

CITY OF IONE NEWS

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Preston Castle Deed is In-hand

The Preston Castle Foundation (PCF) is pleased and proud to announce that they have received the deed to the Preston Castle and surrounding property, totaling almost 13 acres with 5 freestanding buildings. This has been a major focus of the Foundation's fundraising, preservation and rehabilitation efforts over the past several years. In 2011, the Foundation Board under the leadership of Director, Carol Lipchik, began their quest for the deed. This began the difficult task of satisfying the State of California with answers to access issues and providing utilities separate from the State's surrounding property. This project could not have been completed without the expert help of many consultants and the hundreds of volunteers contributing thousands of hours in the effort to preserve and save the Castle. Congratulations to the Foundation, and all who have supported this effort. The deed is done!

Cops and Kids Benefit

The first Cops & Kids fundraising golf tournament was held at Castle Oaks Golf Club in October to benefit Amador County kids. This was part of a tri-city effort that included Ione, Sutter Creek and Jackson Police Departments. The Ione business community overwhelmingly supported this event through sponsorships and donations. This included local businesses of all sizes including major and sub-contractors working on the Mule Creek Prison expansion project. When it was over, Ione Police Chief, Tracy Busby presented checks for \$2,000 to the Ione Jr. High School Colt Club afterschool sports program and another \$2,000 to the Ione Elementary School sun shade playground fund. The balance of the funds will be used to purchase needed equipment and training for the Ione Police Department. All donated funds are tax deductible and managed by the Amador Community Foundation.

Ione FD Santa Truck Schedule

The Ione Fire Department will bring Santa to your neighborhood on the following dates:

- December 14 – East side of town
- December 15 – Marlette Street route
- December 17 – Mid-town route
- December 18 – Edgebrook area
- December 19 – Castle Oaks area
- December 20 – Make up day in case of rain

Historic Train Depot Update

The foundation for the Ione train depot building is near completion, with the expectation that the depot building will be on its permanent resting place soon. Fundraising efforts are underway, with matching funds committed by the Amador County Historic Society. This means that every dollar donated by an individual, business or organization will be matched by the Historic Society. There is much yet to be done to refurbish the depot and construct the new Ione Train Park. The long-term vision is to operate a working train depot along with a community event center and museum dedicated to the railroad history and its role in serving the Mother Lode. The City has established an Ione Depot Restoration Fund for the project. All donations are tax deductible. To donate to the fund, checks are made payable to: Ione Train Depot Restoration, and can be mailed to City of Ione, P.O. Box 398, Ione, CA 95640. For a detailed history and video presentation, go to www.vimeo.com/84915295.

Parks & Rec Needs Assessment

The Ione Parks & Recreation Commission will be drafting a needs assessment of all current and proposed parks within the city and will use the findings of the assessment to upgrade park facilities, apply for grant funding, and will be the basis for updating the Amador County Recreation Association Master Plan that is currently underway. One of the ideas being circulated is the development of Ione's newest park located at the train depot location, which will be the new Ione Train Park. A proposal, (based on funding available) under consideration, is to move Iron Ivan from behind City Hall over to the train depot to join the Baldwin engine. Then, build an amphitheater within the footprint adjacent to Sutter Creek behind City Hall. It has also been suggested to call this location, Dave Brubeck Park, and highlight the Brubeck connection with events that would aid economic development in the downtown area.

Red Ribbon Choir

presents

"Dear Santa"

Dec 12 @ 7 PM & Dec 13 @ 2 PM
Ione Elementary School

Around Town

Sign Ups for Amador County Little League West 2015 for boys and girls who were born between May 1, 1999 and April 30, 2010 will begin on Saturday 12/13. Forms are available at www.acllw.org/homepage.php. You must bring an original birth certificate to sign up. Only a parent or legal guardian may sign up a participant. Children will not be placed on a team until all paperwork is completed and the fundraiser fee is paid. All late sign-ups received after 1/24/15 will be accepted based upon team space available. At that time the fee will increase to \$100 per child. Sign up dates and locations follow:

Clark's Corner – Saturday, 12/13 – 10 AM-12:30 PM
VFW Hall – 207 Amador St. – Wednesday 1/14 – 6-7:30 PM
VFW Hall – 207 Amador St. – Saturday, 1/17 – 10 AM-1 PM
Sutter Creek Community Center – Wednesday 1/21 – 6-7:30 PM
Martell Round Table Pizza – Saturday 1/24 – 11 AM-3 PM

Fundraiser Fee: \$80 for first child in family
\$70 for the second child in family
\$60 for the third child in family

Contact Information: Mike 209-256-6333 or Kelly 209-304-8723

A Reminder that pet food dishes left out at night attract wildlife such as skunks and possum that become a nuisance in some neighborhoods. Also fruit on the ground will attract creatures at night as well.

A Christmas Party for all area veterans and their children is planned for December 14th from 1 to 5 PM at the Ione Memorial Veterans Hall located at the corner of S. Amador and E. Market St. in Ione. There will be eats, gifts, raffle prizes, games and Santa, and it's free. For information, call Mike at 209-304-3144.

Preston Castle Holiday Bazaar and tour will be held on Saturday, December 13th at the Castle. With the deed in hand, the Castle will once again be open to the public. The bazaar will be held in the basement from 10 AM to 2PM. Although somewhat scaled down from previous years, there will be vendors on hand and Santa will be present throughout the event. Historical tours will be \$10 for adults and \$5 from 12 and under. Kids under the age of 5 are free.

Ione Christmas Parade



Saturday, December 13th – 11:00 AM
Downtown Ione

Entry Deadline – December 10th

Awards for Best of Show

Youth group \$300 – Business \$200 – Individual \$100

Awards for Best Float

1st \$200 – 2nd \$150 – 3rd \$100

Entry forms available at City Hall or online

www.myione.com

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City Meetings – December 2014

Meetings are held at 6:00 PM – Council Chambers

City Council December 2 & 16

Planning Commission December 9

Parks & Recreation December 23

Agendas are posted at 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 8:30 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 Parrish Hall – 274-2048

IBCA Board Meeting– www.myione.com

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

December 5th, Annual Dinner @ Caddy's 5:30 PM

Ione Homecoming Picnic Association

General Information: 209-274-2541

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

Eastern Star Meeting – 274-0354

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

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

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

E-Waste Collection Sponsored by Preston Castle

Foundation 1st Saturday – 10:00 to 12:00 - Preston Castle