

# CITY NEWS

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## Folsom's Veterans Day Parade

Folsom residents will honor the nation's veterans at the 16th annual Wayne Spence Folsom Veterans Day Parade on Friday, November 11. The parade will begin at 9 a.m. at the Target parking lot at 430 Blue Ravine Road and will include more than 2,000 participants with marching bands, floats, classic cars, riders on horseback, color guards and more. Local dignitaries and veterans will judge the parade entries from a reviewing stand and award standout entries in a number of categories. Immediately following the parade, a brief ceremony to honor local veterans will be held at the Veterans Memorial in Folsom City Lions Park.

This year's parade theme is "Honoring Our Flag, United We Stand." The City of Folsom is seeking entries for the parade; applications are due by Friday, October 28. The parade will be held rain or shine. For more information, call the City of Folsom Parks & Recreation Department at 916-355-7285.



### "FOLSOM FOCUS" PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Photographers of all ages are encouraged to enter their photographs featuring the faces and places of Folsom. Entries are due no later than October 21. Find more details, contest rules and entry forms at [www.FolsomArts.org](http://www.FolsomArts.org).

### THREE EASY WAYS TO VOTE IN THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION

Election Day is Tuesday, November 8. Here are three easy ways to cast your ballot:

#### 1. Vote on Election Day

Visit your designated polling station on November 8. Your designated polling station is listed on the back of your sample ballot booklet, or you can locate your polling station by visiting [www.elections.saccounty.net](http://www.elections.saccounty.net).

#### 2. Vote Early

Beginning October 10, early voting is available to registered voters at the Sacramento County Voter Registration and Elections office at 7000 65th Street in Sacramento.

#### 3. Vote By Mail

Drop off your Vote by Mail ballot at the Sacramento County Voter Registration and Elections office or at any polling place by 8 p.m. on Election Day. The last day to register to vote for the November 8 election is October 24. Register to vote at [www.registertovote.ca.gov](http://www.registertovote.ca.gov) or pick up your ballot at the Folsom City Clerk's office at Folsom City Hall, located at 50 Natoma Street.



## FOLSOM PUBLIC SAFETY OPEN HOUSE EVENTS

Learn how the Folsom Police Department protects and serves the community at the sixth annual open house on Saturday, October 1. The open house will feature opportunities to meet Police Chief Cynthia Renaud, watch K9 demonstrations, learn about CSI and fingerprinting, take a behind-the-scenes self-guided tour of the Police Department and more! The event will be held at the Folsom Police Department from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 46 Natoma Street. Learn more at [www.folsompd.com](http://www.folsompd.com).



The Folsom Fire Department will open up their fire station for the annual open house and pancake breakfast on Saturday, October 8. Meet local firefighters, tour the station, and learn important safety tips. Kids can explore fire equipment and vehicles, and meet Rescue the Fire Dog. The open house will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at Station 35, located at 535 Glenn Drive. Event parking is available at the station or across the street at Walmart. The pancake breakfast is \$7 per person, and kids age 7 and under eat free.



## Unleash the Fun at the Bark 'n' Splash Bash

The Folsom Aquatic Center hosts the 14th annual Bark 'n' Splash Bash from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 1. This unique event provides a social and recreational outlet for dogs and their owners.

Dogs are allowed to swim and frolic in the Center's activity pool, which features a pooch-pleasing play structure and sloped beach-style entry into the water. For the water-shy, there's abundant lawn for romping, lounging, and doggie socializing. (After the event, the pool is drained, sanitized and inspected as standard post-season procedure.) A variety of event sponsors and local pet-related businesses will be on hand to distribute information and free samples.

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). Folsom Animal Services staff will be on-site to provide rabies vaccinations, licenses, and microchip implants.

Folsom residents who need to purchase or renew their dog's license prior to the event may do so at Folsom City Hall, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday; proof of current rabies vaccination is required.

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

## FOLSOM ZOO SANCTUARY HOSTS THANKSGIVING FEAST FOR THE ANIMALS

The Folsom City Zoo Sanctuary hosts their annual Thanksgiving celebration on Thursday, November 24 with specially prepared meals and treats for each animal — some even get pumpkin pie (made with a special recipe)! Bring your family and come enjoy a morning of fresh air and fun before you enjoy your own big feast! The Thanksgiving Feast begins at 11 a.m. at the Folsom Zoo Sanctuary at 403 Stafford Street. Regular admission fees apply. Visit [www.FolsomZooFriends.org](http://www.FolsomZooFriends.org) or call 916-351-3527 for more information.







## FOLSOM WATER CUSTOMERS STAR IN REGIONAL AD CAMPAIGN

This past summer, two City of Folsom water customers were featured as H<sub>2</sub>O Heroes in #Rethink Your Yard, a social media and outdoor advertising campaign created by the Regional Water Authority, the City of Folsom and other local water providers to promote water-efficient landscape practices and make water efficiency a way of life.

The #Rethink Your Yard campaign features individuals from throughout the Sacramento region who embrace a water-wise lifestyle through permanent, long-term changes in the way they use water every day.

Folsom water customers Rich and Maureen were highlighted for the efforts they both took to make their yards more water efficient, which is where most household water use occurs. Learn more at [www.bewatersmart.info](http://www.bewatersmart.info).



### FOLSOM RENAISSANCE FAIRE

Residents can experience a living history event and step back in time to a 16th century English village with hundreds of costumed entertainers, plus a variety of food, crafts, and wares. The 24th annual event takes place September 15 and 16 in Folsom City Lions Park from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Find details and tickets at [www.FolsomFaire.com](http://www.FolsomFaire.com).



### ICE SKATING IN HISTORIC FOLSOM

The Folsom Historic District's Magical Ice Rink returns on November 11, and will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Enjoy a memorable winter experience of ice skating, shopping and dining in the heart of Folsom. Learn more at [www.folsomicerink.com](http://www.folsomicerink.com).

## TREE PRUNING TIPS

Overgrown trees and shrubs are a traffic safety danger when they block the view of traffic signs. Trimming trees and vegetation is critical to protect motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians and City street sweepers in your neighborhood. Especially during autumn and winter when dead leaves fall, the street sweeper service helps minimize flooding risks by keeping storm drains clear of leaves, litter and other debris.

If vegetation is blocking visibility in the street or at an intersection, it is the responsibility of the adjacent property owner or resident to trim the vegetation. Trees on your property are not maintained by the City, but it is important to know there are still regulations about pruning or removing certain perimeter trees on your property. City code requires that there be 14.5' of clearance over the street and 7' of clearance over the sidewalk. You must obtain a permit to prune "street trees"—located within 12.5' from the sidewalk—if you are removing any live wood over 2" in diameter.

For more information about caring for your trees, see our educational resources at [www.folsom.ca.us/trees](http://www.folsom.ca.us/trees).

### 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 help install the lights on the animal enclosures, buildings, fences and grounds of the Zoo Sanctuary, and decorate trees. Caroling groups are needed every evening of the event to add to the festive atmosphere. Decorating dates begin in mid-November; register at <https://folsomparksrec.wufoo.com/forms/wild-nights-2016/>. For more information, e-mail [MRobitaille@folsom.ca.us](mailto:MRobitaille@folsom.ca.us).



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# Halloween Safety

Keep your kids safe with these simple tips from the Folsom Police Department.

## Before Halloween

- Make sure that costumes and wigs are flame resistant.
- Choose light or brightly colored costumes and consider adding reflective tape to the costume and trick-or-treat bags for greater visibility.
- Masks can block or severely limit your child's vision—consider costumes that do not require masks.
- Find a costume that fits well and allows your child to move easily without tripping.

- Have each child carry a flashlight with fresh batteries and/or a glow stick to use after it gets dark.
- Have a meeting point in case you and your child get separated. Set a time for older children to return home.

## Safety while trick-or-treating

- Plan your child's route. Only trick-or-treat in familiar neighborhoods or at community-sponsored events.
- Travel in groups to be more visible. Have parents stay with younger children at all times.
- Make sure children know not to enter a stranger's home.

## After trick-or-treating

- Check all candy thoroughly before letting your child eat any. Discard anything unwrapped or with loose/damaged wrappers.
- Discard homemade treats unless you know and trust the person who gave it to your child.

If you see any activity that you feel is suspicious, report it to the Folsom Police Department at 916-355-7231.

## JOIN THE CONVERSATION AT THE LIBRARY FORUM

What aspirations do you have for your community and library? The Folsom Public Library is seeking your input, and is hosting a Library Forum on Saturday, October 1 at 6:30 p.m. at the Folsom Community Center, located at 52 Natoma Street. Hear from State Librarian Greg Lucas and the Folsom Public Library team and share your feedback about what you need from your library. Results from the forum and a library services survey will be posted in late October at [www.folsom.ca.us/library](http://www.folsom.ca.us/library).



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