



Living in I'On

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

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Mid-Year HOA
Assembly Meeting,
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Annual Cookie Bakeoff!
- 6/19 Recycle
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Coco's French Café

Landscape/Infrastructure Update... by John Powers

"Three grand essentials to happiness in this life are something to do, something to love, and something to hope for" - Joseph Addison. I think I speak for many when I say I love living in I'On, and as I write this column, I would be remiss in not mentioning that all of us on the HOA Board hope to accomplish many things to continue improving our wonderful place to live. But first, we want to give a huge "Thank You" to Alan Barbieri, who has chaired the Landscape and Infrastructure Committees for the past 17 months. Under Alan's leadership there were too many excellent accomplishments to list. Some major highlights were a new landscape contract, a plan for care of our trees with the help of an arborist, upgrade of Perseverance and Avant Garden Parks, and instituting a turf management program, to name a few.

"Vision without action is a daydream. Action without vision is a nightmare" - Japanese Proverb. We are delighted that Dave Rosengren has agreed to Chair the Landscape Committee for the rest of 2008 and I will now Chair the Infrastructure Committee. Dave has served on landscape in the past, has an excellent working relationship with the I'On contractors, and knows the issues needing attention now and in the future. Both Dave and I know there are many ideas, concerns, and questions from our neighbors. Our mission is simple: Continue to make I'On a beautiful, really cool place to live!

"The question is not what you look at, but what you see" - Henry David Thoreau. I will be helping Dave if needed, and vice/versa. But ... did you know we have an army of volunteers who help every week to identify needs, follow-up on concerns, and monitor all the areas of I'On? We could not be successful without their help. They are **Len Hanson, Melinda Wrenn, Linda Moser, Cynthia Webb, Alan Gentry, Kershaw LeClerq, Fred McIntyre** and **Amy Sage**. If you as a homeowner have a concern and know any of these volunteers, let them know. Or, contact Dave or me directly (we are in the directory). We would love to hear from you with your ideas and solutions.

"There is nothing that makes its way more directly into the soul than beauty" - Joseph Addison. The folks behind the curtain who make it all happen are our contractors. We are very lucky to have an outstanding management company, AMCS, and Cheryl Wilson works magic behind the scenes. Our Landscape contractor is Lawn-O-Green, and we work very closely with them. Finally, in closing, there is much to do and a budget to work with. We on the Assembly Board hope to make all of you reading this proud and excited to make I'On your home.

John Powers

Welcome New I'On Neighbors!

Ann Belden

336 North Shelmore

Teresa & Chris Hughes

50 Sowell Street

Elizabeth Jones

232 Ponsbury Road

Cathy & Ken Reid

230 Ponsbury Road

Ashley & Frederick Ritter

214 North Shelmore Blvd

Delores & Lou Rosebrock

35 John Galt Way

Jamie & Jeffrey Tozzi

270 McDaniel Lane

Moving Around I'On

Barbara & Bob Fry

28 Mobile Street

Janet Galloway &

Billy Utsey

73 Ponsbury Road

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

[Click here - Thanks!](#)

If you have not paid your 2008 HOA dues, plus interest, by June 30, a lien will be filed on your property. Please contact Cheryl Wilson at AMCS (303-3586) or Sheri Cooper, I'On Assembly Treasurer (388-5500) to arrange payment.
Thank you!

Around I'On ...

Conservation Corps Meeting

Tuesday, June 3 1:00 - 2:30 pm

This month's meeting will be held at 16 Nolen Way (**Bud Wofford's** house that faces Maybank Green). Share some time and energy with your neighbors who are working together to help our community better conserve our natural resources! Questions? Call **Jennifer Richard** at 884-2925 (or craigjen@aol.com) or **Cynthia Rosengren** at 856-8239 (or cynth31@comcast.net) for more information.

First Friday Cocktails

Friday, June 6 6:00 - 8:00 pm

All I'On residents are invited to the First Friday cocktail party on June 6, hosted by **Fern** and **Charlie Mountain**, at 181 North Shelmore Blvd. As usual, BYOB, a glass, and an appetizer to share. **HEADS UP FOR A CHANGE IN PARTY DATE FOR JULY ONLY: FIRST FRIDAY COCKTAILS WILL BE ON FRIDAY, JULY 11 (the second Friday...)**. Any questions, call **Brooke Niznik** at 216-3475 or bniznik@comcast.net.

BizNet Networking Meeting

Monday, June 9 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Come to the Creek Club for a family friendly meal hosted by BizNet. Families of one or many, with or without children are welcome. For more details, and to let us know you can join us, visit our website at www.ionbiznet.com. Hope to see you there! Please RSVP by June 6.

Women's Coffee

Tuesday, June 10 10:00 - 12:00 am

Carol Williams will host the June Coffee at 185 North Shelmore Blvd, adjacent to the fountain in Perseverance Park. The Women's Coffee is open to all I'On residents and meets from 10:00-12:00 am the second Tuesday of each month. Bring your own mug and a new friend. Coffee is provided by the I'On Trust. For questions, contact Susan Marlowe at susan.marlowe@yahoo.com for questions or to arrange to host this monthly event.

Community of I'On Artists Meeting

Wednesday, June 18

The Community of I'On Artists will take a field trip to Sylvan Gallery June 18 for a program. The meeting will finish with a group dinner at 82 Queen Restaurant. For members only. Contact Linda Hanson at 849-8479 or llhanson1@excite.com.

Around I'On ... *continued*

Mid-Year HOA Board Meeting/Potluck Dinner

Wednesday, June 18 6:00 pm

All residents are encouraged to come to the mid-year HOA Assembly Meeting/ Potluck Dinner at the Creek Club on Wednesday, June 18. Enjoy dinner with neighbors and friends and hear about the current issues affecting our community. Potluck begins at 6:00; the Board Meeting at 7:00. And for some extra fun ... come and participate in the **FIRST ANNUAL COOKIE BAKE-OFF!!!** Details to come! *(But ... If you really can't wait, contact Sheri Cooper at sheri.cooper@gmail.com.)*

Short Sunset Village Walk

Wednesday, June 25 6:30 pm

Meet at Holy Ascension Orthodox Church in I'On, 265 North Shelmore. Everyone is invited to join visitors from the Franke at Seaside Active Lifestyle Community Seniors group in an abbreviated free guided walk through I'On. Included is a look in the New Church, Westlake and the Amphitheater, a portion of the Marshwalk, Montrose, Perseverance Park and Maybank Green. The walk covers approximately 1.5 miles and will proceed at a leisurely pace and last about an hour and a quarter. In case of rain, the walk will be held at the same time on June 26. Those interested in longer walks within the community along its nine mile community trail system, can download a copy of the illustrated guides and maps for the **Village Walk** and **Westwalk** from the www.ioncommunity.com website. For walk updates, call (843) 849-8481.

Yarn Buddies

Wednesday, June 25 10:00 am

Yarn Buddies will meet at the home of **Judy Chisholm**, 286 North Shelmore Blvd, from 10:00 till 11:30 am. All skill levels are welcome. If you're between projects, come to chat and get some new ideas. Questions ... call Judy at 856-3212.

Lunch Bunch

Thursday, June 26 11:15 till ...

Meet in the Square at 11:15 to car pool to Coco's French Café for an 11:30 lunch. Coco's is located in the Whole Foods strip mall just across Hwy 17. Please RSVP to **Linda Hanson** at 849-8479 or lhanson1@excite.com by Tuesday, June 10.

Is your Voter Registration Current?

If you have moved since the last time you voted - even just to a different home in I'On - your voter registration needs to be updated. I'On is split between two districts in the SC House (99/Rep. Jim Merrill and 110/Rep. Chip Limehouse) and ... we vote in two different polling locations. So, if you've not yet registered to vote in SC, or need to update your address, you can pick up blank voters registration forms in the side porch mailbox at the Rosengren's at 110 West Shipyard Road. Or [click here](#) to download the SC form *(forms will also be put in Welcome Baskets to reach new neighbors as they move in.)* We don't want anyone to wait in long lines to vote only to find out they're in the wrong spot! For more information on voting in Charleston County, [click here](#).

[Click here to Print the June Community Calendar](#)

What a Great day in I'ON!

Gardens of I'On on May 17 turned out to be a very successful first-time event. The weather was absolutely perfect for a walk through lovely gardens in our lovely neighborhood, and everyone had a delightful time. Many of you volunteered to help, for which we are most grateful, and of course, without the support from our garden owners – **Bib and Connie Stahl, Betty and Wesley Haynes, Myra Brooks and Tom Kodama, Barbara and John Worley, Lynne and Kurt Carbonero, Joan and Ed Ball, Helen and Skipper Wooddy, Jo and Ed Clem, Brooke Niznik, and Faye and Tom Graham** – the event could not have happened at all.



Docent CJ Pelletier and Ticket Seller Sandy Powers enjoying a garden

Congratulations to the Planning Committee chaired by **Francine Bray**, and special thanks to neighbors **Melinda Wrenn, Miles Whitfield, Gail Summers, and Holy Ascension Orthodox Church** for their support of the event.

A great big THANK YOU to I'On Realty for being our Presenting Sponsor.

And heartfelt thanks to many other neighbors who worked hard to make certain their yards and porches were beautiful for our visitors to see.

We did have some of our seed packet tickets – mixed seeds that will grow into plants to attract butterflies – left over. If you'd like some, just send Anne Register an e-mail and she'll deliver some to your home. Contact Anne at aregister@theiontrust.org)

Membership Development Update

Last month we promised you special news from this new Trust committee. They have been working very hard for several weeks to create a new approach to inviting the community to become involved with the Trust. We are planning to unveil some of this excitement at a special evening event on June 16 with **I'On Night at the South Carolina Aquarium!** You should receive an invitation around the first of June. It is family-friendly with refreshments for both kids and adults and special activities and surprises at the Aquarium. It is free for Trust member families and \$10 for adults of non-member families with no charge for children. Mark your calendars to be with us!

Grants Update

We are delighted to report that the Board of Directors of the I'On Trust approved a grant request of \$830 from the **Community of I'On Artists** for the second trimester of 2008. We congratulate this fine group for all of their successes and their willingness to collaborate with the Trust. If you'd like to know more about our grants opportunities, just be in touch with Anne Register (aregister@theiontrust.com).

Coming Trust Events

July 4th will be here before we know it. Our traditional neighborhood celebrations are being planned once again by **Phil Ayers, Andrew McLester,** and **Dawn and Fred McIntyre.** We'll have the morning parade and the late afternoon Band Blast 2008! Celebrate! On with "Heart and Soul" back again, a new jump castle, free face-painting and more surprises. Do plan to join us!

We also need a group of Boy and/or Girl Scouts to be a color guard for the morning parade. If there is a parent who would like to coordinate this, please be in touch with Andrew McLester - andrewmclester@hotmail.com or 884-1279 – for more details.

And, if the December Holidays are "your thing," we really need your help. We are looking for some willing neighbors to let us feature their homes on the I'On Holiday Tour of Homes, which is scheduled for Sunday, December 7. **We need several more homes to make this event complete.** Please contact Anne Register if you'd like to discuss the opportunity. We have several former Tour homeowners who are very willing to talk with you about their positive experiences.

It is an I'On tradition – please help us make 2008 another successful year!

Community in ActI'On Opportunities

Help serve a meal at the **Crisis Ministries Soup Kitchen**, *Sunday June 1, 10:30-1:30.* Contact **Hannah Morris** at hannahbmorris@comcast.net to sign-up to help.

HALOS is still collecting monetary donations for their **Summer Camp Scholarships.** A donation of any amount will greatly help in paying for a full summer of fun at camp for at-risk children who are truly in need of a positive summer experience. Contact Jennifer Merz at 953-3715 or donate on-line at www.charlestonhalos.org.

Looking ahead... we have two **BINGO nights** already scheduled: *Thursday, July 10, 6-7 pm* and *Thursday, August 7, 6-7 pm* at *Sweetgrass Village* on Mathis Ferry Rd. Contact Hannah at hannahbmorris@comcast.net if you are interested in playing and/or bringing sweet treats for the residents and volunteers to enjoy. **Kids of ALL ages are welcome to participate!** Food, fun and PRIZES!

"A Public Meeting to receive Citizen input on the Waterfront Memorial Park" Monday, June 9, 7:00 pm @ Old Wando High School (Mathis Ferry/Whipple Rd)

Mt. Pleasant Town Councilman Gary Santos has called a Public Meeting to receive public comments related to the Waterfront Memorial Park under the Ravenel Bridge, specifically whether or not Council should maintain the entire area as green space, which would eliminate a dog park from the scope of the plan, or use the land in some other fashion. For more information, contact Council Member Gary Santos at santosgk@aol.com. Town Council will discuss the topic at their June 10th meeting – 7:00pm. If you can't attend either meeting, e:mail your comments to Council via bashe@townofmountpleasant.com.

Introducing a new monthly feature...

Use Less Stuff!

This Month: Air Conditioning

As May turns to June, people return to Air Conditioning. 44% of utility bills go to heating/cooling, so there's lots of opportunity to conserve energy and money. AC serves a critical function in the Lowcountry, besides keeping you cooler; it removes excess humidity (which can lead to mold growth). So while AC is necessary in our summer months, even while you're away, here's some ideas how to use your AC smartly:

- Before touching your thermostat, make sure your AC unit isn't working harder than it has to. **Change your filters monthly** during the heavy use summer/winter months (e.g. "First Fridays" is easy to remember!). Filters are dirt cheap. Energy is not, and replacing an overworked AC unit is certainly not. Changing air filters (at least the low ones!) can be a great job for children. They come in multi-packs.
- **Make sure your home is air-tight.** An 1/8" gap under a door is about the same as a 2" x 2" gaping hole in the middle of the wall. So if you can see any daylight under your doors, fix your weather stripping!
- **Check your insulation.** Our new homes are well-insulated, but there are a few things builders sometimes forget, like insulating pull-down attic stair cases (attics are hot, eh?). Foam pads are also sold (cheap) to insulate all those electric outlet/switch plate covers (a.k.a. holes!) in your exterior walls.
- **Consider a programmable thermostat** - these can save a lot of energy and money. Will pay for itself.
- **Ceiling fans are more than 'charming'.** Ceiling fans reduce the 'real feel' temperature in your home, using only 10% of the energy of AC. Running a fan 10 hrs/day costs only ~ \$3/mo. So smile & use them!
- **Yes, (you knew it was coming...) raise your summer thermostat setting.** +3° = 15% savings on avg. Try +2° for a week. And if you just can't tolerate it, drop it back 1°. But if it's OK, bump it up 1° more. Try to live with a slightly higher room temperature than you're used to.

Using less AC is the best thing we can do to meaningfully reduce the amount of coal that's mined & burned now. The longer term prize is preventing any new power plants being built in SC. Our kids will thank you!

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(primary source: The Sustainability Institute)

“Exemplary School” Video for CCSD Showcases ECMCS



Parent involvement is one key factor to the success of East Cooper Montessori Charter School. CCSD kicked off their new video series showcasing ECMCS as an “Exemplary School” in their new Watch and Learn video series.

What are the key ingredients to making a successful school? Dr. Nancy McGinley, Superintendent of Charleston County School District (CCSD), came to ECMCS to find out. After visiting with Principal Jody Swanigan, teachers, students and parents, she was so enamored with the learning environment, that she chose ECMCS as the first school to be showcased in her new video series of “Exemplary Schools”.

This six minute video can be downloaded for viewing, at:

http://www.ccsdschools.com/topic.cfm?topic_id=6&sub_topic_id=392

Copy this link and paste it into your browser.

- Or go to www.ccsdschools.com
- On the left side menu, click on Office of Communications.
- Then on the left side red menu, click on Exemplary Schools
- Then click on the photo or East Cooper Montessori Charter School to download video

ECMCS is Awarded The Palmetto Silver Award from CCSD

This school year, 2007 - 2008, ECMCS has been awarded The Palmetto Silver Award of Excellence. The Palmetto Gold and Silver awards program began in 1998 as part of the Education Accountability Act. Award criteria are based on the absolute and improvement ratings assigned to each school’s report card. The report card ratings are determined by PACT scores for elementary schools and middle schools.

Teacher Selection is Complete

East Cooper Montessori Charter School is ready to start the 2008-2009 school year with an excellent teaching staff. Recently hired to complete the middle school program are:

Shrader Fowler - English Language Arts

Anna Chandler - Science and Social Studies

Robert Hartnett - Math

Other positions filled for the school year include:

Lisa DiFabio - Special Education

Theresa Ray - Upper Elementary Lead Teacher

Please join us in welcoming these wonderful people to our community!

Jody Swanigan Presented with 40 Under 40 Award



Left: Jody is presented with her award by Matt Everson, VP Community Banking at Wachovia. Above: Dean Stephens, Channel 4, calls Jody to the podium “as only a Principal could”.

The Charleston Regional Business Journal recently named Principal Jody Swanigan as a recipient of their prestigious 40 Under 40 award. Each year, forty people are chosen by a panel of their peers as exemplary visionaries and leaders in their community.

You can view Jody’s award summary on the Charleston Regional Business Journal’s website: <http://www.scbizmag.com/content/view/72003/107/>

Please join us in congratulating Jody for being chosen to receive the great award.

ECMCS’s First Graduating Class

This year, ECMCS is proud to hold commencement ceremonies for the graduating class of 2008, on May 29th in the Grand Hall. ECMCS congratulates our graduating 8th grade students: **Aaron Cohn, Cayli Crawford, Nicole Hinckley and Giuliana Robertson.**