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I'On Bridge Group, Wednesday, May 4, 1-4 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.



Potluck Supper, Wednesday, May 4, 6 PM at the Boathouse. Once upon a time, when I'On was young, the neighbors held potluck suppers at the boathouse on the first Wednesday of the month. Everyone brought their own plates, flatware, napkins, beverage of choice and a dish to share. It was very informal and a fun way to visit and meet new neighbors. We thought it would be nice to try it again. If you have any questions on how this works, please call **Annie Bonk** at 881-7601 or email at abbonk@msn.com.



First Friday Cocktails, May 6, 6 to 8 PM. Come to the home of **Anne Register & Becky Van Wie, 270 North Shelmore Blvd.**, 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.



May I'On BirdWalk, Saturday, May 7, 9 AM, submitted by **Craig Richard**. Join us for the May I'On Birdwalk. We'll start in the Rookery at the tower with the swing (near Jake's Lane) and walk over to the Cemetery. No prior birding experience is necessary, but binoculars are recommended.



May 7, 1 PM, Ground Breaking for Holy Ascension Orthodox Church. All are invited to come witness the groundbreaking ceremony for the first Orthodox church in Mount Pleasant and the first civic building in I'On! Procession to the site (North Shelmore Blvd. and Mobile St.) will begin at Ascension Books on the square. A service will be sung that involves the planting of a cross in the ground. Afterwards, around 2 PM, there will be food, music, speeches, and information about our building. Vespers follows at Ascension Books at 4:30 PM.



Women's Coffee, Tuesday, May 10, from 10 AM – 12 noon at the home of **Susan Cass, 149 North Shelmore** (between Isle of Hope Road and Hopetown Road). Bring your own mug and please do bring a new neighbor so you can help introduce her around. Questions, or do you want to sign up to host a coffee? Call **Carolyn Pelletier** at 856-9224.



I'On Lunch Bunch, Tuesday, May 17, submitted by **Cynthia Rosengren**. Experience a gem of the Southeast - Brookgreen Gardens near the peak of early summer color. Guided tour of the Sculpture Garden and buffet lunch for \$24. Optional pontoon boat ride describing Brookgreen Plantation's history producing rice and indigo (\$7). Some of us may stop in Georgetown on the way home for a quick peak at the Roycroft Day Lilies demonstration garden. We will meet at the square at **9:15 AM**. To sign up on-line, "[click here!](#)"

Save the Date: June 7. The Lunch Bunch group will have a private guided group tour of the Gibbes Museum with lunch to follow at Magnolias.



The I'On Garden Club is planning a demonstration on container gardening on **Friday, May 13, 9:00 AM**, at the Friendship Garden (*entrance off Eastlake Road opposite Joan & Ed Ball's*). **Melinda Armstrong**, future proprietor of *Sweet Olive* - I'On's own gardening shop, will walk through the best techniques and plants to use when building window boxes, hanging baskets and planters. All residents are welcome. Look for more information in the May Issue of *I'On is Growing*.



Yarn Buddies will meet on **Wednesday, May 25** at the home of **Joanne Grant** at **10 Boathouse Close**, from **10 – 11:30 AM**. BYO yarn-related or other stitching project. All skill levels welcome. Questions, contact **Cynthia** at 856-8239.



May 30th is Memorial Day. Please make an extra effort to display your American Flag on this special day when we honor and remember those who have given their lives in defense of our freedom. If you don't already have an American flag, you still have plenty of time to obtain one. Wouldn't it be just great if an American flag could be seen flying from every home in I'On on Memorial Day? What a glorious sight!



I'Onissimo! Sings Spring Concert – Sunday, May 15, 4 PM. Under the musical direction of **Jean Anglin**, the I'Onissimo! Sings choir will present their spring concert at **183 East Shipyard Road**. The program will feature spirituals like Robert Shaw's arrangement of "Saints Bound for Heaven", a set of traditional British Isle ballads like "O My Luve's Like a Red, Red Rose" and "Danny Boy", whimsical madrigals and more.

Members of I'Onissimo! Sings: *Soprano*: **Diane Balister, Barbara Cole, Maryileen Cumbaa, Lori DeFilippo**, Doris Franco, Julie Gould, **LaVon McNaughton**, Teri Michaud, **Gail Paul, Bonnie Ray, Katherine Salmons**. *Alto*: Jane Elliot, Faye Fisher, **Sharon Lorish, Madeline Morin, Jan Pomerantz, Cynthia Rosengren**. *Tenor*: Mike Pate, **Addison Runge, Skip Runge**, Bill Talbott. *Bass*: Tim Corey, Andrew Gould, **Everett Wilcox**.

The concert is free and open to the public. Chairs will be provided. Many thanks to **Maryileen & Charlie Cumbaa** for use of their beautiful home overlooking Eastlake for this performance, to **Diane & Mike Balister** for use of their digital piano, and to the I'On Club for use of their facilities for our weekly rehearsals. I'Onissimo! is supported by the I'On Trust as a means to involve and surround the community in the arts.



Neighborly Reminder! Now that the warm weather has returned and folks are sleeping with their windows open, it would be nice if the early morning walkers kept their voices to a whisper and the car pool people refrained from the numerous horn honks. You'd be amazed at the number of folks are not up at the crack of dawn! Thank you!



Recycle Dates are Thursday, May 23 & 26.



Responsible Pet Owners Appreciated, submitted by Anonymous.

While jogging last month, I was knocked down by an unleashed dog. While on the ground, the large dog was exceedingly attentive and wouldn't leave me alone. The dog owner, at a distance with leash in hand, finally got the dog to return to her. This neighbor was also attentive and when she saw I was limping, she kindly offered me a ride home. However, with my bloody knee and hand, and needing to get ready to go out of town for a family vacation, I declined the offer. I responded that I wished she had kept her dog on the leash. This is an unfortunate way for any of us to start a day, and I'm certainly uncomfortable with this being my first exchange with a new neighbor.

The Mt. Pleasant city ordinance states: "the action of an animal constitutes a nuisance when an animal disturbs the rights of, threatens the safety of, or damages a member of the general public...it is declared to be a public nuisance and therefore unlawful to allow an animal to run without control or not under constraint...and if a complaint is lodged against an animal that has a nuisance act only, the owner will be notified and shall correct the situation or the animal will be impounded."

No one wants to be in the position of asking animal control to visit offending neighbors. But residents should not be asked to cope with unleashed pets that can become a nuisance. I'm aware that I am not the first I'On resident to be injured in a pet related fall. It is my hope that we can all enjoy this lovely community space. While it's a joy to see a dog free to run, it's also a right for people to feel safe to run in I'On.



Eastlake Boathouse and Unattended Boats. As summer approaches, I'm writing (as Chair of the I'On Boathouse Committee) to remind residents about rules and guidelines for safe and neighborly use of the Boathouse and lakes. The Boathouse is a wonderful amenity for us all and is well used. It was repaired, cleaned and re-painted last summer, so it's in especially good condition. The I'On Yacht Club has boats for residents' use (on certification by the Yacht Club) and is planning a variety of activities on the lakes. (Yacht Club contact is **Steve Kwiatkowski**, 388-8077, stevekw@liqqid.com).

As you and your children and guests use the Boathouse, please remember the following rules established in by the I'On Assembly Board of Trustees:

- No lifeguard on duty.
- Swim at your own risk.
- Children under 14 prohibited from swimming unless accompanied by an adult.
- No jumping or diving from upper deck of Boathouse.
- Beware of alligators.
- Facility for use of I'On residents and their guests only.
- Police have jurisdiction.

In addition, Assembly Board policy prohibits storing or leaving personal boats overnight in common areas; this includes the Boathouse, the lakeshores and docks. "Boats left unattended in common areas will be removed. *(Continued Next Page)*

(Unattended Boats Continued) Owners can re-claim them by paying a \$25 fee within the first week. This fee will increase by \$25 per week for each additional week or portion thereof, in which the boat is unclaimed." This policy is intended to help maintain the beauty and safety of our lakes. Thanks and please let me know of any concerns or problems relating to the Boathouse. **Hugh Wilder** wilderh@cofc.edu



I'On Trust Update, submitted by Jerri Heater.

Sculpture I'On: Art in the Park continues through May 7. If you haven't done so already, take the time to walk around Westlake and enjoy the large-scale sculptures installed by advanced sculpture students at the College of Charleston. Get your picture taken with the Shark, or have a picnic on the Community Table at the Amphitheater, all of these are for our residents and guests to enjoy.

Saturday, April 30 is Artists in the Park Day

- **1 – 4 PM, Art To Go** workshop for kids and adults, offered by the Gibbes Museum of Art. You will learn how to make your own mini sculpture. Just bring yourselves – all materials will be provided.
- **3 – 5 PM, Meet the Sculptors!** Meet the retired neurosurgeon from Brickyard behind "Landshark", and the rest of the College of Charleston students who have devoted so much time and creativity to bring us this exhibition.
- **4 – 5 PM, The I'Onissimo! Winds Ensemble** will be amidst the sculptures near the Amphitheater.

All these events are open to the public and free of charge. Invite your friends and neighbors to come enjoy the arts in I'On! Sculpture I'On: Art in the Park is collaboration between The Gibbes Museum, College of Charleston and The I'On Trust.



Moms' Time Out - Wednesday, May 4, 10 AM – Noon at the Creek Club. A new program sponsored by The I'On Trust. All moms are

welcome to attend the first meeting of "Moms' Time Out", for moms of all ages and stages – expecting moms, active moms, experienced moms and working moms. It will be an opportunity to RELAX, meet other mothers in the neighborhood, become involved in community service projects, participate in social events, and take advantage of a WIDE variety of speaker programs on topics such as parenting concerns, women's issues, hobbies and current events. Refreshments will be provided for mothers and children. For more information, contact **Susan Cass**, 971-5154 or **Hannah Morris**, 278-0417. Note: Childcare will be provided for toddlers and up (must be walking). Babies are definitely welcome to attend with their moms. Please RSVP to **Susan Cass**, if you need childcare arrangements. (You must have an advanced reservation to use on-site childcare).



The May Lecture is cancelled and will be rescheduled in the fall. Please join us in thanking **Betty Haynes** and **MP Wilkerson** for their efforts to lead the 2004/5 Lecture Series, bringing us a range of terrific topics and speakers. **Bravo, Betty & MP!!**



I'On Biznet, submitted by **Steve Kwiatkowski**. On April 13th, the BizNet meeting was not really a meeting, but an Open House Party for I'On residents, sponsored by O'Brions, the Square Onion, the I'On Trust, the I'On Club and WillieQ, with thanks.

The topic of discussion in a short presentation was the **Anything But Cars** (ABC) event, just completed on Saturday April 23rd, and covered in detail in another article. Event Organizer **Alan Comen** (I'On Health) and BizNet president **Steve Kwiatkowski** reviewed the road closure details and the large agenda for the day with a packed house of I'On residents and BizNet members.

Next up on the event schedule are The Markets on the Square, every Thursday in May, from 4 PM until dusk, organized by **Sally Little** (The Pet Sitter). See themes below.

William (Jack) Hamilton selected advertising sponsors for the May What's Going I'On weekly publication organized.

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 on **May 11** in conjunction with the I'On Yacht Club, and again invites all I'On residents to come out...see below. The BizNet portion will follow a normal agenda, with refreshments served beginning at 5:30 PM, a review of the ABC event and other agenda items from **6:15-7 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: All I'On residents invited to the Creek Club Wed. May 11, 5 – 7 PM. The Yacht Club season began with sailing and kayaking on the I'On lakes, on April 23rd as part of the ABC event, and continues with a series of events in May.

This is an adult and kids event, so be sure to bring the entire family. We'll have fun, food, door prizes and boats on the water, and you'll be able to sign up to use the sailboats and kayaks in the Eastlake Boathouse.

The boats are in the Boathouse for the free use of I'On residents courtesy of our sponsors. To use the boats you'll need the combination to the locks, which are issued after a review of Boathouse storage and boating safety information.

Thursday, May 19, will be Boating and Watersports Night at the Market on the Square, and will feature local and regional organizations that make boating both safe and fun.

Saturday, May 21, we'll be at the Eastlake Boathouse for sailing and kayaking in the early afternoon, so watch the website www.ionyachtclub.com for further details as the day gets closer.

For more information or to sign up for the use of the Boathouse boats, please contact **Connie Stahl** willieq@bellsouth.net or 216-7257.



Market on the Square - Free Events:

- **May 5, Cinco de Mayo!** Market with a Mexican flavor. Piñatas for the kids. Mucho nachos.
- **May 12, Children's Night!** Games and Fun, chalk art on the street, dance contest. Skateboarding demonstration.
- **May 19, Boating Night!** Cast off for a summer on the water with special demonstrations and sign ups for summer fun on the water. The I'On Yacht Club and its guests will get you ship shape.
- **May 26, Beach Night!** Celebrate the end of school and beginning of summer. Come to the Square in your beachwear for volleyball, and music inspired by the surf and sand.



BizNet Sponsored ABC Event and Bike Races a Great Success!

Congratulations to Event Organizer **Dr. Alan Comen**, and BizNet Project Director **William (Jack) Hamilton** for turning out a terrific day, and thank-you to the large group of 150 tireless volunteers that worked before and during a long day to smooth out traffic, keep the race course safe, and produce a great success from a very ambitious project. Our partners for the event, the Lowcountry VW Racing Team, were a joy to work with.

A special thanks to I'On residents that were affected by the road closures for their universally patient smiles while finding their way in and out, and the biggest thanks to all the folks living on the racecourse that made sure there were no cars parked on the streets by 7 AM.

Mt. Pleasant National Guardsman Sgt. John Stage, and a detachment of guardsmen assigned to the Mathis Ferry Road Armory managed key intersections of the racecourse to help keep everyone safe.

The racers collectively loved the course and particularly the I'On venue. Over 225 racers came out for the day from over 15 states.

Special congratulations to I'On resident and BizNet member **Michael Purcell** as the highest placing East Cooper racer in the daylong bike races, with a 3rd place finish in his first bike race ever.

The final race of the day, the Cat. Pro 1/2, was started by Mayor Harry Hallman.

Tommy Connolly organized the Golf Cart Poker run. **Skip Runge** with Kurtz Smith of Charleston Watersports Outfitters ran a series of Kayak races which ran through both canals and the lakes. The Mt. Pleasant Open Space Foundation ran nature walks to the Rookery.

Sailing Committee members of the I'On Yacht Club **Connie Stahl**, **Rick McNaughton**, **Dwain Ray**, and **Meaghan Van Liew** operated the sailing center out of the Eastlake Boathouse.

The East Cooper Montessori Charter school ran a cookout, dunk tank and book fair to raise funds for construction of their planned permanent building in the neighborhood. Local bands entertained crowds at the Amphitheater surrounded by an outdoor sculpture exhibition presented by the Gibbes Museum of Art, College of Charleston and The I'On Trust. Anything But Cars was sponsored by I'On BizNet, www.ionbiznet.com. Please send any commentary about the event, including thoughts on improvement or ideas for the future to **Steve Kwiatkowski**, stevekw@liqqid.com, or direct dial 388-8077.



Welcome New I'On Neighbors!

Eastlake

Jody & Chloe MacCauley

15 Prescient Street

Lonsborough

Lauren Klug

172 Civitas Street

Tom & Kelly Verner

309 North Shelmore Blvd.

Montrose

Ben & Avery Smith

59 Hopetown Road

Ponsbury

Tyler Sidener

15 Krier Lane

Ken & Jill Keefer

69 Saturday Road

Moving Around in I'On

Mark Horton & Nancy Cagan

30 Hopetown Road

Borough

Montrose



News from the Montessori Charter School's Goodwill Ambassador—

Sophie Kendrick. Hi, it's **Sophie**, second-grader at East Cooper Montessori Charter School (ECMCS). We are all getting excited about the end of the year and finishing up our yearlong projects. For my last job as Goodwill Ambassador to I'On, I'm organizing a group of kids from the school to do a neighborhood clean up before the school year ends. Everyone will wear his or her school T-shirts, so you will know it's us.

Our class also wrote a song about our school with our music teacher, Miss Laura. It goes like this:

We like to—Help each other! Learn together!

We teach our friends to work together

We'll be good friends for-ever

While being independent along the way and learning life's lessons

Together -

Like serving the community

We care for—one another! Learn new—things together!

No one can separate us from each other

East Cooper Montessori Charter School Rocks!



Do You Montessori? Did you or any one in your family attend a Montessori school as a child? If so, then you join the ranks of some of the most innovative and interesting people of our time. Famous Montessori-educated individuals include:

- Sergey Brin and Larry Page—founders of Google
- Jeff Bezos—founder of Amazon.com
- Gabriel Garcia Marquez—Nobel Prize winning novelist
- T. Berry Brazelton—renowned pediatrician and author
- Julia Child—famous chef
- Anne Frank—famous WWII diarist

Montessori-educated children become successful, well-rounded adults!

Maria Montessori believed that a truly educated person continues learning long after she leaves the classroom because she is motivated from within by a natural curiosity and a love for knowledge.

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Aren't we lucky to have a public Montessori elementary school right here in our own neighborhood?

I would love to hear from I'On residents who have experienced Montessori education first hand! Please drop me a line (216-1081) or send me an e-mail akendricksc@aol.com and share your story. Thanks!



I'On Realty is Doing it Again! Another auction is in place for June 16. However, you can purchase any of these home sites immediately for the "Buy It Now" sales prices. A full auction information package will be made available in May.



Save the Date! – Mark your calendar now for July 4th, as the I'Ndependence Day Bash returns to I'On. Starting off with the I'OnMan Biathlon, followed by the parade and "Salute at the Square", and the concert at the Amphitheater. A professional fireworks display will follow the concert, so plan ahead and save the date!



The Deadline for the June Newsletter is **Thursday, May 19**. 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.



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