



Living in I'On

Neighborhood Happenings for the Month of November 2014

November Calendar

- 11/1 I'On Yard Sale
- 11/1 ConservatI'On Corps'
Mathis Ferry Road Clean-up
- 11/4 Election Day
- 11/4 IDC Review
- 11/7 First Friday Cocktails
- 11/8 I'On Birding Boat Ride
- 11/11 I'On Women's Coffee
- 11/13 Lunch Bunch at Graze
- 11/14 Recycling Day
- 11/14 Giving Lights of I'On
Luminary Orders Due
- 11/17 Women's Movie Group
- 11/18 IDC Review
- 11/18 Potluck Supper
- 11/19 Yarn Buddies
- 11/20 Assembly Board Meeting
- 11/20 Newsletter Deadline
- 11/27 Thanksgiving
- 11/28 Recycling Day
- Coming in December**
- 12/7 Giving Lights of I'On
- 12/10 I'On Assembly Annual
Meeting and Election
- 12/22 CCSD Schools out for
Holidays

Light the Way to Literacy with I'On Luminaries

The volunteers of BEGIN WITH BOOKS want to thank the I'On community for its outpouring of generosity behind your annual Giving Lights fund-raising campaign. This year, your gifts will open the door to learning for babies and toddlers throughout Charleston County.

As the Charleston County affiliate of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, Begin with Books (BWB) mails quality books – every month -- to babies and toddlers in our community, thus eliminating the major access barrier that keeps 35% of our children from having the pre-literacy skills needed to succeed in school.

Those of us who enjoy books know that reading opens new worlds of knowledge, imagination, people and stories. Too many children, particularly those from low income homes, do not have books at home and can miss the opportunities that books provide infants and toddlers when they are growing and learning most rapidly. By providing books to these families, BWB enables parents to become their child's first teacher, encourages the curiosity of young children, and paves the way for successful learning in school.

In the words of one BWB parent, "My daughter who is now three years old looks forward to getting a book in the mail every month. She has been receiving a book a month her entire life. We have quite a book collection now. She even goes back and finds a book she received many months ago and it becomes her new favorite."

BWB has a goal of giving the life-long gift of reading to 100% of all children in Charleston County, and we hope that you will help meet The I'On Trust's goal of 100% community participation in Giving Lights. Every \$33 raised this year will send 12 books into the home and heart of a baby or toddler, so please respond from your heart when your Street Captain gives you the opportunity to participate.

For more information about Giving Lights, see the community website at www.IOnCommunity.com or email Margaret Summers, or call 881-7541. You can learn more about BEGIN WITH BOOKS at www.BeginwithBooks.org.

Patty Bennett-Uffelman & Janet Segal
Co-Directors
BEGIN WITH BOOKS

Welcome New Neighbors

John & Catherine Raeside
51 Rialto Road

Joseph & Susan
Maggioncalda
74 Hospitality Street

John and Shawndell Hand
36 Robert Mills Circle

Jim Redmond & Ginger
Howard
70 Sanibel Street

Jack & JoAnne Faer
127 Ionsborough Street

Roy Neal
273 North Shelmore

Moving Around I'On

Chad & Sarah Beaver
53 Jane Jacobs Street

Jennifer & Patrick Vail
13 Duany Road

If you are, or know of, a new or relocating neighbor who hasn't been properly welcomed, please inform Jessica Gosnell with SCS at (843) 388-7547 or jgosnell@scs-carolina.com about your new address so she can share your information with everyone.

Tuesday, November 4th
is Election Day!

Sample ballots and precinct information can be found at www.SCVotes.org

Around I'On...

I'On Yard Sale

Saturday, November 1st, 8:00 - 11:00 am

Participating Homes throughout the 'Hood

You can sell anything that you are ready to get rid of! Popular items are furniture, household items, clothes, costume jewelry, toys, tools, yard tools, etc. It is recommend that sellers stay with their items, and keep extra cash on hand for change. The National Kidney Foundation has been called to drive through the neighborhood after the sale. If you want the Kidney Foundation to pick up your unsold/unwanted items, please leave them at the curb with a note, sign, or balloon identifying that you want the Kidney Foundation to pick them up. For general yard sale questions, contact [Ginger Black](#) at 388-7479.

I'On Ladies Book Club's Annual I'On Book Sale

Saturday, November 1st, 8:00 - 11:00 am

50 Fernandina -Steve and Kaki Hinton's Garage

The I'On Ladies Book Club will selling used books during the I'On Yard Sale. There will be books for children and adults as well as great recommendations for each customer. All proceeds will go to "Begin with Books." Make certain to stop by and bring a bag.

ConservatI'On Corps' Quarterly Mathis Ferry Clean-Up

Saturday, November 1st, 9:00 am

Meet in Front of O'Brion's Pub

All volunteers are enthusiastically welcomed. Interested parties should meet in front of O'Brion's Pub. Gloves, trash bags and "grabbers" provided. For more information, contact Rob Wieboldt at metzranch@aol.com.

I'On Design Committee (IDC) Review

Tuesday, November 4th and November 18th

All design changes must be submitted to the I'On Design Committee before scheduling any exterior work, including landscape changes. The IDC meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month, as the need arises. The submittal deadline is one week prior, making the submittal dates November 11th for the November 18th review and November 25th for the December 2nd review.

First Friday Cocktails

Friday, November 7th, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

47 Jogging Street - Bill and Sarah Settlemyer's Home

BYOB, a glass and an appetizer and enjoy a fun evening with your I'On neighbors. Newcomers are always welcome. For questions please call Gail Lauder at 971-0985, or Peggy Watt at 284-8516.

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I'On Birding in the Harbor

Saturday, November 8th, 9:00 am

Meet at the Square to Carpool to Patriot's Point

This trip will be limited to the first 8 RSVP's because we will be meeting at the Square to carpool to Patriot's Point marina and then looking for birds in the Harbor, up the Wando, and in Hobcaw Creek on a boat ride back to the I'On dock. To RSVP, please contact Craig Richard at craig.richard@me.com.

I'On Women's Coffee

Tuesday, November 11th, 10:00 am - noon

23 Mobile Street- Linda Hanson's Home

Bring a coffee mug and spend some time reconnecting with your neighbors. If you have questions, please call Linda Rinaldi at 388-5209 or Jan Laabs at 284-8799. Hope to see you there.

Lunch Bunch

Thursday, November 13th, 11:30 am

Graze - 863 Houston Northcutt Blvd.

Graze offers creative, casual cuisine with an eclectic menu featuring fresh seafood and vegetarian options. RSVP to Linda Hansen by phone 849-8479 or email lindalhanson@gmail.com.

I'On's Movie Group

Monday, November 17th

As usual the movie title, time, and location will be emailed to those on the movie email list. If you wish to be added to the list email or call Jan Laabs at laabsjan@hotmail.com or 284-8799. We will go out afterwards for a bite. It's great fun. Hope you can make it.

Potluck Dinner

Tuesday, November 18th, 6:30 pm

Creek Club

Vikki and Bob Davis invite you to join them for dinner at the Creek Club. Please bring a dish to share with the group, along with your own plate, utensils, drink - and join the fun. Delicious food and great dinner companions are always promised! We hope to see you, and please invite a neighbor to join us. For more information, contact Gail Hardie at gailphardie@hotmail.com.

Yarn Buddies

Wednesday, November 19th, 10:00 am - noon

47 Joggling Street - Sarah Settlemyer's Home

Anyone interested in needlework creative arts is cordially invited - or just come to get ideas! Please RSVP to Sarah at 388-7098.

I'On Assembly Board Meeting (our HOA) with Homeowners' Forum at the start

Thursday, November 20th, 6:00 pm

159 Civitas Street (back entrance), Second Floor Conference Room

Look for the agenda on the [I'On Community Website](#) a few days before. All homeowners are welcome.

Happy Thanksgiving!

"Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all others."

— Marcus Tullius Cicero

Being InVOLved in I'On

Consider participating on I'On Assembly Board Committees – your chance to serve our community in a variety of areas.

With the election of new Board members in December and the beginning of a new Board year, the Assembly will be considering additional members for several committees. If you are interested in these opportunities, please respond to the [HOA mailbox](#) on the www.ioncommunity.com website.

Committees include:

Leadership Development – helps recruit I'On residents to serve on the Assembly Board of Trustees; it functions year-round to be available for conversations with any potential candidates who are interested in knowing more about service on the Board; meets as needed.

Finance – assists the Community Manager and Board Treasurer with oversight of financial management issues; also makes recommendations to the Board on budget matters, insurance, reserve fund planning, delinquency matters, etc.; meets monthly.

Communications – oversees and promotes effective communications in I'On, including the community website, the monthly newsletter, e-mail blasts, and the I'On Directory; the committee also assists with neighborhood forums, surveys, promotion of activities, and providing information to neighbors as appropriate; meets monthly.

Landscaping – works with the Community Manager and professional landscaping company staff to maintain the integrity of planted and natural areas in the neighborhood, including trees, the common areas, entrances, trails, and parks; develops the annual landscaping budget and assists with planning and implementing landscape enhancements in I'On; meets monthly.

Infrastructure – provides oversight to the “hardscape” sections in the common areas of the neighborhood, which include structures, bridges, lakes, parks, lighting, and roads; develops the annual infrastructure budget and assists with planning and implementing infrastructure enhancements in I'On; meets monthly.

Amenities (including the Dog Park, Docks, and Athletic Field Committees) – these committees address specific responsibilities related to neighborhood amenities; members help coordinate planning for maintenance and usage of such amenities as well as enhancements as appropriate; they assist with budgeting and with oversight of these areas; meet as needed.

I'On's Women's Coffee Welcomes New Leaders in 2015

The I'On Trust is pleased to announce that Brenda Uttaro and Nance Nixon will be taking over the organization of the I'On Women's Coffee starting in January 2015.

Jan Laabs and Linda Rinaldi have held this position for over three years. The Trust truly appreciates all the time and effort they have given to making the Coffees so successful.

The women's coffees became an I'On Trust event in 2005 and have been a unique way for I'On's female residents to connect on a regular basis. The Trust is delighted Brenda and Nance will keep this wonderful tradition going.

Improvements Around the Neighborhood

After recognizing the need for improvements in the following areas, the Assembly Board has approved the appropriate maintenance and replacement projects. The list below includes projects that have either been completed or are in the works for our neighborhood.

A New Ramp at the Creek Club Docks

The new ramp, which leads from the gazebo down to the floating boat dock, was installed in mid-October. The old ramp was worn and handrails were damaged and broken in several places. Replacing the old ramp takes care of various wear and tear and safety concerns that had arisen.

Upgraded Maintenance of the Eastlake Athletic Field

Two new wells have been dug to supply the Eastlake Athletic Field (the soccer field) with the volume of water needed to maintain the grass. A new well pump has been installed, and all of the soccer field irrigation zones are now tied to the well water. The grass has been cut to an appropriate height for this time of the year, and a plan is in place for year-round maintenance. In addition, the field has been marked for soccer games.

The Cainhoy Youth Soccer Association has contracted with the Assembly to use the field for practices and games several days a week during fall and spring soccer seasons. The contract includes a fee of \$5,000 to help maintain the field. In addition, the Association will provide the nets that are the appropriate size for youth play, and the nets will be secured to the field.

The Assembly has appointed an Athletic Field Committee to help oversee the maintenance and usage of the field.

New Markings of On-Street Parking Places

The on-street parking places in I'On will be remarked beginning on November 3. Instead of paint, the markings will be done with a product that is actually applied to the asphalt with heat. This product has a life expectancy of 15 years and shows up much better than regular paint used to mark street spaces. As a part of this process, the streets in I'On that have not had marked spaces will now have them. These include Jane Jacobs, Robert Mills and Duany. Although the streets in I'On are the Town of Mount Pleasant's streets, the town does not have the funds to mark the streets in a manner that would solve many of the parking issues I'On neighbors have. Therefore, the Assembly Board approved using money from contingency funds to take care of this project.

To Help You Plan Ahead - a word about the 2015 annual assessment

The Assembly Board approved the 2015 budget for I'On at its meeting on October 23. Copies of the budget will be included in the Annual Meeting packet, which will be mailed to all Titleholders in the next few weeks.

The budget does not include a change in the assessment amount for 2015. Each Titleholder will owe \$1,000 for the year. However, the amount due must be paid in one payment. The experience from this year indicated that allowing residents to pay in two installments created inefficiencies and extra expense due to the tasks of dealing with late payments.

Statements will be mailed out in early December; payment will be due on January 1, 2015 and will be considered late if not received by January 31. After that date, fines and interest charges will be added to the assessment amount.



The I'On Trust Upcoming Events

Giving Lights of I'On – Sunday, December 7th

This very special I'On tradition continues this year with Begin with Books, a Charleston County affiliate of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, as the recipient. We are pleased to announce The I'On Trust has committed to covering all expenses associated with the Giving Lights project. This means ALL PROCEEDS will be donated to Begin with Books.



BEGIN WITH BOOKS

If you have not already received your order form for luminary kits, your Neighborhood Area Captain will be delivering it to your home in the next few days. Please respond and help us light up our neighborhood while *lighting the way to literacy* by supporting Begin with Books.

We are grateful to **Gail Hardie** and her Giving Lights committee members **April Gordon, Anne Register, Amy Sage** and **Becky Van Wie** for their leadership in this year's luminary project and to the following neighbors serving as Area Captains: **Marilyn Austin, Diane Ayers, Jen Bennett, Cindy Bergstrom, Ginger Black, Nancy Calonius, Jodie Cochran, Marilyn Colen, Karen Featherstone, Donna Feldman, Marilyn Felix, Karen Fisher, Jaimie Flack, Cheryl Genninger-Mizrachi, April Gordon, Annie Herring, Bob Hervey, Peg Higgins, Kaki Hinton, Julie Hussey, Mary Kaplan, Wanda Martin, Carole Meis, Lucy Mooney, Linda Moser, Brooke Niznik, Nance Nixon, Mallory Norvell, Sandy and John Powers, Mary Ellen Raphael, Doreen Ronchi, Sarah Settlemyer, Sheryl Stalnaker, Brenda Uttaro, Cynthia Webb, Mary Wilbur, Lindsey Williams** and **Joan Zaleski**. We appreciate the time it takes to support this worthy fund raiser.

If you have any questions about Giving Lights of I'On, please be in touch with your Captain or Margaret Summers at 881-7541 or msummers@iontrust.org

Holiday Festival – Sunday, December 7th

On Sunday, December 7th plan to gather on Maybank Green for the 5:30pm tree lighting after you light your luminaries at your house at 5 pm, and then come over to the Amphitheater to join in celebrating the Holiday Season with carol singing, hot chocolate and cookies, and carriage rides. Look for details on an insert in your luminary packets.

We hope everyone will participate in the luminary project and enjoy the Holiday Festival knowing you are also encouraging reading in young children and paving the way for successful learning in school.

I'On Community Garden

Annual Gardening Awards

And
the
Winners
Are:



Best New Gardener & Most Helpful Volunteer
April Gordon

Prettiest Garden Overall
The Janas Family

Best Berries & Blooms
Karen Fisher & Marilyn Colen

Best New Garden
Joan & Stephen Zaleskie

Il Classico Giardino all'italiana
The Mauro Family

Most Productive Garden... could feed all of I'On
The Mooney Family (again)

The Fire Ant Warrior
Donna Feldman

Marigold Madness
The Delaney Family

Land of the Giant Sunflowers
Susy Teale

The Kale Queen
Gail Hardie

Best Garden Design
Debra Nelson

Best Looking Garden in the Heat of the Summer
LaVon & Rick McNaughton

Cherry Tomato Champions
Bill Gangi & Jayne Eastman

And finally, the Most Weeds
You know who you are and it's amazing that you won 2 years in a row!

Thank you!

A special thanks to all of our gardeners who helped with our Fall Community Garden cleanup.

We're looking good!

We receive many emails about joining the I'On Community Garden. There are 30 plots available that are assigned on a first come-first served basis.

Sign-up begins on January 1st. Be sure to check the December I'On Newsletter for more details.

Steve Degnen

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