

City of Iona Newsletter

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Planning and Zoning Meeting: April 12, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

City Council Meeting: April 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

City Council Special Work Meeting: April 18, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

"SMILE"

Author: Unknown

I am a mother of three (ages 14, 12, 3) and have recently completed my college degree. The last class I had to take was Sociology. The teacher was absolutely inspiring with the qualities that I wish every human being had been graced with.

Her last project of the term was called **"Smile."**

The class was asked to go out and smile at three people and document their reactions. I am a very friendly person and always smile at everyone and say hello anyway, so, I thought this would be a piece of cake, literally.

Soon after we were assigned the project, my husband, youngest son, and I went out to McDonald's one crisp March morning. It was just our way of sharing special play time with our son. We were standing in line, waiting to be served, when all of a sudden everyone around us began to back away, and then even my husband did.

I did not move an inch... an overwhelming feeling of panic welled up inside of me as I turned to see why they had moved. As I turned around I smelled a horrible "dirty body" smell, and there standing behind me were two poor homeless men. As I looked down at the short gentleman, close to me, he was **"smiling."** His beautiful sky blue eyes were full of God's Light as he searched for acceptance.

He said, "Good day" as he counted the few coins he had been clutching. The second man fumbled with his hands as he stood behind his friend. I realized the second man was mentally challenged and the blue eyed gentleman was his salvation. I held my tears as I stood there with them.

The young lady at the counter asked him what they wanted. He said, "Coffee is all Miss" because that was all they could afford. (If they wanted to sit in the restaurant and warm up, they had to buy something. He just wanted to be warm). Then I really felt it – the compulsion was so great I almost reached out and embraced the little man with the blue eyes.

That is when I noticed all eyes in the restaurant were set on me, judging my every action. I smiled and asked the young lady behind the counter to give me two more breakfast meals on a separate tray. I then walked around the corner to the table that the men had chosen as a resting spot. I put the tray on the table and laid my hand on the blue eyed gentleman's cold hand.

He looked up at me, with tears in his eyes, and said, "Thank you." I leaned over, began to pat his hand and said, **"I did not do this for you. God is here working through me to give you hope."**

I started to cry as I walked away to join my husband and son. When I sat down my husband smiled at me and said, **"That is why God gave you to me, Honey. To give me hope."** We held hands for a moment and at that time we knew that only because of the Grace of God that we had been given were we able to give. We are not church goers, but we are believers.

That day showed me the pure Light of God's sweet love. I returned to college, on the last evening of class, with this story in hand. I turned in "my project" and the instructor read it. Then she looked up at me and said, "Can I share this?" I slowly nodded as she got the attention of the class. She began to read and that is when I knew that we as human beings and being part of God, share this need to heal people and to be healed. In my own way I had touched the people at McDonald's and to be healed. In my own way I had touched the people at McDonald's, my husband, son, instructor, and every soul that shared the

classroom on the last night I spent as a college student. I graduated with one of the biggest lessons I would ever learn:
UNCONDITIONAL LOVE AND ACCEPTANCE.

At this time of the year when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ may we have unconditional love and acceptance of each other and remember to – **“SMILE.”** Smiling will change lives, but most importantly it will change **“YOU.”**

Sincerely, Mayor Brad Andersen

COMMUNITY

“Easter Egg Hunt” – Join us for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 15th, 2017 located at the Iona Square starting promptly at 10:00 am. Special prizes will be awarded for finding the “Golden Ticket”. *If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering to stuff eggs or donating slightly used stuffed animals please contact the City office at (208)-523-5600.*

“Iona Day Celebration Seeks Volunteers” – Do you have great organizational skills? Do you enjoy planning events? Consider joining the Iona Day Celebration Committee! Join a team of self-directed volunteers who are in charge of planning and executing the Annual Iona Day Celebration being held on Saturday, July 22nd, 2017. This event will be organized by members of the committee along with assistance from businesses and organizations in the area. We need help with the following assignments: activities, food, fun run, entertainment, setup/cleanup, and publicity. Community participation is what makes the Iona day Celebration successful, and we are looking for volunteers who want to make it the best it's ever been! If you are interested, please contact Iona Days Coordinator Emily Downey at (208)-351-1088 or the City office at (208)-523-5600 or via email at cityclerk@cityofiona.org



“Arbor Day Foundation Names Iona Tree City USA” –

Iona, ID was named a 2016 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management. Iona achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

“Tree City USA communities see the impact an urban forest has in a community first hand,” said Dan Lambe, President of the Arbor Day Foundation. “Additionally, recognition brings residents together and creates a sense of community pride, whether it's through volunteer engagement or public education.”

Trees provide multiple benefits to the community when properly planted and maintained.

They help to improve the visual appeal of the neighborhood, increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants and provide wildlife habitat, among many other benefits.

More information on the program is available at arborday.org/TreeCityUSA.

“2017 Arbor Day Celebration and Spring Clean Up” – Mark your calendars for this year's Arbor Day and Spring Clean-up for Saturday, June 10th, 2017. Clean-up will begin at 8:00 a.m. and anyone interested should meet at the Iona Community Center.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

“Community Forestry: Title 8, Chapter 4” – Thinking about planting, performing maintenance and/or removing trees or shrubs? Please visit our city website under the City Clerk's office and check out the ordinance regarding Community Forestry.

Community trees can be found along streets, parks, public property, and on private property. It's important to know what types of species are permitted and where they can be planted in relation to utilities. Still have questions? Please contact our Public Works Director Zech Prouse at (208)-716-0836

“Drainage Swales” – Please be mindful not to place any filling in the drainage swales. They must maintain a valley through the bottom of the swale for the collection of storm water.

NOTICE OF SEALED BID AUCTION

Separate sealed informal bids for the purchase of surplus equipment will be received by the City of Iona at City Hall located at 3548 N. Main St. until 4:00 p.m. on Monday April 17th, 2017. Bids will be opened at City Hall on Tuesday April 18th, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. Award will be made to the responsible bidder submitting the highest responsive bid at or above the reserve prior for each piece of equipment. Submit each bid and contact information in a sealed opaque envelope labeled "Equipment Auction". Acceptable forms of payment shall be cash or cashier's check made out to the City of Iona. The equipment shall be release on an as – is condition. To schedule an appointment for equipment inspections please contact the Public Works Director Zech Prouse at (208)-716-0836 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Equipment	Reserve Price
1. 1993 Ford F-150 pickup, 2WD, gas, 64,543 miles.....	\$2,500
2. 2002 Chevy Tahoe, 4WD, gas, 129,117 miles.....	\$3,500
3. 1976 Dodge 800 plow truck, 2WD, gas, Henke plow, Williamson sander.....	\$2,000

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Spring has officially arrived, which means warmer weather and more daylight on the way. With more people hitting the roads to escape the winter blues make sure you are obeying the posted speed limit signs and not driving aggressively. We want to break the trend of fatalities and serious injuries rising, especially as we head into the warmer weather and the 100 deadliest days of summer.



"School Zone Parking" – Please be mindful when dropping off or picking up your children from school to use the parking lot and the designated drop off/pick up zone. Do not park on the north side of the school in front of the school or in the bus line at any time. The area is marked with no parking signs for the safety of the children that may be walking to and from school.

"Animal Control" – We have seen the number of dogs on the loose in Iona rise immensely. Please take extra measures to ensure that all animals are kept where they are supposed to be. Please see attached City Code 5-4-10:

(B) Any owner or keeper of a dog who allows the dog to run at large or in any public street, alley, sidewalk, park or place, or upon private property without the permission of the owner or occupant thereof, is guilty of an infraction.

In addition, we have also had complaints about barking dogs. Please see attached City Code 5-4-10

(A) Any person who harbors or keeps on his premises, or in his control any dog which by loud and prolonged barking, disturbs the peace and quiet of the neighborhood, or the occupants of adjacent premises, is guilty of an infraction. For the purposes hereof the term "loud and prolonged barking" shall mean (i) any incessant barking, howling, whining or other disturbing noise for a period of thirty (30) consecutive minutes or more within any calendar day, or (ii) intermittent barking for a period of sixty (60) consecutive minutes or more during any calendar day. Nothing herein shall allow the issuance of a citation to any dog owner who dog is provoked by a trespasser, intruder or by any other person who unreasonably and without cause provokes or teases such dog.

"Online Weekly Police Log" – Did you know you can now check out a weekly log of Iona's Police Department now online? This is an effort to help educate residents on what's happening in the community, and to offer transparency in the services the Department provides.

"Yield Signs" – All the yield signs in Country Haven Estates have been updated to stop signs due to increased traffic flow.

GO GREEN...



Pay and View Your City of Iona Utility Bill Electronically

Help save resources by opting out
of paper bills and receive a \$5.00
credit on your account.

*Please note this is a one-time credit per customer account.

- Pay from your checking or savings account (FREE service)
- Pay by credit or debit card (2.75% [+ 50¢ if under \$100] convenience fee applies)
- Pay immediately, schedule a payment or set up Auto-Pay
- View the amount you owe online or on the payment app (FREE service)
- View your utility bill online; you can also print bills (FREE service)
- Stop receiving paper bills; you will receive an email each time a new bill is ready for viewing



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of security as required by the credit card industry.*



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