

Colfax Connections

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City Council Approves Bid To Build Colfax Skate Park, 4-0

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The **April 16 Special City Council meeting** lasted 49 minutes and ended on 4-0 vote to accept a \$534,733 bid from Newline Skateparks to build a skate park in Colfax on the site where the city swimming pool used to be.

Council member Larry Hillberg, whose property on Day St. is immediately adjacent to the site of the future skate park, was required by law to recuse himself from the vote.

The total project cost to the city, including construction, testing and inspection services will raise the price to \$565,733, and a construction contingency fee of 10% could round the final price up to \$619,206.

Funding for the skate park includes: a \$205K Placer County grant, a \$177,952 State Parks grant, \$100K from City Parks & Rec Fund, and

\$54,714 Green Machine funding. The city council approved \$13,000 for testing and \$18,000 for inspection, and also committed to funding a contingency plan of \$53,473 that likely won't be needed due to the purchasing agreement.

The bid also included a list of 17 work items that the bid will not cover, so the city's costs could be even higher before the project is finished.

The skate park bid proposal was the only item on the night's agenda. Nineteen members of the public spoke on the item: 17 in favor of accepting the bid, with two against because the final project cost to the city was still unknown when the vote was taken. Several of those in favor of accepting the bid do not live in Colfax.

The **April 8, 2026 Colfax City Council meeting** opened with one council member – Kim Douglas – absent, council member Trinity Burruss attending via the phone, and no official council business on the agenda.

Because one council member was on the phone, the only vote taken – to unanimously pass the consent calendar – was a roll call vote.

Mayor Caroline McCully then moved quickly through the agency reports to a presentation on the Draft Placer County Activation Transportation Plan (ATP) by Senior County Transportation Planner, Cory Peterson. The presentation was a quick overview of the project, and a brief discussion followed.

For more information contact Cory Peterson at 530-823-4032 or cpeterson@pctpa.net. The draft plan can be reviewed at pctpa.net/atp.

May 2026 City Council Meetings Will Be Held On The 13th and 27th

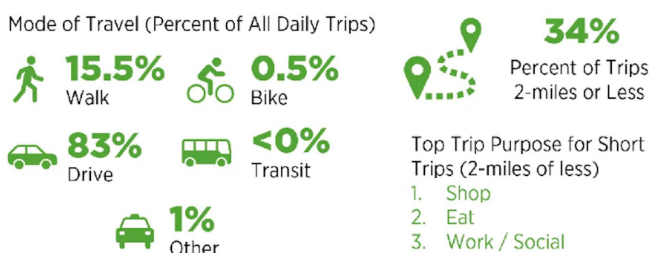
Who Lives In Colfax?



Safety Statistics



How Do People Get Around?



Note: travel data is based on a small population size and should be considered as an estimation of general trends.

Graph courtesy of PCTPA

FEMA Program Will Increase City’s Wild Fire Resistance

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A seven-million-dollar, home-hardening and defensive space wildfire protection program funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is about to start in Colfax.

Mike Luken, a former interim city manager here in Colfax, who now works for 4LEAF, Inc., a construction management company in Fair Oaks, said homeowners will have to put up 10% of the cost and the city will put up the remaining 90% to be reimbursed later by FEMA.

Luken said that there are 800 residential parcels that could be eligible for the program in Colfax. “The first thing that we will do is determine which parcels are eligible with an environmental review by a team of experts to create a list of no-issue parcels (seen in green on the map below) that have no biological, cultural or historic

resources that would have to be mitigated before starting work. Residences on the parcels must also be no older than 45 years.”

He said the project would initially be marketed to no-issue parcels first, which will include single family dwellings, duplexes, fourplexes and mobile homes. “We can’t do any interior remodels or aesthetic changes,” Luken said. “The program is about making your home safer from fire.”

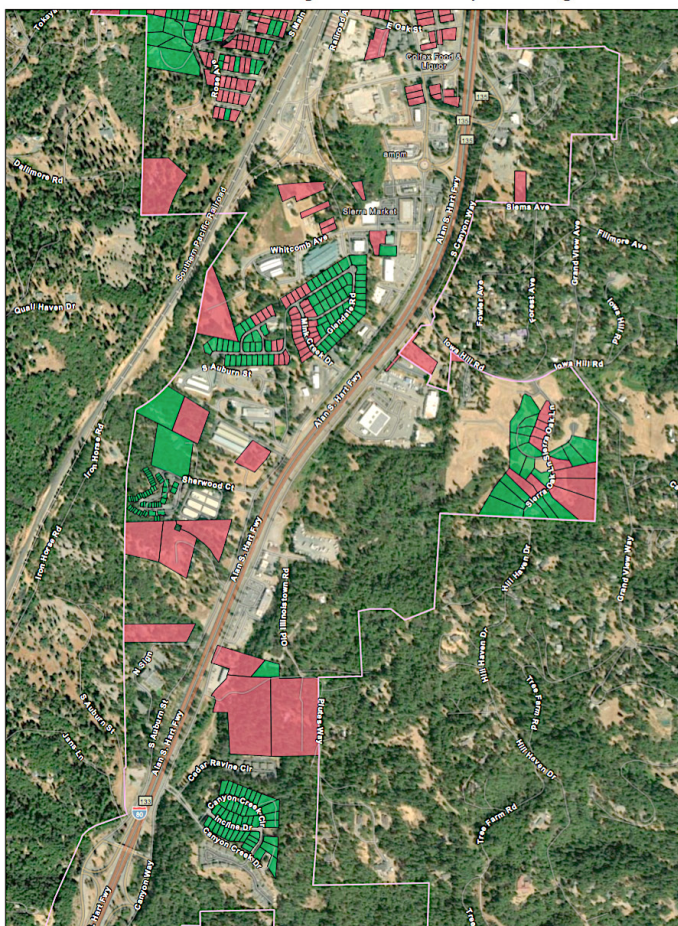
The program will also require the homeowner to do both the home hardening and defensive space aspects of the program, and when the work is done they will also have to maintain the defensive space for a period of 5-10 years. Luken said that because it’s a government project, the work will be done at prevailing wage, and that 4LEAF will make an effort to find local contractors.

“There will be no income requirements and anybody can submit an application via an online process at fireside.com,” Luken said. “Renters will need the property’s owner’s permission to apply.”

After the application is made, 4LEAF will do a property assessment and develop a scope of work to be done before an agreement between the property owner, city and the contractor will be signed. Luken said the project could run for 2-3 years and he thinks the FEMA funding will be enough to do 100 homes.

“Project administrator Matt Walbeck and I will be out in the community promoting the project as soon as the door hangers are printed. We’re hoping to get at least eight properties in the cue this summer,” he said. “If we can to that, we expect the actual construction work to get going in the fall and next spring.”

Colfax Home Hardening & Defensible Space Program



**The SVC Farmers Market
starts May 14th, on South Main St. in
Colfax, open 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

Update From Supervisor Cindy Gustafson



I want to recognize Bridget Powers, who is retiring at the end of this month after many years of dedicated public service.

Bridget has had an incredible career serving Auburn and Placer County, including her time on the Auburn City Council and as Mayor.

She brought a wealth of knowledge and experience to our office, especially when it came to land use, development, and working through complex planning issues.

More importantly, Bridget brought a deep commitment to the people of District 5. She has been a steady, thoughtful presence, someone constituents could rely on, and someone our team leaned on every day. Her ability to listen, build relationships, and navigate challenging issues with care and professionalism made a lasting impact on our office and the communities we serve.

I am incredibly grateful for her service, her dedication, and her friendship, and I look forward to hearing about her future adventures!

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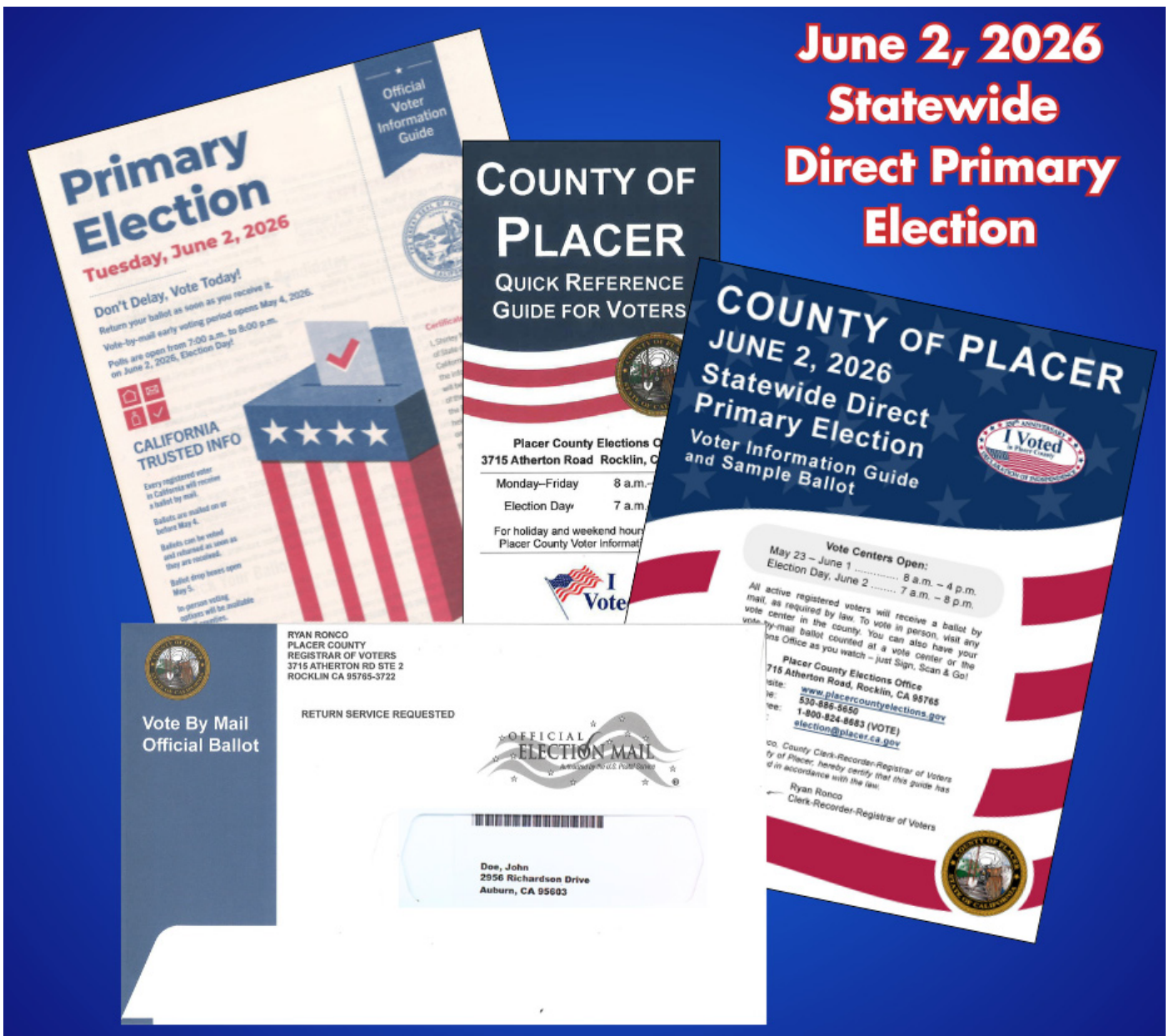
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Digital copies can also be found on the Chamber's Website at (www.ColfaxChamber.com) and on the City's Website at (www.colfax-ca.gov).



Voting materials for June 2 primary soon on their way!

The June 2, 2026 Statewide Direct Primary Election is just a month away – are you ready to vote, Placer?

State and county voter information guides have been mailed to all eligible voters – review them closely to see offices and measures on the ballot, your voting options, drop box and vote center locations, important deadlines and much more. **Voting materials will be in the mail no later than May 4.**

Placer County will operate 29 official ballot drop boxes and 30 regional vote centers during the June primary – drop boxes open May 2 and vote centers will begin to open May 23. Want to watch your ballot being counted? Use “Sign, Scan & Go!” at the Elections Office as early as May 4 or at any open vote center starting May 23.

Questions? Visit our website at www.placercountyelections.gov, call 1-800-824-8683 (VOTE), email election@placer.ca.gov or visit us in person at the Elections Office at 3715 Atherton Road in Rocklin.

LindaLou Haines and Business Briefs will be back in June.

Tacos for Fireworks

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo &
Taco Tuesday with the



3RD of JULY

Tacos, Burritos, Drinks,
Margaritas & Music

Tuesday May 5th
430-730pm
Roy Tom Plaza



Colfax Lions Club 2026 Easter Egg Hunt

The Colfax Lions recently welcomed Spring with a decades old traditional Easter Egg hunt. The weatherman approved and provided a warm and sunny day for dozens of youthful egg hunters.

Divided by age groups to provide a level competitive field, children scoured the grassy terrain at the Community Ball Park grounds. Lucky hunters in four age groups found golden eggs which later were traded for a well-stocked basket of goodies.

Head Bunny, Josh Alpine said, "We finally got a sunny day to celebrate. To make for a super special day for the kids, we doubled the egg numbers to 1400!"

Top right – The Big Bunny (Lion Josh Alpine) and Miss Spring (Lion Nancy Oberhelman) in their Easter finery.

Center right – Egg hunters scour the landscape for a golden egg.

Below – Golden Egg winners pose with The Big-Bunny and Miss Spring to show off their Golden Eggs. L-R are: Phoenix Whitehurst, age 2, Naomi Kubat, age 7, Miss Spring, Big Bunny, Rayden Bevan, age 10, Thomas Weber, age 11.



Photos & Story by
Alan Shuttleworth



Colfax Garden Club



Plant Sale

Saturday, May 9, 2026

8:00am to 2:00pm

Roy Toms Plaza, Downtown Colfax

Varieties of Plants & Garden-Related Items

Veggies, flowers, shrubs, trees,
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& SPRING PLANTING!

Chamber of Commerce Notes and Events

Fear is useless. What is needed is trust. As social innovators we've got to be tenacious, gritty and courageous. We deal with cynicism and rejection, especially when what we're working on is important. So we can never give up. Ever.

Jim Ziolkowski



As we refocus, revive and refresh, we want to invite you to join our board! This is your opportunity to join the Colfax Area of Commerce to connect with your community, represent your town and make an impact in the greater Colfax area.

Most professionals want to make a meaningful impact beyond their day-to-day work. Serving on the board of your local Chamber of Commerce offers exactly that opportunity. We offer a chance to combine leadership, community engagement, and strategic influence in a way few roles can match.

At its core, a Chamber of Commerce exists to support local businesses, strengthen economic growth and advocate for a thriving community. But these outcomes don't happen automatically. They depend on committed individuals, who are willing to step forward, contribute their perspective and roll up their sleeves to do the work needed to arrive there. That's where board members come in.

One of the most compelling reasons to join the board is the ability to directly influence your community's economic direction. Board members help shape initiatives that support small businesses, attract investments, and improve the overall business climate. Instead of reacting to change, you can become a part of the group creating it!

Communities don't grow stronger by accident. They grow because individuals choose to invest their time, insight and leadership where it matters.

Joining the Chamber of Commerce board is one of the most direct ways to do exactly that. Take a chance to shape your community's future!

To learn more about joining the Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce board, we can be reached in person at 99 Railroad Street, Colfax CA 95713 or by email at colfaxareachamber@gmail.com. Our website is www.colfaxchamber.com.

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 starting at 6:00 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. Thank you from all of us at The Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce.



www.ColfaxChamber.com

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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>

Historic Colfax Downtown Association
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Colfax, CA 95713
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info@historiccolfax.com

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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
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Sierra Vista Center
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Soroptimist International of Colfax
PO Box 475, Colfax, CA 95713
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VFW Post 2003
22 Sunset Dr., Colfax, CA 95713
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- Kings Beach: Tuesdays 10:30am
- Tahoe City: Thursdays 10:30am



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