



Living in I'On

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

August Calendar

- 8/5 Conservati'on Corps Meeting
- 8/7 BINGO at Sweetgrass
- 8/11 I'On Potluck Supper
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- 8/16 Pod Races on Westlake Screen on the Green
- 8/21 Lunch Bunch "Fat Hen"
- 8/23 September Newsletter Copy Deadline
- 8/27 Yarn Buddies HOA Trustees Board Meeting
- 8/28 Recycle

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Crime Prevention Meeting Report

About 50 I'On Residents attended the meeting we had on Monday evening (7/21) at the Montessori School. Mike Meiner, Crime Prevention officer with the Mt Pleasant Police Department conducted the meeting with Officer Ballinger also present. We covered a lot of ground.

Unsecured cars and homes are the biggest reason criminals come to I'On. We are an easy target. Unlocked cars are easy pickings, and if one is found, next time they check the house. They ring the bell and if no one answers, they try the knob. If open, they walk in. **None of the recent burglaries in I'On required a break-in.** All the cars and homes were unsecured (*including entry through a dog-door*).

Criminals know I'On residents won't report the crime. Officer Meiner told us an arrest was made a few weeks ago of a person who had been operating in the area for 3 years. He admitted to 17 burglaries in I'On! The Mt Pleasant Police had no reports of these incidents. Maybe you felt stupid for leaving the door unlocked, but the greater crime was not reporting it. **Criminals know if you won't call for yourself you won't call for your neighbors.** They feel safe and crimes escalate.

We need to report not only crimes, but suspicious behavior. If you become aware of an out-of-place car cruising around, take note. Get the license plate, make, model, color, how many people are in it, their gender, race ... Call the police and tell them what you saw. It may be nothing, but the report will be relayed to other officers coming on duty. If they see the car on their shift, they'll ask some questions.

Communication is key. When you see police in I'On, greet them. Be friendly. Ask if anything is wrong. When you see someone wandering around possibly checking us out, ask questions. Like their name, where do they live, why are they here, who are they meeting ...? If thieves realize we're watching, they are less likely to return.

I'On is in District 3. Six officers rotate in and out of I'On. The telephone number of the police station is **884-4176**. Or, call 911, tell them it is not an emergency, and you will be transferred to the main line.

Check out the **Residents Check** box on the next page and other tips inside. If you'd like to participate in future meetings - such as starting a Neighborhood Watch - email John Powers at john.j.powers@gsk.com.

Barbara Fry

Around I'On ...

Resident checks

Did you know that as a resident of the Town of Mt Pleasant, you are entitled to 14 days per year of home checks by the Mt Pleasant Police?

If you are going out of town or otherwise not around, if notified, the police will check the doors and windows of your home to make sure they are secure as well as walk the property to make sure things are safe (at the meeting last week, one I'On resident who had used the check said he was actually called by the police to let him know that they had moved a UPS package from his front porch to another less obvious location!).

You can take advantage of these checks by calling the Mt Pleasant Police at 884-4176.

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.

There will be NO 1st Friday Cocktail Party this month!

Supporting the cocktail tradition in I'On is a BIG responsibility for all of us. But it is one of the social duties that comes with living within the reaches of Charleston (*did you know that Charleston is purported to be the birthplace of the cocktail party?*). But alas, we all need a break from the festivities at some point, so we are taking a vacation from the party for the month of August.

If you love the 1st Friday Cocktail party, think about hosting one. If you feel your place is not big enough, consider splitting the cost of a tent with a group (*or perhaps hosting together with a neighbor*). If interested, please contact **Brooke Niznik** at 216-3475 or Bniznik@comcast.net.

Conservati'on Corps Monthly Meet-up

Tuesday, August 5 1:00 - 2:30 pm

16 Nolen Way. Hosted by **Bud Wofford**. Got energy to help conserve energy, or other ways to help the environment? A focus for this meeting will be in planning "LocalMOTION2" Fall Festival" and recycling. Please join us! Contact **Jennifer Richard** at 884-2925 or **Cynthia Rosengren** at 856-8239.

BINGO at Sweetgrass

Thursday, August 7 6:00 - 7:00 pm

We need volunteers to play and bring snacks. Contact **Hannah Morris** at hannahbmorris@comcast.net to sign up. Kids of ALL ages are welcome!

I'On Residents Potluck Supper at the Creek Club

Monday, August 11 6:00 pm

Please note the change of day. The hosts for this potluck supper will be **Annie and Barry Bonk**. As usual, 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. 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 ... please call **Annie Bonk** at 881-7601 or email Annie at abbonk@msn.com.

Women's Coffee

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

Betty Barbieri will host the August Coffee at 23 McDaniel Lane. Bring your own mug to enjoy coffee and good company. New neighbors are especially welcome. An I'On Trust event – but you do not have to be a member of the Trust to participate. Questions... contact **Becky Van Wie** at 849-1091 or bvanwie@bellsouth.net.

Around I'On ... *continued*

Pod Races on Westlake

Saturday, August 16 7:00 pm

The I'On Yacht Club will sponsor "Pod Races" in Westlake in honor of the *Screen on the Green* Presentation of **Star Wars Episode 1, The Phantom Menace**. Since the Yacht Club has had a hard time finding hyperpods to race (*it's believed Jabba the Hut has cornered the local market*) kayaks will be used. Please bring a kayak, paddle and life vest if you have one to race yourself and share with your neighbors. We'll have single and doubles races if we can. We'll have Star Wars inspired prizes. Racing and kayaking will continue until the start of the movie. May the force be with you! If you would like to loan a kayak and paddles for the races please contact **William Hamilton** at wjhamilton@wjhamilton.com.

Screen on the Green

Saturday, August 16 7:30 pm ...

The I'On Trust presents our summer *Screen on the Green*. The event takes place at the West Lake Amphitheater. Seating starts anytime after 7:30 pm, with the Movie starting at 8:45. We are showing "**Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace** (1999)," rated: PG. So bring a blanket or lawn chair, a drink of choice and enjoy a nice evening on the lawn. **The Movie is a free event sponsored by the I'On Trust.** Popcorn will also be provided free of charge. Hope to see you there!

Lunch Bunch "Fat Hen"

Thursday, August 21 10:45 am till ...

Join us for lunch at **Fat Hen**, a fun and funky French bistro halfway between Charleston and Kiawah. To reserve your space, contact **Peg Higgins** at mfhiggins@bellsouth.net or 881-0500 or **Diane Ayers** at 856-8809 or dvayers2@comcast.net by August 14th. We'll meet at the I'On Square at 10:45 and carpool.

Yarn Buddies

Wednesday, August 27 10:00 am

Yarn Buddies will meet at the home of **Betty Barbieri**, 23 Mc Daniel Lane, from 10:00 till 11:30 am. Questions ... call Betty at 849-8411 or email at bettybarbieri1120@hotmail.com. All skill levels are welcome.

HOA Trustees Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 27 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!

Gail & Bruce Armstrong
67 Robert Mills Circle

Jennifer & Robert Cina
19 Krier Lane

Jacqueline Lydon
28 Sowell Street

Sandra & Peter Moore
113 Ponsbury Road

Frank Rinaldi
42 Frogmore Road

Jo Ann & Mark Stradtmueller
158 North Shelmore Blvd

Moving Around I'On

Teddi Santrizos
44 Montrose Road

Beatty (Doyle) & Jim Martin
78 Saturday Road

For new and relocating neighbors - please inform Cheryl Wilson of AMCS of your new address cwilson@amcs-inc.com.

The Biggest deterrent to crime is lighting. Officer Meiner suggested outdoor lights be kept on 24/7. Timers are available that fit into wall switches that automatically control porch and garage lights to go on at dusk and off at sunrise. Check out Intermatic.com for one such option.

Seal Hunt Report ...



Congratulations to **Dave Rosengren** for being the July winner of the hunt for the I'On Seal. It was "hidden" on the back of an Amphitheater tower, and in the midst of the July 4th festivities, he spotted it. Dave won a gift certificate to O'Brion's, and his name will be in the drawing for the grand prize in December.

Remember, the Seal will be hidden on the day before the first of the new month somewhere in the neighborhood, in a public area, and all I'On neighbors are invited to find it. Start looking again on August 1!

And to help you along, this month we have a special clue:

***"Find a lookout, and as you step up round and round,
your eyes may see things fly by. Keep an even keel,
turn on your heel, and you'll find the Seal!"***

If you're the lucky one who finds it, contact **Anne Register** at 881-7541 or aregister@theiontrust.org. Give your name, your phone number or e-mail 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 announce the winner's name in the next newsletter.



Screen on the Green ... Star Wars!!!

August 16 – Movie starts at 8:45 pm at the Westlake Amphitheater. Our feature movie will be a **Star Wars classic – Episode I: The Phantom Menace** (PG). Bring your chairs and blankets and enjoy an old-fashioned outdoor movie experience. **This is a free event, open to everyone!** Popcorn will be provided.

Thanks to **Dave Niemann** for planning this fun evening.

Membership Update

Thanks to our I'On Trust supporters who have already joined up for next year. Discounts are available when you join at a Trust event. We'll be glad to take your payment at the movie on August 16 – save 10%!

The I'On Trust makes possible many of the events and happenings that make I'On such a special place to live --- we are always **Bringing Neighbors Together**, and we need your support.

New Recruit Needed

Our Women's Coffee Coordinator extraordinaire, **Susan Marlowe**, has decided to hang up her hat and take a break from these duties. We are most grateful for her hard work in lining up the hostesses and including some special surprises each month.

Now we need a new coordinator to plan the coffees for 2009. If you are interested, please contact **Anne Register** at 881-7541 or aregister@theiontrust.org.

It's Grant Time Again

The I'On Trust has funds to award to I'On entities with special plans for the fall months. If you are interested, contact **Anne Register** for an application and information on eligibility. Deadline for submission is August 25.

July 4th CelebratI'On ...



We did it again!!!

I'On produced a marvelous Independence Day celebratI'On. We really appreciate all who participated.

Special thanks go to the Mount Pleasant Fire Department station on Mathis Ferry and to the Color Guard from the Naval Nuclear Power Training Command of Charleston for leading our parade and the flag-raising at the Square.

It was a truly a day to make memories and to be thankful for all that we have in our country. What a beautiful day in our neighborhood!



Louise Rainis and Mike Morgan in the fabulous Trust-mobile!

Other I'On Stuff ...

Want to get a **FREE YEAR** of Homeowner Association (HOA) fees???

Simply send in your signed PROXY regarding the Transfer Fee Amendment to AMCS. If we receive your signed proxy (whether it's a "yes" or "no thanks") by September 30, 2008, you will be entered into a drawing. The first homeowner's name drawn will not be charged an HOA fee for 2009. The second homeowner's name drawn will be billed only one-half of the 2009 HOA fee (all proxy's already received will also be entered). For information on the TRANSFER FEE, check out the mailing you recently received from the Assembly, or [click here](#).

BOOK Drive

If you have books that you're ready to pass on, please donate them to **Alec Robinovitz**. He is a student at the Montessori school in the neighborhood and is collecting children's books for his school service project. The donated books will be given to **MUSC Children's Hospital**. Donations can be dropped off at the home of the Robinovitz family at 321 North Shelmore. Contact **Jen Robinovitz** for more information at jenadam@comcast.net. This is an on-going project.

Support your Local Farmers - Buy Local!

What's in Season Now!

Blackberries	Blueberries	Cantaloupe
Cucumbers	Eggplant	Field Peas
Figs	Muscadine Grapes	Okra
Peaches	Peppers	Pole and Snap Beans
Plums	Sweet Corn	Watermelon
White Potatoes		

"What's in Season" Recipe for the Month:

[Warm Plum Torte with Sweet Corn Ice Cream](#)

Save the Date: Sept 9 - "Smoke Stacks, Air Pollution, Asthma, and I'On"
- **Lecture at the Creek Club**. Presented by the Coastal Conservation League.
Hosted by the Conservation Corps.