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Property Assessment Reduction Info

If a property owner feels that the fair market value for their property is less than the current assessed value, they can request an assessment review. The County Assessor's Office is obligated to reduce assessments when the fair market value is less than the original adjusted assessment, more commonly known as the Prop 13 value. The Assessors office is starting to review all assessments for the 2011-2012 tax year that they feel may be too high because of the rural and unique nature of the county. It is estimated that over 4000 assessments were reduced last year, a substantial portion of the residential properties in the county. If an assessment has been reduced in the past few years, there is no need to request another review as it will be reviewed automatically. For questions or information, visit the Assessor page on the County website at www.co.amador.ca.us, call 209-223-6351, or email jrooney@amadorgov.org.

Ione Veterans Park – Phase II

Work will begin this month to complete the Ione Veterans Wall of names. Plans are to smooth stucco and place a tile for each Ione Veteran on the wall. The committee has over 250 names of veterans who were living in the 95640 zip code when they served, or are living in the area at this time. Names will be on the wall in random order. As multiple tiles are completed, they will be placed on the wall in batches. It is estimated that the process for the engraving of names will take up to three months to complete. Any veteran who would like to be recognized on the wall can pick up an application at City Hall or the Bank of Amador. Relatives or friends of a deceased veteran may complete the application on their behalf. This project is funded through private donations. Donations of any amount are appreciated, but not necessary to have a veteran's name placed on the wall in the park. Checks are made payable to Ione Veterans Memorial Park, and mailed to the Bank of Amador, P.O. Box 397, Ione, CA 95640. For questions or information, contact Sharon Long at 209-304-5118, or Jerry Cassesi, 209-601-4079.

A DVD of the April 30th Ione Memorial Park dedication is available from Fab1 Multimedia Design in Ione. Cost is \$10 ea. Call Sam Fabila at 209-256-5115.

WOW! What a Dog—and Handler Too

Ione police officer Josh Long and K9 Pras took first place in the Western States Police Canine Association (WSPCA) trials in Dos Palos on May 21st. This organization is a multi-state law enforcement association that is dedicated to promoting training, efficiency and professionalism in service dog teams. They regularly host police canine trials throughout the state. Canine teams compete in search, obedience, agility and protection. Law enforcement canine teams from a variety of agencies enter and compete. These include city police, county sheriff, and bureau of narcotics enforcement, probation and corrections. The events are designed to measure the proficiency of the handler and canine and to assess the teams overall abilities. Teams also have the opportunity to train and build their field knowledge by working with some of the most highly regarded professionals in the industry.

Officer Josh Long personally paid to participate in the event, and improve his skill level and exposure. This was Josh and Pras' first outing to a high level competition canine event. At the end of the day, the team walked away with a first place trophy in the overall scoring for its class. This is a remarkable accomplishment for such a new team and young K9. Both represented the City of Ione well in an arena often dominated by larger agencies with many more resources. Their victory is the result of quality training, dedication and exceptionally high standards this City has committed to hiring.

Pras is hot on crime....

On May 4th, Pras and Officer Long "nabbed" a burglar at Fred's Mini Storage on Hwy 88. There had been several break-ins on this site and Officer Long spotted a suspicious car parked on property at 3 AM and along with Pras began to investigate. Ione PD, Sutter Creek PD and the Sheriff's department were all on site, but Pras led them to the suspect hidden in dense bushes. Yes—the "bad guy" was arrested.

Around Town

Mountain Oaks School is hosting three open house informational forums on three different dates. This is an accredited public school offering individualized learning plans for students in grades K-12. The open house is an opportunity for the public to see if Mountain Oaks School education model works for their students. The lone campus is located at 217 W. Jackson Street. Open house dates and times are June 9th at 5 PM, August 12 at 9 AM, September 6 at 5 PM. Please RSVP 888-686-6257 ext 2258 or for information log onto www.mountainoaks.org.

Castle Park Community Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, June 11 from 8 AM to 6 PM at 1400 W. Marlette St. This annual event is held in a community of over 100 homes, with many participating. Items for sale will include antiques, furniture, appliances, household items, clothing, tools and miscellaneous. For information call 209-274-2050.

Help determine future vision for downtown lone

On June 15 the City will be hosting the first in a series of public workshops on the lone downtown plan. The meeting will be held in the council chambers at lone City Hall from 6 to 8 PM. Attendees will have the opportunity to provide input on the vision for lone's historic downtown. Participants will also learn about the downtown plan process and the initial work the project team has completed to date. For information regarding the plan or workshop, contact Janice Traverso, City Clerk at 209-274-2412, ext 100.

Volcano Communication Group will hold an open house on Friday, June 24 from noon to 7 PM at the 24 W. Main Street store. Bring the family for hot dogs and soft drinks and enter into the raffle to win an iPod touch or Blu-ray DVD player. Pull up a chair and watch the free screening of Gnomeo and Juliet, an animated feature the whole family can enjoy. Hands-on demonstrations of the all-digital TV service in HD with Video on Demand will be available as well as the new 12 Mbs (the fastest in lone) high speed Internet service will be running as well.

Johnny Cash Tribute featuring James Garner will be held at Saturday, June 25th at Preston Castle. Gates open at 6 PM with a no-host bar and tour of the outside farm museum. James Garner takes his audience through a musical journey of Johnny Cash's biggest hits. Food and drinks will be available. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Advance tickets can be purchased at Curves, Clark's Corner or online at www.prestoncastle.com, or call 209-256-3623.

Hometown Nazareth will take you back in time where Jesus was a kid. From June 27th to July 1st, experience this fun, hands-on Bible-times village at Evalynn Bishop Hall in Howard Park in lone. You'll explore authentic marketplace shops, visit Jesus' mom Mary, take part in games and dance to lively Bible songs. The event is free to children entering kindergarten through 6th grade. For online registration visit www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/hl/KidsNazarethlone, or pick up a form at Calvary lone Fellowship, Cornerstone Church or Kings View Assembly of God. Information, call 209-274-4131.

City Meetings – June 2011

Meetings are held at City Hall at 6:00 PM

City Council June 7 & 21

Planning Commission June 14

Parks & Recreation June 28

Agendas are posted at ione-ca.com – City Council Link

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

3rd Monday – Caddy's Restaurant - 11:30 check-in.

Information: 209-274-6639

Castle Oaks Women's Bible Study Group

Wednesdays, 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 – Mixer – 5:30 PM – lone Plaza Market

lone Community Program (City Revitalization)

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

lone Homecoming Picnic Association

1st Wednesday – 6:30 PM – VFW Hall

lone Masonic Lodge #80 – 274-0354

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

Eastern Star Meeting – 274-4289 or 274-0354

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

Methodist Church lone - 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

Native Sons Parlor 33

1st & 3rd Wednesday – 7:00 PM – Native Sons' Bldg, lone

Preston Castle Foundation Meetings

1st Wednesday - 6:30 PM – Cornerstone Church

Rotary of lone Club Meeting

Thursdays – 12:00 Noon – lone Hotel Restaurant

Veterans of Foreign War Meeting – lone 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

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 or email Sharon Long, at ionecitynews@ione-ca.com.

E-Waste Collection

Sponsored by Preston Castle Foundation & lone Rotary

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

WEED ABATEMENT - EXTREME FIRE HAZARD
The fire department is requesting your help preventing wild land fires in the City. With the heavy rain fall we have a large grass crop, making fire conditions extreme. Property owners and tenants are requested to cut and remove weeds and combustibles from their property by the first week of June. For questions, call the Fire Department at 209-274-4548.