CITY OF IONE NEWS

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Looking Ahead - City of Ione 2017

The new year brings with it opportunity for new projects and programs as well as continuation of those in process. City staff and council are looking forward to the new year. Some highlights of what is to come are listed below:

New Development

Two housing projects launched the end of last year, with infrastructure, roads, and sidewalks near completion.

The Wildflower development located between 124 and 104 is being built by Axios Homes of Sacramento. They are proposing to complete three phases, with an estimated 193 homes.

Riverland Homes is currently completing infrastructure for their Castle Oaks Villages that will include 66 homes, also built in phases. Homes will range from mid-1,600 to 2,200 sq. feet. Riverland Homes is based in Sacramento.

Also under consideration for new development is commercial property and interest in construction of a 60-80-unit hotel in Ione. This concept is in the inquiry stage only, with nothing firm, at this time.

Preston Youth Facility

City staff has also met with the State related to the timeframe for release of the remaining 65 acres of the Preston Youth Facilities. Currently the State has released 15 acres of the facility located on Palm and Circle Drive as surplus property. The city staff feels this has a great potential to be a new commercial area for the City of Ione.

City Financial Status

The City has just completed year end meetings with the auditors. There are some issues from previous years that are still in need of resolution. Financial staff is working to resolve these. Overall the City finances are moving in a positive direction.

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City Infrastructure Projects

Wastewater projects and solutions will continue to be a focus for the City. Ione will need to line treatment ponds 1-4, at an estimated cost for the project at \$540K. The City will utilize the prison mitigation funds to cover the cost of this project.

Sewer manholes throughout the City limits will be sealed in 2017. This will reduce the amount of inflow and infiltration into the City's waste water treatment plant. There are 17 manholes that have been identified as having significant leakage.

Bicycle Racks

Bicycle Racks, that were donated by Jack Phillips, will be installed throughout the downtown area in early 2017. These are attractive sturdy racks that will support members of the bike community who utilize our streets and trails throughout the year. In addition, they support our local businesses when in town.

Evalynn Bishop Hall

Clean up and repairs will continue at Evalynn Bishop Hall throughout this next year. Much has been done to improve the hall, with support from community services organizations including Rotary, IBCA and Native Sons along with the City. The roof needs repair, and both short term and long term options are being considered. Each year the facility is used by thousands of local and out of town individuals as well as organizations. It is a vital asset to our community and one that is worthy of maintenance and repair.

Happy New Year from City Hall

The City of Ione Staff wishes you a happy and prosperous new year. City Council meets on the first and third Tuesday at 6:00 PM each month, at City Hall. Anyone interested in their city government is welcome to attend. Two new members of the council, Diane Wratten and Tom Reed were sworn in in December. Councilman Dominic Atlan was elected to serve as Mayor. Dan Epperson and Ron Smylie continue to serve for two more years.

Around Town

Rotary Club of lone Crab Feed will be held on Saturday, February 4th at Evalynn Bishop Hall. Always a sellout, this annual event features all you can eat crab, pasta, salad and garlic bread. Each year, over 400 people join their friends and neighbors for this epicurean delight. Prepared by the Rotary of Ione Club, and served by local high school students, the crab just keeps on coming. Doors open at 6:00 PM with a no-host bar, a raffle, and silent auction. Cost is \$40 per person and tickets are available from any Rotarian or at the Ione branch of American River Bank. All proceeds go to local community organizations and projects. Rotary meets at Clark's on Thursday's at noon, and the last Thursday of the month at 6:00 PM. For more information on Rotary logon to www.ionerotary.org.

The VFW Post 8254 in lone has changed its monthly meetings to the second Wednesday of each month. A family dinner is served at 6:00 PM and the meeting begins at 7:00 PM. All veterans are invited to attend. The VFW Calendar of Events will be discussed and approved. Any veterans or veteran's family in need should contact Chaplain Mike Krisman at 209-304-3144.

Native Sons Marinated Crab Feed - February 25th Evalynn Bishop Hall @ 6:30 PM

This fundraiser dinner will benefit the Children's Cleft Palate Foundation. Doors open at 6:30 PM. Dinner includes crab, pesto, garlic bread, and salad. There will be a no-host bar, music, and raffle prizes. For ticket information, contact Judy Hardy at 209-274-4106. Seating is limited, so purchase your tickets early.

Christmas to Remember is the countywide project to purchase new warm clothing for children in need. Last month, the county collected over \$66,600. The community of Ione contributed just over \$8,000. Thank you to all who made this possible. K-Mart discounts clothing by 50%, making it possible for more children to receive this gift. Children are partnered with a high school student or adult to help them with their shopping. It is great to be a participant in this worthy cause. A special thank you goes to Hometown Radio KVGC 1340 who spearheads this great program.



City Meetings – January 2017

Meetings are held at 6:00 PM - Council Chambers

City Council January 3 & 17 Planning Commission January 10 Parks & Recreation January 24

Agendas are posted at www.ione-ca.com - City Council Link City Hall's Friday closing time to the public is 1:00 PM

Organization Meetings & Activities

Amador Co Historical Rail Foundation – 209-332-0449 2nd Thursday – 6 PM - 810 Court St, Jackson, Rm C

Bingo at Clarks - 209-610-9415 4th Thursday, 6:30 to 8:00 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

Disabled American Veterans - Chapter 118 Meeting

Ione Memorial Hall-2nd Wednesday 3:30 PM - 209-274-4956 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 – Ione Memorial 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 Mixer - 3rd Thursday - 5:30 PM -

Ione Homecoming Picnic Association

General Information: 209-304-7970 or 209-663-1342

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

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 - VFW Hall

2nd Wednesday – Family dinner 6:00 PM – Meeting 7:00 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

City of lone 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.