

CITY OF IONE NEWS

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City Mayor and Vice Mayor Selected

At the December 21 City Council meeting, David Plank was selected as Mayor for 2011 and Ron Smylie Vice Mayor. David served as Vice Mayor for 2010 and has been on the City Council for the past two years, with his term in office expiring in 2012. Ron Smylie was newly elected to the Council this year.

Andrea Bonham will complete her term in office in 2012. She has served as both Mayor and Vice Mayor. Newly elected council members Dan Epperson, Lloyd Oneto and Ron Smylie will serve their terms until January of 2014. Each member will represent the City on a variety of committees within the City and County.

The City of Ione would like to recognize and thank Lee Ard, Chester "Skip" Schaufel, and Jim Ulm, for their public service on the City Council for the past four years. Both Lee Ard and Skip Schaufel served as Vice Mayor and Mayor during their four year term. During that time, several key programs were put in place including the update of the City General Plan, improved financial planning and budgeting, and in addition, major steps have been taken to define and solve the City's waste water issues and research solutions.

Busy Holiday Season for Ione PD

The Ione Police Officers had a very busy holiday season. Unfortunately, this time of year typically parallels a statistical increase in crime. Over the past two months the Ione Police Department has taken over 120 reports for a variety of criminal offenses, such as: burglary, vandalism, theft, fraud, assault, child molestation, drug related crimes, warrant arrests, and DUI. Officers have been proactive in their efforts to deter and prevent crime within the community by contacting individuals roaming the streets and neighborhoods at unusual hours in the night, making traffic enforcement stops, and doing nighttime foot patrols in target locations.

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Ione Planning Commission Vacancy

There is an immediate opening on the Ione City Planning Commission, a committee of five citizens who are appointed by the City Council to review land use matters such as commercial and residential development and the subdivision of land. If you care about your community and are motivated to make Ione a better place to live, you should consider applying to become a Planning Commissioner for the City.

The seat that is open was held by David Jenkins for 14 years. David's dedication and contributions have been numerous and we thank him for his service to the community.

What does a Planning Commissioner do?

Members of this committee attend regular monthly meetings to gather input from the public and from city staff on land use matters. They serve as planning advisors to the City Council and provide recommendations based on the input received from public meetings.

Is this a paid or volunteer position?

Service on the Commission is voluntary, although the City provides compensation for attendance at public meetings. Commissioners commit to spending time reviewing materials and preparing for meetings. The reward is in seeing the results of their work in the improved quality of life in the City.

Are there any required qualifications for Planning Commissioner?

The only requirement for a Planning Commissioner is that they live within the City of Ione and care about the future of the community.

How do I apply?

Anyone who is interested can submit a letter of interest to the City Clerk at the Ione City Hall located at 1 E. Main Street. Applications will be considered and selected by the Mayor and approved by the City Council.

Around Town

Ione PD (continued)

In addition to these efforts, the Ione police officers have been busy with professional training and updated case law briefings. Most recently, officers were trained to current standards in first aid and CPR. These trainings are a routine part of the Peace Officers Standards and Trainings requirements that occur at various times throughout each fiscal year.

K-9 "Pras", the Ione Police Department's new German Shepard patrol dog was purchased from the October Rancho Arroyo Seco fund raising effort. Pras has been undergoing consistent training and will hit the street in early 2011. Handler Officer Josh Long is enthusiastic and eager to introduce his new K-9 partner to the community.

Chief Michael Johnson is just beginning his efforts to implement the citizen patrol program. The project, also funded through the above mentioned fund raiser, has been labor intensive and requires detailed planning. Chief Johnson hopes to begin the citizen academy (training) for volunteers in February. The program will implement a volunteer force within the community as an additional safe guard and resource to better protect and serve our citizens. There is still an opportunity for those interested to participate in the program and contribute to the betterment of the community. Anyone interested should contact Chief Johnson at 209-274-2456 x108.

Finally, as a reminder, if you need to report a crime or have an officer respond for any reason, please remember that the Ione Police Department and other city agencies throughout the county are all dispatched by the Amador County Sheriff Communications Center. For efficiency please call the Dispatch Center directly: at 209-223-6513.

City Meetings – January

Meetings are held at City Hall at 6:00 PM

City Council January 4 & 18

Planning Commission January 11

Parks & Recreation January 25

City offices will be closed on January 17

Organization Meetings & Activities

Bingo, Raffle, Food & Drinks – 209-274-6075

1ST Saturday, 7:00 PM - Camanche Community Center

Castle Oaks Women's Club Luncheon –

3rd Monday – 11:30 check-in.

Reservations 209-274-0151 or 209-274-6255

Castle Oaks Women's Bible Study Group

Wednesday beginning Sept 15 - 10-11:30 AM. Call 274-0600

Grange & Jr. Grange Meetings & Potluck

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

IBCA Board Meeting

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

3rd Thursday – Rendezvous Primitive Arms

Ione Community Program (City Revitalization)

4th Monday – 5:30 PM - City Hall - 274-2777

Ione Homecoming Picnic Association

1st Wednesday – 6:30 PM – VFW Hall

Ione Masonic Lodge #80 – 274-0354

2nd Wednesday – 8:00 PM – Ione Masonic Hall

Eastern Star Meeting – 274-4289 or 274-0354

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

Methodist Church Ione - Food Distribution & Meals

Interfaith Food Bank - 1st & 3rd Saturday – 10:30-12:30 AM

Senior food distribution – 1st Thursday – 11:00 AM

Senior meals every Thursday – 11:30 AM – Call 223-3015

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 Club Meeting

Thursdays – 12:00 Noon – Ione Hotel Restaurant

Veterans of Foreign War Meeting – Ione Memorial Hall

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

Upcoming Activities

E-Waste Collection *

Sponsored by Preston Castle Foundation & Ione Rotary

1st Saturday - 10:00 to 12:00 - Preston Castle

Important Numbers

City Hall 209-274-2412

Emergency 911

Non-emergency 209-223-6513 or 209-223-6500

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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.

Happy New Year!

Rotary of Ione Annual Crab Feed Saturday, February 5th

**Evalynn Bishop Hall
Crab, Pasta, Salad, Garlic Bread,
Dessert and Wine**

**Silent Auction, Raffle, Open Bar
Doors open at 6:00 PM**

\$35 per person

**Tickets available from any Rotary member or
Bank of Amador**