

CITY OF IONE NEWS

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Ione Rotary Club to Sponsor All You Can Eat Crab Feed

This annual crab feed event will be held at Evalynn Bishop Hall on Saturday, February 7th. Sponsored by the Ione Rotary Club, the proceeds from this event will benefit the City of Ione projects. The Rotary is an International organization dedicated to serving local communities as well as supporting the needs of people throughout the world.

Our local chapter has recently completed the new snack shack and restrooms in Howard Park. The keys to this facility were turned over to the City in December and an official dedication will be held at the opening of the youth sports season this spring. The lights outlining the buildings in downtown Ione are being re-set by the Ione Rotary. In December, the Rotary presented a hard bound picture dictionary to each 3rd grade student at Ione Elementary School. This is an annual event that has been ongoing for many years.

Projects like these are possible because of Rotary and community members who volunteer their time, labor, materials and donations. Community participation and support of the Crab Feed and Steak & Lobster dinners make funding these projects possible and our City a better place to live.

Tickets for the upcoming all you can eat Crab Feed are available from Rotary members, Bank of Amador or Coldwell Real Estate in Ione. For more information regarding Rotary or the Crab Feed, contact Mitzi Windley at 209-304-7970.

Ione Rotary Annual Crab Feed

Saturday, February 7, 2009
No Host Bar 6:00 PM
Dinner 7:00 PM
Evalynn Bishop Hall
\$30 per person



Credit Card Payments Now Available for City Services

Credit card payments for city services may now be made using a MasterCard or Visa credit card. Your sewer bill now has the form needed to utilize this method of payment. You may also stop by City Hall and handle credit card transactions over the counter for all city services including sewer, building permits, arena and Evalynn Bishop Hall rental. Contact Lori King at 274-2412, ext. 149 for additional information.

Commission Recommends Draft Land Use Plan to Council

On November 19, the City of Ione hosted the third in a series of public workshops on the General Plan Update. Attendees were surveyed for their opinions on proposed areas of the City for future development of parks, industry, business and housing.

The results from the meeting were presented to the Planning Commission at public hearings on December 9 and 15. Residents had an opportunity to make additional comments on the proposed plan. The Commission ultimately recommended a draft land use plan that included focusing downtown redevelopment on Main Street and Jackson Street. The draft land use plan also addresses residential use and a preferred alignment for the west Ione roadway backbone system. *(continued on page 2)*

Beautification Town Hall Meeting

Residents are invited to a meeting at Evalynn Bishop Hall on January 22 at 6:30 PM to discuss ways to assist in beautifying the city. The City is looking for ways to assist homeowners, business owners and residents in cleaning up their neighborhoods. This will include removal of trash, abandoned vehicles and improvements to the overall appearance of Main Street and the neighborhoods. Community ideas and support are needed to enhance and improve the appearance of the City of Ione. The opportunity is yours, so plan to attend and contribute your thoughts for this beautification project.

Around Town

Lone Homecoming 2009 – Plans are underway for this year's 133rd homecoming event that has been celebrated since 1876. The Lone Picnic Association (IPA) sponsors this week-end long event and is looking for donations of any size to help continue this special tradition. This group of volunteers has helped preserve longtime traditions as well as bringing back fireworks, completion of a new beer and wine garden and a competition horseshoe area behind Evalynn Bishop Hall. All of this would not be possible without business and individual support. Consider a donation today. Checks should be made payable to the Lone Picnic Association, and mailed to P.O. Box 494, Lone, CA 95640. The IPA California non-profit number is C0302806 and Federal ID is 94-626496. The IPA is a small group of dedicated volunteers that deserve our support. If you would like more information, the group meets at the VFW Hall the first Wednesday of each month. This year's homecoming will be held May 8-10th with "Polynesian Paradise" as its theme.

Little League Sign Ups will be held at the VFW Hall, 207 Amador Street in Lone at the following dates and times:

January 15 – 6:00 – 8:00 PM

January 17 – 10:30 AM -1:30 PM

January 20 – 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Land Use Plan (continued)

The City Council will review the draft land use plan on January 6, 2009. Once the plan has been accepted by City Council, staff will begin the process of developing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that will analyze the potential environmental impacts of the proposed plan.

For more information about the General Plan Update, contact City Planner Christopher Jordan at 209-274-2412, ext. 104, or visit the website www.ionegeneralplan.com.



City Meetings – January

City Council

Jan 6 & 20 6:00 PM City Hall

Planning Commission

Jan 13 6:00 PM City Hall

Parks & Recreation

Jan 27 6:00 PM City Hall

City offices will be closed on January 19th in honor of Martin Luther Kings birthday.

Organization Meetings

Castle Oaks Women's Club Luncheon

3rd Mon - 11:30 AM check-in

Reservations – 274-6225 or 274-4905

Grange & Jr. Grange Meetings & Potluck

2nd Thurs – 6:00 PM – VFW Hall

IBCA Board Meeting

3rd Thursday – 8:30 AM – Castle Oaks Golf Club

Lone Homecoming Picnic Association

1st Wed – 6:30 PM – VFW Hall

Eastern Star Meeting – 274-2340

3rd Thursday – 7:30 PM – Lone Masonic Hall

Methodist Church Soup Supper – 274-2852

4th Wednesday each month – 5:00 - 6:30 PM

Preston Castle Foundation

1st Wed – 6:30 PM – Cornerstone Church

Rainbow Assembly – 274-0354

2nd and 4th Tuesday – 7:00 PM – Lone Masonic Hall

Rotary Club Meeting

Thursdays – 12:00 Noon – Twisted Fork Restaurant

Veterans of Foreign War Meeting – VFW Hall

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

Upcoming Events

Lone Rotary Crab Feed

Saturday, February 7 – 6:00 PM – Evalynn Bishop Hall

Native Sons Crab Feed

Saturday, February 28 – Evalynn Bishop Hall

E-Waste Collection (Note winter hours)

Sponsored by Preston Castle Foundation & Lone Rotary

1st Saturday 10:00 – 12:00 PM - Preston Castle

Important Numbers

City Hall 209-274-2412

Emergency 911

Non-emergency 209-223-6513 (*Sheriff's dispatch*)

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The deadline for input is the 20th of each month.

Input forms are available at City Hall or email

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