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I'On Neighborhood News



December 2007

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Conservation Corps
of I'ON

Dec. 7

First Friday Cocktails

Dec. 6

Recycle

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Women's Coffee

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Holy Cross Church Service

Do You Know Your Neighbor?

Sandy Powers

How long have you lived in I'On **3 years**

Where did you move from? **Tampa, Florida, although John and I lived in Mt. Pleasant in our single days. I was born and raised in South Carolina.**

How is I'On different from other places you have lived? **The spirit of volunteerism...it amazes me how many people immediately say "yes" to requests for help and even more amazed at how many people volunteer without being asked!**

What groups or organizations are you a member? **Holiday Tour of Homes in I'On - Ticket Coordinator 2005, Chairperson 2006 & 2007; The I'On Trust; The I'On Trust Board of Directors, Borough Ambassadors, Welcome Basket Coordinator, Lunch Bunch, Kitchen Witches. I have also volunteered with Camp Happy Days, an organization for children with cancer, for 16 years. I am also a member of The Hat Ladies, a volunteer service group.**

What is your business? **Merchandiser for Callanen International (Guess, Nautica, Marc Ecko and Timex Watches) and Etienne Aigner jewelry and handbags.**

What else would you like your neighbors to know about you? **Clemson Grad (Go Tigers!)**

Sandy is the Chairperson for the I'On Tour of Homes. Many thanks to Sandy for her time, effort and support of this worthwhile event.

I'On Assembly

The I'On Assembly annual meeting will be held on **Wednesday, December 12th at 7 PM** at the **East Cooper Montessori Charter**. Owners should have received their Annual Meeting packet in the mail. If anyone should have any questions, they may contact the Board of Trustees or Cheryl Wilson with AMCS at cwilson@amcs-inc.com or 303-3586. **See pg. 4 for further information.**

I'On at Ten

The I'On at Ten, Life in the New Village book will be released to the community at a special event in the Great Hall of **East Cooper Montessori Charter School** tentatively scheduled for **Monday, December 17 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm**. This is the time for purchasers pick up their copies of the book. There will be a last chance opportunity to purchase a limited number of copies at \$40. A few extras will be available for purchase for holiday gift giving. The event will include light refreshments and recognition of the patron publishers, photographers and editors who helped make the project possible.

More information can be found at www.ionbiznet.com



I'On Trust Update

submitted by Anne Register

Holiday Tour of Homes in I'On

Scores of neighbors work to make this event possible each year. As the primary annual fundraiser for the I'On Trust, the Home Tour enables us to offer a diverse calendar of activities during the year (such as the Bridge Run Concert, 4th of July Celebrat'On, Halloween in the 'Hood, and Screen on the Green), many of which are free of charge.

Special thanks this year to our Presenting Sponsor, I'On Realty, and our Home Tour Chairperson, **Sandy Powers**. We are also most grateful to our neighbors whose houses are on the 2007 Tour: **Anne and Steve Kendrick, Maggie and Bruce Kinney, Regina Condy and Harris Myers, Annette and Bud Garner, Linda and Ken Shortridge, Allison and LeGrand Elebash, Melinda and Craig Wrenn, and Holy Ascension Orthodox Church**. Their willingness to open their homes (and brand new church) is key to our success.

I'On Night of Lights

Many thanks to everyone who purchased luminaries this year. The candlelit display after the Holiday Tour of Homes in I'On not only will be beautiful but more importantly, it is resulting in a donation to three area charities (Carolina Youth Development Center's Charleston Emergency Shelter, Lowcountry Orphan Relief, and My Sister's House). The contribution amounts will be announced after the final accounting is completed.

This project would not have been possible without our INOL Coordinators, **Rita Bongiorno, Lori DeFilippo, and Gail Lauder**.

In addition, we appreciate the help of our Luminary Captains. Each of them (or in some cases, a pair worked together) was responsible for a section of I'On to deliver

both the order forms and the luminary kits to all of our neighbors: **Anne Kendrick and Connie Stahl, Betty Haynes and Judy Rabin, Jenny Lauracelle, Sharon Lorish, LaVon McNaughton, Linda Moser, Diane Ayers, Jennifer Richard, Therese Speer, Shirley Swedloff, Gilly Wallace, Gail Young, Maryileen Cumbaa, Kay Dardozzi and Lindsey Williams, Jennifer Doyle, Maggie Kinney and Carolyn Pelletier, Dawn McIntyre and Chloe McAuley, Bonnie Ray, Kim Meyer**.

New Trust Board Members and Retiring Board Members

The I'On Trust welcomes new Trust Board members for 2008: **Alys Campaign, Tony Woody, and Melinda Wrenn**. At the same time, we say "goodbye and thank you" to our retiring Board members: **Jan Pomerantz, Cynthia Rosengren, and Michael Wooddy**. Their leadership has been a vital ingredient in the Trust's success over the past few years.

I'On Trust Grants

The deadline for grant submissions for the first round of funding for 2008 is 5 p.m. December 7. Grassroots groups in the neighborhood are encouraged to apply for assistance with activities that are in keeping with the mission of the Trust. If you'd like an application or more information, please be in touch with Anne Register at 881-7541. These requests should be for funding needs that occur between January and the end of April, 2008.

Community in Act'I'On Upcoming Opportunities

Community in Act'I'On is our new initiative to make it easy for I'On neighbors to help nonprofit agencies in our larger community. Each month, we will feature opportunities to "Give Your Time" and "Give Your Stuff."

For January:
Give Your Time

- Date and Time: Thursday, January 10; 6:30-7:30 PM

- Place: Sweetgrass Village on Mathis Ferry Road

- Details: Bring refreshments (a soft treat) and play bingo with older adults. Bingo is their favorite game, and they love visitors.

- Family-friendly Event

- Contact Susan Cass spcrossi@aol.com if you want to come.

Give Your Stuff

- What: Gently used board games

- For whom: Crisis Ministries Shelter (for men and for women and children)

- Drop off: January 22-29 at 149 North Shelmore Boulevard

Watch the Trust website (theiontrust.org/cia.htm) for more information about Community in Act'I'On.

I'On Trust 2008 Membership Campaign ANNOUNCING A SPECIAL INCENTIVE THIS YEAR!

Thanks to those who have already sent in your 2008 memberships. Everyone in the neighborhood should have received their membership mailing by this time which includes information about the incentive offered by our friends at Maverick Southern Kitchens. The I'On Trust needs your support to deliver quality programming to benefit our neighborhood and the greater community. If you have questions, please call 881-7541.

Alternative Holiday Gift – Charleston Battery Benches in I'On

As the holidays approach, consider remembering a very special someone in your life by placing a Charleston bench in I'On. Details are on the Trust website (www.theiontrust.org). This is a great way to give a lasting gift.

Best wishes for HAPPY HOLIDAYS and A JOYOUS NEW YEAR from the Trust!!



Monthly Events

CONSERVATION CORPS of I'ON

December 4, 1:00 – 2:30
246 N. Shelmore Blvd.
Sweet Olive

This is the regular monthly meeting of the Corps (1st Tuesdays), but will be far more focused on fun and celebration of the past 7 months, and since we worked so hard at our Nov 29th strategic planning session. Anyone is welcome to join us. For more information, contact [Jennifer Richard](#) or [Cynthia Rosengren](#).

1ST FRIDAY COCKTAIL PARTY

Dec 7, 6-8 pm
26 Isle of Hope Road

Tis the Season for the 1st Friday Holiday Cocktail Party All residents of I'On invited Friday, December 7 6-8 PM Hosted by **Ted and Cynthia Webb** 26 Isle of Hope Road.

Come by and meet the candidates for election to the **I'On Board of Trustees** As always BYOB, a glass, an appetizer to share and Your jingle bells

POTLUCKS AT THE CREEK CLUB

No Potlucks in December.
We'll see everyone in January.

BIZNET MEETING

Mon, Dec. 10 6-9 pm
273 N. Shelmore Blvd.
Annual Christmas Party
Network and socialize with business people in the neighborhood. Details on www.ionbiznet.com

WOMEN'S COFFEE

Tues., Dec. 11 10 am
- 12 pm
20 Grace Lane



Wake up and greet the Season of Good Cheer with some hot coffee and new friends. All neighbors are welcome. **Janet Gaffney** will host the monthly Ladies Coffee on **Tuesday, December 11 from 10 - 12** at the home of I'On's best cooking; 20 Grace Lane. Bring your Christmas mug and a wrapped ornament if you would like to participate in a fun filled ornament exchange game. Questions? Contact susan.marlowe@yahoo.com



HOLY CROSS CHURCH SERVICE

December 30, 9:00 AM
Holy Cross Church on I'On Square

Join us every fourth Sunday of each month for our service on I'On Square. This is a 50 minute Episcopalian Service featuring a children's sermon in addition to the regular sermon. We enjoy breakfast and fellowship immediately following the service. For more information about our services and the Church of the Holy Cross building project, contact **Nicole Streetman** at (843) 327-5851, or nstreetman@bellsouth.net

Welcome New Neighbors

Patrick Barber
47 Montrose Road

Deborah & Gene Bedell
42 Fernandina Street

Moving Around in I'On...*

Kristy & Todd Gorsuch
48 Montrose Road

**For new and relocating neighbors - please do take a minute to inform AMCS, our community management company, of your new address. [Click here – Thanks!](#)*

In & Around I'On

A Lowcountry Christmas on ION Radio

ION Radio is now broadcasting seasonal music, all of which is by local performers or groups. All four **I'Onissimo!** groups are featured, as are local church choirs and performers. Over eighty unique selections are included in the collection including a performance of Patapan on Hurdy Gurdy, Hanukah songs by the **Moultrie Band** and "Christmas" the only yuletide beach music song known of, written and recorded by **Warren Moise**, who lives in nearby Point Pleasant. December has been the station's best listening month two years running, with people around the world tuning in online to find unique holiday music. Tune in yourself this holiday season in digital stereo at www.ionradio1640.com or on community **AM 1640**.

Happy Holidays



Goings On

The 2008 I'On Phone Directory Is Coming Soon!

Many thanks to our **I'On Ambassadors** who are hand-delivering the new directory to all our residents. Take a minute to thank them for the time they invest to make this a nice, inclusive and welcoming community!

Many thanks also go to **Diane Ayers, Diane Balister, Barbara Fry, Theresa Green, Cynthia Rosengren, and David and Carol Williams** for their work throughout the year that is reflected in the annual I'On Directory. And to AMCS and I'On Realty for their ongoing support, and to the I'On Assembly and BizNet for funding it.

A special thanks to **Diane Ayers**, who has led the I'On Ambassadors for almost two years! Diane is handing the baton over to **Carol Degnen**, herself a new neighbor and appreciative recipient of the warm welcome she received from her Ambassador (Diane!) when she and her husband, Steve, recently moved here from Ohio. Carol will start off by coordinating this year's directory distribution.

Conservati'on Corps News

Recycle Dates this month are: **December 6 and December 20.**

December 6 - The "Recycling Runoff" is scheduled for Thursday, December 6 – between families living in Ponsbury Borough and Westlake Borough (if you're not sure which borough you live in, check your on-

line listing!). Of course we want all neighbors to recycle, but these two areas within I'On tied for first when we counted blue bins to see who earned the prize for best recycling. The prize is an ice cream social, coordinated by our neighborhood recycling captain, **Julie Chapman!**

Our recycling rates for the community are getting better since we started tracking participation this summer. The County did a baseline count in June, and another in October. According to John Foster from Charleston County Recycling, "We counted 220 residents out of the 674 properties recycling in I'On, for a participation rate of 32.64%. We had 90 new customers and so far, 299 residents have recycled for a participation rate of 44.36%. This is great!" When you take out how many of the 674 homes are not lived in (or are owned by part-time residents), the results look even better. But our goal is "100% of every resident in residence" to participate in recycling. So our counts need to get up in the 500's to reach that mark! If you still need a blue recycling bin, contact **Julie Chapman** at 849-8858 or juliegchap@yahoo.com. Many thanks to Julie for all the hard work she's put into helping our neighborhood be better at recycling.

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Notice to I'On lot owners and residents from the I'On Assembly Nominating Committee

This notice is a follow-up to the one sent November 7, 2007. At that time, we informed the I'On community of the formation of the I'On Assembly Nominating Committee pursuant the

Bylaws. Among other things, the notice requested nominations for candidates for election to the Board of Trustees. This process now has closed. Eight of our neighbors have been nominated and completed the requested questionnaires. In alphabetical order (by first name), they are:

- Alan Barbieri (23 McDaniel Lane)**
- Barbara Fry (230 Ponsbury Road)**
- Bruce Kinney (94 West Shipyard Road)**
- John Powers (61 Saturday Road)**
- Matt Walsh (57 Saturday Road)**
- Mike Morris (70 Saturday Road)**
- Sheri Cooper (54 Fernandina Street)**
- Skip Runge (19 Eastlake Road)**

COPIES OF THE INDIVIDUAL QUESTIONNAIRES WILL BE MAILED SEPARATELY. IN THE MEANTIME, THEY ARE POSTED ON THE COMMUNITY WEBSITE.

Please plan to arrive to the meeting early, as completing the process of signing in all lot owners, collecting proxies and distributing ballots will take some time.

With regard to voting and collection of proxies, we will be arranging for an AMCS representative to be available at some convenient I'On location the afternoon of December 12th. At that time, those who cannot attend the Annual Meeting will be given the opportunity to vote for six Trustee candidates via proxy. Further details will be forwarded shortly.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing everyone at the Annual Meeting. If you cannot attend, please do not forget to fill out and return your proxies.

Everett Wilcox, Chair, Nominating Committee