



Living in I'On

The Official Neighborhood Newsletter of I'On

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I'On Community Garden Sign-Ups

Be a Dear, Volunteer!



Wherever you see a heart, we need your help! All ages are welcome!

Saturday, December 5 is Holiday in the 'Hood

It's "all mittens on deck!" Come enjoy some "Ho-Ho-Ho" in the 'hood.

Wreath "Fluffing" & Hanging

Westlake Amphitheater

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM: Volunteers needed to inspect and fluff wreaths and change bows if needed.

11:00 AM: Six teams of volunteers are needed to hang wreaths on street-lights. Gloves (courtesy of the I'On Conservation Corps), maps and twine are supplied. Each team of two volunteers will need a vehicle (hatchback, SUV, or golf cart); knife or scissors; and a 6-foot step ladder.

RSVP to [Marilyn Felix](#) or [Mila Vyborny](#). Light refreshments will be provided by the I'On Trust. Decoration supplies and behind-the-scenes help by the I'On Assembly (including the Lawn-O-Green crew).

Giving Lights of I'On & Holiday Festival

5:00 PM: Light your luminaries!

5:30 PM: Tree Lighting on Maybank Green. We are collecting new, unwrapped presents for HALOS families.

After the tree lighting, walk over to Westlake Amphitheater for light refreshments, holiday music and a visit from a "very special guest!"

6:00 PM: Presentation of Giving Lights proceeds to HALOS.

6:15 PM: Complimentary horse-drawn carriage rides, courtesy of the I'On Trust. No charge, but you *must* have a ticket, available from Sweet Olive. Please note that tickets are issued for specific departure times.

And the Winner is . . . Chapel Easton Barker, age 11



At her Dad's suggestion, Chapel Barker submitted a photo for the I'On Directory Artwork Contest, and won! Her winning photo is featured on the new 2016 printed Directory.




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A resident of Eastlake Rd., with parents Brett and Jodi, three siblings and their whippet, Pilgrim, Chapel is in the sixth grade at Buist Academy. Sister Conor, age 7, is featured in the winning photo. When Chapel was taking the photo of a beautiful sunset, she nudged her younger sister out of the way. Realizing the shot "looked empty," prodded her to quickly get back in the frame before the sun set all the way. In addition to photography, Chapel enjoys acting and "loves the neighborhood." *Congratulations, Chapel!*

Welcome, New Neighbors!

Stephen & Cynthia Taylor
178 Lonsborough Street

Karen Albenesius
35 Sowell Street

Michael Elliott
63 Robert Mills Circle

Eric & Jennifer Elkins
6 Saturday Road

David Macias & Angela Passarelli
3 Perseverance Street

Clayton & Catherine McCullough
15 Robert Mills Circle

Scott & Judy Banning
68 Sowell Street

Alan & Lisa Zuccari
16 Nolen Way

Tristi Lowther
21 Prescient Street

Jeff Hammerbacher & Halle
Tecco
48 Sanibel Street

Moving Around I'On

Danny & Sondra Broadwater
82 Jane Jacobs Street

Paul & Kea Whately
26 Hopetown Road

If you are, or know of, a neighbor who hasn't been welcomed here, please email [Jessica Gosnell](#).

Eye on. . . December

I'On Design Committee (IDC) Review

Tuesday, December 1 & 15

All design changes must be submitted to the IDC for approval before scheduling any exterior work, including landscaping. Application forms are available on the I'On website and at the IDC office located at 159 Civitas Street. The deadline to submit plans for review is one week prior to the scheduled meeting date. Questions? Please email Neighborhood Design Coordinator [Pam Gabriel](#) or call 843-606-6366.

First Friday Cocktail Party

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

Sweet Olive / Hosted by Melinda & Craig Wrenn

Please join our gracious hosts, Melinda and Craig Wrenn, at December's First Friday. Their charming neighborhood shop (and Charleston shopping destination), Sweet Olive, will be the perfect venue for us to begin the holiday season, so remember to bring an appetizer to share, a glass and beverage of your choice, and come celebrate with your neighbors and friends. This event is for I'On residents (friends and house guests are always welcome) so please encourage those whom you know in the neighborhood, especially anyone that may be new here, to join us. For further information or questions, please email [Michele Wilson](#) or call [843-352-7878](#); or [Jennifer Welham](#), [843-881-3575](#).



'Tis the Season!



Please join us
for the Annual Holiday Tea

Tuesday, December 8 / 10:00 AM to 12 Noon

Hosted by Barbara Wade / 43 Krier Street

This is a special I'On tradition you won't want to miss. Bring your favorite, perhaps inherited, tea or coffee cup and enjoy a reading by Becky Van Wie from "A Cup of Christmas Tea." If you've never been to a coffee, this is one not to miss.

Sponsored by the I'On Trust.

No RSVP needed, but if you need more information, please contact [Nance Nixon \(908-507-6680\)](#) and [Brenda Uttaro \(843-216-6962\)](#).

I'On Assembly (HOA) Homeowners' 2015 Annual Meeting

Wednesday, December 9 / 7:00 - 8:30 PM; Doors open at 6:00 PM for check-in / The Creek Club

The agenda for this year's meeting includes the 2015 Civitas Award, the election of four members to the Board of Trustees and voting on two proposed amendments to the Assembly's Bylaws. There are six candidates running for four Board seats: Deborah Bedell; Karen Dillard; Paul Gillis; Tom O'Brien; Adam Robinovitz; and David Thompson.

Please read the Annual Meeting package that has been mailed to your home; if you did not receive it, please contact [Jessica Gosnell](#). It includes detailed information on each candidate; an explanation of the proposed Bylaw amendments; instructions regarding voting; as well as other information about the meeting.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, December 9 at The Creek Club!

Women's Lunch Bunch

Thursday, December 10 / 12:00 PM
Daniel Island Club Grill Room



Our annual Holiday Lunch Bunch will be held at 12 noon in the Grill Room of the Daniel Island Club. We will have a special menu to select from. We are limited to 25 guests, so please RSVP to [Deborah Bedell](#) early! Credit cards only, please! Please let me know if you'd like to drive, or need a ride, for carpooling.

Potluck Dinner: Families Welcome!

Tuesday, December 15 / 6:30 PM

Creek Club / Hosted by Lynne & John Wilson and Annie & Barry Bonk

Join us at the Creek Club for our December Holiday Potluck Dinner. December is an especially festive event, and the Wilsons and Bonks go all out when hosting this Potluck for the neighborhood. 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 for takeaway 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! *Families are welcome, so bring the kids . . . or call your sitter and enjoy a mid-week night out!* For further information or questions, email [Lydia Engelhardt](#) or call [843-884-8400](#).

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.

Many volunteers are needed to keep I'On running as well as it does, and all of these efforts are appreciated. The Civitas Award singles out those who go above and beyond the call for service; sometimes over many years or events, and often in ways that are not particularly visible to others. Yet they are there, time and time again. And we are richly blessed because of them.

The award recipient (or recipients as happens from time to time) 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.

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.

The January issue of LIO will feature the 2015 Civitas Award recipient.



Yarn Buddies

Wednesday, December 16 / 10:00 AM - 12 noon

125 Ponsbury Road / Hosted by Delores Rosebrock

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! For more information, email [Delores Rosebrock](mailto:Delores.Rosebrock) or call [843-881-1693](tel:843-881-1693).



Looking for a Book Club? Babysitter? Handyman?

I'OnSocial is our new 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!



December at I'On Club

You don't have to be member to enjoy the all the Porch has to offer!

Chef Owen Gaube is a graduate of Johnson and Wales University Charleston and comes to us from acclaimed restaurants, *Trattoria Lucca* and *Coda del Pesce*.

Live music – Friday, December 4 • Team Trivia – Thursday, December 10 at 7:30 p.m. • "Pastabilities" Italian-themed menu – Thursdays, December 3, 10 and 17 • Wine & Tapas – Friday, December 18

Coming in January!

Health and Wellness Expo on Saturday, January 9 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Mark your calendar to come enjoy an array of activities and vendors!

If you are not currently a member, we invite you to take advantage of our 2 week trial membership. Email [Emzi Wewers](mailto:Emzi.Wewers) or call her at 843-971-7834 for complete [information](#).



**I'ON
CLUB**

I'On Movie Group



There will be no movie group in December. Please put Wednesday, January 6 on your calendar for the first movie group outing of 2016. There will be more information in the January newsletter. Enjoy the season and go see some movies! There are some fun ones you don't want to miss. ∞
Jan Laabs

Potluck Dinner: Not Just for Tuesdays Anymore

Check the newsletter and [website](#) for new dates in 2016. Potluck will be held on some Wednesdays next year -- in fact, the first Potluck of 2016 will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 20, so Save The Date!

(Weds., 2/17, 3/16; Tues., 4/12, 5/17, 6/14, 7/12, 8/9)



Giving Lights Heroes

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Need High School Hours?

Attention I'On High School Students . . . There are lots of opportunities for community service hours right here in our neighborhood!



Photographers are needed to take pictures of neighborhood events. If photography is your thing, contact [Margaret Summers](mailto:Margaret.Summers) (881-7541) for more information.



Volunteers are needed for set-up and clean-up for events and activities. Contact [Margaret Summers](mailto:Margaret.Summers).



Little Free Library Assistants: To receive a job description, e-mail [Kay Chitty](mailto:Kay.Chitty).

I'On Community Garden



2015 was another great year in our community garden with 31 I'On families participating.

This year we had one of the prettiest gardens with an expanded variety of heirloom flowers and produce.

All maintenance and upgrades were accomplished through volunteer efforts and funds from our gardeners' membership fees.

Whether you join us in January as a new gardener or just stroll through the garden during the year, we invite you to enjoy this great I'On neighborhood amenity.

On behalf of our gardeners, their families and all of our neighbors who have feasted on the produce from our gardens, we'd like to thank the I'On community for your continued encouragement & support.

Join Our Community Garden Signup begins January 1st

All I'On neighbors are invited to join. Here's what you'll get for a small annual fee of \$50:

- Your own 5' x 8' garden plot with new planting soil tested by Clemson's Extension Service
- Master Gardeners providing help & advise
- A startup kit with planting guidelines, sample garden plans, helpful hints and links
- Mulched paths around each plot for easy access
- Watering hoses available on location
- Perimeter fence to keep out small critters
- Beautiful sunny location
- A chance to eat fresh, healthy foods right from your garden
- Great fun with your neighbors!

Signup begins at 12:00AM sharp on January 1st. Usually all garden spots are gone in just 4 days!

So, put down your noise makers at midnight, New Year's Eve and email your name & address to: iongarden@gmail.com

A Holiday Gift Idea for the gardeners and butterfly lovers on your list!



Over the past 20 years, our Monarch butterfly population has been sharply reduced by 97% in part due to the lack of native milkweed. How can you help?

Pick up free milkweed packets for you to grow or to give to your friends & family. Supplies are limited. Act now & contact April Gordon to get your seeds: dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com

Want to learn more about butterflies and that's happening in the I'On Butterfly Garden? Check out Gayle Woodward's new Facebook page.

Go to: Facebook I'On Butterfly Garden

I'ON TRUST NEWS...

The I'On Trust Board of Directors

As we end this year, we extend appreciation to three outgoing board members: **Vikki Davis, Gail Hardie and Amy Sage**. Vikki and Gail have been on The Trust Board of Directors since 2013 and Amy since 2010. We are grateful for their commitment to the Trust's mission of bringing neighbors together and making I'On a wonderful and fun place to live. And a thank you to the rest of our 2015 Board: Jodie Cochran, Annie Henderson, Tom Irhke, Dar Fischer, George Grantham, Lucy Mooney and Mary Ellen Raphael, for making 2015 such a wonderful year of events and activities.

Thank You... The Trust could not possibly be successful without the support of our neighbors and we extend a very special thank you to our neighbors who open their homes to coffees, meetings and all.

Nance Nixon and Brenda Uttaro have been fantastic this year coordinating the Women's Coffee. We thank them both for volunteering their time every month to make the coffees so enjoyable.

Led by Trust Board member **Vikki Davis**, the Ambassadors have had a busy year with new neighbors. We **thank all the Ambassadors** who volunteer their time to welcome new neighbors and provide them with essential information needed. We are grateful to Vikki for leading this effort for the past three years. She will now pass the reins to neighbor **Mary Kaplan**. We are delighted that Mary, as a past Ambassador, is willing to volunteer a bit more of her time to continue this very special element of living in I'On.

With the addition of the Brick Project at Perseverance Park this year, we are most appreciative to our neighbor **Michele Wilson** for her willingness to be the point of contact for the project. She has done a terrific job and with her help we will continue to offer the Brick Engraving Project annually.

HOLIDAY FESTIVAL & THE GIVING LIGHTS OF I'ON

Saturday, December 5

5:00pm - Light your luminaries

5:30pm - Lighting of the Holiday Tree on Maybank Green

**6:00pm - Proceeds of the Giving Lights fundraiser presented to HALOS
Westlake Amphitheater**

**6:15pm - Free carriage rides with ticket
Westlake Amphitheater**

After lighting your luminaries at 5:00pm, please come to the Tree Lighting on Maybank Green at 5:30pm. We thank the terrific Nesbitt Family who has been responsible for putting this wonderful tree of lights together.

In the spirit of the season, we will be collecting unwrapped presents to for families of HALOS. After the tree lighting, walk over to the Amphitheater for light refreshments, holiday music, the presentation of the proceeds from our Giving Lights luminary sale to HALOS, and visit with a very "special guest" and your neighbors.

Then climb aboard a horse drawn carriage to enjoy the twinkling luminaries and sing carols with your neighbors. Carriage ride tickets are free but must be presented. Tickets are available at Sweet Olive on a first-come, first-serve. We hope to give rides to about 200 neighbors. Tickets will have times on them and carriages will depart from and return to the Amphitheater.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

