

Colfax Connections

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Sewer Rates Going Up, Council Donates \$10,000 To July 3 Fireworks

By wstockwin@hughes.net

Colfax wastewater treatment rates are going up after a majority (4-0) vote in favor at the May 22 city council meeting. Council member Burruss was absent from the meeting.

The council had the option of raising rates by two, three or four percent as was explained again by the consultant in detail before the vote. Each option represents a cap that the city can't exceed without another Prop 218 process. It is allowed to lower rates under the cap, however, which inspired council member Larry Hillberg to close the discussion with a motion to cap rates at 3%, while keeping them at 2% for the next year. The rate will be reviewed each year and set to what is needed up to a 3% maximum yearly increase.

Council member Sean Lomen seconded Hillberg's motion, and the sewer rate issue was done for another five years. The rate raise will take ef-



fect at the start of the new fiscal year in July. In other business the meeting's second public hearing proposed adoption of a short-term rental

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Colfax Garden Club Wins City Beautification Awards

By Ingrid Elsel,
Chair, City Beautification Committee

Have you been downtown lately and noticed the flowerbeds at the corner of S. Main and West-Grass Valley and N. Main and West Grass Valley St.? They are currently in full bloom. The plants are mostly California native plants and are flourishing beautifully.

The flower beds were planted and are maintained by the City Beautification Committee of the Colfax Garden Club. The Colfax Garden Club is part of the California Garden Clubs and the Pacific Region Garden Clubs.

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Photos courtesy of the Colfax Garden Club

Colfax Soroptimist 2024 Awards



Left to right: Cynthia Eisenhut, Awards Chair-Colfax Soroptimist Club, Melanie Wolley, Live Your Dream Award, Ellen De Maria Walker, Ruby Award, Anna Reimers-Violet Richardson Award, Lily Patrick, Cathie Hunter Award and Kim Johnson the club president.
Photo by Alan Shuttleworth

The Colfax Soroptimist Club recently held a celebration dinner to present the club's 2024 awards honoring women and girls.

The Violet Richardson Award is named after Violet Richardson, the president of the first Soroptimist Club, which was in Alameda County in 1921.

As a volunteer service organization, Soroptimists believe that by acknowledging a young woman's volunteer service, she will grow up to be an active and contributing adult.

This year's Richardson winner is Anna Reimers. She is a volunteer at Auburn Acres of Hope which is devoted to empowering women and children who are experiencing emotional trauma. Her cash award is earmarked for supporting her fall college adventure.

The Ruby Award is named to honor Ruby Lee Minar, the first Soroptimist Federation President. The award is designed to honor women who have made extraordinary differences in the lives of women and girls. This year's award went to Ellen DeMaria Walker. She is a volunteer counselor at Stand Up Placer, which is devoted to support survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking.

The Live Your Dream Award is designed to motivate and support women who provide the primary source of income for their families. In addition, they are very motivated to achieve their goals and have been accepted to, or are currently enrolled in a vocational training program or undergraduate degree program.

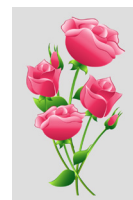
The goal of the award is to help women improve their economic

status by preparing them to enter the work force. This year's winner is Melanie Wolley. She is a single mom of two and will be receiving her AA degree in June. Her career goal is to be a nurse. Her cash award will support her college and home expenses.

The Cathie Hunter Award honors a former Soroptimist who was a leader in the Colfax Club, Colfax High School and the Colfax Community at large. She was a creative artist and was a prime mover in establishing the high school's first student computer laboratory. The award is designed to honor a female CHS student who exemplifies Hunter's life contributions.

This year's Hunter award went to Lily Patrick. She has created an actual "Giving Tree" on the Colfax High School campus. The concept is based on the Shel Silverstein book entitled "The Giving Tree." Students are encouraged to leave uplifting and empowering messages attached to the tree. The goal is to provide support to students who are in need of affirmation or support.

Soroptimist Awards chairperson, Cynthia Eisenhut noted, "Soroptimist International of Colfax members were thrilled to present awards of recognition to four local outstanding women and girls. We are delighted to be a part of empowering women and girls to be their very best. This is what Soroptimist International does around the world."



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Both organizations award prizes to Garden Clubs for city beautification.

Our Club had recently refurbished the flowerbeds with California native and other low-water-use plants. We wanted to demonstrate to our little community that waterwise plants make beautiful landscapes.

Our efforts were hugely rewarded: the Colfax Garden Club received a First Place Award for Civic Development from the California Gardens Clubs, Inc., and a First Place Award for Civic Development from the Pacific Region Garden Clubs, which includes eight western states.

The Colfax Garden Club is very proud of the recognition and will continue to work on making our little town a pleasant place to live.

June City Council Meetings – 6/12 & 6/26

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Business Briefs with LindaLou Haines

Flowers are back!

As 38 N Main St continues to evolve, we find flowers inside the front door. A florist shop, **Bloomin' Mountain Flowers** is sharing the front room with the **Snapdragon Provisions**, whose main space is the large room in the back.

I'd say that flowers and the focus of Snapdragon—a vegetarian/vegan menu to order or select from the Grab n Go frig, spices, and a variety of other healthy food and decorative items, plus coffee and tea specialities – complement each other very nicely.



Chris McNabb is the flower lady in Bloomin' Mountain.

She grows her flowers organically on her property at Cape Horn, and she specializes in Dahlias, Zinnias, Strawflowers, and lots more. She has nearby sources for other flowers and thus is available to do special orders.

Chris started her flower business when the pandemic hit in 2020. She also grows organic veggies and herbs.

Prior to getting into flowers as a business, Chris was a horse back riding coach for 40 years. She coached riders in Three Day Eventing, which is an Olympic sport. It includes Dressage, Cross Country and Show Jumping.

Flowers are available for sale everyday that Snapdragon is open: Tuesday through Saturday, 7 - 3, and Chris is in the shop full time Friday and Saturday, 8 to 2 and part-time the other days. She can be reached at 916-532-2309.



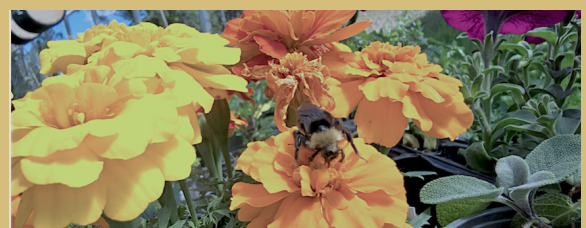
Photos courtesy Bloomin' Mountain Flowers

By the way, if you're wondering about **The Wrecking Crew**, they expect to be open in their new location at 30 N Main, former location of the Railhead Saloon, by the time you read this.

What else is new? **Sunny Rose Boutique** at 34 W. Church St, next to the post office, is hosting a consignment area for children with their gently used clothes and toys for sale. I took a tour of the new area and reacquainted myself with the enticing new and gently used clothes for women on a recent visit. There are always so many temptations in Sunny's selection of clothes for the Boutique.

Sunny Ricks owns both the Boutique and **Colfax Community Gift & Thrift** at 130 N Main. The Boutique is open Tuesday through Saturday, 11 to 4., and the Thrift store is open everyday: Tuesday to Saturday, 10 - 6 and Sunday & Monday, 10 - 2. Sunny's phone number is 530-512-5052.

To contact me with your Colfax business news, email me at lindalouhaines14@gmail.com.



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City Council from page 1

ordinance in a first reading before the council. If approved, the proposed ordinance would allow any single-family dwelling or accessory dwelling located in a residential or commercial zone to be rented on a short-term basis (30 days or less).

A yearly fee still to be determined would be collected. A fee structure mentioned during the council discussion ranged from \$500-\$1500. The ordinance also has a number of provisions to protect neighbors from rowdy renters. The item passed on a 4-0 vote and will return for a second hearing at a June meeting.

The meeting's last public hearing item proposed adoption of a zoning code amendment to the Mixed Use-1 (MU-1) zoning district to permit businesses other than retail in ground floor spaces in the downtown district.

The current MU-1 code requires "ground-floor spaces with street frontage be accessible to the public and that (retail) uses generate walk-in clientele to contribute to the pedestrian experience

along Main Street."

City staff has been contacted by businesses interested in buying or occupying vacant Main Street front spaces, but the current code does not permit any of the proposed uses. The code amendment will allow for more flexibility for vacant commercial spaces in the downtown area. After a brief discussion, the move to approve passed on a 4-0 vote.

Funding for the July 3, 2024 fireworks was the only item of city business. Festivals-of-Cali-805, located near Santa Barbara, is this year's event organizer and asked for a donation of \$5,000 to \$8,000. City manager Ron Walker verified that the General Fund non-profit event fund was down to \$6,399.81.

Council member Lomen suggested the council donate \$10,000, even if it meant making a budget adjustment. After some discussion, he turned that into a motion that council member McCully seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

City Council Reaffirms Eventual Skate Park's Intended Location

By wstockwin@hughes.net

There were two skate park items on the **May 8 City Council meeting agenda**. In the first one city staff asked the council to consider if the current proposed location for a skate park, next to the Splash pad in Lions Park, is the best site for the project. Or is there a better, alternative location?

After reminding her colleagues that the costs of building the project on the old swimming pool site would be subject to change orders at discovery of any unforeseen conditions, council member Trinity Burruss opened the discussion by suggesting the Lot of Arts on South Main St. as a less expensive, if smaller, backup site for the project. Redesigning the project footprint again for the smaller space would also be required.

Council member Sean Lomen declared that he was against changing the location, receiving support from Ty Connors, a PCSO Sgt. and public front man for the project being sponsored by the



Green Machine.

"The existing site is already zoned for recre-

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ational uses,” Lomen said. “The Lot of Arts is in the city’s historical district, is half the size of the current site and will need a variance and environmental studies that will blow out the current timeline of getting started in 2025.”

Connors said that moving and redesigning the project would risk losing donors, when the current design and location fit the existing budget. Council member Larry Hillberg reminded his colleagues that they had yet to see a final project design and budget. The discussion ended with the council agreeing to keep the current site.

Mention of the project budget moved the discussion to the second skate park agenda item, that being the proposed agreement with Placer County that would add \$205,000 to the project’s funding. The 20-year agreement would require the city to allocate nearly \$400,000 to the project, including fees, grants and donations. All

plans would have to receive county approval, and construction would have to be completed no later than 12/31/2026.

The sticking point for some council members was the agreement’s requirement that the city maintain and operate the skate park for 20 years, or reimburse the county on a prorated basis depending on if and when the city terminates the agreement before then.

Three council members wanted to submit an amendment to the county that would soften the agreement’s penalty clause for not keeping the skate park open 20 years, if it has to be closed for reasons beyond the city’s control. Lomen disagreed, but he was eventually outvoted 3-1. Hillberg had to recuse himself because his property is immediately adjacent to the project site.

The council also approved a new two-year contract not to exceed \$84,897 with the county for animal control services on a 5-0 vote.



2022 PLACER COUNTY Food Distribution Schedule



Month	Date	Location	Time
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
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 24625 Harrison Street
 5480 5th Street
 1401 Church Street

Chamber of Commerce Notes and Events

To read a poem in January is as lovely as to go for a walk in June.
– Jean-Paul Sartre



It was with heavy hearts that we heard the news of **Mi Ranchito's** closing, as well as the **Wandering Wardrobe**. Closing chapters in our lives as well as businesses can be hard, and there will be a grieving process as we miss the clothing styles offered by Rochel and the delightful Mexico food from Mi Ranchito. We at the Chamber wish them the best in the new seasons of their lives, as they transition to something new.

For the rest of us in the Colfax area, as we wind down in May looking to June and the promise of summer, sun and vacations, let us keep in mind all of the local events that we can support this summer.

We had the pleasure of hosting a ribbon cutting for two of our newer members, **Kayli's Pawlished Pooches** and **Hounds & Haircuts** on May 4th. There were raffle prizes and fun all around, despite the storm passing through. We will have an in-depth article on both organizations soon.

The Chamber has continued to host a Coffee & Conversations on the first Thursday of the month at The Train Depot from 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Plus there is an hour of free notarizations for those attending that need it. We have had guests ranging from the city manager, Placer County DA, a Sacramento attorney, and NID representative to name a few. We look forward to the time spent with fellow Colfaxians and the chance to listen to education content and carve out time to discuss businesses and how we can support you.

The second Thursday of the month is reserved for our Board Meetings, and we have been opening up The Train Depot from 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. for those wanting to come by and discuss getting

involved with the Chamber or any Chamber-related questions.

Thursdays are SVC Farmer's Market downtown on Main Street and Sierra Vista Community Center is still accepting vendor applications. Colfax Lions are hosting their cruise night on the third Friday evenings from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Main St. and is open to all car enthusiasts. Cruisin' Cars is paired with the Art Walk staged by local artists.

Colfax Veterans Memorial Hall is offering their all-you-can-eat breakfast the second Sunday of the month, and Sierra Vista Community Center is hosting their monthly Flea Market on the third Saturday. All are local family friendly events are meant to add to the richness that is Colfax living at its best. If you're looking for something a little faster paced, the Veterans Memorial Hall hosts monthly Bingo to those 18 + on the third Saturday of the month.

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

Amanda Palmquist, CACC President



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Website: <https://colfaxhistory.org>

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PO Box 1801, Colfax, CA 95713
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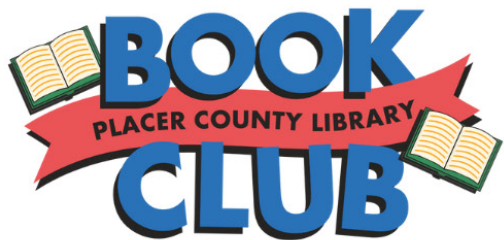
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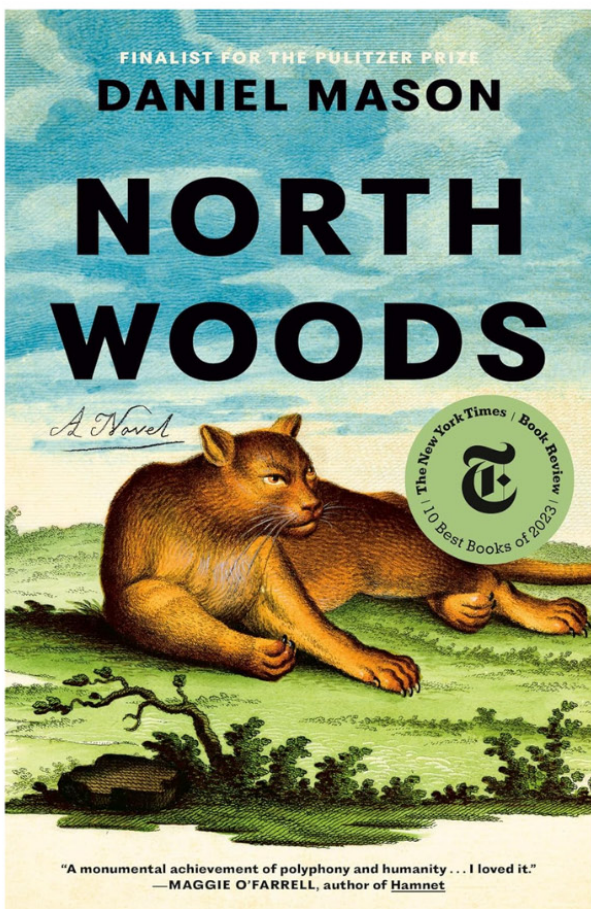
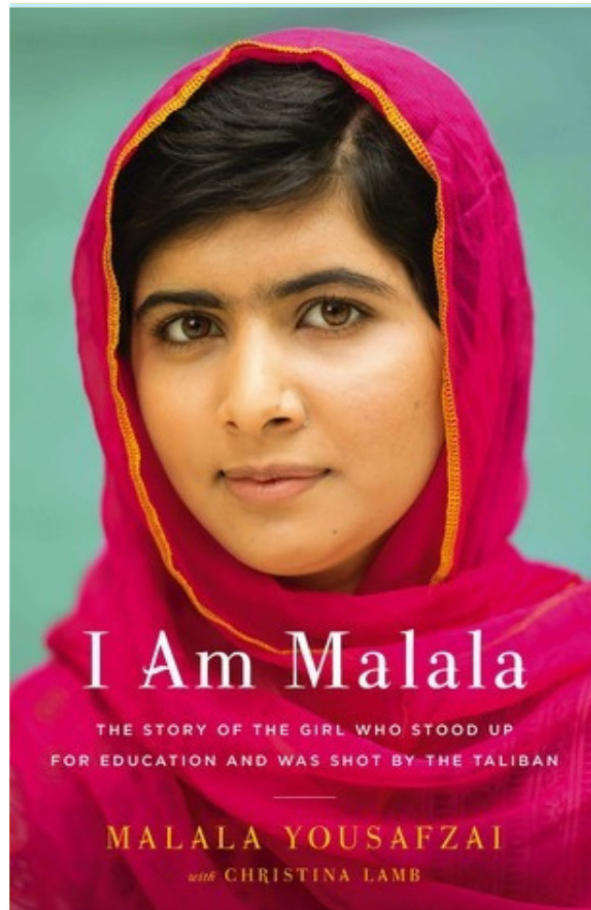
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