

# Colfax Connections

## Council Passes Downtown Smoking Ordinance

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The second reading of a proposed ordinance prohibiting smoking within designated areas of historic downtown Colfax was passed on a unanimous, 4-0 vote at the city council's October 28 meeting. Mayor Mendoza was not present.

The ordinance will take effect on November 27.

Mayor Pro Tem Sean Lomen called for the vote following a short public hearing where there was, as with the October 14 first reading of the ordinance, no public comment.

The ordinance prohibits smoking in the Historic Core of the Historic Overlay District, which is the same area in which cannabis businesses are prohibited. Smoking will be prohibited within 20 feet from the main entrances and exits to any business or building, within 20 feet of any outside dining area, on all sidewalks, at all community-wide special events and on areas adjacent to public property.

The city will post signs reminding residents of the smoking ban and the ordinance will be enforced by the Placer County Sheriff's Office (PCSO). Violations of the ordinance will result in a written warning or citation for a first offense followed by monetary fines ranging from



**This map shows the downtown area that the no-smoking ordinance will cover.**

\$25 to \$200 for subsequent offenses within one year.

The ordinance gives the City the right to promulgate rules, regulations and resolutions to implement its provisions. Restrictions and requirements imposed by State law will remain applicable in all areas of the City, including the Historic Core.

PCSO Sgt. Ty Conners acknowl-

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### Scavenger Hunt Winners

The first annual Great Colfax Scavenger Hunt is over with winners **Cindy Hegenauer** and **Beverly Zorichak** splitting the \$300 prize. A total of 60 entrants played in this first event.

The game was created by Mary Fatula, owner of Lumenaris on Main St. in Colfax as a way to get people out and moving after being cooped up due to the coronavirus restrictions.

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edged that right, but reminded the council that downtown smoking violations would be low priority misdemeanors that would be difficult to enforce.

City staff has prepared a FAQ Sheet (see page 10) to help educate citizens regarding the ordinance. Councilman Fatula read several examples into the record prior to the final vote, including:

### What areas of Colfax does this No Smoking apply to?

This applies to all areas enclosed in the historic district



that is all the property in the historic district, both residential and commercial, including streets, alleys, and sidewalks unless the area is specifically marked as a Smoking Permitted Area.

### How would a person know what areas are designated as no smoking?

The No Smoking areas are identified on the historic district map and will be marked with signage posted by the city to identify this to the public.

### Does this apply to all businesses, events, and residences?

Yes.

### What should I do if I see someone smoking in a prohibited area?

You may call the Sheriff's non-emergency number 530-886-5375 to report the problem.

## Soroptimist 8th Annual Golf Tournament

Sunday, October 4th was a special day. The fire smoke was cleared out of the air and the temperatures were mild. Forty-eight socially distanced area golfers teed off at the Auburn Valley Country Club in North Auburn. Followings their round, teams returned to the Clubhouse for lunch and awards.

The winning team was Colfax's Railhead Saloon with team-members Mark Hampshire, Todd Brown, Den Baugh and Stanley Brown. The longest drive for men was Ed Hernberger. The longest drive for women was Val Carney. Closest to the pin for men was Craig Faulkner. The closest to the pin for women was Betty Nailter.

Proceeds from the event will be used to provide numerous monetary scholarships to K-12 students. Students at Colfax Elementary, Alta Dutch Flat Elementary and Colfax High School receive scholarships at their respective graduations. Outstanding students at Colfax High School are recognized with a Student-of-the-Month Scholarships.

In addition, a woman re-training or re-entering the work force as sole support of their family is



**Tourney competitor, Steve Brown, warms up at the driving range. Photo by Alan Shuttleworth**

recognized with the Live-Your-Dream Financial Award. And, finally, a woman who has demonstrated exemplary community service is recognized with the Ruby Award. Tournament Chair, Nikki Davis said, "It was a fantastic day! Thanks to everyone who helped make the annual tournament a huge success."

**Update From Supervisor  
Cindy Gustafson**



**October 30** – As we continue to navigate through the impacts of COVID-19, our Health and Human Services Division, including our Public Health Office, continues to focus attention on areas that will have the most impact for Placer County communities.

Staff continue to meet with Placer County’s superintendent of schools multiple times a week, and have developed a list of Frequently Asked Questions that is updated and posted online on a weekly basis.

County staff also meet regularly with mayors, the business community, hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, and correctional facilities, among others, in order to ensure ongoing communication and coordination.

Several weeks ago Placer County’s improved case rate and testing positivity rate allowed us to progress into the “orange/moderate tier” in the State’s colored tier framework within the Blueprint for a Safer Economy;

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## Business Briefs . . . . . . with LindaLou Haines

### Honoring a Colfax Veteran

In honor of Veterans Day this month, Business Buzz is celebrating local veterans, especially any who own a Colfax city business.

Stretching the definition of “business”, I have focused on Foxey McCleary, who is an army veteran, a professional artist and is the facilitator of the Open Art Studio at Sierra Vista Community Center and more.



**Foxy McCleary** Photo by Will Stockwin

Ms. McCleary has very deep roots in Colfax. Remember McCleary’s Garage? However, Foxey was born in China, where her father’s work in the petroleum industry took the family. The family returned to Colfax, when Foxey was 11. Early on, her mother, who was a professionally trained violinist, encouraged the children to follow their creative instincts and learn how to draw and do art of all kinds.

Much of what Foxey is known for now are her art

projects in and around town. Think of her outdoor murals throughout downtown Colfax that she paints with painting partner fellow Colfax professional artist, Jim Bowers. You’ll see their shadow murals along S. Auburn St., along School St. and elsewhere in central Colfax. (See article in Colfax Connections, Sept. 2020.)

Foxy said during her several decades of teaching art here at Colfax Elementary School as a “full-time sub” and elsewhere after that, her favorite part of teaching was the children themselves: “I loved the kids.”

Foxy is full of all kinds of ideas for art projects for herself and for the community. She just bubbles with project ideas as you chat with her. Ongoing are the portraits that Foxey does of people and pets. For a 8x10” size she only charges \$25. That is a steal! She uses acrylics for portraits but also uses egg tempura and oils in her work. And, she does sculptures.

Right now a current project is painting dried gourds to create shakers. She sells portraits and right now the gourds on Facebook: Facebook.com/Foxy McCleary.

Sgt. Foxey McCleary’s military service had her assigned to the 141st Signal Battalion, mostly in Germany, 1976-80, during the Cold War. She was the first woman of enough rank to be assigned Armed Room duty. A trusted position, indeed.

Thank you for your service, Foxey McCleary.

If you own or manage a business in the City of Colfax, let me hear from you. Priority is given to new businesses and existing businesses with something new to offer.

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## Sierra Vista Center Scores \$10,000 CARES Grant



A Placer CARES grant application written by Red Houck for the Sierra Vista Community Center was awarded \$10,000 in September. The money will ease the Center's financial stress by allowing all utility bills to be paid through December, the filling of oil and propane tanks, fixing the large heat blowers in the gym, and servicing of the Center's antique, 94-year-old boiler. Placer County received funding through the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The County Board of Supervisors decided to distribute a significant percentage of the funding to local businesses and nonprofit organizations that have been hard-hit by the pandemic and associated shutdowns. For more information about CARES go to <https://www.placer.ca.gov/shares/FAQ>.

**Photo by Alan Shuttleworth**

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however it is likely that our increased case rate numbers will push us back into the red tier, which will mean reduced capacity for our restaurants and other restrictions on local businesses.

This will have a huge impact on our local businesses, particularly as we move into colder weather and outdoor seating is a less viable option for restaurants.

We all want COVID-19 to be over, but we have to do the

work to make that happen. The longer this virus is present, the greater the impact to our families, our businesses and our communities.

Please do your part to help our community by following guidance issued by public health officials. Avoid large gatherings, wash your hands, physically distance yourself from others and wear a face covering. We all need to work together on this.

I am continuing to ask all our residents to take the precautions recommended: wear a face covering, wash your hands

frequently, and physically distance from those outside your household. There has been so much research that validates the claims that wearing a face covering helps to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

We are all responsible for our own actions, but please remember that your actions with regard to wearing a face covering affect the public health and economy of your entire community.

Please don't hesitate to contact my office if you have questions or need any assistance with County issues or concerns.



# Trunk or Treat

All Photos By Alan Shuttleworth



Top Left - Bottle Cap Car and Quirky Corky  
 Top Right - Diana Harrison with her Muppet Ghoul  
 Bottom Right - Macie Woytus and Jetton Woytus  
 Bottom Left - Soroptimist Ladies L-R are Karen Miller, Pam Rex-Small, Sonja Conklin, Nikki Ahrens, Kim Johnson and Dale Shuttleworth





**Top Left - L-R are Jack Bowen, Joren Cox and Joy Coates**  
**Top Right – James Awe-Brannigan as T-Rex**  
**Bottom Left – James Shelton and Jacqueline Fries.**



## Chamber of Commerce Notes and Events

It's Fall in Colfax! It arrives a few weeks earlier here than it does for our neighbors down the hill. The poplar leaves are beginning to turn gold, and the red oaks and Boston ivy are bursting into red flames. Jack-o-lanterns are sprinkled around town and the sunflowers are bowing their heads for the last time. Halloween is here and we are ready for Trunk or Treat. Last year we held it for the first time, and it was so popular that we are doing it again. We are so happy to be able to make it a special night for all our kids who won't be allowed to trick or treat this year. Main Street was closed to make way for parked cars and candy, scarecrows and fun, a safe, sane and "sanitary" community celebration.

With the holidays fast approaching, our Chamber has been busy thinking of new ways to bring cheer to our town. It was a difficult decision, but we have decided to cancel Winterfest this year. All the state and county restrictions due to Covid have made it impossible to put on any large event, and particularly parades and fireworks, and we respect the reasoning behind those decisions.

However, we have come up with a new theme for this year, "Colfax Home for the Holidays"! Since so many of us will be staying close to home this year, we felt that a warm, old fash-

ioned, Main Street-centered event is in order. There will be a whole week of activities, running from December 7th-12th, including holiday shopping, special business activities and promotions, street musicians, Santa Claus and more. All low key and family centered, ending with our traditional window painting contest and tree lighting.

Some good things have come from this strange and difficult year, and that includes a new focus on staying close to home and supporting our local businesses. It's a lot of fun sitting outside our restaurants with a couple of friends or family members, whether enjoying a pizza and beer at Main Street Pizza, or sitting down to a plate of spaghetti at TJ's Roadhouse. And Saturday mornings are so much fun now that we can sit outside of Grandma C's bakery enjoying a cup of espresso and their amazing and delectable sticky buns! Why go anywhere else? Colfax has everything we are looking for right here in our own backyard.

CACC President,  
Sally Laughlin

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FRIDAY 12PM - 5PM

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### DIGITAL LIBRARY

24/7

[PLACER.CA.GOV/LIBRARY](http://PLACER.CA.GOV/LIBRARY)



## General

### Q1: What areas of Colfax does this No Smoking apply to?

A1. This applies to all areas enclosed in the historic district (see map), that is all the property in the historic district, both residential and commercial, including streets, alleys, and sidewalks unless the area is specifically marked as a Smoking Permitted Area.

### Q2: How would a person know what areas are designated as no smoking?

A1. The No Smoking areas are identified on the historic district map and will be marked with signage posted by the city to identify this to the public.

### Q3: Does this apply to all businesses, events, and residences?

A1. Yes.

### Q4: How is the ordinance to be enforced?

A1. The Sheriff is responsible for issuing citations when a violation is observed.

### Q5: What happens if I get caught smoking in this area?

A1. The initial fine is only a citation to help the public become aware of this ordinance. Starting with the 2nd occurrence the fine is \$25, then doubles for each subsequent occurrence up to \$200 for violations within the same year.

### Q6: What should I do if I see someone smoking in this area?

A1. You may call the Sheriff's non-emergency number 530-886-5375 to report the problem.



## Businesses

### Q1: Where are people NOT ALLOWED to smoke?

A1. People are not permitted to smoke in an "enclosed" area (your shop) or in areas you have been issued a permit to operate in (e.g. outside dining areas). "Enclosed" areas have solid walls from the floor to the ceiling, with ceilings.

A2. People are not permitted to smoke on city sidewalks or streets in the historic district or within 20ft of your primary entrance(s).

### Q2: Where are people ALLOWED to smoke?



A1. People can smoke within your property in areas which are not enclosed. For example, a business owner may designate a fenced in area, porch, outside deck, etc. to be a smoking area provided it is not "Enclosed".

### Q3: What if I need a place for smokers but don't have a place on my property?

A1. The property owner or shop owner can petition the city for a specific area outside of their property to allow smoking. This petition would go to the City Manager for a decision of Approval or Rejection.

### Q4: Do I have to monitor or inform people about not smoking on the sidewalk or street in front or behind my building?

A1. No. This is a City responsibility.

### Q5: Do I have to enforce no smoking in my shop or in my permitted areas (outside dining area)?

A1. Yes. These areas are your responsibility.

## Residents

### Q1: As a resident in the Historic District, I have an apartment with no balcony, no porch, and no place to smoke on the property. Where can I smoke?

A1. The property owner can petition the City Manager for a specific area outside of and adjacent to their property to allow smoking.

### Q2: Can I smoke in the street to avoid the No Smoking areas?

A1. No. The streets, sidewalks, and alleys are included in the No Smoking zone.

**Churches**

Colfax Assembly of God Community Fellowship  
252 Culver St., Colfax, CA 95713  
Email: colfaxesaog@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>

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>

