

Colfax Connections

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City Council Approves Entertainment Zone For Special Events

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The **May 13 Colfax City Council meeting** opened with all five council members present, city attorney Conor Harkins attending via phone and city manager Ron Walker filling in as city clerk.

During agency reports Placer County Sheriff Sgt. Toby Williams was asked to rein in children on electric bikes on city streets, and CHP public information officer Jason Lyman advised caution on I-80 over the summit where he said the CalTrans summer construction season was in full swing.

There was one public hearing on the evening's agenda, regarding the establishment of an entertainment zone in the downtown historic district.

At this time, the entertainment zone ordinance is being drafted for use during major public events held in the historic district, including the 3rd of July Celebration, Railroad Days, Winterfest, and the new Summer Concert Series.

An entertainment zone would allow members of the public to responsibly consume alcoholic beverages within designated areas of the event zone. Participants would be required to undergo age verification and receive a wristband, and beverages would be served in approved



Chapter 12.28: Entertainment Zones, establishes entertainment zones within Downtown Historic District of Colfax (outlined in yellow) to create managed, safe, and enjoyable public spaces where residents and visitors may gather, explore, and enjoy the districts. By authorizing the responsible consumption of specified alcohol-

cups. All beverages, cups, and operational procedures would be subject to approval by the City Manager and the Placer County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) to ensure compliance with applicable laws and all public safety requirements.

ic beverages on designated public streets, sidewalks, and rights-of-way, this chapter provides for orderly public enjoyment consistent with public safety. Entertainment zones must be operated in conjunction with City sponsored special events such as 3rd of July, Railroad Days, WinterFest etc.

Future plans include expanding the ordinance to allow participation by local businesses and to support regular weekend activities in the downtown area.

The rationale for creating an

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Downtown Colfax 3-10pm

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entertainment zone, which is allowed by state law, is that it would promote and enhance economic activity in the downtown historic district. Beer, wine and mixed drinks would be served in plastic cups to persons 21 years of age and older between 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Sundays and designated local, state and federal holidays.

The first item of council business, the appointment of Gabrielle Christakes as the new city clerk also passed on a 5-0 vote.

A 3rd of July funding request for a donation of \$5,000 to help fund this year's fireworks display was next on the agenda. Caroline Presson, owner of the Wrecking Crew bakery on North Main St. and the event organizer, said that \$15,000 had already been raised but was still \$10,000 short of the \$25,000 target set for the event. The council granted the \$5,000 donation with a 4-0-1 vote. Mayor Caroline McCully recused herself from the vote without an explanation.

Authorizing city manager Ron Walker to submit claims for local and state transportation funds totaling \$240,405 was next up, prompting a motion to approve by council member Trinity Burruss, a second from council member Larry Hillberg before passing on a unanimous vote.

Scheduling a public budget workshop for May 20 was the

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LindaLou Haines Will Return In July's Issue

Colfax Lions Kindle Program At Local Elementary Schools

Super star readers are again celebrated at three area elementary schools. Statewide, Lions have supported Literacy as a focal point of the clubs' philanthropic efforts. At a local level, Colfax Lions have chosen to recognize outstanding student reading achievement by awarding Kindle electronic readers to selected students.

Story by Alan Shuttleworth,
Photos by Dale Shuttleworth



Colfax Kindle Winners 2026

Front Row L-R

Thomas Chandler, grade 3, Sterling Lordier, grade K
Weston Asher, grade 1

Back Row L-R

Danielle Fee, Principal, Maddie Taylor, grade 5
Sawyer Zimprich, grade 4, Genesis Melgar-Espana, grade 2,
Tealiya Holcomb, grade 7, Alan Shuttleworth, Colfax Lions Club



Alta Dutch Flat Kindle Winners 2026

Back row L-R

Shana Brown, Superintendent/
Principal, Alan Shuttleworth,
Colfax Lions Club

Front Row L-R

Haedyn McCrill, grade 5
Maddy Ramos, grade 3
Castell Ramos, grade 7



Chicago Park School Kindles Winners 2026

Back row L-R

Amy Kubat PTA Readathon Chair, Alan Shuttleworth, Colfax
Lions Club, Katie Kohler, Superintendent/Principal, Lincoln
Regan, grade 7

Front row L-R

Naomi Riccio, grade 4, Nolan Riccio, grade K.
Absent and not pictured were Rowan Moody, grade 4, Braxlee
Firchau, grade 6

Soroptimist of Colfax Presents The Ruby Award to Rexanne Simpton

By Dale Shuttleworth

Rexanne Simpton was recently honored by Soroptimist of Colfax with their annual Ruby Award.

This recognition honors women who, in their personal or professional world, make significant differences in the lives of women.

Rexanne is the coach of the legendary Colfax High Women's Basketball team and teaches Math at Weimar Junior High School.

She is donating her cash award to girls' sports at Colfax High.



Left to right - Sonja Keller, Soroptimist President, Rexanne Simpton, Ruby Award Winner Dale Shuttleworth, the Soroptimist Foundations Chair.
Photo by Pam Rex-Small

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last piece of official business before the council adjourned into a closed session.

The May 27, 2026 council meeting opened on time with all council members present except for council member Trinity Burruss.

The Entertainment Zone ordinance that was introduced and approved at the May 13 meeting passed without further discussion via the consent calendar and will take effect on June 26, 2026.

A Colfax Visitor Center funding request for a \$1,200 donation was the first of two official council business items.

Center Director Amy Andrews

said the money would go towards new display cases, storage cabinets, better outdoor signage, and new marketing and promotional materials for tourists.

After a brief discussion, the donation was increased to \$2,200 and then passed with a unanimous vote.

The last item of business acknowledged the growing backlog of deferred street maintenance in Colfax due to insufficient local revenues and unpredictable grant funding sources.

City manager Ron Walker said the \$20-25 million in deferred road work on city streets has city hall considering placing a revenue measure on the ballot in a future election to generate

local funding via a 1% sales tax to be used only for voter-approved street repairs and reconstruction.

Approval of this item would not place a tax immediately into effect, but would authorize city staff to begin the planning and preparation process for putting a revenue measure up for public consideration in a local election. The ordinance would require a two-thirds majority of local voters to pass according to California law.

The item passed on a 4-0 vote and the council adjourned into a closed session featuring two items of real property management negotiation.

June city council meetings will be on the 10th and 24th

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Chamber of Commerce Notes and Events

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there's something new
everyday.*- Dolly Parton

School is winding down, summer is here and we're all looking forward to longer days and warmer weather. There are many amazing events in the area happening this summer. One of the ways to get involved and get out will be at the 80th Anniversary celebration of **Soroptimist International of Colfax**.



At the Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce we proudly recognize and celebrate the contributions of Soroptimist International and its dedicated local members, whose commitment to improving the lives of women and girls continue to strengthen our community.

For decades, Soroptimist has stood as a beacon of empowerment, education, and opportunity. Through scholarships, mentorship, leadership initiatives, and direct community service, the organization has created lasting change for countless individuals and families. Their mission to help women and girls achieve their individual and collective potential reflects the very values that help communities thrive.

Our local Soroptimist volunteers stand out and show us what it means to be led with compassion and purpose. Whether they're organizing educational programs, supporting survivors of domestic violence, funding, or partnering with local nonprofits, their efforts have reached beyond fundraising.

If you're looking for a way to celebrate, the impact they have in the lives of women around us, there's no better way than to join them at their upcoming soiree. Soroptimist International of Colfax will be celebrating their 80th Anniversary on June 13 in style.

They are holding a semi-formal dinner at the

VFW Hall with a no host bar and champagne toast to celebrate. Seating is limited and tickets can be purchased directly through a QR code provided on social media.

To learn more about Soroptimist International of Colfax, they can be reached by mail at PO Box 475, Colfax CA 95713 or by telephone at 530-637-4878.

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 & 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.

Amanda Palmquist, CACC President



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Social Organizations

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