FRIENDS OF FOLSOM PARKWAYS

On The Trail

The Newsletter of the Friends of Folsom Parkways

February 2019

The Willow Hill Reservoir Trail

The work to continue the Willow Hill Reservoir Trail is underway. This trail, which parallels US 50, presently goes from Folsom High School to just past the California ISO facility. The trail is a natural surface (dirt) trail for those that like to walk, run, or ride as close to nature as possible. When complete it will go from Prairie City Road to East Bidwell and Iron Point Road. It will include a new bridge over Alder Creek. See more pictures of their work on pages 4 & 5 with a map on page 6

The initial trail construction work shown is being done by the California Conservation Corps which is a department within the California Natural Resources Agency. They are the oldest and largest conservation corps in the nation. They have built or maintained more than 11,621 miles of backcountry trails in California national parks and forests, with many more miles for trails in city, regional and state parks. The California Conservation Corps is a state agency hiring young men and women, 18 to 25, for a year of natural resource work and emergency response. Simply stated, the CCC puts youth and the environment together to benefit both.

The young women and men of the Corps work hard protecting and restoring California's environment, responding to disasters, becoming stronger workers, citizens and individuals through their service.

The Next Meeting...

The next regular Friends of Folsom Parkways meeting will be held on **February 14th** at 7:00 p.m. in The Parkway at Folsom Owners' Association Building, 1455 Willow Bend Road, Folsom.

To get to this meeting take Blue Ravine east, past Oak Avenue Parkway to Parkway Drive. Make a right turn on to Parkway Drive. Go one block and turn left on to Willow Bend Road. The club house is immediately on the right.

Our Vision

Our vision is to promote the usage, preservation and development of parkways within the City of Folsom.

Our Mission

Our mission is to make the citizens of Folsom aware of the parkways, raise funds for parkway development, work to educate the community on parkway issues, work to influence development proposals to the benefit of the parkways, and work to identify areas of Folsom worthy of inclusion in the parkway system.

Look for us on Facebook, on Meetup, and at our web site
http://www.enjoyfolsomtrails.org/

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NEWS BITS

Gifts That Give Back

Commemorative Johnny Cash Trail items make great gifts, whether you're looking to top off a stocking or wow the recipient with a one-of-a-kind item – or treat yourself! Johnny Cash Trail branded items for sale include mouse pads and medals, marble coasters, tote bags, shirts, cycling jerseys and shorts.

A limited-edition "JCASH50" California legacy license plate is also available, beautifully framed with a photo of Johnny Cash standing in front of Folsom Prison's east gate in 1968 – the day of his famed live performance for an inmate audience – and an engraved silver plate of commemoration. Only 100 of these special license plates were made in honor of the 50th anniversary of Cash's performance at Folsom State Prison.

Find samples and purchase any of these unique items at the Folsom Senior and Art Center, 48 Natoma Street; open 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The framed license plates may also be purchased online; find details and more information about the trail at www.FolsomCashArtTrail.com.

All proceeds from these items benefit the Johnny Cash Trail Art Experience, and are specifically earmarked for "Cash's Pick" – two 7-foot-tall bronze guitar picks that will anchor each end of the trail.

Friends of Folsom Parkways Board Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2019

OPENING

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Kirstein at 7:00pm.

PRESENT

Eric James, Mary James, Jerry Beckett, Peggy Blair, Don Rose, Jake Cox, Brett Bollinger, Dick Merz, Shirl Merz, Jay & Jan O'Brien, Jim & Carol Ramstad, Jim Konopka, Lynn LePage, Jim Kirstein, Maynard Johnston and Glenn Hermanson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jim Ramstad moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Mary James, motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Jim Kirstein commented on the retirement of Jim Konopka and Lynn LePage. Jim added that the 50 Corridor TMA Executive Director, Rebecca Garrison, recently retired and that the new director is Sue Fry. Jim said he has known Sue Fry for many years and feels that she will do an excellent job.

Jim asked for comments about the trail guidelines that were published in the January Newsletter and there was discussion on that matter. Dick Merz moved that the trail guidelines be presented to the Parks & Recreation Commission, seconded by Carol Ramstad, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Jim Ramstad presented copies of his report to those present. Treasurer Jim commented that he had received forms from Amazon to register FOFP with Amazon to receive donations from Amazon from folks who shop at Amazon Smile.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trails: Brett Bollinger, who has taken over for retired Jim Konopka reported that the Gap Trail in Old Folsom is now open but needs to be painted to help prevent cars from trying to drive on it, as happened soon after it was opened. We will have to wait for warmer weather to paint it. Brett reported that the Oak Parkway Trail undercrossing at East Natoma is moving along well. He said that the CCC folks have been working on the Willow Hill dirt trail along Highway 50. The Rail Trail is getting started with a preliminary environmental report. We did not get the Cal Trans grant on the Folsom Blvd trail crossing bridge so we will have to regroup on that one.

OLD BUSINESS

President Jim, with the help of Lynn LePage, described a plaque given to Jim Konopka on his retirement and the president asked for a motion for FOFP to contribute to the cost, special deal from the city is only $700. Lynn moved that we contribute the payment, seconded by Carol Ramstad, motion was approved.

Don Rose reported on the FOLFAN Trails and Heritage Interpretation Plan Taskforce.

NEW BUSINESS

The president called for ideas for Trails Day which will be on April 13 this year. Possible ideas from Brett Bollinger were stenciling, especially on some of the newer trail connections, shoulder work and trees work such as removing stakes and replacing some stakes.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Jerry Beckett reported that we now have 1000 members in the Meet Up group. Dick Merz noted that we have an REI representative at our meeting tonight, Jake Cox is here.

CALENDAR

FOFP February Meeting	February 14, 2019
FOFP March Meeting	March 14, 2019
Trails Day and Creek Week	April 13, 2019
Community Service Day	September 21, 2019

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm

Respectfully submitted by: Jan O'Brien, Secretary

The undercrossing for the Oak Parkway Trail is progressing on schedule. Large sections of the precast concrete bike/pedestrian tunnel are being lowered into place by a construction crane, which will require full closure of both eastbound and westbound traffic lanes on Natoma Street between Prison Road and Fargo Way. The undercrossing will provide a seamless and safe route for cyclists and pedestrians to transition between the Oak Parkway and Johnny Cash trails. The undercrossing is scheduled to open for public use in spring 2019.

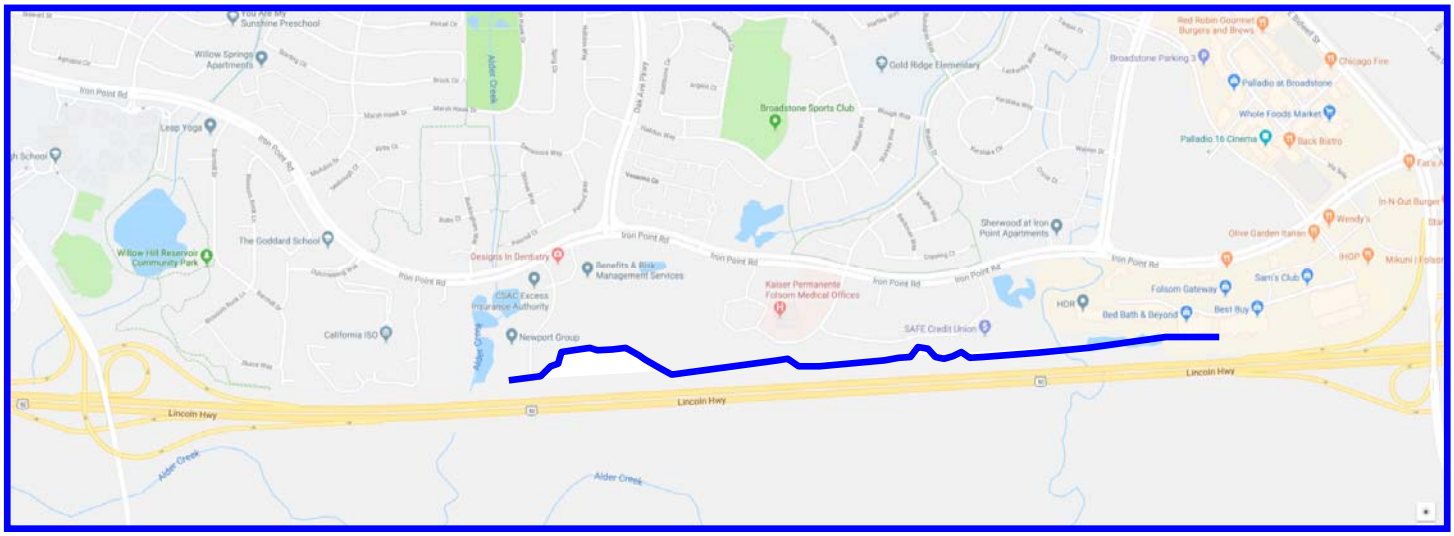
On the left is the location of the new bridge.

From the new bridge the trail proceeds up an oak tree grove covered hill.

From the grove the trail proceeds up the hill.

Here are Brett Bollinger and Don Rose staking out the trail for the CCC trail workers.

Below are two maps showing the location of the Willow Hill Reservoir Trail, The first is a standard street map and the one below is an aerial of the location.



Membership Renewal

The Friends is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to make the citizens of Folsom aware of the parkways, raise funds for parkway development, work to educate the community on parkway issues, work to influence development proposals to the benefit of the parkways, work to sustain the parkways, and work to identify areas of Folsom worthy of inclusion in the parkway system.

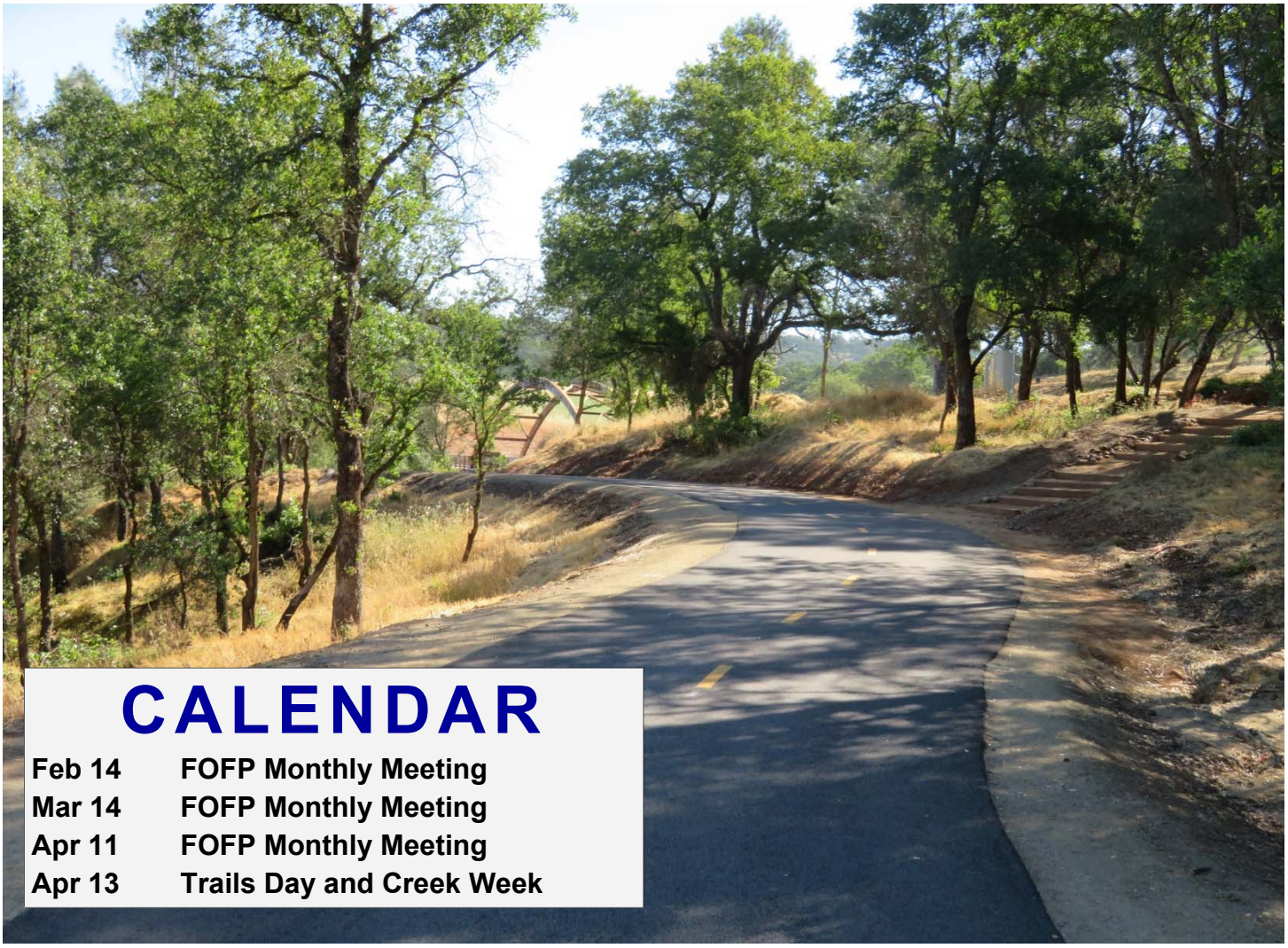
The Friends of Folsom Parkways was created 28 years ago, to serve as a steward of the parkways in Folsom. Over the years, the Friends has helped in determining areas to be included in the parkway system, provided financial assistance to improve the parkway, and worked with over 2,000 volunteers installing trails, planting trees, building bridges, removing invasive plants, and other trail improvement efforts. With the development of the south of 50 area of the city things are about to get really interesting and we need you! We need your support. This is the time of the year to renew your membership. It is easy to do, just fill out the membership form on the back of this newsletter and mail it to Friends of Folsom Parkways, P. O. Box 1501, Folsom, CA 95763-1501 or go online to our web site http://www.enjoyfolsomtrails.org and click on the “Join Us” tab.

The Friends encourage our members to connect to the parkway in many ways; as an advocate, a volunteer, a sponsor, a trail steward and/or a donor. Membership in the Friends runs from January through December.

On this page are pictures of the two bridges on the Willow Creek Trail that were recently resurfaced.

The old boards had worn out.

The new boards are sure nice and smooth



CALENDAR

Feb 14	**FOFP Monthly Meeting**
Mar 14	**FOFP Monthly Meeting**
Apr 11	**FOFP Monthly Meeting**
Apr 13	**Trails Day and Creek Week**

Membership Form

I would like to renew my membership or become a new member of Friends of Folsom Parkways for 2019. My yearly membership fee of $15.00 individual / $20.00 family is enclosed made out to: **Friends of Folsom Parkways**. Send to Friends of Folsom Parkways, P. O. Box 1501, Folsom, CA 95763-1501
or go to http://www.enjoyfolsomtrails.org/ to join.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Day Telephone:_____ Evening Telephone: _____

Email Address:_____

Circle the activities you are interested in helping with:

TRAIL WALKS	TREE PLANTING	ADOPT-A-CREEK/TRAIL	PROJECT REVIEW
TRAILS	FUND RAISING	MEMBERSHIP	WILDLIFE HABITAT
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