

Colfax Connections

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Council Approves Funding For Moving The Caboose, Winterfest 2024

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Due to the Thanksgiving holiday later in the month, the November 13 city council meeting was the only meeting scheduled for the month. Likewise, the Christmas holiday will cancel the second meeting in December.

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. with all council members present. They moved quickly to approve the consent calendar and on to agency reports, where PCSO Sgt. Williams introduced himself as the new Colfax station commander. CHP's Jason Lyman reported on the snarled traffic over the summit that temporarily closed sections of I-80 during the season's first

snow storm. He advised drivers to slow down when driving in winter conditions.

A contract with Eco Green Solutions (EGS) to replace existing outdoor lighting at the Lions Children's Park and the Sheriff's substation with LED lights was the agenda's sole presentation. And, at no cost to the city because EGS will take advantage of all applicable PG&E rebates and incentives. With little discussion the item passed easily on a 4-0-1 vote, with council member Trinity Burruss abstaining.

There were two items on the Public Hearing agenda: a short-term rental (STR) planning deposit fee schedule amendment; and three zoning code amendments.

City planner Kathy Pease said that passing the STR fee amendment would set the new permit fee at \$350.00, and the annual renewal fee at \$85.00. She said those levels would insure the recovery of all city costs to administer the STR program. After one member of the public spoke in favor of the proposed amendment the council sealed the deal with a 5-0 approval vote.

Pease described the proposed three zoning code amendments as "a clean-up of the existing ordinance" by adding three new definitions, as follows:

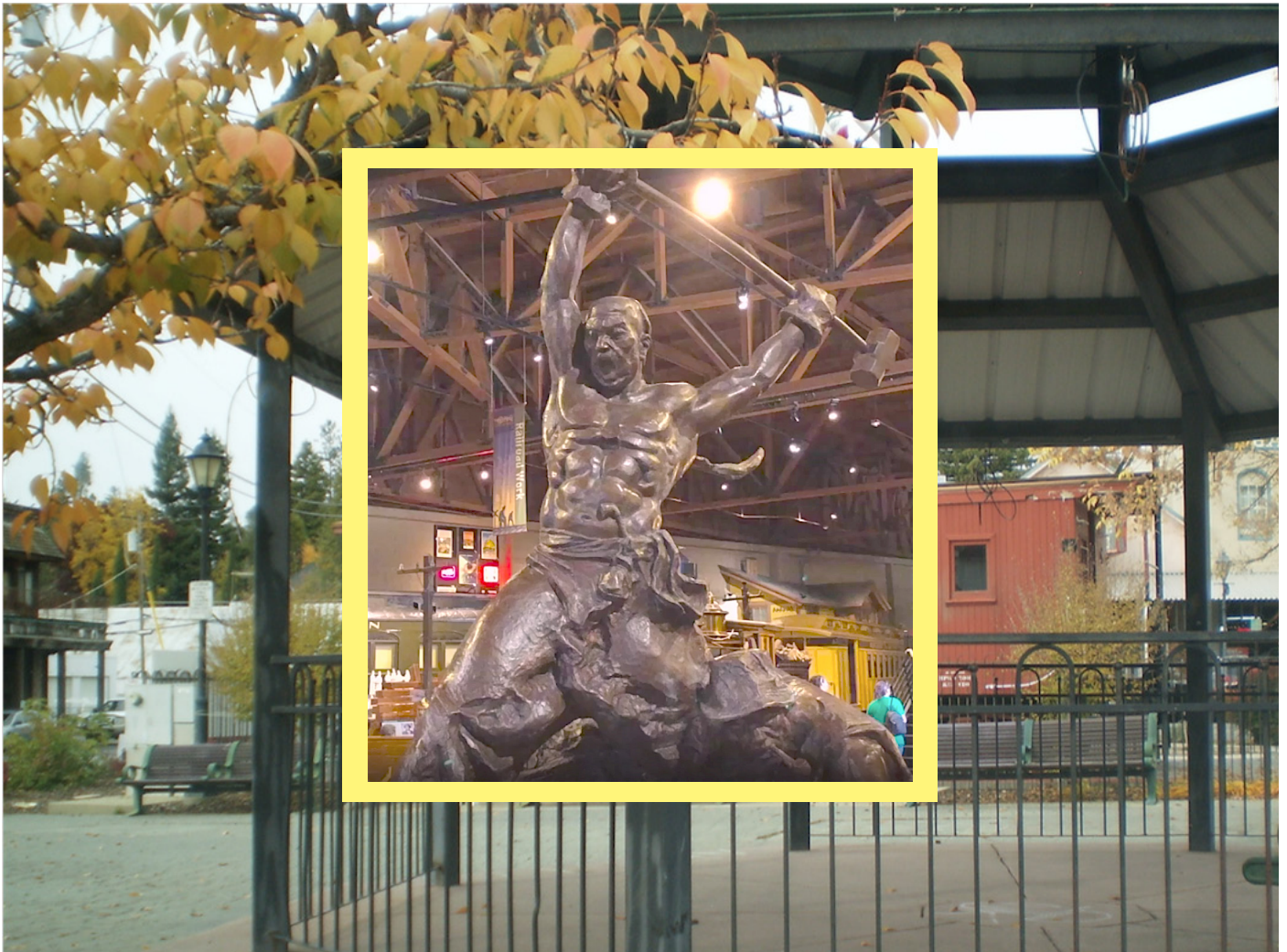
Employee Housing is privately-owned housing that provides living quarters in connection with any work, whether or not rent is involved.

A **Low-Barrier Navigation Center** (LBNC) is a Housing First, low barrier, temporary, service-enriched shelter that helps homeless individuals and families to quickly obtain permanent housing. It differs from homeless shelters in that it provides onsite services intended to provide long term housing solutions.

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Witch by Tai Michel, photo by Alan Shuttleworth
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There's a plan to relocate the caboose to the depot green to anchor a proposed outdoor heritage railroad park. Less clear is what will take its place in Roy Toms Plaza. Nobody asked me, but I think the Chinese Railroad Workers Monument that was supposed to come to the foothills in the first place before Sacramento grabbed it, would look fantastic in the center of Colfax. Will Stockwin

Now that NID has abandoned Centennial Dam, will the LANDS that NID acquired be sold off?

See bearparc.com for more information

- Will public access and open space be allowed?
- Will the lands be managed to ensure **fire safety** — or become a fire threat?
- Will there be safe trails and sanitation facilities at the former campground and near Dog Bar Bridge?
- As residents and neighbors, our voices need to be heard!

GET INVOLVED!

Help decide the future of our beloved Bear River!



Photo © Gary Moon

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Single Room Occupancy (SRO) is a single furnished room that can be rented month-to-month or for a more extended period.

Pease said if the council approved the first reading of the proposed amendments, the second reading would occur at the Dec.11 meeting. The council responded with a unanimous vote to approve.

Former mayor Tom Parnham went to the public podium during Public Comment to ask the council to do something about all the free-range chickens loose on West Oak St.

The two pieces of official business both involved requests for city funding.

The project to move the caboose over to the Depot Green got a boost when the council voted unanimously to donate \$5,000.00 to the effort. Moving the caboose will be the first step to creating an outdoor Rail Heritage Museum in Colfax.

The Chamber of Commerce asked the city for \$7,000.00 to fund the annual WinterFest event coming up on Saturday, December 14 in downtown Colfax. The council approved the request with another unanimous vote. With that Mayor Douglass closed the open meeting and the council moved into a closed session at 7:14 p.m.

**City Council
December Meeting
On 12/13**

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Business Briefs with LindaLou Haines

Happy Holidays!

It is holiday gift shopping season. And, I usually hit you all with my annual lecture on the importance of shopping in Colfax first and Placer county second. By now you already know the reasons to shop locally (keeping tax dollars invested where you live, keeping and building a vibrant business district in our hometown and preserving local jobs).

A Colfax gift shop that is a local star is **Calico Palace**, which is in the **Mane Tamer Salon** where Railroad and E. Oak streets meet. Beth Miller's selection runs the gamut from exotic to practical to locally crafted. It is a small shop but it is worth a visit with your cash or credit card handy. Call first before a visit, 530-346-2041.

By the way, did you know that Beth is retiring at the end of this month? She is hoping to sell her business. Interested? Call her.

The **Wrecking Crew Cafe** at 30 N Main is going strong. It is open Monday through Saturday, from 7 to 3.

The **Snapdragon Organic Cafe & Shop** at 38 N Main is also going strong. It is open Tuesday through Saturday, 7 to 3.

You know the drill: At this point I remind you that my email is ready to receive your Colfax business news. That means within the city of Colfax limits, since it is our city that publishes this newsletter.

So, let me hear from you with your business news or a suggestion for a business that I have not written about yet.

LindaLouHaines14@gmail.com.

Thanks for reading this column and letting me know what you think. Happy New Year!

Colfax Lions Annual
COAT DRIVE
GENTLY USED
AND NEW
COATS ONLY
THIS YEAR
FOR FAMILIES IN NEED
IN OUR COMMUNITY
Please Contact
Lion Sharon Conners at:
530-305-6936 to arrange for pickup
Coats will be distributed at the
Colfax Lions Thanksgiving Community Dinner

Top 10 Reasons to Shop Local.



- 1 Strengthen your local economy.
- 2 Reduce climate change impacts.
- 3 Support community groups.
- 4 Keep our community unique.
- 5 Create more quality jobs.
- 6 Get better service.
- 7 Invest in your community.
- 8 Encourage local prosperity.
- 9 Put your taxes to good use.
- 10 Buy what you need. Don't buy the hype.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024 - 9AM-3PM
COLFAX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Holiday Gift Fair & Luncheon

**FOOD, CRAFTS,
GIFTS,
CERAMICS,
CARDS,
JEWELRY, ETC!**



**LUNCHEON
INCLUDES SOUPS,
CHILI,
SANDWICHES
& COFFEE**

CORNER OF CHURCH AND CULVER STREETS

SENIOR LUNCH

**& FUN ACTIVITY PROGRAM
3RD THURSDAY EVERY MONTH
FREE TO SENIORS 55+ • 12 noon - 2 PM**

 SPONSORED BY:
COLFAX LIONS AT THE COLFAX METHODIST CHURCH 59
CHURCH STREET, COLFAX

THE DATES FOR 2024

JULY 18	•	OCTOBER 17
AUGUST 15	•	NOVEMBER 21
SEPTEMBER 19	•	DECEMBER 19

PAVCAKES WITH SANTA

Pictures with Santa
Free gift of a toy
Kids eat free with each adult meal purchased

Sunday Dec 8th, 8am-11am
Colfax Veterans Memorial Hall @ 22 Sunset Cir



Suggested Donation
 Adults \$10
 Kid 5 & under Free
 Family of 4+ \$32



Trunk or Treat, 2024

The 2024 Colfax Trunk or Treat was a scary success. The Colfax Chamber of Commerce teamed with The Green Machine to close off most of the Main Street downtown to make room for ghouls, ghosts and skeletons.

While the trunks were the main attraction, there was lots to see in kids as well as parents who suited up to make for fun and scary viewing.

**Photos and Story by
Alan Shuttleworth**



Above – Main Street crowd

At right – Friendly skeleton, Mitchell Dawson

Below – Witch Drill Team



At top – L-R are Pam Rex-Small, Letania Chapman, Vicki Chapman, Theresa Robertson, Tina Tran, Kay Pena, Dale Shuttleworth.

Above – VFW Auxiliary L-R Suzanne Candler, Nancy Oberhelman Suzanne Roberts, Sharon Connors, Carole Park.



It's Window Painting Time

Do you have a business that would like to invite local kids to paint your windows for the Holidays?

Windows will be painted between Nov 25th & Dec 13th.

Contact Caroline McCully to sign up
530-400-1728

Business is responsible for cleaning their window after the Holidays

PLACER
FOOD BANK
Nourishing Communities

2022 PLACER COUNTY
Food Distribution Schedule



January	7	Roseville	8 -10 am
	11	Colfax	10 - Noon
	14	Sheridan	10 - Noon
	21	Lincoln	8 -10 am
	25	Foresthill	10 - Noon
	28	Rocklin	8 -10 am
February	4	Roseville	8 -10 am
	8	Colfax	10 - Noon
	11	Sheridan	10 - Noon
	18	Lincoln	8 -10 am
	22	Foresthill	10 - Noon
	25	Rocklin	8 -10 am
March	4	Roseville	8 -10 am
	8	Colfax	10 - Noon
	11	Sheridan	10 - Noon
	18	Lincoln	8 -10 am
	25	Rocklin	8 -10 am
	29	Foresthill	10 - Noon
April	1	Roseville	8 -10 am
	8	Sheridan	10 - Noon
	12	Colfax	10 - Noon
	22	Lincoln	8 -10 am
	26	Foresthill	10 - Noon
	29	Rocklin	8 -10 am
May	6	Roseville	8 -10 am
	10	Colfax	10 - Noon
	13	Sheridan	10 - Noon
	20	Lincoln	8 -10 am
	27	Rocklin	8 -10 am
	31	Foresthill	10 - Noon
June	3	Roseville	8 -10 am
	10	Sheridan	10 - Noon
	14	Colfax	10 - Noon
	17	Lincoln	8 -10 am
	24	Rocklin	8 -10 am
	28	Foresthill	10 - Noon
July	1	Roseville	8 -10 am
	8	Sheridan	10 - Noon
	12	Colfax	10 - Noon
	22	Lincoln	8 -10 am
	26	Foresthill	10 - Noon
	29	Rocklin	8 -10 am
August	5	Roseville	8 -10 am
	9	Colfax	10 - Noon
	12	Sheridan	10 - Noon
	19	Lincoln	8 -10 am
	26	Rocklin	8 -10 am
	30	Foresthill	10 - Noon
September	2	Roseville	8 -10 am
	9	Sheridan	10 - Noon
	13	Colfax	10 - Noon
	23	Lincoln	8 -10 am
	27	Foresthill	10 - Noon
	30	Rocklin	8 -10 am
October	7	Roseville	8 -10 am
	11	Colfax	10 - Noon
	14	Sheridan	10 - Noon
	21	Lincoln	8 -10 am
	25	Foresthill	10 - Noon
	28	Rocklin	8 -10 am
November	4	Roseville	8 -10 am
	8	Colfax	10 - Noon
	11	Sheridan	10 - Noon
	18	Lincoln	8 -10 am
	23	Rocklin	8 -10 am
	29	Foresthill	10 - Noon
December	2	Roseville	8 -10 am
	9	Sheridan	10 - Noon
	13	Colfax	10 - Noon
	22	Lincoln	8 -10 am
	27	Foresthill	10 - Noon
	29	Rocklin	8 -10 am

Sheridan Celebration Family Worship
Colfax Sierra Vista Comm Center
Lincoln McBean Park

5721 10 Street
 55 School Street
 65 McBean Park Drive

Foresthill
Rocklin
Roseville

Harrison Street Yard
 Johnson-Springview Park
 Denio's Farmers Market

24625 Harrison Street
 5480 5th Street
 1401 Church Street

Chamber of Commerce Notes and Events

December: A month of lights, snow, coziness, and feasts; time to make amends and tie up loose ends; finish what you started and make your wishes come true. — Unknown.



November has come and gone, and winter is here in full force. It's easy to get swept up in the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season and the pressure of office parties, school events and family functions. Let's remember to take the time to slow down, be kind in the checkout line and be present for each other.

This month I have the pleasure of introducing you to our member FRDM Print Company.

FRDM Print Company is owned by Chad and Kimm Ingersoll who have been screen printing for more than 15 years. They moved their operation from their spare bedroom to a store front in Grass Valley in 2022. They are a small family run

business, with a big heart, and they pride themselves on getting things done in a fast efficient matter. They pay close attention to detail, excellent quality, and exceptional customer service. They are a motocross racing family, who enjoy the freedoms of life.

Their services include personalized screen printing on shirts, hats, bags, stickers and more. They help to create your perfect design and provide excellent quality for a great price.

If you're looking for personalized gifts this Christmas or for a birthday, don't hesitate to reach out to Chad and Kimm Ingersoll.

To speak with Chad or Kimm please visit them on Facebook @ FRDM Print Co., IG: @frdm_print_co, by telephone at (530) 446-2948. Their shop is located at 13465 Colfax Hwy, Grass Valley, CA 95945.

As always, thank you from all of us at The Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce!

Amanda Palmquist, CACC President

Santa - Light Parade - Vendors - Fireworks
HISTORIC DOWNTOWN COLFAX
Winterfest 2024
December 14th
12-8PM
VENDOR SIGNUPS OPEN!
[Google form Vendor application here!](#)
 For questions please email:
ColfaxWinterfest@gmail.com



www.ColfaxChamber.com
99 Railroad St. (Physical),
PO Box 86 (Mailing),
Colfax, Ca 95713
(530) 346-8888

Pictures with **Santa** & The Sacramento Valley Garden Railroad Society's **Model Train Display**

Saturday Dec 14th, 2024
12pm-5:15pm
in The Colfax Theater



JOIN US FOR STORYTIME!



BABY LAPSIT
Books, songs, rhymes, bounces, and playtime for babies 0-24 months.

Auburn
Wednesdays 9:30am

Colfax
Wednesdays 10:30am

Granite Bay
Wednesdays 10:30am

Rocklin
Thursdays 10:30am

Kings Beach
Wednesdays 10:30am

Tahoe City
Fridays 10:30am



TODDLER TIME
Movement, songs, and books to develop First 5 skills for children ages 18-36 months.

Auburn
Thursdays 9:30am

Colfax
Thursdays 10:30am

Granite Bay
Thursdays 10:30am

Rocklin
Wednesdays 10:30am
&
Fridays 9:30am



PRESCHOOL STORYTIME
Stories, songs, and activities for children ages 3-5 years old.

Auburn
Fridays 9:30am

Colfax
Fridays 9:30am

Forest Hill
Thursdays 10:30am

Granite Bay
Fridays 9:30am

Rocklin
Wednesdays 9:30am


Kings Beach
Tuesdays 10:30am

Tahoe City
Thursdays 10:30am



Scan the QR code to visit our Storytimes page!

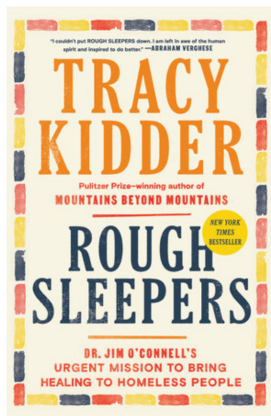




Colfax Library


AUTHENTICITY PROJECT


**WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 11
2:00-3:00pm**



ROUGH SLEEPERS

**WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 8
2:00-3:00pm**







Kiwanis®



Holiday Fundraiser Store

All profits support local community projects through the
Auburn Kiwanis Foundation

Raley's Shopping Center

13402 Lincoln Way (Next to Szechuan Restaurant)

Churches

Colfax Assembly of
God Community
Fellowship
252 Culver St., Colfax,
CA 95713
Email: colfagaog@
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
530-305-7526
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
530-269-9467
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/
colfaxca](https://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/colfaxca)

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

Sierra Vista Community 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>

Colfax VFW Auxillary 2003
22 Sunset Dr, Colfax, CA 95713
530-305-6936
VFW Auxiliary 2003@gmail.com
Website: <https://www.auxiliary.org>



12-19-2024 AMERICAN LEGION POST 192 COLFAX

3rd Thursday of the month veterans fundraising dinner at the Colfax Memorial hall.

Prime rib au jus with twice baked potatoes, green beans, rolls and dessert:

Nonalcoholic beverages served with dinner.



**Special Christmas
dinner (Prime Rib)
\$30.00 per
person.**

**Bring a gift of
\$10.00 or less to
swap with other
guests. Ticket
draw throughout
the evening. It
will be a fun night.**

**Adult Social hour
at 5PM, dinner
served at 6PM**

**Please call ahead
for reservations.
Commander's cell
916 216-8254
Lorrie's cell # 916
202-2851**

**POST 192
22 Sunset Circle,
Colfax 95713**

post192colfaxca.com

**New menu every
month**