



Living in I'On

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

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Amenities Committee Update... by Matt Walsh

It is amazing how quickly boating season returns to the Lowcountry. No wonder we live here. As spring is sprinting towards summer, the docks at the Creek Club are ready to support another great season of boating in and around Charleston. That makes it prime time to understand a number of things about one of our most important amenities ... the Creek Club Docks.

First, the docks are open to all residents of I'On. Any homeowner may use the docks. Second, if you are planning on keeping a boat at the dock for any amount of time at all, it is imperative that your boat be registered with the I'On Club and that your boat have the sticker easily visible from the dock. If you need access to the boat launch, keys are available for purchase for \$25 at the Club. You do not need to pay for stickers if you do not need the launch key. All boats must be registered with the Club.

The Docks are owned by the I'On Club. Upon registration you will receive a list of rules that should be followed. We have an Easement with the Club that allows all residents access to the docks. Each and every homeowner pays for this privilege. Your actions are the actions of your neighbors. Please be mindful of that when using the docks and the surrounding area. The easement can be found here: [Creek Club Easement](#).

"Do's" and "Don'ts" for the Creek Club Docks:

- Do register your boat with the I'On Club.
- Don't pay for a key if you do not need the boat launch.
- Do respect the shared amenity.
- Don't leave your boat unattended for more than 8 hours on the docks.
- Do use the trash cans for your trash. (They are coming back this year.)
- Don't leave trash all over the Creek Club lawn.
- Do participate on this committee if you are interested in helping preserve our shared amenities by clicking here: [Amenities Committee](#).
- Don't volunteer if you are looking for 48 hour boat parking at the Creek Club.

Thanks to everyone for all of their support and commitment to making our shared amenities an enhancement to every homeowner's property value.

Matt Walsh

April Calendar cont'd ...

5/25 Holy Cross Church
Tent Service
Memorial Day Concert

5/28 Yarn Buddies

5/31 Mathis Ferry Road
Clean-up

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May Community Calendar](#)

The I'On Trust

would like to thank all our wonderful friends and neighbors who participated as volunteers at the Blue Dogs Concert: **John Bender, Sheri & David Cooper, Brad Davis, Dan Doyle, Norm Engard, Carter Fox, Lewis Griffith, Jack Hamilton, Linda & Len Hanson, Jack Howard, Larry Jensen, Ken Keefer, Trey Mathisen, Jody McAuley, Fred McIntyre, James McKinney, Sandy & John Powers, Michael Purcell, Ken Richardson, Jerry Squires, M.P. Wilkerson, Lindsey Williams, and Bud Wofford.**

And thanks as well to our planning committee: **Don Higgins, Bud Garner, Dwight Williams, Tony Woody, Phil Ayers and Bob Fry.**

Around I'On ...

First Friday Cocktails at the Amphitheater

Friday, May 2 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Come celebrate a late May Day or early Cinco de Mayo at a Tent Party at Westlake Amphitheatre. Open to all I'On residents. BYOB, glasses and an appetizer to share. Children are welcome to this outdoor event! Any questions, call **Brooke Niznik** at 216-3475 or bniznik@comcast.net. (Tent is courtesy of the I'On Trust!)

Annual Community Wide Yard Sale

Saturday, May 10 8:00 - noon

A map with the addresses of the families participating will be handed out beginning at 7:45 am at the main entrance to I'On, on Shelmore & Civitas. A \$5.00 per participating household fee will be charged to help defray the cost of advertising, signage, etc. For more info, contact **Theresa Green** at 849-2945 or **Linda Hanson** at 849-8479. For flyer details [click here](#). Sponsored by the I'On Lunch Bunch

I'Onissimo Concert - Brass by the Bells

Sunday, May 11 4:00 - 5:00 pm

The I'Onissimo! Brass Quintet will perform in the new garden of the Holy Ascension Orthodox Church at 265 N Shelmore Blvd. In case of rain, the concert will be moved indoors to the Church hall.

BizNet Meeting

Monday, May 12 5:30 - 8:10 pm (Sunset)

"50 Members Strong - Spring Recruiting Now in Progress." Bring 2 friends to The Creek Club. Meet **Jane Martin**, our new President, as she takes the BizNet helm and learn about plans for the future. **Lane Jefferies**, your I'On neighbor and representative of Barrier Island Yachts will have boats at the dock for a Sunset Cruise on the Wando River. **Free food and drink!** Parents invited for a group discussion about organizing summer boating activities for youth in our community. For more information, visit www.ionbiznet.com.

Women's Coffee

Tuesday, May 13 10:00 - 12:00 am

Gail Paul will be our host for the May Coffee. Please bring a coffee mug to 345 North Shelmore Boulevard and enjoy this I'On Trust sponsored event. **You do not have to be a member of the Trust to participate.** Questions... contact susan.marlowe@yahoo.com.

ConservatI'on Corps Meeting

Tuesday, May 13 1:00 - 2:30 pm

Hosted by **Cynthia Rosengren**, 110 Shipyard Road. Got energy to help conserve energy, or other ways to help the environment? Please join us! Contact **Jennifer Richard** at 884-2925 or **Cynthia Rosengren** at 856-8239 for more information.

Around I'On ... *continued*

Financial Literacy Fair

Wednesday, May 14 6:00 - 9:00 pm

At the Creek Club. Everyone's invited to learn more about the need for a better public understanding of personal financial literacy and fiscal responsibility. Participants will include a bank, a credit union and diverse financial professionals. It is being hosted by **Dorothea Bernique**, director of the non-profit Training Center for Financial Literacy. Food and beverages will be served. For more details contact **John Barnhill** at 216-1183

Lunch Bunch "Lana Restaurant"

Thursday, May 15 11:10 till ...

Join the Lunch Bunch for some delightful Italian cuisine in a sophisticated urban pioneer setting. We'll be going to Lana Restaurant in downtown Charleston. Meet at the I'On Square at 11:10 am. Please RSVP to **Sandy Powers** at 971-0073 or jspowers1@comcast.net by Friday, May 9th.

Gardens of I'On

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

I'On's inaugural garden tour will feature 10 lovely private gardens and a reception at I'On Square. Also included will be 6 professional demonstrations at various outdoor locations on gardening-related topics. **Tickets will be \$15 in advance, \$20 on the day of the event** and will go on sale beginning April 21 at I'On Realty, [Sweet Olive Garden Shop](#), Abide-A-While, and Hyam's. Trust Bucks may be used at I'On Realty. This is an I'On Trust event sponsored by I'On Realty

I'On Artists Regular Members' Meeting

Wednesday May 21 9:00 am - noon

At the Creek Club. Speaker's topic will be "Calligraphy."

I'On Potluck Supper at the Creek Club

Wednesday, May 21 6:00 pm

The hosts for this potluck supper will be **Bonnie and Dwain Ray**. We meet at **6:00 pm** to socialize; **supper at 6:30**. It's a great way to meet your neighbors and visit with new or familiar faces. Bring 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 ... call **Annie Bonk** at 881-7601 or email Annie at abbonk@msn.com.

HOA Trustees Board Meeting

Thursday, May 22 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.

Welcome New I'On Neighbors!

Lou & Robert Hall

15 Prescient Street

Gabbie & Ben Henrich

55 Sanibel Street

Gary Latham &

Ruby Qurachi

31 Edenton Road

David & Jan Jordan

26 Saturday Road

Deborah Rush

182 North Shelmore Blvd

Paula & Bob Sullivan

15 Eastlake Road

Barbara & Michael

VanBeyrer

52 Jane Jacobs Street

Ann & Gregg Behrens

15 Fairhope Road

Lane Jefferies

190 Ionsborough Street

Moving Around I'On

Francine Bray

71 Latitude Lane

Cathy & Ray Davis

19 Edenton Road

Lees & John Baldwin

28 Robert Mills Circle

Anne & Donivan Glassburn

63 Robert Mills Circle

For new and relocating neighbors - you need to inform AMCS of your new address.

[Click here - Thanks!](#)

Around I'On ... *continued*

3rd Annual I'On Art Show

Thursday, May 22 6:00 - 9:00 pm

At the Creek Club. Sponsored by the community of I'On Artists. For more info, visit their website at www.ionartist.com.

Consecration of Holy Ascension Orthodox Church

Saturday, May 24 9:30 am

Not only a first in I'On but a first for the town ... the consecration of the first Orthodox Church in Mount Pleasant. For more details, read Father John Parker's invitation inside.

Holy Cross Monthly Tent Service

Sunday, May 25 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. You can also visit www.holycross.net.

Memorial Day Weekend Band Concert

Sunday, May 25 6:00 pm

At Westlake Amphitheater. The Charleston Community Band will entertain with patriotic favorites. Come join neighbors and friends and perhaps bring a picnic to the lawn of the Amphitheater for a festive and traditional patriotic event on this holiday weekend. **This family-friendly event is free and open to the public!** Sponsored by the I'On Trust.

Yarn Buddies

Wednesday, May 28 10:00 am

Yarn Buddies will meet at the home of **Joanne Grant**, 14 Jogging Street, from 10:00 till 11:30 am. Questions ... call Joanne at 216-6539. If you're between projects, come to chat and get some new ideas. All skill levels are welcome.

Adopt-A-Highway

Saturday, May 31 9:00 am

Meet at O'Brion's at 9:00 a.m. and help spruce up Mathis Ferry Road from the I'On traffic circle to the Armory. We provide the equipment; you provide the time and energy. This is a kid-friendly event for youth, 6 and above who come with parents. This is an I'On Trust sponsored event.

Attention Dogwalkers

Look for the addition of 4 new "Poop Stations" along the marsh trail to assist our four footed friends and their owners in keeping the marsh trails a fun walking experience for everyone (not to mention the homeowner's who live there!). When your pet does his job, please do yours and pick-up after him.

A BIG THANK YOU to
Lorelee & Gordon Strauss
for donating 2 of the new
stations to the HOA!

Newsorthy Fact

According to a new study by the Urban Land Institute, shifting 60 percent of new growth to compact development by 2030 would have the same benefit as a 28% increase in U.S. fuel efficiency.

Source: "Growing Cooler: The Evidence on Urban Development and Climate Change"

If you have a sidewalk in front of your property, did you know you are responsible for planting and caring for the land between the sidewalk and the street? Many homeowners assume that property is cared for by Lawn-O-Green. That is true, to the extent that LOG will mow and edge any grass. But it is the responsibility of the homeowner to either sod the area with Centipede grass (or plant an appropriate ground cover) as well as provide adequate irrigation to keep it watered (including any street trees!). Thanks for doing your part to keep I'On green!

(Re: The I'On Code, page 9, paragraph 3)

The Gardens of I'On!

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



This much-awaited and delightful new event has created quite a buzz in the community. Ten of our I'On neighbors have agreed to welcome visitors to their gardens, including **Bib & Connie Stahl, Betty & Wesley Haynes, Myra Brooks & Tom Kodama, Barbara & John Worley, Lynne & Kurt Carbonero, Joan & Ed Ball, Helen & Skipper Woodydy, Jo & Ed Clem, Brooke Niznik, and Faye & Tom Graham.**

In addition, six professional gardening experts will do presentations during the tour. These include:

- **Melinda Wrenn** at *Sweet Olive*, "Container Planting"
- Patty Montgomery from Wild Birds Unlimited, "Attracting Birds and Butterflies to Your Garden"
- Scott Ives from Cross Garden Center, "Integrating Herbs and Vegetables into the Ornamental Garden"
- **Miles Gandy Whiffield** with a presentation on "Southern Architecture and Gardens of the Deep South"
- Diana Rutledge from The Water Garden People, "Water Gardens 101"
- **Gail Summars** at Soif, "Wine Gardening"

Several members of the **Community of I'On Artists** will do *plein air* painting and other art demonstrations near the featured gardens. We'll conclude the day with a complimentary reception at the Square. O'Brion's, Square Onion and our new neighbor at Shelmore Village – Crushed Fine Wine – are making generous contributions to the refreshments for this affair.

Tickets will be \$15 ahead of time and \$20 on the day of the event. They are available at I'On Realty, *Sweet Olive Garden Shop*, Abide-A-While, Hyams on James Island, and the Visitors' Center downtown, beginning April 19. We still need a few more volunteers to work on the day of the event in docent and ticket-seller roles and to help with the reception. If you are interested, contact Anne Register at 881-7541 or 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 Roehrich.** We're also grateful to **Maggie Kinney, Wendie Ihrke, Pam Schussel, Brenda Orcott, Ellen Patterson, Amy Mathisen, Jan Pomerantz,** and **Phil Ayers** for managing key responsibilities for the event. Presenting sponsor for **Gardens of I'On** is I'On Realty.

Stay tuned next month for exciting news from our I'On Trust
Membership Development Committee. 😊

You are invited to
The Consecration of Holy Ascension Orthodox Church
by Father John Parker

Saturday, May 24, 2008, is a first not only in l'On, but in the history of our town: we will consecrate the first Orthodox Church in Mt. Pleasant. The lot formerly designated as CV-7, is being returned to God in thanksgiving for His wonders, and to the glory of the Holy Ascension of Jesus Christ.

His Eminence, the Most Reverent DMITRI, Archbishop of Dallas and the South will celebrate this most ancient and mystical service. It will be a feast for the senses—the melodious sounds of Byzantine and Russian chants of the Ancient Christian Church, the fragrance of sacred incense filling the air, the taste of blessed bread and wine, the brightness and royal beauty of the vestments of the clergy and servers—all followed by a feast on the parish grounds.

The consecration of a new church is, at its root, the baptism of a new altar and the blessing of the holy space. So, following ancient customs, we will ceremonially wash the new altar with fragrant rose water, anoint it with holy oil, install in it the relics of a holy Christian Martyr, vest it with a white linen altar cloth, and top it with a golden vestment. Thereafter, the Archbishop will bless the four walls of the church with holy water and anoint each with holy oil, marking all with the sign of the cross. A young man will also be ordained to the Holy Diaconate at the same service, beginning his lifelong commitment to ordained ministry in the Church.

Please join us for this momentous occasion. We begin our services Friday evening, May 23, at 6pm; the consecration itself will be Saturday at 9:30am (and will likely continue until 12:30pm); the feast will follow. If you have any questions or would like to know more, please contact Fr John Parker at 881-5010 or frjohn@occharleston.org.

Many thanks for the numerous gestures of kindness and generosity that you all continue to demonstrate as we move fully and officially into this wonderful community!

**Remember how much fun Summer Camp was?
Wouldn't it be great if every kid got to go to camp?**

**In May, Community In Acti'On is focusing on support for
HALOS "Summer Camp" Program.**

HALOS makes camp and other activities available to at least 100 children, all of whom have histories of maltreatment and are involved with the **Charleston County Department of Social Services**. No other resources are available to allow them to experience the benefits that summer camp offers. You can help **HALOS** make it possible for these children to stay safe and have a wonderful summer full of learning, exploration and fun.

If you'd like to make an immediate difference in a needy kid's life, click on [HALOS](#). Or contact **Hannah Morris** at hannahbmorris@comcast.net to find out more. We'll all be the better for it!

ECMCS Recycled Olympics



Left: Trinity Praolini sorts through recyclables for her team.
Center: Adam Melin races for the orange team in the water relay.
Right: Shriya Amin, Ture Nyman and Savannah Cash pass the hula hoop without breaking the circle.

This year, ECMCS's Annual Field Day turned green! The theme was "Recycled Olympics" featuring games that were fun and educational. Each team was comprised of mixed age groups with one teacher or administrator. They worked as a team to beat the clock, not team vs. team.

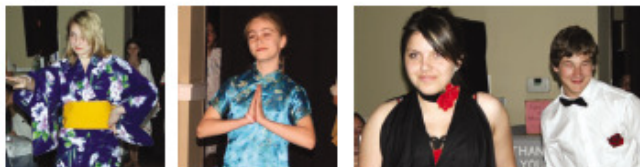
Teams rotated between events featuring recycling themes. Parent volunteers organized and directed the event. At the end, everyone was a winner with awards made from recycled records, flip flops, drink umbrellas, and more! "The whole school - teachers, students and parents - came together to create this day of fun, excitement, team building and learning", said Jody Swanigan, Principal. "It was a great day and will be a tough act to follow next year!"

Spanish Fashion Culture Show



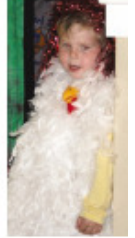
Fourth grade student, Christian Trotter, makes a splash on the runway!

Spanish teacher Yasiris Torres found an exciting way for students in 4th-8th grade to learn the spanish language and culture. They created a fashion show displaying costumes from different spanish speaking regions while presenting a dialogue about themselves. After the runway event, the audience was treated an authentic Hispanic dinner.



Fletcher Was Hatched at ECMCS

The after school students have been practicing for months to put on their first drama production. Ms. Melanie, Andrea Holloway and Md. Bethany orchestrated the group to put on an excellent production. Parents, Alison Keane, Andrea and Paul Holloway and Robert Hartnett were incredible, providing food, sets and homemade costumes.



One little chick waiting for his turn



Hannah Holloway played Alexandra (L) who was too busy with her cute new chicks to notice Fletcher, played by Cameron Keane (Fletcher's head) and Joseph Hartnett (Fletcher's tail).



At curtain call, Ms. Melanie (L) and Ms. Bethany (R) accept roses from the crowd. In front is Julia Heicher, who played a chick.

Ginny Riga Visits ECMCS



Ginny Riga works with first grade student, Dylan Still.

ECMCS was thrilled to welcome Ginny Riga to the school this month. Ms. Riga was newly appointed by Dr. Rex, State Superintendent of Education, to focus on all Montessori programs of the SC Department of Education of Public School Choice.

Ms. Riga met with Jody Swanigan, Principal, and three teachers to discuss of the needs of public charter schools as well as the importance of Montessori based curriculum as a public school choice. She formulated a list of goals to include topics of training, certification and funding. Ms. Riga was impressed with the teachers, students, parents and the school in seeing how far it has come in a few short years.

Left: Courtney Carrick, seventh grade, struts down the runway.
Left Center: Fourth grade student, Carly Crawford strikes a pose before taking her turn on the runway.
Right: Eighth grade students Guiliana Robertson and Aaron Cohn displayed their fashions as they did the tango on the runway.