

The Mayor's Corner By Dr. Joe Fatula

FIRE SAFETY FOR YOUR HOME



How can you make your home more fire resistant to wildfire exposure? After the Camp Fire incident last year, I asked several Calfire experts, fire chiefs, battalion chiefs, our local firefighters and other experts,

“What can we do to dramatically improve the odds of our homes surviving such a fire?” The responses I received suggested that 35-50% of the homes destroyed in the Camp Fire could have been saved with these changes.

Some are relatively inexpensive, while others could be done when you put a on a new roof or siding, do a remodel, replace windows, add an addition or even build a new house, garage or other building.

So, here is my list and some references for more information:

1. Defensible space—Make sure you have 100' clearance around your home and any building on your property; it dramatically improves the chances of your home being able to survive, and as of 2005, it's the law. This is relatively low-cost but has to be done every year to keep the vegetation and debris from “growing.” Read more at fire.ca.gov/communications/communications_firesafety_100feet

2. Sparks—Many of the 18,000 homes destroyed during the Camp Fire were destroyed from the inside out. How? Sparks from the leading edge of the fire traveled over 6 miles due to the high winds. It created a trail of house fires which then created more fires. How did the sparks set homes on fire? One way is by entering the foundation vents, soffit vents or attic vents. Did you know that most homes in Colfax have screens on these vents that are ¼" or larger in size which is like an open window for sparks to enter your home. There are new vents which have a honey comb-like structure that prevents up to 95% of the sparks from getting through. And there are some which have a coating that expands closing the vent in a fire making them almost 100% effective. Both are available for new construction, remodels, and as retrofit kits

that you can install. To have a healthy house the vents are needed to prevent moisture buildup and thus keep mold from forming or are used to vent excess heat from your attic, so, don't think you can simply get rid of your vents. Here are some links and some great videos showing the effectiveness of these new vents: [youtube.com/watch?v=8UgB-bcreEuk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8UgB-bcreEuk) or <https://www.vulcanvents.com/>

3. Gutters—If your gutter is filled with leaves or needles you have built the perfect fire starter just at the edge of your roof's wood decking. This is one of the worst places for a fire to start. There are two solutions: 1) Clean your gutters and install protection to keep leaves and needles out AND inspect them at the start of every fire season, or 2) Eliminate your gutters and thus the maintenance needed to keep the gutters clean. If you eliminate your gutters you will need to put a trench around your home and fill it with gravel to catch the rain water so erosion doesn't occur. Also, having a large absorption area for rain water helps to replenish underground water versus generating more runoff created by gutters and downspouts.

4. Enclosed soffit and fascia vs open rafters—Many homes in Colfax have the rafter ends or tails exposed as well as a portion of the underside of the roof. Enclosing these with fireproof material prevents that edge from catching fire. Fireproof materials such as Hardy Board, Allura, stucco, or even metal flashing can be used to enclose these areas to provide enhanced protection.

5. Siding—Typical outside wall covering in Colfax is painted wood clapboards providing little or no protection. In fact, some of the paints used actually increase fire risk. When it is time to replace your siding consider fire-proof siding such as Hardy Board, Allura Siding or stucco. Some of these products look like traditional siding but are made from a cement-based material improving fire resistance. Check these links for more information: modernize.com/home-ideas/33677/siding-most-fire-resistant, allurausa.com/blog/fire-resistant-siding or jameshardie.com/product-support/resource-center/technical-documents/fire-prevention-faq

6. Roofing—Replacing cedar shakes with asphalt shingles dramatically improves fire resistance.

Metal roofs provide even more protection.

7. Windows—Single-pane glass provides the least protection. Double-pane glass provides more protection and having one of the panes being tempered provides even more. Remember, you want to keep flames and radiant heat out of your building. Changing from single-pane to double-pane gives significant savings in energy for heating and cooling. For even more protection consider metal shutters; however for these to be effective they must be closed during a fire which may not be possible if you are not home.

With any building project or change, check with our building inspector before you start. Keith is a very friendly guy, has lots of practical insight, and can give you guidance to make sure you do it right. Many projects won't need a permit but some may.

I am very interested in your thoughts. Email me at joe.fatula@colfax-ca.gov with your comments, questions, and thoughts.

Message from Placer Co. Sheriff's Office

PREPARING FOR SUMMER HIKING

- Do your homework. Check guide books and maps or contact a local hiking group so you know where you are going and what to expect.

Trail conditions can change in an instant when bad weather hits. Always check local forecasts and watch the sky for weather hazards.

- Make sure you are physical ready. Hiking needs strength, flexibility and agility. If you are new to hiking, see your doctor to be sure you are healthy enough for your new sport. Be sure to stretch before hiking. Remember, the more you hike the stronger you become. Start slow and build up your stamina as you go.

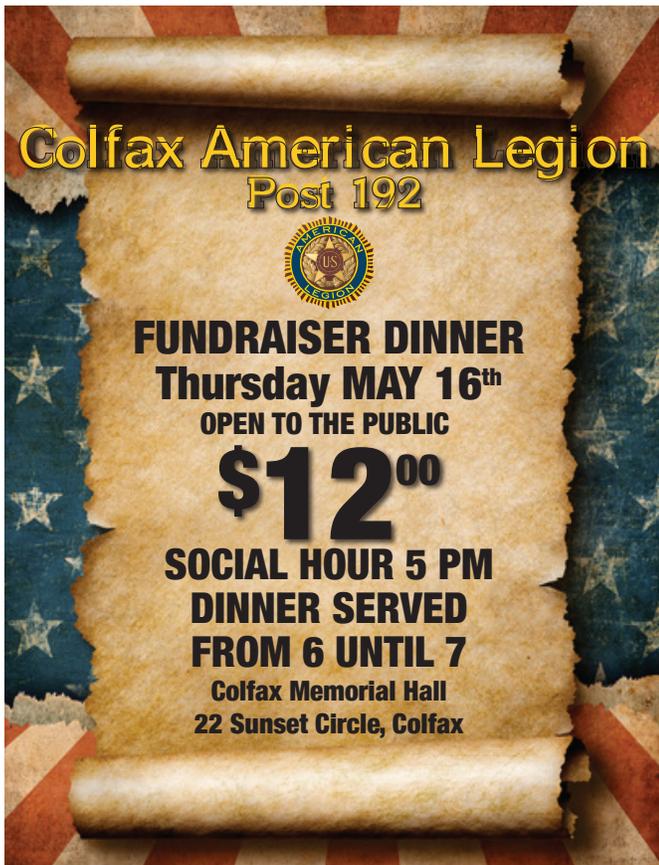
- Plan your hike and hike your plan. Let someone know your hiking plans. List hiking companions, when you plan to leave and when you plan to return, and your hiking route. Always sign the register at the trail head if one is available.

- Hike with someone. Many hiking organizations recommend hiking with at least one other person, with four hikers being the optimum number. If a hiker is injured, the 2nd hiker can stay with the injured person and the 3rd and 4th hikers can go for help. That way no one is alone.

- Be smart about clothing and gear. Modern outdoor-sports clothing is made to wick away sweat and expel moisture while keeping you cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter. Wear the lightest-weight boots possible while maintaining comfort and durability. And don't forget socks.

- The 10 Commandments. ALWAYS bring a map, a compass, sunscreen and insect protection, food and water, a headlamp, extra clothing and rain gear, a first aid kit and a whistle, a knife, matches and/or a lighter, and a fire starter. Bring them, and know how to use them before you start out.

- Watch your step. Step over logs and rocks, not on them. Not all rocks are avoidable, so do the best you can with a hiking staff or trekking poles.



- Drink lots of water and snack throughout your hike. Gorp, granola, apples and jerky are all good choices. 2 liters of water on a day hike should be considered a minimum.

- Resist "Summit Fever." Know when to turn around. When you're tired, when it is getting dark. Always remember, "Getting to the summit is optional, but getting down is mandatory."

The Placer County Sheriff's Office strongly recommends carrying a personal locator beacon or using a satellite messenger. SMs require a subscription and allow non-emergency messages, but both devices send SOS messages world-wide. The PCSO Search & Rescue Team considers a messenger device your most important piece of equipment.

<https://skyaboveus.com>

<https://www.rei.com>

<https://www.placer.ca.gov>

Message From The Colfax Fire Dept. And Cal Fire/Placer County Fire

RESIDENTIAL DOOR YARD BURNING

As of May 1, 2019, Residential Door Yard Burn Permits will be required for all outside burning in the CAL FIRE Nevada/Yuba/Placer Unit which includes the City of Colfax. Burn permits can be obtained for free at two locations:

Colfax CAL FIRE Station 30
at 24020 Fowler Ave., Colfax

or

For the first time starting this year on the

CAL FIRE public website at

<https://burnpermit.fire.ca.gov/>

Residential door yard burning is a valuable tool for homeowners to use annually in maintaining their property and providing the necessary defensible space for their homes. It is however not without risk. In 2018, 21 of 53 vegetation fires in the Colfax/Alta Battalion were related to residential door yard burning. Homeowners and residents must be aware that if their fire escapes their control or if they are not following the rules of the Residential Door Yard Burning permit they may be found liable for any damages that occur. Outlined below are the rules for safely conducting a door yard burn:

1. You must have in your possession a valid Residential Door Yard Burn Permit.
2. You may only burn on permitted burn days and between the permitted hours.
3. You must call the number listed on the burn permit to ensure it is a permitted burn day, just prior to burning.
4. You can only burn dry natural material found on your property annually.
5. You may not burn any trash, lumber or household waste.
6. You can only burn in a pile no larger than 4 feet in diameter.
7. You must have 10 feet of clearance around the entire pile to bare dirt.
8. You must have in your possession water and a hand tool while you are burning.
9. You must be in attendance at all times while



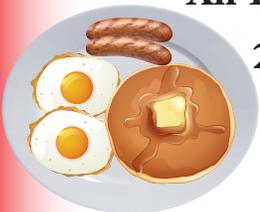
V.F.W. PANCAKE BREAKFAST

\$7.00

All You Can Eat Pancakes,

2 Eggs, Sausage, Ham,

Juice & Coffee



MAY 12th
8 to 11 am

VETERANS MEMORIAL HALL, 22 SUNSET CIR., COLFAX

your pile is burning.

Based on weather and fuel conditions residents should expect that sometime between June 1st and July 1st 2019 all outside burning will be suspended. After that date and until the suspension is lifted sometime in late fall 2019 no residential door yard burning can occur.

As an alternative to residential door yard burning, residents in Placer County including the City of Colfax may take advantage of the Placer Resource Conservation District Chipper Program to dispose of their annual natural material. Information about this chipping program can be found at:

placerrcd.org/landowner-assistance/forestry/healthy-forests/

You can request the service at (530) 889-0111 ext. 3.



COLFAX LIBRARY EVENTS

10 Church St. - 530-346-8211
Open Wed., Thur., Fri., Sat. 10am - 5pm
Tue. 10am - 6pm, Closed Sun. & Mon.

WEEKLY STORYTIMES

Baby Lapsit: Wednesdays 10:30
Toddler Time: Thursdays 10:30
Preschool Storytime: Fridays 10:30

COMPUTER BASICS HELP

30 minute or 1 hour slots available by appointment. Call (530) 346-8211 to reserve a spot. Topics: Learning the computer, accessing eBooks, starting social media, Internet searching, Microsoft Office, email basics, tablet help, smartphone assistance, Google Docs, & using a flash drive.

Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce



Spring is right around the corner and the weather this last week showed us what is on the way. So many people were out and about enjoying the warmth and sunshine.

We at the Chamber will also be walking about and interacting with our community.

We are committed to being more visible with our businesses, service groups, and associates.

Your questions, concerns, suggestions, and thoughts about your community are what your Chamber of Commerce is here to listen to and help with.

Communication and interaction is very important to the growth and well-being of our Area. We are here to promote and support our businesses, service groups, and associates to work and help each other.

We are planning for directional signage in and around the Colfax. We have been coordinating with the City and will be sharing the concepts of colors, size, and locations. Existing signs will be refurbished and new directional flags will be added.

Following a survey with our business members, a concern was the lack of foot traffic in our downtown Historic District. The new signage will help with this concern. It will not only direct traffic to our Historic District downtown but will also direct traffic back to the I-80 Corridor Business Area. This is just one step your Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce is doing to help our Community. Look and Listen for more to come!

Please visit us on our website, www.ColfaxChamber.com, or stop by the Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce/ Visitor Center at the old Train Depot, 99 South Railroad Street.

Tim Ryan
CACC President

CHURCHES**COLFAX ASSEMBLY OF GOD COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP**

252 Culver St. Colfax, CA

Phone: 530-346-2822

Email: colfaxesog@gmail.comWebsite: <https://www.colfaxagca.org/>**COLFAX BAPTIST CHURCH**

24850 Ben Taylor Rd. Colfax, CA

Phone: 530-346-8110

Email: pastorgaryhoward@yahoo.comWebsite: <http://colfaxbaptist.com/>**COLFAX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

59 W Church St. Colfax, CA

Phone: 530-346-2267

Website: <http://www.colfaxumc.org/>**KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH WITNESSES**

944 Canyon Way, Colfax, CA 95713

Phone: 530-346-2525

<https://www.jw.org/en/>**ST DOMINIC'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**

589 E Oak St. Colfax, CA

Phone: 530-346-2286

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

454 Scholtz Ave. Colfax, CA

Phone: 530-346-8844

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

1875 S. Auburn St. Colfax, CA 95713

530-346-7702

<https://www.lds.org/>

The old Catholic Church on upper Oak Street, St. Thomas, then later St. Dominic's. Colfax Record photo

SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS**AMERICAN LEGION POST 192**

22 Sunset Dr. Colfax, CA 95713

(530) 346-9433

COLFAX AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

99 S Railroad St. Colfax, CA 95713

(530) 346-8888

COLFAX AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Archives

PO Box 185, Colfax, CA 95713

Museum

99 Railroad St. Colfax, CA 95713

COLFAX GARDEN CLUB

PO Box 1801 Colfax CA

530-346-7474

COLFAX LIONS CLUB

PO Box 664 Colfax, CA 95713

(530) 477-2533

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

SALVATION ARMY SERVICE UNIT

320 S Canyon Way Ste A, Colfax, CA 95713

(530) 346-2722

SIERRA VISTA ARTISTS

55 School St. C-4, Colfax CA 95713

530-320-0433

SIERRA VISTA COMMUNITY CENTER

55 School St. Colfax CA 95713

(530) 346-8726

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF COLFAX

PO Box 1036

530-637-4878

VFW POST 2003

22 Sunset Dr. Colfax, CA 95713

(530) 346-7768

Message from Mayor Pro Tem Marnie Mendoza



COLFAX HIGH SCHOOL

The City of Colfax will present "Proclamations" to high school seniors that have received high honors. The top four Valedictorians will be invited to a City Council meeting for the presentation.

COLFAX ELEMENTARY

7th & 8th grade students were awarded certificates from the City of Colfax with a letter of achievement for good conduct and stewardship in partnership with the Kiwanis Club.

PUBLIC SAFETY HIGHLIGHTS

Be cautious walking along our rivers. They are flowing at high rates. CalFire is responding to high numbers of swift water rescues.

COMMUNITY

The City of Colfax will encourage the Placer Board of Supervisors and County CEO Todd Leopold to make the 211 system a priority in the County. The 211 system is a resource that connects citizens to more than 1600 community services.

<http://www.211.org/>

Copies of the booklet, "California Bonds 101: A Citizen's Guide to General Obligation Bonds" will be available at City Hall.

<https://www.treasurer.ca.gov/publications/bonds101.pdf>

I will be part of Sacramento's Capitol 2 Capitol Federal Advocacy Team in Washington DC representing the City of Colfax on Public Safety issues and Wildfire Prevention and Forest Management and Environmental protections.

FIRE RESISTANT LANDSCAPING

Each state in the U.S., including Placer County, experiences wildfires to a varying number. The projection is \$2 billion for what is spent in the U.S. each year to fight wildfires. According to estimates by the U.S. Department of Interior and others, 90% of wildfires are caused by the acts of humans.

PREPARE YOUR HOME AND PROPERTY

You can reduce the chance of your home burning, although there will always be risk.

Build fire resistant structures by using fire resistant designs and materials, and maintain regularly.

Create and maintain a 5 ft. no fuel zone around your home and deck.

Create and maintain defensible space: 30 ft. is lean and green, 100 ft. has reduced fuels, and up to 200 ft. has reduced fuels if on steep slope with a lot of vegetation.

Create and maintain signage and access for fire fighters and for your evacuation.

Promote community-wide fuel breaks and landscape-wide fuel treatments.

FIRE-RESISTANT LANDSCAPING

Fire-resistant landscaping uses fire-resistant plants that are strategically planted to resist the spread of fire to your home. Fire resistant plants are great in California because they are often drought tolerant as well.

The good news is, you don't need a lot of money to make your landscape fire resistant. And you will find that a fire-resistant landscape can increase your property value and conserve water while beautifying your home.

Choose Fire-Resistant Plants and Materials:

Create fire-resistant zones with stone walls, patios, decks and roadways.

Use rock, mulch, flower beds and gardens as ground cover for bare spaces and as effective fire-breaks.

There are no "fire-proof" plants. Select high-moisture plants that grow close to the ground and have a low sap or resin content.

Choose fire-retardant plant species that resist igni-

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SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF COLFAX

PRESENTS

FIESTA DE MAYO

Family "Fun" Raiser

Saturday May 4th

5TH ANNUAL 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Roy Toms Plaza, Downtown Colfax

FOOD • MUSIC

MARGARITAS, MEXICAN BEER & WINE

JIM GOODMAN CAST MUSICAL BAND
DESSERT AUCTION, SILENT AUCTION
AND MORE...

TICKETS: ADULTS-\$10 CHILDREN AGES 5-12-\$5
UNDER AGE 5 - FREE

PROCEEDS BENEFIT OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS FROM WEIMAR TO ALTA

FOR MORE INFORMATION: 530-637-4878



COLFAX SOROPTIMIST

Soroptimist loosely translated from Greek is "Best for Women."

Soroptimist's mission statement is "For the betterment of women and children, especially girls."

Soroptimist International of Colfax has the following events:

September: The beginning of the new year

October is the Golf Tournament.

The first Saturday morning in December is the Christmas Project. Soroptimists provide food and gift cards to families in need from Applegate to Soda Springs, as well as to Canyon View residents in Colfax.

The first Saturday evening of December is the Soup Kitchen which is our biggest fundraiser. The proceeds of the Soup Kitchen go to the scholarships provided to Colfax Elementary and Colfax High School and Alta School as well as "Students of the Month" awards.

Anti-human-trafficking events are scheduled twice a year, in January and April. "Denim Day" is in April, when Soroptimists are encouraged to wear denim to the Auburn Courthouse to bring awareness to this world-wide crime.

March has the presentation of the "Women's Awards" and are given in the following arenas:

1. A woman that is head of household and has gone back to school in order to provide a better life for her family.
2. A high school student that is awarded on academics and volunteerism.
3. The Ruby Award is presented to a woman who has gone above and beyond to elevate the lives of local women.

May sees scholarships awarded to students with

outstanding grades and volunteerism. Students are chosen by the staff at the high school and at the elementary schools. The "Kathy Hunter Award" is chosen by the Soroptimists in memory of Kathy Hunter. Soroptimists of Colfax also hosts their "Fiesta de Mayo" at Roy Toms Plaza in downtown Colfax benefiting local schools. This year's date for the Fiesta is May 4.

Lions Easter Egg Hunt

A good crowd of young egg hunters braved some early morning shower activity Saturday to participate in the Colfax Lions Club Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Lions Park was the scene for basket-holding sleuths who tried to find the Golden Egg for each age category. Earl Coppin, Lions Club Egg Hunt Chairperson said, "As soon as the drizzle stopped, the crowd grew quite a bit. Everyone went home happy and even the sun eventually came out!"

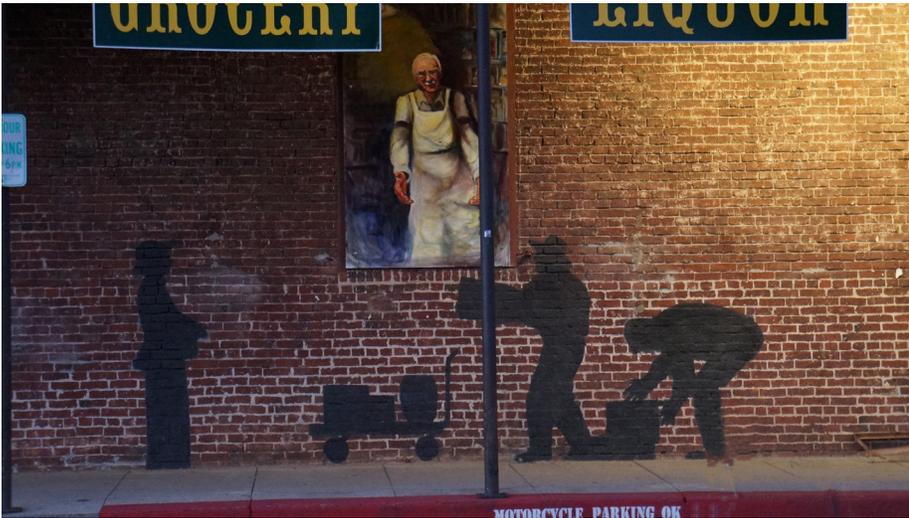
"Ready to Roll" Young egg hunters line up at Lions Park to get ready to search for candy-filled eggs and the Golden Egg.

"Golden Egg Winners" The lucky Golden Egg winners show off



their award prizes. L-R are Waylin Hutchins, age 6...Jacob Yager, age 5...Troy Hill, age 12...Julie Divine, age 5

"AvaLynn" Three year old AvaLynn proudly shows off her collection of eggs found in the grassy field



A TRAIL OF SHADOW MURALS LEADS VIEWERS THROUGH COLFAX'S PAST

SHADOW ART

During the last decade, local artists Jim Bowers and Foxy McCleary painted a series of shadow murals depicting people throughout historic Colfax.

The two artists, who have collaborated on major art works in Grass Valley and Sonoma, began painting murals in downtown Colfax in the early 2000s. Bowers, a longtime Colfax resident, has created several massive public art projects, including the world's largest clock (1.25 miles in diameter), which put him in the Guinness Book of World Records.

McCleary, whose family has lived in Colfax since its pioneer days, was born in China and lived abroad for many years. She studied art in New York and California and taught extension classes for the University of Chicago during her service in the US Army. Since returning to Colfax in 1980, she has taught at Colfax Elementary and Studio 700. Foxy is currently facilitating the Sierra Vista Artists group.

The plan for the series of shadow murals slowly evolved, McCleary notes: "Colfax desperately needed art to attract tourism and uplift its image and historic reputation."

The first shadow mural, "Shadows Past," went up around 2010, Bowers says. The concept took about three months to organize, gathering materials and "tracing" live models in period costume, with horses and dogs there, too. The actual painting was done within four days.

"I got the idea while walking down the sidewalk on South Auburn Street on a sunny summer afternoon," Bowers recalls. "I noticed my own shadow on the 350-foot long cinder block wall and got the idea to transpose the idea back to the 1800s with historic figures on the wall." The concept evolved.

"Visitors and art lovers can now travel back in time by casting their own shadow into the art," he continues, "and then photographing their own historic reflection."

Other shadow murals followed: "The Parishioners," "Break Out," "The Black Hole" and "The Mercantile."

Working with McCleary has been a good experience, Bowers says. "I've never collaborated cohesively with any other artist. I've known Foxy for 18 years and our collaborative art is synchronous and just comes together seamlessly."

In 2012, the two artists were presented with the Grace Hubley Award in recognition of their work on the two newest murals of that time: "Celebration" and "Glee."

McCleary did the groundwork for the School Street mural, "Glee," with the assistance and support of the Grace Hubley Foundation.

"Some of the children (depicted) are children of foundation board members," McCleary points out, making the murals more organic to the community.

In addition to covering the cost of the murals, the foundation is paying for their care and upkeep. Funding to produce a map, which shows the location of the seven murals depicting life in Colfax through the years, was provided by the Grace Hubley Foundation.

Created by area volunteer Cathy Kiefer, the walking/driving tour map can be downloaded from the Colfax Area Historical Society web page: colfaxhistory.org. Copies are also available at the Colfax Museum and Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center in the Train Depot on Railroad Street, City Hall and the Colfax Library.



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DINNER

SVCC invites our members and community to celebrate our continued success thru your support.

Join the Sierra Vista Center's Board of Directors for a spaghetti dinner and desserts the night of our annual meeting. Now it's our turn to thank you!

May 15th | 5:30 PM
55 School St Colfax, CA

ALL VOLUNTEER SPRING CLEAN UP DAY

Your time and effort will be much appreciated. We will serve coffee to kick start the day at 8am and lunch will be provided at 12

MAY 11TH, 8 AM - 12PM
55 SCHOOL ST, COLFAX CA

All ages welcome. Please bring gloves and yard tools.

Fire Resistant Landscaping continued from page 5

tion such as rockrose, ice plant and aloe.

Select fire-resistant shrubs such as hedging roses, bush honeysuckles, currant, cotoneaster, sumac and shrub apples.

Plant hardwood, maple, poplar and cherry trees that are less flammable than pine, fir and other conifers.

Check your local nursery, landscape contractor or county's UC Cooperative Extension service for advice on fire-resistant plants that are suited for your area.

PREPARE FOR EVACUATION

Confirm you will receive evacuation notice:

Sign-up for cell alerts thru both CodeRED and Nixle.

Have a land line phone that does not need power. Many land line telephones, especially portable phones, require power to function and often fail in emergencies. Instead, make sure you have a phone that only needs the phone cord (and no power cords) to work.

Do not rely solely on these alerts as damaged infrastructure could stop messages from getting to you. Instead, if you or your family sees a dangerous fire situation or feels unsafe, evacuate to be safe.

www.readyforwildfire.org/
ceplacer.ucanr.edu/

FIRE RESISTANT GROUNDCOVERS
for USDA HARDINESS ZONE 9

| NAME | HARDINESS ZONES |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Dianthus | (3-9) |
| Yellow iceplant | (4-10) |
| Purple iceplant | (5-10) |
| Wild strawberry | (5-9) |
| Creeping Phlox | (3-9) |
| Japanese pachysandra | (5-9) |
| Creeping thyme | (4-10) |
| Hens and chicks | (4-10) |

firefree.org/
planthardiness.ars.usda.gov/

Gold Country Lioness Jewelry Sale

**Saturday, May 4, at the Old Pharmacy on Main St.
Doors open 11am until 3pm!
Don't miss out on a chance to treat yourself or
your loved ones at great \$\$\$!!
Jewelry, purses and scarves at affordable prices,
help us support Colfax.
Raffle prizes, too!!
Light appetizers will be served!!**



**GOLD COUNTRY
LIONESS of COLFAX**



Lioness.....

The Gold Country Lioness Club is a service organization affiliated with the Colfax Lions Club. We are presently an active group of @35 women in Colfax, CA, committed to serving the local community. Our motto is "caring about people in the Colfax area."

Our meetings.....

We meet the first Monday of the month at 5:30pm for a pot luck supper. We plan for our "fun" raisers and we enjoy guest speakers.

Our dues are \$20 year.

Our Activities.....

We are dedicated to the youth of our community and the well-being and comfort of those less fortunate. We also share in efforts by Lions International.

In addition to our Community Service and "fun" raising activities our members also set up for Colfax Lions Thanksgiving dinners. We work together whenever possible.

"Fun" Raising.....

Our "fun" raising efforts make possible our donations and other support for community projects. Some donations so far include but not limited to:

- Caboose Restoration
- Skate Park Donation
- Warm Coat Giveaway
- Winterfest/July 3rd/Railroad Days
- Main St. Flower baskets
- Street signage
- School science trips
- School track teams

Our main fundraising projects include our annu-

al Wine Tasting/Dinner and Jewelry Sale in the Spring and a Fashion Show in the Fall.

You are cordially invited to attend one of our meetings, become acquainted with us, and enjoy the friendship of the Gold Country Lioness. We hope you will consider joining us.

Contact: Tamara James 530-346-8254

COLFAX

T H E A T R E

49 S. Main Street, Colfax
Tintabulations Handbell Ensemble
will be performing at the
Colfax Theatre
Sunday, May 19th at 1pm.

This is a opportunity to hear English
handbell ringing right here in Colfax.
A wonderful family concert.

This is a free event, although
donations will be happily accepted.

Call 530-512-5141
for more information.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Thank you for reading the "Colfax Connections." Currently we are constructing a website so you will be able to click on links and bring up more details about things you see in the publication. For right now they are static displays.

Want to see your articles in "Colfax Connections?" Organizations, submit your events and meetings for the calendar.

Residents, submit articles and pictures of Colfax things near and dear to your heart. Let this be a wealth of information, fun facts and history of our city and surrounding areas.

The deadline for submitting articles is by the 20th of the month.

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City of Colfax
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**The Collaboration of the Arts presents:
A Benefit Concert & Art Exhibit for
Colfax High School Music Department**

Saturday, May 4 at 7:00 p.m.
at Foothill Christian Fellowship
1100 Sugar Pine Road
Meadow Vista, CA 995722

Once again the Collaboration of the Arts will be dazzling our community with youthful musicians and artists, energized by hard work and their love of music and art.

AnnaRose Opheim and Paige Neff will be presenting a unique and eclectic collection of piano, harp and vocal numbers providing the audience with a wide variety of contrasting musical styles: high energy vs. contemplative, classical vs. jazz.

A forty-three piece collection of art by twenty-two artists, which has recently returned from an eight-week show at the Crocker Art Museum, will be on display. This art project was three years in the making, with the artists (young adults all the way down to a five-year-old) working alongside mentors to produce exciting and unique art for the viewers to experience.

In addition, the Collaboration of the Arts is exceedingly pleased to welcome a very special guest, Alexandra Roedder, PhD., professional musician and teacher, who will give the audience a taste of the cello, up close and personal.

Other musicians will be adding their talents to the evening: Carrie Bell, Sam Fulkerson, Samantha Campbell, Jo Campbell, Kecia Haylor, Jeremiah Haylor, Daryl Opheim, Rick Smits, and Laura Wippermann.

Colfax Connections May 2019

Nestled in a natural setting, the venue, with its vaulted ceiling and surrounding windows, has great acoustics and beautiful natural light. The room itself is just the right size for a lively and intimate evening with artists and musicians.

Since 2005 the Collaboration of the Arts has been encouraging the fine arts among young people in the greater Auburn area by connecting aspiring artists and musicians with mentors and providing opportunity for musicians to perform and artists to exhibit their work.

Admission Free! Donations Welcome!

Contact: Joy Olender 530-305-4049
joyolender@gmail.com

Concert & Art Exhibit

Benefit for:
Colfax High School
Music Program

May 4th
at 7^{pm}



Admission Free! Donations Welcome!
Foothill Christian Fellowship
1100 Sugar Pine Road
Meadow Vista

May Calendar of Events

- 1 Open Art Studio 1pm - 4pm SVCC
- 3 Badminton 9am - 11am SVCC
Nevada County Food Bank 10am - 11:30am SVCC
- 4 Gold Country Lioness Jewelry Sale 11am - 3pm
Old Pharmacy Building 30 N. Main St.
Soroptimist Fiesta de Mayo 4pm - 8pm, Roy Tom's Plaza
Concert & Art Exhibit, Foothill Christian Fellowship
1100 Sugar Pine Rd., Meadow Vista
- 5 Bingo Fundraiser for SVCC, 1pm, SVCC
- 6 Good News Club 1:30pm - 3pm Colfax Elementary
Badminton 9am - 11am SVCC
- 7 Lions Board Meeting 12 noon TJ's Roadhouse
Open Art Studio 1pm - 4pm SVCC
- 8 Open Art Studio 1pm - 4pm SVCC
City Council meeting 7pm, City Hall
- 10 Badminton 9am - 11am SVCC
Colfax Garden Club 9am - 12pm
- 11 SVCC Spring Clean-up 8am - 12pm
- 12 VFW Pancake Breakfast 8am - 11am
Veterans Memorial Hall
- 13 Colfax Lions Park clean-up 10:00am
Good News Club 1:30pm - 3pm Colfax Elementary
Badminton 9am - 11am SVCC
- 14 Open Art Studio 1pm - 4pm SVCC
Lions Club 6:00 pm Pizza Factory
- 15 Open Art Studio 1pm - 4pm SVCC
SVCC Annual Meeting 6pm - 7pm
SVCC Appreciation Dinner 5:30pm
- 16 American Legion Dinner 5:30pm - 7pm
Veterans Memorial Hall
- 17 Badminton 9am - 11am SVCC
Game Night 3pm - 5:30pm Lumenaris
- 18 Colfax Area Historical Society (CAHS) 10 a.m.
Spring general meeting with Speaker- 99 Railroad St
Flea Market 8am - 2pm SVCC
Monthly Bingo 6:15pm - 9pm Veterans Memorial Hall
- 19 Colfax Food Train 1pm SVCC
- 20 Good News Club 1:30pm - 3pm Colfax Elementary
Badminton 9am - 11am SVCC
- 21 Open Art Studio 1pm - 4pm SVCC
- 22 Open Art Studio 1pm - 4pm SVCC
- 23 Native Plant Society 6pm- 8pm
- 24 Badminton 9am - 11am SVCC
- 27 Good News Club 1:30pm - 3pm Colfax Elementary
Badminton 9am - 11am SVCC
- 28 Open Art Studio 1pm - 4pm SVCC
- 29 Open Art Studio 1pm - 4pm SVCC
- 31 Badminton 9am - 11am SVCC

June Calendar of Events

- 2 Bingo Fundraiser for SVCC, 1pm, SVCC
- 3 Good News Club 1:30pm - 3pm Colfax Elementary
Badminton 9am - 11am SVCC
- 4 Open Art Studio 1pm - 4pm SVCC
- 5 Open Art Studio 1pm - 4pm SVCC
- 7 Badminton 9am - 11am SVCC
Nevada County Food Bank 10am - 11:30am SVCC
- 9 VFW Pancake Breakfast 8am - 11am
Veterans Memorial Hall
- 10 Good News Club 1:30pm - 3pm Colfax Elementary
Badminton 9am - 11am SVCC
- 11 Open Art Studio 1pm - 4pm SVCC
- 12 Open Art Studio 1pm - 4pm SVCC
City Council 7pm, City Hall
- 14 Badminton 9am - 11am SVCC
- 15 Flea Market 8am - 2pm SVCC
Monthly Bingo 6:15pm - 9pm Veterans Memorial Hall
- 16 Colfax Food Train 1pm SVCC
- 17 Good News Club 1:30pm - 3pm Colfax Elementary
Badminton 9am - 11am SVCC
- 18 Open Art Studio 1pm - 4pm SVCC
- 19 Open Art Studio 1pm - 4pm SVCC
- 20 American Legion Dinner 5:30pm - 7pm
Veterans Memorial Hall
- 21 Badminton 9am - 11am SVCC
- 24 Good News Club 1:30pm - 3pm Colfax Elementary
Badminton 9am - 11am SVCC
- 25 Open Art Studio 1pm - 4pm SVCC
- 26 Open Art Studio 1pm - 4pm SVCC
City Council 7pm, City Hall
- 28 Badminton 9am - 11am SVCC

Be sure to send your upcoming events to:
Colfax Connections
colfaxconnections@gmail.com
Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce
colfaxareachamber@gmail.com
City of Colfax
city.clerk@colfax-ca.gov



Take Charge of Your Defensible Space in Colfax



Placer Alert
Sign up for emergency notifications via text, email and phone here:
www.placer-alert.org

California law requires all homes to have 100 feet of defensible space to protect from wildfires. Below is a list of resources in Placer County to help residents create defensible space.

PLACER COUNTY FIRE SAFE ALLIANCE www.placerfirealliance.org

A broad collaboration of agencies and fire safe councils that promotes fire prevention education, fire mitigation, fuels reduction and forest health.

- There are four Fire Safe Councils currently in the county
- The Alliance actively promotes the National Fire Protection Association's Firewise USA® program, which teaches people how to adapt to living with wildfire and encourages neighbors to work together to prevent losses
- Visit www.firewise.org
- To get involved, contact Placer County Firewise Coordinator Luana Dowling at dowlingluana@gmail.com

PLACER COUNTY CHIPPER PROGRAM

Provides low-cost curbside chipping service to help landowners convert large brush piles into small biodegradable chips for mulching or landscaping.

GREEN WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITIES

See back for options

BURNING GREEN WASTE

Residential burning is allowed under specific conditions in Placer County. All burning must be done in a pile and not in burn barrels or containers. Burning is allowed only on a permissive burn day and only in areas of Placer County that allow burning. A burn permit may be required. Check with your local fire department and Placer County Air Pollution Control District for your area's burn restrictions.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION FOR COLFAX RESIDENTS

CAL FIRE/Placer County Fire

Call 911 in an emergency or visit readyforwildfire.org for fire prevention information

Placer County Office of Emergency Services

.....530-886-5300

Placer County Sheriff's Office

.....530-889-7800

Placer Hills Fire Protection District

.....530-878-0405

Placer Sierra Fire Safe Council

.....530-346-2323

Placer County Chipper Program

.....530-889-0111 ext.3



GREEN WASTE DISPOSAL OPTIONS COLFAX

There are many options for disposing of the material you accumulate when making your property fire safe. Leaves, grass, pine needles, yard trimmings, brush, tree limbs, logs & stumps can be disposed of at the Meadow Vista Transfer Station, and beyond. Colfax residents can have up to four totes from Recology.

Meadow Vista Transfer Station

2950 Combie Rd | Meadow Vista
Mon – Fri | 8:30a.m. – 4:30p.m.
(530) 885-3735

- Green Waste/Wood Waste Disposal Fee is \$16/cubic yard for customers
- Leaf & Pine Needle Disposal FREE October – February

Auburn Transfer Station

12305 Shale Ridge Road | Auburn
Daily | 8:30a.m. – 4:30p.m.
(530) 885-3735

- Green & Wood Waste Disposal \$23/cubic yard

Western Placer Waste Management Authority

3195 Athens Avenue | Roseville
Mon – Fri 7a.m. – 5p.m. | Sat – Sun 8a.m. – 5p.m.
(916) 543-3960

- Green Waste Disposal \$8/cubic yard | \$38/ton
- Wood Waste Disposal \$8/cubic yard | \$27/ton

Weekly Green & Wood Waste Dumpster Rental

15 CY \$251.18 30 CY \$345.01
20 CY \$282.91 40 CY \$411.18

Price includes delivery and pick up

2 Yard Green Waste Pass

Recology customers without green waste cans receive passes, twice a year, for two yards of free green waste disposal at the above facilities.



Questions? Call 530.886.4984 or email recycle@placer.ca.gov