



Live Fire Training Trailer Benefits Folsom & Region

A new mobile fire training trailer now provides hands-on opportunities for Folsom firefighters to safely experience heat, smoke and fire behavior during training exercises.

Folsom Fire Department submitted a federal grant application for the training trailer on behalf of five fire departments and 1,500 firefighters in Folsom, Sacramento County and El Dorado County. The \$377,650 grant included federal funding of \$302,120, with regional fire departments sharing the remaining \$75,530 cost.

“The new training unit provides a safe environment for basic, intermediate and advanced live fire training,” says Fire Chief Dan Haverty. “Instructors can safely control heat, flame location and intensity, smoke conditions, ventilation and room configuration while monitoring student progress under direct visualization.”

The large mobile training trailer is built from noncombustible metal products with stainless steel

thermal lining heat shields, and uses clean burning propane gas with nontoxic smoke for the training fire.

“The unit is ideal for teaching firefighter skills and techniques associated with interior fire fighting,” says Chief Haverty. “We will use various props to simulate bedroom and stove fires under heavy smoke conditions, as well as fire attack and search operations on two floors by multiple crews.”

U.S. Congressman Dan Lungren supported the grant application, citing the potential to aid local fire departments in their effort to protect citizens, as well as federal buildings and other assets in the Sacramento region.

Folsom is part of a Regional Fire/Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Communications Center. Fire and EMS units from all Sacramento County Fire Departments cross jurisdictional lines on a daily basis. The trailer will move from one fire department to another, allowing crews within a response area to train together just as if they were responding to an actual fire incident.



“This project adds a critical piece to our seamless response system by enabling regional firefighters to experience a live training program using consistent standards, methods and training curricula,” says Chief Haverty.

“Our new training unit has the potential to save lives and reduce property damage.”

Area fire fighters participated in a recent training exercise to demonstrate the capabilities of the new Mobile Live Fire Training Trailer. The trailer will be used by Folsom and other regional fire departments.

Love Trees? Volunteer to “Make a Difference”

City Arborist Ken Menzer is recruiting volunteers to plant 500 trees in Folsom in celebration of “Make a Difference Day,” and to assist in compiling a comprehensive inventory of local street trees.

The new trees will be planted along E. Bidwell Street. Volunteers will plant, fertilize, mulch and water 500 trees in a two-hour period on Saturday morning, Oct. 23 as part of the national “Make a Difference” day.

“This busy roadway is one of Folsom’s largest generators of heat, pollution and traffic and is in need of shade, beautification and plant life to absorb pollutants,” says Menzer. “We have grant funding to purchase the trees and local merchants willing to donate tools. Now all we need are able-bodied volunteers willing to lend a hand.”

Menzer is also seeking volunteers to complete an inventory of all the street trees on public and private property. The inventory will include a tree count, identification of species, and an evaluation of the health of the trees and potential risks. Menzer will provide training for volunteers.

“The inventory is much more than just a tree count,” he says. “We’ll identify at-risk trees and potential hazards, and determine if we have enough of a diverse tree population to protect us from major losses caused by pests, drought or disease.”

As part of the tree inventory, Menzer also needs volunteer assistance with mapping, computer data entry, digital photography and organizing events. Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age. Email Menzer at kmenzer@folsom.ca.us to volunteer or to seek additional information.

“Trees are a huge and vital asset to our community,” says Menzer. “A well-maintained tree canopy increases property values, cools the area and makes our city more livable.”

Both the tree planting and tree inventory projects are funded through Urban Forestry grants from the California Department of Forestry.



Celebrate Cycling at 3rd Annual Bike Festival

Folsom’s Cyclebration Bike Festival has much to offer bicycling enthusiasts of all ages, interests and abilities. Join the fun Sept. 10 – 12 at City Lions Park and other locations.

Festival & Expo, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, City Lions Park on Natoma St. Bring the family and enjoy music, food, bike demos and vendors. Watch the start and finish of Cyclebration events. Free admission and parking.

Family Treasure Hunt, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, City Lions Park. Seek treasure by following a map and clues to a variety of points along Lake Natoma and Historic Folsom.

Lake Natoma Cruiser Ride, 11:40 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11. Gather friends and family at City Lions Park and enjoy a leisurely cruise around Lake Natoma. Watch for a treat station along the way. Helmets required for riders under 18 years. \$15 fee includes commemorative T-shirt.

Two Bridges Circuit Race, 7:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, Historic Folsom. Watch a thrilling race across historic Rainbow Bridge and Lake Natoma Crossing. Spectators may ride the course during a brief race break at 12:10 p.m.

Visit www.folsomcyclebration.com for a listing of Cyclebration events.

Fire Chief Set to Retire



Folsom City Manager Kerry Miller recently announced that Fire Chief Dan Haverty will retire from City service in late October.

“Over the past three years, Chief Haverty’s leadership skills, integrity and collaborative spirit have proven

to be an outstanding asset to the City,” says Miller. “He will be greatly missed.”

Haverty noted that he is looking forward to spending more time with his family and pursuing other interests. He recently accepted an appointment as assistant professor at the University of Southern California’s School of Policy Planning and Development.

“I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve the Folsom community,” says Haverty. “I have developed many strong friendships here and have enjoyed the collegial atmosphere.”

Miller indicated that a successor for Haverty will be determined in the coming months.

City Reinstates Police Officers, Maintains Public Safety

The Folsom Police Officers Association (FPOA) recently ratified a three-year contract that restores police officer positions and preserves local public safety services.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City and the FPOA includes significant salary concessions, Public Retirement System (PERS) employee cost sharing, and changes to the pension formula for future public safety employees. The new agreement makes possible the reinstatement of the sworn police officer positions eliminated in the Fiscal Year 2010-11 budget.

“This agreement is a strong reflection of the FPOA’s commitment to safeguarding our community,” said City Manager Kerry Miller. “I recognize that the agreement represents personal sacrifice on the part

Celebration to Honor Folsom’s Italian Sister City

The public is invited to celebrate Crespano del Grappa, Folsom’s sister city, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2 at the Murer House, 1125 Joe Murer Court.

The event, which is sponsored by the Murer House Foundation, marks the 10th anniversary of the sister city relationship between Folsom and Crespano del Grappa. The cities signed a “Declaration of Friendship” in Crespano del Grappa on Sept. 29, 2000.

Festivities include live accordion music, Art in the Garden with Folsom Arts Association, historical exhibits and Italian refreshments. Call (916) 985-3250 or visit www.murerhouse.org for more information.



of our officers. Their unselfish action will help ensure long-term fiscal stability and preservation of quality public safety services.”

Miller points out that the Police MOU achieves close to \$1 million in pension savings for the City in future years, and serves as a model for city-wide pension reform.

“Current pension costs are unsustainable in the long-term and will further strain local government resources without reform,” he says.

Also recognizing the need for pension reform, the City’s executive management team recently began paying its full share of PERS retirement contributions.



Construction crews worked nights to remove wooden shed roofs that were installed during the 1960s. A variety of historically appropriate facade treatments will replace the shed roofs in the coming months.

Sutter Street: Parking Plentiful & Businesses Open

The first (and messiest) stage of the Sutter Street Revitalization Project is just a little more than two months from completion. All underground infrastructure work, sidewalks, roadways, and some facades will be completed by mid-November.

Construction crews will take a break over the holidays before resuming work on the remainder of the facades and landscaping. The final phase of the project, a series of directional signs and historical graphics that highlight the interesting history of Folsom's oldest street, will be installed early next spring.

"Businesses will continue to be accessible as construction continues," says Assistant City Manager Evert Palmer. "While the street may appear to be a bit of an obstacle course at times, it's well worth a visit to watch the transformation evolve and to support local businesses."

Many of the monolithic wooden shed roofs installed in the 1960s are now gone and work on replacement facade improvements continues in the 600 and 800 blocks. Project Architect Louis Kaufman has worked closely with property owners to develop unique facades to replace the shed roofs that camouflaged the historic architecture.

As construction progresses, special events continue to attract visitors. Upcoming events include:

- ✦ **Sunday Farmer Markets**, through mid-October
- ✦ **Second Saturday** on Sutter Street, Sept. 11 & Oct. 9
- ✦ **Antique Peddlers Fair**, Sept. 19
- ✦ **Folsom Live American Idols Block Party**, Sept. 24
- ✦ **Folsom Live!** Sept. 25
- ✦ **Night of 1,000 Pumpkins**, Oct. 29
- ✦ **Fallfest!** Oct. 30

Visit www.historicfolsom.org for event times and detailed information.



City, Chamber Promote Shopping Local

Shopping in Folsom protects local jobs and generates sales tax revenues that benefit the community. That's why the Chamber of Commerce and City are encouraging residents to patronize Folsom businesses during these challenging economic times.

The Chamber Discount Card is an easy way to support local businesses, while also saving money. The card offers discounts and coupons for more than 200 local restaurants, professional services and other businesses. Non-profit fundraising groups, such as youth sports organizations, sell the cards to support their programs.

"Folsom offers an incredible array of restaurants, products and services," says City Manager Kerry Miller. "Supporting local businesses positively impacts Folsom's economy and the viability of local businesses."

To purchase a card, visit www.ChamberDiscountCard.com. Merchants may send an email to merchant@ChamberDiscountCard.com for information about no-cost participation. Fundraising groups interested in participation may email fundraising@ChamberDiscountCard.com.



Banners reminding residents to *Shop Folsom First!* adorn light poles along portions of Natoma, E. Bidwell and Riley streets.

Animals & Inmates Benefit from Prison Garden Project

As the result of a unique partnership, City Zoo Sanctuary animals are receiving healthy produce grown by prison inmates. It's a win-win situation: the Zoo saves money, the animals receive fresh food and the inmates take pride in giving back to the community.

The partnership evolved out of a discussion during a Chamber of Commerce luncheon in January. While discussing budget challenges, California State Prison, Sacramento Warden Tim Virga and City Parks & Recreation Director Robert Goss conceived an idea to save taxpayer money while benefitting the Zoo Sanctuary and inmates.

Following that discussion, Marc Elia, the prison's Community Partnership Manager, was eager to get the project going. He persuaded Walmart to donate vegetable seeds.

"We want to partner with others to benefit our community," says Elia. "Sometimes that's easy to say, but harder to do. This time, the plan came together and everybody benefits."

Goss says the project not only reduces the cost of zoo food, but also provides the animals with fresh food that helps maintain health and avoid vet bills.

"We are impressed that prison officials are engaging in this community partnership," says Goss. "We are hopeful this will be a long-term relationship."

The first crop of vegetables included bell peppers, squash and cucumbers. Zoo supervisor Jill Lute noted that the giant squash not only serves as food, but also as a tool for animal enrichment.

"The carnivores use the giant squash for scratching and playing," she says. "Adding new items to their environment stimulates their natural behavior."



Folsom Cyclebration, Sept. 10-12 features 13 events for riders of all ages and abilities, all day Festival and Expo at City Park on Saturday, www.FolsomCyclebration.com. (See article on page 2.)

9/11 Remembrance Ceremony, 9-10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, Veterans Memorial, City Park by Library. Keynote speaker is Brigadier General Mary J. Kight, Adjutant General, California National Guard.

Second Saturday on Historic Sutter Street, Chalk it Up!, 4-9 p.m. Sept. 11. Professional artists will Chalk Up Sutter Street before it is repaved. Art walk, street performers and live music. Check out Historic Sutter Street Revitalization Project www.historicfolsom.org.

Fall Book Sale, Folsom Public Library, Georgia Murray Building 411 Stafford St. Preview sale 5-8 p.m. Sept. 17, \$5 admission. General sale 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 18 & 19, free admission. Sponsored by Friends of the Folsom Library, (916) 608-8743 or 355-7374.

"Interiorscapes" Exhibit, Gallery at 48 Natoma, opening reception 6-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17. Juried works by Folsom Art Association members. Exhibit continues through Nov. 4. (916) 355-7285.

Antique Peddlers' Fair, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, Historic Sutter Street. Antiques and collectibles. Food & live entertainment, (916) 985-7452 or www.historicfolsom.org.

Folsom Live! 5-10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, Historic Sutter Street. Four stages and 12 bands for all music lovers. Sponsored by Folsom Chamber of Commerce, www.folsomlive.com.

Second Saturday on Historic Sutter Street – Walk the Plank! 4-9 p.m. Oct. 9. Walk the plank to great shops and restaurants as sidewalk and roadway renovations continue. Pirate costumes, art walk, street performers and live entertainment. www.historicfolsom.org.

Folsom Renaissance Faire, magic and pageantry in City Lions Park, Oct. 16 & 17, City Lions Park. Live entertainment, merchants, food and beverages, www.folsomfaire.com.

Night of 1,000 Pumpkins, 4-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29 and **Fallfest!** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30 on Historic Sutter Street. Celebrate fall harvest with pumpkins, contests and fun family activities. Details for both events posted at www.sutterfallfest.com.

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CITY COUNCIL

6:30 p.m.
Second & Fourth Tuesdays

PLANNING COMMISSION

6:30 p.m.
First & Third Wednesdays

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

6:30 p.m.
First Tuesday

LIBRARY COMMISSION

6:30 p.m.
First Monday

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

5 p.m.
First & Third Wednesdays

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

4 p.m.
Fourth Thursday
Public Works Conference Room

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

8 a.m.
Fourth Thursday

LANDSCAPE/LIGHTING DISTRICTS

7 p.m.
Third Thursday
Community Center

ARTS & CULTURAL COMMISSION

6:30 p.m.
Second Thursday

UTILITY COMMISSION

6:30 p.m.
Third Tuesday