



**August 9, 2012**

## **Roadwork in your neighborhood?**

Repair and resurfacing of various Folsom roadways begins this month, along with replacement of sidewalks damaged by invasive tree roots. Read on to see if your neighborhood is impacted.

The roadwork is part of the City's Pavement Management Program and includes:

- Repair of deteriorated pavement on portions of Mormon, Figueroa, Forrest and Oakdale streets;
- Asphalt overlay on Creekside Drive from East Bidwell Street to the end of Mercy Hospital;
- Slurry seal on most of the remaining unsealed streets in Lexington Hills;
- Slurry seal on Oak Avenue Parkway between American River Canyon and Santa Juanita; and
- Road striping and delineations on all resurfaced roadways.

The project also includes upgrades to existing pedestrian walkways throughout the city. Most of the improvements address issues identified in the City's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan. Other improvements are required due to the pavement repair work.

In the Blue Ravine Oaks neighborhood, approximately 50 trees have caused severe damage to sidewalks and roadways. The damaged walkways and pavement will be replaced and less invasive trees will be planted. This work has been coordinated with the homeowners in the area's Landscape & Lighting District.

Prior to the start of construction, all of the property owners on the impacted streets will be notified of the proposed work and schedule. Central Valley Engineering & Asphalt submitted the winning bid for the nearly \$1.5 million project, which will be covered by Measure A funds and Landscape & Lighting District monies.

## **Top 10 Water Conservation Tips**

Conserving water, a precious natural resource, is not only the right thing to do, it will also have an impact on our wallets when metered billing for actual water use begins in 2013.

1. Know how much water you use. Check your utility bill. The section titled “Water Meter Reading” will tell you how much you used and when.
2. Check your sprinklers. Run your sprinklers and check for problems.
3. Fix the problems. Sprinkler damage never gets better by itself and collateral damage will be much more expensive than the sprinkler repair.
4. Stop gutter flooding. Water in the gutter does not benefit your landscape. Use a cycle & soak watering schedule. Multiple short run times with an hour in between will allow water to soak in instead of running off.
5. Don't overwater. The average homeowner overwaters by at least twice. More is not always better.
6. Get to know your sprinkler timer. That mysterious box in the garage can be your landscape's best friend or a plant killing, water wasting nemesis. Read the manual or go online to the manufacturer's website for a copy.
7. Fertilize the right way. High nitrogen fertilizers or too much fertilizer are detrimental to the beneficial organisms in the soil and increases top growth without much root development requiring more mowing and more water.
8. Prune naturally. Hard shearing to geometric shapes (boxes, lollipops and poodle tails) results in panic growth, prevents blooming, and increases the shrubs need for water.
9. Don't forget your inside fixtures. Toilets, faucets and shower heads will develop leaks overtime. Even a little leak can add up to big losses.
10. Get help when you need it. Contact the City's Water Management Program for a free Water Wise House Call -- [waterconservation@folsom.ca.us](mailto:waterconservation@folsom.ca.us) or 355-7252.

## Handyman Help for Low-Income Seniors

Senior citizen homeowners who lack the financial resources to pay for minor home repairs are receiving help through a unique City program.

The Seniors Helping Seniors Handyman Program assists more than 500 local seniors per year. The City sends a qualified senior tradesman to perform minor repairs free of charge to qualified senior homeowners.

Repairs to correct health and safety deficiencies may include:

- Minor plumbing & electrical repairs
- Hard-to-reach light bulb replacement
- Door lock repair or replacement
- Furnace filter replacement

“Hundreds of seniors on fixed incomes receive desperately needed improvements and repairs to their homes each year under this humanitarian program,” says Community Development Director David Miller. “The program is funded through the City’s Housing Trust Fund and a Community Development Block Grant.”

To be eligible for the free program, applicants must have an income that falls under the state income guidelines established by the California Department of Housing and Community Development. Folsom’s Seniors Helping Seniors Coordinator Bill Winchester can answer questions about income qualifications.

The home must be owner-occupied by a senior citizen 65 years of age or older, or 55 years if the homeowner has a verifiable disability. All properties must be within the City of Folsom boundaries. Applicants are generally served on a first-come, first-serve basis. However, at times priority may be given to homeowners with the greatest health and safety need.

Contact Bill Winchester at [bwinchester@folsom.ca.us](mailto:bwinchester@folsom.ca.us) or (916) 355-7356 to learn more.

## August Events

***Second Saturday on Historic Sutter Street*** – 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. Aug. 11, street performers, art walk, special tastings, live music and more, [www.HistoricFolsom.org](http://www.HistoricFolsom.org)

***Volunteer Bridge Building*** -- 8 am. – 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18. Help assemble and install two wooden bridges on the newest segment of Folsom’s 36-mile recreational trail

system. Contact Senior Park Planner Jim Konopka at (916) 351-3516 or [jkonopka@folsom.ca.us](mailto:jkonopka@folsom.ca.us) to learn more.

**Graffiti Night** -- 1 – 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18. See more than 250 classic cars along four blocks of Historic Sutter Street and enjoy live entertainment, great food and vendors, [www.HistoricFolsom.org](http://www.HistoricFolsom.org)

**Summer Animal Adoption Day** – 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, Folsom City Lions Park, 403 Stafford St. Shelter and rescue groups will offer cats, dogs, reptiles, rabbits and more for adoption. Call (916) 439-2268 or email [strayzdays@gmail.com](mailto:strayzdays@gmail.com).

## Coming in September

**“On the Wild Side” Exhibit**, Gallery at 48 Natoma opens Sept. 7. Oil paintings and gourds by Judy Arrigotti, photography by Lewis Kemper, watercolors by Monica Turner and animal art by the Folsom Zoo animals, [www.folsom.ca.us](http://www.folsom.ca.us) □

**Second Saturday** on Historic Sutter Street, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. Sept. 8, [www.HistoricFolsom.org](http://www.HistoricFolsom.org)

**Top of Folsom** – Limited tickets available for the Historic District’s newest event on Saturday evening, Sept. 15. The event will feature 20 artists, 20 wineries, 15 chefs and live music under the stars. Proceeds benefit the Folsom City Zoo Sanctuary and the Folsom Historic District, [www.HistoricFolsom.org](http://www.HistoricFolsom.org)

**45th Annual Antique Peddlers Fair** -- 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, Historic Sutter Street, [www.HistoricFolsom.org](http://www.HistoricFolsom.org)

**Folsom Live** – Saturday night, Sept. 22, 12 bands on 6 stages in Historic Folsom, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.