

Community News

Your Town Meetings

Many decisions are made at these meetings that can affect you. Get involved!

AMADOR COUNTY

www.co.amador.ca.us

Board of Supervisors meet every Tues at 9AM.

Jackson

www.ci.jackson.ca.us

Council meets 2nd and 4th Mon, 6PM. Planning Commission meets 3rd Mon at 6:00 P.M.

Sutter Creek

www.ci.sutter-creek.ca.us

Council meets 1st and 3rd Mon, 7PM, except for holidays.

Plymouth

www.ci.plymouth.ca.us

Council meets the 2nd and 4th Thurs, 630PM.

Ione

www.ione-ca.com

Council meets 1st and 3rd Tues, 7PM.

Amador City

www.amador-city.com Council meets 3rd Thurs at 7PM.

Upcountry Communities Council. 3rd Thurs, 6PM.

CALAVERAS COUNTY

www.co.calaveras.ca.us

Board of Supervisors meet every Tues at 9AM

Angels Camp

www.cityofangels.org

Council meets 1st & 3rd Tues of the month. Planning commission meets 2nd Thurs of each month.

EL DORADO COUNTY

www.co.el-dorado.ca.us

Board of Supervisors

Tues at 8AM.

Folsom

www.folsom.ca.us

Council, 2nd & 4th Tues, 6:30PM. Planning Commission, 1st & 3rd Wed, 6:30 PM.

Placerville

www.ci.placerville.ca.us

Council meets 2nd & 4th Tues. Planning Comm 1st & 3rd Tues at 7PM.

There is a Call to Artists out for Ironstone Vineyard's 13th Annual Spring Obsession Art Show. \$1000 first Prize in the Open Division, any subject matter or media while the Theme Division is "An Obsession of Daffodils" in honor of the American Daffodil National/International Daffodil Convention being held at Ironstone, March 2010. Entries for the Theme Division are due Jan 8, 2010; Open Division entries due Feb 5. Full prospectus can be downloaded at: www.ironstonevineyards.com or by sending a SAS envelope to: Chris Gomez
Spring Obsession Art Show
1894 Six Mile Road
Murphys, CA 95247
For more information, contact cgomez@ironstonevineyards.com or 209 728 1251, ext 47.

GALENA STREET EAST
Saturday, Dec 19, Galena Street East, performing art group, at Bruceville Terrace, 8151 Bruceville Road, Sacramento. Info: www.galenastreeteast.org

FAIRYTALE TOWN - FREE!

Is there a more welcome word to be heard in these tough economic times? The Holidays are fast approaching even as belts are being unseasonably tightened. Everyone could use a little break to let off some steam--and help make ends meet. Sacramento's own Oasis of Enchantment understands the pressures outside its magical perimeter and wants to give a little back to the community that has supported it through a glorious 50th Anniversary celebration in 2009.

As a special Winter Holiday Gift, Free Admission is offered again on Thurs, Dec 24, (Christmas Eve) from 10AM to 2PM. (Adults must be accompanied by children--and vice versa.) All the colorful retro-attractions are still here (though they may seem a little smaller than your last visit) and all the adorable Nursery Rhyme animals are waiting to be admired.

You can say hello to Mary's Sheep, meet Peter Rabbit & Family, see the Three Pigs, the Three Blind Mice and the Three Billy Goats Gruff, pet Eeyore the Donkey and Mulan the Cow (who jumped over the Moon--allegedly).

You can run the Crooked Mile again--and again--or explore King Arthur's Castle or try out Cinderella's Pumpkin Coach, or visit Robin Hood in the heart of Sherwood Forest or dance down the Yellow Brick Road--or live a hundred other childhood dreams with the 25 oversized storybook playsets. 916-808-7462 or visit www.fairytaletown.org.

Childrens' Story Time

Every Tuesday starting at 9am, Clark's Corner will be hosting "Childrens Story Time." Come down and enjoy a coffee or snack while your children enjoy our free Story Time. 12 W Main St., Ione, CA. 209-274-2233.

Firefall Jewelers Offers Free Gifts

Firefall Jewelers owners Paul and Noreen Coca would like to help people in Calaveras County who have lost their homes. If you have been through a foreclosure in the last year, come in to get a **Free Gift!** No strings attached! Valued at \$50.

Come to any location: 1259 S. Main Street, Angels Camp, 209-736-1550; 10 Nove Way, Unit L, Valley Springs, 209-772-7388; or 135 Stone Street, Copperopolis, 209-785-7888.

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Sierra Blues Society's ~ Christmas Blues Party & Elections

Have a Blues Christmas and come on out to PJ's Roadhouse in Placerville for the Sierra Blues Society's annual Christmas party. Besides hearing some great music we're teaming up with "News 10 Coats for Kids" and will be collecting new or gently used coats for this fantastic program.

Any member of the general public dropping off a coat will get the membership discount at the door. Our feature band is *Steve Foster and Friends*, but this is also a jam so be sure to bring your instrument; number of bands is limited to three, so come early and sign up.

The party will be held at PJ's Roadhouse located at 5641 Mother Lode Drive in historic Placerville on Sat, Dec 19 from 1 to 6 PM. This Christmas party also serves as the Sierra Blues Society annual election for board members, so members are especially encouraged to come out and vote. Blues Society Members \$3.00; General Public \$5.00.

For further information, call PJ's at 530-626-0336; Sierra Blues Society, 530 268-9166 or check online at: www.sierrabluesociety.org. Happy Holidays!

Support Our Soldiers

S.O.S. workshop is scheduled January 13, from 9AM to 3PM. This workshop will be a pot luck. The workshop is held at The American Legion Building, 12134 Airport Rd., Sutter Creek. We will be making Cool Ties and Helmet Coolers for the Soldiers at war. The American Sewing Guild supplies the materials to make these items. If you have general sewing supplies and a sewing machine please bring them. If not, there are jobs available to help in the assembly process.

We will be collecting items needed by the Soldiers at the workshops. A list of these items is available by calling Jan Morin. Cotton fabric donations are always welcome. This is a fun workshop and the Soldiers love these items. Our Christmas to the Soldiers will be late but I don't think it matters. They love getting things from us anytime. Questions, Jan Morin 296-1309.



Hospice Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

By Tammy Beilstein
Staff Writer

Amador/Calaveras – Volunteers are the strength and vigor behind Hospice of Amador and Calaveras, and on Wed, Dec 9th, Hospice staff and leadership took the time to honor them during a special Hospice Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.

The luncheon was held at the American Legion Hall in Sutter Creek where volunteers who spend time with patients and families, or who help support the clinical and administrative offices were treated to a delicious meal catered by *Strings*, followed by scrumptious desserts provided by *Andrae's Bakery*.

Hospice Executive Director, Dan Riordan, along with Hospice Volunteer Coordinator Ann Metherd, thanked everyone in attendance and let it be known that their programs would not exist without the volunteers who so generously donate their time and energy, many times going above and beyond what is requested.

"Volunteers make up a large number of the support staff that is part of our Hospice team," said Riordan. "There are some volunteers who work many hours and some who can only work a few, but every hour, and every volunteer, helps to our Hospice function at a very high level!"

Metherd commented on the variety of ways volunteers benefit the various Hospice programs. "Griefbusters are volunteers who train and then work with children between the ages of 3-17. Our Family Support Volunteers train and then go into the homes of patients to sit with them and provide support for the

families." Metherd continued, "Oftentimes these volunteers work out in the field and so we thought it would be nice to bring them all together, along with the staff, and thank them for being such a valuable part of the Hospice team. We could not offer such an outstanding level of support to our patients and families without them."

Other volunteers equally vital to the Hospice team are those who assist at the Hospice Thrift Store on Argonaut Lane in Jackson. These volunteers come together and work in the store to provide support with collecting donations, pricing, stocking and cashiering. Thrift Store volunteers generally work a four-hour shift weekly.

Hospice of Amador and Calaveras is always in need of more volunteers as their programs and services continue to grow in both counties. "Right now we are diligently working to open our second Thrift Store in Angels Camp," said Metherd. "We are greatly in need of volunteers and donations at this time."

If you would like to learn more about how to become a Hospice volunteer, please call Ann at (209) 223-5500 or visit www.hospiceofamador.org. Want to volunteer in either Thrift Store? Call Lynne at 223-4762.

Azzo's Restaurant & Bar

Pizza, Pasta, Sweets! Big Screen TV. \$3.00 tap beers. \$9.00 dinner items (inclusive of tax) - <http://azzosrestaurant.com>. Open 4pm to closing. At 18228 Main Street, Jamestown, CA 95327. 209 984 1173.

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