

# CITY OF IONE NEWS



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## PERC Water to Manage City of Ione Wastewater Treatment Facilities

On July 1<sup>st</sup>, PERC Water Corporation officially assumed responsibility for the operations of the Ione Wastewater Treatment Facility, the Castle Oaks Water Reclamation Plant (COWRP) and Collection System for the City of Ione. PERC Water has successfully designed, constructed and operated water recycling facilities across the United States. The founder made the company's purpose clear from the start: "We don't use water, we just borrow it." PERC Water is a water recycling company focused on returning water to nature. They are committed to producing water of the highest quality, and guarantee the risks associated with water recycling for every client.

PERC's first order of business for the City of Ione was a complete evaluation of all systems and recommended actions. Operational changes have included taking daily hour meter readings on the influent pumps and generators allowing detection of potential issues with pumps by establishing a baseline daily run time. Further review recommended elimination of grit pumping for a cost savings of \$19,760 per year. Compliance issues have been addressed and corrective action taken. A thorough maintenance inspection has resulted in repair and replacement of parts and equipments for a more efficient operation. No major modifications to the plant have been made at this time. City Manger Kim Kerr summed it up this way, "Looking to the future, as our City experiences growth, and our wastewater needs increase, PERC Water is a partner that will help to guide us through the upgrade process." Currently the facilities are staffed full-time by two operators, an operations and a plant manager.

## Ione Officially Adopts General Plan

The City of Ione officially adopted the General Plan (GP) Update that will serve as a blueprint to guide future development in Ione and ensure the community values are maintained. This was no small task and was a collaborative effort among City leaders, business owners and residents, providing a good representation of the needs of the community. The GP addresses many issues in the city related to transportation, public health and safety, open space and housing needs. Specific highlights of the update include maintaining downtown Ione as the heart of the community with opportunities for growth. The City Council certified the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) which analyzes potential environmental impacts of the General Plan. The public's participation and contribution has been essential in preserving Ione's history and creating a viable and flourishing community. Visit the plan website at [www.ionegeneralplan.com](http://www.ionegeneralplan.com)

## "Computers for Kids" \$10,000 in Matching Funds Available

The goal is to raise \$20,000 or more to build a state-of-the-art computer lab for Ione Elementary School students that will accommodate up to 32 stations. To meet this goal we need businesses, organizations and the community to come together in support the effort. Rancho Arroyo Seco will once again match all donations dollar-for-dollar up to \$10,000. They will also sponsor the "Bulldog Byte Bash" on Friday, October 23 in the BIG RED BARN at the Ranch on Hwy 104.

### Bring the Family...

This family event will feature many activities for kids including a "spook alley," bounce house, cotton candy, games, s'mores and more. A spaghetti dinner will be served. The cost is \$15 for adults, \$2 for kids 6-12 years, with kids 5 and under free, \$20 for adults at the door. A silent auction and raffle are also planned with a great selection of items including a laptop computer, ½ hog, Christmas Eve delivery by Santa on a fire truck, takeout pizza and story time. Tickets for the event are on sale at the elementary school, Clark's Corner and City Hall.

### Grand Prize Drawing – Trip to Disneyland...

A trip to Disneyland worth \$1000 will be the grand prize drawing at the event. This trip is made available through the sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Ione. Tickets for the drawing will be on sale at the Elementary School and at the October 23 event. Tickets for the grand prize drawing are \$5 each.

### Donations...

If you do not plan to attend the event, donations can be made to payable to "Computers for Kids" and mailed to Rancho Arroyo Seco, P.O. 1730, Ione, CA 95640. All funds donated will be dedicated to this project. For more information, contact Sharon Long at 209-304-5118.

## IBCA Chalk the Walk & Peddlers' Fair

The Ione Business and Community Association (IBCA) annual Chalk the Walk and Peddlers' Fair will be held on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> in downtown Ione. The hours are 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Local students will compete in the sidewalk chalk art competition for cash prizes. This year, Cravings has teamed up with IBCA to host a "Mid Evil" Pumpkin Festival that includes a cakewalk, coloring and pumpkin carving contest and a pumpkin pie and cookie stand to be run by the Argonaut Jr. Mustangs. These activities will from 1:00 to 6:00 PM. Pumpkins are to be pre-carved and at Cravings by 5:00 PM, as well as the (continued on page 2)

## Around Town

**Story time for pre-school children** will be held at Clark's Corners each Tuesday morning at 9:00 AM beginning on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Children will enjoy stories read by local volunteers. The first reader will be Rachel Aguilera. Each session will be 30 minutes in length. If you are interested in being a reader, contact Andrea Bonham at Clarks Corners, 209-274-2233.

**Return envelopes** will no longer be included in the monthly sewer invoice mailings once the current inventory of envelopes is used. This is an effort to reduce cost to the City. There are several options for bill payments. They include electronic bill pay, credit card and check. Payments may be dropped off at City Hall during business hours, mailed or paid electronically.

**Annual Holiday Bazaar** sponsored by the Preston Castle Foundation will be held on Saturday, November 14 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the Castle visitor center. Applications for vendors are being accepted. Space is available for \$25 plus 10% of sales. Booths are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. For information, contact Carol Hambaugh, 209-274-4310. Proceeds will benefit the Preston Castle Foundation.

**Curves of Ione** members have collected over 350 brown paper bags of donated food items for the Amador County Interfaith Food Bank. The Food Bank distributes an estimated 6,000 bags of food each month to residents of the County. Curves owners Patty and Karl Knobelauch are ongoing supporters of this effort. Thank you to those who contributed to the success of this food drive. For information on the Interfaith Food Bank, call 209-267-9006.

**Halloween Party at Caddy's Restaurant** will be held on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. The party will start at 6:00 PM and run until 10:00 PM. Appetizers will be served and music provided by local DJ favorite Harry Jordash. Harry offers his great vocals and hundreds of songs for requests. Dance, sing, have fun. Costumes are optional. This is an adult function. Must be 21 years or older.

**Jr. Girls Golf Program** is looking for girls ages 7 to 17 who are interested in learning the sport and discipline of golf. Lessons will be given every other Saturday at 11:00 AM by the professional golf staff at the golf club. No experience necessary. If you do not have clubs Castle Oaks will provide clubs to get you started. Tennis shoes and collared shirt are required. No short shorts please. For more information, contact the golf shop at 209-274-0167 and press 1 for the golf shop

### Fire Station #2 Open House

Saturday, October 17  
5:30 PM

Join the Ione Volunteer Firefighters  
for this special  
Ribbon Cutting & Open House  
600 Preston Avenue - Ione

## City Meetings – October

### City Council

Oct 6 & 20 6:00 PM City Hall

### Planning Commission

Oct 13 6:00 PM City Hall

### Parks & Recreation

Oct 27 6:00 PM City Hall

## Organization Meetings

### Castle Oaks Women's Club Luncheon

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday – 11:30 AM Check-in

Reservations – 209-274-2797 or 274-4756

### Castle Oaks Women's Bible Study Group

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

### Grange & Jr. Grange Meetings & Potluck

2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs – 6:00 PM – VFW Hall – Info 209-610-9415

### IBCA Board Meeting

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday – 8:30 AM – Castle Oaks Golf Club

Mixer – October 15 – JTS Pavillion 274-6901 5:30 PM

### Ione Homecoming Picnic Association

1<sup>st</sup> Wed – 6:30 PM – VFW Hall

### Eastern Star Meeting – 274-2340

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday – 7:30 PM – Ione Masonic Hall

### Methodist Church Soup Supper – 274-2852

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday each month – 5:00 - 6:30 PM

### Native Sons Parlor 33

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

### Preston Castle Foundation Meetings

1<sup>st</sup> Wed - 6:30 PM – Cornerstone Church

### Rainbow Assembly – 274-0354

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – 7:00 PM – Ione Masonic Hall

### Rotary Club Meeting

Thursdays – 12:00 Noon – Cravings Restaurant

### Veterans of Foreign War Meeting – Ione Memorial Hall

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday – Family dinner 6:00 PM – Meeting 7:00 PM

## Upcoming Activities

### E-Waste Collection (Note extended hours)

Sponsored by Preston Castle Foundation & Ione Rotary

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday 8:00 AM – 12:00 Noon - Preston Castle

**Preston Castle Tours** – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays – Apr-Oct

Special tours call 209-256-3623.

## Important Numbers

City Hall 209-274-2412

Emergency 911

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

City Web Site [www.ione-ca.com](http://www.ione-ca.com)

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The deadline for input is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Input forms are available at City Hall, on the City website or email Sharon Long, at [ionecitynews@ione-ca.com](mailto:ionecitynews@ione-ca.com).

### Chalk the Walk (continued from page 1)

color contest entries. Coloring entry sheets are available at the schools, Cravings and Farmer's Insurance. Most activities will be in the City Hall parking area – or for you old timers – between the "meat and the money". Vendors call Amy Hohn at 209-418-8837. Contest participation call 209-274-6366. For pumpkin contest, you must be present to win.