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| Planning and Zoning Meeting: April 8, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting: April 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor’s message **“THE WISDOM IN HOT CHOCOLATE”**  A group of graduates, well established in their careers, were discussing their lives at a class reunion. They decided to go visit their old university professor, now retired, who was always an inspiration to them.  During their visit, the conversation turned to complaints about stress in their work, lives, and relationships.  Offering his guests hot chocolate, the professor went into the kitchen and returned with a large pot of hot chocolate and an assortment of cups. Some cups were porcelain, glass, crystal, some plain looking, some expensive, and some exquisite. He invited each to help themselves to the hot chocolate.  When they all had a cup of hot chocolate in hand, the professor shared his thoughts. “Notice all the nice looking; expensive cups were taken, leaving behind the plain and cheap ones.”  “While it is normal for you to want only the best for yourselves that is the source of your problems and stress.”  “The cup that you are drinking from adds nothing to the quality of the hot chocolate. In most cases it is just more expensive and in some cases even hides what we drink.”  “What each of you really wanted was hot chocolate. You did not want the cup…but you consciously went for the best cups.”  “And soon, you began to eye one another’s cups.”  “Now friends, please consider this…”Life is the hot chocolate…Your job, money, and position in society are the cups.”  “They are just tools to hold and contain life.”  “The cup you have does not define, nor does it change, the quality of life you are living.”  “Sometimes, by concentration only on the cup, we fail to enjoy the hot chocolate God has provided.”  Always remember this….God brews the hot chocolate, He does not choose the cup. The happiest people don’t have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything that they have!  Live simply…  Love generously...  Care deeply…  Speak kindly…  Leave the rest to God and remember that the richest person is not the one who has the most, but the one who needs the least. Enjoy your hot chocolate!  Sincerely, Mayor Brad Andersen Events **“Easter Egg Hunt”** – The City’s Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, April 4, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. sharp at the Iona Square. There are four age groups ranging from 0-3, 4-5, 6-8, and 9-11. Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be available for purchase at a minimal cost.  **“3rd Annual Yard Sale – Craft Sale – Bake Sale – and Spring Clean-up” –** Mark your calendars and reserve your spot for the Iona Community 3rd Annual Yard Sale on June 20, 2015 beginning at 8:00 a.m. until everyone is done. We have expanded the yard sale to include a bake/food sale, craft sale, and our annual spring clean-up. You can sign up by calling the City Office at 523-5600. public hearings The City of Iona’s Planning & Zoning Commission has scheduled a public hearing on the evening of April 8, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Iona Community Center, which is located at 3548 North Main Street, Iona, Idaho. The purpose of the hearing is to consider vacating a certain public alley to Michael and Louise Bryan, owners of the adjacent land located at 5013 Steele Ave, by quitclaim deed. A second public hearing is scheduled for the evening of April 21, 2015 at 7:15 p.m. at the Community Center with the City Council for final review. public works **“Addresses”** – Please make sure your address is posted and visible on your property. summer baseball and softball leagues **“Summer Baseball and Softball Leagues”** – The City of Iona Sports will be holding registration for Summer Baseball and Softball Leagues on Thursday, April 23, 2015 from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 25, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. at the Iona City Building. Any other information can be found on our website at [www.cityofiona.org](http://www.cityofiona.org) under recreation information or you can contact Trent or SueAnn Dabell at 208-542-2304 or e-mail [cityofionasports@hotmail.com](mailto:cityofionasports@hotmail.com). volunteers **“Iona Day Volunteers”** – Anyone interested in helping out with the Iona Day Celebration contact the City Office at 523-5600. This year’s celebration will be held on Saturday, July 25, 2015. Water **“Water Committee”** – The City is still looking for a couple more volunteers to be on the Water Committee. The committee meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday’s of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the City Building. Issues being covered include: needs, priorities, reducing water usage, and water rates. If you would like to be a part of this committee contact Mayor Andersen at 523-5600.  **“Water Conservation”** – As in the past years, we are asking people whose address ends with an odd number (e.g. 245) to water on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Those with an address that ends with an even number (e.g. 356) to water on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. On Sunday, please limit your watering to the bare minimum. By doing this, it will help the City to conserve water, keep costs down, better water pressure for you as a customer, and a healthier lawn. It is better for your lawn to water every two to three days, than to water every day. | |