



# Living in I'On

The Official Neighborhood Newsletter of I'On

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Be a Dear, Volunteer!



Wherever you see a heart, we need your help! All ages are welcome!

## Another Opportunity To Be Heard!!!



*Do you have an opinion about the future of your neighborhood?*

I'On is an outstanding community and we all love living here. But despite a great concept and design, no one could have fully anticipated our needs fifteen years later. As we have grown, we have evolved. Your HOA Board wants to hear from you as to what amenities you would like us to consider adding.

The "I'On Amenities Homeowner Survey" is coming your way! On January 11, an email blast with a live link to the survey will be delivered to your inbox. Click on the link, and you'll find five potential amenities we've outlined for your consideration. Your answers will be ANONYMOUS, so please be candid. Any and all responses are encouraged!

The survey is easy and quick to complete. It is a multiple-choice format with an option for comments. Simple directions are given. Your input can make a difference in how things are done in I'On, so please respond as quickly and completely as you can.

The survey can also be accessed through the I'On Community Website. Look for the link on January 11. Whether it is through an email link or the neighborhood website, we look forward to hearing from you!

Thanks, in advance, from your I'On Assembly Board.



## And the Civitas Award Goes to . . . Linda Hanson & Steve Degnen!



Our community has many volunteers, and we need them to keep I'On running smoothly! This year's Civitas Award recognizes two individuals who go above and beyond the call to assist. Not on just one occasion, but on many occasions, over many years. While the work isn't always obvious, it's needed and constant and makes a significant contribution to our community. Congratulations to these deserving neighbors!

Linda Hanson moved here in 2004, and from the very beginning has worked hard to be hospitable to all neighbors, particularly new ones. She created the monthly Lunch Bunch based upon her experience in Detroit. The Lunch Bunch, along with the Women's Coffee, is often the first occasion many women have to meet others in the neighborhood. Linda not only started it, but has mothered it over the years to make sure it continues. Linda and her husband Len have volunteered for just about everything the I'On Trust does, including the Home & Garden Tours, concerts, 4th of July parade and Halloween in the 'Hood. She's also helped a lot of kids as the first official art teacher at the East Cooper Montessori Charter school that opened here in 2005. She taught art to all of the children in the school. Linda is a Fellow with the Gibbes Museum, and has donated her artwork to several non-profit groups. She started the I'On Yard Sale that continues today. And when she's not making friends, or volunteering, or teaching art, you can find her every Tuesday night at O'Brion's, helping the Maybank Greenies compete in yet another Trivia Contest. And BTW . . . her cupcakes are to die for!

Steve Degnen and his wife Carol bought a lot in I'On in 2007, rented a house here while building and moved into their home in 2009. One of the first activities he became involved in was the Conservation Corps, which led to other interests, primary among them a community garden. After a "demo garden" at Westlake in 2009, the community garden opened in 2011. He currently manages the garden and continues to write the monthly newsletter. Steve's been involved in many I'On activities, including Halloween in the 'Hood, the Holiday Festival, creating graphics for various communications vehicles, helping launch the website and the printed directory. He is currently a member of the IDC Committee. Another amazing thing: he encourages neighbors with their ideas — April Gordon & Gayle Woodward wanted to start a butterfly garden and he said "great idea!", and was able to make space available at the community garden. He still makes time for a book club, lunch with friends, golf with his wife and time for his adult children and grandchildren.

*(Thank you to Amy Sage and Barb Fry for their contributions to this article.)*

### The Civitas Award

Created in 2003 to recognize the I'On resident, or residents, who have made outstanding contributions to the I'On community, the Civitas Award is presented at the Homeowners' Annual Meeting. Derived from the Latin word for citizenship, it connotes a sense of shared responsibility, a common purpose and a sense of community.

The award recipient is selected by a committee comprised of a representative from both the I'On Trust and Assembly Board, plus the four previous recipients. The Civitas Award is not won; it is earned.

**2015 - Steve Degnen and Linda Hanson / 2014 - Fred McIntyre / 2013 - Ed Clem / 2012 - Amy Sage / 2011- John Powers / 2010 - Barbara Fry and Sandy Powers / 2009 - Libby Eble / 2008 - Dave Rosengren / 2007 - Phil Ayers and Annie Bonk / 2006 - Diane Balister and Bonnie Ray / 2005 - Steve Kwiatkowski and Cynthia Rosengren / 2003 - Jack Hamilton**

## Welcome, New Neighbors!

Karen & Rich Easton  
17 Grace Lane

Linda Gay & David Wright  
52 Rialto Road

Ashley & Richard Clinton  
121 Jakes Lane

### Moving Around I'On:

Laura & Eric Glaser  
19 Isle of Hope Road

Do you have a new neighbor? If you notice a moving van or a new face in the neighborhood, please contact I'On Ambassador Coordinator, [Mary Kaplan](mailto:Mary.Kaplan@ion.org), 843-388-4489. We want to meet & greet our new neighbors as soon as possible after they move in.

### I'ON AMBASSADORS

If you are interested in joining our welcoming committee, please come to our first gathering of the New Year on Sunday, January 10.

Contact [Vikki Davis](mailto:Vikki.Davis@ion.org), 843-654-9432, for more information.

## Eye on. . . January

### I'On Community Garden Plot Registration

#### **Opens at Midnight, December 31**

Signup begins at midnight, New Year's Eve. So, put down your noise makers and email your name, address & telephone number to: [iongarden@gmail.com](mailto:iongarden@gmail.com).

### I'On Design Committee (IDC) Review

#### **Tuesday, January 5 & 19**

All design changes must be submitted to the IDC for approval before scheduling any exterior work, including landscaping. Application forms are available on the I'On website and at the IDC office located at 159 Civitas Street. The deadline to submit plans for review is one week prior to the scheduled meeting date. Questions? Please email Neighborhood Design Coordinator [Pam Gabriel](mailto:Pam.Gabriel@ion.org) or call 843-606-6366.

### I'On Women's Movie Group

#### **Wednesday, January 6**

The movie, location, and time will be emailed to everyone on the email list the weekend before the movie. If you are new to the neighborhood or haven't tried the group, email [Jan Laabs](mailto:Jan.Laabs@ion.org) or call [843-284-8799](tel:843-284-8799) to be included in all future emails.

### "First" (Second) Friday Cocktail Party

#### **Friday, January 8 / 6:00 - 8:00 PM**

#### **17 Grace Lane / Hosted by Karen & Richard Easton**

Please join our gracious hosts, Karen and Richard Easton, at January's "First" Friday Cocktail Party, to be held on the second Friday for this month only. This will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the New Year with neighbors and friends, so come along with your appe-

PLEASE JOIN US!

### I'On Women's Coffee

Tuesday, January 12 / 10:00 AM - 12 noon

13 Prescient Street

Hosted by Lori Feehan



Join your neighbors for the monthly Women's Coffee — an easy and enjoyable way to meet and connect with the many interesting women in our community. Please bring your own mug for coffee. If you have a new neighbor, invite her to attend with you!

*The coffees are sponsored by the I'On Trust and are coordinated by [Nance Nixon \(908-507-6680\)](tel:908-507-6680) and [Eileen Moore at \(571-723-9733\)](tel:571-723-9733). Email or call if you have questions or need further information.*

tizer to share, and a glass and beverage of your choice. This event is for I'On residents, family members, friends and houseguests. Please encourage those whom you know in the neighborhood, especially anyone that may be new here, to join us for this wonderful evening. For further information or questions, please email [Michele Wilson](mailto:Michele.Wilson@i-on.com) or call [843-352-7878](tel:843-352-7878); or [Jennifer Welham](mailto:Jennifer.Welham@i-on.com), [843-881-3575](tel:843-881-3575).

## Potluck Dinner

**Wednesday, January 20 / 6:30 PM**

**Creek Club / Hosted by Sarah and Bill Settlemyer**

In 2016, half of our potlucks will be held on Wednesdays, to better accommodate a variety of schedules. Plan to arrive at 6:30, and bring a dish (with serving utensil) to share, along with your own plate, utensils, and a beverage. There are no rules that you must personally cook what you bring; there are a number of excellent local options if you are pressed for time. Please encourage friends, especially new neighbors, to join us for another fun evening in the 'hood. Hope to see you there! For further information or questions, email [Lydia Engelhardt](mailto:Lydia.Engelhardt@i-on.com) or call [843-884-8400](tel:843-884-8400).

## Yarn Buddies

**Wednesday, January 27 / 10:00 AM - 12 noon**

**97 N. Shelmore Blvd. / Hosted by Sally Raver**

You are cordially invited if you have an interest in hand needlework, whether it be knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, rug hooking, even jewelry-making. We share ideas, tips, assistance, and lots of fun conversation!

## Women's Lunch Bunch

**Thursday, January 28 / 11:30 AM**

**Cassique Club Kiawah**

Lunch at the private Cassique Club on Kiawah, hosted by Charlotte Wilzback. Seating is limited, prepaid. Make check out to Charlotte Wilzback for \$28 (no wine); \$35 (one glass); \$42 (two glasses). Cost includes tax and tip. You will have four lunch choices. **Please leave your check in basket on Linda Hanson's porch (23 Mobile St.) by January 20.** Seats go fast; *no jeans please!*



## I'On Assembly (HOA) Homeowners' Forum & Board Meeting

**Thursday, January 28 / 6:00 - 9:00 PM**

**159 Civitas Street (back entrance); 2nd floor**

All homeowners are welcome. The agenda can be found on the [I'On Community website](http://i-on.com) a few days prior.

# BOARD NEWS § BOARD NEWS § BOARD NEWS

At the Annual Meeting of the I'On Assembly held Wednesday, December 9, four members were elected to the Board of Trustees: Karen Dillard, Paul Gillis, Tom O'Brien and David Thompson.

Officer and committee assignments are as follows:

Bruce Kinney - President  
David Thompson - Vice President and IDC Liaison  
Karen Dillard - Secretary and Communications Chair  
Paul Gillis - Treasurer and Finance Chair

Lori Feehan - Covenants Chair  
Tom O'Brien - Amenities Chair  
Tony Woody - Landscape and Infrastructure Chair

We extend our thanks to outgoing Board members Anne Register, Bob Davis and Adam Rabinovitz for their service.

The two proposed amendments: "Electronic Voting" and "Board Trustee in Good Standing" were passed. Reminder to all homeowners that the Board of Trustees meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM at the I'On Executive Center on the Square. A Homeowners' Forum precedes the Board meeting and all are welcome to attend.

HAPPY NEW YEAR! REMEMBER THAT DUES BILL? YEP, IT'S TIME . . .

The 2016 I'On Assembly Annual Assessment is due on January 1, but don't fret, you have until January 31 to pay it. But not a day later!

The annual budget is based on the assumption that all owners pay by the due date. When they do not, it impacts the Assembly's ability to fulfill its obligations. You can find the approved policy on the I'On website under "Resource Center." Questions? Email [Mike Parades](mailto:Mike.Parades).

- When an account becomes delinquent, property owner will be sent a 30-day letter advising of delinquency
- Letter will advise of a late payment fee of \$25 and administrative fee of \$10
- Interest charged at 10% per annum each month that payment remains past due
- After 60 days past due, owner will be sent letter advising of Assembly intent to file lien. \$65 legal fee plus \$25 administrative fee. Interest charges accrue.
- At 90 days past due, Board will authorize lien against property and turn over to legal counsel.

Click [here](#) to pay your HOA bill online.

## Doing Good in the 'Hood

A big "Shout-Out" to the 14 volunteers who delivered 360 directories to households who did not participate in Giving Lights:

*Janice Stein, Marilyn Colen, Cindy Bergstrom, Karen Fisher, Kaki Hinton, Pennye Hallam, Denise Williams, Ginger Black, April Gordon, Jaimie Flack, Anne Register, Lydia Engelhardt, Mary Kaplan & Vikki Davis*



The Giving Lights of I'On had a HUGE year, thanks to you! Pictured here are Amy Sage, President, I'On Trust and Kim Clifton, Executive Director of HALOS. Giving Lights raised \$15,180 from the sale of \$15 Luminary kits, PLUS dozens of gifts were donated to HALOS families at the Holiday Festival on December 5.

Many I'On families made spirits bright this night. *Thank You!*

# Holidays in the 'Hood



## Perseverance Square Brick Engraving Update

The much-anticipated reception to mark the completion of the 2015 brick engraving project was held at Perseverance Square on Saturday, December 12. Residents who purchased bricks to be engraved in memory of their friends and loved ones gathered together on a gorgeous morning and enjoyed light refreshments provided by the I'On Trust. Michele Wilson gave a brief history of how Perseverance Square became established and thanked everyone for their support in helping to revitalize this wonderful tradition for the neighborhood. Amy Sage from the Trust then led the group in dedicating the bricks in remembrance of loved ones.



Michele and the Trust will again offer Perseverance Square bricks to be purchased for engraving in Spring 2016. Be sure to look for details about how to order your brick early next year.



## A Living Memorial is Dedicated at Perseverance Park



On December 9, a group of about 15 I'On residents gathered at the Montrose end of Perseverance Park to share memories of three special I'On friends who passed away recently. A Little Gem Magnolia was planted at the site and a plaque was installed to commemorate the relationship between the three and the other neighbors who have been in a supper club together for about six years. Special memories were shared. The neighbors for whom the tree was given were Ted Webb, Fred McIntyre and Suzanne Flynn. Pictured are Cynthia Webb, Dawn McIntyre and George Flynn in front of the tree. This is the first "living gift" that has been given by neighbors in I'On. Such plantings can be done either as memorials or as honor gifts for a neighbor or a friend or family member. If you are interested in knowing more, contact Duval Acker at 843-693-0690. Not only does this make a special gift to remember someone, but it allows I'On residents to add plants to common areas in the neighborhood that complement what the HOA's landscaping budget will allow.



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### Looking for a Book Club? Babysitter? Handyman?



**I'OnSocial** is our new Facebook page for I'On residents only. When you ask to [join](#), we'll verify your address and add you to the page. Every resident is welcome as long as they adhere to its purpose. That is . . . to connect with neighbors and have fun (and let's try to keep it a "No Whine" zone!). You need to be on Facebook to join; [here's](#) the link!

### Potluck Dinner: Not Just for Tuesdays Anymore

Check the newsletter and [website](#) for new dates in 2016. Potluck will be held on some Wednesdays next year -- in fact, the first Potluck of 2016 will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 20, so Save The Date!  
(Wed., 2/17, 3/16; Tues., 4/12, 5/17, 6/14, 7/12, 8/9)

### Missed the Radical I'On Lecture Series?

Many neighbors enjoyed the fall speaker series presented by the I'On Group that commemorated the 20th anniversary of the initial design workshop for I'On held in 1995. Featured were outstanding planning professionals who recalled their involvement in I'On as well as their work with liveable communities and sustainable development in other parts of the US and even internationally. Fortunately, videos were made of each of the four lectures and are now available online on the I'On community [website](#). Check them out for intriguing historical glimpses of how I'On came to be.

You can access the YouTube videos on the I'On Community [website](#). Topics include:

- Part 1 Urban Designer Victor Dover
- Part 2 Urban Designer Andres Duany
- Part 3 Transportation Engineer Rick Hall
- Part 4 Environmentalist Dana Beach

Plus, excerpts from Victor and Rick's talks that address I'On street design and pedestrian safety.

### January at I'On Club



Health and Wellness Expo on Saturday, January 9 from 9 AM – 2 PM. Come enjoy an array of activities and vendors! The event will feature a Q&A session with Dr. Ann Kulze as well as a silent auction to benefit Camp Happy Days. View all of the information [here](#).

It's a perfect time to invest in your health and happiness. We've started a great referral program, offering new and referring members discounts on monthly dues for one year! Email [Emzi Wewers](#) or call her at 843-971-7834 for complete information.

*You don't have to be member to enjoy the all the Porch has to offer!*

Chef Owen Gaube is a graduate of Johnson and Wales University Charleston and comes to us from acclaimed restaurants, *Trattoria Lucca* and *Coda del Pesce*.

Team Trivia – Thursday, January 14 at 7:30 PM. • “Pastabilities” Italian-themed menu – every Thursday • Wine & Tapas – Wednesday, January 20

Lunch: Saturdays, 11 AM – 2 PM

Brunch: Sundays, 11 AM – 2 PM

Dinner: Wednesday through Friday, 5 :00 - 9:00 PM



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## I'ON TRUST NEWS...



### [The Giving Lights of I'On 2015 was a tremendous success!](#)

The 2015 Luminary Project included participation from 438 homes and families in I'On who purchased 640 kits and gave extra donations which culminated in total contribution of \$15,180 to this year's recipient HALOS. The I'On Trust is, once again, so grateful and overwhelmed by the generosity of our neighbors. Your donations will make a significant mark on the services HALOS can offer their Kinship Families. Thank you.

Our sincere thanks go to all the volunteers whose hard work made this project such a success!

	<h3>Brenda Uttaro</h3>
<p>Brenda has been a terrific volunteer this past year organizing the Women's Coffee with Nance Nixon. We are so very grateful Brenda donated her time to help coordinate the Coffees. She has been a wonderful ambassador to neighbors, both old and new, for some good conversation and tasty java. While we are sorry to see her go, she is excited to move forward with other projects in the neighborhood and I'On will certainly be lucky to have her involvement! Thank you for such a wonderful job!</p>	
<p>Nance Nixon will continue to coordinate the Coffees with new co-coordinator Eileen Moore. Thank you all for volunteering your time!!</p>	

### [2016...](#)

All our neighborhood favorites will be back for 2016 with a few new ones to boot.

Start the new year off visiting with your neighbors at the first Women's Coffee of the year on Tuesday, January 12. The Women's Coffee continues on the second Tuesday of each month. Be sure to check the event calendar to find out who will be hosting each month.

In late February, grab your jacket, an oyster knife and join us for the annual Oyster Roast. Watch for details on the website, mailbox flyers, email blast and February's newsletter.

The year will continue with concerts, picnics, movies and much, much more!

We would love to have your input and help. If you are interested in joining any of our event committees throughout the year, please be in touch by emailing

Margaret at [msummers@iontrust.org](mailto:msummers@iontrust.org).

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!



# I'On Community Garden



## Time's Running Out!



## Come Join Us...Sign-up Now!

All I'On neighbors are welcome to join our community garden. It's an I'On activity that sets our neighborhood apart and is fun for all ages.

There are twenty seven 5' x 8' garden plots that are assigned on a first- come, first-served basis.

*Garden plots go fast! Last year, all of our plots were reserved in the first 4 days.*

Consider sharing a garden with a friend.

Hope you'll join us,  
Steve Degnen

I'On Community Garden  
Coordinator

## Here's what you'll get:

For a small \$50 fee, you get...

- Your own 5' x 8' garden plot with new planting soil tested by Clemson's Extension Service
- Master Gardeners providing expert help & advice with your gardening
- A startup kit with planting guidelines, sample garden plans, helpful hints and links
- A beautiful sunny location
- A chance to eat fresh, healthy foods right from your garden
- Mulched paths around each plot for easy access
- Watering hoses available on location
- Perimeter fence to keep out small critters
- Great fun with your neighbors!

### TO RESERVE YOUR GARDEN PLOT –

**Signup begins at midnight, New Year's Eve.** So, put down your noise makers and email your name, address & telephone number to: [iongarden@gmail.com](mailto:iongarden@gmail.com)

## I'On Butterfly Garden



Interested in learning more about butterflies and what's happening in the I'On Butterfly Garden?

Go to: **Facebook... I'On Butterfly Garden**

New plans and exciting activities are ahead for 2016. To help out in our butterfly garden, please contact April Gordon:

[dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com](mailto:dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com)