

# Colfax Connections

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## Council Looks Ahead To the November 2022 Election

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Beginning preparations for the coming November 8 election was the sole item of business at the May 25 meeting of the Colfax city council.

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza was absent.

On a unanimous 4-0 vote, the council passed a three-part resolution that would:

- Give notice of the November 8, 2022 General Municipal Election, requesting consolidation of that election with the statewide general election, and requesting services from the Placer County Clerk with respect to that election.

- Give notice of City Officer Elections, prompted by the expiration of terms of three city council members: Trinity Burruss, Joe Fatula and Sean Lomen. City clerk Marguerite Bailey said that filing dates for new candidates would open on July 18 and close on August 12. Incumbent council members will have until August 17 to file their papers. She said that Placer County would also host a candidate workshop on July 23.

- Propose a ballot measure to adopt Ordinance 548 amending the Colfax Municipal Code to charge a Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) on all persons receiving TOT revenue, and increasing

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## CAL FIRE Suspends Burn Permits In Nevada, Yuba and Placer Counties



Photo courtesy of Wendy Stockwin

Due to the increasing fire danger posed by dead grass and hotter, drier conditions in the Sierra foothills region, CAL FIRE suspended all burn permits for outdoor residential burning of landscape debris such as branches and leaves, within the State Responsibility Area of Nevada, Yuba and Placer and Counties effective Monday, May 23, 2022.

We are already into the fire season with increased debris burn escapes and while wildfires are a natural part of California's landscape, the fire season in California and across the west is starting earlier and ending later each year.

"California wildfires continue to threaten our communities," said Chief Joe Tyler, CAL FIRE Director. "With the conditions set for an early start of the 2022 fire season, it is imperative that we collectively take preventative steps now to prepare, and we ask all Californians to do their part in wildfire preparedness."

*Information from CAL FIRE.*



## The Mayor's Corner

by Mayor Trinity Burruss

### Kicking Off Summer

It has been a busy few months and Colfax is getting ready to head into the summer season. I know one of the top concerns on all of our minds is the imminent risk of wildfire. Although we were lucky to get a couple good storms recently, we are still on high alert given the hot dry conditions to come. Now, more than ever, it's time for us to be proactive and ready.

I had the privilege earlier this month of visiting Washington, DC on the 50th annual Cap-To-Cap delegation trip. This was an opportunity for leaders from all over our capital region to advocate for the needs of our communities at the federal level.

I was assigned to the Air Quality Team with the sub-group specializing on Wildfire threat. We met with the offices for the US Forest Service, EPA, House Committee on Climate Crisis, and many representatives who have the influence to foster the critical changes we need. I was thrilled that all of our meetings were not only productive, but the staff we worked with was engaged and passionate.

Specific action was taken from each meeting, and if you have ever had experience in government advocacy, you know how hard this can be to come by. I was even pleasantly surprised when I was introduced in a meeting to the legislative director for a congressional office outside of our area, and he not only knew where Colfax was, but was a Colfax High School graduate!

One of the biggest benefits to a trip like this is the fact that over 300 regional leaders are given a platform to network and collaborate in ways that don't organically present themselves on a regular basis. I spent a significant amount of time over the course of six days taking every opportunity I could to learn from other jurisdictions and

find ways we can establish and foster ongoing healthy relationships.

As a small town it is so important for us to find common ground with our neighbors, and to advocate as a team for the needs of our people. We need to be willing and prepared to show up to battle of behalf of others if we want them to come to our aid.

This is especially important as we look at the impacts of state level policies going into place without regard for the implementation issues posed to rural California. We win as a team, or we lose as a team, so we need to work together to forge the road instead of letting Sacra-

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## 6-16-2022 AMERICAN LEGION POST 192 COLFAX

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the TOT rate from 8% to 10%. The two percent raise would bring an estimated \$29,000 to the city's general fund.

A 2/3 vote by the council was required to place the TOT Measure on the ballot. A majority of the electoral vote in November is required to increase and expand the Transient Occupancy Tax.

Earlier in the meeting the council voted 4-0 to extend its rental agreement with Rainbow Music for use of the Overland Railcar at 99 Railroad Ave in Colfax. The extension will run until June 2023. The agreement also offers the potential of a partial reduction in the rent in trade for repair and replacement of 12 custom windows in the railcar.

**At its meeting on May 11**, the council passed the second reading of Ordinance 547, "Limitations On Number Of Animals" (Chickens) on a 4-1 vote, with Mayor Burruss dissenting. The ordinance takes effect 30 days after adoption (June 10, 2022). As there was no other council business, the meeting adjourned 30 minutes after the opening gavel.

**City Council meetings in June are scheduled for the 8th and 22nd.**

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## Business Briefs with LindaLou Haines

**Thinking of going solar?** I have a suggestion: **DC Solar Electric Inc.** right here in Colfax at 333 Canyon Court, just off Canyon Way.

They design solar systems and do solar installations for units as small as a granny unit to as large as a military base, such as Beale AFB. Another example is the installation just completed at Malakoff Diggins State Park in Nevada County.

Len Stevens in Penn Valley founded the business in 2009. When the co-owners, Chasin Scott and Derek Stevens, joined up the next year, they incorporated.

Eventually the business expanded to three locations with manufacturing in one location and sales and marketing in two more locations. Over time that arrangement became unworkable. So, recently they moved all offices and the warehouse to the Colfax location.

As a family company, DC Solar provides the kind of materials and service that they would use in their own families. Chasin told me, "We have family company pride. In other words, we treat everyone like family. And, we only deal with manufacturers who make our installation components that we would put on our own homes." They also provide a lifetime warranty on their installations.

The company offers its 24 employees benefits such as health insurance and retirement. Chasin said, "We are always looking for more good employees with great attitude and work ethics, who can be trained, if necessary."

Derek and Chasin met in grade school. Later they were roommates in college. Now they work together everyday, and they are still buddies.

DC Solar believes in giving back. As a result, they have sponsored sports teams, Colfax High School projects and community projects.

They will have a grand opening celebration during the Colfax July 3rd festivities next month. And, later in July the Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce will recognize their new membership with a ribbon cutting.

If you want to talk with Chasin or Derek, you can call the office at 530-786-7070. Their website is full of helpful information and graphics for the potential residential and commercial solar conversion installation and back-up solar installations. It is quite interesting, [DCSolarElectric.com](http://DCSolarElectric.com).

Let's check in with our local bike shop, **GOOB Cyclery**, 301 Railroad St. Even before the recent outrageous gas prices, the electric bikes have been hard to keep in stock. Owner John Comstock carries electric cruisers and electric mountain bikes, regular bikes and accessories. He also does repairs and has information on local bike trails.

GOOB Cyclery is open Tuesday through Friday, 10-6 and Saturday, 10-5. It is closed Sunday and Monday.



Photo by Alan Shuttleworth

A reminder: Please contact me with news of your business, especially new businesses and existing businesses offering something new.

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## Colfax Soroptimist Club Honors Megan Kettwig

The 2022 Violet Richardson Award from the Colfax Soroptimist Club was given to Colfax High Senior, Megan Kettwig.

The award is given in memory of Violet Richardson, the first President of the Soroptimist International Club and recognizes young women for volunteer service to their community.

Soroptimists believe that by celebrating young women's community involvement, these women will grow up to be vital, active and contributing members of their respective communities.

Megan, was the Senior Class Vice President, is a member of the Lions-sponsored Leo's Club which volunteers service to a wide variety of community projects. She was also a member of the "Link Crew" which mentors incoming freshmen students.

Kettwig plans to use the Soroptimist Award to defray costs for her freshman year at UCLA.



Photo by Alan Shuttleworth

## Colfax Lions Club Annual Fashion Show Returns



Story and photo by Alan Shuttleworth

For 17 years, the Colfax Lioness Club has sponsored a Fashion Show fundraiser. With the merger of Lions and Lioness Clubs around the world, this year's show is being billed as Lioness Merger Show Number 18!

The Show is made up of 100% Colfax Lions... from donated clothing, to models, to food service and libations. The proceeds from the event will go to community projects such as student scholarships, literacy programs at area schools and vision services for local individuals.

The 2022 show was well attended with over 100 show-goers. Everyone enjoyed a great social meet-and-greet along with the fun of cheering local models sporting their finery.

Event chair, Fran Waldo quipped, "I think this year's show was our best ever!" Waldo noted a show-attendee told her that this was the nicest afternoon she had spent in a long time. Waldo observed that, "Since Covid put the fashion show on a two-year pause, everyone was ready for an enjoyable day out with friends."



## Student Essay: How Do Trees Help The Environment?

*(Editor's note: In our April 2022 issue we featured the seven winners of the Colfax Garden Club's annual 5th Grade Arbor Day Essay Contest planting a tree. Starting with its May issue, Colfax Connections is sharing those essays with its readers. Paige Turner was the Second Place winner.)*

**By Paige Turner**

BANG! BANG! BANG! Another tree is being turned into a home. Meanwhile, children are relaxing in the shade of a great oak on a hot day.

Trees help us in the most crucial ways. They aid us by ridding the air of particles, cooling us down, and reducing stress levels.

Most people know trees produce oxygen, but there is more to it. 36,000 pounds of harmful waste is extracted from the air by one acre of trees. If trees didn't exist, we would be breathing in literally tons of harmful particles.

Also, one adult tree can "erase" 183 hours of driving at a speed of sixty miles per hour. I enjoy road trips, and trees help reduce the effects of my carbon footprint significantly.

I love shade in the summer, but trees are more chilling than you'd think! The feeling of a cool breeze on my face is refreshing, and trees give it legitimate competition. One adult tree has the power of 15 air conditioners! That's one tree alone and with a world full of them, we don't have to worry about being hot in a shaded community.

Trees also help us keep a cool head! They lower blood pressure levels, reduce stress in children, and are altogether beautiful. On an overwhelming day, trees can help you de-stress. Trees help us substantially by cooling us off, cleaning the air, and calming us down.

I believe that overall, with trees, we develop a sense of appreciation for the world around us as we notice their importance and vitality.

So, this Arbor day, I invite you to plant a tree, and think about all they do for our homes and our community.





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## Chamber of Commerce Notes and Events

Spring has sprung, summer is right around the corner, and by the looks of our calendar, we are continuing with a very busy schedule of events.



American Legion Post 193 Colfax hosted their monthly dinner Thursday on May 19. Portuguese Roast Beef with vegetables, sweet rolls and Mediterranean salad were served, with Chocolate 'Salami' for dessert.

The Colfax Art Walk and Colfax Lions Cruise Nights began Friday May 20 in Historic Downtown Colfax. Local artists and sculptors displayed many excellent art items. Vintage vehicles, muscle cars, hot rods, and a few racecars lined the streets after being stored away for the winter.

It was a wonderful chance to enjoy all the shops and restaurants downtown while enjoying the beautiful evening weather and great displays.

Our May mixer was held at the Applegate Civic Center, on Thursday, May 26, 18014 Applegate Rd. We served some delicious Tri tip and refreshing drinks while enjoying the Civic Center.

Last month at our Coffee and Conversation we had an excellent presentation from Cal Fire Battalion Chief Jeff Lovelace. He provided a lot of information about the upcoming fire season and the precautions citizens, cities, county, and state will be taking.

He explained how the fire districts work together, not only in our own area but within the state and beyond. The logistics are amazing how personnel, vehicles, aircraft and other resources are moved around to combat the fires at one time. We are very fortunate to have their expertise and should always go out of our way to follow their orders and to thank them.

Sean, family, and staff from **Ambrose Auto Body** provided us with a fun and informative tour of their business and resources to provide great

service to our Colfax area. Their Grand Opening, Ribbon Cutting, and plaque presentation was well attended and appreciated!

Please visit our website, [www.Colfaxchamber.com](http://www.Colfaxchamber.com) for more information on these and upcoming events. And stop by your Chamber office/ Visitor Center along with the Colfax Heritage Museum, 99 Railroad St. Colfax. Open Tuesday-Saturday 9:00 AM-2:00 p.m., 530-346-8888. Call or email with your questions, concerns, or comments, so we can help our business community even more!

We are here for you to promote, support, and recommend your business.

We continue to hand out your business cards/ pamphlets. Please bring them in for display as we have many customers arriving from other areas by bus, train, or just passing through looking for a new area to explore or to relocate.

Our Discover Colfax pamphlet lists our current members and businesses with advertisements, City and Chamber information, fun recreation in our area and much more.

Thank you for being our member. If you would like to join, please let us know and we will be in contact with you. Then we will promote your business to the Colfax Chamber area and beyond.

**CACC President  
Tim Ryan**



**Tim Ryan, CACC President**  
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## Thanks From The Colfax Garden Club



Photo courtesy of the Colfax Garden Club

By Shirley Jacobs

The Colfax Garden Club would like to thank everyone who participated in our Spring Plant Sale on May 7 at Roy Toms Plaza in Colfax.

The biggest thank you goes to community members of Colfax and the surrounding areas of the Sierra Foothills who turned out by the hundreds on a bright and breezy morning. People from Auburn, Grass Valley, Truckee and places scattered in between showed up to share greetings, smiles and hugs, and open their pocketbooks to our first major fund raiser since prior to the COVID pandemic.

It was a huge financial success, which will make it possible to restart various garden club projects that have been on hold for the past two years. Look for refreshed planters in downtown and hanging flower baskets along Main Street, and the reinstatement of the youth garden at the Colfax Elementary School.

Also, a big round of applause to the garden club members who contributed many plants, flowering pots, and miscellaneous garden related items, and volunteered time to work at the sale. It is indeed heartwarming to experience such a positive outpouring of community spirit.

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mento dictate one for us without our input.

Overall, I felt the trip was a success on many fronts and I have more detailed, nitty gritty details around policy advancements than will fit in a single article. I will do my best to capture the outline during our Council Reports.

As I try to wrap up my column, I want to bring attention to the Summer Kick-Off Job & Career Fair happening downtown on June 7th from 12pm-4pm. This will be a great opportunity to showcase businesses and connect our community with employment and education opportunities.

We will be accepting additional businesses right up until the day of the event so don't hesitate to sign up. Job seekers need not register in any way, just be sure to have a few resumes on hand. We intentionally aligned the event to coincide with Taco Tuesday, Dollar Scoop Day, and certainly not least ... VOTING DAY! So come on down, grab a bite to eat, be sure to get your ballots in, and maybe even find a job.

If you represent a business that would like to participate by having a booth feel free to sign up at this link: <https://forms.gle/PhSWDH2meAqgAzP26> (You will be asked to sign in to your google account to fill out the registration form.) Feel free to email me if you have any trouble.

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## Churches

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Website: <http://www.colfaxagca.org/>



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Email: pastorgaryhoward@yahoo.com  
Website: <http://colfaxbaptist.com/>

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Website: <https://www.colfaxumc.org/>

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witnesses  
944 Canyon Way, Colfax, CA 95713  
530-346-2525  
Website: <https://www.jw.org/en/>

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589 E. Oak St., Colfax, CA 95713  
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Website: [https://www.scd.org/parish/  
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454 Scholtz Ave., Colfax, CA 95713  
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Website: <https://www.colfaxsdachurch.com>

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530-346-7702  
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## Social Organizations

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Website: <http://norwellpost192.org>

Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce  
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Website: <http://colfaxchamber.com>

Colfax Area Historical Society  
Archives: PO Box 185, Colfax, CA 95713  
Museum 99 Railroad St., Colfax, CA 95713  
530-346-8599  
Website: <https://colfaxhistory.org>

Colfax Garden Club  
PO Box 1801, Colfax, CA 95713  
530-346-7474  
Website: [http://californiagardenclubs.com/  
content/colfax-garden-club](http://californiagardenclubs.com/content/colfax-garden-club)

Colfax Lions Club  
PO Box 664, Colfax, CA 95713  
530-477-2533  
Website: [https://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/col-  
faxca](https://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/colfaxca)

Illinoistown Clay-Mason Lodge #51 of Colfax  
14 N. Main St., Colfax, CA 95713  
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Website: <http://lodge51.freemason.org>

Sierra Vista Artists  
55 School St., Rm. C-4, Colfax, CA 95713  
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Sierra Vista Center  
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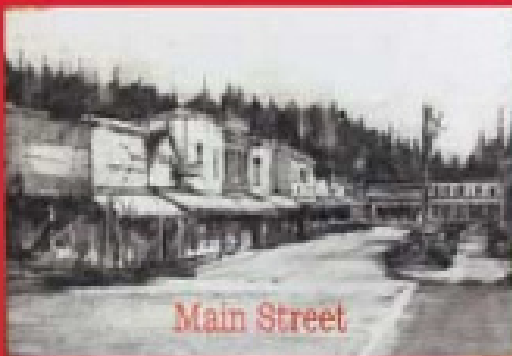
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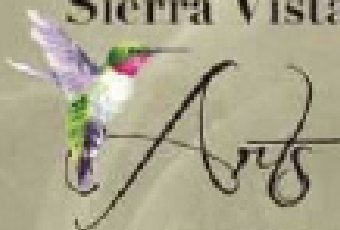
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