

CITY OF IONE NEWS



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Ione Fire Station on Course

How many times have you heard that a government project was on schedule and within budget? This may be a first for most of us, but the new Ione City Fire House is just that. Located on Preston Avenue, west of the Sutter Creek, this capital improvement project is near completion—on schedule and within budget. The 8,250 square foot facility will house eight fire trucks and equipment to support our volunteer firefighters. Started in fall of 2008, the project is estimated to be completed in February of this year, with move-in planned for the same month.

This new facility will benefit the community by increasing response time for the areas west of Sutter Creek, eliminating the bottleneck at Preston Avenue and Main Street. The current fire house facility will remain open to serve the east side of the town.

An official ceremonial grand opening is being planned for the March/April time period. Look for the more specific information on this in the March issue of the newsletter.

In October of 2008, the community raised \$20,000 in support of the volunteer firefighters. This money is being used to purchase new structural fire protective gear for the department. In 2007, the community donated enough funds to purchase 50 sets of wildland firefighting gear that is in use today. The department has 45 members, most are trained volunteers. We are fortunate to have such dedicated members of our community to keep us safe. Through the leadership and direction of Fire Chief Ken Mackey and his staff, Ione has the finest and best trained department in the county.

Happy Valentine's Day
February 14th

EIR Scoping Meeting to be Held February 10th

On January 6, the City Council established a draft land use plan for the City as part of the General Plan Update. A Notice of Preparation stating that the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will begin was released on January 16. The EIR will analyze the potential environmental impacts of the proposed land use plan, as well as the policies and programs from the new General Plan.

Public input is encouraged in preparation for the EIR. A scoping meeting will be held to provide the City with input from other public agencies and service providers on what the EIR should address. This public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 10, 4:00 PM at City Hall.

The draft land use plan will focus on downtown redevelopment on Main and Jackson streets, planned areas for residential uses and a preferred alignment for the west Ione backbone roadway system (formerly referred to as the Ione bypass). Materials from past workshops, planning and council meetings along with other General Plan information are available online. Contact City Planner Christopher Jordan at 274-2412, ext 104 or www.ionegeneralplan.com for more information.

Ione Plaza Market Update

The new owners of Ione Plaza Market (formerly Claypool's) are moving along with what they call their "restoration project." Under new management for a little over one month, stocking of shelves continues. "We have accomplished quite a bit, and anticipate that the process will take several more weeks to complete but is coming along at a good pace," stated new owner Doug Knutsen. Doug invites residents to stop by and see the progress that has been made. Comments and suggestions are welcome, and patronage appreciated. With the change of ownership, the food stamps and the WIC programs are in the process of being renewed and will be available in the near future.

Around Town

The Angel Tree Gift Program made it possible for 228 kids in the lone and Camanche areas to receive Christmas gifts, all donated by generous individuals in our community. Children's names, age and gift wish lists were placed on trees at Castle Oaks Golf Club, Bank of Amador and City Hall. There were 75 angels from Castle Oaks, 25 from Bank of Amador and 25 from City Hall. The lone Rotary Club donated \$300 to purchase additional gifts. Each child from infants to teenagers received from one to three gifts on their "wish list". Thank you to all who contributed to the success of this program and ensured many children had a happy holiday.

A Marriage Revival Series is being offered by King's View Assembly of God Church beginning Sunday, February 15 from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. The series will be presented to couples planning marriage and those already married to enhance and enrich their partnership. The "Marriage Revival" is a four part DVD series with a very comical, entertaining and informative speaker. Plan to join this group and enrich your communication skills as a couple. The program is held at the Kings View Church located at 432 W. Marlette Street in lone. There is no charge, donations are accepted. For more information, contact Pastor Dan Epperson at 209-304-9364.

Amador Commission on Aging is looking for a member from the lone/Camanche area to serve on the commission. The commission meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 10:00 AM at the Amador County Senior Center. Meetings are open to the public. From more information, contact Laurie Webb at 209-223-0442.

Free Tax Help will be available February 1 through April 15 for taxpayers with low and middle-income, with special attention to people age 60 and older. Sponsored by AARP Tax-Aide, tax counselors will be onsite at the lone Cornerstone Church. Call 209-223-0442 for an appointment and information.

Valentine Day Dinner will be served at Caddy's Restaurant at Castle Oaks Golf Club, February 14. Serving will be from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. Four entrees will be offered and include, chicken, fish, steak and scampi. Call 209-274-0767 for reservations.

The February IBCA Mixer will be hosted by Rancho Arroyo Seco and held at the ranch house next to the Big Red Barn on Hwy 104 across from the Mule Creek entrance. Join the group on February 19 at 5:30 PM. Light refreshment served.

Free Head Start Program is offered to children in lone ages 3 to 5 years. Classes are located at the Head Start Center at 108 W. Marlette Street in lone. Program offers two half day sessions. For more information contact Beverly Pina at 209-274-0395 ext 0.

City Meetings

City Council

Feb 3 & 17 6:00 PM City Hall

Planning Commission

Feb 10 6:00 PM City Hall

Parks & Recreation

Feb 24 6:00 PM City Hall

City offices will be closed on February 16th for the President's Day Holiday

Organization Meetings

Castle Oaks Women's Club Luncheon

3rd Mon - 11:30 AM check-in

Reservations - 274-6944 or 274-4377

Grange & Jr. Grange Meetings & Potluck

2nd Thurs - 6:00 PM - VFW Hall

IBCA Board Meeting

3rd Thursday - 8:30 AM - Castle Oaks Golf Club

February Mixer - 19 @ 5:30 PM - Rancho Arroyo Seco

lone Homecoming Picnic Association

1st Wed - 6:30 PM - VFW Hall

Eastern Star Meeting - 274-2340

3rd Thursday - 7:30 PM - lone Masonic Hall

Methodist Church Soup Supper - 274-2852

4th Wednesday each month - 5:00 - 6:30 PM

Preston Castle Foundation

1st Wed - 6:30 PM - Cornerstone Church

Rainbow Assembly - 274-0354

2nd and 4th Tuesday - 7:00 PM - lone Masonic Hall

Rotary Club Meeting

Thursdays - 12:00 Noon - Twisted Fork Restaurant

Veterans of Foreign War Meeting - VFW Hall

2nd Friday - Family dinner 6:00 PM - Meeting 7:00 PM

Upcoming Events

Native Sons Crab Feed

Saturday, February 28 - Evalynn Bishop Hall

E-Waste Collection (Note winter hours)

Sponsored by Preston Castle Foundation & lone Rotary

1st Saturday 10:00 - 12:00 PM - Preston Castle

Important Numbers

City Hall 209-274-2412

Emergency 911

Non-emergency 209-223-6513 (Sheriff's dispatch)

City Web Site www.ione-ca.com

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The deadline for input is the 20th of each month. Input forms are available at City Hall or email Sharon Long, at ionecitynews@ione-ca.com.

lone Rotary Annual Crab Feed

Saturday, February 7, 2009

No Host Bar 6:00 PM

Dinner 7:00 PM

Evalynn Bishop Hall

\$30 per person

