

# Colfax Connections

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## Mitigation Fees Reviewed And Approved By The City Council

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The public hearing for the annual review of the city's mitigation impact fees was the city council's main item of business at its **February 25 meeting**. Four council members were present, council member Kim Douglass was absent.

Colfax municipal code requires city hall to produce and review an annual report on the fees imposed on projects to defray the costs of public facilities related to a development project.

During the public hearing the council can receive comments from its staff and from the public before determining whether the current mitigation fees remain pertinent to development impacts, or whether the specified public facilities the fees support are still needed.

Separate fund accounts are maintained by the city for each of the nine mitigation fee types, including: roads, drainage, parks and recreation, city buildings, city vehicles, downtown parking, fire construction, and recreation construction fees.

These funds earn and accumulate interest, and all expenditures from the funds are for the sole purpose for which the

City of Colfax  
Annual Report on Mitigation Fees Per Government Code 66000  
AB1600 Statement - Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Analysis of Change in Fund Balance

	Roads 210	Drainage 211	Trails 212	Parks & Rec 213	City Building 214	City Vehicle 215	Downtown Parking 217	Fire Construction 302	Recreation Construction 303	Total
Beginning Balance 07/01/24	\$ -	\$ 5,755.71	\$ 79,958.02	\$ 198,700.22	\$ 69,958.54	\$ 23,590.51	\$ 36,395.88	\$ 84,481.62	\$ 84,482.10	\$ 583,322.60
<b>REVENUE</b>										
Fees Collected*	25,811.10	19,103.97	153.04	794.44	9,803.53	1,854.71	8,326.52	14,073.20	14,073.24	93,993.75
Interest Earnings	557.23	674.23	3,640.07	9,054.65	3,393.58	1,113.03	1,835.17	4,142.53	4,142.55	28,553.04
Other Revenue										
Transfers in										
	26,368.33	19,778.20	3,793.11	9,849.09	13,197.11	2,967.74	10,161.69	18,215.73	18,215.79	122,546.79
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>										
Project Expenditures										
Refunds										
Transfers Out										
Revenue Over/(Under) Expenditures	26,368.33	19,778.20	3,793.11	9,849.09	13,197.11	2,967.74	10,161.69	18,215.73	18,215.79	122,546.79
Ending Balance at 06/30/25	\$ 26,368.33	\$ 25,533.91	\$ 83,751.13	\$ 208,549.31	\$ 83,155.65	\$ 26,558.25	\$ 46,557.57	\$ 102,697.35	\$ 102,697.89	\$ 705,869.39

fees are collected.

There were no questions from the public or council, and the item passed on a 4-0 vote.

On **February 12** the council held its first town hall meeting with members of the public in a setting that permitted an open discussion between council members and the public without the restrictions of an official council meeting.

Suggested city improvements



included the following:

- A small playground with covered seating, solar panels and Wi-Fi in downtown.
- Adding rear fencing to the Lot of Arts.
- More monthly events at the Sierra Vista Community Center.
- A portable merry-go-round in downtown.
- Spending excess funds on city staff to increase employee retention.
- Council raises.
- Opening a dog park.
- Increased signage directing traffic from I-80 to downtown.
- Paying down the state loan on the sewer plant.

Mayor Caroline McCully asked each council member to prioritize that list of suggestions prior to the next meeting on April 9.

The meeting's final item of business was a request for \$5,000 by the Historic Colfax Downtown Association (HCDA)

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# THE COLFAX BAZAAR

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**HISTORIC COLFAX DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION**

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to support five, free outdoor concerts on Main Street that will occur between May and September.

HCDA director Erin Newington explained that the donation would help maintain the momentum produced by last summer’s successful “Brews and Grooves” free music concert in the Lot of Arts.

Mayor pro tem Larry Hillberg characterized the requested donation as “an investment, not an expense” before moving to approve the request which passed on a 3-1 vote. Mayor McCully was the lone dissenting vote, saying she felt that HCDA hadn’t raised enough money from other sources before asking for a city donation.

The **February 11 city council meeting** opened with only four members on hand due to Trinity Burruss being absent.

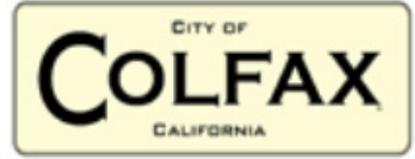
Mayor Caroline McCully moved the meeting quickly to council business, starting with the annual audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. Ingrid Sheipline, managing partner for the auditing firm Richardson and Co, LLP, declared it a “good, clean audit” in her short presentation.

Among the highlights she mentioned:

- General Fund revenues exceeded expenses by \$1.9 million.
- The city has an unrestricted/unassigned General Fund balance of \$5.6 million, plus \$1.3

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## Business Briefs with Lindalou Haines

### 'Let it move you'

**Zumba**, that is. Colfax certified Zumba teacher, Aglaya Hernandez, describes Zumba as dance-oriented, aerobic movement to fast-paced, mostly Latin-inspired music. Zumba comes from Columbia where it was created in 2001.



Left-to-right – Scott Thompson, Aglaya Hernandez, Kari Rohrer.

Aglaya, a retired nurse of 22 years, and her husband Scott moved from Grass Valley, where she had been teaching Zumba, to Colfax in December 2023. The next month she started teaching Zumba here at Sierra Vista Community Center. Her classes are Monday through Thursday, 9 to 10 a.m.

When Aglaya moved to Colfax, she found a ready group of Zumba enthusiasts who wanted to join a new class. The previous class had to close due to covid, and those students were eager to find a new class. So, Aglaya's moving to town was a

welcome opportunity for a new Zumba class. Aglaya found the community she was looking for, and the students found a Zumba teacher. The recent class I observed included 11 women and 2 men. It was fun, high-energy, loud and easily accommodated folks of all ages and all levels of fitness and athletic ability. The students were laughing, were clearly enjoying themselves, and they all followed Aglaya's lead. She believes that fitness without fun is not sustainable.

Aglaya is available to do fundraising for local groups, like Bunco Babes. Also, she is into entertainment. Remember their performance at Trunk or Treat last October when the class performed the Witches' Dance and then led the Monster Mash for kids to join in.

In addition to being certified to teach Zumba, Aglaya is also certified to teach Zumba Toning, some of which she incorporates into each class. Student Joy Ledward told me, "It is so much fun, you forget how hard you are working."

For more information about Zumba in general, go to this website, [Zumba.com](https://www.zumba.com). For more information about Aglaya's classes or other activities or to sign up for your free first class, call or text Aglaya at (530)826-6627.

Contact me with your Colfax business news, [lindalouhaines14@gmail.com](mailto:lindalouhaines14@gmail.com).



Left-to-right – Kari Rohrer, Betty Featherston, Tracy Soule, Joy Ledward, Marilyn DeMarco, Karen Charles, Kate Stewart.

Photos by Alan Shuttleworth

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million of reserves.

- General Fund reserves increased by \$95,000.
- General Fund revenues exceeded the budget by \$832,000.
- The unrestricted Sewer Fund reserve increased to \$3.6 million, with an operating reserve of \$545,000, and capitol projects reserve of \$700,000.

Sheipline said the audit found no internal control weaknesses, and that the city had “complied with all laws and regulations material to the financials.”

Other council business included approving a resolution adopting a policy to streamline affordable housing consistent with Senate Bill 35, that passed on a 4-0 vote.

The meeting’s last official business item was a resolution authorizing the city manager to enter into a professional services agreement with Wood Rogers Engineering to plan and design the Shady Glen Community Consolidation Project for \$1.3 million as approved by the State Water Board in 2025.

The project will send wastewater generated by the Shady Glen community to the Colfax Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP).

Wood Rogers spokesman Jim Fletter said that funds to upgrade the Colfax WWTP to accommodate the additional Shady Glen effluent had not yet been approved by the state, and could take one to two years for the Water Board to approve construction funding. The resolution was unanimously approved.

**Council Meetings In April  
Will Be On The 8th and 22nd**



It was announced at the February 25 city council meeting that the Big Boy is going to be in Colfax on Sunday, April 12 for a 45-minute stop. The giant steam engine is scheduled to arrive at noon.

Photo by Tom Parnham

# Allie Montgomery Wins Colfax Lions' Student Speakers Contest

Story by Alan Shuttleworth

The Colfax Lions Club recently hosted their annual Student Speakers Contest.

The state-wide contest has been held since 1937 and gives young people an opportunity to examine social problems that exist in our world today.

This years' topic is "Youth Mental Health: Overcoming Barriers to Well Being."

The contest also provides an opportunity to see young people putting forward sound ideas to address societal challenges.

This years' Colfax Club winner is Colfax High School Junior, Allie Montgomery. Madalyn Sigrist was runner-up.

Colfax Lions Club Contest Chair Alan Shuttleworth noted that, "The contest gives me comfort that there are young people who have concrete ideas to address world issues."



Left-to-right: Contest winner Allie Montgomery, runner-up Madalyn Sigrist, contest chair Alan Shuttleworth. Photo by Dale Shuttleworth

A Lions Club Zone level contest was held at the Higgins Diggins Lions Community Center on February 28.



## Yankee Jims Bridge Replacement Update



Work on the Yankee Jims Bridge Replacement Project continues to move forward, with construction activity ramping up in recent weeks.

Placer County reminds the community that Yankee Jims Road remains closed between Gillis Hill Road and Shirttail Canyon Road, and will stay closed throughout the duration of the project.

Progress on the project includes controlled blasting, performed by contractor FlatironDragados, to break up rocks and earth to make room for a bridge foundation, abutments and roadway approaches. "Because of the remote location with limited access, it's imperative that our contractor close the roads to ensure safety for drivers, workers and the public," said Placer County Engineering Manager Kevin Ordway.

The historic Yankee Jims Bridge was built in the 1930s and has a total load capacity of just three tons, or 6,000 pounds. While the one-lane bridge has served the rural community for decades, it is now considered structurally deficient and cannot safely accommodate many modern vehicles or emergency response equipment.

Due to its historic significance, the existing bridge will remain in place. A new two-lane



arch suspension bridge is being constructed just downstream to improve safety and access.

Motorists who typically use Yankee Jims Road to travel between Colfax and Foresthill are detoured to Foresthill Road for the duration of the project. Recreational access in the area will also be restricted during construction.

**Story and photos from [placer.gov/10695/Yankee-Jims-Progress](https://placer.gov/10695/Yankee-Jims-Progress)**

## Chamber of Commerce Notes and Events

*By March, the worst of winter is over, and so hope springs once more and calls on us to make real the dreams of winter – Unknown*



While winter months give us a chance to rest, reset and relaunch into the new year, March is the month to make dreams a reality.

Snow came fast and hard last month, and we can look forward to longer, warmer days and the feeling of having time to put our dreams into practice.

This month I am proud to introduce one of our members that dreamed big and launched his store, **West Coast Trains**. West Coast trains is owned and operated by Chachi Macchietto, and he shares his love of all things train with the community and his son Nick.

At West Coast Trains they believe in honoring the rich heritage of our nation while driving the hobby forward. Whether you are a seasoned collector of model trains or looking to start your first layout, they are committed to delivering precision-engineered models that bring the thrill of the railroad into your home.

For more than a century the model trains have bridged generations, turning living rooms into bustling railway hubs and hobbyists into master engineers. The world of model trains is not just about nostalgia, however, it is a thriving, evolving hobby that combines meticulous craftsmanship with modern technology.

Chacchi and his son Nick love trains and hope to share their passion with you. They have a wide variety of trains and frequently attend Train shows where they set up models and answer a myriad of questions.

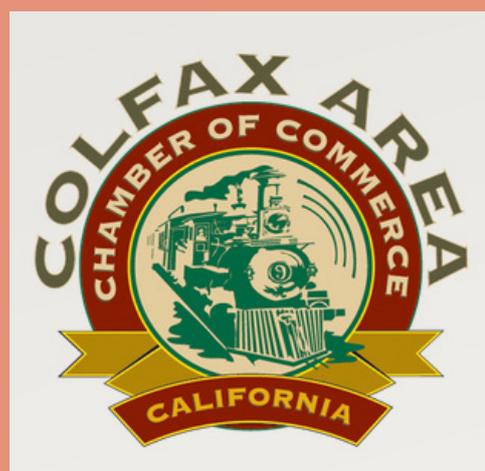
To learn more about West Coast Trains and to

view their masterpieces in person, they can be reached by telephone at (530) 446-2940 or in person at 16282 Mount Olive Road, Chicago Park, CA. Their website is [www.westcoasttrains.net](http://www.westcoasttrains.net).

As always, look for ways to get involved in the community. The city council holds meetings on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The Chamber hosts a Coffee and Conversations on the first Friday of the month at the Train Depot from 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. As always, thank you from all of us at the Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce.

**Amanda Palmquist, CACC President**



[www.ColfaxChamber.com](http://www.ColfaxChamber.com)

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- Colfax: Wednesdays 10:30am
- Granite Bay: Wednesdays 10:30am
- Rocklin: Thursdays 10:30am
- Kings Beach: Wednesdays 10:30am
- Tahoe City: Fridays 10:30am

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



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- Auburn: Mondays 9:30
- Colfax: Fridays 10:30am
- Foresthill: Thursdays 10:30am
- Granite Bay: Fridays 10:30am
- Rocklin: Wednesdays 10:30am
- Kings Beach: Tuesdays 10:30am
- Tahoe City: Thursdays 10:30am



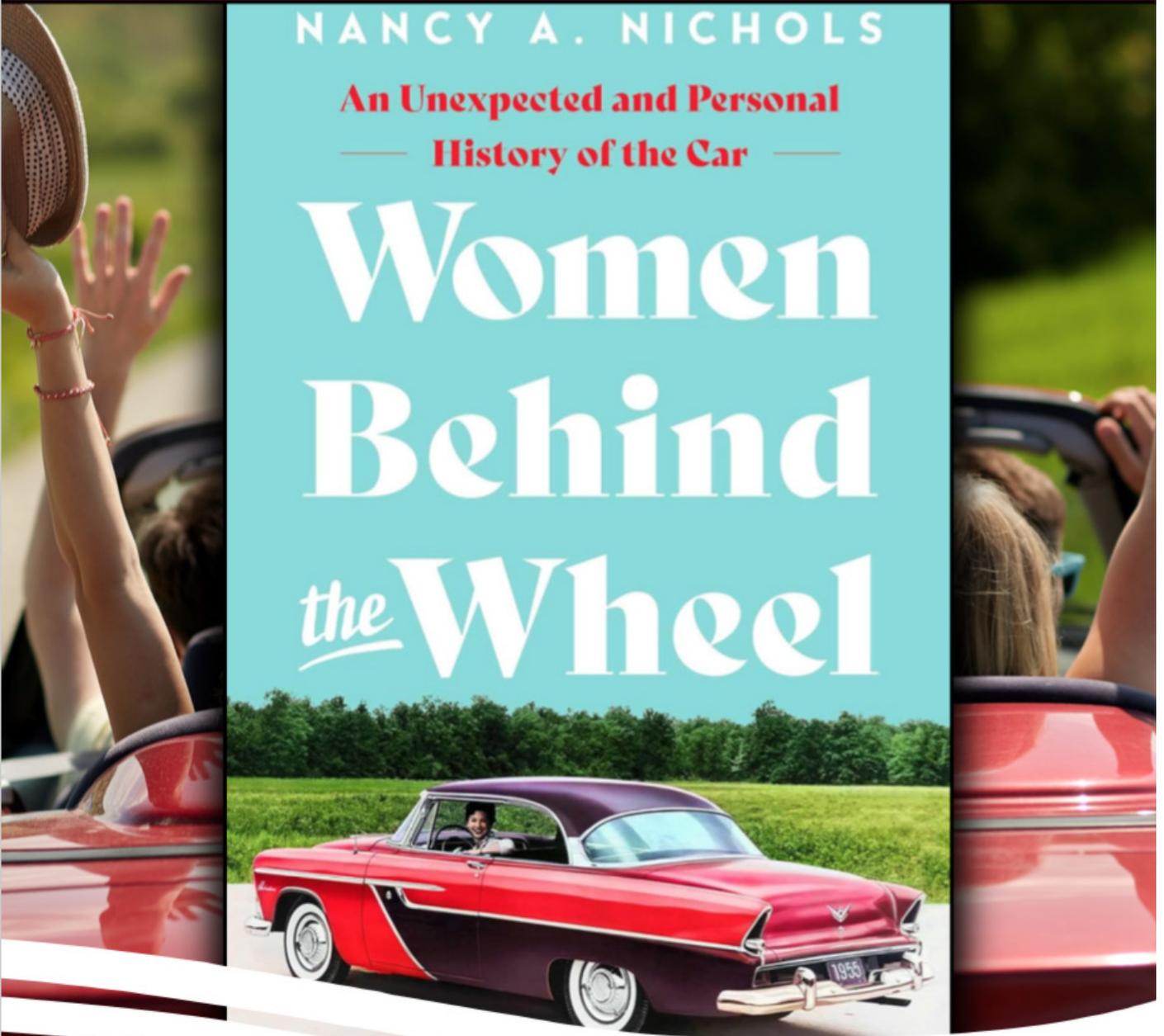
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NANCY A. NICHOLS

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# Women Behind *the* Wheel



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## Churches

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Community  
Fellowship

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CA 95713

Email: colfaxesog@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>

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>

Colfax Lions Club  
PO Box 664, Colfax, CA 95713  
530-477-2533

Website: <https://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/colfaxca>

Colfax Visitors Center  
99 S. Railroad St., Colfax, CA 95713  
530-346-8888

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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22 Sunset Dr, Colfax, CA 95713  
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# March Workshops

# CRAFTFOLK



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## Community Craft Club

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Saturday, 1-3pm, \$40

## Winter Tree Pruning & Care 101

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Tuesday, 6-8:30pm, \$80

## Leather Bound Journals

*Mar*  
**10**  
2026

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