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City Accomplishments 2nd Half 2009

City staff was busy during the second half of 2009, with several major projects completed. The biggest project was the update of the City's General Plan that was completed on time and within budget. Zoning codes were updated and now are consistent and compatible with the General Plan Update.

Community projects included the downtown façade grant program that matched up to \$2500 for building façade improvements. Eleven building owners and businesses have taken advantage of the program, with the look of downtown much improved.

Public Safety - Move-in and dedication of the new fire station on Preston took place in the second half of the year. Staffing and hiring procedures are in place to implement the Measure M funding when available. The Police Department has updated procedures and descriptions and has begun implementation of updated code enforcement.

Finance - The Budget 2009-10 was passed by Council, and Finance has streamlined many processes and procedures. New accounts payable processes have reduced penalties and fines through on-time payments and tracking. With the reduction in headcount, Finance has moved to the front office in order to support administration and front desk coverage. Adoption of Uniform Public Works Cost Accounting Procedures has resulted in a cost effective and shortened bid process.

Major infra-structure projects completed include the new fire station, the park and ride on Main Street, safe route to school project is complete and all play structures in parks are within compliance and bark has been replaced with shredded rubber tire. The review of the environmental master plan for Howard Park including parking, Evalynn Bishop Hall, bathrooms for the arena, is underway and will be complete and ready when funds are available for improvements. (Continued on page 2)

Four New Businesses Open on Main St.

The New Year welcomes four new businesses to downtown Ione. All are located in the 14 W. Main St., a building that is well suited for boutique businesses. Stop by and welcome these new owners to town.

Elements Skin Care Salon is owned by Sharon Goldsmith of Ione who is moving her skin care services from Rancho Murieta where she was located for 9 years. She will offer facials, peels, micro-dermabrasion, permanent makeup, waxing and spray tanning. Elements will feature a full line of skin care products and make up. In addition, the shop will offer a selection of custom jewelry and variety of potted plants. Elements Skin Care will be open Tuesday-Friday 9:00 to 4:30, Saturdays by appointment. Call 209-274-4264 or for more information, check the website, elementsdayspa.biz.

Platinum Hair Salon has moved from Jackson to Ione and offers full service hair styling for women, men and children. Stylist Vanessa Collins is the owner and operator and brings over 5 years experience to her clients. Salon services include cut, color and styling as well as waxing. Salon hours are Monday through Saturday from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM. To book an appointment, call Vanessa at 209-217-6408.

Woof! Woof! Woof! Dog Grooming will be open for business in January. Owner and pet groomer Becky McCoy brings over 30 years of experience in handling of all breeds. She is an expert that promises great grooming and gentle handling of your pet. We hear on good authority that dogs love her. To make an appointment for your dog, call 209-274-4669. Becky is offering a 10% discount for the month of January.

Accounting & Tax Services will be open on January 20 in time for the tax season. In addition to tax services, owner Jeanne Rodriguez offers accounting and payroll services, business and personal financial statement preparation, budgeting and business entity set-ups for small and large businesses. She offers tax preparation for personal and business and non-profit organizations. The office will be open Mon-Fri, 8:00 to 4:30. For an appointment, call 209-274-6700.

Happy New Year

Around Town

The Latin Geek Squad, is a group of Latin language students from Mountain Oaks School lone campus planning a trip to Rome, Vatican City, Florence and Pompei to discover the land of Latin language roots. To help fund the trip, they are planning a spaghetti feed dinner on January 23rd at the Jackson Senior Center. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children 12 or under. The Geek Squad will provide the entertainment for the night. For details and ticket information, call 274-4012 or 223-4335. If you can not attend, donations of any amount should be made payable to: Mountain Oaks School, Latin Geek Squad and mailed to 19850 Dawn Ridge Road, Jackson, CA 95642.

Viola Rose Flower and Gift Shop has moved to a new location at 24 Main Street in lone. FTD and TeleFlora available. Hours are Mon-Sat, 9:00 to 5:30. Call 209-274-4700.

City Accomplishments (continued)

Water Treatment - Sewer in five locations have been repaired. PERC, a new waste water treatment facility management team is on board. A request for quote to design, build, finance and operate a new water treatment plant was issued in November 2009. Three firms have responded. New legislation allows for municipalities to engage in a public/private relationship for large project such as water treatment. The arrangement allows for a lease/buyback plan that at the end of the lease, the facility is turned over to the City.

A draft wastewater master plan and draft environmental impact report are being finalized for the wastewater system improvements. This is required before any major infra-structure project can move forward.

Public Works projects include clean up of the corporate yard, with surplus materials posted online at no cost to the City. Clean up of weeds and debris in the creek has been completed.

Administration completed personnel rules and polices for all employees. A personnel handbook was completed and published. The City website has been improved and includes city available jobs, RFP's and municipal codes on the site.

City Meetings – January

City Council

Jan 5 & 19 6:00 PM City Hall

Planning Commission

Jan 12 6:00 PM City Hall

Parks & Recreation

Jan 26 6:00 PM City Hall

City offices will be closed January 18

Organization Meetings

Castle Oaks Women's Club Luncheon

3rd Monday – 11:30 AM Check-in

Reservations – 209-274-2668

Castle Oaks Women's Bible Study Group

Wed, Sept 9 10-11:30 AM. Call 274-0600

Grange & Jr. Grange Meetings & Potluck

2nd Thurs – 6:00 PM – VFW Hall – Info 209-610-9415

IBCA Board Meeting

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

Rancho Arroyo Seco – 5:30 PM

Ione Homecoming Picnic Association

1st Wed – 6:30 PM – VFW Hall

Ione Masonic Lodge #80 – 274-0354

2nd Wednesday – 8:00 PM – Ione Masonic Hall

Eastern Star Meeting – 274-4289 or 274-0354

3rd Thursday – 7:30 PM – Ione Masonic Hall

Methodist Church Soup Supper – 274-2852

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

Native Sons Parlor 33

1st & 3rd Wednesday – 7:00 PM – Native Sons' Bldg Ione

Preston Castle Foundation Meetings

1st Wed - 6:30 PM – Cornerstone Church

Rotary Club Meeting

Thursdays – 12:00 Noon – Cravings Restaurant

Veterans of Foreign War Meeting – Ione Memorial Hall

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

Upcoming Activities

E-Waste Collection *

Sponsored by Preston Castle Foundation & Ione Rotary

1st Saturday 8:00 – 12: noon - Preston Castle

Do not leave items when attendant is not available.

Important Numbers

City Hall 209-274-2412

Emergency 911

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

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



Rotary Crab Feed

Saturday, February 6th

6:00 PM – Evalynn Bishop Hall - \$35

Tickets available at

Bank of Amador, Coldwell Realty

Kreth, Clark's Corner or Rotary Club Members