

CITY OF IONE NEWS

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Commission & Committee Vacancies

Ione City Parks & Recreation Commission has a vacancy that it is looking to fill. The Commission meets the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM. Persons interested are asked to submit a letter of interest to the City Clerk, City of Ione, P.O. Box 398 Ione, CA 95640.

Mule Creek State Prison Citizens Advisory Committee is recruiting for one vacancy. The committee meets on the second Tuesday every other month at 8:00 AM. Anyone interested should send a letter of interest to the City of Ione, P.O. Box 398, Ione, CA 95640. The deadline is May 11, 2011.

Rotary of Ione to Fund Scholarships

Each year, the Rotary Club of Ione donates \$5000 to fund four scholarships to college bound Ione seniors attending Argonaut High School. This funding is possible through the sale of Cow and Calf Chip Bingo tickets. The BIG event for the cow and calf takes place after the Homecoming parade on Saturday, May 14th at Howard Park. Ethel is the Wonder Cow that has been put to the test for several years, and Horny is the Wonder Calf. Besides the scholarships, there is something for the ticket purchaser as well. Cow Chip tickets are \$100 each, the winner will receive \$5,000. The Calf Chip tickets are \$50 each, the winner receives \$2,500. There are also bonus squares of \$200 and \$100. To purchase tickets, contact any Rotary of Ione Club member, or call Richard Forster at 209-608-4748.

Volunteer Patrol is on the Streets

The volunteer patrol (VP) is trained and ready to serve community of Ione. The VP program was inspired by Chief Mike Johnson and modeled after a program in the Seattle, WA area. The Chief had researched many programs and felt this best suited Ione. In October of 2010, a community fundraiser sponsored by Rancho Arroyo Seco, provided over \$20K to the Ione Police Department for three start-up programs that included the Volunteer Patrol. These funds are designated for no other use, and are tracked separately within the City budget to ensure accountability.

The program started with a recruitment campaign to identify interested persons. Applications were collected and applicants were put through a thorough background process. The selected candidates attended a training academy up to four hours a week for eight weeks. Instructors from law enforcement throughout the county participated and donated their time. Scenario trainings were conducted with volunteers from law enforcement, and citizen volunteers role played. Upon graduating from the Academy, the VP members have been deployed within the community on routine patrol shifts and utilized for special events.

Using the donated funds, the Police Department was able to retrofit, paint and decal an older vehicle already in the department for use by the VP. The Jackson Police Department donated an emergency light bar for the vehicle. Each member of the patrol has been provided a grey uniform shirt and basic duty equipment including digital camera, flashlight, radio etc., all funded by the designated donations. The VP has already generated additional income to support the program through a generous donation from Mule Creek State Prison, and special requests for security patrol. For additional information regarding the Volunteer Patrol or other police department matters, contact Chief Mike Johnson, 209-274-2412, ext. 108.

135th Ione Homecoming Celebration

May 13-14

“Hats, Horses and Hay”



* Jr. Frog Jump * LL Baseball * Carnival *
* Fireworks Parade * Dance * Live Music * Food *
* Run/Walk * Soap Box Derby * Sheep Dog Trials *
...and more

Around Town

Sock Hop at Clark's Corner on Friday, May 6 starting at 6 PM. RBX Band will present music from the 50-60's, Contest, appetizers and no-host bar will complete the evening. Cost is \$12. For more information, call 209-274-2233. That evening, you may pre-register for the IBCA Classic Car Show being held on May 7th.

Bedbug Challenge Run/Walk will be held on Saturday, May 14th. The race starts at 7:30 AM at the Castle Oaks Golf Club with registration at 7:00 AM. You can pre-register and download the registration form at ionepicnicassociation.com. All proceeds go to the 5th Grade Science Camp fund. This form can also be used to donate funds for students to attend Science Camp. Runners and walkers may register the day of the race.

Photographers Day at the Castle will be on Sunday, May 22, 10 AM to 2 PM. Photographers can roam the Preston Castle on a self-guided tour, and allowed four hours to explore the non-restricted areas. Cost is \$30 per person. Register online at www.prestoncastle.com.

Neverland Tea Party sponsored by the Preston Castle Foundation will be held on Saturday, May 28th from 1 to 3 PM. With spring in the air, flowers in bloom and days soon to be bright and sunny, what better way to spend an afternoon than at an outdoor Tea Party. Tables will be set in the Castle courtyard next to the garden. Refreshments will be served and include light finger food, tea and fruit punch. There will be a "Lost Boys" Wacky Pajama contest, raffle, games, music and more. This is an event for adults and children of all ages. Tickets are \$10 for 15 years and under and \$15 for adults. Children 5 and under are free. Tickets are available at Curves, Clark's Corner and online at www.prestoncastle.com, or call Mary at 209-327-5372.

ATCAA Head Start is accepting applications for pre-school for the 2011-2012 school year. Children must be 3 years of age before December 2, 2011. Programs for home base including prenatal to pre-school and early head start for infants and toddlers are offered. The lone home base programs are based on income eligibility and are offered free. ATCAA Head Start offers services on a non-discriminatory basis including the Childcare Food Program. For information, call Bev at 209-274-0395, 0#.



IBCA PRESENTS

2nd Annual Classic Car Show

Saturday, May 7th

8 AM to 4 PM – Main Street Ione

Live Music – Vendors

To register a car call 209-304-7169
Or email expressions1928@hotmail.com

City Meetings – May 2011

Meetings are held at City Hall at 6:00 PM

City Council May 3 & 17

Planning Commission May 10

Parks & Recreation May 24

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

City offices will be closed on Memorial Day, May 30

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 – Rancho Arroyo Seco

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 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, Ione

Preston Castle Foundation Meetings

1st Wednesday - 6:30 PM – Cornerstone Church

Rotary of Ione 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

Important Numbers

City Hall 209-274-2412

Emergency 911

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

City of Ione 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.

Upcoming Activities

E-Waste Collection

Sponsored by Preston Castle Foundation & Ione Rotary

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