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Amgen Tour of California to Return to Folsom

America's largest cycling race, the Amgen Tour of California, will bring the excitement of professional cycling to California for the eleventh consecutive year May 15–22, 2016. Folsom will host the men's sixth stage, an individual time trial, and the women's section stage, a team time trial, on Friday, May 20, 2016. This signature event attracts top cyclists from around the world and brings national and international awareness to Folsom's world-class cycling routes, iconic landmarks and striking scenery.

The Amgen Tour of California is regarded as the most internationally respected and esteemed stage race in the U.S. and one of the largest sporting events in the country. The Amgen Tour of California will be broadcast on NBC around the world during the entire tour, showcasing Folsom internationally. Learn more at amgentourofcalifornia.com



AMGEN  **TOUR of CALIFORNIA**

WINTER'S A GREAT TIME TO SAVE WATER INDOORS

Winter is here, bringing cooler days, shorter daylight hours and even some wet weather. When it's raining, conserving water may be the last thing that comes to mind. Yet, even normal or above-average snow and rainfall this winter is unlikely to erase four years of dry conditions. While we take a break from watering the lawn (letting Mother Nature water for us),

now is a great time to consider how to conserve water indoors.

- Install high-efficiency appliances such as toilets, showerheads, faucets, dishwashers and clothes washers
- Limit showers to five minutes or less
- Check plumbing and appliances for leaks and fix them within 48 hours

- Run the clothes washer and dishwasher only when full
- Turn off water when brushing teeth or shaving

Rebates are available for Water Sense and water efficient rated toilets, clothes washers, and hot water recirculating systems. Learn more about the City of Folsom's rebate programs at www.folsom.ca.us.



Evert W. Palmer
City Manager

Folsom Returns to Print Newsletter

We are pleased to reintroduce the City of Folsom newsletter *City News*. The printed newsletter will be distributed on a bimonthly basis to every resident and business in Folsom, allowing all community members to receive news and information about their city on a regular basis.

The printed newsletter is just one of several new ways to stay informed about current events in Folsom. This January, the City will introduce *Your Week in Folsom*, a weekly electronic newsletter that provides an at-a-glance digest of local activities, events and news. In the coming months, we will also debut a redesigned and updated City of Folsom website. You can also connect with the

City of Folsom on Facebook and Twitter and with our new mobile app *Folsom Connect*, which is available through your app store. Stay up-to-date on public safety news and information with the City's public notification service Nixle.

The City of Folsom is committed to providing useful, accurate and timely news and information. Thank you for reading.



6th Annual Wild Nights and Holiday Lights at the Folsom Zoo

Dec. 4, 5, 11, 12 and 16–23, 5–8 P.M.
Folsom City Zoo Sanctuary
Admission \$5 per person,
kids 2 and under free

Celebrate the magic of the season and help support the amazing animals at the Folsom Zoo Sanctuary. Thousands of colorful lights decorate the grounds, buildings and animal exhibits at the zoo. An enchanted forest of beautifully decorated trees provides a colorful backdrop for Santa's nightly visits, carolers fill the air with seasonal cheer, and zoo bear mascot Santa Paws greets guests and poses for photo ops. This event also provides a unique opportunity to see some of the zoo's animals who are more active at night, and zoo docents are on hand to share fun facts and answer questions about the animals. Save time; purchase tickets in advance at webtrac.folsom.ca.us

HISTORIC FOLSOM TREE LIGHTING

DEC. 4, 6 TO 9 P.M.
HISTORIC SUTTER ST.

Enjoy the spirit of the holidays at the annual Historic Folsom Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, Dec. 4. The festive event features train rides, special performances, children's activities, visits from Santa Claus, and a lot of holiday cheer. Learn more at www.historicfolsom.org



SANTA'S SLEIGH RETURNS TO FOLSOM

Get into the ho... ho... holiday spirit with friends, neighbors and Folsom police and fire personnel this holiday season. Santa and Mrs. Claus will join the Folsom Fire Department and Folsom Police Department to visit neighborhoods throughout Folsom in the days before Christmas, and Santa's elves will be collecting non-perishable canned goods so the Twin Lakes Food Bank is well-stocked for the holidays. Stay informed about dates and locations at www.folsom.ca.us



HOLIDAY BREAK CAMPS

Registration is open for Folsom Parks & Recreation winter break camps. The Folsom Sports Complex is offering a Skyhawks Mini-Hawk and Basketball Camp. Kids who love animals will get plenty of hands-on fun at the Folsom Zoo's Holiday Camp and young artists will enjoy Fine Arts Camp at the Folsom Community Center. Learn more and register for camps online at webtrac.folsom.ca.us or call 355-7285 for details.



FOLSOM SENIOR CENTER'S HOLIDAY SWEATER PARTY

Dec. 18, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 P.M.
48 Natoma Street

Celebrate the season with an afternoon of festive fun and friendship! Anyone age 55+ is welcome to attend, and

admission is free. Guests are encouraged to wear their most colorful and festive holiday-themed sweaters. Entertainment includes a performance by the Folsom Senior Center's own "Off-Key Singers" and a lively raffle. Call 351-3510 for more details about the party.

ICE SKATING IN HISTORIC FOLSOM



The Historic Folsom Ice Rink is open daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., including Christmas Day. Enjoy a memorable winter experience of ice skating, shopping and dining in the heart of Folsom. Learn more at www.folsomicerink.com

FOLSOM POLICE HOST TOY DRIVE

The Folsom Police Department is collecting toys for local families in need this holiday season during the Annual Christmas Toy Drive. 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, from Dec. 1-11 between 7 a.m. and 4 P.M. (Please note that the lobby is closed on Wednesdays.)



SHOP LOCAL THIS HOLIDAY SEASON



From national brands to one-of-a-kind boutiques, there are many shopping choices right here in Folsom. Consider spending your tax dollars in your community where they go to help support quality services, such as police, fire, libraries and parks. Shop local this holiday season and support local businesses and a strong local economy.

HOLIDAY RECYCLING

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

Recycle holiday packaging materials by placing them in the blue recycling can. Acceptable items include wrapping paper, tissue, cardboard boxes, cards and other paper packaging materials. Please do not include foil-type wrapping paper and Styrofoam packaging. Bows and ribbons can be reused and Christmas trees can be cut and placed in green waste cans as long as the lid can completely close.

Take unwanted, bagged Christmas lights and excess packaging materials to the City's recycling drop-off bin located in the Walmart parking lot at 1018 Riley Street.

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

FREE TREE DISPOSAL

Keep your Christmas tree out of the landfill and recycle it for mulch and other purposes! The City of Folsom is hosting a free Christmas tree recycling drop off event on Saturday, Jan. 9 and Sunday, Jan. 10 at Rodeo Park from 9 a.m. to 3 P.M. All ornaments and stands must be removed before dropping off your tree. Boy Scouts will help residents unload trees and will also be collecting trees throughout Folsom as part of their annual fundraising activities.





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Are You Ready for Storm Season?

The City of Folsom is preparing for winter storms, as predictions call for one of the strongest El Niños on record. The City is urging residents and businesses to get prepared now for powerful storms that could cause localized flooding, dangerous driving conditions and extended power outages.

- Clear your drains, rain gutters, and downspouts of debris.
- Consider obtaining flood insurance or checking your existing policy to make sure you have enough coverage.

- Make an emergency kit with flashlights, batteries, water, nonperishable food and other essentials in case of a power outage.
- If your property has a history of flooding, prepare your property with sand and sandbags in advance of the storm. The City has two sandbag stations and offers free sandbag materials next to Fire Station 36 at 9700 Oak Avenue Parkway and behind City Hall at 50 Natoma Street.
- Have an emergency plan in place. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) website www.ready.gov has valuable information on how you can prepare your family for an emergency.
- Report non-emergency storm-related hazards to the City, such as localized flooding, fallen trees or limbs, and plugged storm drains by calling 355-8344.
- Traffic signals or street light outages and downed street signs can be reported from 7 a.m. to 3:30 P.M. by calling 355-8348. After hours, contact the Folsom Police Department dispatch line at 355-7231.
- Call 911 in the event of a storm-related emergency, such as a downed power line, downed trees on live wires, or a life-threatening emergency.
- Submit hazards through the City of Folsom's new online and mobile app Folsom Connect. Simply provide a location, description and a photo as you see the issue in real time.

Learn more about winter storm preparedness at www.folsom.ca.us

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