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First Friday Cocktails, April 1st from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Come to the neighboring homes of **Barbara & Robert Fry, 230 Ponsbury Road & Karen & David Thompson, 232 Ponsbury Road** for the monthly informal I'On residents cocktail party. Bring your own beverage, glasses and an appetizer to share. Questions? Call **Bonnie** at 884-8456.



Women's Coffee, Tuesday, April 12th, from 10:00 – Noon at the home of **Susan Marlowe, 10 Fernandina Street** (at the corner of West Shipyard facing the lake). Bring your own mug, and please do bring a new neighbor so you can help introduce her around. Want to sign up to host a coffee? Call **Carolyn Pelletier** at 856-9224. Coffee provided by the I'On Trust.



I'On Bridge Group, Wednesday, April 6, 1:00-4:00 PM at The Creek Club. Please call **Barb Wesley** at 856-7193 to reserve a seat. Plan on bringing a beverage and/or snack if you wish. Look forward to hearing from you.



I'On Writers' Readings, Wednesday, April 6, 7:30 PM at the Creek Club. Creative artists **Tom Meddaugh, Lori DeFilippo, Ed Green and Madeline Morin** are among the I'On writers and poets preparing to present a night of literary readings of their own work. Our neighborhood is fertile ground for literary efforts. The readings will be followed by a wine and cheese reception. The program is free and the public is welcome.

If you're interested in reading your own work, a few slots remain open. Contact wjhamilton@wjhamilton.com to indicate your interest. Please monitor the message board on www.ioncommunity.com for announcements of writers added to the program.



I'On Lunch Bunch 2005 Symphony Designer Show House and Luncheon Wednesday, April 13. For a discounted ticket, purchase by April 8 from **Lori DeFillipo** at 971-9981. The price \$15.00. Lunch will be at the show house after the tour and we will pay for own lunch. We will meet at I'On Square at 11:00 for our 11:30 tour.



Yarn Buddies will meet **on Wednesday, April 27** at the home of **Barbara Fry at 230 Ponsbury Road, from 10:00 – 11:30 AM.** BYO yarn-related or other stitching project. All skill levels welcome. Questions, contact **Cynthia** at 856-8239.



A big THANK YOU to **Kyle & Hunter Hartley, Andrew Perera and Jack & Stan Connors** for helping keep Westlake clean! These five hardworking young men spent the better part of their afternoon on February 5 carrying their big sticks around the entire perimeter of Westlake to dig out everything from drink cans to firework debris. Thanks guys for making our great neighborhood even better! **Mary Van Connors**



Recycle Dates are Thursdays, April 14 & 28



Anything But Cars, Saturday, April 23, all day beginning at 7AM.

The Anything But Cars (ABC) event on April 23, coordinated by **Dr. Alan Comen** (I'On Health), with a small army of volunteers will open the streets and parks of I'On Village to the possibilities of movement, recreation and exploration outside the automobile. The featured event is the first running of the **I'On Village Circuit Race**, a nationally sanctioned bicycle race. The entire day will be filled with activity you can participate in, watch or learn about. Everything is centered around Maybank Field, the Boathouse on Eastlake and Westlake's Water and Amphitheater. The event is presented by I'On BizNet, Inc., I'On's nonprofit community business association.

The highlight of Anything But Cars is the first running of the I'On Circuit Race, a series of bicycle races sanctioned by the US Cycling Federation and now the cornerstone of the SC Bicycle Racing Championship weekend here in Charleston. The races will begin with youth and amateur divisions earlier in the day. As the day goes on, the races get longer and faster, leading up to the final race between professional, sponsored teams, where speeds may reach 35 miles per hour on Ponsbury and other straight-aways vying for the \$12,000 in prize money.

There will be a Business Fair and Expo on Maybank Field, as well as kayak races, sailing on Eastlake, golf cart events, Segways, rollerblade, skateboard events, and others too numerous to mention here. The day will end with a free concert at the Westlake Amphitheatre with **TripleLindy**, a great band that's been featured at many local clubs.

Please check the ABC Event Website link at www.ionbiznet.com for all the details and updates as they become available. Information specifically for I'On residents is available from the website and/or come out to the Open House Party at the Creek Club on April 13.



Speed Limits Removed and I'On Streets Closed April 23rd for ABC Event. We all know that *20 is plenty in I'On...but not on April 23rd*. Authorized by special permit from the Town of Mount Pleasant, from 7 AM to 6 PM, the speed limit for selected streets in I'On will be removed entirely for the I'On Village Circuit Race. The condition and authority of the permit is that the streets be closed to traffic, and completely cleared of any parked vehicles during the race hours.

Therefore, the following streets will be closed to traffic and must not have any vehicles parked on the street from 7 AM to 6 PM on Saturday April 23rd:

- **North Shelmore** from Sowell to Ponsbury
- **Ponsbury** from North Shelmore to Sowell
- **Sowell** from Ponsbury to North Shelmore

During this time there will be very limited access onto and across these streets, so please plan accordingly. Expect delays of up to an hour if you want to use or cross these streets at all, and no vehicles will be allowed to park on the streets during these hours. Street access procedures and maps are available on the event website.

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Any vehicles parked on the route at 7 AM will need to be removed (towed if necessary) to setup the safety bales and secure the course.

All other streets in I'On will remain open as normal...with normal speed limits...although extra traffic can be expected. So leave your car at home, and come out and enjoy Anything But Cars.



Practice Ride and Tune-up, April 7, 6PM at Maybank Field.

The public is invited to attend a bicycle racing "tune up". Participants will meet on Maybank Field on the West Side of Shelmore Blvd.

Members of the Lowcountry VW Racing team will inspect bicycles, provide safety pointers and lead participants on a low speed training ride through the streets of I'On and adjacent communities. The purpose of the training ride is to prepare for the upcoming Anything But Cars event and SC Bicycle Racing Championships in I'On.

All ages, all speeds, and any type of bike are welcome, so please bring out the family for this rare opportunity. Participants should bring a road worthy bicycle and wear a helmet. The event will benefit casual riders who want to improve their cycling efficiency as well as those getting ready to enter the upcoming races.



Open House Party, Wednesday, April 13, 5:30-8 PM at the Creek Club for all I'On residents, submitted by Steve Kwaitkowski.

I'On BizNet welcomes all I'On residents to an Open House Party. Fine wines, beer and light hors d'oeuvres will be provided at no cost throughout the evening courtesy of our sponsors.

The party is in place of the normal monthly BizNet meeting, and from 6:15-7:00 PM will feature a short informational overview about the upcoming Anything But Cars event being held in I'On on April 23rd.

Informational tables will be setup throughout the clubhouse about the wide range of things that you can watch and participate in throughout the day, details on road closures, and organizers will be available to answer any questions that you may have.

Refreshments will be served beginning at 5:30 pm, the informational overview from **6:15-7:00pm**, with a social hour following.



I'On Yacht Club, submitted by **Steve Kwiatkowski**. The season will begin on **Saturday April 23** as part of the Anything But Cars event organized by I'On BizNet. There will be 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 20 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 or direct dial: 388-8077.



I'Onissimo! Concerts in April, submitted by Jack Hamilton.

Music of Great Places will be the theme of a free, outdoor concert by the *I'Onissimo!* Brass Ensemble on **Sunday, April 17 at 4 PM** in the fountain court of Perseverance Park. Pieces performed will include The Charleston, New York, New York, The American Patrol March, Berkeley Square Blues, Livery Stable Blues and Someone to Watch over Me.

Folding chairs are suggested for seating around the fountain. An acoustic shell will be used to focus the music of the ensemble.

On Saturday, April 30 at 4 PM, the *I'Onissimo!* Winds Ensemble will be performing near the Amphitheater on Westlake amidst a collection of outdoor sculpture on display. The program will consist of a range of music, including familiar classicals from Beethoven, Brahms, Haydn, Handel and Mozart, to rags from Joplin and Gershwin, and some traditional American and European folk music.

I'Onissimo! is supported by the I'On Trust, a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote civic and cultural life in the East Cooper area. For detailed information on the concerts see www.ionissimo.com



I'On Trust Update, submitted by Jerri Heater.



After the Bridge Run Concert with The Blue Dogs, Saturday, April 2, 2 PM. Now that spring is here, outdoor activities are in full swing. So, once you have run over the Cooper River Bridge for the last time, bring the family to the amphitheater and listen to Charleston's own recording artists – **The Blue Dogs**. "Optimistic, light-hearted bluegrass, roots oriented, southern funk songs sure to make you want to sing along and have a good time despite what's going on in this crazy world around us." Their popular music has been heard all over the country, most recently at President Bush's inaugural ball, so come early to get a great seat. Gates open at 1:00 PM, band starts at 2:00 PM.

Tickets can be purchased for \$5.00 at the I'On Realty office through April 1. Tickets will be \$8.00 at the door. I'On Trust Members and children under 12 are free. **NO COOLERS**. Beverages and food will be available. I'On Realty sponsors this event.



Lecture Series: Spoleto Sneak Preview, Wednesday, April 20, 7 PM.

Lecture Series continues with Jennifer McPherson Harris, Media and PR Manager for the 2005 Charleston Spoleto Festival. Get a sneak preview of what to expect at this year's event. What's the hot ticket this year? Come and find out. 6:30 PM wine and cheese, 7 PM presentation.



Sculpture I'On: Art in the Park. Saturday, April 23 – May 7.

The I'On Trust and the Gibbes Museum of Art have teamed up with the College of Charleston to present the first annual Sculpture I'On: Art in the Park. The event will open Friday, April 22nd with a members-only Preview Party. The Exhibition includes original works of sculpture created by advanced students at the College of Charleston's School of Fine Arts. Diverse in theme and design, the ten featured pieces were carefully

selected by committee representatives of the collaborating partners. These ten large-scale works of sculpture will be located at the I'On Amphitheatre as well as in and out of West Lake.



"Art to Go" Workshop. To augment the Sculpture project, the Gibbes Museum's "Arts-to-Go" instructors will offer fun, interactive sculpture projects for children of all ages and their families at the Amphitheater on **Sunday, April 24th from 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM and Saturday, April 30th from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.** These programs are free and open to the general public. If you are interested in volunteering for our Adopt-A-Sculptor program, please contact **Barbara Wesley** at barbwesley@aol.com.



I'On Biznet, submitted by **Steve Kwiatkowski**. On March 9th, the BizNet meeting continued at the I'On Creek Club and was sponsored by the Square Onion and Pleasant Spirits, with thanks.

The **Anything But Cars (ABC)** on **Saturday April 23rd**, organized by **Alan Comen** (I'On Health) led the agenda. In advance of the event there will be an **April 7th** bike ride in I'On at 6 PM with the local Lowcountry VW Racing Team, for both kids and adults, and an Open House Party for all I'On residents as part of the next BizNet meeting on **April 13th**. Full details are provided in a feature article elsewhere in this newsletter. **Most of North Shelmore, Sowell and Ponsbury will be closed from 7 AM-6PM pm the day of the event...**please check the www.ionbiznet.com website.

The Markets on the Square, every Thursday in May, organized by **Sally Little** (The Pet Sitter) is also coming into the spotlight, with the focus on finalizing vendors. Look forward to Cinco de Mayo, Children's, Boating and Art & Spoleto Nights.

Advertising sponsors were selected for the April What's Going I'On weekly publication organized by **William (Jack) Hamilton**. With circulation over 1,600 per month, April will show a dramatic increase due to the ABC featured event, with distribution points at the Cooper River Bridge Run and others across the region.

The Welcome Baskets, managed for Biznet by **Diane Balister** (Portraits by Diane) continues to be a successful way to reach new I'On neighbors. **April Coleman** (I'On Club) re-iterated that the I'On Club Rewards Program is an excellent way to market to both I'On residents and beyond.

Steve Kwiatkowski announced that BizNet members that are not I'On residents now have access to the www.ioncommunity.com website calendar and classified sections to allow the promotion of events and specials for I'On residents.

Ed Ball (Agent Owned Realty) can be contacted by I'On residents for additional copies of the I'On Community directory for \$20 a piece (the replacement cost for small orders).

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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 will be an Open House Party for all I'On residents and BizNet members at the I'On Creek Club on **Wednesday April 13th**. Refreshments will be served beginning at 5:30 pm, a detailed overview of the ABC event and summary of other BizNet events from **6:15-7:00pm**, 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 Civic Lot Update. Although I'On does have some lots that are zoned for commercial and civic use, at this time none are under contract. Thus, there is no bed and breakfast in the planning.



Welcome New I'On Neighbors!

Eastlake

Brad & Kim Robertson

9 Eastlake Road

Lonsborough

Nathan Dapore

236 Ponsbury Road

Smith Anderson

179 Civitas Street

Tammy Holsenback

168 Civitas Street

Jenna & Chad Waldorf

127 Civitas Street

Ponsbury

Joe & Margaret Gaddy

67 Latitude Lane

Frederick & Angela Winther

55 Rialto Road

Moving Around in I'On

Charlie & Maryileen Cumbaa

39 Krier Lane

Gary & Jane O'Neil

145 N. Shelmore Blvd.

Skip & Shirley Runge

19 Eastlake Road

Borough

Ponsbury

Montrose

Eastlake

Many thanks to **Judy Chisholm** who marks her first year as coordinator for the Welcome Basket Program. She and her team of borough volunteers have delivered 126 baskets since she took over the program last April!



Baby M'Onitor

Dubose Needham Hulen – 305 North Shelmore Blvd, son of **Meredith & Joshua Hulen**.

Lucas Neocleous - 74 Sowell Street, son of **Andros & Natasha Neocleous**.

Harrison Winther - 55 Rialto Road, son of **Frederick & Angela Winther**.

If you know of a new baby, please contact ioncommunity@comcast.net to help us put a notice in the next Baby M'Onitor!



News from the Montessori Charter School's Goodwill Ambassador—Sophie Kendrick. Hi! It's **Sophie** again, second-grader at East Cooper Montessori Charter School (ECMCS) here in I'On. A lot has happened at our school since the last time I wrote. We had our science fair at the National Armory building in February, and earlier this month the lower elementary kids (first, second, and third grade) went to Camp St. Christopher on Seabrook Island for three days and two nights! It was so fun—we learned a lot about nature and the environment. But what we are most excited about now is helping our teachers and parents raise money to build a new school by having a penny war! Whichever class collects the most pennies gets to dunk one of our teachers or even our principal! So far we have collected \$372 worth of pennies. The dunk date is Saturday, April 23—the same day as our Book Fair and I'On's Anything But Cars Day. Also, if you want to know what the new school will look like, come to the new building unveiling party on April 8th—more details on that to come. Visit our website: www.montessoricharterschool.com. Questions? Contact my mom at akendricksc@aol.com.



Request from the Builders Guild: Please do not place any personal unwanted items or any other type of debris in the trash dumpsters that are managed by the I'On Guild Homebuilders. The builders pay by weight to have these dumpsters maintained during the construction process. Compliance with this request will be greatly appreciated.



Identity theft-how can we prevent it? Submitted by Anonymous. In last month's newsletter, it said one of the residents had their identity stolen. It was mentioned that our trash makes us vulnerable. The position of our mailboxes also invites identity theft. Many of the mailbox clusters are tucked away on paths that are not easily observed. Think how simple it would be for a person looking to steal your identity by simply stealing your mail. At tax time your social security number is on all those W2's, 1099's and 1098's. Your monthly credit card bills list your account number in full on the statement. If you feel your mail is missing or has been tampered with, you may be a victim of identity theft. So not only should we be looking for people dumpster diving but also mail stealing! It's too bad in this day and age we must be ever on guard and cautious. Keep your eyes open and call the police if you see anything or person looking suspicious or out of the ordinary.



Free Attorney's Advice on Identity Theft:

1. Order your checks with your first initial and last name. If someone steals your checkbook, they will not know if you sign your checks with just your initials or your first name, but your bank will know how you sign your checks.
2. Do not sign the back of your credit cards. Instead, put "PHOTO ID REQUIRED".

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3. When you write a check to pay a credit card, ONLY put the last four numbers. The credit card company will know the rest of the numbers.
4. On your checks, put your work phone number instead of your home phone number. Put your work address or P.O. Box number (if you have one) and not your home address. Never have your Social Security number printed on your checks (DUH!).
5. Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine. Copy both sides of your license, credit cards, etc. Keep this photocopy somewhere safe so you have all the phone and account numbers.
6. When you travel, keep a copy of your passport with you (separate from your passport) and with someone at home that can be contacted while abroad.

What to do if your identity is stolen:

1. Cancel all credit cards immediately. The key is having the toll free phone numbers and all your account numbers.
2. File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where your credit cards, etc. were stolen. This proves to the credit providers you were diligent and is a first step toward an investigation.
3. Call the three national credit-reporting organizations (below) immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and Social Security number. The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen and new credit can not be issued to anyone other than you.
 - 1.) Equifax: 1-800-525-6285
 - 2.) Experian (formerly TRW): 1-888-397-3742
 - 3.) Trans Union: 1-800-680-7289
 - 4.) Social Security Administration (fraud line): 1-800-269-0271

Please pass this information on to everyone you care about.



Remember to take a quick visit to the community website to see what's new in the Photo Gallery, Reviews, Message Board and more. [Click here.](#)



The Deadline for the May Newsletter is **Friday, April 22**. 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.