

Living in I'On

The Official I'On Community Newsletter

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When I decided to run for election to the Board of Trustees in December of 2013, my goal was simply to become a little more involved in. The neighborhood where my wife and I had built our new home. It never occurred to me at the time that, just one year later, I'd find myself as the Board's President.

As we enter 2015, I am excited and optimistic when I look to the year ahead of us. What are some of the Board's priorities?

Managing the Creek Club litigation to a successful ultimate conclusion is a primary goal. We received an excellent result at trial and we need to continue our work: in order to optimize the actual outcome of the litigation for the benefit of the entire community.

The Board will also use the results of the I'On Community Survey, completed in September 2014, to identify priorities in 2015. More than 60% of the homes in I'On responded to the Survey, so we believe that we have an accurate barometer for the neighborhood's focus. If you haven't already read it, the full results of the Survey are available for all to see on the I'On website.

Other important issues that the Board will continue to consider include: communication, amenities, landscaping, neighborhood architectural standards, maintenance, and compliance.

And don't forget that our regular Board meetings, which occur on the 4th Thursday of each month, are open to all residents and begin at 6PM with a Homeowners' Forum in which you can talk to us about nearly anything. So let us hear from you as to what you consider to be a priority.

The governance of I'On is not a simple task. We have a wonderful neighborhood filled with a diverse group of accomplished residents who expect the very best - and they have every right to do so. It is the Board's responsibility to balance these various, sometimes competing, desires and ensure that the community's needs as a whole are satisfied. I can assure you that all of us on the Board take this responsibility very seriously.

I know from my past year of service that the members of the I'On Board of Trustees, the various committees of the Board, and all of the people that serve within our community are among the hardest working and most dedicated people I've known. And remember - everyone of us is volunteering for the benefit of I'On. Care to join in?

Call either Jessica Gosnell or Mike Parades at the I'On Office to get involved!

Welcome New Neighbors!

Hub & Annie Blankenship
51 Jogging Street

William & Vanessa Grebe
173 North Shelmore Blvd.

**Walter Williams &
Margaret Carlson**
230 Ponsbury Road

Bill & Karen Dillard
143 Lonsborough Street

If you are, or know of, a neighbor who hasn't been properly welcomed, please inform Jessica Gosnell with SCS about your new address so she can share it with your neighbors!

Jessica Gosnell
843.388.1547 or
jgosnell@scs-carolina.com

Changing of the Guard

Our very own neighbor, Julie Hussey, has been our stellar Newsletter Editor for the past several years. Julie has brought dedication, professional skill, patience and humor.

We would also like to introduce Duval Acker, our new Newsletter Editor. Duval is thrilled to roll up her sleeves and carry the torch.

Thank you, Julie and Duval!

Around I'On

I'On Design Committee Review (IDC)
Tuesdays February 3rd & 17th

Dear Residents,

Spring is just around the corner - hopefully! And this is the time of year when our thoughts turn to maintenance and repair, and maybe even changes to our homes and property,

Just as a reminder... all changes to the landscaping design or exterior architectural features of your home or property must be submitted to and approved by the I'On Design Committee (IDC) before any alterations are undertaken. Application forms are available on the I'On website and at the IDC office located at 159 Civitas Street. If you are not sure whether prior approval is required, or if you need assistance in completing the form, please contact me. Upon receiving approval, you will be given a blue "Approved" sign to post at the work site. Remember, no design fee is required when maintenance or repair work - with no change - is performed.

The IDC is patterned after similar boards in other architecturally significant neighborhoods such as historic Charleston and Boston's Beacon Hill. Its purpose is to maintain and enhance the distinctive architectural character set forth in The I'On Code, and is the reason why so many of you choose I'On as your home.

Please help by taking this little step to keep I'On beautiful.

Warm regards,

Pam Gabriel
Neighborhood Design Coordinator
606.6366 or pdgabriel@yahoo.com

"Begin with Books" Our Giving Lights Charity in 2014

Most neighbors are aware that Begin with Books, which was the Giving Lights of I'On charity in 2014, received a very generous check for \$13,399 from the I'On Trust. This represented the proceeds from the participation of 416 I'On families in the luminary project. On top of that, we learned that an I'On neighbor, Joan Zaleski, who was a Giving Lights Street Captain, nominated Begin with Books for a grant from the Toms of Maine "50 States for Good" contest. They won, thanks to Joan's initiative! This grant was for \$10,000, which will ensure that many more children in the Lowcountry will receive books each month from birth until five years.

Congratulations to Joan and to Begin with Books, and thanks again to all the I'On neighbors who participated in the Giving Lights of I'On in 2014. Well done!

The Bench Project

To honor I'On's own Heroes



To honor their service to the community, at the December Annual Meeting, the Board of Trustees of the I'On Assembly donated two benches to recognize three special neighbors. The Board honored Lea Ann Adkins and Brad Walbeck for all of their efforts, support and leadership in getting the docks and Creek Club back to their rightful owners. A bench with the words, "Our Docks," and their names was presented and has been installed. In addition, the Board recognized the leadership of immediate Past-President, Deborah Bedell and her commitment, fortitude and many accomplishments as President.

Private Tour & Lunch Bunch

I'On Private Tour of Halsey Institute of Contemporary Art

As a special treat for the month of February, I'On neighbors Karen Thompson and Anne Janas, official tour guides at the Halsey, will take you through the stunning new exhibit of Patricia Boinest Potter's art. Please visit www.halsey.cofc.edu for more information about the Halsey.

For questions about the art tour, contact Anne Janas
annejanas@me.com | 646.334.0886

Followed by Lunch Bunch

Leyla's delicious Lebanese cuisine, which includes savory chicken, seafood, meat and vegetarian dishes, makes it a long time Charleston favorite. To see menu please visit www.leyla-charleston.com.

George Street Parking Garage on St. Philip between George and Liberty Streets is suggested for tour and lunch.

RSVP to Lunch Bunch host Lori De Filippo, THIRLBECK@aol.com | 971 9981

Please let her know if you will come to the tour and lunch. You can come to either, and we encourage you to join us for both.

Thursday, February 5th

11:00AM for the Tour | 161 Calhoun Street - on the corner of St. Philip Street

12:30PM for Lunch at Leyla's | 298 King Street, 2 blocks from Halsey

I'On Events for February, 2015

First Friday Cocktails

Friday, February 6th

6–8PM | 270 N. Shelmore Boulevard - hosted by Anne Register and Becky Van Wie

Come join our wonderful hostesses Anne and Becky at February's First Friday Cocktail Party. Remember to bring an appetizer to share, a glass and beverage of choice, and enjoy socializing with your neighbors and friends. Please encourage those whom you know in the neighborhood, especially those that may be new to I'On, to join us for this wonderful evening.

For further information or questions, please contact:

Michele Wilson: 843-352-7878 or

Jennifer Welham: 843-881-3575

“Little Free Library” Open for Business



Next time you are out for a walk, stroll by our new Little Free Library (LFL) and see if any of the current books interest you. The offerings are constantly changing so visit often. You can bring books and borrow books. The purpose of the LFL is a neighborhood exchange of good books. Please remember to return books when you're finished so other neighbors can enjoy them. Our LFL Steward is Kay Chitty. She would be delighted to receive donations of books in good condition to use to restock the LFL. Please leave donations under her front porch at 98 West Shipyard Road, directly across the street from the Amphitheater.

The LFL is located at the north end of Westlake. As you face the Amphitheater, look for the two benches on the right. The Little Free Library is just behind the benches. We hope to see you there!

I'On Conservation Corps

Saturday, February 7th
9AM | Meet at O'Brion's Pub on the I'On Square

The I'On Conservation Corp's quarterly clean up of Mathis Ferry Road will be held on Saturday, February 7. All volunteers enthusiastically welcomed. Interested parties should meet in front of O'Brion's Pub at 9:00 AM. Gloves, trash bags and "grabbers" provided.

I'On Trust Neighborhood Oyster Roast

Sunday, February 8th
3–5:30PM | Westlake Amphitheater

PLENTY of oysters and the fixings. O'Brion's will provide chili, hot dogs, lemonade, along with beer and wine for adults. This is a marvelous family event – come with children!

Please purchase your tickets by Wednesday, February 4th

\$20 for adults (this includes beer and wine)
\$10 for ages 13-20
\$5 for ages 5-12
under 5 is free

For tickets, please contact Margaret Summers
843.881.7541 or msummers@iontrust.org

I'On Women's Coffee

Tuesday, February 10th
10AM–Noon | 39 Montrose Street - Hosted by Barbara Fowler

Join your women neighbors for the monthly Women's Coffee. Bring a coffee or tea cup and look for the blue sign in front of Barbara's home. If you have a new neighbor, bring her along. The Coffee is an easy and enjoyable way to connect with other women in our community. Brenda Uttaro, Nance Nixon and the I'On Trust hope to see you there.

For further information or questions, please contact:
Brenda: 843.216.6962 or
Nance: 908.507.6680

I'On's Births & Passings

Friends, you'll recall we hope to begin a new article in the Newsletter when life changes happen in our neighborhood—either babies being born here in our I'On, or one of our dear friends in the neighborhood passes on.

So, you will be our reporters for this new Feature. Please let me know of these events, and I'll include them in the following month's "Living in I'On." Thank you!

Please send news to:
duval.acker@carolinaone.com

Potluck Dinner

Tuesday, February 17th
6—8:30PM | Meet at Creek Club

The Trust is hosting the Potluck Dinner
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Creek Club

The Trust, along with neighbors Barbara Cole and M.P. Wilkerson, will host the Potluck Dinner at the Creek Club with entertainment from the Celtic duo, Castlebay. Some neighbors may remember Castlebay from a home concert last year - they are wonderfully fun and engaging.

Bring the family, a dish to share and time to visit with neighbors. Castlebay will kick off the evening at 6pm with some music especially for the kids. We will enjoy dinner and Castlebay will play again around 7:30pm.

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Yarn Buddies

Wednesday, February 25th
10AM—Noon | 213 Ponsbury Road - Hosted by BeBe Coyle

All those 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!

Let BeBe know if you'd like to join us, please contact bebeparker@comcast.net

I'On Ladies Movie Group

Thursday, February 26th

The ladies' movie group will meet on Thursday, February 26th to see a movie and go out afterwards for a snack or light dinner. The details will be emailed to those on the movie list the weekend before the outing.

For further information or questions, please contact Jan Laabs
284.8799 or laabsjan@hotmail.com



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I'On Community Garden



I'ON COMMUNITY GARDEN
HEIRLOOM SEEDS

Welcome 2015 Community Gardeners

Once again, the response to reserve a spot in our community garden was amazing. There are now only 4 garden plots left. Please email me if you'd like to join.

As we begin our 6th year, we welcome back our returning gardeners and greet our new members who comprise about third of our gardeners.

We'll be busy in the garden doing maintenance and refurbishing to be ready to kick off our spring planting season in mid February.

Community Gardeners, please join us in the garden on Feb. 14 at 10AM to get a chance to greet each other, share your ideas and discuss plans for garden activities.

We invite all of you to visit and walk through our community garden, relax on a bench, enjoy the beauty and say hello to your I'On neighbors.

Steve Degnen

I'On Community Garden
Coordinator
garden@ioncommunity.com

Get a Head Start

Now is a great time to start seedlings indoors. Read some tips on doing it right:

<http://www.clemson.edu/extension/hqic/plants/vegetables/gardening/hqic1259.html>

Here are some great plants to consider for your garden:

Sun Gold: delicious, bright orange cherry tomato.

Marigold 'Queen Sophia': Pretty red and gold flowers.

Jelly Bean: Sweet, small grape tomatoes with a burst of flavor.

Basil 'Genovese': The "classic" Italian basil for cooking.

Salvia 'Coral Nymph': Sweet peach colored flowers bring hummingbirds, bees & butterflies to your garden.

Mexican Sunflower 'Torch': A prolific bloomer with bright orange flowers lasting till frost.

Cucumbers: choose from an array of minis, slicers, picklers & specialty cucumbers.

Squash: Crookneck, straight, zucchini or scallops — all start easily from seed.