



Living in I'On

The Official Neighborhood Newsletter of I'On

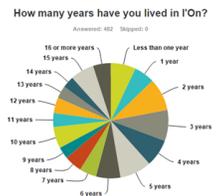
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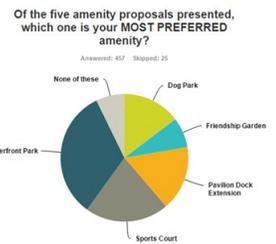
 *Be a Dear, Volunteer!*
 Wherever you see a heart, we need your help! All ages are welcome!

Survey Says! . . .

Thank you for your outstanding response to the recent Amenities Survey. We received 482 replies (and hundreds of additional comments on related topics) — a response rate of over 60% — virtually unheard of in the survey world. We also gleaned helpful demographic information on the neighborhood.



Click [here](#) to review the entire survey. The charts and tables will show you how your neighbors responded to the specific questions. At the end of each series of questions, as well as at the end of the survey, individual comments are listed. As you can see, there are many interesting points of view.



So where do we go from here? You will see there was an obvious winner in the five amenities proposed, but multiple comments also indicated many areas of concern that we need to address. We have heard your concerns on how we are managing existing amenities, as well as how we might implement new ones. Two separate committees have been formed to examine moving forward with the waterfront park and the sports court. We will continue to keep you informed as we proceed.

Overall, the survey results and the comments will lay a strong foundation for the Board's strategy and priorities in the years to come.

Once again, thank you for participating in the survey. If you have any further comments or questions, please send them through the [HOA Mailbox](#).

More than 180 residents turned out for The I'On Trust's Annual Oyster Roast



Welcome, New Neighbors!

Joni Mazza-McCrann & Eddie
McCrann
26 Frogmore Road

Janet Harper
57 Ponsbury Road

Clyde & Sheila Nixon
137 N Shelmore Blvd.

Moving Around I'On

Jim & Meegan Graham
113 Jake's Lane

Terry & Brian Stephenson
298 N Shelmore Blvd.

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@i-on.com), 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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JoAnn Stadtmueller

Margaret Summers, I'On Trust

Lesley Ramey, SCS

Eye on. . . March

First Friday Cocktail Party

Friday, March 4 / 6:00 - 8:00 PM

65 Saturday Road / Hosted by Cheryl & Bob Pitts

Please join our gracious hosts, Cheryl and Bob Pitts, at March'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](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).

PLEASE JOIN US!

I'On Women's Coffee



Tuesday, March 8 / 10:00 AM - 12 noon

109 Ionsborough Street

Hosted by Kathy Chambers

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.

I'On Women's Movie Group

Wednesday, March 9

Ladies, we will be meeting on Wednesday, March 9 (the second Wednesday in March). Please put the date on your calendar. As usual, the movie title, location, and time will be sent to all who are on the movie email list the weekend before the movie. I will pick a late afternoon showing and we will go out afterward for a glass of wine and a bite. If you are new to the neighborhood or have never joined us, email me at laabsjan@hotmail.com and I will add you to the list. It should be fun!

— Jan Laabs



Your I'On Design Committee (IDC)...Preserving the Look of I'On

Before starting a new project for your home or property, the IDC invites you, your designer or architect to meet with Pam Gabriel, your Neighborhood Design Coordinator to review I'On's architectural standards. The IDC is your resource in helping ensure that your new project carries on the high quality and unique "Low Country Vernacular" look of I'On. This exacting attention to details is what attracted you to I'On and helps preserve the value of our neighborhood. The IDC meets on March 1 & 15. Pam can be reached at [\(843\) 606-6366](tel:8436066366) or pdgabriel@yahoo.com

"Potluck" with Special Guest Jonathan Green

Wednesday, March 16 / 6:00 PM

Creek Club / Hosted by Anne Register & Becky Van Wie

The March Potluck falls on the eve of St. Patrick's Day this year, and brings a special guest and new format (for this evening only)! Thanks to the I'On Trust, we welcome Jonathan Green, renowned local artist and visual designer for the 2016 Spoleto production of *Porgy and Bess*. Anne Register and Becky Van Wie are the March Potluck hosts and plan to forego the usual seated meal in favor of a First Friday-type gathering.

Those who want to attend the early part of the evening should bring an appetizer to share (perhaps a little heavier than normal First Friday fare) and a beverage of choice. Plates, utensils, cups, napkins and ice will be provided. Guests will mingle and enjoy food and drink between 6:00 PM and 7:30 PM. Then everyone will be seated for Jonathan Green's talk. For those who want to come just for the talk, please plan to arrive a little before 7:30 PM. For further information or questions, email [Lydia Engelhardt](mailto:Lydia.Engelhardt) or call [843-884-8400](tel:8438848400).

Women's Lunch Bunch at Middleton Place

Thursday, March 17 / Middleton Place

Hosted by Harriet Ripinsky and Linda Ripinsky



Harriet and Linda have planned a wonderful outing to Middleton Place for the Camellia Walk and lunch. We'll have a private garden tour which starts at 11:00 AM and lasts for about 1-1/2 hours, followed by a buffet lunch at the Pavilion. Our tour will focus on camellias throughout the original gardens as well as the "new" camellia garden of the 1950s. Admire hundreds of varieties, including the 1786 Reine des Fleurs, one of the first camellias planted in America. Please let us know soonest if you are interested in going so we can firm up the reservations. Please either call us at 843-416-8368 or email hripinsky@aol.com.

We've negotiated a special group rate. The total cost is \$49.50 and includes admission, tour AND lunch. Because of the special price, we will need to pay for everything in advance, so please bring a check made out to Harriet Ripinsky to 122 Lonsborough St. no later than **March 12** to secure your place. If you are a member of Middleton Place, the cost would only be \$25.00 for the buffet lunch (remember to bring your membership card).

O'Brion's St. Patrick's Day Celebration in the Square Thursday, March 17 / I'On Square

12:00 noon to 7:00 PM

Street closings in effect (N. Shelmore Blvd. & the Square)

Family-friendly block party featuring jump castle, live music, food vendors. If you'd like to set up a free booth to sell your product or promote your business, contact Chandlerfrierson@yahoo.com.



Yarn Buddies Outing to Georgetown

Wednesday, March 23

Our March Yarn Buddies gathering will be an outing to a yarn shop in Georgetown to work (so bring your projects), and then we will have lunch. Contact [Delores Rosebrock](#) for details.

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

Thursday, March 24 / 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.

The I'On Trust Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 26 / 10:00 AM Sharp!

Maybank Green

Bring your Easter baskets and get ready to hunt some eggs! Two age groups: 1 - 3 years; 4 - 8 years. Families of egg hunters are asked to deliver 12 stuffed plastic eggs to Sweet Olive porch (collection box on Sowell St. side) between Tuesday, March 22 & Friday, March 25. The Easter Bunny will hop on by for photos, so bring your cameras! Adult and student volunteers needed for this and other events. (Great opportunity for your student to log service hours.) Contact [Margaret Summers](#).



Perseverance Square Brick Engraving



The I'On Trust is pleased to announce that I'On 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.

Engraving will be done on site, at a cost of \$34 per brick.

What 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. Bricks can be engraved with your name, names of your children, parents or pets, to pay tribute to those who make I'On such a special place in which to live.

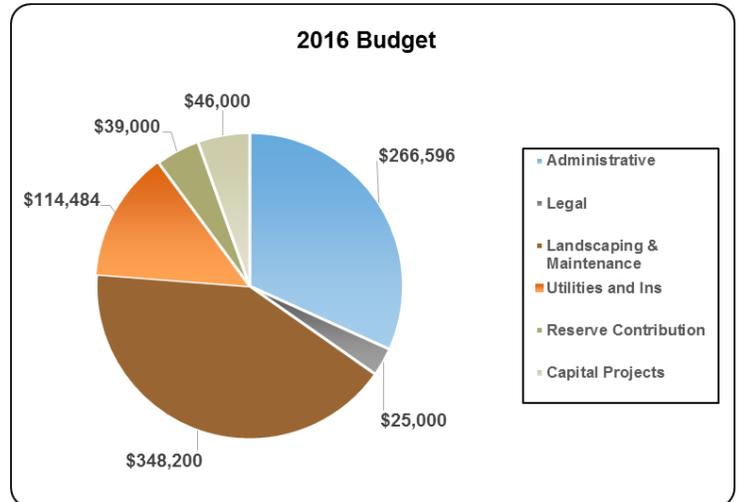
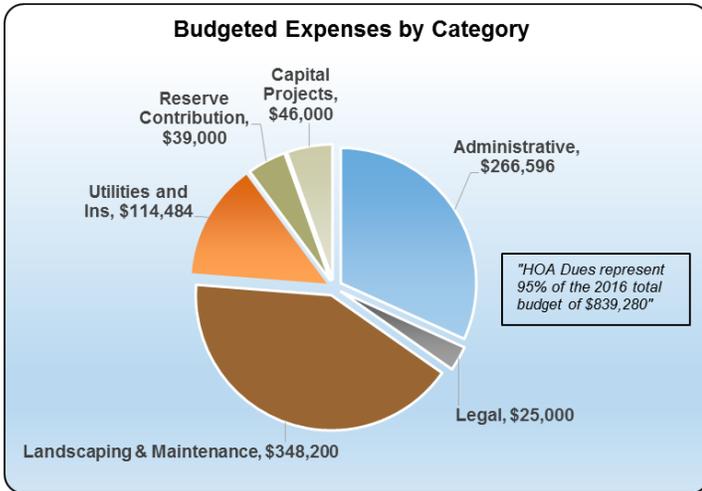
The bricks will be offered for personalized engraving this Spring. The deadline for preserving your place in I'On history is April 22. Engraving will take place during the month of May with an informal reception held shortly thereafter in Perseverance Square to mark the occasion.

Again this year, we are delighted our neighbor, Michele Wilson, has 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](#).

From the Assembly Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair, Paul Gillis

2016 I’On Assembly (HOA) Budget

HOA dues make up the lion’s share of the revenue used to fund the operating budget. Note that the Capital Projects budgeted spending of \$46,000 only represents the 2016 contribution from the operating budget to fund projects. The total available for spending on improvements (sports court and waterfront park) is around \$140,000 due to a starting balance in the Capital Projects Reserve Fund.



I’On Assembly (HOA) 2016 Dues Increase

The annual dues per property increased by \$50 in 2016. The table at right shows the change in HOA dues since 2008. The increase in HOA dues for 2016 was due to the Board decision in late 2015 to add half a staff position and increase the General Manager’s compensation. In addition, a capital projects budget item was added to the annual operating budget to fund future amenities enhancements in the neighborhood. The increase in dues since 2008 has been roughly in line with core CPI, a standard measure of inflation.

Year	Core CPI	Inflation Adjusted	Actual
2008	2.3%	900	900
2009	1.8%	921	910
2010	1.1%	937	895
2011	1.3%	948	875
2012	2.2%	960	850
2013	1.8%	981	850
2014	1.8%	999	1000
2015	1.7%	1017	1000
2016	1.5%	1034	1050

Update on Dues Collection

The Finance Committee wishes to thank all those who paid their 2016 annual assessment on time. The 2016 Annual Assessment was billed December 1, 2015 and due January 1, 2016, to be paid no later than January 31, 2016. As of February 19th, 94% of all Titleholders are paid in full.

Progress continued to be made during 2015 with more long-standing delinquencies resolved. At present, there remain two long-standing delinquencies in foreclosure with lenders that we expect to be resolved this year. At the end of February, we expect unpaid 2016 assessments to be approximately \$45,000. At the end of February 2015, the unpaid 2015 assessments were approximately \$53,000.

As a reminder, delinquent accounts will be charged late fees, interest, administrative fees and legal fees should the delinquency reach the stage where legal action is required.

If you have not yet paid your 2016 Annual Assessment, please do so promptly to avoid additional fees. If you have not paid your dues because of a financial issue, please contact our General Manager, [Mike Parades](#) or [843-364-6962](tel:843-364-6962).

I’On welcomes The Greenery, our new landscape maintenance contractor.



Serving homeowner associations in the Low Country for over 40 years, The Greenery features its own in-house irrigation, chemical, aquatic and construction divisions. With a staff of 225 employees in the Charleston area alone, it has the labor force and equipment to provide superior service to I’On, as well as immediate recovery

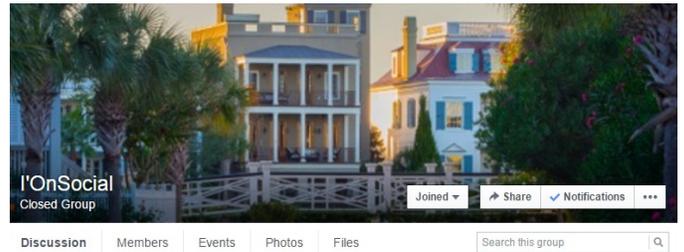


from unexpected events, such as tropical storms. The company has submitted a five-year [plan](#) to the Board which details items that will need to be addressed as the plant life ages, and help prepare for issues the community will face in the future.



I’On At Home

An informational meeting was held on February 25. More than 60 people attended, and the presentation was well received. The next group event will be a series of "living room chats" to be held over the next six weeks in the homes of Steering Committee members.



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!

March at I’On Club



Get all the news [here](#). Email [Emzi Wewers](#) or call her at 843-971-7834 for complete information.

Enjoy all the Porch has to offer!

- Team Trivia – Wednesday, March 9 • “Pastabilities” Italian-themed menu – every Thursday • Wine & Tapas – Wednesday, March 16 • Live Music every Friday in March



Sissa Green & granddaughter Claire stop by the February coffee. (We see where young Claire gets her millinery flair.)



February Coffee Hostess Pam Bishop, center, with Coffee coordinators Eileen Moore (left) and Nance Nixon (right)

I'On Community Garden



The 2016 I'On Community Garden is Open!



The idea behind our community garden was to create an activity that would join together a broad cross section of neighbors: families with children, retirees, working singles, people who just moved in and folks who were I'On pioneers.

Counting all family members, we've had over 400 neighbors participating in our community garden over the past 6 years.

Our 7th year began with a big turnout for our Feb. 20th kickoff meeting. Many new faces and lots of young children guarantee another great year in the garden.

And this year, we're going organic. Here's 4 reasons why:

1. Enjoy tastier food

As professional chefs have found, organic fruits and vegetables simply taste better.

2. Eat safer, more nutritious food

An organic garden is free from toxic chemicals and your produce has higher vitamin and mineral content.

3. Save cash

By growing your own, you save money at the store or farmer's market.

4. Protect your environment

Organic gardening uses no chemical pesticides, herbicides, or fertilizers that can run off into the water supply. Now birds, bees, and other pollinators can interact with nature safely.

Come Visit & Watch Our Garden Grow!

Steve Degnen

I'On Community Garden Coordinator
garden@ioncommunity.com

We're Going Organic

Starting this year, we're moving to organic gardening to promote healthier eating and a safer environment. Check this newsletter for future tips on organic gardening, beneficial insects, organic pest & weed control.



Gayle Woodward shares the benefits of going organic



As the Community Garden moves into its 7th year, we felt that it was time to completely rebuild the garden. Newly constructed raised garden boxes with organic mushroom compost, freshly mulched pathways and fresh signs complete the renovation.

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

AN HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY

For Our Community

In all of the historic Charleston metropolitan area

only two buildings were designed from the start to be filled with beautiful frescos in the manner of the great cathedrals of Europe and the Middle East. The ancient Byzantine style architecture of Holy Ascension Church in I'On, Mt. Pleasant was envisioned from the beginning to be filled with colorful frescos. The parishioners of Holy Ascension carried on a world-wide search of iconographers even before building construction began. The renowned iconographer Dmitry Shkolnik was chosen and began work for the church before construction was complete. The icon panels on the iconostasis were his first commission for Holy Ascension.



Phase One of the frescos - the Apse

was completed during three weeks in Spring 2012.

For large Fresco projects like Holy Ascension, Dmitry brings a team of Russian and Georgian iconographers, including the greatly talented Alexander Chernyy of Moscow.

Phase Two of this historic undertaking

includes the dome, the dome pendentives, dome windows and the Deisis icon for the narthex. Work on Phase Two is scheduled to begin the last week of March 2016 and will carry on for about three weeks. The cost of Phase Two is around \$81,000 plus incidentals such as housing, food and transportation.



Fundraising is nearly complete

The small community of Holy Ascension has already made pledges covering \$71,000 and all incidentals. We hope that you can help. Any amount, large or small will be greatly appreciated.



Come and see the Apse and other iconography at any time

Wednesday, Vespers 6:00 PM

Saturday, Great Vespers 6:00 PM

Sunday, Matins 8:00 AM, Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM

Please join us for Coffee Hour,

Sunday 11:00 onward.

At other times, please call ahead to make sure someone is at the church.

Checks can be mailed to:

Holy Ascension Orthodox Church
265 North Shelmore Blvd.
or P.O. Box 1228
Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464

Thank you for your generosity and for being a part of living history!

Please stop by Holy Ascension

to see the Apse frescos and hear about Phase Two. We hope that you will join us as we work to glorify God, while making history and beauty in this beautiful and historic city.

March 2016



THE I'ON TRUST NEWS...



Join us Wednesday, March 16, 6pm - 8:30pm at the Creek Club

for the March Potluck with a special twist.

Instead of a the usual sit down dinner, this night will be cocktails and appetizers to share while enjoying a conversation with our our very special guest, **Jonathan Green**. He will speak about his work on *Porgy and Bess* and the role history, particularly Charleston's own history with rice culture, impacts his work and the community we live in.

Artist Jonathan Green's painted images of Gullah life are widely celebrated for their revelation of the spirit and vitality of the Gullah people—a perspective he casts on Spoleto Festival USA's new (sold out) production of Gershwin's opera *Porgy and Bess* this spring. As the production's visual designer, Jonathan brings the viewpoint of his paintings—informed by his own upbringing in a

Gullah community in coastal South Carolina—to the stage.

Jonathan's vision for this production begins with a return to the Gullah community in the pages of DuBose Heyward's story, and then unfolds to reveal a Charleston that celebrates the spirit of a people whose accomplishments loom large—who were responsible for the economic success of this region through the growing and harvesting of rice; who made the bricks in King Street's façade; and whose recipes are now the focal point of a national culinary movement. With an astute awareness of the power of constructed imagery, Jonathan seeks to create a world in which Africans came to North America of their own free will, bringing the beauty and boldness of their culture into the streets of Charleston.

Those who want to attend the early part of the evening should bring an appetizer to share and a beverage of choice. Plates, utensils, cups, napkins and ice will be provided.

Guests will mingle and enjoy food and drink between 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

For those who want to come just for the talk, please plan to arrive a little before 7:30 p.m.

Special thanks to Theresa Green for helping with the arrangements for this unique evening.

We're delighted two great I'On traditions, Potlucks & the Trust Lecture Series, will merge for a very memorable occasion.

Please join us. It is a free event.

Bring your camera
for photos with
the Easter Bunny!

Saturday, March 26 at 10am I'On's Annual Easter Egg Hunt On Maybank Green



The littlest I'On residents are invited to bring their Easter Baskets,
collect some eggs and meet the Easter Bunny.

Don't be late because the hunt will start at 10am and the eggs go QUICKLY!

Two Age Groups: 1-3 years and 4-8 years

To make certain we have enough eggs, families of egg hunters are asked to deliver 12 stuffed eggs to Sweet Olive porch (collection box will be on the Sowell Street porch) between Tuesday, March 22 & Friday, March 25.

This is a great event to get the whole family involved in volunteering.

We have other events you could get involved in too! Click [HERE](#).

**SAVE THE DATE: AFTER THE BRIDGE RUN CONCERT
SATURDAY, APRIL 2 FROM 3:30 - 6:30PM**