

CITY OF IONE NEWS

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City Volunteers Recognized

On December 16th, the City of Ione recognized over 120 volunteers in eight categories for their dedication and volunteerism to the City of Ione. Groups included the Ione Train Depot project; Ed Hughes Memorial Arena project; Ione Fire Department officers, paid/call, cadets, and photographer; Ione Police Department Volunteer Patrol; City Hall office volunteers and utility bill processors; Editor of City Newsletter; and the City rose garden caretaker. Lloyd Oneto was also recognized and thanked for his four years of service on the Ione City Council. Each year thousands of hours are volunteered in support of the Ione community, a special thank you for a job well done.

PD Officer Sgroi Receives Award

Ione PD Officer Carlo Sgroi received the "Heart of a Lion" award for his outstanding service. This award is given in honor of Officer John Stewart who served the Ione PD with pride during his long battle with cancer. Officer Sgroi exemplifies the spirit of this award through his dedication and commitment to the people in the community of Ione. This award was presented in December by City of Ione Police Chief Tracy Busby.

Ione City Council

Newly elected Ione City Council members, Dominic Atlan, Dan Epperson and Ron Smylie were sworn in at the December 16th City Council meeting. Patrick Weart and Dale Haney will continue to serve the two remaining years of their term. Dan Epperson was voted as Mayor and Patrick Weart, Vice Mayor for the year 2015. City Council meetings are held at City Hall the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM. Meeting agendas are posted on the city website, www.ione-ca.com.

Superintendent of Public Works

The City has hired Todd Waklee, to head the Public Works Department that is responsible for maintenance of city parks, streets, and building maintenance. In addition, the department will be responsible for fleet maintenance to include all emergency vehicles for the Police and Fire departments and maintenance vehicles. Todd was born and raised in Amador County, and worked 23 years for the County. Most recently he was employed by the Jackson Rancheria Fire Department where he served as Fire Chief. He is a certified Public Works inspector and can handle inspection of utility, dirt, paving, sub and finished grade work.

Todd's priorities are to establish regular scheduled emergency vehicle maintenance for the Ione Fire and Police Departments, and implement an electronic work order system, that will ensure proper charges for time and materials are applied to the correct department or cost center. Future plans include upgrade, rental, or purchase of equipment for road and ditch maintenance within the city limits. Todd counts himself as a working supervisor and has three full time employees reporting to him. He summed it up by stating, "I'm thrilled to be here, and look forward to the department contributing improvements to the community." Todd and his wife Gina live in Pine Grove. Gina works in her family's business, Toma & Associates located in Jackson. Gina and Todd have two sons, one that is employed by CAL Fire and the other for the Amador Fire Protection District and American Legion Ambulance. Welcome aboard Todd!

Grand Marshals Announced

The 2015 Homecoming theme and grand marshals were announced at the Ione Christmas Parade. With a theme of "Looks like a job for Ione Homecoming's Superheroes!," it is only appropriate that four of Ione's finest were named as the "Fantastic Four" grand marshals. They have all been outstanding contributors to the Ione community through their service and volunteerism. Congratulations to Rick Kreth, Jake Herfel, Charlie Dutschke and Dwight Dutschke. Look for them to lead the parade at this year's Homecoming scheduled for May 8th and 9th.

**ALL YOU CAN EAT
ROTARY CRAB FEED
Saturday, February 7th**

Evalynn Bishop Hall

Doors Open 6:00 PM - \$35 pp

Tickets available at American River Bank or

From any Ione Rotarian

No-Host bar - Door Prize - Silent Auction - Raffle

Around Town

Ione PD offers notifications to stay up-to-date on happenings in your neighborhood through email and text messages sent through Nixie. Nixie is a secure and identity-certified communication service that allows local, county and state law enforcement agencies to connect with local residents. To get notifications by text message, text your zip code to 888777. To get notifications by email, go to www.nixie.com, click "sign up now", choose a user name and password, enter an email address and cell phone number where you would like to receive messages, enter your City, click "sign me up".

Jr. Girls Golf winter session is open to girls 7 to 17 years. Registration is January 31st at Castle Oaks Golf Club from noon to 1:00 PM. Sessions begin at 11 AM, Saturday, February 7th through April 25th. Registration forms are available at the pro shop at Castle Oaks on registration day, or visits the website at castleoaksjrgirlsgolf.org. Complete both the Participation and Waiver of Liability forms. Cost is \$35 for the first child and \$10 for each additional child in the same family. Checks are made payable to Castle Oaks Jr. Girls Golf Program. Registration forms can be mailed to 177 Springcreek Drive, Ione, CA 95640. For more information call Ronda Holtorf, 209-487-7507.

Rotary Show & Shine Car and Air Show will be held on Saturday, May 30th. This is an incredible display of over 500 show cars in multiple categories. The gates open to the public at 9:00 AM. For information and show car registration log on to <http://ioneshowandshine.org>. Rotary is also seeking volunteers to work that day. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Sharon Long at 209-304-5118. All proceeds go to local organizations.

Ione Public Cemetery has changed the flower and decoration policy during the mowing season, March 1st to October 31st. The cemetery can no longer move, mow and return these items during this time. Anyone who has items on the lawn that they wish to preserve, must remove them prior to March 1, 2015 or they will be removed by staff and may be discarded. Exceptions to the policy are during holidays and two weeks after a burial. This policy applies to the lawn area only. The curbed family plots are not subject to this change. For questions or more information, please call the office at 209-274-0274.

City Meetings – January 2015

Meetings are held at 6:00 PM – Council Chambers

City Council January 6 & 20
Planning Commission January 13
Parks & Recreation January 27

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

3rd Thursday - 5:30 PM - Mixer

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

Happy New Year
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