Amador Recreation Agency
Master Plan Update Meeting

The Amador County Recreation Agency (ACRA) is updating its Master Plan and is scheduling public outreach meetings and activities throughout February and March. The Plan provides the foundation for a park and recreation program for the residents of Amador County. The District 2 meeting for Ione and Camanche areas will be held on Tuesday, February 23rd at 6 PM at Evalynn Bishop Hall. Those in attendance will become informed on current plans and be able to contribute their thoughts and ideas.

Each of the City’s parks will be included in this plan, so public input is vital. Each City and community is unique and has different needs. The Amador County Park and Recreation Master Plan update will consider each separately, with respect to demographics, parks, recreation programs, and operations.

The Plan update process will also include adult and youth surveys, to be available by the time of public meeting, stakeholders other than members of the agency staff will be identified and interviewed. A project website has been set up through WordPress.com and linked to the ACRA site at acraparkmasterplan.wordpress.com/. There is also a Facebook page available at facebook.com/acraevents. Public notification of scheduled events and project updates will be posted on both the website and Facebook page.

Construction at Preston Castle

Construction is underway at Preston Castle on sewer, water, and a fire connection and pipelines at the Preston site. Local contractor Lewis Yager Construction was selected to complete this project. The job is two-thirds completed and will free the Preston Castle Foundation property from utility connections and lines held for over 100 years by the State of California. The goal is to have construction completed by March of this year, before the open of the 2016 Castle tours and events. For more information on the Preston Castle Foundation and upcoming events, logon on to prestoncastle.com.

Richard Forster Honored

District 2 Supervisor Richard Forster, who represents Ione, Camanche and Amador City, will receive the Margaret Dalton Golden Nugget Award on February 5th. The Jackson Rancheria and the Amador County Chamber of Commerce established the award to honor local individuals who contribute their time and efforts to local causes with little fanfare or recognition. Richard certainly fits that description, and is a 5th generation Californian who has lived in the county since 1975. He previously served on the Amador Water Agency Board, Amador County Fair Board, and the Sutter Amador Hospital Foundation Board. He also is a member of the Rotary Club of Ione, IBCA, Native Sons of California Ione Parlor, and the Preston Castle Foundation. Most recently, he was appointed as the president of the California State Association of Counties. In addition, Wayne Garibaldi of Jackson is also being recognized for his contributions. Wayne has been a Jackson City Council member since 2006 and is active in local service groups. Congratulation Richard and Wayne, and thank you for all you do to enhance life in Amador County.

Ione Homecoming Hoedown

The Ione Picnic Association produces the Ione Homecoming event each year, and they are planning a hoedown in the Ed Hughes Arena at Howard Park on Saturday, March 19th. Proceeds from the fundraiser will go to this year’s Homecoming weekend scheduled for May 13 and 14th. The Homecoming Hoedown will feature a no-host bar, dinner, silent auction, raffle and music. Doors open at 5:30 PM and dinner will be served at 7:00 PM. Tickets are available for $25 each or two for $40, and are available at Clark’s Corner, Coldwell Banker or by calling Mitzi, 209-304-7970, Lacey, 209-304-8090, or Noele, 209-663-1362.

Happy Valentines Day
**Around Town**

**The Ducks Unlimited** fundraiser banquet will be held on Saturday, March 5th at Evalynn Bishop Hall in Ione. A no-host bar will be open from 5 to 7 PM. During that time you can enjoy event games, walk around and browse the silent auction, progressive raffles, and live auction items. Ione Native Sons will prepare a prime rib dinner with all the trimmings. Cost is $65 per person, and includes a door prize. Couples cost is $120, youth under 14 years, $40 and a full table for 8 including a DU wine glass and unlimited wine is $550. The gun table includes dinner for 8, door prize, DU wine glasses, unlimited wine, and a $300 packet of raffle tickets and one firearm.

New this year is a chance in the “Lucky Table” drawing where one table of 8 will each receive a Yeti cooler. Cost is $20 pp. Tickets can be ordered online or call 209-304-2021 or 209-274-4224. To purchase tickets logon to: nc-ducks.org/California/events/40610/Amador-county. The mission of Ducks Unlimited is to fulfill the annual life-cycle needs of North American waterfowl by protecting, enhancing, restoring and managing important wetlands and associated lands. They are recognized as the largest waterfowl and wetland conservation organization in the world.

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**Native Sons of the Golden West Ione Parlor #33** presents their annual marinated Crab Feed Dinner on Saturday, February 27th at Evalynn Bishop Hall, 6:30 PM. The fundraiser dinner will benefit the Children’s Cleft Palate Foundation. Doors open at 6:30 PM. Dinner will include crab, pesto, garlic bread, and salad. There will be a no-host bar, music and raffle prizes. For ticket information, call 209-274-4106. Seating is limited, purchase tickets early.

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**Save the Date**

3rd Annual Rotary Show & Shine
Saturday, May 28th

This year’s annual event has been moved to Westover Field Amador County Airport
For more information contact
Dave Wardall – 209-274-9160
Website to be available in mid-February.

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**City Meetings – February 2016**

*Meetings are held at 6:00 PM – Council Chambers*

| City Council | February 2 & 16 |
| Parks & Recreation | February 8 |

Agendas are posted at www.ione-ca.com – City Council Link

City Hall’s Friday closing time to the public is 1:00 PM

**Organization Meetings & Activities**

**Bingo at Clark’s Corner** – 209-304-3732
3rd Wednesday, 6:30 to 8:00 PM

**Bingo, Raffle, Food & Drinks** – 209-274-6075
1st Saturday, 7:00 PM - Camanche Community Center

**Castle Oaks Women’s Club Luncheon**
Information: 209-274-2625

**Castle Oaks Women’s Bible Study Group**
Wednesday, 10-11:30 AM - Call 274-0600

**Fit After 50 Fitness Class** - Ione Methodist Church
Mon & Thurs 9-10 and Wed 9:30 – 10:30

**Grange & Jr Grange Meetings**
2nd Thursday – 6:00 PM – VFW Hall – 209-610-9415
4th Tuesday – 6:00 PM – Sacred Heart Parish Hall – 274-2048

**IBCA Board Meeting** – www.myione.com
Location: Ione Welcome Center Castle Oaks & Fairway Dr.

**Ione Homecoming Picnic Association**
General Information: 209-304-7970 or 209-663-1342

**Ione Masonic Lodge #80** – 274-0354
2nd Wednesday – 8:00 PM – Ione Masonic Hall

**Ione Public Library** – 25 E. Main St, Ione
Mon & Wed 10-1, Tues 2-7, Thurs 1-5, Fri 1-4

**Methodist Church Ione - Food Distribution & Meals**
Interfaith Food Bank and EFAP - 3rd Saturday, 10:30 -12:30
Senior food distribution – 1st Thursday – 11:00-12:00 noon
Senior meals every Thursday – 11:30 AM – Call 223-3015
Free Coffee, Pastries & Conversation 4th Saturday – 9:30-11:30

**Native Sons Parlor 33**
1st & 3rd Wednesday – 7:00 PM – Native Sons’ Bldg, Ione

**Preston Castle Foundation Meetings**
1st Wednesday – 6:30 PM – Cornerstone Church

**Rotary of Ione Club Meeting** – www.ionerotary.org
1st Thursday 6:00 PM – All others 12 noon –Clark’s Corner

**Veterans of Foreign War Meeting** – Ione Memorial Hall
2nd Friday – Family dinner 6:00 PM – Meeting 7:00 PM

**Weight Watchers’ Meeting** – Monday – Clark’s Corner
Weigh-in 5:00 PM, Meeting 5:30 to 6:00 PM

**Important Numbers**

City Hall 209-274-2412
Emergency 911
Non-emergency 209-223-6513 or 209-223-6500
Ione PD Website www.ionepd.org
Ione City Website www.ione-ca.com

City of Ione NEWS 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, ionecitynews@ione-ca.com