



Monthly Newsletter for
the Residents of I'On

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I'On Neighborhood News

January 2008

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 4
Recycle

Jan. 8
Conservation Corps
of I'ON

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Birdwalk

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Do You Know Your Neighbor?

Barbara Fry

Occupation: Currently unemployable, but my new volunteer responsibilities as the I'On newsletter editor (beginning next issue!) should keep me busy at least part of the time.

How long have you lived in I'On: We bought our home in March of 2003, and are here about 70% of the year. We really look forward to living here full time as soon as we can sell our place in Minneapolis (lovely home by the way ... nice part of town ... if anyone's interested please call ...)

What groups or organizations are you a member of in I'On? The Club, the Trust. I'm an avid member of the Yarn Buddies (although my projects lately have been slim) and also belong to a book club. I try to go to First Friday and I think the Women's Coffees are great. Oh, and I just got elected to the Board of Trustees!

Where did you move from? Like I said, I'm very hopeful that soon I'll be moving from Minnesota (lovely home by the way ... nice part of town ... if anyone's interested ...)

How is I'On different from other places you have lived? Other than the fact it's about 50 degrees warmer this time of year, it's a lot easier to meet people in I'On and get involved. I also have the

time now to really invest in my community. My decision to follow Carol as the newsletter editor came before I decided to run for the Board. And since she really does want to pass the baton (aw, come on Carol...) I guess I'll be pretty busy. But I am looking forward to carrying on a great form of communication that some of our I'On neighbors were clever enough to envision and put into place a few years back. I'll give it my best!

Welcome New Neighbors

Cheri Yates 38 Eastlake Road
Brent Shram & Sandra Ahern
34 Sowell Street
Edgar Colomb 36 Sowell Street
Geoffrey Smith 38 Sowell Street
Caroline Bevon 40 Sowell Street
Jennifer Hood 78 Sowell Street
Alicia & Wayne Jackson
106 West Shipyard Road

Moving Around in I'On...

Frances & Monty DuBose
27 Fairhope
Jennifer Ayers
23 Hopetown Road
Julie & Scott Chapman
30 Saturday Road
Ed & Jan Childress
62 Fernandina



Jan. 27

Holy Cross Episcopal
Church service

Jan. 31

Recycle

I'On Trust Update

submitted by Anne Register

I'On Trust 2008 Membership Campaign

REMINDER: A SPECIAL INCENTIVE THIS YEAR FOR NEW MEMBERS AND RENEWING MEMBERS WHO RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS!

Thanks to those who have already sent in your 2008 memberships. Everyone in the neighborhood should have received a November membership mailing which includes information about the incentive offered by our friends at Maverick Southern Kitchens. Information is also available at www.theiontrust.org under *Membership*.

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.

Holiday Tour of Homes in I'On

The I'On Trust is happy to report that the 2007 Holiday Tour of Homes in I'On was a big success, netting nearly \$28,500. These funds will help to underwrite 2008 Trust events as well as providing grant funding to groups like the Community of I'On Artists, I'On Conservation Corps, Community in Act'I'On, and the I'Onissimo music groups.

Special thanks to our Presenting Sponsor, I'On Realty. We are also grateful to

several key volunteer leaders whose hard work helped to ensure the day's success: Home Tour Chairperson, **Sandy Powers**; Tea Room Caterer, **Connie Stahl**; Arthouse Coordinator, **Pam Schussel**; Docent Coordinator, **Peg Higgins**; Tea Room Coordinator, **Charlotte Wilzbach**; Homeowners' Liaison, **Cynthia Webb**; Tickets Coordinator, **Laura Wingate**; Entertainment/Demonstrations Coordinator, **Cynthia Rosengren**; Homeowner Appreciation Coordinator, **Gail Lauder**; Parking Coordinator, **Dave Rosengren**; Street Ambassadors Coordinator, **Bob Hervey**. More than 100 neighbors and friends volunteered that day. For a complete list, go to www.theiontrust.org and click on the Holiday Tour of Homes in I'On link.

I'On Night of Lights

Three area charities (Carolina Youth Development Center's Charleston Emergency Shelter, Lowcountry Orphan Relief, and My Sister's House) each received contributions of \$1,872 from the Trust's 2007 I'On Night of Lights. Many thanks to all the neighbors who purchased luminary kits, to our Luminary Block Captains, and to our INOL Coordinators, **Rita Bongiorno**, **Lori DeFilippo**, and **Gail Lauder**.

Take a Jazz Journey to I'On

Tickets will go on sale soon at I'On Realty for this February 16 evening at the Creek Club (\$75 each). They will be available initially to Trust members only (watch your mail for your invitation), and 2008 Tru\$ Buck\$ may be used. **Roy Green** and his committee are planning a very special jazz club evening featuring entertainment from Detroit. More information will be available soon at www.theiontrust.org.

"The Nature of Community" Discussion Series

Beginning Tuesday, January 15 at 6:30 PM at the Creek Club, this discussion series is brought to you by the I'On Company and the I'On Trust. Sessions are open to the public and free of charge. Presenters will include architects, planners, artists, and leading thinkers in new urbanism and design (principles on which I'On is based).

Chris Kent, former marketing director for Seaside in Florida, will kick off the series on January 15th with his topic of "The Evolution of Community." For more information, email tiffany@iongroup.com.

Charleston Battery Benches in I'On

Remember 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.

HAPPY NEW YEAR from the Trust!!

TIP OF THE MONTH

Submitted by Carey McMahan

On your dishwasher, to save energy, turn off the 'heated air dry' feature, and consider using the 'short wash' cycle if you rinse real well!



Monthly Events

1ST FRIDAY COCKTAIL PARTY

No First Friday in January

Come and join us February 1st. Our hosts will be **David and Sheri Cooper**, 54 Fernandina Street. Look for a reminder in next month's newsletter.

Questions: contact **Brooke Niznik** bniznik@comcast.net

CONSERVATION CORPS of I'ON January 8th, from 1 – 2:30PM

16 Nolan Way

Due to New Year's Day, our monthly meeting will be the 2nd Tuesday in January –hosted by **Bud Wofford**. We'll continue the discussion from our 2008 planning session, mapping out the calendar of activities for the year. Anyone is welcome to join in! For questions, contact **Jennifer Richard** at 884-2925 or craigjen@aol.com. One early project is to help build artificial nesting boxes that are to be installed in the Rookery sometime in January. If interested in helping with that project, contact **Craig Richard** craigjen@aol.com.

WOMEN'S COFFEE

Tues. Jan. 8

Place: TBA

LUNCH BUNCH

Wed. Jan. 16

Soif

Please join us for Lunch Bunch and support a neighborhood establishment. **Gail Summors**, the owner of Soif, has graciously agreed to open her café during lunch for our group. At Noon we will gather in the wine shop for a social time and have a



complimentary glass of wine or mulled cider followed by lunch in the café. There is a set menu @ the fixed price of \$25.50 which includes tax and gratuity. It has been requested we have reservations by **Fri. Jan. 11th**.

Questions contact:

Carol Morgan 216-5631 or **Gail Lauder 971-0985**

Reservations to **Gail Lauder**

I'ON BIRDWALK

January 12 at 9:00 am.

Meet at the Jake's Lane entrance to the Rookery and bring binoculars if you have them. Walks will be the 2nd Saturday of every month from now on. Led by I'On resident **Craig Richard** craigjen@aol.com.

YARN BUDDIES

Wednesday, Jan. 23, 10 - 11:30am
230 Ponsbury Rd

home of **Barb Fry**
Bring your yarn related or other stitching project. All skills are welcome. Please contact **Barb @ 216 0045** with any questions.

Community In Act'On

submitted by Hannah Morris

Community in Act'On Upcoming Opportunities

Community in Act'On is an 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

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 Cassspcrossi@aol.com** if you want to come.

GIVE YOUR STUFF

What: Gently used board games
For whom: **Crisis Ministries Shelter** (for men, women & children)
Drop off: **January 22-29**
at **149 North Shelmore Boulevard**

Check the Trust website (www.theiontrust.org) for more information about Community in Act'On.

In & Around I'On

Please Keep Dogs on Leashes!

submitted by Deana Lattanzio

My husband and I moved to I'on almost four years ago and truly love living here. However, we cannot believe the amount of dogs we see here who are not on leashes. When we first moved in I was eight months pregnant, and was bit by a dog on Sowell Street that was not fenced in his yard properly. My three year old son and I walk around I'on almost everyday and often encounter dogs who are not on leashes. The same thing always happens, the dog runs up to us, while the owner says : "Oh, don't worry, he is harmless." Well, that may be true, but a) I do not know this as he is running towards us and b) just because he is harmless does not mean its okay for him to invade our space by jumping on us and trying to lick/smell us! Just the other day we were trying to feed some ducks at Eastlake and a dog kept running to us and trying to take our bread. The owners sat at Boathouse Close pretty con't on next page



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oblivious to what was happening. My son is becoming afraid of dogs.

I am a dog lover and have owned dogs in the past. For the 95% of I'on residents who keep their dogs on leashes when they walk them I thank you immensely. For the other five percent who feel its OK for their dogs not to be leashed please remember that it is a law.

If you happen to see a dog that is not leashed when walked please call animal control at 884-4176. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Deana Lattanzio
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The 3 Most Important Things to Teach Your Kids About Dogs

1. Dogs Don't Like Hugs and Kisses

– Teach your kids not to hug or kiss a dog on the face. Hugging the family dog or face-to-face contact are common causes of bites to the face. Instead, teach kids to scratch the dog on the chest or the side of the neck.

2. Be a Tree if a Strange Dog Approaches

– Teach kids to stand still, like a tree. Trees are boring and the dog will eventually go away. This works for strange dogs and anytime the family dog gets too frisky or becomes aggressive.

3. Never Tease a Dog

– and never disturb a dog that's sleeping, eating or protecting something.

www.doggonesafe.com

Happy Anniversary!

The January issue of **I'On Neighborhood News** marks the 9th year of publishing a community newsletter - all by volunteers, so that's terrific! Many thanks to **Carol Williams**, who has been the editor since May 2007, as well as **Barb Fry** who has been proofreading it for her. Previous editors have been **Beth Warner** (the fearless founder), **Joanne Grant** and **Gail Young**. These four women have covered these past 9 years, each with their own touches! And a wonderful gift of their talents to benefit our community. Many thanks to Carol and all who have preceded her.

Assembly News

Welcome New I'On Assembly Homeowners Association Board Members.

At the Annual Meeting, on December 12th, six residents of I'On were elected to serve on our homeowners association board. Please join us in thanking and supporting **Alan Barbieri** (his 2nd term); **Sheri Cooper, Barbara Fry, Bruce Kinney, Matt Walsh, and John Powers** for their willingness to serve our community on the Board. Joining **Ward Mundy**, together they comprise our new HOA board. Retiring board members are **Ed Clem, Theresa Green, Duane Ray, Everett Wilcox, Ted Webb** – please take a moment to thank each of them for volunteering many hours in service to our neighborhood! Our community relies on good neighbors willing to volunteer their time to help us manage our varied needs as a rapidly growing community. We look forward to hearing the primary goals and priorities of the new board.

Conservation Corps of I'On

submitted by Cynthia Rosengren

Having just started in May, we celebrated our first 8 months as a 'club' working together to educate, motivate and facilitate neighbors and businesses to take proactive steps to conserve our natural resources – starting right at home. We did so with the help of 116 different people from 53 I'On households over 6 different events, including our first festival, led by some really committed and fun folks willing to coordinate different things. Thanks to all who have lent a hand or hammer in some fashion, and we look forward to finding easy ways we can continue to work together to reduce our collective impact on the incredible Lowcountry setting that we're so fortunate to enjoy!

Recycling Contest - The "Runoff" Winner Is....Westlake Borough

On December 6th, we held a tie-breaker to see whether Ponsbury or Westlake borough would win the 1st quarterly ice cream social. Westlake prevailed, so Westlake Borough residents, look for details on the ice-cream social in your email in early January! And thanks to everyone who is taking the time to participate in the terrific curbside recycling program our County offers.

A Note from the Editor...

This is my last edition as editor of the I'On Neighborhood newsletter.

2008 holds many exciting opportunities for me. I retire as an elementary school teacher and will focus on my picture framing business, selling homes and working with the **East Cooper Entrepreneurial Women's** group.

Many thanks for the kind words and support while editing the newsletter.

Barb Fry will be taking over next month's edition. Thanks Barb! And good luck!

Carol Williams