

# Colfax Connections

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## City Council Approves Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrades

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With Mayor Sean Lomen absent from the city council's **August 13 meeting**, Mayor Pro Tem Caroline McCully gaveled the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

After moving the meeting quickly through the early agenda that had a unanimously passed consent calendar, but no presentations, public hearings or public comment from the five people in the audience, she heard council and staff reports before getting down to three pieces of council business.

The first item asked the council to approve spending \$163,550 for a new Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system at the waste water treatment plant, because monitoring alarms in the existing system are no longer working. After a brief presentation from Chief Plant Operator Matt Anderson on the alarms being critical to keep the city from running afoul of state water board regulations and requirements, the item passed unanimously.

And speaking of state water board violations, the second item of council business dealt with a settlement with that state agency over 15 Permit Discharge Violations that occurred through most of 2024. In lieu of fining the city, the water board agreed to allow the city

to spend an equivalent amount (\$36,000) to correct the problem that caused the illegal discharge. The council's 4-0 vote closed the issue.

The final business item returned the proposed MOU (memorandum of understanding) between the city and the Sierra Vista Center (SVC) to the council for further discussion.

At its June 11, 2025 meeting, the council received a request from the Sierra Soar non-profit organization to assist with raising funds to improve the basketball gym at SVC.

The Council voted to donate just \$2,200.00 to the program, specifying that the funds be used only to support the basketball program, but not for any upgrades to the community center until a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was negotiated between the City and the SVC to establish rights of access.

Council members Larry Hillberg and Trinity Burruss were tasked with producing the required MOU, and after meeting with SVC board members in early August reported their prog-

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### Colfax Named Finalist for National Levitt AMP Music Series Grant

Colfax has been named a finalist in the national public voting round for the 2025 Levitt AMP Music Series Grant — a competitive program that supports free, high-quality outdoor concerts in small to mid-sized communities across the United States. Colfax is one of only 100 communities nationwide to reach this stage, made possible through a collaborative effort led by the Historic Colfax Downtown Association.

If awarded, the grant could provide up to \$120,000 in matching funds over three years, supporting as many as 10 free, professionally-produced concerts each year in downtown Colfax. In 2024, only 33 cities received funding through this program.

Public voting runs from **Sept. 5 to 15, 2025**, and broad community participation will be essential. Learn more about the proposal and how to support Colfax's application by clicking the link below.

**See [historiccolfax.com](https://historiccolfax.com) for more information**



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ress at the council's August 13 meeting. Both council members described their meeting with the SVC board members as a positive step toward improving the relationship between SVC and the city.

They both agreed, however, that developing something in writing that would clarify the relationship between the city and SVC, and be satisfactory to both sides, was going to require more time.

McCully then adjourned the meeting to a closed session.

The council convened its **August 27 meeting** as a threesome because council members Larry Hillberg and Trinity Burruss were absent. And, lasting only 16 minutes from start to finish, if it wasn't the shortest council meeting on record it's certainly in the top two.

There was one item of official business on the agenda, dealing with mold at Fire Station 38 on Church Street.

A recent inspection revealed areas of mold and rot, and laboratory testing confirmed the diagnosis. Two remediation companies looked at the job, but only one submitted a bid. Reactic Restoration got the job for \$20,951.20, with a 20% contingency. The item quickly passed unanimously with no



The local VFW Auxiliary is raffling a quilt made by Carole Park during Colfax Railroad Days on Sept. 13-14. All proceeds will benefit veterans across the country. The price is \$5 for six tickets. Contact Sharon Connors (530-305-9636) or Lorrie LeFevre (916-202-2852) for more information.

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# Colfax Bazaar Planned For November 8

The first Bazaar earlier this summer was so well received, with 23 vendors and an estimated 1,000 shoppers, that another one is planned for November 8, at the fruit sheds on Railroad St., 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Photos by  
Erin Newington

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## Business Briefs with Lindalou Haines

They've moved! Wait, who's moved?

They haven't moved from 38 N Main St, however, they have moved... from the back room to the front room to be more visible to prospective customers coming in from Main St.

All the sofas are in the back room now, which is set up like a lounge. The main room of the cafe is the front room, where you place your orders and can sit at tables, as you used to do in the original configuration of the business.

Of course, I am talking about **Snapdragon Provisions**, the vegan and more cafe. All the same items for sale. All the yummy coffee and tea and chai hot or iced drinks. My favorite is the Signature Latte (Espresso, White mocha, Pistachio milk, Macadamia syrup). All the same breakfast



**Stunning, full-sized wall mural inside the store.**

and lunchtime items to nosh. So, don't fret about the changes in space. That hasn't changed anything else. For example, their well-known soups and salads are still being served.

It is still owned and operated by Kallie Moore and Taylor Moore. Kallie told me about some of their upcoming plans for the lounge room, which will be used as a community space.

Starting this month they have plans to continue their monthly, family evening events with live music, small plates of food and mocktails using china plates and glass glasses. What are mocktails? They are non-alcoholic cocktails in a variety of flavors, made with fresh ingredients and no sugar.

Bloomin Mountain Flowers will still be sold at Snapdragon, but the florist, Chris McNabb, will no longer be on site.

Kallie wants to spread the word: **THEY ARE HIRING!** Give her a call at the number for Snapdragon, 530-920-0804. Also, you can check out Snapdragon's website, [SnapdragonProvisions@protonmail.com](mailto:SnapdragonProvisions@protonmail.com). You can also find Snapdragon on Facebook and Instagram @SnapdragonProvisions.

They are open from 7am to 3pm Tuesday through Saturday. Plus, event nights, they are open 6 to 9pm.

Please email me your business news, **LindaLou-Haines14@gmail.com**.



**L to R: Alexis Paterson, Kallie Moore (owner).**

**Photos by Alan Shuttleworth**



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HISTORIC DOWNTOWN COLFAX  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

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Event by  
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## Chamber of Commerce Notes and Events

*"September days have the warmth of summer in their briefer hours, but in their lengthening evenings, a prophetic breath of autumn."* — Rowland E. Robinson



September is here and is full of hope and longing of what might be. School is back in session, the weather is cooling down and you can smell the changing seasons in the air. The whispers of caramel apples, pumpkin pastries and a warm cup of coffee are calling to us as we look forward to fall.

Looking forward to the possibilities of what is to come at the Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce, we have the privilege of working with many amazing businesses, and this month I have the honor of thanking everyone that made the Taste of India Dinner possible!

First and foremost, thank you to Paul Raj's family for coming out and serving the tastiest Indian food that Colfax has had the opportunity to enjoy. He showed up with multiple generations to cook, serve, clean and provide a wonderful culinary experience for all that made it out to the dinner. We truly could not have had this wonderful meal without each of you.

We would like to thank some of our members that donated raffle items: Thank you VFW Auxiliary, TJ's Roadhouse, Rigid Roofing, The Footpath Shoes, Smarter Broadband, Bloomin Mountain Flowers, DJ A-Game, Colfax Visitor Center, Arco AM/PM, Subway and various artists from our very own Colfax Farmers Market! You made the evening memorable with your stories and amazing raffle items.

There were many community members that walked in the kitchen to offer their services, whether it be emptying the trash cans, washing dishes, sweeping the floor and various other ways. It's times like this, when we see a community of people coming together to enjoy great

food, good music and the best company, that I am reminded of what I love about this area we get to call home.

In other exciting news we have the regular monthly offerings in Colfax of Markets, Bingo, Food Pantry and the Art Walk, as well as Railroad Days on the 13th and 14th. Railroad Days is a free, family friendly event where you can expect plenty of good food, refreshments, model train displays and vendors selling a variety of wares. It is the celebration of Colfax's role in the building of the transcontinental railroad (see <https://colfaxrailroaddays.com> for more information).

As always, we appreciate each of you and remind you to look out for announcements regarding our upcoming monthly mixers and ribbon cuttings. Check out our full calendar at [www.colfaxchamber.com](http://www.colfaxchamber.com).

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

**Amanda Palmquist**  
President CACC



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# HISTORIC COLFAX RAILROAD DAYS

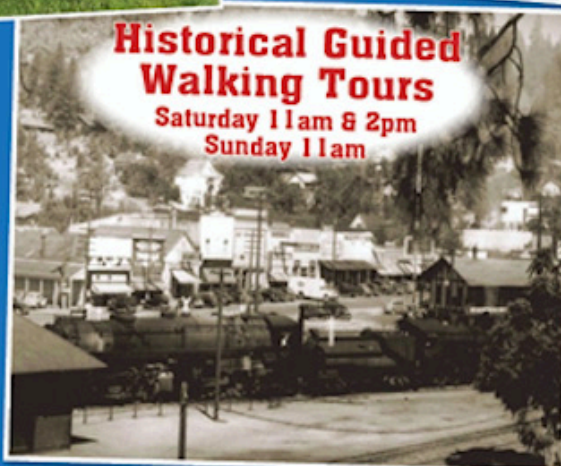


## FREE FAMILY EVENT!

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY**  
**Sept. 13 & 14 – 10am-5pm**  
**Downtown Colfax**



- Black Flag Gang
- Union Pacific
- Model Train Exhibits
- Beer Garden
- Craft Vendors
- Quilt Show
- **FREE! KIDS ZONE**
- Guided Walking Tours  
 – Saturday 11am & 2pm – Sunday 11am
- Mormon Battalion 1840's Camp
- Car Show – Sunday





**American Legion Post 192** fifth annual appreciation dinner to honor our great 1<sup>st</sup> responders.

Spaghetti dinner Saturday, October 4, 2025, social hour starts at 5pm and dinner starts at 6pm. Meatless plates available. A special thank you to the **VFW post 2003 Auxiliary**, of Colfax, for their generous food donations and help with the event.

Colfax Veterans Memorial Hall 22 Sunset Circle.

**Free admittance** for everyone with reservations in advance (donations are always welcome). A bar will be open for those that wish to have an adult beverage.

For reservations please call Hank at 916 216-8254 or Ric at 530 305-7526 email [commander@post192colfaxca.com](mailto:commander@post192colfaxca.com) or [rictetrault@yahoo.com](mailto:rictetrault@yahoo.com)



Representatives from Congressman Kevin Kiley's office, Supervisor Cindy Gustafson, and Mayor Sean Lomen, from the city of Colfax are among the invited guest speakers. Come out, have a good time and bring your family.



## 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/  
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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>

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530-305-6936  
VFW Auxiliary 2003@gmail.com  
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