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I'On Neighbors Victims of Identity Theft, submitted by Anonymous.

You never think it will happen to you but when it does, it initiates an anxious cataloging of all your assets, credit cards, creditors and charge accounts. Each account will have to be called and written to notify them of the identity theft. You need to put a fraud alert on your credit records and report the identity theft to the FTC. Next, it's important to file an official police report. So much for day one. The sooner you discover and react to the identity theft, the better off you are in fighting downstream charges and bills made in your name. The key to early detection is vigilance and attention to the security of your personal information – your mail, your computer files, your guarding of your SS# and monitoring your credit bureau reports regularly. All this I have learned after the fact that millions of others are affected by this fastest growing crime in America. Twelve percent of Americans are victims of identity theft.

Editor's Note: There have been very recent sightings of a vehicle prowling around I'On very early Monday mornings poking through our garbage and in some instances, grabbing entire bags! If you see this, **please take note of the license plate, if possible, and call the police immediately.** According to *USA Today* (2/15/05), most identity theft is low-tech and identified “Old-fashioned dumpster diving...” as the most common.

New Neighbors Welcomed by BB Gun Shots, submitted by **The McQuillan Family**, 94 N. Shelmore. There's nothing like moving into a new home, especially in beautiful I'On, where everyone stops to say hello or wave from his or her car. We are the **McQuillan Family – Matthew** (4), **Madeline** (6) and **Michelle & Mark** (of proper age, and we'll stop there). Since moving in on New Year's Eve, we have met so many wonderful new neighbors and have felt warmly welcomed into this community.

However, a not-so-friendly neighbor – a BB gun-toting stranger, who took aim at one of our 3rd floor Palladian windows, has also greeted us. After enjoying this window for a mere month-and-a-half, we now have to shell out several hundred dollars to replace it. Apparently, we are not the only victims. Our contractor said several others have recently suffered the same fate. I ask you all to please keep an eye out for any suspicious behavior, particularly of anyone who might be of the BB gun-toting variety. This is not an innocent pastime, but an expensive and unnecessary intrusion. Please call the police immediately if you see any BB gun activity.

Despite this unfortunate event, we are delighted to be here and have been greeted with the gracious charm for which Charleston is renowned. We look forward to meeting so many more of you all.

First Friday Cocktails, submitted by **Bonnie Ray**. On **Friday, March 4th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM**, come to the home of **Peter & Wendy Perera, 59 Rialto Road** (at the corner of Ponsbury and Rialto on the canal, facing Eastlake, by the bridge) for the monthly informal I'On cocktail party. Bring your own beverage and glasses plus an appetizer to share. Questions? Call **Bonnie** at 884-8456.

Women's Coffee, Tuesday, March 8, from **10:00 AM - Noon** at the home of **Lillian Schulten, 53 Isle of Hope** (at the corner of N. Shelmore). Bring your own mug, and please do call a new neighbor and invite her to join us. Want to sign up to host a coffee? Call **Carolyn Pelletier** at 856-9224. Sponsored by the I'On Trust.

I'On Bridge Group, Wednesday, March 2, 1 PM, at the Creek Club, submitted by **Barb Wesley**. We will be meeting the first Wednesday of each month at The Creek Club at 1:00 PM. Our first gathering will be March 2nd. Please call or **email Barb Wesley** at 856-7193 or

barbwesley@aol.com to reserve a seat. Plan to bring your own beverage and munchies, if you wish.

I'On Lunch Bunch, Tuesday, March 15 - meet at the Square at **11:10 AM**. We are going to the Old Village Post House at 101 Pitt Street in the historic Old Village of Mt. Pleasant. They serve Lowcountry cuisine using local produce and local fish as well as salads and sandwiches. We will order off their regular lunch menu. Entrees range from \$6.95 - \$12.00. Please **RSVP by Friday, March 11**, by calling **Sandy Powers** at 971-0073.

Yarn Buddies will meet on **Wednesday, March 23**, at the temporary home of **Betty Barbieri 366 Mt. Royall Dr. in Long Point**, from **10:00 – 11:30 AM**. BYO yarn-related or other stitching project. All skill levels welcome. New knitter? Contact **Cynthia** at 856-8239. Need directions to **Betty's**? Call her at 849-8411.

Recycle Dates: March 3, 17 & 31

2005 Borough Rep Kickoff Meeting at the Creek Club March 2nd, 4:30 PM! Submitted by **Susan Larsen**. This year there are many fun and exciting projects the borough reps will be working on such as delivering welcome baskets to new neighbors, directory distribution, borough parties, neighbor relations, mailbox communications, etc.

LaVon McNaughton and **Sandy Powers** have both decided to jump on board and become Borough Reps. **LaVon** will join **Diane Balister, Topsy Barone & Judy Chisholm** in Ionsborough and **Sandy** will join **Laura Doolittle, Jeannie Harrell, Gaye Joyner & Ina Nau** in Shelmore.

As the neighborhood continues to grow, we are always welcoming new Borough Reps! It is a great way to get involved and meet your new neighbors! Anyone interested in becoming a Borough Rep please contact **Susan Larsen** at SusanHLarsen@aol.com, or talk to one of your borough reps for more information. A listing of borough reps can be found on page 98 of the directory, or on www.ioncommunity.com.

Wednesdays at the Creek Club, submitted by **Cathy Davis**.

Property owners, tenants, Trust Members and BizNet members may now reserve the Creek Club on Wednesdays between the hours of 7AM and 10 PM at no charge (exceptions being any special cleaning or setup fees). The Creek Club is not available in December, but space will be made available at the I'On Clubhouse - near the tennis courts. Reservations for this space may be made by going to www.ioncommunity.com and accessing the Common Area Reservation Form. A permanent link to this form has been created on the gold toolbar on the top of the residents-only homepage, and on the Events Calendar page.

The procedure for Creek Club key pick-up and return is as follows:

The key may be picked up at the I'On Clubhouse on the Tuesday before the event or on Wednesday between the hours of 8 AM and 5 PM.

The key should be returned to the Clubhouse on the Wednesday of the event if you are out before 5 PM. If the event is scheduled for a Wednesday evening, the key must be returned the following day (Thursday) between the hours of 8 AM and 5 PM.

This new option for the community is co-funded with the I'On Trust and I'On BizNet with the purpose of providing residents a wonderful space for meetings or parties with friends and family. We hope you will all enjoy using this very special community resource.

I'On OnLine Update – Since **Skip Runge** will be taking the place of **Lori Lyon** as our Photo Gallery Editor, he's created a new email address to send your best shots to:

fstopfitzgerald@aol.com. The links have been updated on the website for your convenience, but please add this new address to your book if you're a contributor. As spring approaches, we anxiously await a flood of photos as I'On returns to color and a buzz of activity!

I'On BizNet, submitted by **Steve Kwiatkowski**.

On February 9th, the BizNet meeting was held in comfort at its new home at the I'On Creek Club. The meeting was sponsored by the Square Onion, and Pleasant Spirits...thank you so much for your support. The BizNet agenda highlighted upcoming major BizNet events and reviewed ongoing projects.

The first large BizNet event of the year will be Anything But Cars (ABC) on Saturday April 23rd, organized by **Alan Comen** (I'On Health). The day features bike races on the streets of I'On, a Business Fair, golf carts, kayaking, sailing and many other family oriented activities. Major sponsors will be finalized by the end of February, and the ABC day promoted throughout the Southeastern region. Additionally, BizNet will co-ordinate the IonMan Biathlon (swim & 5K run) this year, held on its traditional July 4th date. Organizational details and co-ordination will be with our partners at the Charleston Triathlon Club.

The Markets on the Square, organized by **Sally Little** (The Pet Sitter), will continue again this year every Thursday in May. The four themes for this year will be a Cinco de Mayo open-air party, a Children's Night, Boating & Watersports Night and an Art & Spoleto Night. Advertising sponsors were selected for the March What's Going I'On weekly publication organized by **William (Jack) Hamilton**. **Jack** reports that distribution is projected to increase substantially with the coming spring events.

The Welcome Baskets, managed by **Diane Balister**, continue to go out the door at over a dozen a month, with excellent participation by BizNet members.

Alan Barbieri reported that reservations for the Creek Club on Wednesdays continue to rise, although there are lots of time slots open. **Alan** encouraged BizNet members to utilize this free facility use, emphasizing that it's already being paid for by BizNet, the I'On Assembly and The I'On Trust in co-operation with the I'On Club. In addition there are over a dozen I'On community events and projects supported by BizNet...full list and details of all projects and events on the website.

The next BizNet meeting is at the I'On Creek Club on **Wednesday March 9th**. Refreshments will be served beginning at 5:30 PM with the business meeting scheduled from 6:15-7:00 PM, with a social hour following. Come early...stay late, or come for any portion that fits your schedule. Further information: www.ionbiznet.com, or please contact **Steve Kwiatkowski** stevekw@liqqid.com. Direct dial: 388-8077.

I'On Yacht Club, submitted by **Steve Kwiatkowski**.

The I'On Yacht Club will feature a major event each month this season beginning on Saturday April 23rd in conjunction with the Anything But Cars event organized by I'On BizNet. This will be a combination of sailing and kayaking events throughout the day on both Eastlake and Westlake, and will include the first seasonal sign-ups for use of the sailboats and kayaks stored in the Eastlake boathouse.

Thursday, May 20th, will be Boating and Watersports Night at the Market on the Square in I'On, and will feature local and regional organizations that make boating both fun and safe. Look to our website www.ionyachtclub.com for more details as they become available, or from more information or to become involved please contact **Steve Kwiatkowski** stevekw@liqqid.com. Direct dial: 388-8077.

To All Boaters: Do a good deed by taking your boating device on Eastlake and pick up the two green plastic soda bottles that have been anchored in the lake since the beginning of January.

They must have been put there for an event, but have not been removed. Thanks!

Insights on New Street Names, submitted by Vince Graham.

In the newest section of I'On a prominent street is called **Jane Jacobs Street**. So who is Jane Jacobs? Jane is a writer, activist and leader in city planning. Her 1961 book, [The Death and Life of Great American Cities](#), was sharply critical of the urban renewal policies of the 1950s, which she claimed destroyed communities, created isolationism, and produced unnatural urban spaces. She wrote six other books that raise the question, "Are we building cities for people or cars?" She advocates dense, mixed-use neighborhoods as found in traditional American cities. At the age of 88, she lives now in Toronto, and is a mentor and dear friend of mine.

For a rundown on I'On Street names from the beginning, http://www.ioncommunity.com/ion/document/i_on_street_names.pdf?11898. This synopsis will reside in the 'History' section of the community website for all future neighbors to be able to easily access.

New Home Owners: Are your Sidewalks Cracked? If you've moved into your newly constructed home and the sidewalks outside your home are cracked due to the construction process, please talk to your builder about replacing the cracked sections. It is the builder's responsibility to ensure the sidewalk sections on their building sites are in good shape at the end of construction. So please take the time to ensure they get fixed.

I'On Trust Update, submitted by Jerri Heater.

Upcoming Events:

I'On Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, March 26 at the **Creek Club** starting **promptly at 10:00 AM**. At last year's hunt, all the eggs were all snatched up in 3 minutes from the bell's ring, so don't arrive late! If you're willing to help fill the plastic eggs with candy, or help hide them that morning, contact **Hannah Morris** at hannah_morris@bellsouth.net or 278-0417.

Lecture Series: Gibbes Museum of Art celebrates 100 Years, Wednesday, March 16th, 6:30 PM Wine & Cheese, Presentation 7:00 – 8:00 PM. Presented by Elizabeth Fleming, Executive Director of the Gibbes Museum of Art.

Over the past 100 years, the Gibbes Museum of Art has become home to over 10,000 works of art, including paintings, photographs, works on paper and sculpture, that together present an absolutely unique story about the historical and significant impact of the visual arts in the Lowcountry, from Charleston's founding in 1680 through today. From 1905 through 2005, the Gibbes Museum of Art has emphasized building connections—between art and life, between the past, present and future, and among those on and off the peninsula—through the visual arts. A house of color and dynamic expression, the Gibbes welcomes and celebrates diversity.

One example of expanding these connections is **I'On Sculpture: Art in the Park**. From April 23rd – May 7th, a collaboration between the Gibbes Museum of Art, the College of Charleston and the I'On Trust to bring an open-air sculpture exposition to the neighborhood. (See below) Ms. Fleming will also talk about this project and what we should expect to see the during event.

Afternoon in the Park with the Blue Dogs, Saturday, April 2nd, 2:00 – 5:00 PM. Join as for our first annual "After the Bridge Run" concert at the Amphitheater. Volunteers Needed. Admission is \$5.00 through March 31st and \$8.00 at the gate. This event is free to I'On Trust members. No coolers please.

I'On Sculpture: Art in the Park ...a partnership between the I'On Trust, the College of

Charleston School of Fine Arts and the Gibbes Museum of Art, **April 23rd – May 7th**. Out of 30 proposals, 10 will be featured during the first ever I'On Sculpture exposition. Installation will begin the second week of April. The event will kick off with a private preview party for I'On Trust members on April 22nd. Guests will have an opportunity to meet the artists and discuss their work and the thoughts behind it. The event opens to the public on April 23rd. On Sunday April 24 and Saturday April 30, instructors from the Gibbes Museum of Art will conduct "Art to Go" classes at the amphitheater. More details to follow. Volunteers needed.

The Membership Drive. Please join or renew your membership in the Trust for 2005 through a tax-deductible contribution of \$100 or more. You and your family receive great benefits, including free admissions and discounts to fabulous events in our own community (like the I'On Holiday Festival) and merchants and cultural venues all over town. Thanks for your support by mailing your check TODAY or by visiting www.theiontrust.com.

Welcome New I'On Neighbors!

<u>Eastlake Borough</u>		
Joy & Rich Benenson	80	Sowell Street
Dawn & Jim Dyke	179	East Shipyard Road
Andrew & LeeAnn Green	175	East Shipyard Road
<u>Ionsborough Borough</u>		
Jamie Bellingham	175	Civitas Street
Sarah & Russ Ezzell	182	Ionsborough Street
Jim & Barbara Signom	282	North Shelmore Blvd
<u>Montrose Borough</u>		
Joe & Laurie Fordney	31	Hopetown Road
<u>Ponsbury Borough</u>		
Suzanne & George Flynn	42	Sowell Street
<u>Shelmore Borough</u>		
Alfred & Angela DiPaolo	85	Ponsbury Road
<u>Westlake Borough</u>		
Jennifer Hunter & Morgan Sprott	79	Hopetown Road

If you know of a new neighbor that has recently moved in, or a new baby, please send a quick note now to ioncommunity@comcast.net to help us welcome them in the next newsletter!

Beyond I'On

Meeting on Future of Johnnie Dodds Blvd., March 2, 7 – 8:15 PM, Creek Club.

Appearing on the program will be the Planning Council's executive Director, **Michelle Sinkler**, and Board Member, **Tony Woody** (both I'On residents). After a short video presentation, they'll share the organization's vision for a new Johnnie Dodds Boulevard that connects and enriches surrounding neighborhood businesses with central lanes for through traffic, side lanes for business access, pedestrian sidewalks, bike lanes, tree planted medians and a place for transit. The plan would center on three large traffic circles, which would provide interruption free traffic circulation and visual interest. The planning council believes this vision is an important alternative to consider. Three large overpasses with approach ramps that has also been proposed. For more information: www.eastcooperplanningcouncil.com. Please come and invite other Mount Pleasant friends to join you.

In Review

I'On Auction was a Great Success! Twenty-five home sites, ranging from interior to marsh sites, were available in the auction. The evening started with an oyster roast for all registered participants. All twenty-five home sites were bid on and twenty-three met their reserve and were sold. Seventeen of the home sites were sold to our guild members for speculative homes while five were sold to private owners. We were also very pleased with auctioneer company Tranzon Hagen who flawlessly performed the actual auction. At this point we have not decided on how or when the next new home sites will be made available for sale.

The Deadline for the April newsletter is Monday, March 21. Email to jogrant2@aol.com. Please put "newsletter" in the subject line so I do not inadvertently delete your message as junk mail. Thank you, **Joanne Grant**, 216-6539.

