



**CITY OF FOLSOM
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
6:30 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
50 NATOMA STREET, FOLSOM, CALIFORNIA
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1. **CALL TO ORDER:**
2. **ROLL CALL:** Commission Members: Matt Hedges, Brian Wallace, Sandy Econome, Jim Ortega, Dustin Silva, Alayna Wagner, Dean Williams
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
4. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
Approve the draft meeting minutes from February 3, 2026.
6. **ACTION ITEMS/STAFF REPORTS:**
None
7. **SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS:**
A. Benevento Family Park Master Plan
8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - A. Budget/Finance (**Ortega**, Hedges, and Silva)
 - B. Planning, Development & Renovations (Econome, Williams, and **Wagner**)
 - C. Operations (Ortega, Silva, and Wallace)
 - D. Zoo Sanctuary Ad Hoc Committee (**Econome**, Hedges, and Wallace)
9. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**
 - A. Monthly Report – Kelly Gonzalez, Parks & Recreation Director
 - B. Parks & Recreation Director Report – Kelly Gonzalez, Parks & Recreation Director
10. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**
11. **ADJOURNMENT:**

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**CITY OF FOLSOM
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026, 6:30 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parks & Recreation Meeting was called to Order at 6:31 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Commission Members: Chair Matt Hedges, Vice Chair Brian Wallace Sandy Econome, Jim Ortega, Dean Williams

ABSENT: Dustin Silva, Alayna Wagner

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

4. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**
No business from the floor

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
January 6th, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Econome, seconded by Commissioner Ortega, to approve the January 6, 2026, Meeting Minutes.

AYES: Commission Members: Hedges, Econome, Ortega, Wallace, Williams

NOES: Commission Members: None

ABSENT: Commission Members: Silva and Wagner

ABSTAIN: Commission Members: None

6. **ACTION ITEMS/STAFF REPORTS:**
No action items

7. **SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS:**

A. Wild Nights and Holiday Lights Event – Jocelyn Smeltzer, Zoo Sanctuary Manager

Jocelyn Smeltzer, Zoo Sanctuary Manager updated Commission on the great success of the event.

B. Benevento Family Park Master Plan Project Update (Informational Only) – Brad Nelson, Parks & Planning Manager



Brad Nelson, Parks & Planning Manager provided an update on the Benevento Masterplan. Providing where we are at and next steps. Providing a brief status update on the outreach and coordination that has been happening to date.

Andrew Silcox, resident, talked about waiting 23 years for the park to open. Was at both of the original meeting that approved the first draft of the park. Didn't realize a new plan had been approved. Wants to keep more of the original plan intact.

Frank Mukhtar, mentioned that Prospector and Benevento were started at the same time but Prospector is finished. Also, wants the outreach to be a larger area.

Dan Waechter, thanked the subcommittee for their time. Also, spoke with Kelly which he felt was positive. Felt the history given was not accurate. Provided his history and that he represented over 200 people.

Stephanie Parsons provided paperwork to Commission. Wants an active park in all terraces of the park. States City's current costs on some items are not accurate. Concerns that City is not being transparent on costs.

Mitul Menta, need more for kids above the age of 12. Need more sports in this park.

Andrea Rieland, echo the words of Dan Waechter and Stephanie Parsons. Kids really need a place to come together.

Karen Gifford, collected 50 petitions that represent families. Wants the top tier active.

Lywn LePage, have been waiting 27 years. Kids have enjoyed other neighborhood parks, but we are missing revenue and buying potential.

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B. Parks & Recreation Director Report – Kelly Gonzalez, Parks & Recreation Director

Director Kelly Gonzalez provided a brief overview of the aforementioned reports.

10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Vice Chair Wallace: Bike park is really coming along. Skatepark is jammed packed. Lots of activity at Cummings Park. Helped Joanne with a design for volunteers for Castle Park.

Commissioner Ortega: Just wanted to give staff a Thank you.

Commission Williams: FAA Crab Feed was extremely successful.

Commissioner Wagner: Thanked Kelly for letting her take Derik Perez and Amy Nunez on a tree tour in Folsom Plan Area. She is excited about the Community Outreach meeting coming up, also looking forward to the Planning, Development & Renovations Subcommittee meeting this month on Benevento in order to get this park moving forward. She agreed with Commissioner Ortega that these people need a park.

Commissioner Econome: great job to staff.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 P.M.

Respectively Submitted:

Chairperson

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Parks & Recreation Commission

SUBCOMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

2026-updated on 12.02.25

BUDGET & FINANCE

Chair Jim Ortega

Matt Hedges

Dustin Silva

Staff: Kelly Gonzalez, Jamison Larson, Tom Hellmann, Chris O'Keefe, Brad Nelson

PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT & RENOVATIONS

Sandy Econome

Dean Williams

Chair Alayna Wagner

Staff: Kelly Gonzalez, Brad Nelson, Chris O'Keefe, Jamison Larson

OPERATIONS

Jim Ortega

Dustin Silva

Brian Wallace

Staff: Kelly Gonzalez, Chris O'Keefe, Jamison Larson, Tom Hellmann

AD HOC COMMITTEE

Zoo Sanctuary

Matt Hedges

Brian Wallace

Sandy Econome

Staff: Kelly Gonzalez, Jocelyn Smeltzer, and Jamison Larson

FOLSOM PARKS & RECREATION

Department Report

FEBRUARY 2026



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PARTICIPATION



Participation in classes, camps, activities, and parties

Aquatics	6,680
Community and Cultural Services	7,067
Sports	6,757
Zoo Sanctuary	90
TOTAL	20,594

Guest Entry at Recreation Facilities

Aquatics	457
Zoo Sanctuary (General)	10,773
Zoo Sanctuary (Tours)	265
TOTAL	11,495

Special Events—Estimated Attendance

Owl Be Your Valentine	1,819
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PARTICIPATION GRAND TOTAL 33,908

COMMUNICATIONS



Marketing/PR

E-News Articles	20
Miscellaneous Print/Digital Media	57

Social Media @FolsomParksandRec

Facebook Followers	12,259
Instagram Followers	8,411

Engagement: 3,168 | Reach: 271,280


Top Monthly Post: Castle Park Call for Volunteers


Social Media @FolsomCityZooSanctuary

Facebook Followers	19,525
Instagram Followers	9,087

Engagement: 2,631 | Reach: 103,290


Top Monthly Post: Superbowl Video


RENTALS 	
Aquatic Center Lane Hours	1,394
City Sports Field Hours	517
Community Facilities	71
Park Picnic Pavilions	5

PARTNERSHIPS 	
Organizations that helped support a community special event, enrichment program, or Parks & Recreation facility.	
New Partnernships (In the Last 30 days)	13
Partnership Value (Financial and In-Kind)	\$24,625

VOLUNTEER HOURS 	
Adopt-A-Trail	102
Friends of the Zoo	85
Sports/Coaching	598
Teen Council	459
Zoo Docents	689
Zoo General/Misc	318
VOLUNTEER HOURS GRAND TOTAL	2,251

CUSTOMER SERVICE 	
Park Maintenance and Municipal Landscape Services	
SeeClickFix Work Orders Completed	74

PARK PLANNING 					
Benevento Park					
Planning	Community Engagement	Design & Engineering	Construction	OPEN!	
Castle Park Play Structure Replacement					
Planning	Community Engagement	Design & Engineering	Construction	OPEN!	
Folsom Bike Park					
Planning	Community Engagement	Design & Engineering	Construction	OPEN!	
Folsom Plan Area Neighborhood Park 1					
Planning	Community Engagement	Design & Engineering	Construction	OPEN!	
Livermore Park Phase 5A					
Planning	Community Engagement	Design & Engineering	Construction	OPEN!	

TRAIL PLANNING 					
Number of visitors on the Johnny Cash Trail					12,890
East Bidwell Pedestrian Overcrossing					
Planning	Funding	Design & Engineering	Construction	OPEN!	
Folsom Boulevard Bike/Ped Overcrossing Feasibility Study					
Planning	Funding	Design & Engineering	Construction	OPEN!	
Folsom-Placerville Rail Trail					
Planning	Funding	Design & Engineering	Construction	OPEN!	
Highway 50 Class I Trail Undercrossing & Trail Improvements					
Planning	Funding	Design & Engineering	Construction	OPEN!	
Mangini Ranch Trails					
Planning	Funding	Design & Engineering	Construction	OPEN!	
Regency Trails					
Planning	Funding	Design & Engineering	Construction	OPEN!	

The City of Folsom Adopted the Strategic Plan FY 2023–24 through FY 2027–28

The Parks & Recreation Department is dedicated to supporting the goals and initiatives of the Strategic Plan. The goals identified by the City Council include Financial Stability, Public Safety and Infrastructure, Economic and Community Development, and Organization Effectiveness.

GOAL A: Financial Stability and Sustainability

Support fiscal health through long-term planning, cost control, heightened efficiency, increased revenue, and cost recovery.

- The Folsom City Zoo Sanctuary's Owl Be Your Valentine was held on February 14 and 15. This annual event and fundraiser for the zoo's volunteer Docent Program was a success. Over 1,800 people visited the zoo over the weekend, bringing in \$17,400 in ticket sales and gift shop revenue. Last year, the weekend drew just over 1,200 people and generated \$9,300 in revenue.
- The Sierra Marlins swim team will be sponsoring Special Needs Splash on Monday nights during the 2026 summer season (June 1–August 3). The Sierra Marlins will provide a \$3,000 sponsorship to cover the direct part-time lifeguard staffing costs. This sponsorship will enable families with special needs to enjoy Monday night swimming from 6:30–8 p.m. in our activity pool at no charge. Thank you to the Sierra Marlins for helping to provide this great opportunity for families in Folsom.

GOAL B: Public Safety and Infrastructure

Enhance provision of public safety resources, invest in technological solutions, and maintain, repair, and improve public facilities and infrastructure.

- The Folsom City Zoo Sanctuary grounds staff is welcoming the sunny weather, and has been working on putting the final touches on a new animal enclosure, repairing locks and leaks, painting, grading uneven ground in the animal pastures, preparing for a tree donation from the Sacramento Tree Foundation, adding new platforms to the sand cat enclosure, repairing the raccoon enclosure keeper area, line trimming, and aphid removal preparations.
- West Coast Arborist is nearly finished with their district-wide seasonal tree pruning. Landscaping & Lighting Districts and Community Facilities Districts with available funding have their trees pruned on a rotating 5-year schedule. Keeping trees well-maintained can reduce the risk of sudden limb failures, which endanger the public.
- On January 26, staff hosted the first community workshop for Neighborhood Park #1 at Alder Creek Elementary School. Around 45 community members attended, including families with young children. The meeting included an informational presentation by Park Planning staff and an interactive design charrette activity. During the charrette, the community developed five concept plans for the park and presented them to one another and to staff. Following the meeting, additional feedback was collected from the community through an online survey. There were 171 responses to this survey.
- The Livermore Park Phase V project was advertised for construction on February 11. The project includes the construction of a new parking lot and trail connections adjacent to McAdoo Drive. Bid opening is scheduled for March 18.
- Construction continues on the Mangini Ranch Trails and Regency Trails projects in the Folsom Plan Area. Multiple trail segments in the Mangini Ranch Trails project were paved in February, and final punch list items are being addressed for the Regency Trails project.
- A request for proposals to complete the final design for the Folsom Placerville Rail Trail Project was advertised on February 24. Proposals are due on March 24, and staff anticipates awarding the design contract at a City Council meeting in April.

- Design and environmental clearance have begun on the Highway 50 Undercrossing Class I Trail project. Staff is working with the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) to reallocate grant funding to remove National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements and expedite the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) environmental clearance process.
- Steve Miklos Aquatic Center received the “Silver International Aquatic Safety Award” for 2025. The Silver Award is based on the Aquatic Safety Team’s performance as evaluated during the Unannounced Aquatic Safety Audits performed this season. The evaluation read, *“While we are sure that the swimmers who frequent your aquatic facilities already recognize the professionalism exhibited by your lifeguard staff, it is important to inform them that only those clients scoring in the top 49% of the audit criteria received this award. Accordingly, they are consistently afforded the highest level of swimmer protection currently available in the aquatic industry. Please extend our congratulations to every member of your Aquatic Safety Team for their commitment to professional excellence.”*
- Park Maintenance staff repaired a major asphalt lift at a trailhead on East Bidwell Street. Additionally, Park Maintenance staff repaired 12 lighting outages at various park locations. Both projects were done in-house, saving the city \$2,500.
- The Utilities Department worked with our vendor to pull over 8,000 feet of cable to support the new building access system at the Folsom Police Department.
- Field maintenance staff have been working diligently to prepare all 21 ballfields for the spring baseball and softball season. From infield preparation, renovations, and turf management, their coordinated efforts ensure high-quality playing conditions and a seamless start to the season for our Community Youth Sports leagues.

GOAL C: Economic and Community Development

Promote effective use of existing amenities and resources to create future opportunities that enrich the community.

- A Folsom City Zoo Sanctuary guest left a kind Instagram comment regarding her birthday party rental: *“Cannot recommend the zoo for a birthday party enough! We had a wonderful time, the staff were attentive, accommodating, friendly, and went the extra mile to make sure our daughter’s birthday party was perfect!”*
- Senior Program Coordinator Jessica Donahoo and Friends of the Folsom Zoo President Peggy Plett met with Eagle Scout Logan on February 7 to create new donation boxes to be stationed around the Folsom City Zoo Sanctuary.
- Fun Factory Preschool welcomed new students in the T/Th class. Mid-year assessments in all four preschool classrooms were conducted during this reporting period as well. These assessments are new to our three-year-old program this year, and we are already finding them incredibly beneficial. They help teachers identify which milestones students are confidently meeting and where some friends may benefit from additional support. This information will also allow us to provide meaningful feedback to families at the end of the school year, helping guide what they can work on over the summer as children prepare to transition into TK next fall.
- On February 6–8, the Folsom Community Center hosted the 40th Annual Folsom Quilt Show, which drew close to 10,000 people throughout Northern California.
- This month, the Senior Center hosted educational workshops such as: *Don’t Fall For It! Senior Fraud Prevention* with City of Folsom Police Department CAPS volunteers, *Tech Troubleshooting 1:1* with SeniorTechPals, and *Staying Independent with Medi-Cal and PACE Benefits*.
- This month, senior participants created beautiful, recycled crafts from old wine corks, kept their minds sharp with Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune, and kept their bodies moving in various exercise classes. We had lots of positive feedback as members tested their luck with a favorite Valentine’s Day-themed BINGO!
- Due to high interest, we increased the maximum enrollment for Fun Foundations for February as new families registered and several January families expressed interest in continuing.
- The Gallery at 48 held its reception on Friday, January 23, welcoming over 130 guests. The Main Gallery features *Two Inspirations*, an exhibition of ceramic and wooden sculptures by Deborah Pittman and Laurie Friedman Adler. The Community Gallery presents *ZOOM*, showcasing student work from Jim Marxen’s Expand Your Artistic Skills class, highlighting imaginative compositions that play with perspective by zooming in and out of whimsical scenes.

- San Juan Soccer Club hosted a tournament on February 14 and 15, utilizing 78 hours of field time on our synthetic turf fields.
- The Folsom Youth Basketball Association (FYBA), in partnership with Recreation staff, served more than 1,700 youth participants each Saturday across eight Folsom Cordova Unified School District sites and the Andy Morin Sports Complex. Sports staff coordinate and facilitate the opening and closing of all school facilities to ensure smooth and consistent operations.
- Folsom Lake College is utilizing the Livermore Park sand volleyball courts as its official practice and game location for the spring season, further activating existing amenities and reinforcing partnerships.
- Youth Indoor Soccer Session 1 concluded with participation from more than 90 teams, reflecting strong community demand and effective use of indoor facilities. Session 2 is now underway with over 60 teams registered, continuing to maximize facility use while expanding recreational opportunities for local youth.

GOAL D: Organization Effectiveness

Build strong connections and support for the community and employees through a commitment to local government best practices and employee development, support, and retention to meet community needs.

- The Parks & Recreation Annual Report for FY 2024–25 received a 2025 CPRS Award of Excellence in the Marketing & Communications category. Rebecca Voorhees, Communications & Marketing Specialist, and Director Kelly Gonzalez will accept the award at the annual CPRS Connections Conference on March 12, in Long Beach. The team will also be presented an award at the June 9 City Council meeting. In addition to the award presentations, the project will receive statewide recognition through a professionally produced video tribute featured during the CPRS Conference. The Annual Report will also be included in the Best of the Best Recognition Wall and highlighted within the Expo Hall at the conference. Further promotion includes recognition in the Spring issue of California Parks & Recreation magazine, as well as features on the CPRS website and across CPRS social media channels.
- The Administration Division is developing a capital project, social media and marketing framework. Once developed, staff will begin implementing capital project campaigns to increase transparency, foster community engagement, and celebrate accomplishments in project delivery.
- Municipal Landscape Services (MLS) staff continues to make progress on a GIS project in American River Canyon North: this mapping project involves locating buried utility conduit runs with specialized equipment, then using GPS equipment to log, compile, and create accurate maps of underground infrastructure throughout our special districts.
- Senior Program Coordinator Jessica Donahoo attended Impact100's Grant Workshop to prepare for assisting the Friends of the Folsom Zoo with their \$100,000 grant application. She also met with FiveSTAR Landscaping to obtain a cost estimate for a proposed shade structure that may be included in the grant proposal.
- Parks & Recreation staff had a strong presence at the District 2 - Youth, Teens, and Recreation Services Rec Cloud event held on January 29 in Fair Oaks. Staff London Taylor, Leia Matter, Frankie Nelson, Penelope Crouse-Feehan, and Nadia Khokhhar Roberts represented the city as presenters, with Nadia also contributing as a member of the event's planning committee.
- CAVE staff attended incoming parent orientation events at both middle schools on February 10 and 11, providing overviews of the upcoming school year program and available summer offerings to approximately 500 parents at each site.
- Customer Service continues to be a high priority. Front counter staff at 48 Natoma received 567 phone calls during this month. The Parks & Recreation Department Email during this same period was 38, of which 34 were responded to within 24 hours, and 4 responses were over 24 hours.
- Fun Factory Staff and the Youth Services Coordinator met to plan for the upcoming Open House on Tuesday, February 24. This meeting ensures everyone is aligned with shared talking points and prepared to answer parent questions consistently. Their dedication to students and families shows in everything they do, and their teamwork continues to strengthen our program.

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- Sports staff hosted an NFL Flag Football coach and referee training at the Andy Morin Sports Complex, supporting program quality, consistency, and youth sports development within the community.
 - The Andy Morin Sports Complex served as a central hub for Community Youth Sports Leagues by accommodating board meetings, player draft events, and Live Scan/background check services, reinforcing safe, organized, and well-managed league operations.

MISSION

The Parks & Recreation Department is committed to being a leader in creating and maintaining facilities, parks, programs, and services that enhance the quality of life and reflect the changing needs of our community and environment.

FOLSOM PARKS & RECREATION

Director's Report

FEBRUARY 2026



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City Council Meetings

February 10

- Presentation to City Council on the Public Private Partnership with Folsom Auburn Trail Riders Action Coalition (FATRAC).
- A Resolution Approving the Preliminary Engineers Report, Declaring the Intention to Order the Formation of the Natoma Station Maintenance Assessment District No. 2025-2, to Levy and Collect Assessments, to Provide Notice of Public Hearing and Direct the Mailing of Assessment Ballots Within the Proposed District in the City of Folsom

February 24

- A Resolution Directing the Preparation of Engineer's Report for the following Landscaping and Lighting Districts for FY 2026–27 American River Canyon North, American River Canyon North No. 2, American River Canyon North No. 3, Blue Ravine Oaks, Blue Ravine Oaks No. 2, Briggs Ranch, Broadstone, Broadstone No. 4, Broadstone Unit No. 3, Cobble Ridge, Cobble Hills Ridge II/Reflections II, Folsom Heights, Folsom Heights No. 2, Hannaford Cross, Lake Natoma Shores, Los Cerros, Natoma Station, Natoma Valley, Prairie Oaks Ranch, Prairie Oaks Ranch No. 2, Prospect Ridge, Sierra Estates, Silverbrook, Steeplechase, The Residences at American River Canyon, The Residences at American River Canyon II, Willow Creek Estates East, Willow Creek Estates East No. 2, Willow Creek Estates South, and Willow Springs

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- A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 9341 to Adopt a Change in Requirements for the Program for Local Assistance Youth Recreation Scholarship (PLAYRS) to be Administered by the Parks and Recreation Department in the amount of \$10,000 (Fund 010.0000) General Fund Non-Departmental, and changing the program name to “Scholarship Promoting Activity, Recreation, and Knowledge (SPARK) for all”

March 10

- A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement with Brightview Landscape Services for Landscape Maintenance within the Landscaping and Lighting Districts, and Community Facilities Districts for the City of Folsom, and Use of Funds from Landscaping and Lighting Districts and Community Facilities Districts (21-L&Ls) (8-CFDs), Extending the Agreement for an Additional Two Years, at an Annual Cost of \$2,248,610, for a total Not-to-Exceed amount of \$10,733,242
- A Resolution Approving the Parks & Recreation Commission’s Recommendation to Name Neighborhood Park #1 “Jackrabbit Hill Park”

March 24

- A Resolution approving the Pre-Engineer’s Report for the following Landscaping and Lighting Districts for FY 2026–27 American River Canyon North, American River Canyon North No. 2, American River Canyon North No. 3, Blue Ravine Oaks, Blue Ravine Oaks No. 2, Briggs Ranch, Broadstone, Broadstone No. 4, Broadstone Unit No. 3, Cobble Ridge, Cobble Hills Ridge II/Reflections II, Folsom Heights, Folsom Heights No. 2, Hannaford Cross, Lake Natoma Shores, Los Cerros, Natoma Station, Natoma Valley, Prairie Oaks Ranch, Prairie Oaks Ranch No. 2, Prospect Ridge, Sierra Estates, Silverbrook, Steeplechase, The Residences at American River Canyon, The Residences at American River Canyon II, Willow Creek Estates East, Willow Creek Estates East No. 2, Willow Creek Estates South, and Willow Springs

Staffing Updates:

- The Parks & Recreation Department is proud to recognize three team members who have recently been selected to serve in leadership roles within prominent statewide professional organizations:
 - » Chad Gunter, Recreation Supervisor, has been selected to serve on the Board of Directors for the California Water Safety Coalition.
 - » Frankie Nelson, Senior Recreation Coordinator, has been selected as the Region 1 Representative of the Recreation Section Board of Directors for the California Parks & Recreation Society (CPRS).
 - » Penelope Crouse-Feehan, Senior Recreation Coordinator, has been elected as Vice President of the CPRS District 2 Board of Directors.

These appointments reflect the high level of professionalism, expertise, and leadership within the City of Folsom Parks & Recreation team. Their service strengthens regional and statewide collaboration, advances best practices in the profession, and highlights Folsom’s continued leadership in parks and recreation. We congratulate Chad, Frankie, and Penelope on these well-deserved achievements and appreciate their commitment to representing our community at the state level.

Department Highlights

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- On February 24, the Folsom Chamber presented the FY 2024–25 Annual Report. In addition, the City Council held a discussion on the proposed assessment rate for the Folsom Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID). The voting hotel owners opposed the proposed 4% increase and expressed support for a lesser or incremental increase along with a new governance structure. The Chamber requested an extension of the public hearing, and the City Council voted 4-1 to continue the public hearing on the TBID for 60 days.
 - Since 2014, Parks & Recreation has administered the Recreation Scholarship Program, making \$10,000 available annually to low-income Folsom youth. The City Council recently approved an update to expand eligibility beyond youth to include adults and seniors. In addition, our team is adjusting how scholarship funds are administered to maximize availability.
 - Staff received a call from the Carlsen Muir Family Foundation expressing interest in donating \$10,000 to support Parks & Recreation facilities and programs. After discussion, they agreed to direct the funds to the Adopt-A-Facility Foundation as part of the Folsom Athletic Association to support youth sports facilities. We are grateful for this generous contribution to our community.
 - The City Council Public Workshop was hosted on March 2 at the Rotary Club House. The Council will review its top 10 priorities in preparation for the FY 2026–27 budget workshops. Our department is scheduled to meet with the Budget Committee in April.
 - The City of Folsom is currently seeking vendors and sponsors to host interactive, carnival-style booths and activities for attendees of all ages for the 80th Celebration on May 9. This is a wonderful opportunity for our partners to showcase their organization, and celebrate with the community. Please email Frankie Nelson fnelson@folsom.ca.us for more information. Participating vendors will receive a reserved 10' x 10' booth space and are responsible for providing their own tent, table, chairs, and activity materials. All vendors must comply with applicable health, fire, safety, business license, and sales tax regulations. Vendor check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. on event day, booths must be set up by 9:30 a.m., and remain in place until 2 p.m.

Future Potential Agenda Topics

- 2026/2027 Budget Requests and CIP
- Approval of Benevento Park Family Park Master Plan
- Approval of Neighborhood Park Master Plan
- Economic Impact Study – Zoo Sanctuary
- Sports Tournaments and Economic Impact

Upcoming Special Events

Festival of Eggs at Lembi Park

- April 4

Castle Park Rebuild

- April 7-12

Senior Resource Fair at 48 Natoma

- April 17

80th Birthday Celebration of the City of Folsom at Lion's City Park

- May 9

Bike Park Grand Opening at Cummings Family Park

- May 16

Parks & Recreation Commissioners, please RSVP to Erin Strawn, Administrative Assistant at estrawn@folsom.ca.us if you are attending these events.