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Colfax Connections

Winterfest Returns To Colfax With Street Parade And Fireworks

By Thumbler Agency

Winterfest returns to Colfax on Saturday, December 11, 2021, with a great line-up of family fun to launch the holiday season in style.

Find yourself in the heart of Colfax, with its central historic town core sprinkled with festive vendors, Christmas carolers, and a holiday parade.

Be sure to stay for the traditional Christmas tree lighting and a grand fireworks display finale—all set in this little gem of a truly Western railroad town.

Start the evening off sipping hot cider or chocolate while browsing for holiday goodies. Take a picture with Santa, and then witness the annual tree lighting, followed by the famous Colfax Lions Christmas Parade. Browse for one-of-a-kind holiday gifts, then cap off the evening with a spectacular FIREWORKS extravaganza!

Photo by Amy Andrews

KNOW & GO:
What: Colfax Winterfest
Where: Downtown Colfax, California

When: Saturday, December 11, 2021 from noon to 8:00pm
Contact: colfaxareachamber@gmail.com

This event is free and open to the public.

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Proposed Vaccine Mandate Tabled By PMVCD Board

By wstockwin@hughes.net

The Placer Mosquito and Vector Control District (PMVCD) board of trustees sidestepped adopting a resolution mandating COVID vaccinations for all District staff at its Nov. 15 monthly meeting.

The policy would have required that all District employees be fully vaccinated for COVID-19, or have an approved exemption, before January 17, 2021. Employees failing to meet one of those conditions by the deadline would be terminated. District general manager Joel Buettner brought the resolution to the board after learning that fewer than 50 percent of his staff is currently vaccinated. The meeting lasted two hours and all of the unvaccinated District staff made public comments.

In a cover letter to the draft vaccination mandate policy that was sent to all District employees, Buettner said: "Currently, the District has fewer than one-half of its employees vaccinated, and has experienced multiple COVID-19 cases since the beginning of the pandemic.

"When employees get infected or sick, not only does it create a serious risk to them, but it also prevents the District from performing its essential services for the public. The best way to minimize this safety hazard is to require all employees to be vaccinated for COVID-19."

With only five of the seven board members present, when three of them voiced their preference to try and figure out a less severe policy, the resolution was tabled.

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EVENT SCHEDULE:

• Street fair opens at noon with food and craft vendors as well as Christmas carolers (starting at 4 p.m.)

• The Lion's Parade starts at 6 p.m. at St Dominic's Catholic Church, 58 East Oak Street proceeding downtown.

•Photos with Santa will be happening in Colfax City Hall, 33 S. Main St. from 12 pm to 6 p.m.

•Fireworks start between 7:45-8:00 p.m.

Sponsored by: Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce, City of Colfax, General Plumbing Supply, Wave Broadband, Smarter Broadband, Colfax Best Western Inn, Ascend Mountain Church, and Keith Carlson, and a crew of local volunteers that make the magic happen!

Photo by Alan Shuttleworth

Halloween Trunk Or Treat Winners

Above – Michael and Nancy Sage won "Best Trunk." Below– Schuyler Colfax dressed up as his alter ego, "Captain Colfax."

There were no City Council meetings in November. December meetings are tentatively scheduled for Wednesday the 8th, and Wednesday the 22nd. Check with City Hall for changes in meeting times and dates.

Update From Supervisor Cindy Gustafson

As we head toward the holiday season it is always good to reflect on how very much we in Placer County have to be grateful for, especially during the challenges of the last year!

Please join me in thanking those who have done so much to contribute to our safety and well-being during the year.

Our veterans and current service members - They and their families made huge sacrifices to protect and defend our nation. Let us remember their service and needs throughout the year.

Our first responders in fire and law enforcement keep us safe throughout the year, especially this past summer with fires all around us. It was due to their heroic efforts that lives were saved and the fires were kept from doing even more damage. They made sure all were evacuated safely and their properties were secured. These dedicated public servants protect us round-the-clock throughout the year.

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Business Briefs . . .

. . . with LindaLou Haines

SHOP COLFAX today and everyday!

You've all heard of the various Shop Local campaigns over the last few years. But, maybe you are still wondering what's the big deal.

I could bore you with lots of statistics about the benefits to your community of shopping local… BUT, let's move on.

For awhile now, Placer County has been running a SHOP PLACER -- SHOW YOUR LOVE FOR LOCAL campaign. As you can see by the flyer (inset below), "Shopping locally: Preserves jobs in your community; Helps keep businesses open, and Keeps your tax dollars invested where you live." And, know that you can substitute COLFAX for Placer in the flyer, and it is still true.

All true. But, let's look at some specifics.

Colfax Market and Mar-Val Sierra Market and other businesses support your athletic teams at the local schools. Other businesses support youth soccer and numerous community events, like the upcoming Winterfest celebration.

I could go on. But, the bottom line is that these businesses would not be able to support our community events and activities if you didn't support them. It is that simple.

So, when you drive through Colfax on your way to I80 to go down the hill to Walmart or Home Depot or some other big box store realize that by doing that your dollars are NOT supporting your community of non-profits, service clubs, athletic teams, community events sponsored by the Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce and Colfax Green Machine and other groups.

Do you really want to put your hard-earned dollars into the pockets of the big corporations with their offices far from Colfax in the U.S. or even overseas?

At Thanksgiving the non-profit Lions Club provides a FREE dinner for the entire community of Colfax every year. How can they afford to do that? Volunteers and your donations and your spending local dollars in their members' businesses and at their activities.

At Christmas time the Soroptimists give FREE coats and groceries to any individual or family needing that help. How can they do that? Your donations and your spending local dollars in their members' businesses and their fundraising activities in Colfax.

It is called COMM-UNITY. You give to Colfax and Colfax gives back to you. Maybe you are new to the small town of Colfax and the idea of how small towns and their wider communities can work. This is how. It can be a beautiful cycle of supporting all aspects of the Colfax area, especially the business community.

If you have a new business or an existing business in the city of Colfax, please let me hear from you at **LindalouHaines14@gmail.com.**

Window Painting Contest

SPONSORED BY HERBAL ALTERNATIVES

Calling All Local Businesses & Kids!

Prizes awarded in each age bracket!

Age 10 & under

11-15years

16-19yrs

Family group (kids & adults)

Painting to be done
Fri Nov 26th-Sat Dec 11th

Paint, brushes & tarps provided

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Our health care professionals, hospitals, clinics, and health department – These individuals and organizations were incredibly stressed during the pandemic and yet continued their incredible efforts in providing our health care and ensuring that we could be vaccinated as we climbed our way back from the worst of this pandemic.

Our other public servants - Despite the pandemic, our public servants continued to serve us in other essential ways including: educating our youth; maintaining our parks; taking care of our trash and sewage; making sure our buildings and roads are safe; driving our buses; ensuring that our less fortunate can receive services; extending technology for access to school, work and public meetings; operating our libraries; and, so many, many other services that are essential to our way of life.

Our many incredible non-profits. These organizations and volunteers support our community with programs and services to protect and serve our seniors, our animals, our environment, those physically challenged, our arts, our families, our youth, and our own health and well being.

Our local businesses – During a year of immense challenges and changing conditions, our local businesses continued to provide our communities with goods and services, places to gather, and support for their employees. Many also donated resources and products to our charitable foundations so that they could provide for those less fortunate.

Communities truly are the people – and most especially those who volunteer their time, talents, and resources to give to others and to serve others. As we approach the Thanksgiving Holiday, please be thankful for all those individuals and groups who make up all of our phenomenal District Five communities.

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Auburn, Colfax, Granite Bay, Rocklin
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
10:00 - 6:00
Friday & Saturday
10:00 - 5:00

Foresthill, Kings Beach, Tahoe City
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday
10:30 - 4:00
Wednesday
12:30 - 6:00

Online 24/7 placer.ca.gov/library

County of Placer Library Services

Placer Recall Election Turnout 14% Higher Than State Average

By wstockwin@hughes.net

Following September's Recall election of Governor Gavin Newsom, there's still a lot of misinformation out there regarding the fairness, transparency and accuracy of the election process both in Placer County and around the country in general.

Placer County Election Registrar/Recorder, Ryan Ronco, gave a 15-minute presentation to the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, 11/16/21 regarding voter turnout and election processes for the September's gubernatorial recall election.

Among the points that Ronco made:

• When the election began Placer County had 277, 363 registered voters.

• That made Placer the eighteenth largest election jurisdiction in California.

• 201,661 Placer voters cast ballots, which represented a 72.7 % turnout and the sixth largest turnout in California in 2021.

• Placer County voter turnouts routinely run 10-15 points higher than state average.

• For September's recall, Placer's 58.5% was 14% higher than the state average.

• After careful counting and recounting, the numbers showed that 57.4% of Placer voters voted in favor of recalling Governor Gavin Newsome, and 42.6% were opposed to doing so.

To hear Ronco's full presentation go to https://vimeo.com/647462883

The new roundabout sign after dark, by Alan Shuttleworth

Colfax United Methodist Church
7th Annual Christmas Boutique

Come join us Saturday, December 4th starting at 9 a.m.

There will be a wide selection of gifts to buy: pottery and jewelry, hand crochet items, baked goods and pies!
Come check out our new vendors and your old favorites!

And there's lunch! Sandwiches, coffee, soups, and chili!
We're here till 3 p.m.
Any questions, call Ruth at 530-346- 8684.
See you Dec 4th!

12-16-2021 AMERICAN LEGION POST 192 COLFAX

3rd Thursday of the month veterans fundraising dinner at the Colfax Memorial hall.

Prime rib au jus with potatoes Au Gratin, green beans almondine, rolls and butter and for dessert: Trifle

Nonalcoholic beverages served with dinner.

Special Christmas dinner (Prime Rib) $30.00 per person.

Best kept secret in Colfax, our monthly Thursday night dinners

Adult Social hour at 5PM, dinner served at 6PM

Raffle drawing throughout the evening. Please call ahead for reservations. Commander's cell 916 216-8254 Post (cell) phone number (530-277-7598)

POST 192
22 Sunset Circle, Colfax 95713

post192colfaxca.com

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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	5721 10 Street
Lincoln	McBean Park	65 McBean Park Drive
Rocklin	Johnson-Springview Park	5480 5th Street
Colfax	Sierra Vista Comm Center	55 School Street
Foresthill	Harrison Street Yard	24625 Harrison Street

Placerfoodbank.org 916.783.0481

Churches

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

BOOK CLUB

PLACER COUNTY LIBRARY

Auburn Library
4th Wednesday of the Month | 4:00pm

Colfax Library
2nd Wednesday of the Month | 4:00pm

Foresthill Library
4th Thursday of the Month | 2:00pm

Granite Bay Library
3rd Wednesday of the Month | 2:00pm

Rocklin Library
2nd Thursday of the Month | 3:00pm

Tahoe Area
1st Wednesday of the Month | 2:00pm
*Alternating between Tahoe City and Kings Beach Libraries

Find monthly book selections and place holds at placer.ca.gov/library

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