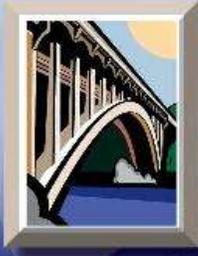


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Residential construction surges

Local single-family home construction activity is busier than it's been in years with new homes going up at a faster pace. "We've seen a big increase in the number of permits submitted and construction crews are working at several sites around Folsom," says Steve Krahn, City Engineer, Community Development Department.

New Single Family Home Developments

The Knolls (D.R. Horton)

79 homes on East Natoma near Blue Ravine Road. Model homes scheduled to open in November.

Folsom Meadows (The New Home Company)

40 homes on Parkshore Drive near Blue Ravine Road. Model homes scheduled to open in September.

Turnstone (D.R. Horton)

115 homes on Willow Bridge near Iron Point Road and McAdoo. Model homes open.

Innovations 2.0 & 3.0 at Empire Ranch (Elliott Homes)

Model homes open at 300 Dry Creek Road and 313 Carpenter Hill Road.

The New Riata at Empire Ranch (Elliott Homes)

Model homes open on Burlond Court off Empire Ranch Road.

Parkside Folsom (Signature Homes)

Model homes open on Barnhill Drive off Iron Point.

Lakeview Oaks in Empire Ranch (Elliott Homes)

40 custom lots available winter 2013 or spring 2014 off Ritchie Road and Broadstone Parkway.

Addison Place (Axious Homes)

38 homes expected to be under construction in spring 2014 near Sibley and Glenn.

More roadwork ahead

While much summer roadwork is now complete, motorists can anticipate continuing work on key Folsom roadways in the coming weeks, with periodic day and night lane closures.

Folsom Boulevard (between Highway 50 and Natoma Street)

Night time work (8 p.m. – 5:30 a.m.) begins Sunday Aug. 18 and will continue for approximately two weeks. Final pavement repair, sealing and striping replacement is expected to be completed by mid to late September, with some on-and-off lane closures during day time hours.

Blue Ravine Road

Road crews are realigning the median and extending the turn pockets onto Folsom Boulevard southbound. The fiber optic traffic interconnect installation should be complete next week. Replacement of ADA ramps and sidewalks between East Bidwell and School Street is expected to be complete by the end of August. Micro-surfacing and finished striping work is anticipated to be done by early September.

City-wide Median Improvements

While most of the median improvements are now complete, crews are continuing landscape work on Iron Point Road and Prairie City Road medians. Work is also continuing on the Madison Avenue median landscaping between Main Avenue and American River Canyon Drive with a goal of project completion by mid to late September.

Thanks for your patience!

Project engineers Brian Reed and Ryan Chance thank commuters for their patience during these summer season roadway improvements. If you have questions, contact Reed at breed@folsom.ca.us or Chance at rchance@folsom.ca.us.

Trails: Walk & jog on left for safety

Cyclists, walkers and runners share a responsibility to follow common-sense safety rules while enjoying Folsom's popular multi-use recreational trails, says Robert Goss, Parks & Recreation Director.

Goss says Folsom follows the same basic trail rules as Sacramento County Regional Parks and the American River Parkway, and these rules are based on the California Vehicle Code.

"As kids, we all learned that if we didn't have a sidewalk, we should walk on the left side of the street facing traffic in order to see cars approaching," says Goss. "That same logic applies to our bike trails. Pedestrians should walk on the left, preferably on the shoulder of the trail, so they can see approaching cyclists who may be traveling as fast as 15 miles per hour. Making eye contact with approaching trail users is vitally important to avoiding incidents."

Folsom Police Commander Rick Hillman encourages pedestrians and cyclists to follow trail rules. "While these rules are not law, following them is the right thing to do to help ensure your safety, and the safety of others who enjoy the recreational trails."

Trail Safety Rules for Walkers & Runners

- Walk on the left & use the left shoulder when it is accessible
- Walk/run single file or two-abreast if one is on shoulder
- Keep your dog on the shortest possible leash
- Keep all strollers on the left side of the trail with full view of approaching cyclists
- Stay alert if talking on phone or texting

Trail Safety Rules for Cyclists

- Observe the 15 mph speed limit (or slower if trails are busy)
- Pass on the left and call out "passing on your left" so you don't startle a pedestrian or slower cyclist
- Wear a helmet (required for those under 18 and a good idea for all)
- Pay attention, stay in your lane and watch for potential hazards on trails including uneven pavement, wet leaves, etc.
- Don't wear headphones and avoid use of phone
- Parents should stay close to kids who are learning to ride and be sure they understand trail rules

Arts Achievement Award nominations

Do you know an individual or group that has made a difference in Folsom's art scene? Nominations for the Folsom Arts Achievement Awards will be accepted through Aug. 22. View nomination form at www.folsom.ca.us.

Graffiti Night & more Folsom events

- **Graffiti Night on Historic Sutter Street**, noon – 10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17. More than 250 classic cars, live entertainment, food and vendors, www.HistoricFolsom.org.
- **Stray-Z-Days Summer Pet Adoption Day**, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, City Lions Park (Natoma & Stafford streets). Cats, dogs, reptiles, rabbits and more. (916) 439-2268 or strayzdays@gmail.com.
- **Yoshio Taylor Exhibit**, opening reception 6 – 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6, Gallery at 48 Natoma with live music and refreshments. Exhibit features ceramics, bronze sculptures and drawings and continues through Oct. 31. Gallery open to public at no charge. (916) 355-7285.
- **Cyclebration Bike Festival**, Sept. 6 – 8, features 10 events for riders of all ages and abilities. Learn more at www.FolsomCyclebration.com.
- **16th Annual Antique Evaluation Day**, Saturday, Sept. 7 on Historic Sutter Street. Bring your family treasures and garage sale finds for informal evaluation and identification. Proceeds benefit the Folsom Historical Society, (916) 985-2707 or info@FolsomHistoryMuseum.org.
- **Italy on Wheels Italian Car & Bike Show**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, Murer House and Gardens, 1125 Joe Murer Ct. See new and vintage Italian cars, motorcycles and bicycles, and enjoy pizza, Italian beer and sodas. Free admission. (916) 985-3250 or www.murerhouse.org.
- **Top of Folsom Fine Art, Food & Wine**, 7 – 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, upper level of brick parking structure on Leidesdorff Street in Historic Folsom. Tickets now on sale. www.TopofFolsom.com.
- **Folsom Public Library Fall Book Sale**, Sept. 13 – 15, www.foflib.org or (916) 355-7374.