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Mather Airport: Concerned about more night-time cargo jet noise?

A long-range plan for the expansion of Mather Airport as a cargo hub raises issues about increased night-time noise from low-flying cargo jets. The City continues to address concerns over cargo traffic into and out of Mather as the flight path is directly over Folsom.

The City will submit a comment letter addressing concerns about the Mather Master Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Residents may also submit comments by Oct. 7.

“The City has not opposed Mather as an airfield, but the City Council has been out front in stating that the City should not have to bear the burden of noise that disturbs our residents, and that alternatives need to be examined,” says City Attorney Bruce Cline.

“A potential increase in Mather’s cargo operations could have significant noise and quality of life impacts on Folsom’s residential neighborhoods. We want to be sure the County recognizes that fact, conducts an appropriate environmental study and looks for alternatives to sending many planes over the top of our City and western El Dorado County for years to come.”

The Sacramento County Airport System’s Mather Master Plan calls for expanding a second runway and installing a high-tech instrument landing system, which would allow the airport to operate during inclement weather, likely increasing night-time cargo jet traffic over Folsom.

[Follow this link to view the EIR and the Jacobs Report referenced in the EIR --
http://www.folsom.ca.us/news/displaynews.asp?NewsID=765&targetid=1](http://www.folsom.ca.us/news/displaynews.asp?NewsID=765&targetid=1)

***Residents may submit comments by Oct. 7 to:
Sacramento County Environmental Review & Assessment
827 7th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814***

Questions about the EIR may be directed to Marianne Biner at Sacramento County, (916) 874-7520.

New Police Program Aids Troubled Teens

Folsom teens arrested for misdemeanors may avoid Juvenile Court by participating in the Police Department's Juvenile Diversion Program. Detective Chad Friedrich tailors a program for each juvenile eligible and willing to participate.

Detective Friedrich reviews local juvenile arrest reports and also receives referrals from patrol officers about families needing help with out-of-control teens. (Juveniles who are already on probation do not qualify for the program.)

"I meet with the teens and parents for an intake interview to get a feel for the situation and to assess what the root causes are," he says. "I explain the program, and if they want to participate, I ask them to sign a contract that basically says they will not be a runaway and will not violate laws or parental rules."

If the teen follows the terms of the contract, Detective Friedrich does not forward the arrest citation to Sacramento County Probation and the teen does not have to go to Juvenile Court.

"As part of the program, they must do community service, write an essay and an apology letter to their parents," says Detective Friedrich. "If the kids are shoplifters, they must complete an online program through the National Association of Shoplifting Prevention."

If the juvenile was cited for an alcohol or drug offense, he or she is required to write an essay for MADD, listen to a victim impact panel, and spend time at the UC Davis hospital emergency room and the coroner's office.

The program is free, other than small fees for the shoplifting course and MADD program. Since the program began in July, Detective Friedrich has signed contracts with 19 teens. He works in cooperation with the Police Department's School Resource Officers and school staff.

"This program, which is based on an Elk Grove Police Department model, allows us to take care of our local kids, and that's a benefit to all," says Detective Friedrich.

Sergeant Eric Heichlinger notes, "Chad's extensive experience as a School Resource Officer within the Los Angeles City Schools system prior to coming to Folsom has been invaluable to our program. Not only does he have an outstanding demeanor with parents and kids, his juvenile justice knowledge base and awareness of available resources are keys to the program's success."

Fun fall activities for all!

Renaissance Faire, Bark 'n' Splash Bash, Scarecrow Corral, Night of 1,000 Pumpkins, Halloween Bash for Seniors . . . there's lots of fall fun for Folsom families ahead.

October Events

- **Bark 'n' Splash Bash, 1 – 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13**, Folsom Aquatic Center, 1200 Riley St. Learn more at <http://www.folsom.ca.us/news/displaynews.asp?NewsID=769&targetID=1>
- **Folsom Focus Photography Contest entries due Oct. 19**. Winners displayed at the Gallery at 48 Natoma starting in November. Entry forms at www.folsomarts.org.
- **20th Annual Folsom Renaissance Faire, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Oct. 20 - 21**, Folsom City Lions Park, Natoma and Stafford streets. Ticket information at www.folsomfaire.com.
- **Scarecrow Corral, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Oct. 20 - 21 and 27 – 28**, Pioneer Village on Wool Street in Folsom Historic District. Vote for your favorite scarecrow. Admission: \$2 per adult; children 12 and under free. Sponsored by the Folsom Historical Society, Folsom Arts Association and Zittel Farms.
- **Night of 1,000 Pumpkins, 4 – 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, Historic Sutter Street**. See the large display of lit-up carved pumpkins up and down Sutter Street, trick-or-treat at local merchants and watch family friendly Halloween movies under the stars on a giant movie screen. Learn more at www.historicfolsom.org
- **Halloween Bash for Seniors, 11:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 26**, Senior Center, 48 Natoma St, (916) 351-3510.

November Events

- **Opening Reception for “Just Desserts” Exhibit, 6 – 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9**, Gallery at 48 Natoma. An exhibit of yummy delights featuring oil paintings, acrylics and ceramics. Plus Folsom Focus Photography Contest winning entries on display. (916) 355-7285.
- **Veterans Day Parade, 9 a.m. Monday, Nov. 12**, from Target on East Bidwell to Folsom Community Center on Natoma. 2012 theme is “Veterans – The Heart of America.” Entry forms (due Nov. 2) available at www.folsom.ca.us.

- **Thanksgiving Feast for the Animals, 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 22**, Folsom Zoo Sanctuary, 403 Stafford St. in City Lions Park, (916) 351-3527.
- **5th Annual Turkey Trot in the Parkway, Thursday, Nov. 22**. Proceeds benefit Twin Lakes Food Bank and the Folsom Athletic Association's Never in our Town Youth Assistance Fund. www.folsomturdkeytrot.com

Meet Fire Crews & Tour Fire Station Oct. 6

Bring the kids to meet Folsom fire crews and tour the main fire station (535 Glenn Dr.) during a Fire Prevention, Fire Safety Open House on Saturday morning, Oct. 6. Enjoy a pancake breakfast, learn how to use a fire extinguisher and how to be safe in your kitchen.

Help Light up the Zoo for Holidays

Once again, the Zoo Sanctuary will be ablaze with light during Wild Nights and Holiday Lights Dec. 7 - 23. You can volunteer to decorate or to bring a caroling group to sing.

2012 Wild Nights & Holiday Lights 5 to 8 p.m. Dec. 7 – 9 and 14 – 23

- Decorate a tree for the Enchanted Forest or the Zoo grounds. (Decorating dates: Dec. 1 and/or 8. Removal date is Jan. 5.)
- Decorate a section of the Zoo. (Decorating dates: Nov. 17 or rain-out date Dec. 1.)
- Bring a caroling group to sing on one or more evenings.

Please volunteer on-line at:

<http://folsomparksrec.wufoo.com/forms/holiday-lights/>

Want more info? Contact Sandy Hilton at (916) 355-7279 or shilton@folsom.ca.us.