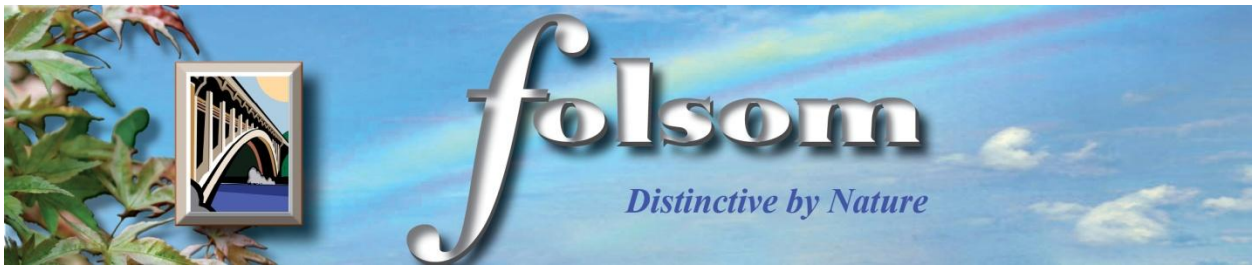

City Newsletter
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Grab your skates for rink opening

Enjoy some nostalgic fun at the ice skating rink in Historic Folsom. Beginning Nov. 5, skate around Folsom's historic railroad turntable on Sutter Street (between Wool and Reading). Grand opening festivities begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10. Rink hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily to Jan. 21, including Thanksgiving and Christmas. Learn more at http://historicfolsom.org/sutterStreetIceRink.cfm.

Meet Folsom Police Chief at Open House

Tour the Police Station, see demos by K-9, mounted and motor units, and meet Chief Cynthia Renaud at the Police Department Open House, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, 46 Natoma St. Donations of non-perishable food accepted for Twin Lakes Food Bank.

Celebrate patriotism at Veterans Parade

Several thousand flag-waving locals will line Folsom streets on Monday, Nov. 12 for the community's 12th Annual Wayne Spence Veterans Parade. The parade will feature marching bands and drill teams, floats and veteran, scout and youth groups.

The parade begins in front of Target on East Bidwell Street and follows East Bidwell, Coloma and Natoma streets to the Veterans Memorial near the City Hall complex. The judges review stand will be near the end of the parade route in City Lions Park. Excellent viewing spots are available at any point along the route.

The theme of the 2012 parade is "Veterans – The Heart of America." The parade's grand marshals will be:

June Greig -- PFC Marine Corps, 1943-45, World War II
Willie Golden -- Master Sergeant, Army 1951-1971, Korea
Len Dobish -- 1st Lieutenant, Army, 1967 Purple Heart recipient,Vietnam
Don Currier -- Brigadier General, Commander, CA Army National Guard 1976 – current, Operation Desert Storm.

Tesla opens local supercharger station

One of the first solar-powered Tesla Supercharger Stations in the nation is located in the parking lot at the Folsom Premium Outlets. The free, high-speed Supercharger makes it possible for drivers of the all-electric Model S sedan to take lengthy road trips without having to make long stops to recharge the car's battery.

Folsom leaders were on hand last month when Tesla officials unveiled the opening of the Folsom supercharger site. Tesla noted that the station has the most powerful electric vehicle charging technology to date, providing a half charge in about 30 minutes – enough to travel about 150 miles.

Tesla is placing charging stations in California, Nevada and Arizona at natural stopping points for long-distance travel. Folsom was viewed as a desirable location for San Francisco and Tahoe travelers.

Participate in local government!

Folsom's City Council is recruiting community members to serve on a variety of commissions and committees including Parks & Recreation, Traffic Safety, Planning and Historic District.

There are multiple positions available on the following commissions and committees:

- Arts & Cultural Commission
- Historic District Commission
- Landscaping & Lighting District Advisory Committee
- Library Commission
- Parks & Recreation Commission
- Planning Commission
- Traffic Safety Committee
- Utility Commission

Applicants must be registered to vote in the City of Folsom. Application forms and information about each of the commissions and committees are available here – http://www.folsom.ca.us/depts/cnc/default.asp – or at the City Clerk's Office in City Hall, 50 Natoma St., (916) 355-7270.

Applications are due by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27.

Catch the holiday spirit at local events!

Police Department Open House, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, 46 Natoma St. Tour the station, meet the police chief, see demonstrations by K-9, mounted and motor units. Bring a donation of non-perishable food for the Twin Lakes Food Bank.

"Just Desserts" exhibit opening reception, 6 – 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, Gallery at 48 Natoma. An exhibit of yummy delights featuring oil paintings, acrylics and ceramics. (916) 355-7285.

Grand Opening of Historic District Ice Skating Rink, 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, Historic Sutter Street (soft opening Nov. 5). Rink open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily through Jan. 21. http://historicfolsom.org/sutterStreetIceRink.cfm

Veterans Day Parade, 9 a.m. Monday, Nov. 12. Celebrate patriotism at Folsom's popular annual parade. More details on City website – www.folsom.ca.us.

Thanksgiving Celebration at Folsom Senior Center, 11:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 16, 48 Natoma St. RSVP by calling (916) 351-3510.

Thanksgiving Feast for the Animals, 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 22, Folsom Zoo Sanctuary. Watch the animals receive their festive Thanksgiving meals. Regular zoo admission fees apply.

Turkey Trot in the Parkway, Thursday, Nov. 22. Proceeds benefit the Twin Lakes Food Bank and Folsom Athletic Association's "Never in our Town Youth Assistance Fund." www.folsomturkeytrot.com

Palladio Tree Lighting, 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29. www.gopalladio.com

Historic District Tree Lighting, 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, Historic Sutter Street. www.historicfolsom.org

Christmas Basket Toy Drive, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, Walmart parking lot, 1018 Riley St. Free photo with Santa for those who donate a new toy for local needy families. Sponsored by the Folsom Police Department.

Historic Folsom Holiday Home Tour, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Dec. 7 & 8. Tour includes eight charming historic sites decorated for the holidays. Proceeds benefit the Folsom Historical Society and Murer House Foundation. $15 per person. Call (916) 985-2707 or visit www.folsomhistorymuseum.org.

Annual Holiday Party for the Animals, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, Folsom Zoo Sanctuary. Animals receive festively wrapped packages to open. Free admission. Call (916) 351-3527 to learn about gift ideas for the animals.

Wild Nights & Holiday Lights at Folsom Zoo Sanctuary, 5 – 8 p.m. Dec. 7-9 and 14-23. Celebrate the magic of the season and help support the amazing animals at the Folsom Zoo Sanctuary.