Gold Lake Drive in Folsom's Historic District and continues along the shoreline of Lake Natoma. Trail users can pause to enjoy the scenic beauty of the area from three overlooks and benches placed along the trail, and a ramp provides access for paddlers to launch kayaks and paddle boards. Construction on the trail began in fall of 2015, and is a cooperative effort between the city, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, and the California Department of Parks & Recreation. Funding was provided by a Proposition 50 grant and a federal recreational trails grant.

JOHNNY CASH TRAIL PHASE 2

Construction will begin this fall on the second half of this popular trail. The project includes a tunnel under Prison Road at Natoma Street to bypass the busy intersection, and a 160-foot-long wood arched bridge that will span a ravine behind the Folsom Zoo Sanctuary. Trail users will be able to enjoy expansive views of the American River and Lake Natoma as they travel along the bridge. This 1-1/4-mile segment of the Johnny Cash Trail will provide connections to Folsom's Historic District, Lake Natoma, and the American River Trail. As with the existing portion of the Johnny Cash Trail, the majority of Phase 2 will be built on Folsom State Prison property. The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation has been a generous partner, granting the City of Folsom with an easement for the trail. Funding for Phase 2 is provided by two federal grants and a five-year loan from the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG).

Folsom's recreational trail system provides 45 miles of beautiful paved trails for cyclists and pedestrians. We encourage all trail users to be good stewards of the trails, remembering to leave no trace: pick up after dogs, refrain from littering, and to preserve the terrain and vegetation by remaining on the developed trails. Pick up a free trails and bikeways map from the Folsom Parks & Recreation registration counter at 48 Natoma Street, or download a copy at www.folsom.ca.us.





GARBAGE AND RECYCLING COLLECTIONS

In July, Folsom residents should have received the annual mailing of the Green Waste and Recycling Collection Calendar, along with a SmartCart flyer listing acceptable materials for your different colored waste containers. You can also find this useful information on the City of Folsom website at www.folsom.ca.us/smartcart.

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 unique, world-class public art project! The donor wall will be installed in September along the trail near the Johnny Cash Bridge and overlooking the future site of the Legacy Park. The steel wall is comprised of five panels ranging in height from 3 to 7 feet. Donor plaques are available in four sizes and will be installed on the wall within 45 days of purchase. Your tax-deductible contribution will help fund the art and park that will become part of the Johnny Cash Trail experience. Learn more and purchase your plaque at www.FolsomCashArtTrail.com.



FOLSOM GLOW RUN

Get your glow on at this fun, family-friendly 4K walk/run that starts at 7:45 p.m. on Saturday, October 1 in Folsom's Historic District! The course is flat and appropriate for all ages; strollers and leashed dogs are welcome. Take part in a spirited battle at the Silly String station, enjoy live DJ music, wade through a foam finisher's tunnel, and enjoy a variety of special offers from local Historic District businesses. New this year: all registered participants receive a custom die-cut finisher's medal! This is a sell-out event, so register today at www.Stylemg.com/FolsomGlowRun.



FOLSOM'S WACKY DASH

End your summer on a wild and crazy note with this great family fun event on Saturday, August 6, starting at 8 a.m. in Rodeo Park. The Wacky Dash is a 2-mile obstacle course challenge featuring mud pits, a hay tunnel, balance beams, giant inflatables, water slides, a foam tunnel, pyramid climb, and lots of other fun surprises. Tackle the course as an individual or form a team with your family and friends. Zany and colorful attire is encouraged to add to the fun. All participants receive a custom die-cut Wacky Dash medal to commemorate your personal best! Register today at webtrac.folsom.ca.us or call 916-355-7285 for information.

GROWL, HOWL AND WINE: A BENEFIT FOR THE FOLSOM ZOO



The Growl, Howl and Wine tasting event features regional wineries, craft breweries, and local restaurants. Browse the selections and join the silent and live auction bidding for a variety of art, gift baskets, excursions, personal services, and the popular Wall of Wine. Live music by the Have Mercy band and visits with some of the Zoo Sanctuary's animal ambassadors add to the fun. (Note: this event is for ages 21+.)

The Folsom Zoo Sanctuary provides a home for both native and exotic wild animals that have been

orphaned, injured, or confiscated from unsafe and illegal situations. The Zoo Sanctuary also serves as an educational facility to teach responsible behavior toward all animals. Proceeds from the Growl, Howl and Wine event help provide the resources to feed and care for the animals and maintain the Zoo's outreach programs.

Individual tickets are \$40 in advance and \$45 at the door; reserved tables for eight are \$450. Visit FolsomZooFriends.org/GHW for tickets and information.

Back to School Safety Tips from the Folsom Police Department

As the school bells ring in August and students head back to class, it is important to remember that it is everyone's responsibility to help make sure that they get there safely. Here are a few safety tips:

USE CAUTION ON THE ROADS

- Drive slowly and always be aware of your surroundings, especially around the time that children are walking along streets and sidewalks to and from school.
- Watch out for school zones and drive the posted speed limits. Typically these areas are marked with flashing signs and other signals to identify the area and the reduced speed limits.
- Be alert making right-hand turns.
- Be especially careful in school or childcare parking areas.
- Don't drive distracted.

REMIND CHILDREN TO BE SAFE WHILE WALKING OR RIDING THEIR BIKES

Taking just a few minutes to remind your children about safety rules could save their life.

- Look up! Avoid reading or using a phone while walking.
- Always use marked crosswalks when crossing the street and always look both ways twice. Don't just assume drivers see you.
- Watch for driveways when walking on the sidewalk and be aware of vehicles that are turning or backing up.
- Always wear a helmet when riding a bike, scooter or skateboard.
- Walk bikes across busy intersections.

- Always stay on sidewalks or paths. When walking, if no sidewalk is available, walk facing traffic and stay as far to the left as possible. When riding a bike, scooter or skateboard, ride in the same direction as traffic, in a bike lane if possible, and stay to the right.





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Enroll Now for Fun Factory Preschool and Kindergarten Readiness

Folsom Parks & Recreation offers two programs to help children develop academic and social skills. The popular Fun Factory Preschool program provides an introduction to basic core concepts and engages students in activities to help develop motor skills and learn appropriate behaviors. Fun Factory classrooms are located at the Folsom Community Center and at the Folsom Sports Complex. Classes for 4-year-olds are held Monday/Wednesday/Friday, and Tuesday/Thursday for 3-year-olds.

The Hinkle Creek Nature Center provides a unique indoor and outdoor classroom setting for Kindergarten Readiness. The program for ages 4 and 5 focuses on pre-reading skills, comprehension and reasoning; and encourages social and emotional development through group and individual tasks and activities.

Both programs begin August 29 and follow the FCUSD instructional calendar (with the exception of some staff in-service days). Call 916-355-8355 or email strobee@folsom.ca.us for more details.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT AT THE FOLSOM AQUATIC CENTER

Bring your family and friends for an evening of free entertainment starting at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 13. Cool off in the pool until 8 p.m., and then spread out a blanket and lawn chairs to enjoy an open-air screening of Disney-Pixar's Academy Award-winning "Inside Out" starting at 8:30 p.m. A variety of food and beverages will be available for purchase from the Poolside Cafe. Call 916-355-8318 for more information.

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