



May 1, 2013

Council adopts \$65.9 million budget

The Fiscal Year 2013-14 Operating Budget adopted by the City Council last week is balanced, with \$65,842,128 in anticipated expenditures matching anticipated revenues. It maintains the community's fundamental priorities with no major program eliminations or reductions, and no use of General Fund reserves.

"This budget preserves our commitment to our 95630 quality of life," says City Manager Evert Palmer. "It is structurally sound and takes critical steps toward long-term sustainability by reducing dependence on one-time revenues and use of fund balances."

While introducing the budget, Palmer noted that Folsom's fiscal outlook has improved due to increases in property and sales tax revenues, and a slow but steady increase in residential and commercial development. The budget represents the first year in the last five that the City anticipates an increase in total expenditures.

Palmer notes that the theme for this budget is to *Recoup Revenues* by focusing on strong economic development; *Revamp Operations* by aligning our efforts with our core responsibilities; and *Re-invest in our Future* by allocating resources to renovate or replace important infrastructure and equipment.

General Fund allocations remain similar to previous years, with 47.8% for Police and Fire; 18.3% for Cultural & Recreation; 14.3% for Community Services; 9.4% for General Government; and 10% for Non-Departmental.

The budget includes the elimination of eight positions across several departments, bringing the City's workforce to 412, a 29.5% reduction since 2008. "The decision to reduce staff is an extremely difficult one and was only made once we determined this course of action was unavoidable," says Palmer.

The budget document is posted on the City's website www.folsom.ca.us.

Library receives 27 new public computers

Thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Folsom Library, patrons will soon have access to 27 new public computers, including new monitors and up-to-date software.

The \$28,000 donation covers the purchase of 18 adult computers, three teen and six children's computers. They replace the original public computers that were installed when the current library opened in 2007.

"People of all ages use our computers to apply for jobs, search for information, do homework, take tests, and connect with friends on social networks," says Library Manager Lisa Dale. "Our old computers were heavily used and are now beyond their life cycle, causing consistent hardware problems and trouble with opening newer software programs. We expect to have the new computers installed within the next few weeks."

Dale points out that the donation ensures that Folsom residents have adequate access to technology resources. Not all residents have computer and Internet access or printing capability at home, limiting their ability to access vital online career, educational and social welfare information.

"The dedication of the Friends of the Folsom Library members is incredible and greatly appreciated by the City," says Dale. "In addition to this generous donation, the Friends support popular and informative programs such as story time, homework help, senior programming and our wonderful Summer Reading Program. We are truly grateful for their continued support."

Read more about the Friends of the Library at www.fofllib.org.

Much to do in Folsom this month

Folsom Home & Garden Show, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday, May 4, Folsom Sports Complex.

Folsom Handcar Derby, Saturday & Sunday, May 4 & 5, East Bidwell Street near Broadstone Parkway. Free admission. www.fedshra.org or (916) 351-0115.

We Love Bugs at Folsom Zoo Sanctuary, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Saturday, May 11. Meet silkworms and cockroaches, see the glass-topped bee hive and enjoy bug crafts for kids. Help release thousands of ladybugs at 11 a.m. and watch young black bear Henry eating honeycomb at 11:45 a.m.

Second Saturday on Historic Sutter Street, 5 – 8 p.m. Saturday, May 11. Live music, artists, food and special merchant promotions. www.historicfolsom.org

"Telling Stories" Exhibit opening reception, 6 – 8 p.m. Friday, May 17, Gallery at 48 Natoma. "Telling Stories" features expressionism by two artists – paintings by Paul Honatke and ceramic mixed-media sculpture by Michele Fisher. Call (916) 355-7285.

30th Annual Run with Nature, Saturday morning, May 18, Folsom City Lions Park. Expo, youth fun run, 5K run & walk, new 10K trail run, and Wild Way obstacle course.

www.FolsomRunwithNature.com

Public Works/Public Participation Day, 9:30 – noon, Wednesday, May 22, Folsom City Lions Park (between Library and Community Center).

Aquatic Center Summer Season Opening, Saturday, May 25. Summer hours: 1 – 6 p.m. daily. Memorial Day holiday: 1 – 5 p.m.

Family Fun Day at City Lions Park & Zoo Sanctuary, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Sunday, May 26. Cappuccino Cruisers will provide wristbands for free Zoo admission for the first 500 attendees at the car show event.

Celebrate cycling at Bike Month events

Enjoy a scenic ride on Scott Road with no vehicular traffic on May 5, or ride to the Capitol with Mayor Miklos on May 16 – two great options to celebrate Bike Month.

Scott Road Bike & Walk Event

Scenic road closed to all vehicular traffic from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 5

In support of Bike Month, Sacramento County and the City of Folsom will close a 12-mile section of Scott Road from the Highway 50/Scott Road interchange to Latrobe Road, including portions of Placerville Road and White Rock Road.

Visit www.folsom.ca.us to view event map, parking and other important information.

6th Annual Bike Ride with Mayor Steve Miklos

7 a.m. Thursday, May 16

Meet at Karen's Bakery in Historic Folsom and ride approximately 30 miles to the State Capitol in downtown Sacramento. For more information, contact Jim Konopka at (916) 351-3516 or jkonopka@folsom.ca.us.

Reduce water bill by creating a water conserving landscape

Learn to create beautiful, water conserving landscapes during a series of free monthly workshops. The first is Thursday evening, May 23 at the Folsom Public Library -- "Soil -- Not Just a Dirty Word." Call (916) 355-7252.