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Register Your Interest in Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine

Sign up to receive email updates about future COVID-19 vaccination clinics hosted by Sacramento County Public Health. To ensure the limited supply of the vaccine is distributed equitably, distribution is guided by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The vaccine will be provided in phases to those with the highest risk first.

Visit the Sacramento County vaccination webpage for timely updates to the process, the current tiers eligible for vaccinating, and other important information. Learn more at www.saccounty.net/covid-19.



FREE COVID-19 TESTING

Sacramento County Department of Health Services provides free COVID-19 testing for Sacramento County residents. Tests are conducted with a self-administered nasal swab. Results are provided within 72 hours, and the process is easy.

- Each site has up to 500 test appointments per day.
- Free tests to Sacramento County residents regardless of insurance or citizenship status.
- Testing is available for children 2 years or older.

The Folsom COVID-19 community testing site is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Wednesday at Oak Hills Church, 1100 Blue Ravine Road. The site is closed for lunch from noon to 1 p.m. No appointment is necessary, but a one-time registration is required. To find a testing site, register for a test, or schedule an appointment, visit www.saccounty.net/covid-19.

ZITTEL FAMILY AMPHITHEATER DEDICATED

The City of Folsom dedicated Folsom's Historic District outdoor amphitheater as the Zittel Family Amphitheater January 21. Many recognize the family name from Zittel Farms, a Folsom favorite farm and pumpkin patch since 1976.

Roger Zittel was the first manager of the Folsom Chamber of Commerce and promoted businesses in the city for 20+ years. He was also a founding member of the Folsom Athletic Association and helped establish the city's Parks & Recreation Department. Roger's wife, Gail, served on Folsom's Planning Commission for seven years and assisted with the development of the city's General Plan.





The R.E.C. Club After-School Program

The R.E.C. Club provides an in-person enrichment program for kids ages 5 to 12. Folsom Parks & Recreation staff provide supervision and keep kids busy and engaged with structured and free choice recreation, enrichment activities, homework and distance learning support, outdoor play, and socialization. The R.E.C. Club's quality, age-appropriate activities encourage social development, promote physical and mental wellness, and provide diverse experiences. Our caring staff are committed to providing a safe, nurturing, and inclusive environment.

The R.E.C. Club is offered in month-long blocks from 1 to 6 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday to accommodate varying school schedules. The program is held at the Folsom Community Center, 52 Natoma Street. Space is limited, and preregistration is mandatory. Program activities and requirements for staff and participants follow Sacramento County Public Health guidelines. Learn more and register at webtrac.folsom.ca.us.

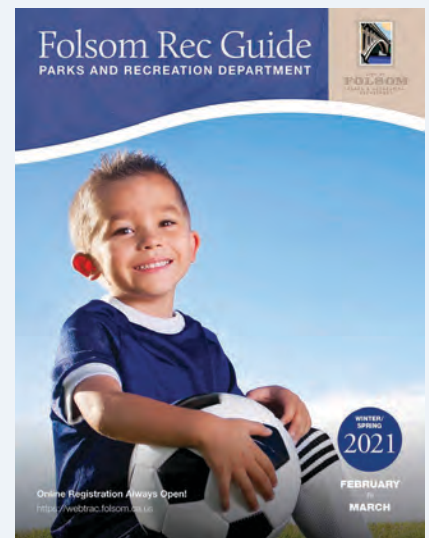
SUMMER JOBS! SUMMER DAY CAMP COUNSELORS AND SITE LEADERS



Folsom Parks & Recreation is looking for fun, energetic, youth-loving people to assist and plan group games, arts and crafts, swim days, and field trips for summer Vacation Zone camp. The program is based at the Folsom Community Center; the camp is for children ages 6-12. Applicants need to be at least age 17; experience working with youth is preferred. Call 916-461-6614 or e-mail fnelson@folsom.ca.us for more information.

JOB DETAILS:

- Pay rate: starting at \$14/hour
- Hours: 20 to 35 per week during camp sessions
- Camp Dates: TBA
- Staff Training Dates: May 26-28 (subject to change)
- If hired, must obtain CPR/First Aid certification by May 28
- To apply: visit www.folsom.ca.us to download an employment application (on the HR page). Submit all applications to: Frankie Nelson, 50 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA 95630



NEW FOLSOM PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

Folsom Parks & Recreation's monthly Rec Guides include new virtual and in-person enrichment, recreation, and sports programs for a variety of ages. Registration is open for upcoming sessions of spring break camps, the popular after-school R.E.C. Club for ages 5-12, tennis and soccer, aquacise, yoga, and many other classes. New digital Rec Guides are available monthly at www.folsom.ca.us.



Volunteer with the Folsom Fire Department

The Folsom Fire Department's annual Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) course begins in March. The course curriculum includes: how to assist family members and neighbors until emergency responders arrive, disaster preparedness, first aid, search and rescue, and emergency response plans.

Students who complete the required training course and pass a background check may become members of the Folsom Fire Department's volunteer CERT team. The CERT training course is free; participants must be age 18 or older, and preference is given to applicants who live or work in Folsom.

Members of the Folsom Fire Department and CERT team will teach the class in a hybrid model, with online learning and in-person skills sessions. For more information or to register, email Deputy Fire Marshal Lauren Ono at lono@folsom.ca.us.

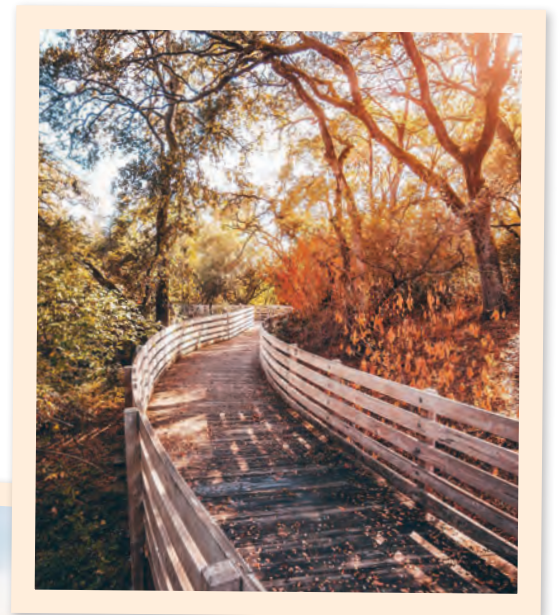
NeighborWoods Program Grows Roots in Folsom

The City of Folsom is teaming up with the Sacramento Tree Foundation to help grow, care for, and expand Folsom's tree canopy.

The new NeighborWoods community-led initiative will improve and beautify neighborhoods and bring neighbors together through community tree plantings and care activities. The program will offer free trees, tools, expertise, and education needed to grow more trees in Folsom.

This partnership will also include native tree reforestation in Folsom's many natural spaces. Native trees provide habitat for wildlife and make beautiful spots for exercise, birdwatching, and other recreation.

To learn more about the Folsom NeighborWoods initiative or to get involved, visit www.sactree.com or contact the Sacramento Tree Foundation project coordinator Kimmy Boyle at kimberly@sactree.com or 916-214-9682.



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TRAIL AND SAFETY ETIQUETTE

Folsom's 50+ miles of beautiful recreational trails are shared by cyclists and pedestrians; safety and courtesy make for a positive experience for all trail users.

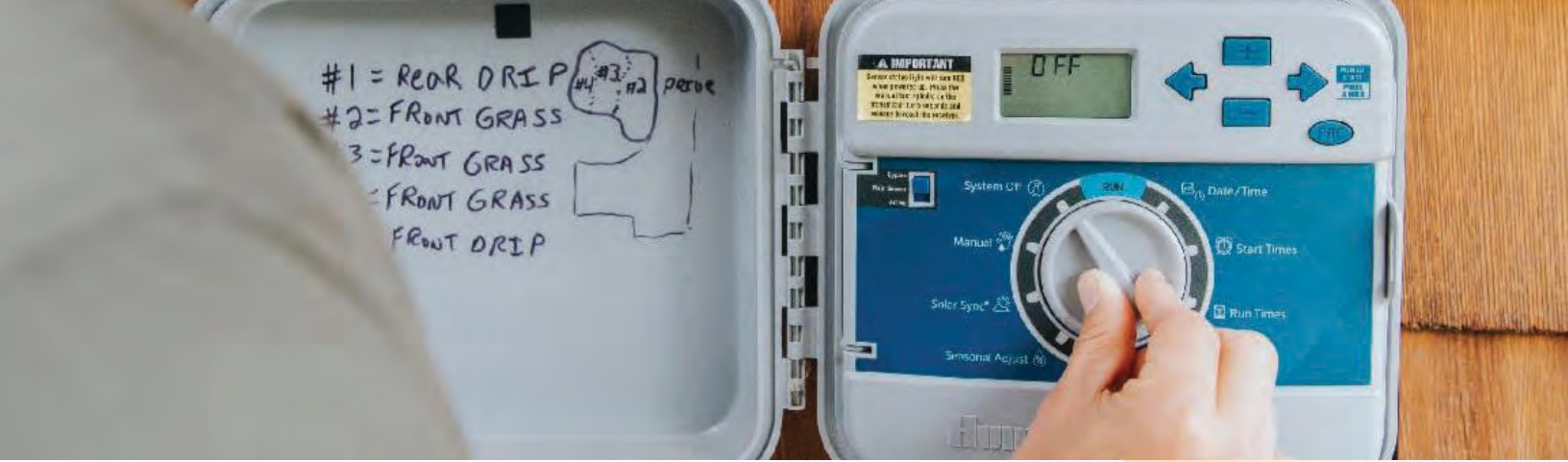
- Cyclists should keep to the right side of the trail, maintain a safe speed, and pass on the left side of oncoming pedestrians.
- Walkers and runners should keep to the left side of the trail, facing oncoming bicycle traffic.
- All trail users should maintain social distancing.
- Dogs have trail etiquette, too! When walking your dog along trails, dogs should be leashed and kept to the left side of their human (who should also be walking on the left side of the trail). Dog owners should pick up after their pets and discard the waste in a garbage can or at one of the dog waste bag stations.

Find trail maps and informative trail safety and etiquette videos at www.folsom.ca.us.

BACKYARD COMPOSTING

Compost is organic material that can be added to soil to help plants grow. Food scraps and yard waste together currently make up more than 30% of what we throw away and could be composted instead. Making compost keeps these materials out of landfills where they take up space and release methane, a potent greenhouse gas.

The City of Folsom offers composting instructions and discounted compost bins. Visit www.folsom.ca.us/composting to learn more or contact the City of Folsom Solid Waste Division at solidwaste@folsom.ca.us or 916-461-6730.



Four Ways to Save Water at Home

Saving water isn't only for hot summer months. Here are four simple tips to help you save water at home.

1. Check toilets to reveal any silent leaks. Easy-to-fix household leaks can waste enough water each year to fill a backyard swimming pool. Just add a few drops of food coloring to the toilet tank and wait 10 minutes before flushing. If dye appears in the toilet bowl, your toilet has a leak. If you find a leak, visit www.epa.gov/watersense/fixaleak for do-it-yourself repair tips or contact a plumbing professional.
2. Twist an aerator onto each bathroom faucet to save water without noticing a difference in the water flow. Faucet aerators cost as little as a few dollars and can save a household more than 500 gallons each year—enough to do 14 loads of laundry. Look for the WaterSense label, which is only awarded to products independently tested and certified to meet EPA's water efficiency and performance criteria.
3. Replace your old shower head with a WaterSense labeled model, which helps you shrink your water footprint while still enjoying a satisfying shower. Making this switch reduces a household's water use by 2,300 gallons annually and the savings on utility bills are a bonus.
4. Most of your landscape is dormant and gets all the water it needs from seasonal rains. Turn off your sprinklers and save that water for summer.

The City of Folsom Water Conservation Team is here to help. Call 916-461-6174 or email waterconservation@folsom.ca.us with any questions or to schedule a free Water-Wise House Call.

BE WATER SMART WEBINARS

The Sacramento Regional Water Authority, in partnership with the City of Folsom and other local water suppliers, hosts free educational webinars throughout 2021.

How Much Water Does Your Landscape Really Need?

Thursday, March 25, noon to 1 p.m.

Drought Tolerant/Mediterranean Climate Gardens

Wednesday, March 31, noon to 1 p.m.

Creating a Pollinator Garden

Wednesday, April 14, noon to 1 p.m.

Learn more and register at bewatersmart.info/webinars.



UTILITY RELIEF PROGRAMS FOR RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES

The City of Folsom is committed to providing reliable water and waste disposal service to our customers. We understand that many are facing challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The city offers several residential and business assistance programs designed to help during difficult times. Visit www.folsom.ca.us/utilityrelief to learn more.

In addition, SMUD is offering its customers flexible billing options, discounted rates, and waived late fees, and will not disconnect power due to non-payment at this time. Learn more about SMUD's relief programs at www.smud.org/HereToHelp.



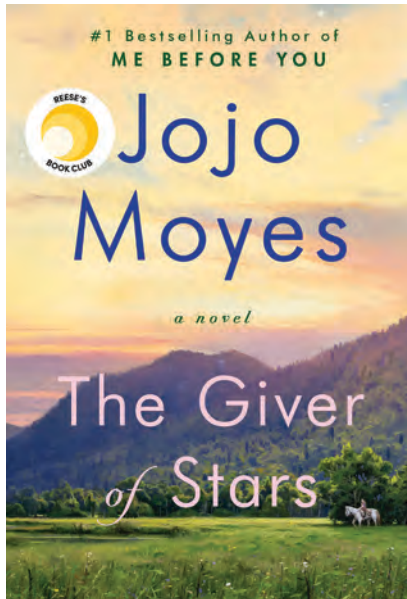
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FOLSOM PUBLIC LIBRARY VIRTUAL BOOK CLUBS



Connect online with fellow local readers with two virtual Folsom Public Library book clubs for adults. The Book Club meets at 1 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month. The We Read YA Book Club, for adults who are interested in reading Young Adult Books, meets at 4 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB DISCUSSIONS

The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes
March 18, 1 p.m.

There There by Tommy Orange
April 15, 1 p.m.

VIRTUAL WE READ YA BOOK CLUB DISCUSSIONS

The Gilded Ones by Namina Forna
March 24, 4 p.m.

Down Comes the Night by Allison Saft
April 28, 4 p.m.

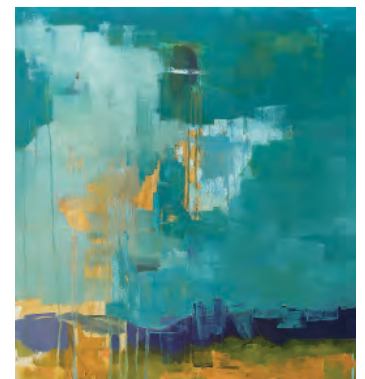
All of the book club choices are available through the Folsom Public Library. The Zoom Meeting information will be posted to the Library's website on the day of the meeting. For more information, visit www.folsom.ca.us/library or email libcirc@folsom.ca.us.

THE GALLERY AT 48 NATOMA OFFERS RETAIL SHOPPING HOURS

The gallery offers drop-in retail shopping hours from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays. Additional in-person shopping dates are available by appointment between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday – call 916-461-6601 to reserve a time. Proceeds from the sales help support local fine artists and artisans and public art programs for all ages.

Shoppers can purchase stunning encaustic paintings by Sierra Wax Artists featured in the gallery's current exhibit, "Movement, Mastery, and Medium" through April 1. Starting April 12, photography and paper sculptures from the gallery's "Carousel" exhibit are available for purchase. The artwork is also available for purchase on the gallery's online store at webtrac.folsom.ca.us.

Current COVID-19 public health protocols are in place, and masks must be worn at all times while waiting to enter and inside the building. Shoppers will be limited to a maximum of 10 inside the building at a time to ensure adequate space for social distancing. The City of Folsom is following public health guidelines provided by county, state, and federal officials. As these guidelines evolve, program and event details may change as well.



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