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The Official Neighborhood Newsletter of I'On

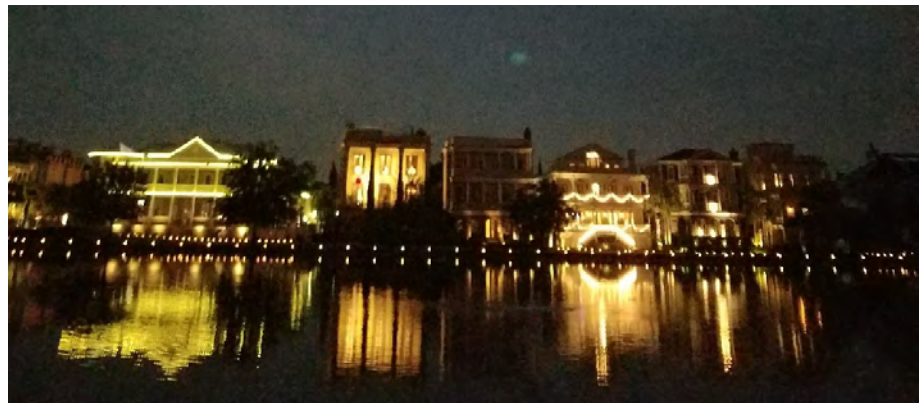
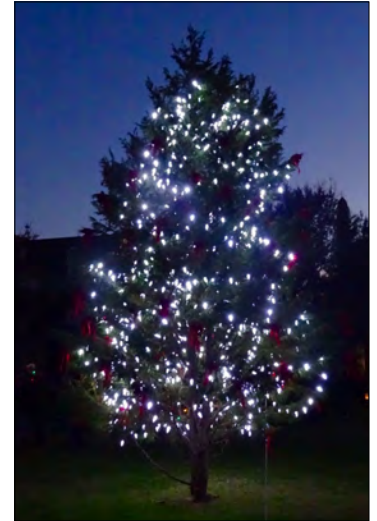
January 2018

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I'On Holiday Festival

THANK YOU . . . Susy Teale and Connie Altergott and their elves for organizing the tree on Maybank Green and adorning the neighborhood with festive wreaths . . . Jaimie Flack for orchestrating the I'On Carolers . . . the I'On Trust and the street captains for the Giving Lights Luminary Kits benefitting Reading Partners . . . plus, the hot chocolate and refreshments and visit from Santa and carriage rides at Westlake Amphitheater! Merry times were had by all!!



Doing Good in the 'Hood

The Giving Lights of I'On had a wonderful year, thanks to you! Giving Lights raised \$14,000 from the sale of Luminary Kits and additional donations. In addition, non-perishables and gifts were donated to ECCO (East Cooper Community Outreach). *Thank You, I'On Neighbors!*



Reading Partners SC Executive Director
Kecia Greenho

Welcome, New Neighbors!

Rob & Dale Brokaw
68 Jogging Street

John & Amy McGinn
94 N. Shelmore Blvd.

Justin and Kristen Hopson
72 Sowell St.

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

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I'On Community Garden Plot Registration

Opens at Midnight, December 31

Sign-up begins at midnight, New Year's Eve. So, put down your noisemakers and email your name, address & telephone number to:

iongarden@gmail.com.

First Friday Cocktail Party

Friday, January 5 / 6:00 - 8:00 PM

193 Ponsbury Road / Hosted by Bill and Susan Fitzgerald

Once a month spend a lovely evening with new neighbors and old friends - a New Year's resolution worth keeping! We will kick off 2018 with First Friday at the home of Bob and Susan Fitzgerald. The lake views from their home at 193 Ponsbury Rd will hopefully still be ablaze with Christmas lights. As always, please bring an appetizer to share and a glass and beverage of your choice. The party is for I'On residents, family, friends and house guests. Please encourage new and old friends in the neighborhood to join us. For further information please don't hesitate to contact [Kathy Chambers](#): [843-469-8432](tel:843-469-8432) or [Karen Rathbun](#): [843-936-6590](tel:843-936-6590). We look forward to being with you at the Fitzgerald's.



First Friday Fun at The Amphitheater. Thank you to our hosts, the Fowlers, Nixons, Catha Remington & Moores (above.)



PLEASE JOIN US!
I'On Women's Coffee



Tuesday, January 9 / 10:00 AM to 12 Noon

Hosted by Jan Laabs

217 Ponsbury Road

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](#) T: 908-507-6680 and [Eileen Moore](#) at T: 571-723-9733.

Email or call if you have questions or need further information.



Ladies' Movie Group

Wednesday, January 10 / Time TBD

The 'On Ladies' Movie Group will meet on January 10. As usual, we will go see a late afternoon movie followed by a stop at a local gathering place for drinks and a bite to eat. A group email with time and location will be sent out the Sunday before. If you are not on the email list please contact [Jan Laabs](#).

Women's Lunch Bunch

**Wednesday, January 17 / Tour of the American College of the Building Arts (ACBA) followed by lunch at the Butcher and Bee
Hosted by Francine Christiansen**

10:15 AM: Meet at American College of the Building Arts, 649 Meeting Street, for a tour. The ACBA, located in the historic Trolley Barn, is a liberal arts college that trains artisans in architectural carpentry, iron, wood, plaster and timber framing—the only such college in the world.

11:45 AM: Meet at Butcher and Bee, 1085 Morrison Drive. Lunch is \$20/ person and includes 4 mezzes for the table and choice of 4 entrees. Drinks are extra.

Please RSVP by **Monday, January 15**

to Francine@ChristiansenConsulting.net. Questions call Francine @ [860-944-6664](tel:860-944-6664).



December Lunch Bunch

Potluck Dinner

Wednesday, January 24 / 6:30 PM

Creek Club / Hosted by Karen and George Fisher

Plan to arrive at 6:30, and bring a dish (with serving pieces) 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) or call [843-884-8400](tel:843-884-8400).



Yarn Buddies

Thursday, January 25 / 10:00 AM - 12 noon

324 N. Shelmore Blvd. / Hosted by Kathy Coffman

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!



Palmetto Carriage Drivers

I'On Assembly (HOA) Homeowners' 2018 Annual Meeting & Election

Wednesday, January 17

7:00 - 9:00 PM; Doors open at 6:00 PM for check-in

The Creek Club

The agenda for this year's meeting includes the 2018 Civitas Award and the election of the Board of Trustees. There are six candidates nominated for four open positions; three to serve two-year terms; one to serve a one-year term. The candidates are: Johann von Astin; Chris Colen; John Daniels; Ed Furbee; Trey Mathisen; Tom O'Brien. Please read the Annual Meeting package that has been mailed to your home; if you did not receive it, please contact [Mary Fraser](#). It includes detailed information on each candidate, as well as other information about the meeting. If you misplaced your annual meeting notice packet, the website also has all the candidate bios [here](#).

Homeowners have the option to vote for the Board members electronically. If you choose to [vote online](#), it also will constitute a proxy for purposes of attaining a quorum for the meeting. Paper proxy forms are also available from the office and must be received no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, January 12.

There will also be a recognition and sendoff for General Manager Mike Parades, who is retiring in January. We invite all homeowners to attend.



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

The 2018 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 [Jessica Gosnell](#).

- 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.

AUTHOR NEWS! From Pam Gabriel, IDC Liaison: My book on I'On - "The Making of a Neo-traditional Neighborhood" (the first ten years) is available at Sweet Olive and in the office at 159 Civitas Street (\$15.95). This is a great resource for real estate agents who sell in I'On, as well as a great gift for new home buyers.



"I'ON YARD OF THE MONTH" AWARD PROGRAM

The Landscape Committee is pleased to announce that a new program will be introduced to the community in the Spring - The I'On Yard of the Month Award Program.

Spearheaded by resident Michele Wilson, the purpose of the program is to encourage, recognize and reward the efforts of our residents who take pride in their home and landscape, and who inspire others to do the same.

Each month from April to September, two residences will be awarded 'Yard of the Month' for landscaping, and for the best Holiday decorations in October (Halloween) and December (Christmas). Regardless of property size or landscape ideas, your yard could be selected. Winners will receive a 'Yard of the Month' lawn sign to display proudly, special recognition in the monthly I'On newsletter, and a gift card from a local merchant.

More details will follow in next month's newsletter including award guidelines, judging criteria, and information on how to nominate your favorite I'On yard, including your own!

We hope the community will embrace this new program and enjoy the friendly competition that the I'On Yard of the Month Program will bring to the neighborhood.

Thank you,

I'On Landscape Committee



EDITOR'S NOTE: So Long, Steve! Welcome, April!



As Editor of this modest e-publication since 2014, I've had the privilege of working with many of the I'On volunteers who started and/or continue cherished neighborhood traditions. Steve Degnen, 2016 Civitas Award co-recipient, has been a tireless volunteer. More importantly, he hasn't just stepped up to fill a role, but identified a need and started the I'On Community Garden, which has grown from a small group to many volunteers and 27 community garden plots. He has also taken on the communications role for the IDC. I rely on the official and ad hoc committee chairs to provide input each month so that you are informed and aware of news, events, etc. I am so appreciative of Steve's professional and timely input, and thank him on behalf of the I'On community. I will miss you, Steve, and look forward to working with April Gordon!

I'On Trust announces
Perseverance Square
Brick Engraving Deadline
is March 31



I'On residents have another opportunity to personalize the bricks around the fountain in Perseverance Square on N. Shelmore Blvd., in honor or memory of a friend, pet, neighbor, or just to express your love for I'On! Each brick can be engraved with up to three lines, maximum of 13 characters per line, at a cost of \$34 per brick.

Neighbor Michele Wilson, has volunteered her time to coordinate this project once again. Please click [here](#) for an order form or should you have questions, please contact her by phone, 843-352-7878, or [email](#).

The Board of I'On At Home Wishes you a Safe and Happy New Year!!!

NEW IAH BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Welcome to new Board members Deborah Bedell, Lori Feehan, and Jerry Uttaro for their 3 year terms. Our thanks go out to retiring members, Lori Bate, Bill Settlemeyer, and Don and Mary Wilbur.

As Brenda Uttaro completes her two years as IAH President, we offer our deep appreciation for her leadership and hard work. Officers for 2018 include:

President – Becky Van Wie
Vice President – Barbara Cole

Secretary – Jerry Uttaro
Treasurer – Kay Chitty

BATTERY BRIGADE

Start the New Year off with one less worry – sign up to have your smoke alarm batteries changed in early January! One of our service volunteers will come to your home at your convenience and take care of this chore – free for IAH members, small donation requested for non-members. Contact [Anne Register](#) to be on the list.

DID YOU KNOW . . . ?

- I'On At Home now has 74 memberships! Thanks to all of you who have joined in support of IAH. For those who have not yet joined, do you know that if you join at the beginning of a month, you will have that month plus the whole next year--in essence, a free month! [See](#) it here.
- IAH volunteers are ready, willing, and able to help members! More than 60 neighbors are trained and available.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

See our [website](#) for more information on IAH events. Most events are for members only, but at least one each month is open to all I'On neighbors. The following are open events in January (use the links to learn more and to register).

- [Strategies for Long-Term Care Planning to Maximize Aging in Place](#) (1/9)
- [Strategies for Long-Term Care Planning to Maximize Aging in Place](#) (1/23)



Thanksgiving at Bob & Cheryl Pitts' home



Sunday Salon at Peg & Joe Gaddy's home



THE POOP "SCOOP"

I'On is a dog-friendly community, and it is evident from the increasing number of dog owners in the neighborhood that we love our pets. They bring us immeasurable joy and give us unconditional love. However, as dog owners, we have a responsibility to the environment and to all those who share this wonderful community with us. We **MUST** be more diligent about picking up after our dogs. Dog poop that is **NOT** being picked up is becoming a very serious issue in I'On, and can no longer be ignored. After all, a single dog will produce more bacteria in one day than a person, a horse and a cow combined!



Cleaning up after your dog can be a stinky job. Even so, it is vitally important that we scoop the poop. Here are a few facts about Fido's feces to help you understand why:

- ⇒ According to the CDC (Centers for Disease Control), one single dog dropping can contain 3 million fecal bacteria (salmonella, E.Coli, MRSA), along with parasites (hookworms, roundworms, tapeworms) and viruses (rabies, parvovirus, distemper). These can be passed to human adults, children, and other pets.
- ⇒ The EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) places dog waste in the same category as herbicides & insecticides; oil, grease & toxic chemicals; and acid drainage from abandoned mines.
- ⇒ The EPA warns that dog feces can be catastrophic to the local water table. When heavy rainstorms dilute and break the feces apart, the bacteria is slowly released, draining into local water sources and thereby contaminating nearby ponds, lakes, rivers and drinking water.
- ⇒ Contrary to popular belief, dog poop is **NOT** fertilizer. A dog's diet makes it's poop toxic to plants because it is very acidic and will kill grass if left unattended. It is of **NO** benefit to the soil whatsoever.
- ⇒ Poop is a breeding ground for flies that can carry diseases and bacteria into our homes, onto our skin, food and other surfaces.

So...what is the answer? What can we do? It's quite simple really. When out enjoying a walk with your dog in the community - around our lakes, along the marsh and Rookery trails, on our pretty sidewalks, field or Maybank Green - consider:

1. Before leaving home, get into the habit of taking along a bag (or two) and tie them to the leash for convenience.
2. Scoop the poop and dispose of the bag in one of the specially designated poop stations. Grab an extra bag while you're there, for next time.
3. Take a flashlight on your late night walks to help you locate your dog's "deposit" in the dark.
4. Carry some extra bags with you and offer one to your neighbor if you notice their dog "going" and they seem "bag less".

It is very sad to think that our love of pets, yet lack of responsibility, is degrading our neighborhood and environment and, most importantly, putting the health of our neighbors and children in danger. But it is.

Let's try to do better! We all love this neighborhood, and should feel privileged to have so many wonderful areas where we can walk with Fido. However, we must not forget that our children play here, too. At the very least, let's not risk their health and future because we are not taking enough care to **SCOOP THE POOP**.

Thank you.

Your concerned neighbor, and dog lover, Michele Wilson



Planning a building or renovation project? Here are the tools you'll need



I'On Design Guidelines / The Tools You'll Need

The I'On Design Committee (IDC) is your resource in helping you ensure that your new building design or renovation project carries on the high quality and the unique "Lowcountry Vernacular" look of I'On. The following design guidelines have been developed to help you plan your project and understand the IDC submission and approval process. Click on the links to download the design guidelines:

***The I'On Code** is the guiding principle for the architectural design and appearance of our neighborhood. It is intended to help you, your architect and builder understand and appreciate the vernacular architecture of the Lowcountry.*

***Additional Architectural, Landscape and ADU Information** provides updates to the I'On Code.*

***Principles of Lowcountry Vernacular Design** is a supplement to the I'On Code detailing specific materials, configurations and construction techniques appropriate for I'On homes.*

***Application Forms and IDC Design Review Requirements** these are the application forms, document requirements and fees and/or deposits that you'll need to submit your project to the IDC for review.*

I'On Design Committee...Preserving the Look of I'On

Help insure that I'On continues to maintain the qualities that attracted you to live here by submitting your building, landscape or renovation projects to the IDC for review. Pam Gabriel, your IDC coordinator, is available weekdays from 11AM - 3PM. Before beginning your project contact Pam at (843) 606-6366 or pdgabriel@yahoo.com

All projects must have written IDC approval prior to starting any work in order to avoid costly delays and possible sanctions for non-compliance.

The IDC meets on January 16th

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.

Kids especially love the community garden, taking pride in their work and learning a lot from gardening.

There are twenty seven 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 week.

Short on time, consider sharing a garden with a friend.

Hope you'll join us in 2018!

Here's what you'll get for a small annual fee of \$50:

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, 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

Meet new friends and have great fun with your neighbors!

Finally, take care of your New Year's resolution to get outside, exercise and be healthy

Sign up begins at midnight, New Year's Eve. To join email your name, address & telephone number to: iongarden@gmail.com

Welcome April Gordon, our new I'On Community Garden Coordinator

Nine years ago I had an idea of creating an I'On activity that would join together a broad cross section of our neighbors: families with children, retirees, working singles, people who just moved in and folks who were I'On pioneers. I'm so grateful for the scores of energetic volunteers and the support of our HOA, master gardeners, Clemson Extension Services and neighbors who brought this dream to reality. As we move into 2018, over 500 folks have participated in our community garden...and add to that all of the gardeners' neighbors who feasted on the shared bounty from the garden!

One of my best helpers is April Gordon. If you've visited the garden, you've enjoyed the beautiful butterfly garden that she and Gayle Woodwork created. That's why I'm so pleased to announce that April has generously agreed to take over as I'On's Community Garden coordinator. She's a gardening expert with unstoppable energy and great ideas. The garden is in great hands!

Thanks to all of you who believed in the idea of our community garden and made it happen. See you in the garden, Steve Degnen



To help out or contribute to our community garden and butterfly garden, please contact April Gordon: iongarden@gmail.com