

Colfax Connections

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Council Passes A Two-Year Budget, Considers Parking Ordinance

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June 8, 2022 meeting

At its first meeting in June the council passed a two-year budget for fiscal years (FY) 2022/23 and 2023/24. In FY 22/23 the city will have a \$5 million operating budget with \$9 million in capital budgets, and in FY 23/24 the city will have a \$5 million operating budget and a \$275,000 capital budget. The item passed with a 4-0 vote. Mayor pro tem Mendoza was absent.

The annual budget provides the framework for the delivery of public services to the City, and represents a spending plan consistent with projected funding availability and public and city council goals.

There was discussion of creating a separate account in the budget for emergency response funds prior to the vote, but when that did not get support of the majority of the council, the budget was approved without amendments.

Parking issue

The final item on the agenda asked the council to consider regulating or prohibiting parking on some narrow residential streets that are difficult to access by emergency, utility, and sanitation vehicles, and to a lesser extent normal traffic.

The Placer County Sheriff's Office, as well as various members of the council and city staff, has received multiple complaints that vehicles parked along narrow streets prohibit safe passage by emergency, utility, and sanitation vehicles.

The city attorney advised the council that California Vehicle Code permits cities and counties, by ordinance or resolution, to prohibit or restrict the stopping, standing, or parking on certain streets, or portions thereof, during all or certain portions of the day.

He also said enforcement of such an ordinance or resolution would require appropriate signage notifying residents of those restrictions.

During the discussion, alternate side of the street parking on solid waste collection days was suggested, as was having the city engineer conduct a street survey.

In the end staff was directed to bring a draft ordinance back to a future meeting to address parking issues on narrow streets.

June 22, 2022 meeting

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COLFAX
2022

3rd of JULY
P A R A D E

Sponsored by Colfax Lions Club



Parade Formation
Begins At E. Oak St. &
S. Auburn St. at 5:30 pm
Parade Starts at 7 pm

Register on site
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530-263-4331
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The Colfax Lions Club Supports Literacy



Lions International has a club-wide focus on supporting literacy around the world. The Colfax Club has emphasized the importance of Reading locally by donating Kindle Electronic Readers to area Elementary Schools. Students who achieved exemplary status in the school's Reading Incentive Program, received a Kindle Reader to celebrate their accomplishment.

Above - Alan Shuttleworth, Colfax Lions Clubs' Literacy Project Chair, presents Kindle Readers to Colfax Elementary Schools' Reading Incentive Program Winners at a recent school assembly.

Photo by Dale Shuttleworth

Below Right -Top Readers in the Colfax Elementary School Reading Incentive Program show off their Lions Club Kindle Readers.

**L-R are... Bradlynn Greenwood, grade 2
Patrick Carey, grade 3
Kaiden Orozco, grade 4
Bella Busath, grade 5
Chase Glenn, grade 6
Norah Wyant, grade 7
Gavin Heck, grade 8 absent for the photo.**

The Bulldog mascot stood in to receive Gavin's award, with Alan Shuttleworth, Colfax Lions Club.



Photo by John Baggett

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Quest Information Solutions, Inc. (Vision Quest) was eventually approved on a 4-1 roll call vote to end the meeting.

The total five-year contract cost to the city will be \$204,500.

Councilmember Fatula was the sole opposing vote.

Vision Quest has provided the city's information technology services since July 2017. As well as ensuring that the city's Website maintains compliance with all accessibility requirements, the company will also provide the continuous Security Operations Center coverage required by our cyber insurance provider.

Increased cyber security has become a vital defense against rising cyber crime in the region. The City of Lincoln has experienced at least two ransomware attacks that forced the city to deal with the perpetrators.

City staff rejected bids from Mid-Valley IT and J4 Systems because their services included additional fees for on-site visits, making predicting the true cost of services more difficult. Vision Quest also offered the city a significant reduction in monthly cost for the extended contract.

During agency reports earlier in the meeting, CHP officer Chris Nave said the agency would soon begin "recruiting heavily" to add 1,000 officers by next year.

As a reminder due to the coming July 4 holiday, Placer County Fire Chief Brian Estes confirmed that by city ordinance, personal fireworks are not permitted in the City of Colfax.

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Digital copies can also be found on the Chamber's Website at (www.ColfaxChamber.com) and on the City's Website at (www.colfax-ca.gov).



Business Briefs

with LindaLou Haines

You are invited to the art display of **"Paintings of Historical Significance"** by talented local artist **Nick Vogt** at the Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center currently.

Nick is a watercolor artist working in "Bold Color Vibrancy" style. This sets him apart from most other watercolor artists. His painting of the Colfax Freight Depot and Caboose is especially engrossing as it draws you into the scene as he painted it.

Nick explains, "Having lived in the Sierra Foothills region all my life, I have developed an intimate connection with the scenic country landscape and the rich historic community where gold was discovered. My deep passion is to visually preserve for others the emotion and excitement during the mid-1800's to mid-1900 time period."

He grew up on a cattle ranch in the Rough & Ready-Timbuktu area. "I attended a one-room schoolhouse, which had 15 students, grades 1 through 8 taught by one teacher. My brothers and I milked cows, cut wood and baled hay. ... In summer we cooled off by gold panning and swimming in the Yuba River under the Bridgeport Covered Bridge."

At a very young age, Nick discovered an interest in drawing historical buildings and landmarks located in the old mining towns near the family ranch. He adds, "And that passion continues to grow."

Nick is a member of several artists' organizations, including the Arts Council of Placer County and the Sierra Vista Artists of Colfax.

The vast collection of his art in his studio and gallery in Meadow Vista gives visitors and buyers many wonderful choices. But, Nick says that he is happy to do a painting on commission as well.

You can contact Nick at his studio, 878-0697,

and find out more about him and order online: NRVogtArt.com. He is also on numerous social media platforms.

To view his paintings at the Chamber of Commerce, 99 Railroad St., visit us on Tuesdays through Saturdays, 9 to 2, or call 346-8888.

He also has paintings on display at Lighthouse Real Estate in the Freight Depot building on Main Street in Colfax, 368-1886.

I love to hear about your new and existing businesses in the City of Colfax. So, email me, lindalouhaines14@gmail.com



Top - Chris and Nick display their individual work in their studio/gallery.

Bottom - Nick's painting depicting N. Main St. in Colfax.

Photos by Alan Shuttleworth

THIRD

of July

CELEBRATION



- ★ 2PM-7PM- KIDS ZONE SPONSORED BY OPEN GYM
- ★ 2PM-5PM CAR SHOW
- ★ 5PM- KIDS PARADE HOSTED BY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
- ★ 7PM- LIONS CLUB PARADE
- ★ 2PM-6PM CROOKED CREEK ACRES PETTING ZOO @ ARBOR PARK
- ★ 2PM, 4PM, 6PM- AMBITIONS PERFORMANCES @ RAILROAD ST
- ★ 2PM-9PM GREEN MACHINE BEER GARDENS @ DEPOT ST & PARK OF ARTS
- ★ 2PM-7PM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DUNK TANK
- ★ 2-5PM & 7-9PM BAND: NOVA SUTRO @ DEPOT ST
- ★ 2-4PM BAND: FLASH BANG @ PARK OF ARTS
- ★ 4:30-9:30PM DJ-J CREW PRODUCTIONS @ CABOOSE
- ★ 9:30 SHARP FIREWORKS!! (WEATHER PERMITTING)



Photos by Alan
Shuttleworth



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. Lilly Evett was a Third Place winner.)

By Lilly Evett

Boom! I fell out of the tree while my brother was laughing. Ever since I moved to my house the oak tree in my yard has contributed to many fun times and has made my environment fun.

That's not the only reason trees help our environment. They

also provide us with many health benefits and supply us with resources we couldn't live without.

Trees are good for our environment because of all the resources they provide us with. The Seasonal Homestead says that a full-grown tree can produce 150-300 pounds of fruit in a year. Many people would go hungry without trees.

Another resource trees provide, that I find very important because it helps me learn, is paper. They make paper by using raw wood to make a pulp and then mix the pulp with lots of different chemicals.

My environment would be less entertaining without all that trees provide and trees contribute to our health.

According to Arborday.org forests can save an average of two lives a year. They do this by absorbing more than 48 pounds of carbon dioxide and they help keep the air fresh.

Trees can also boost our immune systems and lower cortisol levels. Cortisol is a stress hormone that can make you unhealthy. If it weren't for trees we would be more stressed and sick more often.

Without trees our world would be unhealthy and boring.

Just as Julius Morton, the founder of Arbor day, suggested this Arbor Day we should all take our role as "earth's trustees" and plant at least one tree.



Summer at Your Library 2022 CAMP iREAD CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Register for a program at
placercountylibrary.eventbrite.com



Chamber of Commerce Notes and Events

Welcome from your Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce.

We would like to thank all of our businesses, non profit organizations, and associates for being our members over the past years!



Your support for your Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce has helped us grow substantially, which helps us support and promote you.

We are planning "Grand Openings and Ribbon Cuttings" monthly. Our Mixers are filling up for the year.

It's been an exciting time to work with the City of Colfax in planning the redevelopment of the Historic Downtown Area.

Promotion and participation with the City of Colfax for a "Job and Career Fair", was very helpful and rewarding for so many looking for jobs and new opportunities. Our weekly eblast, *Colfax Tracks*, has provided so much information and new events that are happening in our area.

Our website is continually being updated with new businesses and upcoming events.

Recent events we enjoyed: Mixer- June 16, Nick Vogt Fine Art; Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting- June 17, Restoration Recovery Center, 1033 Auburn St., Colfax.

Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting- June 21, Workman Auto Glass. Placer County Heritage Trail Museum tour, Colfax Heritage Museum- June 25.

Our annual 3rd of July Festival was a successful day in Historic Downtown Colfax. Please visit our website, www.colfaxchamber.com, for more information on other events happening in your area.

Pick up a copy of our *Discover Colfax* pamphlet which lists our current members and businesses with advertisements, City and Chamber information, fun recreation in our area and much more.

Your Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce continues to promote, support, and recommend your businesses and activities in our area.

Please visit our Chamber/Visitor Center and Colfax Heritage Museum, 99 Railroad St., where the merchandise is always being updated and expanded. There are plenty of pamphlets, magazines, and handouts available of things to see and do in our area.

As always, please call or email us with your questions, concerns, or comments so we can help our businesses and community even more! 530-346-8888, or colfaxareachamber@gmail.com

Thanks again for all you do for our communities and we look forward to hearing from you.



Tim Ryan, CACC President
Colfax Area

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MIXER FROM 4:30-6:30**

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By Jack Saul

Do you like sweet, delicious pears? Then you love trees! Trees help the environment by protecting it, as well as giving people and animals the necessities they need.

First, trees protect the environment. Trees can help prevent floods. When heavy rainfall starts, the rain can hit the tree

and then slowly drip back down, causing the flood to form slower.

Trees can remove carbon dioxide from the air. In one year, a single tree can remove up to 48 pounds of carbon dioxide and give back oxygen into the atmosphere.

Most of the biodiversity is from trees. A single tree can be home to hundreds of different living things from other plants to insects, birds and mammals.

Then when a tree is cut down or dies the trunk will still be a home to many organisms while the lumber is used to make homes for humans. Trees provide homes to more than 80 percent of Earth's terrestrial biodiversity.

Without trees, the world would be an unpleasant place to live. Second, trees provide people with many necessities. Trees give people and animals fruit, and I love pears. A mature pear tree can produce about 100-300 pounds of fruit in a single year. About 20 percent of mammal herbivores eat mainly fruit.

Trees also give us paper. An average tree can make more than 10,000 sheets of paper and I am a bookworm. Without trees, I wouldn't be able to enjoy pears or read my favorite books. Trees not only protect the earth, but they also provide people with many foods, including fruits.

I hope this Arbor day we can all do as Julius Morton would have wanted and properly plant millions of new trees.



Churches

Colfax Assembly of
God Community
Fellowship

252 Culver St., Col-
fax, CA 95713

Email: colfaxesaog@
gmail.com

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



Colfax Baptist Church

24850 Ben Taylor Rd., Colfax, CA 95713
530-346-8110

Email: pastorgaryhoward@yahoo.com

Website: <http://colfaxbaptist.com/>

Colfax United Methodist Church

59 W. Church St., Colfax, CA 95713
530-346-2267

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/>

St. Dominic's Catholic Church

589 E. Oak St., Colfax, CA 95713
530-346-2286

Website: [https://www.scd.org/parish/
st-dominic-parish-colfax](https://www.scd.org/parish/st-dominic-parish-colfax)

Seventh Day Adventist

454 Scholtz Ave., Colfax, CA 95713
530-346-8844

Website: <https://www.colfaxsdachurch.com>

The Church of Jesus Christ of
Latter-Day Saints

1875 S. Auburn St., Colfax, CA 95713
530-346-7702

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

Social Organizations

American Legion Post 192

22 Sunset Dr., Colfax, CA 95713
530-346-9433

Website: <http://norwellpost192.org>

Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce
99 S. Railroad St., Colfax, CA 95713
530-346-8888

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
530-346-6627

Website: <http://lodge51.freemason.org>

Sierra Vista Artists

55 School St., Rm. C-4, Colfax, CA 95713
530-320-0433

Sierra Vista Center

55 School St., Colfax, CA 95713
530-346-8726

Website: <https://sierravistacolfax.wordpress.com>

Soroptimist International of Colfax

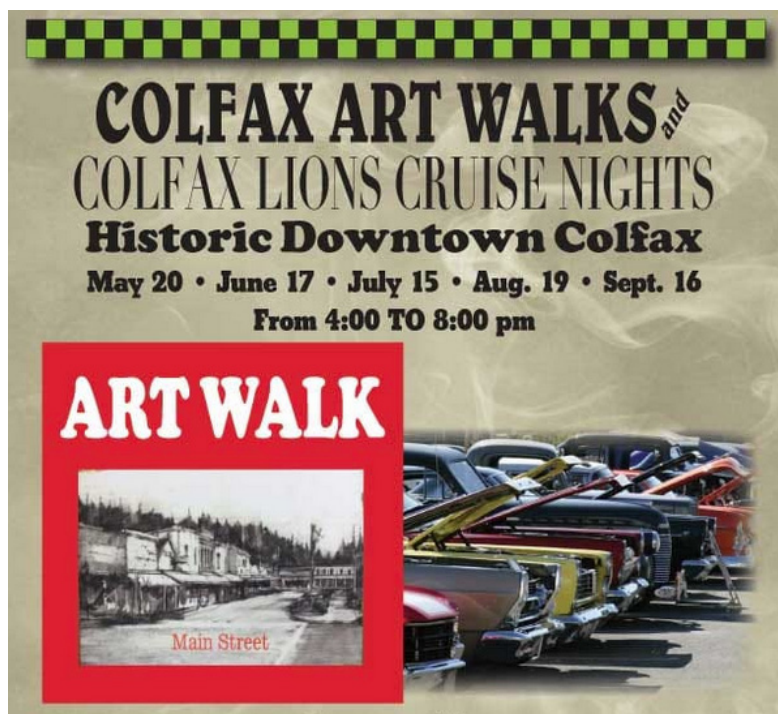
PO Box 475, Colfax, CA 95713
530-637-4878

VFW Post 2003

22 Sunset Dr., Colfax, CA 95713
530-346-7768

<https://www.colfaxveterans.org/vfw.html>





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 From 4:00 TO 8:00 pm

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 346-8726 or wstockwin@hughes.net
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