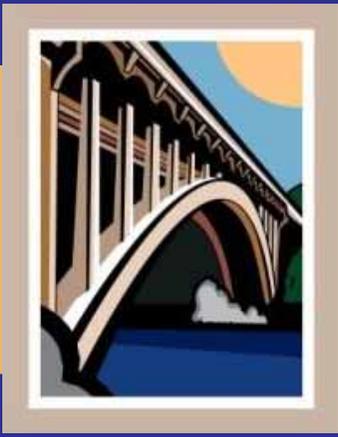


City of Folsom Newsletter

April 2008



Community Invited to Name the New Bridge

Area residents have a unique opportunity this month to become part of Folsom's history. The City is inviting the public to submit names for the new bridge across the American River that will link East Natoma Street with Folsom-Auburn Road.

The bridge will replace the two-lane Folsom Dam Road that has been closed since February 2003. It will have four lanes for traffic, as well as bicycle and pedestrian lanes. The bridge is more than halfway complete and is scheduled to open in spring 2009.

Public Works Director Rich Lorenz says this contest is similar to the one held by the City in 1999 that resulted in the naming of Lake Natoma Crossing. He adds that the individual who submits the

winning name for the new bridge will be recognized. "We will invite that person to participate in the bridge opening ceremonies and will include a mention of the winner in our City newsletter," said Lorenz.

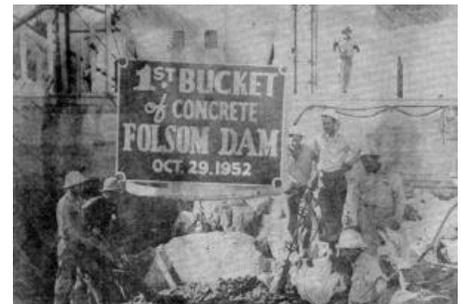
Entries for the new bridge name may be submitted via e-mail to the following address:
namethebridgecontest@folsom.ca.us

Ideas also may be sent by mail to: Name the Bridge Contest, City Hall, 50 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA 95630.

All entries must be received by 5 p.m., Tuesday, April 22. Submissions will be presented to the City Council for review and determination of the bridge name on May 13.

Crossing the American River

- 1956:** Workers complete the 340-foot Folsom Dam and motorists begin using a utility road (Folsom Dam Road) across the top of the dam.
- 1995:** A major gate repair results in the temporary closure of Folsom Dam Road.
- 1999:** Lake Natoma Crossing opens, providing a second crossing point over the American River.
- 2003:** The federal government permanently closes Folsom Dam Road, citing national security concerns.
- 2007:** Construction begins on the new bridge below the dam.
- 2009:** New bridge scheduled to open.



A Look Inside:

Shop 'Til You Drop: Learn the latest about the future Palladio at Broadstone on page 5.

Smoothing Bumps in the Road: Major plans are underway to improve City streets. More on page 3.

Safer City: Folsom's fifth fire station is in the works. See the full story on page 4.

Read All About It: Vista del Lago Public Library to Open This Summer

This August, doors will open to Folsom's new joint-use library located on the grounds of Vista del Lago High School. The shelves will brim with books for adolescents, but those younger and older also will have plenty of selection.

"This is a full-service library that will hold an initial collection of 12,000 books and audiovisual items for children, teens and adults," said Katy Curl, Library Director. "This branch will eventually offer all the benefits of a standard library, just on a smaller scale."

The 13,000-square-foot joint-use library will include the following special features:

- 36-station computer lab plus seven computers available to the public
- Free wireless access for laptop computers
- The ability to courier items to and from any library within Sacramento, Placer, El Dorado and seven surrounding counties
- A children's area
- Study rooms



The Vista del Lago Public Library will have its own separate driveway and entrance next to the high school.



Vista del Lago High School Principal John Dixon stands with Katy Curl, Library Director, in the joint-use library.

"This library is going to be incredibly advantageous to our students by providing them with a wide variety of educational materials, as well as a safe place to study and relax," said John Dixon, Vista del Lago High School Principal. "We've had a great working relationship with the City of Folsom and the end result is very exciting for our community."

The non-profit organization, Friends of the Public Library, donated early literacy computers and furniture for the children's area, as well as diner-style booths wired for personal laptop computers in the teen section.

The Vista del Lago Public Library is jointly funded and operated by the City of Folsom and Folsom Cordova Unified School District. It follows the February 2007 opening of the Folsom Public Library Georgia Murray Building that boasts more than 75,000 items and the highest circulation numbers in the region. For more information on both libraries, visit www.folsomlibrary.com.

Roadway Repairs Underway Throughout Folsom

Now that spring has arrived, City crews are working hard to improve the condition of Folsom's streets. The Public Works Department's pavement management plan serves as a guide for work over the next three to five years.

Prioritization of roadway repairs is based on the result of pavement condition surveys conducted by street maintenance staff and analyzed by specialized computer software.

"It is important that we are proactive in maintaining our roads," said Dave Nugen, Senior Civil Engineer. "The worse shape they are in, the more it costs to repair them. We will improve 40-60 street lane miles this spring, but must take into consideration below ground water and sewer rehabilitation projects before we determine a final list of future road repairs," he added.

Nugen says that the key to effective pavement maintenance is to know what type of repairs to carry out and when. Roadway improvement options include: Seal coating, an asphalt emulsion that is applied to an existing surface; asphalt overlay, applying a new layer of blacktop, and complete road reconstruction.

For 30 years beginning in mid-2009, Folsom's roads will benefit from \$3.6 million of annual funding from Sacramento County's Measure A transportation sales tax. Measure A was first approved for 20 years in 1988. The Sacramento Transportation Authority placed the half-percent sales tax on the ballot in



Damaged roadway on Folsom Auburn Road is being removed and replaced in preparation for a Rubberized Asphalt Concrete overlay that reduces traffic noise.

2004 for a 30-year renewal and it was approved by more than 75 percent of voters.

A listing of roadway improvement locations will be available on the City's website, www.folsom.ca.us in the Public Works Department section. Meanwhile, if you have a concern about a street's condition, contact the Streets Division at 355-8344, or e-mail the Public Works Department at pwdept@folsom.ca.us.

Don't Miss Out: Register Now for Summer Camps

Horses, skateboarding, crafts and magic can all be part of your child's summer vacation right here in Folsom. The Parks and Recreation Department offers dozens of stimulating and fun summer day camps for teens and children as young as three years of age.

Details and registration forms are now available on the City's website, www.folsom.ca.us under the Parks and Recreation section. The full summer Activity Guide for all ages will be available online later this month and will arrive in homes in May.

For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 355-7285 or 984-2850.



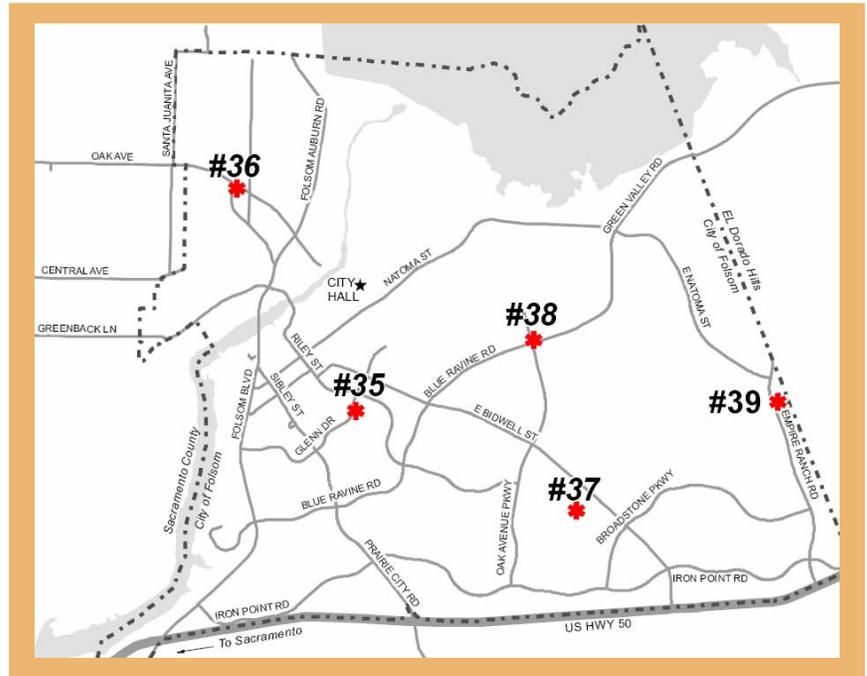
Kids can stay cool this summer with a variety of water activities such as the Discover Scuba Camp held at the Folsom Aquatic Center.

New Fire Station to Serve Empire Ranch

Construction will begin this fall on Folsom's fifth fire station located at the intersection of Empire Ranch Road and Ritchie Street. Fire Station 39 will be a two-story block and wood frame structure, approximately 10,500-square-feet in size. The station will be staffed with a crew of three, but can house up to six firefighters. It will include a structural fire engine, a grass engine (or a 2,200-gallon water tender), and a medic unit.

Fire Chief Dan Haverty says the station is needed to better serve the growing northeast area of the city, as well as portions of El Dorado Hills. "This area is currently being serviced by crews from Fire Station 37 on Clarksville Road, and Fire Station 38 on Blue Ravine and Oak Avenue Parkway," said Chief Haverty. "This new fire station will ensure the best response time to the northeast area's fire and medical emergencies."

The addition comes as good news to surrounding residents such as Andrea Hamburg. Her immediate and extended family all live within a mile of one another in Empire Ranch. "Having a fire station close to my home definitely makes me feel safer," said Hamburg. "It's also important to have help nearby if something were to happen in a neigh-



Emergency preparedness is a top priority for the City of Folsom. Fire station #39 will offer expanded coverage for the Empire Ranch area.

borhood, field or at the new high school," she added.

The \$3.6 million fire station is a cooperative project of the Fire Department and the Parks and Recreation Department. It is expected to be complete in 2009.

Lucky Animals Find Safe Haven at Folsom City Zoo

With his tongue sticking straight out at onlookers, Ferguson, the zoo's new crab-eating macaque, seemed to be up to some real monkey business. Unfortunately, says volunteer Roberta Ratcliff, that wasn't the case. One of Ferguson's fellow primate pals took a nip at the new resident's tongue.

"Ferguson is a mellow guy and is taking everything in stride," said Ratcliff. "He is adjusting very well to his new surroundings, and fellow monkeys Darwin and Wallace are getting used to having a new friend," she added. Ten-year-old Ferguson arrived at the Folsom City Zoo in March after living most of his life at the Performing Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) in Galt.

Also adjusting well to his new environment is a lynx-bobcat hybrid named Blue. The 12-year-old former domestic pet was captured in Elk Grove in January.



New to the zoo: Crab-eating macaque and lynx-bobcat hybrid.

Folsom City Zoo summer hours begin June 1 and continue through Aug. 31, Tuesday through Sunday, from 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. For more information, visit folsomzoofriends.org, or call 351-3527.

Old is New Again: Palladio at Broadstone Reminiscent of Town Squares

Dozens of unique stores nestled between landscaped walkways await shoppers at the future Palladio at Broadstone.

Developed by Folsom-based Elliott Homes Inc., lifestyle centers like Palladio are quickly gaining popularity over traditional indoor malls and it's easy to understand why.

"I love the idea of getting some shopping done while taking in the fresh air. It's a perfect combination," said Folsom resident Sharon Smith.

Currently under construction at the intersection of East Bidwell Street and Iron Point Road, Palladio



A 50-acre Kaiser Permanente medical campus will be linked to Palladio at Broadstone. The ambulatory surgery center is expected to open this fall. A medical office building and 220-bed hospital are scheduled for completion by 2015.



Folsom's future Palladio at Broadstone is named after 16th century Italian architect Andrea Palladio.

at Broadstone will be a 700,000-square-foot retail center featuring Whole Foods, Barnes & Noble and Cinema West, a 16-screen theater, as well as a mix of approximately 75 fashion retailers and restaurants.

"The current state of the economy is slowing down the signing of leases, so we are still in negotiation with a number of potential tenants for Palladio," said Russ Davis, Elliott Homes Vice President of Project Development. "However, we are guaranteed a wide variety of upscale shops for every age range."

In the works since 1991, Palladio at Broadstone is expected to be ready for business in summer 2009. An additional 300,000-square-feet of space to be developed at a later date could include a hotel, more retail shops or a possible department store.

Online Sex Offender Watch

The Folsom Police Department now offers free online tools allowing residents to learn of sex offenders living in any Folsom neighborhood. The Offender Watch lists individuals convicted of a sexual offense that requires them to register with law enforcement. Residents also can sign up to be notified via e-mail when a sex offender registers with the Folsom Police Department.

Both tools are designed to increase community safety and awareness, and can be accessed by

visiting Offender Watch under the Police Department section of the City's website, www.folsom.ca.us.



City Calendar



Trails Day: Help Folsom celebrate Arbor Day and Trails Day with this rewarding event on **Saturday, April 19, 9 a.m.-Noon**. Volunteers help create paths, plant trees, and spruce up parks and open space areas. Volunteers receive a free lunch and commemorative T-shirt. Must be at least 16 years of age. To register, call 355-7285 or 984-2850.

Run with Nature: Grab your friends and family for this 25th annual event on **Saturday, May 17**. Participants can select a 5K or 10K run, a 5K walk or a half-mile youth fun run. Visit www.folsomrunwithnature.com for links to online registration, forms and more information.

M.O.W.E.R. Program: Decrease the amount of organic waste going into the landfill, and receive a free compost bin or mulching lawnmower rebate. A bonus water conservation workshop follows. **Saturday, April 5 and 26, 9 a.m.** Lew Howard Park, 7100 Baldwin Dam Rd. Contact: 355-8367, ext. 5. Must pre-register.

Folsom Community Yard Sale: Just in time for spring cleaning, the City's largest yard sale is on **Saturday, May 3, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.**, at Lembi Community Park. For more information or to register, call 355-7285.

Folsom Aquatic Center: Spring swim lessons for ages 3-14 begin on **Monday, April 14**. Summer recreation swim begins **Saturday, May 24**. For more information or to register, call 355-8318.

Damn Yankees: Join your friends ages 55 and over for a fun-filled Senior Center day trip to Carson City to see the *Damn Yankees* musical. **Saturday, May 17, 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.** Call 355-7285 for more information.

Meet NASA Astronaut Clayton C. Anderson, **Thursday, April 17, 6:30 p.m.**, Arts and Senior Center, 48 Natoma St. Call 355-7285 for reservations.



It's Raining Cats and Dogs: An art exhibit at the Gallery at 48 Natoma featuring three acclaimed animal artists. **April 11- May 23**. For more information, call 351-3506.

Report Mather Airport flight noise to planenoiseinfo@saccounty.net or call aircraft noise report line at 874-0800.

Meetings

(Held at City Hall unless noted otherwise)

City Council

6:30 p.m.

Second and Fourth Tuesdays

Planning Commission

6:30 p.m.

First and Third Wednesdays

Parks and Recreation Commission

6:30 p.m.

First Tuesday

Library Commission

6:30 p.m.

First Monday

Architectural Review Commission

7:30 a.m.

Second and Fourth Thursdays

Historic District Commission

5 p.m.

First and Third Wednesdays

Traffic Safety Committee

4 p.m.

Fourth Thursday

Murer House Foundation

6 p.m.

Third Tuesday,

Murer House Classroom

Redevelopment Agency Citizens' Advisory Committee

8 a.m.

Fourth Thursday

Landscaping/Lighting Districts

7 p.m.

Third Thursday

Arts and Cultural Commission

6:30 p.m.

Second Thursday

Utility Commission

6:30 p.m.

Third Tuesday

Location varies



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