

# CITY OF IONE NEWS

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## General Plan Land Use Scenarios

The City of Ione will host the third public workshop for the General Plan update on November 19 at 7:00 PM at Evalynn Bishop Hall. This is your chance to help set the future of Ione for the next 20 years and beyond. Attendees will be presented with three land use scenarios based on the cumulative feedback from resident surveys and input from the first two public meetings. The three scenarios include development locations for parks and recreation, commercial space and housing.

Input from residents will provide direction for the look, feel and character of Ione. The city is strongly encouraging resident attendance. Sites for housing development are being considered at Q Ranch and Rancho Arroyo Seco, Castle Oaks, Waterman and SR 124 as well as south of the city limits. Participants will also provide input on whether to expand commercial development in downtown Ione or focus on SR 88. Join in defining the growth and development of the City and let your opinion be heard. For information, contact city planner Christopher Jordan at 274-2412, ext 104 or visit [www.ionegeneralplanupdate.com](http://www.ionegeneralplanupdate.com).

## Comfort Mattress Opens in Ione

With the slogan "Name Brands at Small Town Prices," Comfort Mattress opened their doors in downtown Ione in September. Located at the corner of Preston and Main Street, the store offers quality beds at affordable prices. According to owner Mike Midgett they are able to get great deals on new mattresses and then pass the savings on to the customer. With over 30 years of experience in the furniture and mattress business, Mike can help customers find the exact mattress that best meets their needs. So, for a good night's sleep, stop by Comfort Mattress to meet Mike. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM and Sunday noon to 4:00 PM. The store is closed on Monday.



## Community Reaches \$20K Goal New Structural Gear for IFD

Over 300 members of the Ione community gathered at Rancho Arroyo Seco for a fundraiser and BBQ for the Ione Fire Fighters. Young and old alike gathered at the Big Red Barn and raised over \$10,000 for the volunteer fire department. Rancho Arroyo Seco matched donations up to \$10,000 for a total of \$20,000 for new structural protective gear for the department. Kids jumped their way through the evening in the bounce house and delighted in preparing roasted marshmallows for s'mores. Adults enjoyed live music, raffle and a silent auction. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated force of men and women who care for their community and volunteer time to provide emergency services. Ione is proud to have the best trained and staffed fire department in Amador County.

## "Forty Winks 'Til Christmas"

The Ione Elementary School Red Ribbon Choir will present its annual holiday program, "Forty Winks 'Til Christmas." The setting is a holiday sleepover with children trying to stay awake until Santa makes his appearance. There are two performances on Friday, December 19 at 7:00 PM, and Saturday, December 20 at 2:00 PM in the Ione Elementary School Cafeteria.

Each year, this enthusiast group of young people sing from the heart, delight audiences and bring in the holiday season through their joyful musical performances. Practicing two times a week, over 50 students come together through music to express their talent to all that will listen. This is a wonderful family event that is supported through community donations. Plan to attend and celebrate the season.

**Ione Christmas Parade**  
**Saturday, December 13 - 4:00 PM**  
**Downtown Ione**  
**Call 274-2100 for Information**  
**Deadline for entry December 8<sup>th</sup>**

## Town Meeting – Teens & Drugs

The Lone Police and Fire Departments along with the Amador County Drug Task Force will hold a special town meeting on children and drug abuse, the signs to look for and types of drugs that are prevalent in and around Amador County. This informative meeting will be held at Evalynn Bishop Hall on November 13 at 7:00 PM. Parents are particularly encouraged to attend and become educated on this subject. For more information, call the Police Department at 209-274-2456, ext. 133.

## Angels on the Christmas Tree

The Castle Oaks Women's Club will sponsor an "Angel Tree" during the Christmas season. The tree will be decorated with the names of children in Amador County that might not otherwise receive gifts for the holiday. Each ornament will have the name, age, clothing size and gift request from a child. It is recommended that spending be up to \$25 per child. The deadline for shoppers to donate unwrapped gifts is December 19<sup>th</sup>. The "Angel Tree" will be on display at the Castle Oaks Golf Club beginning the week of November 24<sup>th</sup>.

## Psychic to the Stars Visits Lone

Nancy Bradley, well known psychic to the stars will be a guest at the Lone Hotel November 22. She and her film crew are working on a documentary for the Travel Channel on paranormal sightings in the Mother Lode. The Lone Hotel has many stories of a particular ghost named George who appears frequently in Room 13, and will be the focus of Bradley's visit. Anyone interested in meeting with Nancy during her stay in Lone, should contact hotel owner Mahmood at 209-274-6082 for more information or an appointment.

## Subway™ to Open in Lone

Subway is coming to Lone and will be located in the Preston Avenue shopping center. Construction and renovation is underway for the new sandwich shop that will be open sometime in November or early December. Tooraj Agahi owns and manages several stores in the greater Sierra region and is looking forward to opening his newest Subway restaurant in Lone. Look for grand opening information in the December issue of the newsletter.

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

## City Meetings – November

### City Council

Nov 4 & 18 6:00 PM City Hall  
**Council/Planning Special Meeting-Zoning Updates**  
Nov 12 6:00 PM City Hall

### Parks & Recreation

Nov 25 6:00 PM City Hall  
**City offices will be closed Nov 11 for Veterans' Day and Nov 27 & 28 for the Thanksgiving holiday.**

## Organization Meetings

### Castle Oaks Women's Club Luncheon

3<sup>rd</sup> Mon - 11:30 AM check-in

### Grange & Jr. Grange Meetings & Potluck

2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs – 6:00 PM – VFW Hall

### IBCA Board Meeting

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

### Lone 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 – Lone Masonic Hall

### Methodist Church Soup Supper – 274-2852

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

### Preston Castle Foundation

1<sup>st</sup> Wed - 6:30 PM – Visitors' Center at the Castle

### Rainbow Assembly – 274-0354

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

### Rotary Club Meeting

Thursdays – 12:00 Noon – Twisted Fork Restaurant

### Veterans of Foreign War Meeting – VFW Hall

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

## Upcoming Events

### Lone Christmas Parade

Downtown Lone – December 13 – 4:00 PM

### E-Waste Collection

Sponsored by Preston Castle Foundation & Lone Rotary  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday 10:00 – 2:00 PM - Preston Castle

## 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)

## Jr. Girls Golf Winter Session

**Open to Girls 7 to 17**

**Beginner to Intermediate Levels**

**Five Lessons - \$30 Nov-March**

**Clubs Provided**

**Call 274-0167 for Information**