

Living in I'On

The Official Neighborhood Newsletter of I'On

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Sunday, December 4 is Holiday in the 'Hood

Come enjoy some "Ho-Ho-Ho" in the 'hood.

Giving Lights of I'On & Holiday Festival Presented by the I'On Trust

5:00 PM: Light your luminaries!

Maybank Green

5:20 PM: NEW this year! Calling all carolers! Bring the whole family and gather by the tree at Maybank Green. (Look for the Santa hats & LED candles.) Thanks to neighbors Jaimie & Bill Flack for leading the *I'On Carolers!*



5:30 PM: Tree Lighting on Maybank Green

After the tree lighting, we will carol our way over to Westlake Amphitheater for the Giving Lights presentation, light refreshments, holiday music and . . . Santa!

Westlake Amphitheater

6:00 PM: Presentation of Giving Lights proceeds to Maia Moms

6:15 PM: Horse-drawn carriage rides begin
(Last carriage departs at 8:40 PM.) There is no charge, but you must have a ticket, available from Sweet Olive. Please note that tickets are issued for specific departure times.



Welcome, New Neighbors!

Barbara Ball
42 Hospitality Street

Beth & Brian Bracken
35 Eastlake Road

Ashley & Tom Finnegan
65 Ponsbury Road

Lisa & Brook Garman
3 Robert Mills Circle

Melissa & Gary Jenkins
66 Ponsbury Road

Maggie & Kevin Mims
226 N. Shelmore Blvd.

Stephanie Yarbrough
75 Sowell Street

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.

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Eye on. . . December

First Friday Cocktail Party

Friday, December 2 / 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.

A Message from Your First Friday Coordinators

As the end of another year approaches, Jennifer and I would like to express our sincere appreciation to all the wonderful neighbors here in I'On who graciously opened their homes, gardens, (and tents!) to host the 2016 First Friday Cocktail parties – we could not have done it without you! I am sure you all agree that First Friday Cocktails are most enjoyable. They offer a way to catch up with old friends and neighbors, and to welcome our new residents in a fun, relaxed atmosphere. Jennifer and I are very pleased to announce that we plan to keep this I'On tradition going through 2017!

We feel blessed to have had so many residents come forward already to help us fill our 2017 host list. All we have left is August. So, if you would be willing to host the August, 2017 First Friday Cocktail party in your home, please contact either Jennifer or myself. As always, we will help you every step of the way in order to guarantee your party will run smoothly, and be fun for you and all those who attend.

Wishing you a very happy Holiday Season!

Michele

Contact information:

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

Thursday, December 8 / 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.



'Tis the Season!



Please join us
for the Annual Holiday Tea

Tuesday, December 13 / 10:00 AM to 12 Noon

**Hosted by Anne Register & Becky Van Wie
270 N. Shelmore Blvd.**

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 or tea, 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](tel:908-507-6680)) or Eileen Moore ([571-723-9733](tel:571-723-9733))

I'On Movie Group

Since everyone is so busy this time of year, we won't have a movie group outing in December. If time allows, watch some of your old favorites, like "A White Christmas," "A Christmas Carol" with Bill Murray, or "It's a Wonderful Life."



We'll catch up next year! Have a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year.

Jan Laabs

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.

2015 - Linda Hanson and Steve Degnen /
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.

Pictured at right
are 2015 Civitas
Award recipi-
ents Linda Han-
son and Steve
Degnen



Potluck Dinner

Tuesday, December 13 / 6:30 PM

Creek Club / Hosted by Lynne & John Wilson



Join us at the Creek Club for our December Holiday Potluck Dinner. December is an especially festive event, and the Wilsons 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. Please encourage friends, especially new neighbors, to join us for another fun evening in the 'hood. Hope to see you there! For further information or questions, email [Lydia Engelhardt](#) or call [843-884-8400](#).



Potluck Coordinator Lydia Engelhardt with Fratello's Chef Kevin Bruntz

Photos from November's "Friendsgiving" Potluck Dinner at the Creek Club



Yarn Buddies

Wednesday, December 14 / 10:00 AM - 12 noon

86 Secession Street / Hosted by Nancy Calonius

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](#) or call [843-881-1693](#).

Women's Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, December 14 / 12:00 PM

Harry's, Daniel Island Club



This year's December Holiday Lunch Bunch will be at Harry's at the Daniel Island Club. This year's format will be different. We will have a three-course lunch at \$30 per person. You will have an advance choice of entrée--Herb Roasted Pork Loin or Apple Glazed Salmon. (You may purchase wine with an individual credit card at the bar in Harry's.) RSVPs and checks (made out to me) must be in by **Tuesday, December 6**. Please get your check and meal choice to me at 179 E. Shipyard Road, and feel free to call or email if you have any questions. This is always a popular lunch, so please re-reserve RSVP to [Deborah Bedell](#) early!



Halloween Scenes



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

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. The IDC is your resource to help ensure that your new project follows established I'On design guidelines and carries on the high quality and unique "Low Country Vernacular" look of I'On. This exacting attention to detail is what attracts people to I'On and helps preserve the value of our neighborhood.

Please remember that all projects must have written IDC approval before any work can begin.

The IDC meets on Dec. 6 & 20. Pam can be reached at 843-606-6366 or pdgabriel@yahoo.com

Where did these Classic Charleston Colors come from?

Charleston Green:

There're a lot of stories about how Charleston Green became the ubiquitous color for shutters, doors and ironwork in our town. Some claim that after the Civil War, Union troops sent buckets of black paint to help in the reconstruction of the Holy City. As a protest to having their homes painted Union-issued black, the locals took the paint and jazzed it up with yellow and green to create Charleston's signature greenish-black accent color.



Another theory is that Charleston, one of our country's most prosperous colonial cities, chose a rich emerald green imitating the patina of weathered copper for their shutters and iron work. It was originally called Emerald Blind Green and was notorious for blackening in the salt-laden atmosphere of the low country.

"Haint Blue" Porch Ceilings:

Throughout the south, and in our neighborhood, you'll find porch ceilings painted a blue-green color known as "Haint Blue." Historically, the color is found throughout the Gullah Geechee culture. According to legend, African descendants believed that the color defended their homes from "Haints" or troubled spirits. Blue symbolizes water and spirits are unable to cross it to haunt you – thus the name "haint blue."



In addition to ceilings, door and window frames were often painted "haint blue" to prevent the homeowners from being carried off to places unknown. Must work . . . so far we haven't lost anyone since I'On started.

Some claim that painting porch ceilings blue stops bugs and birds from nesting by fooling them into thinking that it's really the sky. That may have been true at one time, when milk-based paints contained indigo dye and lye, a known insect repellent.

Much has changed. Today's Haint Blue is a paler version of the original and has become a fashionable color tradition that says you're in the South!

Come celebrate
Sunday, December 4th



The Holiday Festival of Giving



In the I'On tradition of helping others, share the joys of the season by bringing a new, unwrapped gift for Toys for Tots.

Activities for the evening:

Light your
Luminaries
at 5pm

Tree lighting
on Maybank
Green
5:30pm

Carol sing to
Westlake
Amphitheater
5:30-6pm

Proceeds from
Giving Lights
presented to
Maia Moms
6pm

There will be light refreshments & a special visit from Santa
Carriage rides to enjoy the luminaries begin at 6:15pm. Free
tickets are available at Sweet Olive, 264 N Shelmore.

I'On Community Garden



In spite of torrential rains, record heat and Hurricane Matthew, 2016 was another great year in our community garden with 29 I'On families participating.

There are 27 garden plots available. If your free time is limited, consider sharing a garden plot with a friend.

Kids love the community garden, take pride in their work and learn a lot from gardening.

All maintenance and garden upgrades are done through volunteer efforts and funds from 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 and support.

Happy Holidays!
Steve Degnen
I'On Community Garden
Coordinator

Join Our Community Garden Signup begins January 1st

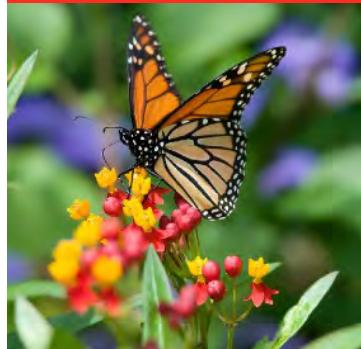
All I'On neighbors are invited to join. Here's what you'll get for a small annual fee of \$50:

- Your own 5' x 8' garden plot with planting soil tested by Clemson's Extension Service
- Access to Master Gardeners for help & advice
- 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 a week!

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

A free Holiday Gift 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 what's happening in the I'On Butterfly Garden? Check out Gayle Woodward's Butterfly Garden Facebook page. Go to: www.facebook.com/ionbutterflygarden