

Colfax Connections

Council Vote Opens Door To Increased Cannabis Business

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At its August 26 meeting the Colfax City Council unanimously passed a pair of resolutions that potentially open the door to expanding commercial cannabis businesses in Colfax.

Retail sales will still be limited to medical cannabis, however.

The first resolution approved the commercial cannabis business permit application procedure. The second resolution established and adopted fees to process those commercial cannabis business permit applications, and the annual regulation of cannabis businesses in Colfax.

The council, along with its staff and consultant, has been developing and fine tuning the scope

and content of these resolutions during several public workshops since January.

Starting September 25, 2020, applications to operate a cannabis business in one or more of four areas including cultivation, distribution, manufacturing and testing will be available at City Hall, or on the city's Website, www.colfax-ca.gov. The deadline for submission will be 4:00 p.m., November 24, 2020.

A total of eight (8) commercial cannabis business permits will be available, with a maximum of two (2) permits allocated for each of the four identified cannabis activities. Applicants may also apply for a microbusiness permit to engage in cultivation, distribution, and manufacturing.

The application procedure will

entail a three-phase review and recommendation process, zoning verification and background check.

For a single owner applying for a single activity commercial permit, the fee required upon application submission would be \$8448. Unused application fees will be returned if an application is rejected.

Those interested in getting into some aspect of the cannabis business are strongly advised to go to City Hall or the city's Website for a copy of the Commercial Cannabis Permit Application Procedure Guidelines.

In other business, following a public hearing, the council unanimously directed the city manager to prepare and sub-

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Quick Response Snuffs Fire At South Main and Newman Streets

Colfax Volunteer Fire Captain, Sean Lomen, said that the fire started in the evening on Sunday, August 18 at Newman and S. Main Streets, in the green belt between the railroad tracks and S. Main Street. The cause of the fire is still under investigation. The fire was contained approximately 15 minutes from time of dispatch. Units from Colfax City Fire Captain 36 and B37, Cal Fire B2313 and E2363, Placer Hills FPD E86 and WT86, and Rocklin B25 responded to the incident.

Photo by Tim Ryan



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mit a grant application to the California State Department of Housing and Community Development for \$60,224. The funding was made available through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act passed by Congress in March, 2020.

The money will be used to assist those, whose employment has been adversely affected by the shelter-in-place orders, by subsidizing their rent or mortgage payments, water, sewer, power, garbage and cable/internet obligations for a period up to three months.

September 21 is the deadline

for submitting the city's application, and the city manager said it would take at least a month to get the funding.

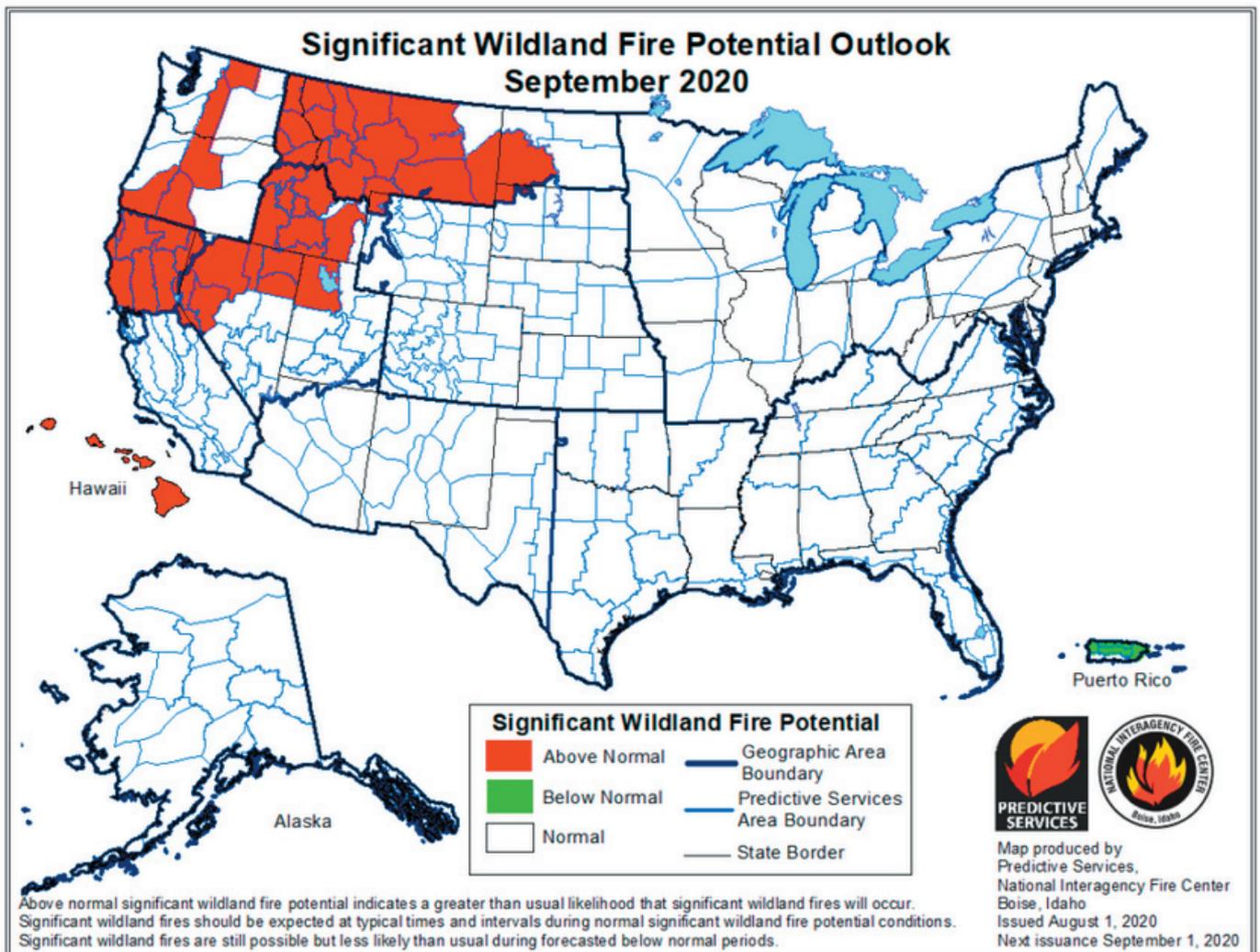
He also said that determining how the money will be disbursed would be based on requests from citizens that will

be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the city's contractor.

The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be September 9, 6:00 p.m. Check the agenda for how you can attend the meeting remotely.

Roundabout Wins Another Award

The Sacramento Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA) has named the Colfax South Auburn Street and Westbound I-80 On/Off-Ramp Roundabout as its Transportation Project of the Year. The APWA Sacramento Chapter Awards Program recognizes public works projects that demonstrate excellent management, administration, design, sustainability, construction and community relations, as well as the strong alliance among the managing agency and the designer, contractor and construction management team who worked together to complete this project. An award plaque will be sent to the city, as there will be no public ceremony due to the pandemic



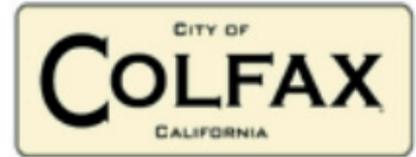
Update From Supervisor Cindy Gustafson

The county continues to work toward finding a way to safely balance public health with an economy that sustains our residents through this pandemic. In addition to recent communication our Board of Supervisors has had with state officials, Supervisor Bonnie Gore and I joined local leaders from several jurisdictions in Placer County in sending a letter to Acting State Public Health Officer, Erica Pan requesting that our businesses be permitted to resume indoor operations as soon as possible given the poor air quality in our area.

The fires burning in communities around us have resulted in a significant amount of smoke in the air, which has left air quality at an unhealthy level. It is not recommended that anyone remain outdoors for an extended period when the Air Quality Index (AQI) is above 150, and our population centers have seen an average AQI of 171. This comes as so many businesses are prohibited from offering services indoors, forcing people to spend additional time outdoors in this unhealthy air.

Placer County has done an excellent job of slowing the spread of COVID-19, as evidenced by our removal from the state watch list. We are asking the State to allow businesses to open for indoor services in order to protect residents from the additional risks associated with poor air quality. I will continue to keep you updated on any new developments.

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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).



Business Briefs with LindaLou Haines

The Great Colfax Scavenger Hunt

This month's business spotlight is on Lumenaris Crafts and Games at 50 N. Main st., another relatively new business right in downtown Colfax.

Lumenaris is the creator of the The Great Colfax Scavenger Hunt game and the game pieces to hunt for. The Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce is the sponsor of the Scavenger Hunt running from September 1 through 30th.

The objective of the Hunt is to have some family fun and to encourage shopping at local businesses. The way the game works to start is for players to pay the entry fee of \$5. For that they receive the first game piece, the game board and a coupon book to be used in the local businesses, plus the rules.

Each time a player uses a coupon in a local business, they get an additional game piece to add to the path on the game board. Clues along the way will give you hints as to where the next game piece may be. What fun! I am going to play. How about you?

Game boards will be available at Lumenaris, Colfax Farm & Feed, Plaza Tire and Colfax Self Storage starting on September 1. And, game pieces can be retrieved at participating merchants. There will be a grand prize winner for the first completed board and a lottery for second place among all the other completed boards.

More details on the Scavenger Hunt are in the Chamber of Commerce report and in the flyer.

Now, more about Lumenaris itself. It creates games and puzzles. Also, they sell board and card games, wool felt sewing kits, mechanisms, fabrics and notions for crafts and quilting and needle crafts like embroidery.

All the products are family-oriented. Also, about 98% of products they sell and materials they use are USA made. Puzzle and game pieces are cut by laser right in the shop.

Plus they have quilting and embroidery classes and Game Nights. But, did you know that they are a print shop with the capability for laminating now? Check out the quality of the printing of the Scavenger Hunt game boards to see the quality of printing work they do.

Owners Joe and Mary Fatula came to town three years ago, but they have been in business since 2010. Contact Lumenaris at 408-591-4034, Lumenaris.com or on Facebook. Store hours are Monday to Thursday, 10-5 and Friday and Saturday, 10-7.

Do you have City of Colfax business news? Contact me, lindalouhaines14@gmail.com.



Roof trusses being hoisted up on the Best Western Motel project. Photo by Alan Shuttleworth



The Great Colfax Scavenger Hunt Game Board

Local Murals Can Be A Potent Tourist Draw For Art Lovers And Artists

By Pamela Biery
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The first time I drove toward Colfax's historic town center, I looked to my right on South Auburn Street and saw a very long mural painted on a wall along the right hand side of the road – I knew there must be a story to this detailed shadow mural, and I was right.

In 2012, Colfax resident and full time artist Jim Bowers was walking down the sidewalk on South Auburn on a hot summer afternoon. He began to study the shadows he was casting on the wall. His shadow was following him in detail along the entire 350' cinder block wall. He decided then and there that this was a great site for shadow art.

Visitors and art lovers can now travel back in time, and even, in the late afternoon or early evening cast their own shadow on the wall and take a photo that includes them. This is interactive art—you can add your shadow and create a temporary illusion of your image along the timeline.

To realize his inspiration, Jim Bowers contacted his longtime painting partner, retired art teacher Foxey McCleary. Foxey's family has lived in Colfax since the pioneer days. Together, Jim and Foxey found people in town who costumed themselves for different historical roles. Bowers and McCleary organized these volunteers into a timeline, creating a series of eleven vignettes.

Jim and Foxey have been painting together for several decades, a rare partnership of artistry. Jim likes to describe their collaboration as one of



The Black Hole – Jim Bowers modeled this portrait of a Chinese railroad worker painted on a retaining wall on Culver Street.

“mischievous artful adventures”. They have created art together in Colfax, Sonoma, Grass Valley and Burning Man. Asked about this grassroots community art project, Foxey notes, “When I see a good story, I paint my impression. What I want is to be recognized by people who care about the issues I care about. This is art we make together. This is about our hearts and minds.”

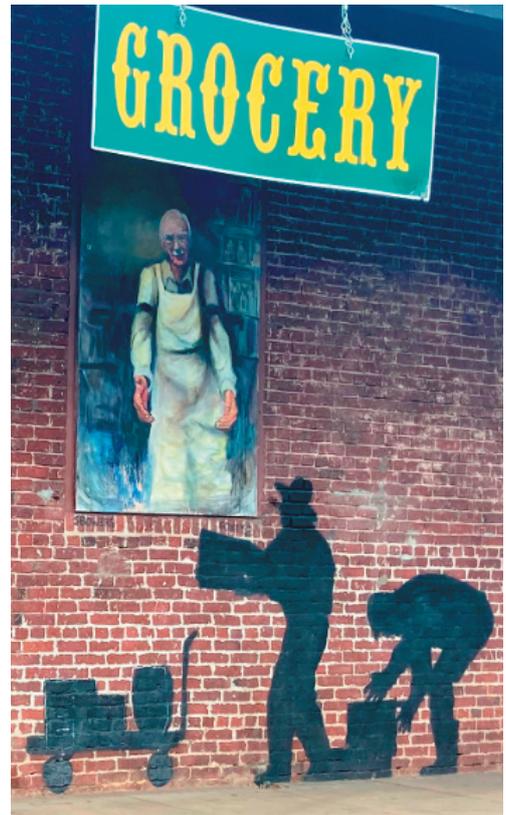
The historical vignettes along South Auburn Street tell a story about life in Colfax and also the West. But Jim and Foxey did not stop with painting this mural. They have completed five other murals that are scattered throughout central Colfax, each with their own story, each represented by Colfax residents. Together, Jim and Foxey take local art to a new level with the community as part of the process.



Glee – Children and adults frolic along the play yard wall by the Sierra Vista Community Center, along School Street.



The artists: Foxey McCleary and Jim Bowers
All photos by Pam Biery



Foxy recalled the old shopkeeper and painted a likeness with his helpers getting ready to restock the store while customers stroll by on Grass Valley Street.



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2020 Schedule
Placer County

SEPTEMBER

11	Sheridan	8:30 am - 10:30 am
14	Colfax	10:00 am - 12:00 pm
18	Lincoln	8:00 am - 10:00 am
25	Rocklin	8:00 am - 10:00 am
28	Foresthill	10:00 am - 12:00 pm

OCTOBER

9	Sheridan	8:30 am - 10:30 am
12	Colfax	10:00 am - 12:00 pm
23	Lincoln	8:00 am - 10:00 am
26	Foresthill	10:00 am - 12:00 pm
30	Rocklin	8:00 am - 10:00 am

NOVEMBER

9	Colfax	10:00 am - 12:00 pm
13	Sheridan	8:30 am - 10:30 am
20	Lincoln	8:00 am - 10:00 am
30	Foresthill	10:00 am - 12:00 pm
	Rocklin	TBD

DECEMBER

11	Sheridan	8:30 am - 10:30 am
14	Colfax	10:00 am - 12:00 pm
18	Lincoln	8:00 am - 10:00 am
28	Foresthill	10:00 am - 12:00 pm
	Rocklin	TBD

Sheridan Celebration Family Worship 5721 10th Street
Colfax Sierra Vista Community Center 55 School Street
Lincoln McBean Park 65 McBean Park Drive

Rocklin Johnson-Springview Park 5480 5th Street
Foresthill Harrison Street Yard 24625 Harrison Street

Chamber of Commerce Notes and Events

Welcome from your Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce.

We would like to announce some new changes to our Colfax Area Chamber board of directors. Dave Johnson has stepped down as our president. Between all of his other business activities, he found that he didn't have the time he really wanted to commit to our board. Sally Laughlin has stepped in as our new president. She brings a world of experience and as a resident of Colfax she is dedicated to supporting our business community. Eric DePaul has stepped into the role of Vice President. We are really excited to have both of them lead our organization.

Amy Andrews, CACC Executive Director



Even though our physical office has been closed, we have continued working for our businesses in our area. Our weekly announcements, website, Facebook, calendar, and phone messages continue to be updated and answered.

We have attended and participated in weekly informational meetings with our city and county.

Over the past few weeks your board of directors has been calling our businesses and checking to see how they are doing and what needs they have during these very difficult times.

We have been working with Placer County and

the City of Colfax, obtaining and distributing PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) such as masks (face coverings), and hand sanitizer to our businesses for their employees. This is all at no cost to the businesses.

Your Chamber has been busy planning for exciting future events to be announced. We look forward to Grand Openings, Mixers, Coffees and Conversation, opening our office/visitor center, and most of all, our annual Trunk or Treat and Winterfest sometime in the coming months.

Your Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce is rolling out a new community event that kicks off on September 1st – The Great Colfax Scavenger Hunt. This new game will be a chance to wine, dine, shop, and scavenge your way around Colfax. Game boards will be available starting September 1st at Lumenaris (50 N. Main St.) and other to-be-determined locations. Game pieces can be picked up at participating merchants.

A Grand Prize Winner will be announced in the beginning of October and remaining players who complete their boards will be entered into a lottery for Second Prize Winner. Players can choose to pick up all their game pieces at participating merchants, or take a 'Selfie' at selected sites.

Game boards are \$5. Those entry fees go towards the Grand and Second prizes in Colfax Bucks that are redeemable at area businesses. Updates will be posted on Facebook. Watch for more details and happy scavenging!

Please visit our website, Colfaxchamber.com for more information and event listings. Our e-mail address is colfaxareachamber@gmail.com and our phone number is 530-346-8888.

As always, please contact your Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce with your comments, ideas, concerns, and solutions so we may better help you and our community.

**Sally Laughlin,
CACC President**

CHS Opens Year With Students At Home, But that Could Change

I asked Colfax High School principal Paul Lundberg to describe how classes will be conducted during this fall and this is his reply. Editor

Colfax High School started on August 12th. Every teacher is teaching a live-streamed course from their classroom each day from 7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. The students attend four one-hour courses with a 35-minute intervention/enrichment period where they can work individually or in groups with other students.

While we had no choice but to distance teach when school first opened, we may have more options now that Placer County is off the state COVID watch list. When the county is off the list for 14 days our schools can move into phase two. That would allow at-risk students, who are struggling in the distance learning structure, to work in pods on campus.

The governor is currently expediting that process and we may be able to have those students who are struggling on campus earlier despite our watch list status.

What is unique about Colfax is all of our teachers are instructing from their classrooms live each day, utilizing all of the technology tools they have at their disposal and creating a more engaging and interactive virtual experience.

As far as events at school, if the Covid-19 numbers begin to



Colfax High School principal Paul Lundberg conducts a staff meeting in late August. Photo by Alan Shuttleworth

subside and we can safely put students into the classrooms we are prepared. All students have been issued two washable masks; all staff has been equipped with five washable masks in addition to protective shields; each classroom has a wall-mounted thermometer and each student must take their temperature before entering the classroom space. Each desk has a 27-inch high plexiglass shield that is a trifold and will further protect students and staff; the rooms have been configured for six foot social distancing, and the school has one way pathways so students social distance as much as possible.

Our attendance last spring was surprisingly good but we knew we wanted all kids in class each day and despite the

Internet connectivity issues in the area, our attendance this fall has been very good. We are continuing our efforts to get hot-spots (tech assistance) to students with connection issues. This will be a continuous challenge with rolling blackouts and WiFi instability.

Thankfully, our families have been really cooperative and patient, as have our staff. We hope to phase students back in over this term and maybe be back to something that reflects normalcy by the spring, but we're prepared to be distance-learning the entire year. If we are able to bring in students, those families who do not feel safe can continue to 'distance' via the live classroom for the entire year.

Opening May 27, 2020

Sierra Vista Center

- **Certified Farmers' Market at 55 School St. in Colfax.**
- **Every Wednesday, 4-7 P.M. May 27 – Oct. 14, 2020**
- **Prepared food vendors welcome**



• **Contact Market Manager Will Stockwin at 530-210-4291 or wstockwin@hughes.net for vendor applications and market rules.**

• **Preference will be given to Placer and Nevada County Growers.**

Churches

Colfax Assembly of God Community Fellowship
252 Culver St., Colfax, 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
530-346-9433
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
530-346-7474
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>

Gold Country Lionesses
PO Box 1852, Colfax, CA 95713

Illinoistown Clay-Mason Lodge #51 of Colfax
14 N. Main St., Colfax, CA 95713
530-346-6627
Website: <http://lodge51.freemason.org>

Salvation Army Service Unit
320 S. Canyon Way, Ste.A, Colfax, CA 95713
530-346-2722

Sierra Vista Artists
55 School St., Rm. C-4, Colfax, CA 95713
530-320-0433

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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