

# City of Ione NEWS

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## **City of Ione Fire Department Announcement:**

### **FIREPLACES AND CHIMNEYS:**

The City of Ione Fire Department would like to remind everyone that as the days grow colder and we begin to embrace the warmth of our fireplaces, it's crucial to ensure that our homes are both cozy and safe. One essential winter preparation step that is often overlooked is chimney cleaning. Regular chimney maintenance not only ensures a clean and efficient burn but also prevents potential hazards.

Over time, creosote, a highly flammable substance, can build up in your chimney. When ignited, it can lead to a dangerous chimney fire. Moreover, debris, birds nests, and other obstructions can block the flue, causing smoke to back up into your home.

The City of Ione Fire Department recommends having your chimney cleaned and inspected at least once a year, preferably before the start of the heating season. If you're unsure when you last had it cleaned, now is the perfect time to schedule this essential maintenance task.

Cleaning a chimney can be dirty and potentially hazardous task, so it's best left to the professionals. Seek out a certified chimney sweep in our community to ensure that the job is done correctly and safely.

Keeping your chimney clean and well-maintained is not just a matter of comfort but also safety, damage, or build up can cause an attic or wall fire, hidden until it might be too late, causing major damage or injuries.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at the fire department at 209-274-6115.

## **Explore Ione!**

### ***The Heart of Amador***

Here are some exciting upcoming events happening around town:

December 8th: Owen Realty Group's Christmas Display with Santa—5:30 P.M. 401 Fairway Drive

December 9th: Ione Feed and Ranch Supply's Annual Petting Zoo and Pictures with Santa—117 W. Jackson Street

December 9th: Christmas at the Castle and Craft Fair—10:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. Preston Castle 900 Palm Drive

December 9th: Ione Christmas Parade—11:00 A.M. Main Street

December 9th: Church Street Market—10:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.

December 10th: Breakfast with Mrs. Clause—9:00 A.M. Castle Oaks Golf Club

December 13th-16th: *It's a Wonderful Life*—Cornerstone Church Dinner Theatre (Tickets Required)

December 14th: Ione Branch Library Book Club for discussion of current read (*A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens)—5:30 P.M. Burke Family Restaurant

December 16th: Lake Camanche Boat Parade—6:00 P.M. Lake Camanche North Shore

## **City Meetings**

**Meetings are held at 6:00 PM – Remote or In Person**

City Council	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month
Planning Commission	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month
Creek Committee	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month
Parks & Rec	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month

Agendas are posted at [www.ione-ca.com](http://www.ione-ca.com)—City Gov't Link



## Organization Meetings & Activities

### **Castle Oaks Women's Bible Study Group**

Wednesdays 10:00-11:30am, Information: 209-304-3864

### **Castle Oaks Women's 18 Hole Golf Group**

Tuesday mornings – Information: 209-274-4376

### **Grange & Jr Grange Meetings**

Information: 209-610-9415

### **IBCA Board Meeting Kreth Office**

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 8:30am, Information: 209-610-9415

### **Ione Public Cemetery Board Mtg - 500 S. Church St.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 3:00pm, Information: 209-274-0274

### **Ione Homecoming Picnic Association**

Information: 209-304-7970 or 209-663-1342

### **Ione Ladies Association**

Information: Klina 209 274-0894

### **Ione Masonic Lodge #80 – Ione Masonic Hall**

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday – 7:00pm, Bill Wells 209-304-4853

### **Ione Public Library – 25 E. Main St**

Mon & Fri 10-1, Tues & Wed 1-5, Thurs 12-4

### **Fit after 50 Exercise Class – Methodist Church Ione**

Mon, Wed & Thurs 9:00am to 10:00am

### **King's View Assembly of God**

Monday Nights—Celebrate Recovery

5:30-8—small dinner included

Tuesday Nights—Griefshare 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday Nights – Kid's Club, 6 to 12 years

Pick Up at the Oaks at 5:30, Pick Up at Castle Park at 5:50

Wednesday Nights—Women's Bible Study

6:00—8:00 P.M. 1501 Shakeley Lane

Thursdays Nights—Submerged Youth 6:30—8:45

### **Native Sons Parlor 33 - Native Sons' Bldg**

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday - 7:00pm

### **Preston Castle Foundation Meetings—Preston Castle**

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday - 5:30 PM

### **Rotary of Ione Club Meeting – [www.ionerotary.org](http://www.ionerotary.org)**

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays - Information: 209-608-4748

### **Veterans Hall**

Tuesday - Friday 8:00am to Noon

Join us for a cup of coffee and camaraderie.

### **Veterans of Foreign War Meeting**

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday – Dinner 5:00 Meeting 6:00

Information: 209-274-4956

### **VFW Auxiliary**

2nd Wednesday - Dinner 5:00 Meeting 6:00

Information: 209-610-9415

### **Disabled American Veterans – Chapter 118 Meeting**

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 6:00pm - information: 925-212-6962

### **Amador Senior Center Lunch—Ione Methodist Church**

Every Thursday 11:30am—12:30pm

\$4 suggested\* contribution w/ intake form. \$7 for guests

Reservations must be made a week prior 209-223-0442

## City of Ione Police Department Announcement:

This year's Annual Ione Christmas Parade is on Saturday, December 9th starting at 11:00 A.M. on Ione Main Street. The following streets will have closures from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.: Main Street, S. Ione Street, S. Church Street, Jackson Street, S. Buena Vista Street, and W. Marlette Street. Please use caution when driving around the areas.

We hope to see you there for a day of family fun festivities!

## **Ione Ladies Association Luncheon**

Burke's Family Restaurant

25 W. Main Street Ione, CA 95640

December 18, 2023

Cost \$30.00

Social Hour 11:30—Lunch at Noon

Menu:

Chicken Cordon Bleu, Rice, Vegetable, Dessert, and Drinks

Call Klina Koehler at 209-274-0894 by December 15th to

RSVP. If you've already signed up at the last luncheon, no need to call for reservations!

## **The Origin of NORAD's Santa Tracker**

In 1955, a young child trying to reach Santa dialed a misprinted phone number from a department store ad in the local newspaper. Instead of reaching Santa Claus, the child called the Continental Air Defense Command Operations Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Harry Shoup, the commander on duty that night who answered the child's phone call, was quick to realize a mistake had been made and assured the child he was Santa. After more incoming calls resulting from the same misprint, Shoup assigned a duty officer to continue answering these calls and a tradition was born that continued when NORAD was formed in 1958. Ever since, NORAD has dutifully reported Santa's location on December 24th to children and families across the world.

You can track Santa Claus's route at [www.noradsanta.org](http://www.noradsanta.org) or by calling 1-877-HI-NORAD (1-877-446-6723).

## **City of Ione NEWS Submissions**

The deadline for input is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Please email [admin@ione-ca.com](mailto:admin@ione-ca.com).