



Historic Folsom Residents Association

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**Presidents Message**

July is the beginning of HFRA's calendar year and election of new board members. I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome our two newest board members: Bonnie Darrah who is taking over as Secretary and Carrie Lane who is taking over as VP of Commerce, Liaison to the Commercial District. And I would be remiss if I didn't offer a tremendous thank you to the two outgoing board members, John Shaw and Mike Brenkwitz, who played a huge part in rebuilding the Residents Association.

The past quarter has been quiet on the development front (see 603 Sutter St. update), but very busy in terms of work on Historic District (HD) parking solutions. The HFRA Parking sub-committee finalized its recommendations in June. Those recommendations were subsequently shared at the second quarterly Historic District (HD) Stakeholders Roundtable meeting (HFRA, Heritage Preservation League, Folsom Historical Society, Folsom Historic District Association (Merchants) and Chamber of Commerce) and directional agreement achieved (we agree on the problem statement and want the city to take action). With help from recently elected City Council member YK Chalamcherla, a meeting was held with Mayor Mike Kozlowski and recommendations were made to pursue a resident parking pilot on the most impacted streets - Figueroa from Scott to Reading.

On Wednesday July 14th, a community meeting was held to gather resident inputs

and the residents supported the idea of a pilot with some type of limited parking signage. The next step will be to present the concept during public comment at the July 27th City Council meeting. From there, the city will have to approve and then work through the logistics (signs, resident permit/no permit required, enforcement, duration, etc.). Once the final proposal is ready, it will be reviewed with the same resident group before implementation. The great thing about a pilot is if the trends go somewhere unexpected, the parameters can change to adapt to the new facts. Ultimately, it's about changing HD visitor behaviors so that they will park in the West end garage vs. in the neighborhoods during the peak periods. Updates will continue through the quarterly newsletter.

I think the progress on parking is another example of how a consolidated voice from the residents can drive improvements in the historic district so I encourage you to reach out to neighbors to join HFRA as our influence grows with our membership.

Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Michael J. Reynolds, President  
 Historic Folsom Residents Association



## Meet the HFRA Board of Directors

### Michael Reynolds, President



We relocated with Intel in 2000, buying our first house in E m p i r e Ranch. When the Sutter St revitalization started, I thought the historic district might be a good change of pace because we were tired of getting in the car for everything. We bought a spec house/redo on Leidesdorff St and every year since then, living in the HD keeps getting better and better. We have 2 mini-Aussies and love the ability to walk and go places with the dogs and the owners of our favorite places know us and the dogs. It has really become a tight knit community of people.

### Paul Keast, V.P. Government



I have lived in Folsom since 1990. I had a real job until 2013 and have since done much more volunteer work.

Dori and I have 3 adult kids, one in the Sacramento area and two living together in Chico. We have lived in the Historic District (800 block of Mormon Street) since 2017, we moved here from Lexington Hills where we had a much bigger house.

Since leaving the real job I have worked with groups doing adult mentoring and long-term incarcerated re-entry. I work at the Twin Lakes Food Bank at their organic garden.

Dori and I try to take a long travel trailer trip each year to see our country.

My big change in the pandemic season was, like others, I started to learn to bake bread. If you need sour dough starter please let me know.

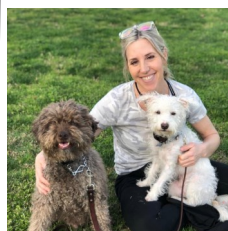
### Carrie Lane, V.P. Commerce



Carrie Lane and her husband, John, moved to the Historic District in 2019 after living in

Carmichael for many years. She and her husband own a craftsman bungalow in the River District. "We wanted to live in a community with a soul and have absolutely found that here in Old Folsom," said Carrie. Walkability and access to recreational opportunities were also appealing features of the community for the Lanes. They happily share their home with a Bernese mountain dog named Penny and a shepherd mix rescue mutt named Willow.

### Bonnie Darrah, Secretary



My husband and I moved to Historic Folsom in 2009. We live on Mormon Street. We love the historic district area and plan to retire here. You will see us often walking the neighborhood with our two dogs Roman & Coconut. My past career I worked for a large third-party multi-family real estate management company. I was involved in real estate development, management, and acquisitions. Recently I have transitioned to selling real estate, representing sellers and buyers throughout the greater Sacramento area. In our spare time, we love to be outdoors, biking, hiking, camping and spending time with our dogs.

**If you see any of our Board Members, stop and say hi, we would love to meet you!**

# Meet the HFRA Board of Director's Cont'd:

## Laura Fisher, Treasurer



My husband and I moved to the Folsom Historic District in 2012.

Our house on Mormon Street was a tear down that was rebuilt as a spec home that we purchased when it was under construction.

My passion is African wildlife photography. I have been on four safaris since 2015 (Tanzania, Botswana/Madagascar, and Kenya) and plan to go back again.

The things I love about living in the historic district include our friendly, small community, walking to Sutter Street, access to the American River Parkway and proximity to Lake Natoma for water activities.

## Jennifer Lane, Membership

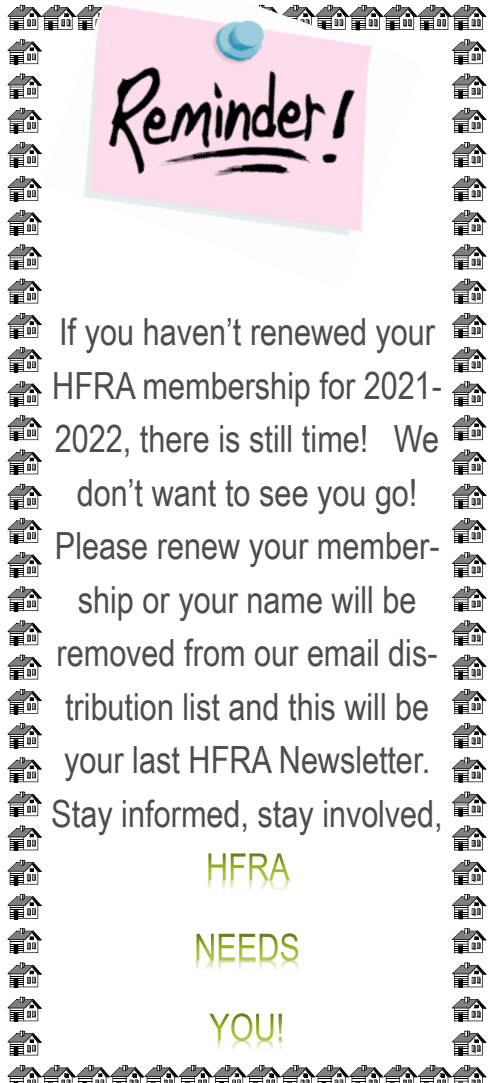


I moved to Folsom in 1979 to do my student teaching. I began teaching at Oak Chan in 1989. I bought my first home on Sibley Street in 1985, where I still live today. I have been an active member of HFRA since its inception. I have spoken at City Hall many times to address issues affecting the Historic District (Old Town as I affectionately call it). I was a member of the Historic District Commission for two years and a Planning Commissioner for 10 years, appointed by Vice Mayor Ernie Sheldon. I also ran for City Council twice. I love being involved with city government and I used to take my third graders to meet the Mayor at City Hall. I think civics is an important part of living in an amazing city such as Folsom. I love to kayak and canoe on Lake Natoma, ride my bicycle and walk my dog through town.

## Cindy Pharis, Communications



My husband and I moved to the Folsom Historic District in 1980. Our home on Figueroa Street is a craftsman style home, built in the early 1900's and was originally owned by the McFarland family who ran the Folsom Telegraph Newspaper. We have two children and four grandchildren and you've probably seen my husband Robin driving around town in a Model -T with our dog Tommy and/or grandchildren. I retired in 2015, and now stay busy with the grandchildren, walking, gardening, crocheting and dreaming up new projects to do around the house.



**Reminder!**

If you haven't renewed your HFRA membership for 2021-2022, there is still time! We don't want to see you go! Please renew your membership or your name will be removed from our email distribution list and this will be your last HFRA Newsletter. Stay informed, stay involved,

**HFRA**  
**NEEDS**  
**YOU!**





### Lakeside Cemetery Crematorium Update

Caring Services Group, a cemetery/mortuary corporation, has submitted an application with the City of Folsom to build a Crematorium in the current maintenance shed at Lakeside Cemetery, next to the Preserves community in the Folsom Historic District.

HFRA took the initiative and asked the applicants to meet with Historic District residents in two HFRA sponsored Zoom meetings. The applicant explained their plan, listened to concerns and answered questions from the residents regarding the proposed crematorium at this specific location. Currently, the application is still with the City of Folsom, Community Development Department and is ongoing.

If you have concerns, or are in favor of this proposed crematorium in the Historic District, please consider sending your input in an email or letter to the City of Folsom or to the Folsom Historic District Commission (HDC). This issue is expected to go before the HDC in the very near future.

### 603 Sutter Street Update

In March 2021 “new/updated” materials were posted on the City’s Pending Development Applications website:

<https://www.folsom.ca.us/government/community-development/planning-services/current-project-information>

The HFRA board sent a letter to the Community Development Department requesting denial of the project based on concerns with both the project and the application process. The key issue being that the project does not qualify for a parking variance. The applicant has hired a local attorney who has met with residents and at least one City Council person to investigate alternative parking proposals. The next step is for the City to circulate an updated initial study and allow 30 days for public comment. The City Planner anticipates that the project will be presented to the Historic District Commission in August or September. HFRA will be requesting your support once we have details to share.

### Calendar of Events

**HFRA Board Meetings** are held the 1st Monday of every month (via Zoom for now). (Meetings may be rescheduled due to holidays or conflicting schedules).

**HFRA General Meetings** are held three times a year (dates and location TBD).

**Historic District Commission Meetings** are held the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month in the Folsom City Council Chambers, City Hall, 50 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA. at 5:00 p.m.

**Folsom City Council Meetings** are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month in the Folsom City Council Chambers, City Hall, 50 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 27, Folsom City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., please plan to attend to support HFRA and to hear more about the Pilot Parking Program on Figueroa Street. (See President’s Message, Page 1).

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**What do you call a story about a broken pencil?**



**POINTLESS**



**web site under construction**

**The HFRA has hired a web-designer and is working to update the [www.thehfra.org](http://www.thehfra.org) website. Stay tuned for new updates coming soon!**

## Did You Know?

(credit <https://www.folsom.ca.us/residents/names-about-town>)

### Figueroa Street was the first residential street in Folsom.

Governor Jose Figueroa was one of the heroes of Mexico’s long struggle for independence. In 1824 he was appointed Commandant-General of Sonora and Sinoloa. He served as Governor and Military Commandant of Alta California from January 14, 1833, until shortly before his death at Monterey, September 29, 1835.

During his administration, he did commendable work in organizing a territorial and local government. He saw the initial secularization of the missions of Upper California which included the expulsion of the Spanish Franciscan mission officials. This also involved the issuing of many Mexican land grants. As a capable, patriotic statesman, he served the people of California well and won their respect and goodwill. Many historians consider Figueroa to be “the most competent governor of California during the Mexican era.”



# Figueroa



## Our Mission

Through community involvement and awareness, HFRA shall strive to collaborate and build strong partnerships with City Government and local entities to identify and resolve current and future neighborhood concerns affecting the Historic District.

We are united by our love for the community and desire to maintain and improve the quality of life for our residents. We aim to defend the historic integrity of our neighborhood for future generations.

