

Colfax Connections

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Council Approves 1% Tax Ballot Measure For Road Maintenance

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At the end of the regular council meeting on June 24, the council moved immediately to a **Special Meeting** with one agenda item: a proposed ballot measure for the November 2026 election that needed to be submitted to the county election office by July 1. Mayor pro tem Larry Hillberg protested the meeting's short, 24-hour notice to the council and the public with the only 'No' in the 4-1 vote in favor. The measure will need a two thirds vote from city voters to pass and reads as follows:

City of Colfax Streets, Sidewalks, and Roadways Maintenance Measure

Shall the measure to construct, maintain, repair, and replace streets, sidewalks, roadways, and other public infrastructure within the public right-of-way, including storm drains and sewers, by adopting a 1% transactions and use (sales) tax providing approximately \$1,864,000 annually until ended by voters, with independent audits, public spending disclosure, and a citizens' oversight committee, and all funds spent locally, be adopted? YES NO

The **June 10 city council meeting** opened with all council members present except for Trinity Burruss.

Mayor Caroline McCully moved quickly through the agenda preliminaries to the consent calendar, which passed on a 4-0 vote but not before mayor pro tem Larry Hillberg asked McCully to read the Colfax Visitors Center thank-you letter for a \$5,000 donation from the city at the May 20th meeting.

There were a pair of public hearings on the agenda, the first requesting collection of delinquent sewer service charges on the Placer County Tax Roll for Tax Year 2026-2027. The proposed reso-

lution in favor passed with a 4-0 vote.

The second public hearing was an item continued from the May 27 council meeting in regard to eliminating the separate definitions and requirements for small versus large Community Care Facilities, and to create a single set of requirements for all facilities. After a motion to approve by council member Sean Lomen and a second by Hillberg, the item passed 4-0.

There were three items of council official business. The first was a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute an agreement with Placer County Department of Health and Human Services for Animal Control and Care Services for a three-year term in an amount not to exceed \$134,912.

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Currently the city is paying \$10,416.95 per quarter, and \$41,667.80 annually. For fiscal year 2026-2027 charges stated in the contract are \$40,758.96 annually, which equates to a 2% reduction for the first year of the agreement. The following two fiscal years may include potential increases dependent upon the Consumer Price Index. The item passed 4-0.

At the **May 21, 2026 city council meeting**, the council reviewed and accepted the Fiscal Year 2026-27 proposed draft budget. After some discussion, the council gave staff direction to update the city council economic development budget item of \$30k. Staff reduced the economic development line item in the city council budget, to \$15k with an updated process for donations of funds to local non-profit organizations.

A line item was created in the central services budget for events. \$15k was moved to that line item for any events the council approves spending the funds on.

Mayor pro tem Hillberg objected to earmarking potential donation funds before approving the budget, which passed 4-0 with direction to staff to return the economic development item to a future agenda for further discussion.

The final item of council business was a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute a Construction Services Agreement with Simpson & Simpson, Inc. and a Consultant Services Agreement to Psomas and Geon Consultants, Inc. for the

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Road Rehabilitation Project 2026.

The project will be funded with a grant of \$1,232,488.24 and a City funding match of \$139,352.18 for a total of \$1,371,840.42.

The item passed on a 4-0 vote.

All five members of the city council were present for the **June 24 meeting**.

It took three attempts to pass

the five-item consent calendar. Three items passed on the first vote, but the \$43,144.04 price for a new forklift for the waste water treatment plant generated a long discussion but eventually passed on a unanimous vote.

The fifth item, the employee handbook update, was initially tabled when the council protested it had not had sufficient time to read the 170-page document.

After the city manager briefly

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walked the council through the 26 substantive changes the item passed unanimously.

The sole piece of official council business was the renewal of the agreement with the Placer County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) for law enforcement services that is due to expire at the end of June.

The renewal will run from 2026 to 2029, and cost the city \$3.5 million to be paid in quarterly payments ranging from \$270,513 to \$301,087 in the third year.

Mayor pro tem Hillberg was the only desenting vote after asking the PCSO representative if Colfax citizens were paying more than county citizens for equal service, and not receiving a clear answer. The item then passed 4-1.

City Council meetings in July will be on the 8th and 22nd



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Business Briefs with Lindalou Haines

The **Wrecking Crew Bakery & Cafe** at 30 N. Main has old and new favorites ready for customers to enjoy. And, many specials are coming for the July 3rd celebration.

Owner Caroline Glenn Presson and her family are long-time denizens of Colfax. So, she enjoys bringing her breakfast and lunch treats to her community.

The list of her regular menu items includes: Biscuits & Gravy, Waffles, Italian sodas, Popping Boba, Cold brew and Bagel bombs.

Plus, Buffalo chicken, Sandwiches and Wraps, Sourdough French toast and Omelets. This is just a sampling of her menu.

Caroline's specials for the big July 3rd celebration include a variety of items that are all Red, White and Blue:

RWB cake and cookies and RWB drinks, such as RWB Lemonade and the "Firecracker," which includes blue Gatorade, white Coconut water & red strawberry punch.

Plus, items from the everyday menu will be available. For the July 3rd celebration, they expect to stay open later, as long as they have business.

The family owned and operated Wrecking Crew is located at 30 N Main St., Monday through Saturday, 7 to 3. You can call them at (530)537-5085.

You can email me with your Colfax business news, LindaLouHaines14@gmail.com.



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Chamber of Commerce Notes and Events

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— Harper Lee



Summer is in full force and there have been many events giving us numerous opportunities to join in the excitement around our community. From Summer concerts to a Gala, from bingo to the Farmers Market, and now to the Summer Festival by Colfax Baptist Church. There's fun to be had for all ages.

This is the 18th Annual Summer Festival and it is a FREE school supply giveaway. The Festival will be held on Saturday, July 25, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. at Colfax Baptist Church located at 24850 Ben Taylor Road, Colfax CA across from both the Elementary and High School.

There will be a large bounce house, face painting, cotton candy, popcorn, wordless bracelet making for children and wordless keychain making for teens. Free Bibles, encouraging words, a "selfie" photo booth, prize drawings and other giveaways, a cannon that shoots out soft toys, and much more.

Many community organizations will be hosting a booth, and some will have prizes for parents as well as the students.

Some of the organizations involved will be: The Green Machine, Colfax VFW Auxiliary, Auburn Interfaith Food Closet, Colfax Elementary School, California Highway Patrol, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce, The Colfax Lions Club, The Gideons, and the Link Crew from Colfax High School.

Everything is free and the school supplies are for students of all ages, kindergarten to high school. This event is sponsored by Colfax Baptist Church

(with contributions from other community organizations and individuals).

If you would like to volunteer at the Festival or host a table with supplies for the children, please reach out to Pastor Gary Howard. He can be reached through Colfax Baptist Church at (530) 346-8110 (Address: 24850 Ben Taylor Road, Colfax CA 95713).

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.

Amanda Palmquist, CACC President



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The official ground breaking for a Colfax skatepark.

Colfax Soroptimists Present Awards To Kelley Green and Kara Dieterichs

The Live Your Dream Award is designed to help women who have faced economic or personal hardship to live their dream.

The award gives the recipient funds to achieve their career goals. This year's winner of the Live Your Dream Award is Kelley Greene.

The Ruby Award honors women who, in their personal or professional lives, have made significant differences in the lives of women in their community.

For 2026, The Colfax Soroptimists have selected Kara Dieterichs as a Ruby Award winner.

Kara is a teacher at Colfax High School and coaches both the girls' and boys' CHS soccer teams.



From left to right – Kelley Green, Dale Shuttleworth, Kara Dieterichs. Photo by Alan Shuttleworth.

BINGO

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55 School St. Colfax

Churches

Colfax Assembly of God Community Fellowship

252 Culver St., Colfax, CA 95713

Email: colfaxesag@gmail.com

Website: <http://www.colfaxesagca.org/>

Colfax Baptist Church

24850 Ben Taylor Rd., Colfax, CA 95713

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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.colfaxesumc.org/>

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witnesses

944 Canyon Way, Colfax, CA 95713

530-346-2525

Website: <https://www.jw.org/en/>

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589 E. Oak St., Colfax, CA 95713

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Seventh Day Adventist

454 Scholtz Ave., Colfax, CA 95713

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Website: <https://www.colfaxesdachurch.com>

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Latter-Day Saints

1875 S. Auburn St., Colfax, CA 95713

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Social Organizations

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22 Sunset Dr., Colfax, CA 95713

530-305-7526

Website: <http://norwellpost192.org>

Historic Colfax Downtown Association

P.O. Box 396

Colfax, CA 95713

(916)548-9198

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Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce

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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

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Soroptimist International of Colfax

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