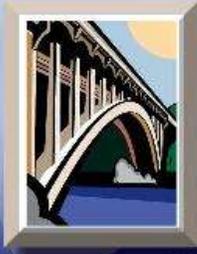


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Folsom Firefighters battle Rim wildfire

Nine firefighters from the Folsom Fire Department are on scene helping to contain the raging Rim wildfire near Yosemite National Park. They have joined 4,200 firefighters from all over California combating the 7th largest wildfire recorded in California history.

Folsom Fire Division Chief Dennis Wycoff says Folsom is doing its part to protect this much beloved national park. “Our crews are in good spirits, but tired as they are working long, hard 12 hour shifts day after day.”

Strike team members currently on scene include Division Chief Calvin Howard; Fire Captains Chris Fletchall and Mark Piacentini; Fire Engineers Brian Beck and Mat McGee; and Firefighters Aaron Hill, Tom Zamora, Eric Williams and Kalei Silva. A crew rotation is scheduled for Aug. 31 for four of the firefighters who will have been on the firelines for fourteen days. The new crew includes Fire Captain Ken Cusano; Fire Engineer Jason Padilla; and Firefighters Ben Signor and Daniel Hight.

Fire Chief Ron Phillips notes that Folsom participates in the state’s mutual aid system, sending resources to assist when a neighbor calls for help. He says the City is always quick to respond, knowing that some day we may be in the same predicament, needing help from others.

“I hope the public appreciates that this work is very difficult both physically and emotionally,” says Chief Phillips. “I’ve been in their shoes and I know from first-hand experience that’s it’s extremely challenging to work in such an intense situation while being away from your family for two weeks or more. I’m very grateful that our crews are willing to make such a huge sacrifice.”

College athletics complex benefits community & students

Folsom Lake College President Rachel Rosenthal invites the community to attend the Sept. 3 grand opening of the college's athletics complex, including new track and field, baseball, softball and soccer fields. "We are so happy that the community will have the opportunity to share these premier facilities with our students," she says.

"The sharing of these fields will not only promote health and wellness of our residents and partnerships with community organizations, but will be an economic driver for the City of Folsom," says Rosenthal. "We expect to host regional and national competitions at this site that will provide an economic boost to local businesses. Participants and attendees will enjoy the local amenities Folsom offers such as lodging, shopping, dining and entertainment at the Harris Center."

The ribbon cutting for the athletics complex begins at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3, followed immediately by a groundbreaking ceremony for the gymnasium. The inaugural home athletic event – a women's soccer team game against West Hills Community College – follows the groundbreaking. Admission is free to all grand opening events.

The second phase of the project – a cross country course, interpretive trail and a nine-court tennis complex – is slated to open in January, completing the athletics complex. A new gymnasium is projected to open in spring 2015.

Funding for the physical education and athletic fields construction is provided by the Los Rios Community College District Bond Measure M, passed by taxpayers in 2008.

A campus map can be found at www.flc.losrios.edu – just click on "Maps" at the top of the home page and then "Main Folsom Campus."

Cyclebration Bike Festival Sept. 6 – 8

Folsom's popular Cyclebration Bike Festival offers fun opportunities for participants and spectators Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 6-8. Bring the family for a ride on prison property; watch the Fam Jam Dirt Jump Competition (or try your own tricks with a soft landing on a massive airbag); and see professional cyclists in high gear at the Willow Creek circuit race.

Cyclebration Highlights

Friday, Sept. 6

Fam Jam Dirt Jump Competition and Scooter Freestyle Exhibition offer great spectator

fun. Non-competitors can test trick-jumping skills with a soft landing on a massive air bag (5 – 10 p.m.). Folsom Bike & Skate Park at Cummings Family Park.

Saturday, Sept. 7

Non-racing riders may ride the beautiful trails on Folsom Prison property between noon and 4 p.m. Registration is required (at Cyclocross event registration area in City Lions Park) and cost is \$10 per person.

Folsom Bike & Skate Park open riding and massive air bag open from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Bike Swap – 8 a.m. – 2 p.m., City Lions Park. Sell or buy bikes, frames, parts and clothes. The bike swap will be located in the middle of Cyclebration action. Enjoy the beer garden and be sure to catch the Cyclocross races.

Sunday, Sept. 8

Watch top-notch professional racing at the 2.4 mile Willow Creek Circuit Races between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Maximus building, 625 Coolidge Dr.

Visit www.FolsomCyclebration.com for details and more spectator and participant information about all 10 events and the Bike Swap.

What's happening?

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. The Community Gallery exhibit features photography of local public art. Gallery open to public at no charge. (916) 355-7285.

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.

Sept. 11 Remembrance Ceremony, 9 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11, Veterans Memorial in City Lions Park (adjacent to Folsom Public Library). Folsom Police and Fire invites the public to attend the 12th annual ceremony honoring those who lost their lives in the 2001 terrorist attacks.

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 parking structure on Leidesdorff Street in Historic Folsom. www.TopofFolsom.com.

Folsom Public Library Fall Book Sale, Sept. 13 – 15. Shop for bargains including thousands of gently used books, audio books, videos, CDs and more in both children and adult materials. Proceeds benefit the Friends of the Folsom Library, a non-profit organization. Learn more at www.fofplib.org or (916) 355-7374.

Antique Peddlers Fair on Sutter Street, Sunday, Sept. 15, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Four blocks of antiques & collectibles. No admission fee. www.HistoricFolsom.org.

FOLSOM LIVE on Historic Sutter Street, 5 – 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, 15 bands from rock to country on five stages. Tickets and more information at www.FolsomLive.com.

Bark 'n' Splash BASH, 1 – 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, Folsom Aquatic Center. Bring your canine companions for a day of fun! Admission \$10 per dog (humans are free). Call (916) 355-8318.

City of Folsom Glow Run, 7:45 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, 4K course starts/finishes in Historic Folsom. Family friendly fun for all ages – walk, run, dance, hop or skip! Receive glow glasses and necklace with registration. DJ music, Silly String and chalk stations. Register now for best rates -- www.stylemg.com/folsomglowrun.

City of Folsom Public Meetings

All meetings are open to the public and are held at City Hall, 50 Natoma St., unless noted otherwise. Agendas & minutes are posted at www.folsom.ca.us.

CITY COUNCIL

6:30 pm, Second & Fourth Tuesdays

PLANNING COMMISSION

6:30 pm, First & Third Wednesdays

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

6:30 pm First Tuesday

LIBRARY COMMISSION

6:30 pm, Third Tuesday
Folsom Public Library Meeting Room, 411 Stafford St.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

5 pm, First & Third Wednesdays

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

4 pm, Fourth Thursday of January, April, July & October

LANDSCAPING/LIGHTING DISTRICTS

7 pm, Third Thursday

Community Center, 52 Natoma St.

ARTS & CULTURAL COMMISSION

6:30 pm, Second Tuesday

UTILITY COMMISSION

6:30 pm, Third Tuesday

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