

Living in l'On

The Official Neighborhood Newsletter of I'On

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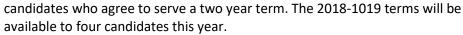
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I'ON ASSEMBLY SEEKS CANDIDATES

It's hard to believe, but in no time we will be celebrating another great year in I'On and preparing for holiday celebrations. To the I'On Homeowners Association, this means planning for our annual meeting and board elections.

New homeowners may not be aware that the I'On Assembly Board of Trustees holds open elections in January for



Your current board of directors encourages you to get involved in the future direction of I'On by running for a board seat or encouraging a neighbor to get involved. We are available any time between now and the January election to discuss the job responsibilities and what it is like to serve on the board. All we ask is that you are able to commit at least two hours a week and have an open mind about making decisions that are in the best interest of all 762 titleholders.

The Board welcomes all residents to attend our monthly meetings, held the last Monday of each month and this is a great way to personally get a feel for how the board operates. Upcoming board meetings are scheduled for August 28; September 25; October 23; November 27; and December 18. Please contact Mike Parades if you are interested in learning more: mikeparades@trustscs.com.

Living in I'On is a way of life, not just a place to call home.

Our neighborhood is designed to be people-friendly: homes close together, deep front porches, wide sidewalks, playgrounds and parks, nature trails and quirky spaces where people bump into each other, because that's what neighbors are supposed to do.

I'On is not a gated community. The goal was not to isolate from our surroundings, but to enhance and integrate into the nature, history and society already here. Safety cannot be built with walls. Safety is built with numbers of likeminded people who work together for the common good. We build that in I'On.

In I'On, we look out for our neighbors: giving a ride to the airport, or collecting mail, or watering their garden, or bringing over soup when someone's sick.

In I'On, we look out for our kids and pedestrians. There's a reason these streets are so curved, and that 20 mph "is plenty" in I'On.

In I'On, the living is easy and friendships are dear. It's not for everyone – but for those of us who live here – it's someplace special.

Find out what's going on and get "involved".

Jody McAuley HOA Board President

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Welcome, New Neighbors!

Carolina Casperson 10 Boathouse Close

Geoff Clever 54 Joggling Street

David & Dale Smith 23 Fairhope Road

Laurens & Keller Smith 23 Fairhope Road

Frank Wannamaker 138 N. Shelmore Blvd

Jerry & Kimberly Williams 118 West Shipyard Road

Edward & Christine Winter 19 John Galt Way

Moving Around I'On:

Aryn & Rebecca Linenger 15 Krier Lane

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.

July 4th Parade





Eye on. . . August

First Friday Cocktail Party

Friday, August 4 / 6:00 - 8:00 PM 30 Mises Street / Hosted by Roy & Karen Rathbun

Please join our gracious hosts, Roy & Karen, at the August First Friday Cocktail Party. The party will be a wonderful opportunity to socialize with neighbors and friends so bring an appetizer to share, a glass and beverage of your choice and enjoy a lovely evening. 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 contact Michele Wilson: 843-352-7878 or Jennifer Welham: 843-469-1093

Women's Coffee

On Vacation. See you in September!



Potluck Dinner

Tuesday, August 15 / 6:30 PM

Creek Club / Hosted by Duval and Tom Acker

Summer is flying by and if you've been traveling, it's time to reconnect! Take advantage of the many wonderful sitters in our community, and come join our wonderful hosts and I'On neighbors for an evening of delicious food and great conversation. Bring a dish to share, along with your own plate, utensils, and beverage. Make your own or order out. Remember that we carry in and carry out what we bring. Please encourage friends in the neighborhood to join us! For further information or questions, please contact: Lydia Engelhardt at 884-8400 or BillandLydia1@bellsouth.net





July Potluck Dinner







Ladies' Movie Group

Wednesday, August 16 / Time TBD

The movie title, location and time will be emailed to everyone on the movie email list the weekend prior. If you are new in the neighborhood or would like to join us, please email me so you don't miss another movie.

Jan Laabs (laabsjan@hotmail.com)

Ladies' "Lunch Bunch"

Thursday, August 17 / 12 Noon

Fratello's in the I'On Square / Hosted by Cheryl Hunt

Join us for the August luncheon at this neighborhood favorite. RSVP to Cheryl (336) 207-3494 or email Cherylsniderhunt@gmail.com.

Creek Club Dock Closures

Pavilion Dock is closed; main dock and ramp re main open.

8/4 5:00 – 5:30 PM

8/5 5:00 – 5:30 PM

8/6 4:00 – 4:30 PM

8/19 5:30 - 6:00 PM

8/26 3:30 - 4:00 PN

Yarn Buddies

Wednesday, August 23 / 10:00 AM - 12 noon

21 Prescient Street / Hosted by Tristi Lowther

All interested in hand needlework, whether it be knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, rug hooking, sewing, etc., are warmly invited. We share ideas, tips, assistance, and fun conversation! For more information, contact <u>Delores Rosebrock</u>.

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

Monday, August 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 (<u>www.ioncommunity.com</u>) a few days prior.

La Pétanque Celebrates Bastille Day





(Below) A delegation of I'On representatives tours the neighboring Wando Welch Container Terminal. (L to R) Don Higgins, Steve Zaleski, Fred White, Jim Feehan, David Nixon, Bud Davis, Tom Fe-

SAVE THE DATE! Annual Hat Luncheon
When: Thursday, September 21 at 11:30 AM
Where: The Watch on top of the Restoration Hotel
The views from the dining room are spectacular! Menu choices will be published in the September newsletter. Don't miss this one! Q's? Cheryl
Pitts



I'On At Home

DID YOU KNOW...?

- I'On At Home has a calendar of interesting events, some of which are reserved for members, while others are open to all neighbors. Our website features a <u>complete listing</u> and offers opportunities to register.
- iGive.com is changing online shopping for good.

 Now more than ever, smart shoppers are looking for ways to stretch every dollar. In these uncertain economic times, we all face hard choices as we plan for special occasions, holiday gifts, and charitable giving. With iGive.com, you don't have to choose between buying something or sending a donation to I'On At Home. Now you can buy the things you need, save money with exclusive iGive coupons and deals, and feel good knowing that a portion of each purchase benefits our organization. Since November of 2016, IAH has received more than \$170 from iGive!

Learn more at: www.iGive.com/IOnAtHome

• IAH membership continues to grow, with more than 100 people and counting. If you are an IAH member, you are part of an innovative national movement! Even our SC Lt. Governor is interested in what we're doing. If you are age 55 and up and have not yet joined IAH, it's not too late to be part of our group of trendsetters who want to create their own futures! For more information, go to our website and click on Membership Information



under the I'On At Home heading at the top (www.ionathome.org).

WE NEED YOUR HELP - BEHIND THE SCENES

You may wonder how all the IAH programs, activities, and service happen. The answer is that most of the work is done by a dedicated group of volunteers. Serving on one of these groups is a great way to get to know your neighbors and enjoy watching your efforts contribute to making IAH possible. We will begin looking for new Board members within several weeks. Right now, we are especially looking for members for the following committees:

Marketing and Communications

Membership

Programs

Volunteer Services

If you are interested, or would just like to know more, please contact Anne Register (<u>awregister44@gmail.com</u> or 843-849-1091).

ECLIPSE EVENTS OPEN TO ALL I'ON NEIGHBORS



Help Us Choose our Signature Eclipse <u>Drink</u>

Thursday, 8/10. 5:00-6:30 PM at Fratello's. Click on the link above to register.

We need help choosing our signature drink for the Maybank Green Eclipse Party. Should it be a "Blue Cosmos", "Watermeltini", or something else entirely? Come sample and vote on your favorite drink. Fratello's will charge \$20 per person at the door for drinks and food, and will set up a tent to sell them at the Eclipse Event.

<u>The Great American Eclipse Party in I'On</u>

Monday, 8/21. 1:30-3:30 PM on Maybank Green. Click on the link above to register.

This is an historic event and won't happen again until 2045! We will have an ice cream truck, some games and music. We are even looking for a signature beverage to mark the occasion (help us select it by coming to the August 10 event at Fratellos). Bring your picnic baskets and drinks.



Solar Panels in l'On

Many I'On homeowners expressed interest in solar energy both to lower home operating costs and be environmentally responsible. Others have expressed concern about the negative impacts of solar panels on their home values and the image of I'On.

The IDC's primary role is preserving the look of I'On. We're actively reviewing new solar technology and materials to see how they might be more architecturally compatible with homes in our neighborhood.

A promising example is Teslas' new solar glass tiles that resemble traditional roofing materials.



The answer to whether solar panels can be approved for use in I'On is yes. Like all building or renovation projects, solar panels need to be reviewed and approved by the IDC prior to beginning installation. The first approved solar installation has just been completed for a home on Maybank Green.

The IDC has developed the following review criteria for Solar Panel applications to minimize the visual impact of the panels and be more compatible with architectural design of our neighborhood:

- Panels must be designed and installed to have minimal visibility from the public right-of-way.
- Design of solar equipment must be integrated into existing roof lines and have a minimal effect on the character defining features of the home.
- Panels positioned on a street facing roof plane will not be approved.
- Solar equipment must be installed flush to the existing roof structure.
- Exposed hardware, frames, equipment connections and conduit must have a matte finish and match the color of the primary roof/home structure.
- Wiring from panels should be run inside of attic space to minimize exterior clutter.
- For new building construction, the solar panels must be integrated into the initial design of new construction to assure a cohesive appearance.
- Town of Mt. Pleasant building electrical & installation permits are required before installation.

Prior to applying to the IDC for a solar installation, find a reputable supplier to determine if your home is appropriate for solar panels. Do you have enough unshaded roof area, ideally with southern exposure?

Analyze the economic benefits: payback period, available tax credits, utility incentives solutions, etc.

Finally, be up to date to the latest proposed changes to state solar power incentives, particularly net metering, which credits solar customers for the electricity they generate but do not use and send back to the grid. Many utilities are planning on reducing or eliminating these benefits.

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. Pam can be reached at (843) 606-6366 or pdagabriel@yahoo.com

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





It's hotter than...but it's also time to start Fall Planting



preventing annoying fruit fly infestations in our kitchens.

Back, by popular demand, is the I'On Community Garden simple and safe solution to get rid of these pests.

Here's what you'll need to do battle:

1/4 cup of water 1 to 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar a few drops of dish soap

There are several phases that most of us go through when we join the community garden, starting with "Great, we got in"; followed by "things are really growing...this is fun and so good for our health and sense of community".

Well, we've just entered into the..."It's really roasting out here...it's more work that I thought...I'm not sure that I'm cut out for gardening in the South" phase.

So it's time to do what local farmers do. If your garden hasn't survived the heat; clean up the healthier plants and pull out the dead and dying ones.

Harvest veggies on time. Produce rotting on the vine leads to disease for both your plot and your neighbor's one as well.

A deep watering 2 to 3 times a week works much better than watering daily.

And it's OK to take a rest from gardening in this heat. Clean up your plot and wait until mid August to start fall planting.

Here's our Fall planting guide for our coastal area - Hardiness Zone 8B:

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

They're buggin' us again!



As we start harvesting crops from our garden, one of the big challenges is



The vinegar draws them in, the soap traps them and they're history!

Freebie from your Community Garden

We're giving away Terracycle all purpose plant and tomato food that was donated by our friends at Clemson's Cooperative Extension. It's ALL natural...made from worm poop! Yes, you heard that right. Supplies are limited. Email me and I'll qet it to you.



Come Visit & Watch Our Garden Grow!

Steve Degnen

I'On Community Garden Coordinator garden@ioncommunity.com

Butterfly Garden News

Our Butterfly Garden looks beautiful due to the efforts of a magnificent group of neighborhood volunteers and some important outside help. Carole Meis got assistance from her three grandchildren.



Butterflies have started laying eggs on host plants like fennel and passionvine and milkweed. They're tiny so you have to look carefully.



Now is the time to visit the BG and watch for butterflies, eggs, and caterpillars.



If you have butterfly questions or would like to help in our butterfly garden, please contact April Gordon at dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com.

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

The I'On Trust News...













JULY 4th CELEBRATI'ON - THANK YOU!

What a TERRIFIC July 4th. MANY thanks to our fantastic volunteers who helped us pull off another spectacular Parade – we couldn't do it without you – couldn't be more true! THANK YOU Marilyn Colen, Amy Sage, Mary Ellen Raphael, Andrea Ryan, Tara Graham, Carrie & Dave Niemann, Dwight & Lindsey Williams, George Grantham, Brady Anderson, Joan Zaleski, Jenny Marion, Mary & Fred Kaplan. We were delighted to have Brooke Niznik serve as our Mistress of Ceremonies with the Color Guard from the Navy Nuclear Training Center leading the a parade of over 40 golf carts, walkers, bicyclist and The Precision Drill Team. The Engine Truck from Station 3 had an emergency call but had been on site to help in the celebration. Thanks to Kate Cochran, May Henderson and Caitlyn Farr for our very special handmade July 4th Banner in the parade. Our Salute on the Square included the Color Guard, Dwight Williams and his grandson, Griffin, singing the National Anthem and neighbor Chris Colman, leading the crowd in She's a Grand Ole Flag.

In the late afternoon, we had hundreds of neighbors and friends gather at the Amphitheater for a concert with Plane Jane and fireworks by the Folkas Family. It was a great day for bringing neighbors together. We thank everyone for coming out and making the Parade in I'On and the Concert at Westlake Amphitheater such a special day!!

GRUB ON THE GREEN has been a huge success and we appreciate your support of the new food truck series. We would like to extend a very special thank you to our neighbors on McDaniel for accommodating the trucks in front of their homes. We hope to do more food trucks in the future.



SAVE THE DATE
I'ON COMMUNITY ART SHOW
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 ~ CREEK CLUB