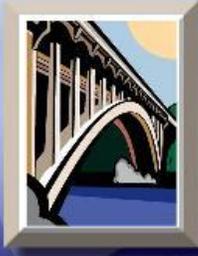


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Sneak peak at Folsom Dam spillway project

Large cranes, night-time lights and heavy construction equipment are visible to those who drive past Folsom Dam, but work on the massive flood protection project is mostly out of public view. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers shares a short video and photo for a behind the scenes look at the \$962 million auxiliary spillway project. (Video available on City website.)

Project Manager Comments – “We greatly appreciate the cooperation from the City and the understanding of local residents when they are inconvenienced by road closures or noise from blasting activity,” says Beth Salyers, Senior Project Manager for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. “This is a very important project with a huge impact on the future safety of all those downstream of the dam. We are working as fast as we can on an accelerated schedule.”

Project Facts

- Folsom Dam Joint Federal Project is a \$962 million cooperative effort between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation.
- The project includes construction of an auxiliary spillway consisting of a control structure containing six submerged gates; a 3,000-foot-long spillway chute and a stilling basin that acts as an energy dissipater; and a 1,100-foot-long approach channel.
- The Bureau of Reclamation completed extensive excavation of the site in 2011.
- The Army Corps of Engineers is now constructing the spillway’s control structure with work approximately 50% complete. The first radial gate will be delivered in December or January.
- The partnering agencies expect to complete the auxiliary spillway in 2017.

Visit the Joint Federal Project web page to learn more --

<http://www.spk.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/FolsomDamAuxiliarySpillway.aspx>

Celebrate National Night Out in your neighborhood

City leaders will visit Neighborhood Watch gatherings on Aug. 6 to say thanks for helping to keep Folsom safe through crime prevention activities.

Each year many local Neighborhood Watch groups celebrate National Night Out with a barbeque or potluck get-together. Folsom's mayor, council members, Police Chief, City Manager and other City leaders stop by to show their appreciation for those who partner with Folsom Police to prevent crime.

"We have participated in National Night Out every year since 2000," says Rosie Kracher, Folsom Police Volunteer Coordinator. "The nationwide program promotes involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. It also sends a message to criminals that neighbors are organized and alert."

If your Neighborhood Watch group is planning a National Night Out celebration, contact Kracher no later than July 26 via email at rkracher@folsom.ca.us. "City leaders will do their best to stop by every gathering to say hello and thank participants."

Fire Chief accepts donation of four pet oxygen masks

Folsom's first responders now have a tool that could save a pet's life in the event of a home fire – specially designed pet oxygen masks. The masks allow firefighters to give oxygen to pets suffering from smoke inhalation.

The pet masks were donated by Invisible Fence of California as part of its Project Breathe campaign to provide pet masks to every fire station in America. To date the company has donated more than 10,000 pet oxygen masks all over the country.

"While humans are always our first priority, these masks are a blessing for Folsom," says Fire Chief Ron Phillips. "We've seen residents run back into burning homes to save a pet. It's understandable, but extremely dangerous. These masks will give residents comfort in knowing that we can save their pets if they are suffering from smoke inhalation."

Industry sources estimate that between 40,000 and 150,000 pets die in fires each year, with most succumbing to smoke inhalation. To date, more than 90 pets have been saved by the donated masks.

Upcoming Events

Concerts in the Park – Don't miss the last concert of the 2013 season, 6:30 p.m. Friday, July 26 in City Lions Park. Azuar (Classic Rock/Blues/R&B) will perform in the gazebo next to the Folsom Public Library. Bring your blanket or lawn chair, family and friends, and enjoy the music.

Top of Folsom – Tickets are now on sale for the Top of Folsom Fine Art, Food & Wine event in Historic Folsom on Saturday, Sept. 14, from 7 – 10 p.m. Ticket prices go up after July 31, so buy your ticket today at www.TopofFolsom.com.

Folsom's Gold -- A fun romp through Folsom and the Gold Country at Sutter Street Theatre, July 26 – 28. Visit www.SutterStreetTheatre.com for tickets.

Harris Center/Three Stages at Folsom Lake College -- Upcoming performances include Summer Guitar Fest July 28; Pamela Hayes Classical Ballet Aug. 3 & 4; and Kenny Loggins Aug. 5 – 7. See full list of upcoming shows and purchase tickets at www.threestages.net.

Graffiti Night – More than 250 classic cars will line four blocks of Historic Sutter Street, Saturday, Aug. 17, noon to 10 p.m. Live entertainment, food, beer garden and 50+ vendors. www.HistoricFolsom.org.

Landscaping with Natives Workshop – Learn how to create beautiful, water conserving landscapes at a free workshop from 6:30 – 8:45 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22, at Folsom Public Library, 411 Stafford St. Register at waterconservation@folsom.ca.us or (916) 355-7252.

Cyclebration Bike Festival, Sept. 6 – 8 in City Lions Park. Ten events for riders of all ages in three fun-filled days. Learn more at www.FolsomCyclebration.com

