

City of Ione NEWS

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Rotary of Ione Community Project

Each year the Rotary Club of Ione identifies a need in the community and funds and completes a project. Some examples in the past are the rebuilding of the Ione Library, renovation of the interior of Evalynn Bishop Hall, building the snack shack for youth sports, and work on the historic train depot.

This year, along with the Cops and Kids Foundation, they funded, and identified a need for storage at the Ione Elementary School for teachers and students. With funds from the club, and a matching grant from the Rotary District, along with the Cops and Kids Foundation, a 12' x 16' tall shed was purchased.

The project included clearing and grading of the ground surface, installation of a foundation, and fencing. Rotary and community volunteers worked over a period of time to complete the project. Rotary would like to thank the community volunteers for the use of equipment, tools, and time. We are fortunate to have talented craftsmen and the leadership of contractor, and club member, Jake Herfel to help with this project. When school opens, teachers will have access to the new shed along with two others that were on site. For information on the Rotary of Ione, contact president, Richard Forster at 608-4748.

COVID-19 Free Testing Site

A free Verily drive through testing site is open at the St. Katharine Drexel Catholic Parish in Jackson. Testing is a mid-turbinate nasal swab. The test is a PCR test, which tells you if you have the virus in your system at that time. You do not need to be symptomatic. This is NOT an antibody test that may be able to tell if you ever had the illness. Insurance information will be collected but no co-payment or co-insurance will be charged or collected. All individuals and their families, regardless of where they live, are eligible, as are all seasonal workers who may have a permanent residence elsewhere. Anyone 18 years or older qualifies to be tested. To register for an appointment, log on to www.projectbaseline.com. For questions regarding registration call Amador County Public Health Testing Helpline at: 209-223-6676. You must schedule an appointment for testing.

Source: Amador County Public Health Department
www.amadorgov.org/services/public-health

What's Up in Amador County

Looking for things to do in Amador County? There are options and some interesting sites to see even during this shutdown period. Social distancing and masks in indoor setting are required. Here are some suggestions from Amador Council of Tourism.

Indian Grinding Rock State Historic Park/Chawse

Open for picnics, hiking, camping, restrooms available. The museum and gift store are closed.
14881 Pine Grove-Volcano Road, Pine Grove
209-296-7488 or info@chwse.org

Kennedy Mine - 12594 Kennedy Mine Rd, Jackson

Open for surface tours - Reservations suggested
info@kennedygoldmine.com - 209-223-9542

Amador Farmers Markets

amadorfarmersmarket.com.

Masks and social distancing required

Sutter Creek – End of Main St - Sat 9 to noon

Pine Grove Community Park – 3 to 6 PM – 8/31 & 8/28

Amador Council of Tourism relocated to Ione on Castle Oaks Drive. The Visit Amador drive through event was a great success with about 60 vehicles including bikes, golf carts, strollers, 3 fire trucks and 100 folks coming through to receive curbside travel info packets, cool water and a logo face mask. The agency would like to thank Chief Mackey for the fire truck fun and the community for making the agency welcome. For more information log on to www.visitamador.com.

Digital Travel Guide: HELLO@visitAmador.com

Local restaurants throughout Amador County are open for take-out or outside dining. Contact your favorite spot, and call for hours and protocol. Bistro and restaurant owners have thoroughly sanitized their locations, furnishings and seating areas creating safe-distanced tables reducing their overall capacity. Proprietors are doing their best to provide you with the best of service under unprecedented circumstances.

Support Local Businesses

Around Town

Preston Castle is closed for tours and events indefinitely due to COVID-19 restrictions. A decision will be made on August 5th relative to the Haunt and Castle Christmas. Logon to prestoncastle.org for undated information.

IBCA Events

- Mixers are suspended until further notice
- Harvest Faire – has been cancelled.
- A decision on the Lone Christmas Parade will be made at a later date.

A third historic plaque highlighting the original lone movie theatre has been installed at 14 W. Main Street in downtown lone. Other historic plaques have been placed at City Hall, and the end of Main Street in the parking area where the Women's Club building once stood. These historic plaques are sponsored by the lone Business and Community Association (IBCA). For more information on IBCA logon to myione.com.

The annual fireworks sales were a huge success. Thank you to the volunteers who worked, and to the community for supporting this fundraising event.

Castle Oaks Golf Club

The golf course is open during this time allowing one person to a cart with the exception of families and co-habitants who may ride together. The restaurant and bar are open limited hours for outside service. Food is served from 9 AM to 3 PM, and the bar is open 10 AM to 6 PM. Both are closed on Tuesdays.

Important Course Information...

As a reminder, the golf course is open only to golfers, and NOT to be used for walking, skating, skate boarding, bicycles, etc. This is in effect at all times, regardless of what a realtor may have told you. The golf course permits and insurance require they keep non-golfers off the course at all times.

Hwy 104 Alert

There are many animals that cross Hwy 104 between the SGI plant and Cal Fire on Hwy 104. Drivers should be cautious and slow down. Two very large does were killed in one week on this stretch of the highway. Hitting large animals can do major damage to a vehicle.

City of lone NEWS The deadline for input is the 20th of each month. Input forms are available at City Hall, on the City website www.ione-ca.com, or email Sharon Long, smlong55@hotmail.com.

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