



# Living in I'On

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

## April Calendar

- 4/1 ConservatI'on Corps Meeting
- 4/4 I'On Radio
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- 4/4 Landscape Committee Meeting  
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- 4/14 BizNet Meeting
- 4/16 I'On Potluck Supper at the Creek Club
- 4/19 I'On Bike Races  
Volunteer for Habitat

## Covenants Committee Update... by Sheri Cooper

After seven months of living in I'On, I can only say that it gets better every day. We were thoroughly entertained this weekend with Kids Night Out, the St. Patrick's Day celebration and swimming under the Bubble. Thank goodness for school so parents can recover!

Okay, now down to business.

As Bruce mentioned last month, I am the Treasurer and Chair of the Covenants Committee. Although the Treasurer function is intriguing, I would like to focus on the Covenants Committee this month.

First of all, thanks to **Ward Mundy** and **Skip Runge** for volunteering to serve on the committee. Believe me, enforcing rules is not a very popular or glamorous job but the three of us believe in the importance of keeping I'On the beautiful community that it currently is. We intend to enforce the covenants and rules in a friendly and consistent manner.

Speaking of covenants and rules, they are currently available on [www.ioncommunity.com](http://www.ioncommunity.com) under Documents/Assembly - Governing Documents. I encourage everyone to look them over. I think the most important ones to keep in mind relate to vehicles, especially with boating season around the corner, and keeping our lots and houses in good order. As a Board of Trustees member, I can honestly tell you we are doing our best to keep our neighborhood's amenities and landscaping looking beautiful and safe, but we need your help in following the few rules that we do have.

If for some reason you feel that one of your neighbors is somehow violating the covenants or rules, please feel free to discuss it with your neighbor or e-mail Cheryl Wilson, our AMCS property manager, at [cwilson@amcs-inc.com](mailto:cwilson@amcs-inc.com), with your complaint. Cheryl will promptly alert a covenants committee member who will check on the situation and hopefully get it quickly resolved. If you'd like to review a copy of the new "Violation Procedure," contact Cheryl Wilson at [cwilson@amcs-inc.com](mailto:cwilson@amcs-inc.com).

I would like to ask everyone to keep in mind that all of us are volunteers and are doing the best job we can for our community. We all have different opinions and will probably make mistakes (well, I know I will!) but please be patient and let's work together for a common good called "I'On."

Thanks and Happy Spring!

*Sheri Cooper*

## April Calendar cont'd ...

- 4/19 Screen on the Green
- 4/20 May Newsletter Deadline
- 4/23 Yarn Buddies
- 4/24 Recycle Lunch Bunch HOA Board Meeting
- 4/27 Holy Cross Church Tent Service

## Survey a coming...

Each homeowner should be receiving a communication soon of a survey being prepared by the I'On Company, the I'On Trust, the I'On Club and the I'On Assembly. The purpose of the survey is to collect information on a variety of issues that is important to the quality of life in I'On. We hope you'll take the time to answer the questions when contacted. Thank you in advance for your help!"

## Save the Date

The Community of I'On Artists is busy preparing for The 3rd Annual Art Show to be held at the Creek Club on May 22, 6:00-8:30 pm. For more, visit our website at [www.ionartist.com](http://www.ionartist.com).

## Around I'On ...

### ConservatI'on Corps Meeting

Tuesday, April 1 1:00 - 2:30 pm

58 Hospitality Street; hosted by **Steve Degnen**. Come join your neighbors who share an interest in conserving our natural resources, discuss current projects and share ideas. Everyone is welcome! For more information, contact **Jennifer Richard** at 884-2925, or **Cynthia Rosengren** at 856-8239.

### I'On Radio - True **Blue Dogs** Weekend

Friday, April 4 to Sunday, April 6

ION Radio, [www.ionradio1640.com](http://www.ionradio1640.com) or AM 1640. Tune in for a format featuring the music of the **Blue Dogs**. All your favorites from *Half of my Mistakes to Cosmic Cowboy*. For those who love static, we're broadcasting on AM (*remember to rotate that AM radio to improve reception by pointing the internal antenna*).

### I'On Landscape Committee Meeting

Friday, April 4 9:00 am

I'On Realty Office Downstairs Conference Room. All are invited to discuss the proposed centralized irrigation monitoring system. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Wilson at 303-3586 or [cwilson@amcs-inc.com](mailto:cwilson@amcs-inc.com).

### First Friday Cocktails

Friday, April 4 6:00 - 8:00 pm

All I'On residents are invited to the First Friday Cocktail Party at **Sweet Olive Garden Shop**, 264 North Shelmore Boulevard; hosted by **Melinda and Craig Wrenn**. Bring your own beverage and an appetizer to share. A multi-tasking event – you can party and shop and meet new neighbors and visit the old. Any questions ... call **Brooke Niznik** at 216-3475 or [bniznik@comcast.net](mailto:bniznik@comcast.net).

### Bridge Run Concert, Featuring the **Blue Dogs**

Saturday, April 5 2:30 - 7:30 pm

Westlake Amphitheater; sponsored by I'On Realty. Come on over after the Bridge Run and enjoy this popular I'On event. Once again the **Blue Dogs** – a local favorite – will be the featured group. New this year is an earlier start time with an opening act featuring the **Tim Hodson Trio**. Great music, food, and fun! **Children under 10 are FREE!!!** For ticket info and sale location, check I'On Trust section inside.

### Women's Coffee

Tuesday, April 8 10:00 - 12:00 am

Please join your neighbors for coffee and chat at the beautiful canal home of **Lindsey Williams**, 28 Rialto Road. Coffee is provided by the I'On Trust and all I'On neighbors are welcome. Membership in the Trust is not required. Questions ... contact Susan Marlowe at [susan.marlowe@yahoo.com](mailto:susan.marlowe@yahoo.com).

## Around I'On ... *continued*

### Habitat Truck in I'On - Spring Clean Drive

#### Saturday, April 12

Habitat has recently opened up a store on Long Point Road and they need donations to fill it up. **Pots/pans, furniture, lamps, dishes** ... anything you might use in a house. Smaller donations can be left on my porch located at 149 North Shelmore by Friday, April 11. For larger donations, the truck can stop by your house. To make arrangements, **please contact Susan Cass by Monday, April 7 at [spcrossi@aol.com](mailto:spcrossi@aol.com).**

### I'On Club Riptides Kick-Off Event

#### Sunday, April 13 3:00 - 5:00 pm

The I'On Riptides swim team is making plans for the 2008 season. Join us on Sunday, April 13th from 3-5pm on Maybank Green to kick start the season. This summer's program promises to be more fun than ever. Visit the Club website at [www.theionclub.com](http://www.theionclub.com) for more information on the swim team.

### BizNet Meeting

#### Monday, April 14 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Meeting location is **Sweet Olive Home & Garden**, corner of Sowell & North Shelmore. Prepare for the upcoming bike races and meet members of the local team. Business networking and information. For more information, visit [www.ionbiznet.com](http://www.ionbiznet.com).

### I'On Potluck Supper at the Creek Club

#### Wednesday, April 16 6:00 pm

Our hosts will be **Pana** and **Hugh Wilder**. As always, we meet at 6 pm to socialize. Supper will begin at 6:30 PM. 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 that your dish to pass has to be made in your kitchen*), your beverage of choice, glasses, plates, napkins and flatware. No reservations required! **All I'On residents are welcome.** Questions ... call **Annie Bonk** at 881-7601 [abbonk@msn.com](mailto:abbonk@msn.com).

### Help Build a Habitat House

#### Saturday, April 19 8:30 - 12:30 pm

Come join your neighbors and work on a home currently under construction in East Cooper. Haven't you always wanted to do this? No experience is necessary and all volunteers are welcome! Please contact **Susan Cass** at [spcrossi@aol.com](mailto:spcrossi@aol.com) to volunteer.

### Yarn Buddies

#### Wednesday, April 23 10:00 am

Yarn Buddies will meet at the home of **Wendie Ihrke**, at 116 Civitas Street, from 10:00 till 11:30 am. Call Wendie at 416-8248 with any questions. Dust off your needles and enjoy some friendly banter with new friends and old. All levels are welcome.

## Welcome New I'On Neighbors!

**Rebecca Andrews**  
115 Civitas Street

**Sally & Turner Boone**  
163 Ionsborough Street

**Jerrie Brittain**  
44 Rialto Road

**Steve & Joyce Corns**  
14 Fernandina Road

**Shannon Eaton**  
11 Krier Lane

**Dick & Jayne Elliot**  
222 North Shelmore Blvd

**Deborah & Steve Glazier**  
27 Perseverance Street

**Jayne & Jack Lahti**  
91 Latitude Lane

**Jane Martin**  
9 Eastlake Road

**Iain Sanderson**  
6 Saturday Road

**Bob & Polly Sullivan**  
15 Eastlake Road

**Elaine Whitbeck**  
76 Sowell Street

## Welcome Back!

**Dawn & Joe Meli**  
31 Krier Lane

## Moving Around!

**Cat Saunders**  
31 Robert Mills Circle (formerly  
Georgetown Rd)

**Karen & David Thompson**  
198 North Shelmore Blvd

## Around I'On ... *continued*

### Lunch Bunch "Horse Farm" Daytrip

Thursday, April 24 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Judy Chisholm has arranged a daytrip to visit her son's horse farm in Florence, SC. So far, 10 of the 13 spring foals have arrived and are tearing around, strutting their stuff. After visiting the farm, lunch will be in town. Meet on the I'On Square at 8:30 am (*trip should take just under two hours*). Wear comfortable clothes (*jeans would be good*) and sturdy shoes (*capable of withstanding a horse dropping or two*). We should be back in I'On no later than 4:30pm. **Please RSVP no later than Monday, April 21** to Judy at 856-3212 or [jchisholm21@comcast.net](mailto:jchisholm21@comcast.net). Car pools will be set up.

### HOA Trustees Board Meeting

Thursday, April 24 6:00 pm

All residents are welcome to attend. Meeting is held in the I'On Realty Office. See agenda posted at [www.ioncommunity.com](http://www.ioncommunity.com).

### Holy Cross Monthly Tent Service

Sunday, April 27 9:00 am

Join The Church of the Holy Cross for the monthly service in the big tent on I'On Square. For more information contact **Nicole Streetman** at 327-5851, or [nicole@nicolestreetman.com](mailto:nicole@nicolestreetman.com). You can also visit [www.holycross.net](http://www.holycross.net).

## Attention Pet Owners

Spring is sprung and we already have many kids 'rolling around' our park lawns and walking trails - not looking first before they roll! Please, do your part to keep our common areas, and even the empty lots free of 'smelly surprises'. You can deposit poop bags in any of our public trash bins - either the small ones at the pet stations, or the regular ones located near the parks and trails. **Can it be any easier than that?!** Start today. You and your neighbors (*old and young*) will thank you!

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

- Winston Churchill

## Volunteer for Habitat for Humanity this month!

Two opportunities to do so!!! Learn more about **Community in Act'lon**, the new social outreach program in I'On, by checking us out at [www.theiontrust.org](http://www.theiontrust.org).

## Georgetown Road has been renamed Robert Mills Circle -

Robert Mills was a prominent South Carolinian who lived during the same era as Jacob Bond I'On. Mills is recognized as perhaps the first professional architect in America, and went on to design many important structures in SC and along the east coast, the most recognized being the Washington Monument! We were forced to change the street name because County officials felt "Georgetown Road" was too similar to another existing street in Charleston County, and wanted no confusion in the event of an emergency. For more interesting tidbits on the latest historical figure to be recognized by an I'On street name, [click here](#).

## Update ... submitted by Anne Register



### Bridge Run Concert, featuring the **Blue Dogs**

Saturday, April 5, 2:30-7:30 pm

I'On Amphitheater

Tickets (**\$10 in advance, \$15 at the gate**) are on sale at I'On Realty, O'Brion's, and Sweet Olive Garden Shop (**tickets required for everyone over 10**). Tru\$t Buck\$ may be used!

The Tim Hodson Trio will open the concert at 2:30 pm, playing classic rock, blues and soul music. The **Blue Dogs** will return for their fourth annual fantastic performance in I'On, beginning about 4:00 pm.

Vendors will be on hand with food and beverages: Shane's Rib Shack will have barbecue sandwiches, chicken salad sandwiches, hot dogs, and non-alcoholic drinks; O'Brion's will have beer and wine; Mr. Koolie will have ice cream treats.

Bring your chairs and blankets to the hillside for a delightful afternoon, but **PLEASE LEAVE YOUR COOLERS AT HOME!** The concert is a fundraiser for the Trust, and part of the vendor proceeds will be donated to our organization.

The **Blue Dogs** Concert sponsor is I'On Realty.

### Lecture Series ... "On the Nature of Community"

**Tuesday, April 8 6:30 pm at Holy Ascension Orthodox Church**

This intriguing Lecture Series will continue with a program on sacred architecture presented by **Father John Parker** and church architect **Andrew Gould**. Come visit this very unique facility and learn from the experts about its design. Program begins at 6:00 pm. **The series is free and open to the public.**

### Screen on the Green

**Saturday, April 19 7:30 pm at the Amphitheater - Spaceballs (PG)**

Join neighbors and friends for the first outdoor movie of 2008. Our resident movie guru, **Dave Niemann**, has carefully selected a family-friendly feature. A delightful way to spend a spring evening – bring chairs and blankets, munchies and drinks, and come have a fun time. As always, popcorn will be provided. **The movie is free and open to the public!**

# Coming in May ... The Gardens of I'On!

Saturday, May 17 1:00 - 5:00 pm



This much-awaited and delightful new event promises to be a real winner. Ten of our I'On neighbors have agreed to welcome visitors to their gardens; six professional gardening experts will do presentations during the tour; members of the **Community of I'On Artists** will do *plein air* painting in the gardens; and a reception will be held at the Square at the conclusion of the afternoon. Do put this date on your calendars, and tell your friends to plan to attend.

**Tickets will be \$15 ahead of time and \$20 on the day of the event.** They will be available at I'On Realty, Sweet Olive Garden Shop, Abide-A-While, Hyams on James Island, and the Visitors' Center downtown, beginning April 19.

A few more volunteers are needed to make this occasion a perfect happening. If you are interested, contact Anne Register at 881-7541 or [aregister@theiontrust.org](mailto:aregister@theiontrust.org).

Very special thanks to **Francine Bray**, Coordinator of Gardens of I'On, and her terrific hard-working committee members: **Kay Chitty, Lori DeFilippo, and Susan Roerich**. We're also grateful to **Maggie Kinney, Wendie Ihrke, Pam Schussel, and Phil Ayers** for managing key responsibilities for the event. Presenting sponsor for **Gardens of I'On** is I'On Realty.

## Grants! Grants! Grants!

Deadline is April 4, 5:00 pm

Applications for the second round of funding from the I'On Trust for 2008 are due on Friday, April 4. If you are part of a grassroots effort in the neighborhood and need financial support for a project or activity, contact **Anne Register** for details. The Trust wants to provide assistance to I'On endeavors that are in keeping with its mission of "connecting neighbors with their community by providing cultural and civic activities and promoting volunteerism."

**BizNet** would like to welcome Jane Martin to the BizNet team.

Jane will be serving as President of the Board. Jane brings much experience, great skills, and loads of energy to the community and we look forward to more fun, successful events like the St. Patrick's Day Street Party. Welcome Jane! ([JanebMartin@williammeans.com](mailto:JanebMartin@williammeans.com))

# 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Bike Race in I'On

On Saturday, April 19, 2008, some streets will be closed for the 4th Annual Bike Race in I'On. There will be cyclists from seven years old to 70, racing at speeds of up to over 40 miles per hour! Children's activities and a race expo will be set up on Maybank Green. Porch parties will be all along the route. Be sure to check the I'On BizNet website for race details as well as a route map you can download at ([www.ionbiznet.com](http://www.ionbiznet.com)).



## As summer approaches, Reduce Your dependence on .... Bottled Water! Why not BOTTLE YOUR OWN?!

### FAMILY SAFETY

- EPA has strict guidelines for tap water which don't exist for bottled water.
- Our tap water contains helpful fluoride that most bottled water does not.

### CONSERVE RESOURCES

- It takes **15 million barrels of oil/yr** just to produce the plastic bottles for US market - and that's not including the cost to distribute them or refrigerate them!
- It takes twice as much water to **make** a plastic bottle than how much water **it holds!** !

### REDUCE SOLID WASTE

- Americans throw away more than 40 million water bottles **per day**.
- Only 20% of plastic bottles get recycled. The other 80%? It takes >1,000 years for them to degrade.

### IS THIS THE BEST WAY TO SPEND OUR MONEY?

- \$100 Billion was spent on bottled water in 2007 worldwide. How else could we invest \$100 Billion?



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Tap = 1¢/gal

reusable

versus



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Bottled = \$10.00/gal

solid waste

Sources: [www.container-recycling.org](http://www.container-recycling.org), US News & World Reports, Sierra Club

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## ECMCS Seeks Candidates for Expanding Adolescent Program



The booth for ECMCS was loaded with intriguing materials, photos of the new school, a slide show and a benefit comparison chart. Junko, an exchange teacher from Japan, volunteered to help.

ECMCS is currently expanding their adolescent program for the 2008-2009 school year. Principal Jody Swanigan, along with a team of educators and parent volunteers, attended several of the biggest job fairs in the state with hopes of attracting talented and enthusiastic educators for the program. The ECMCS booth was hopping! Hands on materials and a brand new school attracted many participants to open their eyes to montessori education. At the CCSD job fair, two students volunteered to exhibit a hands on demonstration of the materials. They stole the show, as the booth crowd grew several lines deep and the volunteers scurried to answer questions and hand out information.

Armed with stacks of resumes, Jody began the interview process. The candidates spent time in classroom observations, and even fielded questions from a 6th grade student who joined the interview team.

Do you know an enthusiastic educator who is looking for a rewarding and challenging teaching experience? Applications are still being accepted for SC teachers who are certified in English/Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, and Math. We are also seeking an instructor for Spanish and technology. Please visit our website for details: [www.montessoricharterschool.com](http://www.montessoricharterschool.com)

## All Eyes on ECMCS!

Dr. McGinley's visit to ECMCS sparked the school community's focus on the success of our charter montessori school. In April we will be visited by Ginny Riga, who is newly appointed to the SC Department of Education Office of Public School Choice, Montessori Programs.

Also, this month, Charleston County School District will be filming a video about the successes of ECMCS. They are creating a series of videos showcasing CCSD's exemplary schools. The video will be used on their website and in their new public affairs program that airs on Comcast.

## Flying Egg Boxes?



The 60 foot drop.



A casualty.



A survivor.

The annual egg drop filled the air with excitement this year! Students in 4th - 8th grade participated at Palmetto Island County Park, dropping their creations from the tower at various heights. They randomly selected a box of "mystery materials" and had 30 minutes to create a protection capsule. Very inventive!

The 1st - 3rd grade students, with help from the Mt. Pleasant Fire Dept., dropped egg boxes from 30ft, 60ft and 90ft. Packaged with only biodegradable products, the boxes sailed to the ground with a loud "thud", sometimes spilling out contents of marshmallows and cotton balls. Due to high winds, the 90ft drop had to be abandoned, as the cloth parachute boxes were sailing into the trees!

## ECMCS April Calendar

**APR 3** Bookmobile 9:00 - 11:00

**APR 8** Field Day - Recycled Olympics. Students and teacher teams compete in Environmental themed events.

**APR 17** Bookmobile 9:00 - 11:00

**APR 17** Governing Board Meeting 7:00 pm