

# Colfax Connections

## City Council Approves Skate Park Design Concept And Site

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Skate park supporters notched another win at the March 24 city council meeting when the council voted unanimously to approve preliminary design plans, and the proposed location on the old city pool site.

The plans submitted to the council were 75% complete.

Following a brief presentation by city engineer Larry Wing, wherein he reminded the council that it had approved the basic design concept in June 2020 and asked staff to bring back engineered plans, the mayor opened the floor to public comment. Seven members of the public spoke up, with all but one of them in favor.

Larry Hillberg was the sole voice of opposition. His house at the end of Jay St. sits on a hill above the proposed skate park site, 50 yards to the west. At one point in his comment Hillberg quoted a well known skate boarding Website

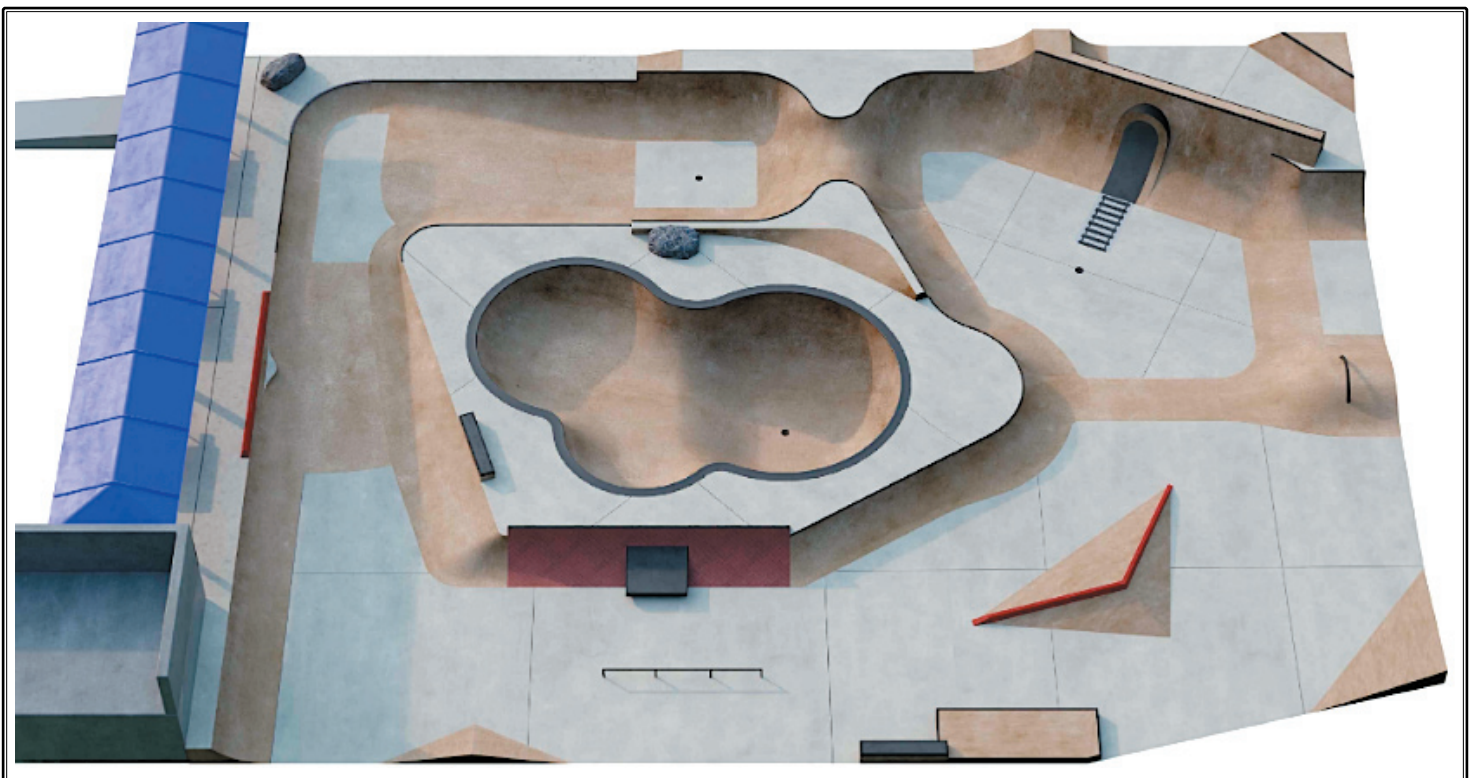
(<https://publicskateparkguide.org/advocacy/site-selection/>) that strongly recommends against siting skate parks in remote locations out of public view.

“Visibility is important for skate parks because it will keep nuisance and delinquent behavior to a minimum,” Hillberg quoted. “Visibility is also important because it will help elevate and expose skateboarding for what it is: a healthy, social, athletic activity.”

He also asked why the council was approving plans that were incomplete. Wing explained that the council was being asked to approve preliminary design concept plans, and the proposed location adjacent to the Splash Pad.

“With council approval of the design concept, we can move to final plan completion,” Wing said. “Then we bring it back to the council for final approval and get the project out to bid.”

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A detailed cost estimate for the project has not been done, but the design team estimates the project will cost between \$535,000 and \$660,000. Skate-park supporters have secured a \$178,000 Proposition 68 Park Improvement Grant. \$33,000 has been raised by the Colfax Green Machine, and they are anticipating a \$75,000 - \$100,000 from Placer County.

The Green Machine has also been working with local contractors to donate materials, such as reinforcing steel, Portland Cement concrete, and asphalt concrete for paving.

Still to be completed in the plan package are the Title Sheet, off-site drainage plans and details, parking lot paving and striping plans and details, erosion and storm water control plans and details, and the bid package including Technical Specifications.

When the mayor called for the vote the council unanimously approved the preliminary design plans and the site location.

### Roundabout Sign

The meeting's last item of business dealt with the one remaining aspect of the Colfax Roundabout Project: designing and installing a monument sign to be added to the center of the roundabout.

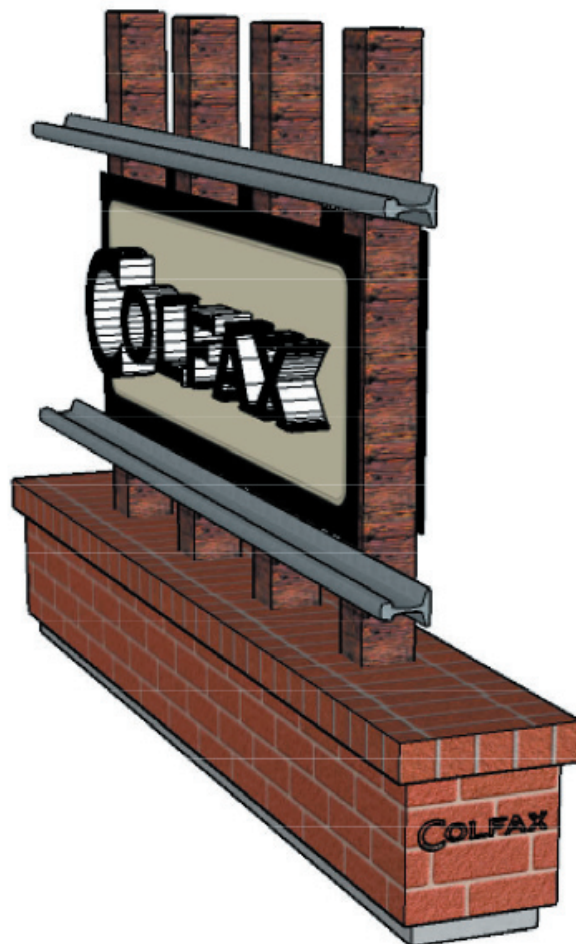
**In April, City Council meetings will be held on the 14th and the 28th.**



**Former city pool site that's now been approved for a skate park by the City Council. Below - Monument sign concept for placement in the center of the Colfax roundabout.**

The council voted unanimously to assign councilmembers Fatula and Lomen to an ad hoc committee that will work with

city staff and Solace Graphics on producing the sign, which will be funded through road impact fees paid by developers.





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

Driving on eastbound I80 on your right before the main exit into Colfax, usually you will see a HUGE gorilla (it's on spring break right now but should return soon) and a WINNER + Chevy logo sign. It's basically next door to Plaza Tire that we focused on last month. The business is also known as Dave Gard's **Winner Chevrolet**.

In 1982 Dave Gard started the business as Sierra Chevrolet, built the building from the ground up, and he's still going strong, according to General Manager (G.M.) Kelly Clark. About 20 years ago the name was changed to Winner.

But, Dave didn't stop with the dealership. He decided he needed a body shop (**Winner Body Shop**, 22 W. Grass Valley st.) and a towing com-

pany (**Sierra Towing**, just a couple doors from the dealership on Canyon Way).

Then, what did Dave create next? Next he created **Sierra RV** just up the hill on Canyon Way from the dealership, next to Hills Flat Lumber. It is a dealer for 5th Wheels, Arctic Fox campers and trailers, and motorized RVs up to 40 foot--new and used. Quite an empire!

As for the dealership at 1624 S. Canyon Way, they sell Chevy cars, SUVs, used vehicles, and trucks. The biggest seller is the half-ton truck with 4-wheel drive to deal with our unpredictable winter road conditions.

The dealership also has a very busy service department and a parts department. I can attest to the competency of the service department, because of their ability to solve the problem of why my car would not pass smog at other smog test locations. Winner solved the mystery.

The dealership G.M. Kelly Clark told me that there are several long-term employees in all the departments and that speaks well for the organization. Also, the fact that they get and keep government contracts is a feather in their cap as well.

To learn more: Sales, 349-4152; Service, 349-4147; Business office, 346-8313; [www.winnerchevy.com](http://www.winnerchevy.com); [Facebook.com/WinnerChevy](https://www.facebook.com/WinnerChevy). Hours in a nutshell: Sales, open at 9 everyday except Sundays at 10; Service, opens at 8, M to F; Parts, opens at 8, M to Sat. Call the department you need to get more complete hours.

If you own a business in the City of Colfax, and you'd like to be the focus of my column, email me, [lindalouhaines14@gmail.com](mailto:lindalouhaines14@gmail.com).

**Winner Chevrolet General Manager, Kelly Clark.**

**Photo by LindaLou Haines**





# Placer Mosquito Vector Control District Joins Crowd Funding Proposal

By [wstockwin@hughes.net](mailto:wstockwin@hughes.net)

For the last five years the Placer Mosquito Vector Control District (District) has been an acknowledged leader in using Unmanned Aerial Systems (drones) to detect and control mosquitoes.

Now the District is stepping out on the leading edge again by joining a crowd-sourcing proposal to build a spray system that would use drones to apply pesticide to control adult mosquitos in areas that are inaccessible to traditional truck-mounted applications. The move was approved by a unanimous vote of the District's board of trustees at its monthly meeting in March.

The crowd-sourcing proposal is the brainchild of Application Insight (AI), a consulting company dedicated to understanding and improving agricultural spray application hardware and systems. The company and its team of experts have been working in the field for over 22 years, primarily with orchard and vineyard air-blast sprayer pesticide applications.

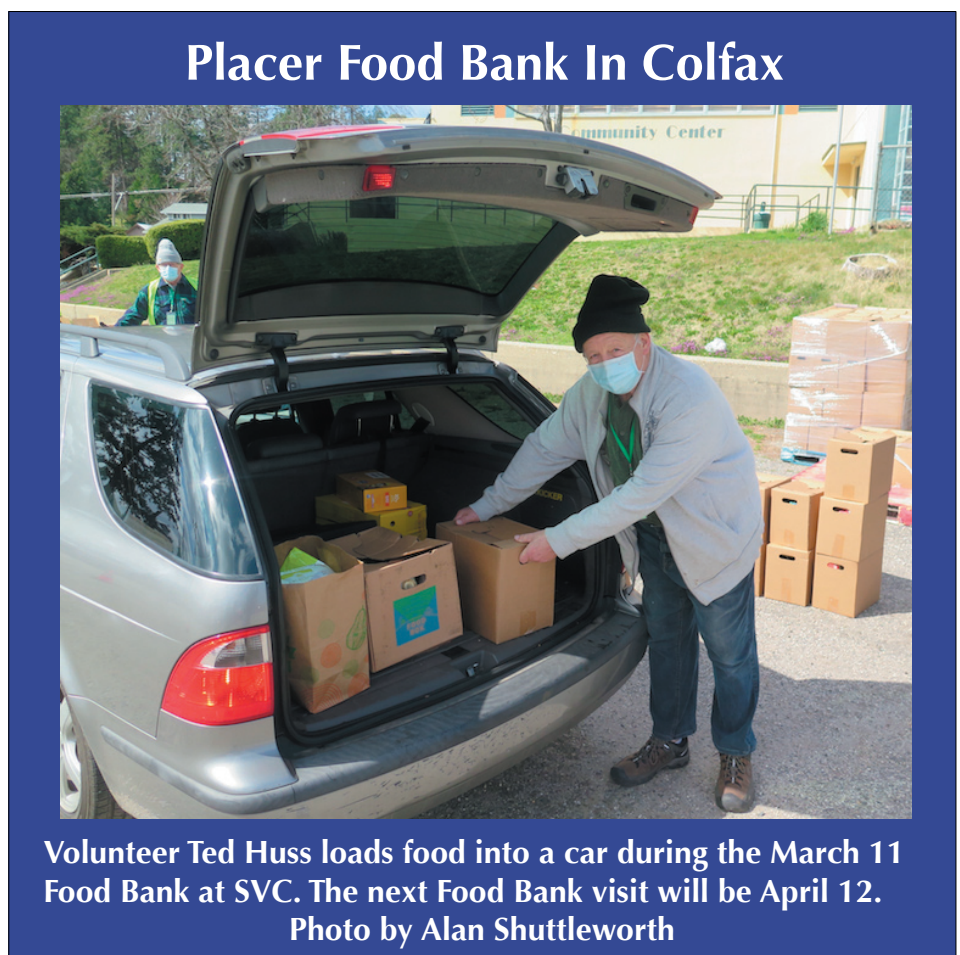
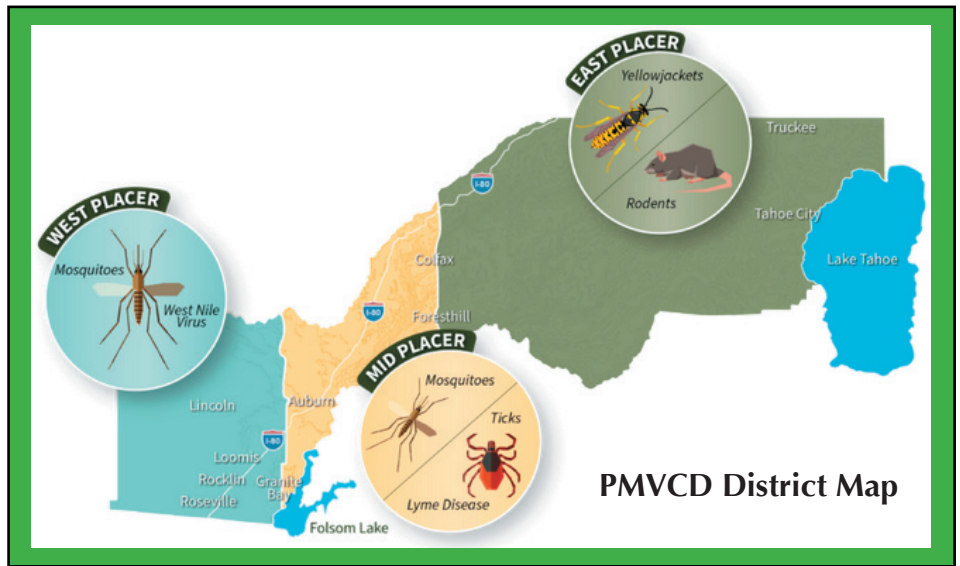
The proposal aims to raise a minimum of \$100,000 to produce and test a prototype sprayer that would be powered by compressed air, and be light enough to be carried by a 55-lb commercial class drone.

The District will be joining the effort with a \$20,000 commitment, which will guarantee delivery of one prototype spray

system and extended support from AI when testing is successfully completed.

AI anticipates having an operational prototype spray system ready to deliver in approximately eight months once the \$100,000 project start limit is

reached. District manager Joel Buettner said building a relatively simple piece of equipment shouldn't take too long because the design work is already done, and that he hopes to have a prototype working in the District later this summer.



## Placer Food Bank In Colfax

Volunteer Ted Huss loads food into a car during the March 11 Food Bank at SVC. The next Food Bank visit will be April 12.  
Photo by Alan Shuttleworth



# CES-PTA Spring Clean Rummage Sale

# SALE

**Saturday, April 10th, 2021**

**8am—3pm**

**Sierra Vista Community Center**

**Come and Check out the  
Treasures and Bargains**

If you would like to reserve a spot for your own sale, please consider a \$25 donation.

All proceeds go to CES-PTA. [colfaxelementaryschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:colfaxelementaryschoolpta@gmail.com) with any questions.





# Much More Rain Still Needed



Photos by Alan Shuttleworth

By [wstockwwin@hughes.net](mailto:wstockwwin@hughes.net)

The new tented dining area inside a split-rail corral on Main St. had a brief debut before an early March storm forced taking it down again. The same storm reduced visibility and speeds on I-80 to a crawl through heavy, wet snow.

Unfortunately the storm produced more drama than precipitation, barely nudging our wet season precipitation total above 23 inches with time

to accumulate more running out.

We finished the 2019-2020 wet season with 36.35 inches only after receiving a scant eight inches over April and May.

With no more rain forecast through the end of March it's looking increasingly likely that we will end another consecutive wet season with considerably less than 40 inches total, leaving us with another long, dry, tense wildfire season.





## Chamber of Commerce Notes and Events

By Sally Laughlin

Spring signifies rebirth. After a long, hard winter, Spring has finally arrived in Colfax, and after a year of social isolation, we're all eagerly anticipating the reopening of our favorite restaurants, movie theaters, resorts and amusement parks. Our lives have been on hold for so long, moving forward almost seems like a dream.



After several months of working on delivering grant money to keep our local small businesses alive, our Chamber directors are very happily regrouping to begin planning live events once again. Starting with outdoor mixers in May, Coffee and Conversations in June, the reopening of our Chamber office and visitors center coming soon, and gearing up for 3rd of July, we are really getting excited about raising the bar this summer.

Our efforts, along with Placer County funding, in providing outdoor dining areas, have made way for opportunities for gathering in a safe way as we get used to the new normal.

We are very proud of our efforts to advertise Shop Local, featuring local restaurants and retail shops, and more deeply connecting with a wide range of businesses, we have forged new alliances and opportunities for connecting our community with our businesses.

This summer will bring all of our efforts to a head, and we anticipate the unfolding of a joyful and celebratory feeling of good will in our small community.

We've lost a few businesses along the way, which makes us very sad, and there is still a ways to go, but we're seeing new businesses opening, new faces moving into town, and a new feeling in the air of excitement and opportunity!

Stay tuned; we have lots of new things in the works and events coming soon!

*Help slow the spread*

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## 2021 Schedule – Placer County

**JANUARY**

8	Sheridan	8:30 - 10:30 am
11	Colfax	10:00 am - noon
22	Lincoln	8:00 - 10:00 am
25	Foresthill	10:00 am - noon
29	Rocklin	8:00 - 10:00 am

**FEBRUARY**

8	Colfax	10:00 am - noon
12	Sheridan	8:30 - 10:30 am
19	Lincoln	8:00 - 10:00 am
22	Foresthill	10:00 am - noon
26	Rocklin	8:00 - 10:00 am

**MARCH**

8	Colfax	10:00 am - noon
12	Sheridan	8:30 - 10:30 am
19	Lincoln	8:00 - 10:00 am
26	Rocklin	8:00 - 10:00 am
29	Foresthill	10:00 am - noon

**APRIL**

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

**MAY**

10	Colfax	10:00 am - noon
14	Sheridan	8:30 - 10:30 am
21	Lincoln	8:00 - 10:00 am
24	Foresthill	10:00 am - noon
28	Rocklin	8:00 - 10:00 am

**JUNE**

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

**JULY**

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

**AUGUST**

9	Colfax	10:00 am - noon
13	Sheridan	8:30 - 10:30 am
20	Lincoln	8:00 - 10:00 am
27	Rocklin	8:00 - 10:00 am
30	Foresthill	10:00 am - noon

**SEPTEMBER**

10	Sheridan	8:30 - 10:30 am
13	Colfax	10:00 am - noon
17	Lincoln	8:00 - 10:00 am
24	Rocklin	8:00 - 10:00 am
27	Foresthill	10:00 am - noon

**OCTOBER**

8	Sheridan	8:30 - 10:30 am
11	Colfax	10:00 am - noon
22	Lincoln	8:00 - 10:00 am
25	Foresthill	10:00 am - noon
29	Rocklin	8:00 - 10:00 am

**NOVEMBER**

8	Colfax	10:00 am - noon
12	Sheridan	8:30 - 10:30 am
19	Lincoln	8:00 - 10:00 am
24	Rocklin	8:00 - 10:00 am
29	Foresthill	10:00 am - noon

**DECEMBER**

10	Sheridan	8:30 - 10:30 am
13	Colfax	10:00 am - noon
23	Lincoln	8:00 - 10:00 am
20	Foresthill	10:00 am - noon
30	Rocklin	8:00 - 10:00 am

**Sheridan** Celebration Family Worship  
**Lincoln** McBean Park  
**Rocklin** Johnson-Springview Park

5721 10 Street  
 65 McBean Park Drive  
 5480 5<sup>th</sup> Street

**Colfax**  
**Foresthill**

Sierra Vista Comm Center  
 Harrison Street Yard

55 School Street  
 24625 Harrison Street

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# Valentines For Vets

The Colfax VFW Auxiliary #2003 would like to thank ALL the volunteers who took the time and loving effort to make Valentines for Vets in early February. The cards were filled with heart-felt gratitude for the veterans' service. Much effort and time was devoted to creating the beautiful Valentines, whether it was a single Valentine made or 700 Valentines (as one donor had)!

Of those who had made Valentines and left a name and address, 10 were individuals/families and 7 were groups like churches, schools, 4-H, DAR, and Salvation Army; it became a wonderful project to focus on at a time when we've all been isolated at home, giving us the opportunity to think about and thank strangers. Many cards

**By Beth Murphy**

were just left in the collection box with thanks but no identification.

Thank you all! The 1614 Valentines that came in this year were distributed to Reno VA Hospital, Mather VA Hospital, clinics at McClellan and Auburn, and Yountville Veterans Home; know that you brought smiles and appreciation to the hearts of so many veterans! We also thank Colfax's MarVal Sierra Market and the Auburn Journal for being collection sites.

Since 1999, more than 46,570 Valentines have been made, collected, and distributed.

One Auxiliary member who moved to Oklahoma duplicated our system in Weatherford, OK, a place where no such project had ever happened before (but they loved the idea and intend to enthusiastically repeat it regularly in the years to come).

More than 733 Valentines were made and delivered to this highly concentrated veteran community, bringing tears to the eyes of young and old as they opened cards to read of your thoughtful appreciation and letting them know their military service was recognized and not forgotten. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.



## 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](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](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](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>



