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2020 Voter Information

This month you will find an insert that will provide an overview of the Voters Choice Act, and the general election information for voting in Amador County. It is important that voters understand these changes and the flexibility they provide for voting in the 2020 election.

Understanding the process for receiving and counting ballots by the Elections Department is also important. The election schedule for all activities is detailed on the attached insert.

The Process...

- Registered voters receive their ballots in the mail.
- Once the ballot is completed, it is placed in the return envelope (postage paid).
- The registered voter signs the envelope as requested, and sends the ballot to Elections by return mail, or it can be placed in a drop box, or hand carried to the Elections Department or a county Vote Center.
- Ballots from the drop boxes or Vote Centers are picked up by two election workers and placed in a locked bag and taken to the department for processing.
- Each envelope has a bar code, that is scanned by the Elections Department. That bar code pulls up the registration information on a computer screen for that individual ballot. At that time, the signature of the voter is compared and validated.
- The unopened envelopes are then opened by machine, ballots are unfolded and placed in bins by the designated location printed on the ballot.
- Ballots are then scanned to a central database for processing and eventually for results by candidate, or proposition.
- Ballots to be processed are secured each night.
- Election Day is Tuesday, November 3rd
- Vote Early...

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 www.ione-ca.com, or email Sharon Long, smlong55@hotmail.com.

Doing Business in Ione

This past month two new businesses have opened and another is under new management. These are all essential to the economic growth of the City of Ione. During this pandemic, we all need to consider support of all our local businesses. They need our business in order to survive. Small businesses are the back bone of our economy and provide services for our well-being. This community is fortunate to have a grocery market, meat market, pharmacy, a variety of restaurants providing take-out, fitness facility, banking, consulting service—financial and tax, a laundromat, hardware store, insurance brokers, retail, gasoline stations, personal services, and even a feed store. Shopping local has never been so important. And now for the new businesses and one under new management.

THE IONE LAUNDROMAT...

This business is under new ownership and management. Judy Rivera has re-opened the laundromat that is located in the Ione Plaza Shopping Center, and is committed to providing reliable self-service laundry, drop-off laundry, fluff and fold, ironing and dry-cleaning services to the residents of Ione. Judy has many years of experience in managing a laundromat, most recently at the Motherlode Laundromat in Jackson. The hours for self-service laundry are Monday – Sunday from 8 AM to 10 PM. Other services are available Tuesday – Friday from 10 AM to 5 PM. Stop by and welcome Judy to Ione, or call 209-790-5020 or 209-256-7651.

IONE THRIFT STORE...

Offering clothing, accessories, household and vintage items, small furniture, and more, this new business is located at 17 W. Main Street in downtown Ione. Owner and operator Monica Marquez gained her experience as a young woman working in her mother's thrift store. As an Ione-Camanche resident, Monica saw the need for a thrift store in Ione. Store hours are Tuesday – Saturday from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Donated items may be dropped off during business hours.

PARSONS WEALTH MANAGEMENT...

After 30 years managing his company in Half Moon Bay, John Parsons and his wife Penny have moved to Ione, and opened a satellite office in downtown. John has been a CPA since 1985, and Certified Financial Planner since 1995. He also holds a California real estate license,

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Around Town

Parsons Wealth Management (continued)

and insurance licenses for life, disability, and long-term care insurance. John's experience offers consultation on investments and financial retirement planning. His tax experience as a CPA enables him to provide comprehensive planning for his clients. The office is located at 14 W. Main Street, Ste. 3 in downtown Ione. John can be reached by calling 209-645-7513 or by email: john@parsonswalthmgmt.com.

September 11th Remembered

This year marks the 19th anniversary of the attack on our country and freedom. On that date in 2001, at exactly 8:45 AM EST, our world was changed forever. American Airlines Flt. 11 crashed in the north tower of the World Trade Center in NYC. The south tower and the Pentagon were also hit and a fourth plane crashed into a farm in Shanksville, PA. There were 2,983 individuals who lost their lives that day. For the past 18 years, the Ione Fire Dept and honor guard have observed a moment of silence in remembrance of that tragic event. Because of COVID-19, and restrictions of public gatherings, this ceremony will not be open to the public this year. However, the Ione Fire Dept will have a private ceremony, at the station, sounding the alarm at 8:45 AM. As individuals we can take a moment to remember and honor those who lost their lives on that day.

High Fire Danger in Amador County

Fire Chief Ken Mackey reminds everyone how vital it is to continue keeping grass and vegetation cut to provide a fire safe clearance around your property. Make sure your trees are cut back from your homes and provide driveway access for fire apparatus. We all need to practice fire safety.

COVID-19 Free Testing Site

A free Verily drive through testing site is open at the St. Katharine Drexel Catholic Parish in Jackson. 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.

City Meetings – September 2020

Meetings are held at 6:00 PM – Remote

City Council	September 1 & 15
Planning Commission	September 8
Creek Committee	September 10
Parks & Recreation	September 22

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

Organization Meetings & Activities

Amador Co Historical Rail Foundation- 209-332-0449
2nd Monday – 6 PM - 810 Court St, Jackson, Rm C
Bingo, Raffle, Food & Drinks – 209-274-6075
1st Saturday, 7:00 PM - Camanche Community Center
Castle Oaks Women's Bible Study Group
Wednesday - 10-11:30 AM - Call 274-0600
Castle Oaks Women's 18 Hole Golf Group
Tuesday – AM - Call 209-274-4376
Disabled American Veterans - Chapter 118 Meeting
Veterans Hall—3rd Thursday 6:00 PM – 925-212-6962
Fit After 50 Fitness Class - Ione Methodist Church
Mon & Thurs 9-10 and Wed 9:00 AM
Grange & Jr Grange Meetings
4th Tuesday – 6:00 PM – Sacred Heart Parrish Hall –610-9415
IBCA Board Meeting– www.myione.com
3rd Thursday 8:30 AM – Board Mtg -Castle Oaks Golf Club
Mixers have been cancelled until further notice.
Ione Public Cemetery Board Mtg 2nd Thurs @ 3 PM
500 S Church St Ione – Info 209-274-0274
Ione Homecoming Picnic Association
General Information: 209-304-7970 or 209-663-1342
Ione Ladies Association Luncheon
Information: Teresa Odom - 916-479-2657
Ione Masonic Lodge #80 –Bill Wells 209-304-4853
2nd Wednesday – 7:00 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 Distribution - 3rd Saturday, 10:30 -noon
and EFAP open 10:30-12:00 noon
Senior food distribution – 1st Thursday – 10:30 – 11:30 AM
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
Healing Arts Family Group
Kings View Assembly of God - 432 W. Marlette St. Ione
Tuesdays – 5:30 – 6:30 PM – Information: 209-781-5475
Preston Castle Foundation Meetings
1st Wednesday - 6:30 PM – Fire Station #2 Preston Ave.
Preston Castle Tours – Cancelled until further notice.
Rotary of Ione Club Meeting – www.ionerotary.org
1st & 3rd Thursdays – For information call 209-608-4748
Veterans of Foreign War Meeting – Veterans Hall
2nd Wednesday – Family dinner 5:00 PM Meeting 6:00 PM
Information – 209-274-4956

Important Numbers

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