

CITY OF IONE NEWS

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City Seeks Public Input for Draft General Plan

After almost a year of public workshops, meetings, data gathering and writing, a draft of the Ione General Plan Update has been released for public review and comment. Two upcoming workshops are planned for May 5 and 19th. At both meetings, City staff will take meeting attendees through the details of each element of the plan document and request comment. The May 5th meeting focus was on housing, conservation, open space, community character and health and safety. The May 19 meeting will address land use and circulation. The General Plan is a blueprint for guiding future plans for the City of Ione. The upcoming meeting is an important opportunity for residents to share their views and insight on how to maintain a quality of life while planning for a thriving and enriching future for the City and its residents. Contact Christopher Jordan at 274-2412, ext.104 for additional information, or visit, www.ionegeneralplan.com.

Red Ribbon Choir Presents in Concert - "Willy Wonka Kids"

Guaranteed to be the best show ever, the students of Ione Elementary School that make up the Red Ribbon Choir are presenting the music of Willy Wonka and his chocolate factory. Just imagine 54 of the greatest kid entertainers in Ione singing "Golden Ticket", "Candy Man" and of course super cute "Oompa Loompas". Two concerts are being presented and are open to the public. Dates are Friday, May 29 at 7:00 PM and Saturday May 30 at 2:00 PM, and held in the Elementary School Multi-purpose Room. Donations are accepted at the door, and refreshments served. Plan to support the youth of our community by attending this heart warming, and entertaining concert.

New Business - On The Clock Virtual Business Assistance

Karon Knuist, owner of *On The Clock* has moved her business to Ione and occupies the Twin Wolf building in downtown Ione. Formerly located in Jackson, *On The Clock* offers assistance to small businesses in the areas of administration including accounting, payroll, accounts payables, receivables, presentations and general office support. In addition, Karon offers desk top publishing, writing and graphics for brochures and flyers, along with a variety of other business services including copies, fax, notary service, DVD copies.

Twin Wolf owner Dan Porter has relocated to Panama City but continues to service his dial-up clients and web hosting activities. *On the Clock* office hours are 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM Mon-Fri. Hours will be extended during the summer months. Stop by to meet Karon and welcome her to the Ione.

Building Owner Benefits From City Façade Grant Program

Building owners in historic downtown Ione can now take advantage of a matching grant program to restore the outside of their buildings. Maureen Hall-Immer and her husband Heath, owners of the downtown building that houses *Curves* and *Windows Décor and More*, plan to apply for this grant. They have contracted with local mason Pat Yancy who is repairing and replacing mortar and brick on the side of their building. Removing the front façade will certainly be a discovery process as the owners think they will find brick that may be covered in plaster. Restoration of the brick is planned along with new trim that will compliment the finished product. Maureen is very enthused about the project and summed it up this way, "We are excited to work on restoration of the building this summer, and appreciate the City offering a matching grant to help finance this effort. The program should encourage property owners to upgrade and improve their investment."

The Main Street Façade Improvement Grant Program offers up to \$2500 in matching funds. For information on this program, contact City Hall at 209-274-2412.

Ione 133rd Homecoming
May 8-10

Around Town

Weed Abatement and the warm weather are here along with the threat of wild land fires in our area. The City of Lone Fire Department requests that all property owners and tenants do their part by cutting weeds and combustible growth from their property. All grass and weeds must be cut to 2-inches or plowed under to prevent the spread of fires. Property over 2 acres may have a 20 ft fire break around the property line. (Lone Municipal Code: Sec 1 Title 8 Chapter 8.16.010, .020, .030). For information, contact the fire department at 274-4548.

Lone Fire Station No. 2 will hold its official grand opening the third week in May. The department is moving into the new facility located at 600 Preston Ave. Date and time for the grand opening celebration for the public will be posted in mid-May.

Curves in Lone gave back to the community in a big way by donating 668 pounds of food to the Amador County Interfaith Food Bank. This is 200 pound more than last year. Great job!

ATCAA Head Start Lone Center is accepting enrollment for the 2009-10 school year that will start in the fall. They offer half day programs, 8:00 -11:30 AM or 12:30 to 4:00 PM. Located at 108 W. Marlette, the school accepts children 3-5 years of age by 12/2/09. Children with special needs are welcome. For more information, call 209-274-0395, ext. 0.

Castle Oaks Jr. Girls Golf is registering for the current session running through August. Girls, 7 to 17 years are invited to learn the basics of golf. The fee is \$30 and includes range balls, lessons and play time. Clubs are available if needed. Lessons are given by the Castle Oaks professional staff. For information call the club house at 209-274-0167.

Transformer, the movie, sponsored by ACRA will be shown at Howard Park after dark on Saturday, May 9th during Homecoming weekend. Bring the family, a chair or blanket and enjoy—it's free!

Chili Cook-off entries should be at Evalynn Bishop Hall by 10:30 AM on May 9th. Judging will be at 11:00 and lunch at 12 noon. For information, call 274-2643.

California Drought information and assistance for individuals affected by the recent drought is available online at www.calema.ca.gov. Information includes food and nutrition, health care, employment, senior services, emergency needs, and programs for farmers, ranchers and other businesses. This information is provided by the California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA).

City Meetings - May

City Council

May 5 & 19 6:00 PM City Hall

Planning Commission

May 12 6:00 PM City Hall

Parks & Recreation

May 26 6:00 PM City Hall

Organization Meetings

Castle Oaks Women's Club Luncheon

3rd Mon - 11:30 AM check-in

Reservations - 274-2625 or 274-0550

Grange & Jr. Grange Meetings & Potluck

2nd Thurs - 6:00 PM - VFW Hall - Info 209-610-9415

IBCA Board Meeting

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

Mixer May 21 - Howard Properties @ Remax Office

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

E-Waste Collection (Note extended hours)

Sponsored by Preston Castle Foundation & Lone Rotary

1st Saturday 8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon - Preston Castle

Preston Castle Tours - 1st & 3rd Saturdays - Apr-Oct

Special tours call 209-256-3623.

Important Numbers

City Hall 209-274-2412

Emergency 911

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

City Web Site www.ione-ca.com

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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, at ionecitynews@ione-ca.com.

Bedbug Challenge Fundraiser

Run/Walk for Lone Schools

Saturday, May 9th - Lone Jr. High

Check-in 7:30 AM

Start 8:30 AM

**Pre-registration forms available at
City Hall, Clark's Corner & Schools**