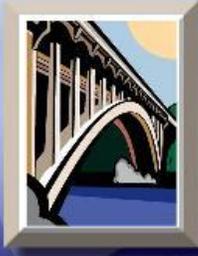


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New! Lake Natoma Waterfront Trail

Folsom's Lake Natoma Waterfront Trail will provide access from the Historic District to the lakefront and the American River Parkway once completed next year. Preliminary construction work is scheduled to begin this fall on the ADA compliant trail, a joint project of the City, Federal Bureau of Reclamation and State Parks.

The project includes an American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant path from the Lake Natoma Crossing adjacent to Gold Lake Drive to a main overlook at the water's edge. The path will continue in both east and west directions to additional smaller overlook sites with interpretative features. The existing dirt trail that loops to the asphalt bike trail will be improved by widening and placement of an all-weather, compacted aggregate surface.

"While the Folsom Historic District provides a variety of entertainment options for the public, including ADA accessible facilities, pedestrian access to the Lake Natoma waterfront is limited to unpaved trails with steep slopes," says Parks & Recreation Director Robert Goss.

"Our goal is to provide a safe pedestrian recreational trail system that incorporates ADA standards for accessibility and enhances pedestrian connectivity between the Lake Natoma waterfront and the Historic District. We also wanted to improve environmental conditions of the waterfront area through removal of invasive species, planting of native plants and trees, and stabilizing eroding banks along the existing trail."

The total project budget is approximately \$1.2 million, which will be primarily covered by grant funding.

Heads up! Road work underway

Summer road work is in full swing. While construction causes some traffic delays, motorists can look forward to significant roadway improvements once project work is completed

July Projects:

- ***Blue Ravine Road (between Folsom Boulevard & Prairie City Road, and between East Bidwell & School Street)***
Project includes ADA curb ramp replacements; median improvements; road widening and turn lane extension onto Folsom Boulevard north; traffic signal fiber optic interconnect installation; pavement repair, sealing and striping replacement. (Contact Ryan Chance, rchance@folsom.ca.us)
- ***Folsom Boulevard (between Highway 50 & Natoma Street)***
Work includes traffic signal modifications on intersection with Blue Ravine, Natoma Station and Iron Point; installation of traffic counting equipment; ADA curb ramp improvements; pavement repair, sealing and striping replacement. (Contact Brian Reed, breed@folsom.ca.us or Ryan Chance, rchance@folsom.ca.us.)
- ***City-wide Median Improvements***
Extension of turn lane into Folsom High School at Prairie City Road; modification to median curb and left turn pockets on East Bidwell Street between Orchard Drive and Montrose Drive; and landscaping of medians on Iron Point Road and Prairie City Road. (Contact Brian Reed, breed@folsom.ca.us.)
- ***Madison Avenue Median Landscaping (between Main Avenue & American River Canyon Drive)***
Work continues this month on median landscaping, irrigation and decorative paving designed to enhance the eastbound entry into Folsom. (Contact Brian Reed, breed@folsom.ca.us)
- ***PG&E Work on Wales & Glenn***
PG&E crews are working both day and night hours on Wales and Glenn from East Bidwell to Riley. One traffic lane will be maintained at all times and local businesses will be accessible. Drivers should expect delays through the estimated July 12 project completion. (Contact Dan Wolfe, dwolfe@folsom.ca.us.)

Historic Sutter Street Cattle Drive – Free Family Event

Watch the long-horn steers trot down Historic Sutter Street at **6 p.m. Wednesday, July 3**. Enjoy western style entertainment and visit Historic District restaurants and shops. www.HistoricFolsom.org

Folsom Pro Rodeo

Gates open at **6 p.m. July 4, 5 & 6** at Dan Russell Rodeo Arena. Ticket and parking information at www.FolsomProRodeo.com.

Fireworks Safety Tips

- Celebrate safely with “Safe & Sane” fireworks (purchase from local non-profit groups at fireworks booths all over town).
- Supervise children and be sure other people are out of range before lighting.
- Always have a bucket of water for disposal of fireworks, and a hose connected to water in case of fire.
- Avoid use under canopies, patio covers or trees, or near dry grass or flammable materials.
- Remember that the City prohibits fireworks on bike trails and in most local parks.
- Fireworks without the “Safe & Sane” label bearing the State Fire Marshal’s seal may be dangerous and are prohibited (including fire crackers, bottle rockets, Roman candles and aerial shells). The minimum fine for illegal fireworks is \$1,000.

Have a safe and happy Independence Day holiday!

City Manager names new Environmental & Water Resources Director

Folsom City Manager Evert Palmer recently appointed Marcus Yasutake to the position of Environmental and Water Resources Director. Yasutake oversees a department of approximately 50 employees, providing water and waste water services to the City’s residential and commercial customers.

Yasutake previously served as Senior Engineer for the City's Environmental and Water Resources (formerly Utilities) Department. He has more than 11 years of experience in municipal utilities.

"Marcus represents a winning combination of technical expertise and outstanding character," said City Manager Evert Palmer. "I am confident he will serve Folsom's residents very well as we continue to work to successfully navigate the challenging and interesting world of water supply, management and planning."

Marcus holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in BioResource and Agricultural Engineering and a Masters of Science in Water Engineering from California Polytechnic State University. He also holds a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Phoenix. Yasutake is a licensed Professional Engineer, as well as a member of both the American Water Works Association and the Water Environment Federation.

Free ticket to Folsom Zoo & more fun things to do

Free Folsom Zoo Tickets – In honor of the Zoo Sanctuary's upcoming 50th anniversary, the Zoo is offering a special early bird deal. Come to the Zoo between 9 and 11 a.m. and receive one free admission with one paid admission (free admission of equal or lesser value). www.folsomzoo.com

Free Friday Concerts in City Lions Park – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. July 12, 19 & 26. See band schedule at www.folsom.ca.us.

Free Wednesday Concerts at Palladio – 7 – 9 p.m. every Wednesday through end of August. See concert schedule at www.gopalladio.com.

Equestrian Excellence Art Exhibit – Opening reception 6 – 8 p.m. Friday, July 12, Gallery at 48 Natoma. Free event with live music and refreshments. Exhibit features oil paintings and bronze sculptures by Keith Christie and watercolor paintings by Kara Castro.

Second Saturday in Historic Folsom – 5 – 9 p.m. July 13. Artists, live music and entertainment. www.historicfolsom.org.

Future of E. Bidwell Corridor – Share your ideas about this vital Folsom corridor at a Public Open House, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 18, Folsom Lake College Community Room (10 College Parkway). Learn more at www.folsom.ca.us.

Hunt, Gather & Cook Presentation – 1 – 2:30 p.m. Saturday, July 20, Folsom Public Library, 411 Stafford St. Chef, food blogger and author Hank Shaw shares the pleasures of preparing meals from food gathered in the wild.

Free Landscaping Workshop -- Irrigation Gizmos & Gadgets, 6:30 – 8:45 p.m. Thursday, July 25, Folsom Public Library Meeting Room, 411 Stafford St. Reserve your seat via email at waterconservation@folsom.ca.us or call (916) 355-7252.

Farmers Market in Historic Folsom – 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Saturdays. Certified farmers, live music and more. www.historicfolsom.org.