

City of Ione NEWS

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Preston Bridge Upgrade

In case you haven't noticed, Caltrans has been busy making much-needed upgrades and repairs to the iconic Hwy 104 bridge over Sutter Creek that we all depend on. During a walk-through of the creek to assess brush removal, Vice Mayor Stacy Rhoades observed that the attachment point of one of the footings needed repair. Caltrans was notified and this repair has been made, along with a refurbishment of the bridge railing. It was cleaned and repainted to match the walking bridge to the west, and the cyclone fencing is new, too! The Creek Committee has applied for a Streambed Alteration Agreement and hopes to start clearing the creek of extensive overgrowth starting November 1st.

Winter Leaf Removal

We have all probably observed homeowners clearing their yards by blowing leaves, grass clippings or other debris into the street, rather than bagging it or utilizing their yard waste can. Technically, two codes apply: littering and/or public nuisance. It is the property owner's responsibility to dispose of their own yard waste, not the City's, including waiting for the streetsweeper to pick up your leaves at the curb.

As fall comes on, it is critical to keep storm drains cleared of debris. The public is requested to help by clearing any drain grates near your property. Copious amounts of leaves can travel with the rain down the curb to block storm drains and the inlet. Leaf 'dams' impede the smooth flow of water into the drains and often cause a large puddle. This creates nuisance flooding and can potentially cause a safety hazard. It can even lead to property damage and be a potential safety hazard for drivers and bicyclists.

If you do not have a yard waste container, which are free of charge for residents within Ione city limits, contact ACES at 274-2237. Thank you for taking care of your yard waste and keeping Ione beautiful!

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 www.ione-ca.com, or send an email with phone # and your information to laurie.lord53@outlook.com.

Don't let grease go down the drain!

Grease solidifies once it cools off. Sure, it might flow out of the pan and down the drain, but the fats in the grease and oil from your kitchen mix with the other chemicals in the sewers and form nasty conglomerations of chemicals – known as 'fatbergs' - that can block the pipes that take our dirty water to the wastewater treatment plant.

According to a recent review of the subject, these fat and oil buildups cause about 47% of the up to 36,000 sewer overflows that happen annually in the U.S. While drain cleaners might clear out the pipes in your home, the greasy mess just gets washed into the sewers afterward, creating a bigger problem down the line.

For residential buildings the prevention of fat, oil and grease buildup typically lies with each individual. Some best practices to avoid a problem in your pipes include:

- Recycle! Pour used cooking oil and grease into a sturdy plastic or glass sealable container and place in waste can when the container is full.
- Wipe greasy cooking utensils – including that mayo on the spatula - with a paper towel before washing. A large amount of buildup comes from washing greasy dishes.
- Minimal use of garbage disposals will help reduce blockages in your kitchen sinks from food particles combining with grease in the pipe.
- If you do not wish to recycle, carefully pour the used cooking oil and grease into its original container or another sealable container and throw it in the trash when cool.

Do your part to keep Ione's sewer plant running smoothly for years to come.



Around Town

Planning Commission and Lone Creek

Committee vacancies: Applicants for the Planning Commission must reside within the city limits of Lone. One applicant for the Lone Creek Committee can reside outside the city limits of Lone. The applicants will be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council at their meeting on November 17, 2020 to fill the open seats. If you would like to be considered for either of these current openings, send your letters of interest to Janice Traverso, City Clerk, no later than 3 PM on Friday, November 13th. For more information contact Janice at 209-274-2412, ext. 102, or jtraverso@ione-ca.com.

Cameras on Main

Lone PD Chief Tracy Busby's mission is to keep our town safe from harm. To this end, he contacted the Lone Business & Community Association (IBCA) to request grant funding to buy security cameras for Main Street. A meeting with local service provider Pinnacle Alarm and tech-savvy Officer Alfred resulted in a proposal to install seven cameras plus installation of the monitoring equipment at the PD station. The In addition, the IPD Foundation will purchase three License Plate Recognition (LPR) cameras for tracking vehicles of interest as they enter or leave the area. The IBCA, on behalf of the lone community and using proceeds from sale of fireworks last July, is proud to partner with Lone Police Department to provide this safety equipment.

Win a 1-year Golf Pass to Castle Oaks Golf Club valued at \$2200, thanks to the donation by General Manager Dominic Atlan. Raffle tickets are on sale now for \$20 each or 6 for \$100 and can be purchased at the golf club pro shop, or from Richard Forster or Laurie Lord. Your odds of winning are great: only 125 tickets will be sold! If you don't golf someone will buy it from you. Deadline to purchase is January 15, 2021. Winner will be picked January 2021 and notified by phone. This fundraiser is sponsored by the Lone Business and Community Association (IBCA) For more info connect with Richard at rforster@amadorgov.org, or Laurie at info@myione.com

Boy Scout Troop 477 continues to hold its Christmas tree, wreath, and garland fundraiser with sales ending on November 14th. Pick up will be in the Evalynn Bishop Hall parking area on Friday, December 4th. 8 AM to 3 PM, and Saturday December 5th. 8 AM to 1 PM. New this year is an online ordering portal at <http://fundraiser4us.com/zz/troop-477>. For more info contact Jen Rollins, 916-847-8295.

Drug Addiction Recovery Class

Starting in November the King's View Assembly of God at 432 W. Marlette will be starting "Celebrate Recovery" for those who want help with addiction issues. A meal and fellowship will start at 6 PM, and the program runs from 7-8:30 PM. For more info KVAG.net or give Dan Epperson a call at 209-304-9364.

City Meetings – November 2020

Meetings are held at 6:00 PM – Remote & In-Person

City Council	November 3 & 17
Creek Committee	November 12 (7pm start, this mtg)
Planning Commission	November 10
Parks & Recreation	November 24

Agendas are posted at www.ione-ca.com–City Gov't Link
(see Agenda heading for information on how to participate)

Organization Meetings & Activities

Castle Oaks Women's Bible Study Group

Wednesday - 10-11:30 AM - Call 274-0600

Castle Oaks Women's 18 Hole Golf Group

Tuesday – AM - Call 209-274-4376

Disabled American Veterans - Chapter 118 Meeting
Veterans Hall–3rd Thursday 6:00 PM – 925-212-6962

Fit After 50 Fitness Class - Lone Methodist Church
Mon & Thurs 9-10 and Wed 9:00 AM

Grange & Jr Grange Meetings

4th Tuesday – 6:00 PM –Sacred Heart Parrish Hall –610-9415

IBCA Board Meeting– www.myione.com

3rd Thursday 8:30 AM – Board Mtg -274-2777-info

Mixers have been cancelled until further notice.

Lone Public Cemetery Board Mtg 2nd Thurs @ 3 PM

500 S Church St Lone – Info 209-274-0274

Lone Memorial District Board mtg – 2nd Thurs @ 6pm

lone Hall, 207 S. Amador St, info 209-274-4936

Lone Homecoming Picnic Association

General Information: 209-304-7970 or 209-663-1342

Lone Ladies Association Luncheon

Information: Terresa Odom - 916-479-2657

Lone Masonic Lodge #80 –Bill Wells 209-304-4853

2nd Wednesday – 7:00 PM – Lone Masonic Hall

Lone Public Library – 25 E. Main St, Lone

Mon & Wed 10-1, Tues 2-7, Thurs 1-5, Fri 1-4

Methodist Church Lone - Food Distribution & Meals

Interfaith Food Bank Distribution - 3rd Saturday, 10:30 -noon
and EFAP open 10:30-12:00 noon

Senior food distribution – 1st Thursday – 10:30 – 11:30 AM

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

Free Coffee, Pastries & Conversation 4th Saturday 9:30-11:30

Native Sons Parlor 33

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

Healing Arts Family Group

Kings View Assembly of God - 432 W. Marlette St. Lone

Tuesdays – 5:30 – 6:30 PM – Information: 209-781-5475

Preston Castle Foundation Meetings

1st Wednesday – Teleconference.

Preston Castle Tours – Cancelled until further notice.

Rotary of Lone Club Meeting – www.ionerotary.org

1st & 3rd Thursdays – For information call 209-608-4748

Veterans of Foreign War Meeting – Veterans Hall

2nd Wednesday – Information – 209-274-4956

Important Numbers

City Hall	209-274-2412
Emergency	911
Non-emergency	209-223-6513 or 209-223-6500
lone City Website	www.ione-ca.com