



Living in I'On

Monthly Newsletter for the Residents of I'On ... December 2008

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It's the most wonderful time of the year!

At least it is here in I'On! And we begin celebrating on December 7th with the **I'On Home Tour**, an **Arthouse**, the **Giving Lights of I'On**, and an **I'Onissimo Concert** ... all in one day. What could be better than that???

The Home Tour opens seven of I'On's most beautiful homes to the public. Tickets can be purchased for \$25 at I'On Realty and Sweet Olive until 5:00 pm on Saturday, December 6th. On the day of the Tour, tickets (\$30), tour programs and maps will be available on Maybank Green, beginning at noon.

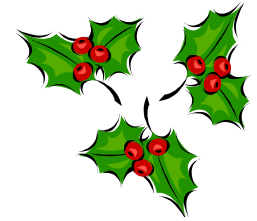
The Arthouse - featuring work by The Community of I'On Artists - will be open at 22 and 27 Mises Street from 12:00-5:00 pm. A variety of original gift-sized art treasures - small paintings, jewelry, fabric art, pottery, wood-carvings... will be for sale. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Communities in Schools.

The HalcI'On Café will also be located at 22 Mises Street. The Café will be stocked with delicious soups, salads, and sandwiches along with homemade desserts donated by I'On neighbor cooks. **Take out will be available!** Proceeds from the Café will benefit TRUST programming. **Admission to the Café and Arthouse is free** - no Home Tour tickets are required. Cash and checks will be accepted at the Café, and cash, checks and credit cards may be used at the Arthouse.

Giving Lights of I'On begins at 5:30. We hope ya'll will participate in lighting luminaries outside your home as part of Giving Lights of I'On. **It is NOT too late to order luminary kits.** If you haven't yet made a donation to receive luminaries, call **Anne Register** at 881-7541 to get your kits.

I'Onissimo Concert and sing-along begins at 6:00 pm at Avant Garden Park, located at the SW corner of Westlake (off Latitude and Faye Lanes). Checks will be presented to our Giving Lights of I'On recipient charities - East Cooper Meals on Wheels and HALOS. Everyone is invited, and refreshments will be served.

The I'On TRUST works to BRING NEIGHBORS TOGETHER! On the Home Tour day, we celebrate the many I'On neighbors who help make the events of the day possible as well as our friends from the larger community - Charleston and beyond - who join us. **Thank you all and Happy Holidays!**



Welcome New I'On Neighbors!

Brent & Stirling
Halversen
42 Sowell Street

Kelly & David Prezzano
137 North Shelmore

Patty & Mark Mogul
67 Jogging Street

Alan & Felicia Craig
40 Montrose Road

Don & Carolyn
Crompton
277 North Shelmore

Kristen & Robert
Sumner
127 Civitas Street

Ann & Joseph
Thompson
209 North Shelmore Blvd

Ryan & Sharyn
Bluestein
47 Sanibel Street

Jenny Hooker
62 Saturday Road

New Neighbors,
Please inform
Cheryl Wilson of AMCS
of your new address at
cwilson@amcs-inc.com.

Around I'On ...

First Friday Cocktails

Friday, December 5 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Put on your Jingle Bells and Reindeer Antlers for the Holiday First Friday Cocktail Party, hosted by **Cathy** and **Ray Davis** at 19 Edenton Road. As usual, BYOB, a glass and an appetizer to share. **All I'On residents are invited.** Contact **Brooke Niznik** at bniznik@comcast.net or 216-3475 with any questions you may have.

Lowcountry Christmas on I'On Radio

December 7 12:00 noon till ...

Enjoy Christmas recordings made right here in the Lowcountry. There are over 120 unique performances and some original songs including music from our Montessori School, Churches and I'Onissimo. Music continues through Christmas. www.ionradio1640.com and 1640 AM.

Women's Coffee ... A Christmas Tea

Tuesday, December 9 10:00 - 12:00 am

In the spirit of the holidays the Women's Coffee will be replaced this month with a Christmas Tea. Please bring your favorite tea cup and join your friends and new neighbors at **Anne Register's** and **Becky Van Wie's** home at 270 North Shelmore Boulevard. For questions or a ride, contact **Carol Morgan** at 216-5631 or **Gail Lauder** at 971-0985.

I'On Homeowner's Association Annual Meeting

Thursday, December 11 6:00 - 7:00 pm

All residents are encouraged to come to the Creek Club to elect 3 new Trustees to our HOA Board and hear about current happenings in our I'On Community. Come early to meet neighbors, Board members and candidates, and find out more about clubs and operations within I'On. Meeting starts at 7:00. Information packets have been mailed that include the Meeting Agenda, 2009 Budget, Board of Trustee candidate information and a Proxy that you can use if you cannot attend the meeting. If you did not receive your packet, please contact Cheryl Wilson at cwilson@amcs-inc.com to get another. If you cannot attend the meeting, please send in your proxy.

Also ... Please bring a food or other donation to the annual meeting to help support the I'On Club's Holiday Food Drive in support of East Cooper Community Outreach (ECCO). Check out the box on page 6 for ideas. Thank you and hope to see you there!

Around I'On ... *continued*

I'On Residents' Potluck Supper at the Creek Club

Wednesday, December 17 6:00 pm

The hosts for this potluck supper will be **Myra Brooks** and **Tom Kodama**. As always, we meet at **6:00 pm** to socialize. **Supper will begin at 6:30**. If you haven't been to one, it's a great way to meet your neighbors and visit with new or familiar faces. All you have to do is show up with a dish to pass (*there is no rule it has to be made in your kitchen*), your beverage of choice, glasses, plates, napkins and flatware. Since this is a do it yourself event (*no staff*), we hope that everyone who participates will not mind helping to set up and clean up (*folding the chairs and tables*). No reservations required! **ALL I'On residents are welcome!** Questions ... please call **Annie Bonk** at 881-7601 or email Annie at abbonk@msn.com.

Community of I'On Artists Annual Meeting

Wednesday, December 17 7:00 pm

The Community of I'On Artists will have their annual meeting at the studio of Mickey Williams, 724 South Shelmore Boulevard. Please come by 7:00 pm for wine and hors d'oeuvres, a short meeting and Q&A with Mickey. After 8:00 pm you may continue the celebration at O'Brion's Pub. Questions ... contact **Pamela Schussel** at 216-7755. Sponsored by the I'On Trust.

Yarn Buddies

Yarn Buddies will meet again in January. Happy Holidays!!!

Women Bridge Players

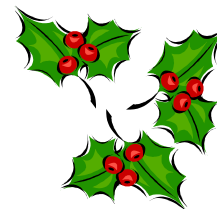
If you would be interested in playing bridge either on Thursday or Friday afternoons, once or twice per month, please contact Carol Morgan @ 216-5631 or jccmorgan@gmail.com.

If you have questions or comments about this newsletter, or information you'd like to get into future issues, please contact Barbara Fry at brbfry@comcast.net.

[Click here](#) to visit the I'On Community Website

If you enjoy First Friday Cocktail Parties, think about hosting one. It requires minimal preparation and costs little. If you think your home is not large enough, consider splitting the cost of a tent with other households, or, "share" the party with another house on your block. We need hosts for February and March 6, April 3, June 5th... If interested or questions - call **Brooke Niznik** at 216-3475 or email bniznik@comcast.net.

Conservati'on Corps will have a mimosa & coffee holiday gathering this month, at a place and morning time TBA, to celebrate the year's accomplishments. Hats off to **Martha Morgan** and her committee for presenting a fun LocalMotion Food Fair last month, celebrating local farmers and farming, and to **Brooke Niznik** for letting us join with First Friday to keep the focus on FOOD! We'll start back up with regular meetings in January. As you think about your plans for 2009, if you're interested in shaping local activities to promote energy conservation or learning more about alternative energy options, consider joining the **Conservati'on Corps!** For more information, contact **Cynthia Rosengren** 856-8239, **Jennifer Richard** 884-2925, or **Martha Morgan** 216-6567, or write to conservationcorpsofion@comcast.net.



Seal Hunt Report ...



THE WINNER FOR NOVEMBER: **Connie Stahl** is our Seal Hunt winner for the month. The Seal was hidden on the back of a brick column on the side entrance to Sweet Olive's backyard. Connie's prize was a gift certificate for Sweet Olive, and she will have her name added to the drawing for the grand prize in December.

The December contest is the final one for 2008, and we will draw a name from our group of winners for a grand prize once the December winner is identified. The Seal will be hidden on November 30 somewhere in the neighborhood, in a public area, and all I'On neighbors are invited to find it.

Start looking again on December 1.

Here's the December clue:

"I go up and down every day, but not under my own power.

People rely on me to keep them dry.

I wear cleats but not on my feet.

Look for the seal on the vertical part of me."

If you're the lucky one who finds it, contact Anne Register at aregister@theiontrust.org or 881-7541. Give your name, your phone number or email and the details of the location where you found it. **Don't move the seal from the spot** – just report to us that you have found it. We'll have winner's name and photo in the next community newsletter.



Coming Events ... **JOIN US FOR A CHRISTMAS TEA!**



**Let's have a cup of tea for the Women's Coffee
December 9 at Anne and Becky's house
270 North Shelmore Boulevard.**

**We have a special story of sharing Christmas Tea,
We want to share some with you,
And warm memories, too**

**Bring a favorite teacup instead of your coffee mug,
One that has a story all its own,
That still makes you smile,
And will make others do so, too.**

**The holidays are a time for reminiscing,
And being with good friends, old and new,
Please plan to join us for a festive time,
And some delicious holiday brew.**

Membership Update

You should have received an I'On TRUST membership packet in the mail in the last week. We do hope you are seriously considering **becoming a member** for 2009, and **special thanks** to those who have already committed. The TRUST needs your support more than ever since other sources of revenue are decreasing.

We also hope many of you will **consider volunteering** for the programs and activities that are planned for next year. These are listed on the card in the mailing. Volunteers will be more crucial than ever because TRUST staff time will be reduced next year. The good things that happen in the neighborhood should belong to volunteers, as was conceived when I'On was just beginning. Staff will still be around to offer consultation and administrative support, but our future events will be put together and managed by volunteers.

The I'On TRUST makes possible many of the events and happenings that make I'On such a special place to live, and we need your support – as members and as volunteers. Please join us!

A Brand New Website for the Trust

Visit www.theiontrust.org to see our new website. The old one “fell apart in September” and we have been eagerly waiting the chance to announce the new one. This site is much more attractive and user-friendly. Upcoming events will be easier to find, and photos of past programs will be featured; so check back often to see what your friends and neighbors are up to!

Another addition is the option to use PayPal for memberships, event tickets, and other TRUST purchases.

Related to this technological change is **a new e-mail communications system**. We want to include all I'On neighbors and friends on our list – anyone who wants regular updates on neighborhood activities. If you are interested, just send a quick message to Anne Register at aregister@theiontrust.org, or sign up on the website.

Very Special Thanks to our sponsor of the I'On Home Tour, **I'On Realty**; our homeowners (**Joanne Ayers, Diane and Mike Balister, Sheri and David Cooper, Kim and Jeff Meyer, Kimberly and Chris Moss, Fern and Charlie Mountain, and Linda and Harriet Ripinsky**) and **Holy Ascension Orthodox Church** for graciously opening their homes and the church to our guests; and to the planning committee members (**Fern and Charlie Mountain, Peg Higgins, Annette and Bud Garner, Cynthia Webb, Deborah Bedell, Connie Stahl, Charlotte Wizbach, Carter Fox, Fred McIntyre, Dwight Williams, and Bob Hervey**)!!! And we are especially grateful to our good friends at **Dolphin Architects and Builders** for providing the two houses for the Arthouse and the Café. Both of these lovely homes are for sale!!



Best Wishes to all for a joyous Holiday Season and a blessed New Year from the Board and staff of the I'On TRUST. Thanks for allowing us to be a part of the neighborhood!!!



Christmas Shopping ... Shop Local!!!

Many of our I'On neighbors have businesses in the community that offer wonderful gift ideas for Christmas. Whether you have a specific gift in mind or want the convenience of a gift card, consider our local merchants first.

Some of the products and services offered include:

- Artwork & Framing
- Clothing & Accessories
- Food & Wine
- Home & Garden
- Personal Care

Save time and energy by shopping in the hood. Check out the I'On Phone Directory to get a listing of businesses, or, click on [I'On BizNet](#) to get a listing by business type. Thanks for thinking of them!

Gift "Unpacking" Tip

If you're up to your eyeballs in packing nuts (those highly electric, lighter than air, "Styrofoam" peanuts) don't toss them. If you can't "ship" them away, consider recycling. The Pak Mail on Houston Northcutt participates in the national loose fill recycling/reuse program. **They'll take all the peanuts you have, no questions asked.** They're located at 976 Houston Northcutt Blvd (in the shopping center at the corner of Houston and Coleman). Call 849-0310 for more information.

Holiday Food Drive

in support of East Cooper Community Outreach (ECCO)

Please help make peoples' lives a little better. Bring in a canned food donation today.

Drop off all items at the I'On Club Pro Shop.

Items Needed:

Cranberry Sauce, Pumpkin, Stuffing, Yams, Green Beans, Corn, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Pasta Sauce, Dried & Canned Pasta, Grits (2 lb Bag), Rice, Jello, Canned Meat (tuna, chicken, salmon), Beans, Canned Veggies, Flour, Dish Detergent, Laundry Detergent.



Walk to New Year's Eve ... at the Creek Club!!!

All I'On Residents are invited to a New Year's Eve Party "First Friday" style.

BYOB, a glass, and hors d'oeuvres to share.

Come in festive holiday attire and celebrate with your neighbors.

8:00 PM ... December 31st

Prizes awarded for "Best Decorated Champagne Glass" & "Best Party Hat."

Supported by the I'On HOA, I'On Trust and Crushed Fine Wines.

Queries ... call Dwight Williams at (843) 971-5065.

Adults only...

One more thought ...

Water is becoming one of our scarcest resources. If you haven't turned down your irrigation system yet to accommodate the cooler weather, please do so. Many systems have a "seasonal adjustment" that allows you to cut down the percentage to every station without changing your overall plan. For more info, check out [Clemson Extension Winter Irrigation](#). Happy Holidays!