

Living in I'On

The Official Neighborhood Newsletter of I'On

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Letter from Assembly President, Jody McAuley

The New Year is off to a great start and your HOA board is already busy at work. Lori Bate, Michael Purcell, Matt Walsh and I round out a very talented and experienced group of existing board members and I'm sure it is okay to speak for us all when I say that we are eager to continue the progress that has been ongoing in I'On for many years.



Your I'On neighborhood is in great financial health as we start 2017. This is not by chance. This is a result of prudent planning over many years by past boards. Fortunately the strong financial position of our neighborhood affords the opportunity for community enhancements. Over the past year the Amenities Committee has been successful reaching a large number of you via community surveys to identify top priorities for the board to consider. My goal for the board this year will be to fully review the merits of each project and, when appropriate, work to get them completed.

Of course, communication and transparency will be an important component of everything we do on the board. I encourage all of you to make 2017 the year you get involved in I'On. Attend monthly board meetings, join a committee, volunteer with one of our many groups and always remember that your board members are residents just like you and available any time to answer questions.

As I did back in 2008 and 2009, I'll leave you with my cell phone number and my email: (843-469-0700 and jmcauley@rwbaird.com). Feel free to contact me if you have a question, a concern or better yet, a compliment.

2017 I'On Assembly Board of Trustees

Jody McAuley - President	Lori Bate - IDC Liaison
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Karen Dillard - Secretary and Communications Chair	Michael Purcell - Landscape and Infrastructure Chair
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Welcome, New Neighbors!

Shawn & Elizabeth Andrews
27 Krier Lane

Taylor & Jean Bush
164 Civitas Street

Alexander & Anna Chalmers
17 Duany Road

Lauren Holmes & Phillip Incorvia
117 Jakes Lane

James & Cheyenne Richards
40 Eastlake 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](#), 843-
388-4489. We want to meet &
greet our new neighbors as soon
as possible after they move in.

I'On Communications Committee

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Margaret Summers, I'On Trust

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Eye on. . . February

First Friday Cocktail Party

Friday, February 3 / 6:00 - 8:00 PM

14 Mises Street / Hosted by Rick & Sandra Estee

Please join our gracious hosts, Rick & Sandra Estee, at February's First Friday Cocktail Party. This will be a wonderful opportunity to socialize with neighbors and friends, so come along with an appetizer to share, and a glass and beverage of your choice. The party is for I'On residents, family members, friends and house guests. Please encourage those whom you know in the neighborhood, especially anyone that may be new here, to join us for this most enjoyable evening. For further information or questions, please email [Michele Wilson](#) or call [843-352-7878](#); or [Jennifer Welham](#), [843-881-3575](#).



Mathis Ferry Trash Pickup

Saturday, February 4 / 9:00 AM (RAINDATE IS FEB. 11)



Meet at O'Brion's in the Square

Volunteers age 13 and over are welcome! Gloves, plastic bags and "grabbers" provided. This is a great way to earn community service/volunteer hours. (Please bring forms for Rob to sign.) All participants in this "Adopt-a-Highway" program must sign a SC DOT waiver. (Minors must have a parent's signature in advance.) Contact [Rob Wieboldt](#).

PLEASE JOIN US!

I'On Women's Coffee

Tuesday, February 14 / 10:00 AM - 12 noon

217 Ponsbury Road

Hosted by Jan Laabs



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) and [Eileen Moore](#) at (571-723-9733). Email or call if you have questions or need further information.

Potluck Dinner

Wednesday, February 15 / 6:30 PM

Creek Club / Hosted by Eileen and Wesley Moore

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) or call [843-884-8400](tel:843-884-8400).



Women's Lunch Bunch

Thursday, February 16th / 11:30 AM

Le Farfalle

15 Beaufain Street (Downtown Charleston)

Hosted by Bonnie Ray

The February Lunch Bunch will be held at "Le Farfalle", a new restaurant in the former Vickery's in Charleston. It has been transformed into a white table-clothed elegant Italian experience by chef and owner Michael Toscano, a James Beard "rising star chef" 2014 semi-finalist.

Please join us and consider bringing a new neighbor.

RSVP to Bonnie Ray on or before Sunday, February 12 at 843-884-8456 or email at dwainr@comcast.net.

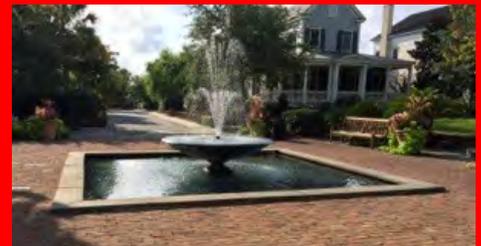
Perseverance Square Brick Engraving Deadline is March 25

∞ ORDER YOUR COMMEMORATIVE BRICK TODAY! ∞



The I'On Trust is pleased to announce that residents will once again have the opportunity to engrave and personalize the bricks around the fountain in Perseverance Square on N. Shelmore Boulevard. Each brick can be engraved with as many as 3 lines, with up to 13 characters per line, at a cost of \$34 per brick.

This is a wonderful and unique way for us to remember loved ones or to offer thanks to someone who made a difference in our lives or in our community. The deadline to order is March 25; engraving will take place on-site during the first week of May, with a reception to be scheduled soon thereafter.



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

I'On At Home Update: Volunteers Needed!

It is time to volunteer – I'On At Home needs you!

For two years, neighbors have been asking about volunteer possibilities related to I'On At Home. Thanks to a great organizing committee (Peg Higgins, Carol Morgan, Brooke Niznik, and Joe and Peg Gaddy), the plans for the IAH Volunteer Services Program is complete. Now we need the people.

Volunteering begins with completing an [application](#), undergoing a confidential background check, and attending orientation. Our first orientation session will be held February 15, 10:30 AM at the Porch at the I'On Club. For those who cannot attend at this time, another session will be scheduled.

Since IAH is planning to launch in early March, we have to have trained volunteers ready to provide services as IAH members need them. To learn more about what services are planned, use the following links to our website: [volunteer opportunities](#) and [task descriptions](#).

Our qualifications and expectations are flexible, so don't hesitate to sign up! This will be a great chance to help neighbors and to get to know them better. And you can pick a volunteer role that accommodates your schedule and comfort zone.

We do need "internal" volunteers as well because until we can afford to have paid staff, volunteers are administering IAH. Check out those IAH Support positions, and consider helping us in that way.

And it is always possible to have more than one volunteer role! Whatever you do, you will be a full-fledged pioneer with our program. How often do you get that opportunity?!

Questions? Contact **Anne Register**, Volunteer Services Committee Chair, awregister44@gmail.com or 843-860-3179.

Memberships are coming in!

As of press time for the newsletter, IAH has 30 members! A number of neighbors attended our kick-off event on January 16, and now recruitment continues. A reminder – if you sign up before March 1, you will be a Charter Member, which means your membership fee will be frozen for two years.

Membership in IAH helps ensure that you will be able to stay in your home here in I'On for years to come, even if you can't manage all the household tasks on your own. It is like insurance – when help is needed, it will be available. Meanwhile, you can benefit from educational, cultural and social activities galore, and also have access to a list of home-care professionals who have been recommended and screened.

Questions? Contact **Barbara Cole** or **Mary Wilbur**, Membership Committee Co-Chairs. Reach Barbara at brcole60@comcast.net or 843-388-0249; reach Mary at wilburme@comcast.net or 843-971-9335.

Living Room Chats, Part 2

IAH has planned another series of Living Room Chats to talk with potential members and potential volunteers. These will be informal one hour drop-in sessions scheduled at a variety of times in the month of February. Watch for an e-mail blast next week with the schedule.

Calendar of Events

And, finally, check out our [calendar page](#) on the website for a listing of events planned for March. This is a sampling of the types of activities that will be planned for IAH members every month. We think the line-up is an exciting one!!!



I'On Scenes

And the Civitas Award Goes to . . . Anne Register

Our community has many volunteers, and we need them to keep I'On running smoothly! This year's



(L to R) Linda Hanson, Anne Register, Steve Degnen

Civitas Award recognizes an individual who has gone 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 Anne Register!

This year's award goes to an I'On neighbor who for more than 12 years has been involved in many areas of our community life, dedicating untold hours of her time and her considerable talents and experience. Much of Anne's work has been behind the scenes, making sure that what we experience as I'On residents works smoothly and well. Beginning in 2005, she spent seven years as Executive Director of the I'On Trust. While this was a part-time paid position, her dedication drove her to put in many hours above and beyond the job requirements. Most of the

Trust's events and processes that continue so successfully today under Margaret Summers' leadership were established, or greatly enhanced, by Anne.

The year after leaving the Trust position, Anne began her two -year stint on the HOA Board. During her first year, she chaired not one, but two committees – Finance and Communications. Handling both responsibilities at the same time may be an historic undertaking. During her tenure on the Board, she was present for EVERY SINGLE MEETING, and she is still a member of the Finance Committee. For the past two years, she has had a pivotal role in the development of I'On At Home, our neighborhood aging-in-place nonprofit. As one of the three people remaining from an original 2015 research group of 6, she helped recruit and organize the I'On At Home board; develop its bylaws, policies and procedures; register with the SC Secretary of State; and submit a successful application to become an IRS-designated 501(c)(3) organization. Anne served on the I'On At Home Executive Committee and now chairs the Volunteer Services committee.

In her spare time, Anne has been a Street Captain for Giving Lights each year, hosted First Fridays and Women's Coffees, and can be counted on to participate whenever a neighbor needs help with food, a ride, or most anything else. Her 45-year professional career has been dedicated exclusively to nonprofit work, both as a paid professional and a volunteer. Almost as soon as she moved in, she recognized that I'On had something special in our strong sense of community. She also knew that the only way to maintain this attribute is for volunteers to dedicate effort toward it. And that's exactly what she has done.

A caring friend and an inspiration to many, I'On is pleased to present this year's Civitas Award to Anne Register.

(Thank you to Linda Hanson and Steve Degnen 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.

2017 - Anne Register / 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

Yarn Buddies

Wednesday, February 22 / 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!

Creek Club Dock Closures

(Pavilion dock only)

Saturday, 2/11 5:00 - 5:30 PM

Friday, 2/17 4:30 - 5:00 PM

Saturday, 2/18 4:30 - 5:00 PM

Saturday, 2/25 4:30 - 5:00 PM

I'On Movie Group

Wednesday, February 22 / TBD

I will email everyone on the email list with the movie title and time on Sunday, Feb. 19th. We will go out for drinks afterwards. If you are not on the email movie list please contact me so you won't miss out. See you at the movie! Jan Laabs. (Laabsjan@hotmail.com)

The I'On Trust Neighborhood Oyster Roast

Sunday, February 26 / 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Westlake Amphitheater

Please note this is a ticketed event. \$20/adults (includes beer & wine); \$10/ages 13-20; \$5/ages 5 - 12. Click [here](#) for tickets. Oysters, chili, hot dogs, beer and wine by O'Brion's. Music by John Catlette.

Read The I'On Trust Annual Report [here](#).

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

Monday, February 27 / 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](#) a few days prior.

2017 HOA Board Meeting Dates

January 31

February 27

March 27

April 24

May 22

June 20 (Mid-Year Meeting)

June 26

July 24

August 28

September 25

October 23

November 27

December 18

Need High School Community Service Hours?

Attention I'On Students . . . There are lots of opportunities for community service hours right here in our neighborhood! If photography is your thing, contact [Margaret Summers](#) (881-7541) for more information.

Happy Valentine's Day



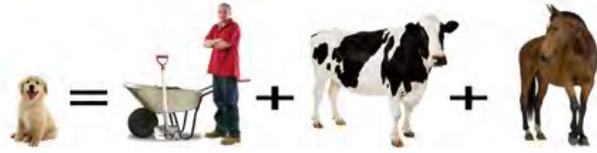
Looking for a book club or babysitter? Selling a table or in search of a golf cart? Lost or found a dog? Hosting a neighborhood event?



I'OnSocial is our 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!

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:

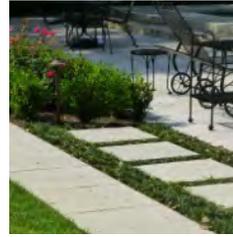
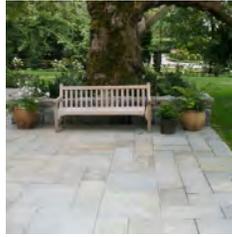
1. Before leaving home, get into the habit of taking along a bag (or two) and tie them to the leash for convenience.
2. Scoop the poop and dispose of the bag in one of the specially designated poop stations. Grab an extra bag while you're there, for next time.
3. Take a flashlight on your late night 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.

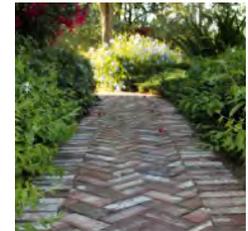
Your concerned neighbor, and dog lover, Michele Wilson



Smart Landscape Design Tips from your IDC: Paving

Gardens work best when the architecture and style of the home guide the layout, as well as the choice of materials for walkways, terraces, and other paved surfaces. Using visual cues from the home will help determine the garden's selections and color choices. But the most important key to successful garden spaces is to keep the design simple and limit the palette and materials.

Repetition in the garden cultivates a feeling of unity. Too many different paving selections result in a fragmented look and feel. It's best to choose one dominant material to use in the garden, and perhaps a secondary one, and limit yourself to those selections. It's also important to make sure they work well together, both in terms of color and texture.



Here are some good paving material options for your I'On Lowcountry garden:

Brick: Brick is a common material in I'On's public and private spaces. It has rich color and texture with many different paving pattern options.

Stone: Bluestone is a traditional paving material in Charleston, but other lighter colored options include Travertine or Coral Stone.

Gravel: With color options from grays to light brown, this is a softer looking paving option that is also more permeable and makes a lovely garden path.

Oyster shell: Shell comes in many sizes, compacts very well and also speaks to the landscape of the Lowcountry.

Tabby concrete or cast stone pavers: Traditional tabby concrete can be formed and poured, defined and articulated with brick borders, while cast concrete pavers can be set the same way solid stone.

Please remember that prior to starting any house or landscape project, the IDC urges you, your designer or architect to meet with Pam Gabriel, your Neighborhood Design Coordinator. The IDC is your resource to help ensure that your new project follows established I'On design guidelines and carries on the high quality and unique "Low Country Vernacular" look of I'On. This exacting attention to detail is what attracts people to I'On and helps preserve the value of our neighborhood.

Please remember that all projects must have written IDC approval before any work can begin.

The IDC meets on **February 7th & 21st**. Questions? Pam can be reached at 606-6366 or pdgabriel@yahoo.com

I'On Community Garden



Welcome 2017 Community Gardeners



Time to start indoor seedlings



Once again, the response to reserve a spot in our community garden was amazing. All 27 plots were gone in 3 days!

As we begin our 8th year, we welcome our returning gardeners and greet our new members.

The garden is being refurbished and will be ready for spring planting in mid February.

Community Gardeners, please join us in the garden on Saturday, Feb. 18th at 10AM to get a chance to meet each other, share your ideas and discuss plans for garden activities.

For all I'On neighbors, here's a handy link to Clemson's Cooperative Extension guide for planning your Lowcountry vegetable garden:

<http://www.clemson.edu/extension/hgic/plants/vegetables/gardening/hgic1256.html>

We invite all of you to visit and walk through our community garden, relax on a bench, enjoy the beauty and say hello to your I'On neighbors.

Happy Gardening,

Steve Degnen

I'On Community Garden Coordinator
garden@ioncommunity.com

Some great veggies for I'On gardens:

Sun Gold: delicious, bright orange cherry tomato.

Marigold 'Queen Sophia': Pretty red and gold flowers.

Jelly Bean: Sweet, small grape tomatoes with a burst of flavor.

Basil 'Genovese': The "classic" Italian basil for cooking.

Salvia 'Coral Nymph': Sweet peach colored flowers bring hummingbirds, bees & butterflies to your garden.

Mexican Sunflower 'Torch': A prolific bloomer with bright orange flowers lasting till frost.

Cucumbers: choose from an array of minis, slicers, picklers & specialty cucumbers.

Squash: Crookneck, straight, zucchini or scallops — all start easily from seed.

I'On Butterfly Garden

Spring is closer than you think!

We've been hard at work getting the butterfly garden ready for the upcoming butterfly season and to make our 3rd year even better than last year which was spectacular. Come visit this special natural area located in the Community Garden and see what's flying around.

To learn about our new plans and exciting activities for 2017 or to help by volunteering or with a donation, please contact April Gordon:
dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com

And follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ionbutterflygarden/>



February 2017



I'On Trust News...

As we move full speed ahead in to this New Year, The Trust is very pleased to announce our officers and board members, who were elected to serve in 2017.

Officers include: **George Grantham, President; Annie Henderson, Vice President; Joan Zaleski, Secretary; and Mary Ellen Raphael, Treasurer.** New board members include: **Heather Emrich, Megan Farr, and Brooke Niznik,** who will begin three-year board terms. Continuing on the board will be **Jodie Cochran, Lydia Engelhardt, and David Vermeland.**

Again, we extend our appreciation to our volunteer board and those members, **Dar Fischer, Tom Ihrke, and Lucy Mooney,** who went off the board this last year. We are grateful for their commitment to the Trust's mission of bring neighbors together and making I'On such a wonderful and fun place to live.

Save the dates! There are many of your neighborhood favorites listed [here](#) & we are hard at work on a few new ones to be announced next month. Stay tuned!

\$20 for adults (includes beer & wine)

\$10 for ages 13 - 20

\$5 for ages 5-12

Free of charge under 5

O'Brien's will be providing oysters, chili, hot dogs, beer and wine.

Live music with John Catlette!

The I'On Trust OYSTER ROAST

Sun, Feb. 26 • 3 - 5:30pm
Westlake Amphitheater

Purchase tickets by Mon, Feb. 20
FOR TICKETS [CLICK HERE](#)