



City Newsletter December 3, 2012

Zoo ablaze with holiday lights

Bring the family to Folsom's unique Zoo Sanctuary for Wild Nights & Holiday Lights -- 5 to 8 p.m. Dec. 7 - 9 and 14 - 23. See the animals after dark while enjoying a forest of 50 lit trees and thousands of lights throughout the Zoo.

"Join us after dark to see the lights, and enjoy holiday carolers, animal presentations by Zoo docents, seasonal refreshments, rides on the miniature Starlight Express train and to meet Santa Claus and the Zoo's own Santa Paws," says Sandy Hilton, Folsom's Community and Cultural Services Manager. "Our staff and community volunteers have created a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the magic of the holiday season while supporting our treasured Zoo animals."

Admission is \$5 per person, with no fee for children under two years. Train tickets are \$3 per person. The event schedule is subject to change due to weather conditions. Additional details are available at www.folsomzoofriends.org and by phone at (916) 355-7285.

The Folsom City Zoo Sanctuary is located in City Lions Park on Stafford Street (behind the Folsom Public Library). It opened in 1963 with a mission of providing sanctuary to animals that were injured or orphaned in the wild, or raised and rejected as wild pets. More than 80 animals, including tigers, bears, sheep, deer, monkeys, foxes and wolves, reside at the Zoo Sanctuary.

Folsom Senior Center is a "lifesaver"

Joline Brown, 85, says she would be a "lonely couch potato" without the Folsom Senior Center. "This place saved my life and I now spend time here every day."

After moving from Sutter Creek to live with her daughter, she says she was "going nuts" with too much time on her hands. Her daughter encouraged her to try the Senior Center as a way to make new friends and socialize.

“I was a nervous wreck the first day,” says Brown. “I didn’t know what to expect, but everyone was so nice and made me feel so welcome. I’m now in the book club and the singing group, and I play games, watch movies, attend all the parties and go out to lunch with my new friends. I have so much fun here and I really love this place!”

The Folsom Senior Center is located at 48 Natoma. (The Gallery at 48 Natoma and art center classrooms are located in a separate section of the building.) The Senior Center opened in 2007, and includes a lounge, two activity rooms and kitchen.

Folsom Recreation Coordinator Ryan Erwin runs the social and support services for the Center, including nutrition programs, parties and support groups.

“An average of 60 seniors ranging in age from 55 to 99 years use the Center on any given day,” he says. “Our senior socials are very popular and about 75 seniors attend each of the 10 parties we hold throughout the year. Movie days, Rummikub tournaments and Pinochle are also well attended.”

Recreation Coordinator Kelly Ford organizes a wide variety of fee-based classes including exercise, art and computers. On average, 30 seniors attend classes at the Senior Center each day.

“We offer something for seniors from all walks of life,” says Erwin. “It’s a great place to meet new friends and stay active and engaged.”

Recycle holiday trees, packaging and more

Recycling seasonal trees, lights and packaging materials is easy and important. Please take note of the following recycling tips during this holiday season. Happy Holidays to all!

Recycle packaging material by placing the following items in your blue recycling can:

- ✓ Wrapping paper & tissue
- ✓ Cardboard boxes & other paper packaging materials
- ✓ Holiday cards

Note: Foil-type paper and Styrofoam are NOT recyclable.

Recycle Christmas lights:

- ✓ Recycle lights by placing them in plastic bags and taking them to one of the City’s Recycling drop-off locations. Locations are listed on the City’s website – www.folsom.ca.us.

Recycle Christmas trees:

- ✓ Small trees -- Cut and place in green waste cans (please be sure you can completely close the lid)
- ✓ Larger trees -- Drop-off for recycling at the City's Christmas Tree Recycling Event between **10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 5 & 6**, at Rodeo Park (end of Stafford Street). Remove lights and ornaments. Boy Scouts will help unload trees at the event, and will also collect trees throughout the city as part of their fundraising activities.

Remember -- City crews collect garbage, green waste and recycling on all holidays. Please place your cans curbside on your normal collection day.

Contact the Solid Waste Division, 355-8367, or visit www.folsom.ca.us for more information.

Holiday events all over town

You won't want to miss Folsom's fun holiday events – from Historic Home Tours to the Zoo Sanctuary's Annual Holiday Party for the Animals and Police Toy Drive.

Historic Folsom Holiday Home Tours – Tour eight charming historic sites decorated for the holidays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, **Dec. 7 and 8**. Call (916) 985-2707 or visit <http://www.folsomhistorymuseum.org> for ticket information. (Note: On Saturday, take advantage of designated parking for tour participants near the Historic District parking structure. Reserved parking will also be available in front of each house on the tour.)

Historic District Tree Lighting on Sutter Street, 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, **Dec. 7**.
www.historicfolsom.org

Christmas Basket Toy Drive sponsored by Folsom Police Department, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, **Dec. 8**, Walmart parking lot. Free picture with Santa with every toy donation. Christmas Basket Hotline, (916) 492-8607.

Annual Arts & Crafts Fair on Historic Sutter Street, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, **Dec. 8**. www.historicfolsom.org

Holiday Party for the Animals at the Folsom City Zoo Sanctuary, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, **Dec. 8**. Watch the 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 the Folsom Zoo Sanctuary, **Dec. 7 – 9 and 14 – 23**, from 5 to 8 p.m. each night. Visit www.folsomzoofriends.org to learn more.

Holiday Gala at Folsom Senior Center, 11:30 a.m. Friday, **Dec. 21**. Call (916) 351-3510 to RSVP.

Santa coming your way soon!

Santa and Mrs. Claus will visit every Folsom neighborhood between Dec. 7 and 12. Police and Fire will escort the sleigh, so listen for sirens signaling their approach. For safety, please go to the designated stopping points indicated on the attached schedule. Santa will accept non-perishable food donations for less fortunate members of our community. See route and stopping points at www.folsom.ca.us.