



Hello Ione Neighbors!

This letter is to ensure that everyone in Ione is aware of the IBCA (Ione Business & Community Association), a non-profit, all-volunteer organization of businesses and community members working together to promote our amazing little town of Ione.

The IBCA is open to anyone who lives in or does business in the Ione area. The Board of Directors meet monthly on the 3rd Thursday and there is a community mixer that same evening, sponsored every month by a different business owner. It is a great way to get to know your fellow Ionians!

The IBCA hosts a website – www.myione.com – where you can find flyers for upcoming events, pictures from various occasions; links to local businesses, and other information about what we do what we have accomplished in recent years, which includes the following:

2 Historic Plaques (One on City Hall, one at west end of Main St.)

Newly installed Welcome to Ione sign on Hwy 104

Ione Dog Park (inside Howard Park)

Major Grants: Ione Picnic Association (for Ione Homecoming celebration)

Preston Castle

Argonaut High and Ione Elementary Schools

IPD & the IPD Volunteer Patrol

IFD (annually, for install of seasonal lighting)

State & County fair booths (annually)

4 Christmas Skyline swags (brand new for 2018)

Memberships, mixers, & fireworks sales are how we raise money. Individuals can join for \$15/yr, businesses for \$35. All the money goes back into our community for marketing of Ione, improvement projects, grants, and events that entertain. Being a member of the IBCA is an easy & affordable way to contribute funds to projects that benefit Ione.

We need your help!! It takes a community of volunteers to make our little town what it is – a great place to live! It also takes folks willing to attend the Mixers & buy raffle tickets to fund the IBCA. We understand that some folks are able to donate money, some folks are able to donate time (or know someone who wants to help out). One thing we know for sure: the IBCA will happily accept whatever it is you can offer, whether time, ideas, or money.

If you are new to the area, WELCOME TO IONE! We would be pleased to meet each and every one you! Please join us at any of the upcoming Mixers! Email info@myione.com with your email address so we can put you on the monthly distribution list with mixer location information. (Your email address will not be made public.) Our **Summer Mixer will be held on the Preston Castle Patio on Friday, August 17, 6pm**, serving bbq Tri-tip. Please **RSVP no later than Aug 10** to Laurie @ 274-2777 or Dolores at 209-610-9415.