

Living in I'On

The Official Neighborhood Newsletter of I'On

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Saint Patrick's Day Celebration in the Square



Zumba on Maybank Green



Eye on. . . April

After the Bridge Run Concert

Saturday, April 1 / 3:00 - 6:00 PM

Westlake Amphitheater

Two local bands will play. The Archetypes will take the stage at 3:00 and Wentworth Underground at 4:00 PM. Picnics, blankets & chairs are welcome. *Just Eat This* and *Ice Cream Team* food trucks will be on hand. Come out and enjoy the afternoon with some great music and friends. This event is free and family-friendly!

***A reminder that West Shipyard will be closed from 2:30 to 6:30 PM. Please help us ensure that emergency vehicles have proper access by not blocking the ends of the street with cars, golf carts, or bikes. ***

For questions, please contact [Margaret Summers](#). Hope to see you there!

First Friday Cocktail Party

Friday, April 7 / 6:00 - 8:00 PM

122 Ionsborough Street / Hosted by Harriet Ripinsky

Please join our gracious host, Harriet, at April'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 special evening. For further information or questions, please email [Michele Wilson](#) or call [843-352-7878](tel:843-352-7878); or [Jennifer Welham](#), [843-469-1093](tel:843-469-1093).

March First Friday Photos



Host Kay Burner (L)



PLEASE JOIN US!

I'On Women's Coffee

Tuesday, April 11/ 10:00 AM - 12 noon

Hosted by Cheryl Hunt

159 E. Shipyard 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 \(908-507-6680\)](tel:908-507-6680) and [Eileen Moore](tel:571-723-9733) at [\(571-723-9733\)](tel:571-723-9733). Email or call if you have questions or need further information.



The I'On Trust Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 15 / 9:30 AM Sharp!
Maybank Green / [Volunteers](#) needed!



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, April 11 & Friday, April 14. 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](#).



Potluck Dinner at the Creek Club

Tuesday, April 18 / 6:30 PM

Creek Club / Hosted by Anne Register and Becky Van Wie

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 new neighbors to join us. Potluck is a great time to get to know new friends. Hope to see you there! For further information or questions, email [Lydia Engelhardt](#) or call [843-884-8400](#).

March Potluck Photos



Hosts Michele Wilson and Susan & Bob Fitzgerald



Save the Date for the May 6 Clean Your Mile Mathis Ferry Pick-Up

Women's Lunch Bunch

Thursday, April 20 / 12:15 PM

Barsa, 630 King Street / Hosted by Brenda Uttaro

Barsa is a Spanish tapas restaurant located at the corner of King and Line Streets. It's casual and they offer "small plates" as well as entree-size dishes. Check it out at www.barsacharleston.com. There is free parking behind the restaurant on Line St. RSVP to Brenda Uttaro at Brenda@Uttaro.net or by calling [843-216-6962](tel:843-216-6962).

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

Monday, April 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.

Women's Movie Group

Tuesday, April 25 / Time TBD

The movie title, location, and time will be sent to all who are on the movie email list the weekend before the movie. If you are not on the email please contact me and you will be added to the list. If you have a new neighbor, do invite her to go with you. We always go out afterward to discuss the movie and enjoy some wine and a bite. Hope to see you there.

Jan Laabs (laabsjan@hotmail.com)

Yarn Buddies

Wednesday, April 26 / 10:00 AM to 12 Noon

3 Edenton Road / Hosted by Donna Davis

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! Questions? [Email Delores Rosebrock](#).

Creek Club Dock Closures

Pavilion Dock is closed; the main dock and ramp remain open.

4/8	5:30 - 6:00 PM
4/15	5:30 - 6:00 PM
4/21	4:30 - 5:00 PM
4/22	4:00 - 4:30 PM
4/30	4:00 - 4:30 PM



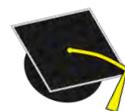
Pétanque

Pétanque is back at the Avant Garden park located at Faye and Latitude every Thursday evening at 6:00 PM. Feel free to bring your beverage of choice and a snack to share if you wish, and learn the game of Pétanque. Anyone can participate and all are welcome!



Attention, Graduates!

We'd love to share your news! [Send](#) the name of your graduate, school and date of graduation, and any future matriculation. Photos welcome!



Landscape & Infrastructure Update

Springtime has come to I'On and your Landscape & Infrastructure Committee is hard at work. Already this year, the third phase of oak tree pruning has been completed, and the trees have been raised to 13 feet! The trees that were not pruned during phase 3 will be lifted to 13 feet in April. Several trees that were lost during Hurricane Matthew have now been replaced, and new palm trees have been added on Latitude Lane.

In the coming weeks, the playground structure at Hopetown playground will be replaced and, in mid- April, we will be changing out the flower beds. The Eastlake Aeration system will be installed by the middle of April, making our beautiful lake and its fish healthier.

Keep an eye out for some of the big projects coming up in 2017! We will be refurbishing the marsh path, as well as the Right of Way area on the Rookery side of Ponsbury Rd.; adding landscaping to the N. Shelmore Blvd. entrance to the neighborhood; and replacing the cover of the Hopetown Fire Pit.

Perseverance Square Brick Engraving

Thank you to all who ordered bricks to be engraved. We received a total of 70 orders – a record and tribute to the commitment of our neighbors to the place we call home!

The bricks will be ready for installation in early May. Keep an eye on this newsletter for information on a dedication ceremony for bricks ordered in 2016 & 2017. If you missed this opportunity, stay tuned for another in 2018.

THANKS, NEIGHBORS! Michele Wilson & The I'On Trust



I'On supporters turned out to celebrate architect Whitney Powers, who was honored by the Historic Charleston Foundation (HCF) at the annual *Women who IMPACT Preservation Awards* held in downtown Charleston on February 2. Proceeds help fund HCF's Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative. (L to R) Jenny Marion, Chellie Kew, Cindy Smithy, Anne Janas (Chair), Lori Bate, Cynthia Wood (COO, HCF), Theresa Green, Linda Hanson, Harriet Ripinsky, Lori Feehan, Mary Kaplan. (Not pictured: Missy Sauls, Karen Thompson, Brenda Uttaro, Anne Register, Becky Van Wie.)

I'On At Home

Fun, interesting and active events & programs to enjoy with your neighbors!!!

Celebrity Chef Dinners; Great Decisions and current events discussion groups; private museum tours and other field trips; technology classes; wine tastings; gardening classes, and more. Programs are continually added based on members' suggestions.



NOT YET A MEMBER?

JUST LOOK AT WHAT YOU'RE MISSING!!!



To learn more, visit our [website](#)

For [events and programs](#)

To [join](#)

To [volunteer](#)

Do you need assistance with everyday household tasks like changing lightbulbs, or need a ride to a medical appointment? I'On At Home can help.

Learn more about the [benefits of membership](#).

I'On Communications Committee

Karen Dillard, Chair

Barbara Fowler

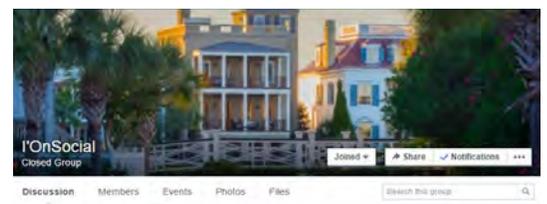
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**Looking for a book club or babysitter?
Selling a table or in search of a golf cart?
Lost or found a dog? Hosting a neighborhood event?**

I'OnSocial is our Facebook page for I'On residents only. You need to be on Facebook to join; [here's](#) the link!





Garages in I'On

Maintaining our homes is critical to preserving the look of I'On.

Your I'On Design Committee is constantly reviewing new construction materials that stand up better in this high humidity/hot sun environment. To be considered, these new alternate materials must closely match the aesthetic appearance of the natural product they are replacing.



As an example, the IDC has approved Hardie Artisan fiber cement siding based on its superior protection against outdoor elements as a substitute for wood siding.

We've heard from many of you regarding the difficulty in maintaining wooden garage doors due to humidity damage resulting in warping and wood rot. While the I'On Code specifies "wood" for garage doors, the IDC may grant variances for alternate material garage doors based on new developments in the design and manufacturing techniques. These synthetic products must maintain the high quality and appearance of the wooden garage doors being replaced.

Metal and vinyl garage doors have long been the standard in tract developments. This is not a move to allow low cost garage doors in I'On.

Like all new building or renovation projects in I'On, your garage door selection must be approved by the IDC. Your door design choice should match the architectural style of your home. Only carefully selected panel design together with high quality hardware can replicate the look of a real wood door.

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.

Make sure that your building, landscape or renovation projects have written IDC approval before starting any work in order to avoid costly delays and possible sanctions for non-compliance.

The IDC meets on April 4 & 18

Questions? Pam can be reached at 606-6366 or pdgabriel@yahoo.com

I'On Community Garden



Springtime in the Community Garden



The Monarchs are Coming!

4 butterfly larvas (caterpillars) have emerged in our garden. Finding them so early in the spring is an encouraging sign that we'll have a great new butterfly season.



Munching away on milkweed day & night, once these caterpillars stop eating they'll shed their skin and be transformed into a beautiful chrysalis. 8 to 13 days later they'll emerge as magnificent Monarch Butterflies.

Stop by to experience this wonder of nature.

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/>

Healthy Gardens, Healthy Gardeners

The health benefits of gardening transcend simple physical rewards. A recent study found gardening provides social and mental benefits as well. Researchers determined that gardening awakens the senses and stimulates a range of responses that are supportive of positive health-related behaviors and overall health.

So, rollup your sleeves, dig in the garden, grow something healthy and be happy!

Organic gardening

We get many questions about organic gardening...how to start, what it entails, is it difficult, etc. If you're an aspiring organic gardener, check out this comprehensive guide, filled with tips and tricks to get you started. <http://www.rodalorganiclife.com/garden/beginners-guide-organic-gardening>

Companion Planting

Many gardeners know that a diverse mix of plants makes for a healthy and beautiful garden. Many believe that certain plant combinations have extraordinary (even mysterious) powers to help each other grow. The scientific study of the process, called companion planting, has confirmed that some planting combinations have real benefits and combining the wrong plants can be detrimental to their growth.

Even plants can get in trouble if they hang around with the wrong crowd. Here's a great chart to help you sort out the Good and Bad Companions: <http://ericarascon.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/Companion-Planting.jpg>

Come Visit & Watch Our Garden Grow!

Steve Degnen

I'On Community Garden Coordinator
garden@ioncommunity.com

Save the Date:

Come join us in the garden as we host May's First Friday on May 5th

APRIL 2017



The I'On Trust News...

Face painting for the kids!

**SATURDAY
APRIL 1
3:00-6:00PM
WESTLAKE AMPHITHEATER**

after the bridge run CONCERT

Join us with picnics, blankets, and chairs for a relaxing and fun afternoon with good friends, music and food!

Members of the **THE ARCHETYPES** will take the stage at 3:00pm followed by **WENTWORTH UNDERGROUND** at 4:00pm.

JUST EAT THIS & ICE CREAM TEAM food trucks will be on hand.



SPRING HAS SPRUNG & THE HUNT IS ON!

**Saturday, April 15 at 9:30am
I'On's Annual Easter Egg Hunt
On Maybank Green**

Bring your camera for photos with the Easter Bunny!

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 9:30am 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, April 11 & Friday, April 14.

**VOLUNTEER
HERE!**

**SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, MAY 28 - MEMORIAL DAY POTLUCK PICNIC
SATURDAY, MAY 27 - SCREEN ON THE GREEN**