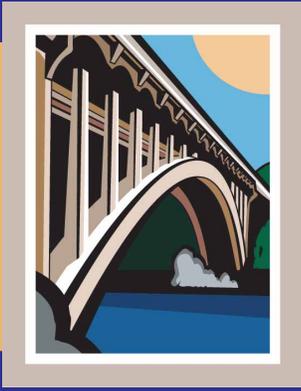


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# City of Folsom Newsletter

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## City Adopts Stage 2 Water Alert Restrictions and Controls

City Manager Kerry Miller has declared a Stage 2 Water Alert effective Sept. 5. The alert includes a number of mandatory water use restrictions for homes and businesses including alternate day landscape watering and restricted hours for automatic sprinkler use. Miller's declaration follows the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's 25 percent cut in water deliveries to a number of agencies, including the City of Folsom.

Reservoir levels are very low due to minimal rainfall of 3.4 inches between March and July in the Northern Sierra. That is merely 25 percent of



*Eliza and Mallory Fitzhugh explore the end of an empty boat ramp at Folsom Point. The 2008 water year is one of the driest on record.*

Resources. In June, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger declared a statewide drought—the first such declaration. See next page

## How a Stage 2 Water Alert Affects You:

Mandatory Stage 2 Water Alert restrictions include the following:

- Limit landscape watering to three days each week. Residents with even street number water on Wednesday, Friday and Sundays. Those with odd number addresses water on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays. No watering is allowed on Mondays. (These restrictions apply to manual and automatic watering.)
- Use automatic sprinkler systems only between 10 p.m. and 10 a.m.
- Avoid excessive watering that runs off onto sidewalks, streets or gutters.
- Pools, spas and ornamental fountains should be recirculating and leak-proof. Draining and refilling is permitted only for health, maintenance or structural reasons.
- Repair leaky pipes or sprinklers within five days.
- Hoses should be equipped with control valves. Do not hose down driveways, sidewalks or buildings unless necessary for health or safety.
- Restaurants will serve water only upon request.

For a complete listing of all water restrictions, visit [folsom.ca.us](http://folsom.ca.us).

## Stage 2 Water Alert Restrictions and Controls (from page 1)

tion since 1991.

“If we don’t take action to conserve water now, we will experience serious drought conditions in the near future,” said Miller. “The City recognizes the importance of healthy landscaping, but these reductions in water use will keep yards looking vibrant while making a big difference in the amount of water we are able to conserve.”

The City of Folsom has cut water usage by 20 percent for Landscape and Lighting Districts, local parks and City property. “We are continuing to monitor and correct problems with overflow in those areas,” said Miller.

In addition to the mandatory restrictions, residents and businesses are encouraged to conserve water whenever possible with a goal of a 20 percent reduction. Water saving tips include reducing shower times and installing low-flow showerheads, repairing leaky faucets, running the dishwasher and clothes washer only when you have full loads and avoid letting water run when washing hands and brushing teeth. Additional water conservation tips are posted at [utilities.folsom.ca.us](http://utilities.folsom.ca.us).

### Free Water Wise House Calls

City water conservation experts will analyze your water use and provide customized water conservation solutions. Information on rebates, a free conservation kit with faucet aerators, toilet tank leak dye, a low-flow showerhead, and/or a garden hose nozzle also are available. To schedule an appointment, call 355-7252.



### Rebates

**High-Efficiency Toilets:** Get a rebate of up to \$175 by replacing toilets made before 1994.

**High-Efficiency Washing Machine:** Get a \$50 Folsom rebate in addition to a SMUD rebate by replacing your old clothes washer.

**Water-Wise Irrigation:** Get up to \$500 back for materials used to improve irrigation efficiency and save water. Offer includes “SMART” and weather-based irrigation controllers.

Learn more at [utilities.folsom.ca.us](http://utilities.folsom.ca.us)

## Renaissance Faire Awaits Lords and Ladies of Folsom



*As the Burks family of Folsom grows, so do their memories of attending the Folsom Renaissance Faires.*

Folsom City Lions Park will transform into a magical world of 16<sup>th</sup> century chivalry and romance during the Renaissance Faire on Oct. 18 – 19. Take a journey through time and legend with jousters and jugglers, magicians and minstrels.

This year’s faire features continuous entertainment on four stages including live theatre, comedy acts, story telling, re-creations of sword fighting and battles. Children may enjoy special games and educational demonstrations. Merchandise, food, and beverages will be available for purchase.

Faire proceeds benefit the Folsom CAVE Teen Centers at Folsom and Sutter Middle Schools, Friends of the Folsom Public Library, and the Folsom Rotary Club. The CAVE centers offer supervised after-school programs for more than 700 students each week. The Friends is a non-profit group of volunteers that support Folsom’s two libraries as well as literacy programs for adults and children.

Tickets are available at [www.folsomfaire.com](http://www.folsomfaire.com) or at the gate: Adults \$12, seniors, students and children 6 – 12 years \$7, and free admission for children under 6 years.

# Folsom Lake College to Break Ground on New Visual and Performing Arts Center



Music, theater and dance troupes from the Folsom area and around the globe will take center stage at the future Folsom Lake College Visual and Performing Arts Center. A groundbreaking ceremony for the 80,000-square-foot auditorium is scheduled for Sept. 18, at 4 p.m., at Folsom Lake College.

The multifaceted Visual and Performing Arts Center will feature three theaters including an 800-seat main theater, a 200-seat studio theater and a 100-seat recital hall. The center also features an art gallery that will include the work of local and national artists, and eventually house workshops and a children's arts program.

"We expect our new theater to serve as a cultural hub for this region," said Lori Rianda, Folsom Lake College Foundation Executive Director. "The center will bring an exciting variety of entertainment to Folsom while enhancing the academic experience for our students." Rianda adds that every year, approximately 150,000 people are expected to attend hundreds of performances, rehearsals, classes and special events.

Designed by the architectural firm, LPA Sacramento, Inc., the two-story center will mirror the natural elements of other buildings on campus. The high-tech theater will include advanced acoustics and lighting along with an 80-foot fly tower for set pieces and backdrops.

The \$43 million center is financed by a combination of public and private money. The City of Folsom's lead gift last year of \$500,000 includes a \$75,000 endowment established to cover or offset rental fees for local arts organizations. The City receives a yearly use of the large theater at no cost and naming rights of the second largest theater, now called City Studio.

"We recognize that the arts play a key role in the quality, advancement, and growth of a city," said City Manager Kerry Miller. "We are excited about what the new Visual and Performing Arts Center will bring to Folsom and its residents."

Construction is expected to be completed in fall 2010 with performances beginning in 2011. For more information about the center or to make a donation to the Folsom Lake College Foundation's capital campaign, call 608-6643.

## Arts and Humanities Month

Arts and Humanities Month features a number of special programs throughout the month of October. The events provide an opportunity for community members to discover and share Folsom's cultural creativity. Here is a preview of what to expect:

- Central Valley Haiku Club:** Haiku reading and celebration. Folsom Gekkeikan Sake Factory, Oct. 4, 1-4 p.m., free. 209-527-1857.
- Folsom Patrons of the Arts:** Celebrations of the Arts. Oct. 11. 48 Natoma St. For information, [www.folsompatronsofthearts.org](http://www.folsompatronsofthearts.org)
- Folsom Concert Association:** New Christy Minstrels. Oct. 19, 7:30 p.m. Folsom Community Center, 52 Natoma St.
- American Visions Gallery:** Michael Godard, Oct. 11-12, 5-9 p.m. Will Bullas, Scott Gustafson and Dean Morrissey, Oct. 18, 5-8 p.m. Folsom Art Association Art Fair, Oct. 25, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. 718 Sutter St. 351-1623.
- Stage Nine Theater:** "Wait until Dark." 8 p.m., through Nov. 9. 717 Sutter St. 353-1001.
- Folsom Art Association:** Penny Soto, watercolor demonstration. Oct. 22, 6 p.m. Gallery at 48 Natoma. [www.folsomarts.org](http://www.folsomarts.org).
- Gallery at 48 Natoma:** Sierra Pastel Society group exhibition. Through Nov. 7. Gallery open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 355-3785.
- Folsom Focus Contest:** Contestants may enter a total of five photos in various categories from Oct. 1-27. For more information, visit [www.patronsofthearts.org](http://www.patronsofthearts.org).

For a full listing of events, visit the Parks and Recreation Department at [folsom.ca.us](http://folsom.ca.us) and click on Arts and Cultural Commission.

# Old Fashioned Fun Coming to Historic Folsom Station

New shops, restaurants, an outdoor amphitheater, and plaza are just some of the uptown enhancements set for downtown Folsom. Revitalization plans are now in the design and permit phases for Historic Folsom Station, the almost five-acre site located between Sutter and Leidesdorff streets.

This site was the location of the first passenger rail service west of the Mississippi linking Sacramento with Folsom in 1856. More than 150 years later, the City of Folsom and the Folsom Railroad Block Developers are giving new life to this cherished area while preserving its historical significance.

Redevelopment and Housing Director Amy Feagans says the City's 315-space parking structure that opened in March is the first of many Historic Folsom Station projects. "Much-needed makeovers will begin this winter to Sutter St. and the original 19<sup>th</sup> century buildings," said Feagans. "The changes will eventually include traffic circulation improvements to Riley St., better street signal timing, and new sewer and water pipelines."

The following new construction projects will mimic the era's architecture and aesthetics:

### **Granite House:**

This building will be located across from the new parking structure at the corner of Sutter and Reading streets, where the Granite House Hotel once stood. It will resemble a grand hotel and will house three retail spaces and 30 loft units with parking. Construction is scheduled to begin this fall.

### **Sutter Row:**

Located at Sutter and Wool streets, Sutter Row will have the appearance of four buildings that reflect the historic look of other Sutter St. structures. Sutter Row will include four retail spaces, office space, 17 lofts and parking.

### **Leidesdorff Building:**

Located along Leidesdorff St., this multi-use building with 13 lofts will have a more industrial look with heavy timber balconies and a metal roof reflecting the old freight buildings.

### **Roundhouse Restaurant:**

This two-story restaurant located across from the turntable will have the curved shape of 19-century roundhouses- which housed locomotives- and will be built exactly where Folsom's roundhouse once stood.

### **Historic Folsom Station Plaza:**



This 2.6-acre site is being developed by the City of Folsom and will include the existing interpretive center, railroad turntable and historic depot. Additions include a 350-700-seat outdoor amphitheater, interactive fountain, space for farmers markets and street fairs, and possibly an ice skating rink. Construction will begin in spring 2009.

For details, additional photos, and progress of downtown revitalization projects, visit the Folsom Railroad Block Developers new website, [folsomstation.com](http://folsomstation.com). The public is welcome to attend Historic District Commission meetings held at City Hall on the third Wednesday of each month at 5 p.m.

## On Your Mark, Get Set for Folsom's First Cyclebration!



Be prepared for some road closures as cyclists and families take part in the highly anticipated Cyclebration Folsom Lake Bike Festival on Sept. 12-14. In addition to 11 rides and races, the event

includes a free expo with live music, food and cycling-related booths, kayak rentals, a bounce house and more.

Road closures on Sunday, Sept. 14, 6 a.m.-3:30 p.m. include:

- Rainbow Bridge closed at the intersection of Sutter and Riley streets and on the other side of the bridge at Greenback and Folsom-Auburn Road.
- Natoma Crossing closed northbound.
- Natoma Crossing southbound will be open with shared access for northbound and southbound traffic to access Folsom-Auburn Rd. and Folsom Blvd. To learn more about Cyclebration, visit [www.FolsomCyclebration.com](http://www.FolsomCyclebration.com).

### Wanted: New Adult and Teen Hometown Heroes

Every few months, a new group of Folsom residents takes part in a training program that could save the life of a friend, neighbor or loved one. Approximately 80 volunteers are members of Folsom's two-year-old Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). An element of the Citizen Corps program, CERT develops multi-functional volunteer response teams able to perform basic fire suppression, light search and rescue, and first aid to improve citizens' survival rates until responders or other assistance could arrive.

Beginning this school year, Folsom Cordova School District and Folsom Fire Department will ex-

pand the CERT program to include area teenagers. "The Teen CERT program will provide students with hands-on training using reality-driven drills and exercises," said Folsom Fire Chief Haverty. "Many students also will receive school credit for participating in the program."

The next eight-week adult CERT program begins Sept. 9, on Tuesday nights from 6-9 p.m., at Folsom Fire Department's main fire station located at 535 Glenn Dr. For more information about CERT or Teen CERT, visit the Fire Department web page at [folsom.ca.us](http://folsom.ca.us), or call the Folsom CERT volunteer line at 492-6118.

### Are You Prepared to Survive if Disaster Strikes?

A catastrophic disaster is the last thing any family wants to think about, but it is the focus of the City of Folsom's upcoming emergency preparedness fair. The free event will be held on Sept. 13, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Community Center and will provide an opportunity for residents to talk to experts about what is needed for a family to survive a variety of disasters.

"We are supporting the '3 days' campaign that teaches families how to create a plan and prepare a survival kit that would get them through three days of

supporting themselves on their own if emergency crews are busy with higher-priority victims," said Police Sgt. Eric Heichlinger.

Exhibitors will include the California Office of Emergency Services, Red Cross, National Weather Service, several City of Folsom departments and other agencies. The first 400 families will receive a free emergency preparedness kit. For a detailed emergency checklist, visit [police.folsom.ca.us](http://police.folsom.ca.us) and click on the Family Disaster Plan tab.

### Election Day Deadlines and Details



The City's website is the place to go for all questions and information concerning Election Day on Nov. 4, when Folsom residents will elect two City Council

members. Here are some deadlines to keep in mind.

- Voter registration materials must be postmarked by Oct. 20. Registration forms are available at the City Clerk's office at City Hall.
- Applications for absentee ballots are available on the

Secretary of State website, [sos.ca.gov](http://sos.ca.gov), and must be received at the county registrar of voters office no later than 5 p.m. on Oct. 28.

- Absentee ballots must be turned in to the registrar of voters or any polling place by 8 p.m. on Election Day. Secure drop-off boxes for absentee ballots will be available in the City Clerk's office from Oct. 27-31.
- Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

For more information, call the City Clerk's office at 355-7270 or visit [cityclerk.folsom.ca.us](http://cityclerk.folsom.ca.us).

### City Appoints New Finance Director

James W. Francis joins the City of Folsom in October as Finance Director/Chief Financial Officer. Francis most recently served as Town Manager of West Hartford, CT, where for three decades he held increasingly responsible positions.

Among his many accomplishments as the Town's Director of Finance, Francis is credited with developing a strategic financial plan for a mixed-use down-

town development project, increasing and maintaining the Town's tax collection rate at 99 percent or above, and developing a strategic 12-year capital improvement financial plan.

Francis holds a Master of Arts in Social Ecology from the University of California at Irvine, and a Bachelor of Business Administration in Management from Western Michigan University.

# City Calendar

## September and October

### 9/11 Commemoration Ceremony Sept. 11

Honor those who died in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Veterans Memorial behind the Folsom Public Library Georgia Murray Building, 9 a.m.

### Friends of the Library Book Sale Sept. 19-21

Gently used books, DVDs, CDs, videos and more. Preview sale on Sept. 19, 5-8 p.m., admission \$5. Sale on Sept. 20-21, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., free admission. For more information, call 355-7374 or 608-8743, or visit [www.friendsofthefolsomlibrary.org](http://www.friendsofthefolsomlibrary.org)

### Parent Empowerment Program (P.E.P) Talk Sept. 25

Cristina Mendonsa, News10 Anchor and Folsom parent, facilitates an open discussion about drugs of choice among local youth. Folsom Community Center, 7-8:30 p.m., free.

### Folsom Gourd and Arts Festival Sept. 27-28

Gourd art, fine art, supplies, demonstration and entertainment. Adults \$5, Children 12 and under, free. Parking \$4. Folsom City Lions Park. Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, visit [www.FolsomGourdFestival.com](http://www.FolsomGourdFestival.com)

### Ghost Train

#### Oct. 9-31

The Folsom Ghost Train creeps into Folsom City Lions Park for the fifth, frightful year. Folsom Valley Railway,

next to the Folsom Zoo. 7-9 p.m. For more information, visit [www.larryscholl.net](http://www.larryscholl.net).

### Backyard Composting Workshop Oct. 11

Learn to compost and grasscycle. Free compost bin or mulching mower rebate. Must preregister. 9 a.m. Lew Howard Park. Free. 355-8367.

### Fire Prevention Week Open House Oct. 11

Tour Folsom's main fire station and learn more about how to escape a fire safely. 535 Glenn Dr., 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information, call 984-2280.

### Fall Parks and Recreation Programs

The fall season of Parks and Recreation programs begins this month with hundreds of offerings for all ages including sports and fitness, arts, wellness, swim lessons, foreign language, CPR, guitar, cooking, and much more. Early registration is encouraged. Online registration is available 24 hours a day at [webtrac.folsom.ca.us](http://webtrac.folsom.ca.us). First-time users need to obtain a household I.D. and password. To complete this one-time process, e-mail [vstein@folsom.ca.us](mailto:vstein@folsom.ca.us). View the fall Activity Guide at [activityguide.folsom.ca.us](http://activityguide.folsom.ca.us).

### Senior Center Programs

Discover the ins and outs of your computer, learn a new dance or just make some new friends. Senior Center at 48 Natoma. For more information, call 355-7285 or visit [folsom.ca.us](http://folsom.ca.us).

## 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

5:45 p.m.  
Fourth Wednesday  
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

Report Mather Airport flight noise to [planenoiseinfo@saccounty.net](mailto:planenoiseinfo@saccounty.net) or call aircraft noise report line at 874-0800.



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