



Living in I'On

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

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Hurricane Preparedness

While Gustav and Hannah are churning away just to the south of us, the editorial board and I thought the timing might be right for a little "Hurricane Preparedness" chat. According to those who forecast such things, **12 named storms** are predicted this year, **with a higher than normal percentage expected to make landfall further north** (from the Carolinas up to New England!). So ... here are some resources:

On the web, at hurricane.accuweather.com you can access some pretty nifty graphics that move a storm through its' projected path over a 7-day period. Their analysis compares this 2008 season to others in 1985, 1989, 1996 and 1999. **In all of those years, major storms hit the Carolinas** (including HUGO in 1989!). If their projections are correct, you better know what to do.

Charleston County has developed a **Hurricane Preparedness Guide** you can download at charlestoncounty.org. It covers a lot of things you should be thinking of (like getting flood insurance!) to some you might not (like making sure your prescriptions are up-to-date). They take you through developing emergency food, water and supply kits as well as putting together an emergency contact list (did you know after a disaster it's easier to call long distance than local?). They explain the difference between a hurricane watch and warning, and specify the best evacuation route if that becomes necessary (for us in I'On it's US 17 north to I-526 west or US 17 south to I-26 west). A lot of very good information is available only a mouse-click away.

We are planning a Hurricane Preparedness meeting here in I'On for all residents to help them prepare (just in case). While the specifics are being worked out now we expect it to be in early September and will notify you via email as to the date, time and location. I heartily encourage you to attend!

Barbara Fry

2009 Phone Directory Update

Calling all photobugs and artists! Take your best shot to adorn our 2009 Phone Directory Cover! Image must be something related to I'On, digital file should be high resolution, and "portrait" orientation is preferred. Send your best shot (*1 image per person*) to ioncommunity@comcast.net by **Sept 19th**. We'll run our on-line contest in early October to see which image wins the place of honor!

We'll start assembling residents' information for the 2009 directory in October, so if you have any changes in your listing (*marriage, divorce, new baby, new phone number or email address...*) please make those correction now. Log onto the I'On website www.ioncommunity.com, and click on "My Profile" to make changes. If you are renting your house, please [click here to send us the name/address of your renter](#) so we can include them, too!

[Click here](#) to view the Events Calendar

Around I'On ...

Conservati'on Corps Monthly Meet-up

Tuesday, September 2 2:30 pm

16 Nolen Way (**Bud Wofford's** house "on the Green"). 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! Contacts: **Jennifer Richard** 884-2925 or **Cynthia Rosengren** 856-8239.

First Friday Cocktails

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

All I'On residents are invited to the September First Friday Cocktail party hosted by **Robin** and **Lance Gossett** at 23 Eastlake Road. As usual, BYOB, a glass, and an appetizer to share. Robin and Lance are our new neighbors looking to meet their new neighbors. Any questions, please contact **Brooke Niznik** at bniznik@comcast.net or 216-3475.

I'On BizNet Meeting

Monday, September 8 5:30 - 7:00 pm

The I'On Business Network (*BizNet*) will meet at **Sweet Olive** located at 264 North Shelmore Boulevard. This is the one-year anniversary of the opening of Sweet Olive, so please stop by and congratulate **Melinda** and **Craig Wrenn** and catch up on I'On business news.

Women's Coffee

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

This month our hostess will be **Louise Rainis**. Her home is on Eastlake, located at 163 East Shipyard Road. This is an I'On Trust sponsored event but is open to all residents of I'On. A special welcome to all I'On new neighbors. Bring your own mug to enjoy coffee and good company. For questions, contact **Carol Morgan** at 216-5631 or **Gail Lauder** at 971-0985.

Clear Horizons over the Hobcaw: Protecting our Clean Air

Tuesday, September 9 6:00 - 7:30 pm

This lecture is presented by the Coastal Conservation League along with the **Conservati'on Corps**. Porches open at 6:00 pm for refreshments; lecture begins at 6:30. Learn about plans for the **Port of Charleston expansion**, what implications it has for our air quality in I'On, and what we can do to impact that. We'll feature a raffle, "green" drinks, and the chance to meet some of our neighbors who also live along the Hobcaw. Celebrate sunset at 7:33 pm! **Free and open to the public.**

Around I'On ... *continued*

Clothing Exchange to benefit My Sister's House

Wednesday, September 10 6:00 - 8:00 pm

218 North Shelmore Boulevard. Get ready for fall by cleaning out your closet. Drop off your clothes, shoes, handbags, accessories, etc. (*including men's and children*) in exchange for tickets for shopping! You can also help by donating wine and/or a snack platter for the event. WWW.mysistershouse.org is a safe haven for victims of domestic abuse. For donating, clothing drop-off, volunteering and other information, contact **Joanne Grant** jogrant2@aol.com or 216-6539. Thank you!

Community of I'On Artists

Wednesday, September 17 9:30 am till Noon

Come to the Creek Club for this month's meeting. The program will be presented by Gibbs Museum. Guests are always welcome. Please come for refreshments at 9:30 and program at 10:00, followed by a business meeting. Questions ... contact **Pamela Schussel** at 216-7755.

I'On Residents Potluck Supper at the Creek Club

Wednesday, September 17 6:00 pm

The hosts for this potluck supper will be **Lindsay and Dwight Williams**. 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. 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.

I'On Birdwalk

Saturday, September 20 9:00 am

Join **Craig Richard's**, our very own I'On neighborhood bird expert, for a walk through the Rookery and surrounding area in search of fall migrants. Meet at Jake's Lane entrance to the Rookery. Walk should take about 1 hour. Binoculars recommended.

Yarn Buddies

Wednesday, September 24 10:00 - 11:30 am

Please join us for Yarn Buddies at the home of **Barbara Fry**, 28 Mobile Street (*just west of the new church*). Questions ... call Barb at 216-0045 or email brbfry@comcast.net. All skill levels are welcome.

Welcome New I'On Neighbors!

Carol Castro

81 Ponsbury

Cheryl Estee

114 Ionsborough Street

Lore Stein

19 Fairhope Road

Joan & Sam Burns

39 John Galt Way

**Leslie & Tara Abbott,
Maureen Velez**

289 North Shelmore Blvd

Moving Around I'On

Heiko Henning

23 Robert Mills Circle

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



Last year's Charleston Place Lunch Bunch

Around I'On ... *continued*

HOA Trustees Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 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.

Lunch Bunch "Charleston Place"

Thursday, September 25 11:10 am till ...

Wear a "Hat" and join us for our 5th Anniversary Luncheon at the Charleston Place. We'll meet at the I'On Square and leave at 11:10 sharp! Cost is \$40.15. Please make your check out to **Dawn McIntyre** and place it in the basket on her front porch – located at 31 Mc Daniel Lane – no later than September 21st. No refunds after the 21st. Questions ... contact Dawn at 971-9920.

Congratulations and Thanks ...

To All I'On Recyclers!!!

Based on the 'recount' on July 31st, we have grown the number of households in I'On who have participated in curbside recycling by 80% (from 209 in May '07 to 375 in July '08)! So that puts us at roughly 60% of homes that are lived in. As a thank you, we've planned an **Ice Cream Social at the Creek Club on September 23rd, from 6:00 – 7:30 pm** for all families who recycle. We'd like to thank the HOA for helping fund the ice cream and fixins! If you'd like to help out, contact [Antonia Fokas](#) at 884-4524.

And ... Event Recycling will now be easier thanks to BizNet! One of our goals was to help our civic groups recycle. Up until now, we've had to borrow special bins from Charleston County to cover our I'On events. But thanks to the I'On BizNet, they stepped forward to allow us to purchase 5 recycling event bins so we can do this on our own. Many thanks to our friends in BizNet for their wonderful support!!!

To All Who Contributed to the ECCO Food Drive!!!

The I'On count came to 240 bags and 2700 lbs of food! That means our I'On Community came in as the largest contributor of the neighborhoods. The ECCO food shelves will keep us informed of their needs in the future so we can again step in to help. **THANKYOU to all for your generous contributions!!!**

To Jane O'Neil for 3+ years of keeping our I'On Calendar up-to-date!!!

Jane and Gary (and JD!) will be leaving I'On in September. We thank Jane for all her hard work and friendship, and wish all three the very best for their future happiness.



Update ... submitted by Anne Register

Seal Hunt Report ...



DUAL WINNERS FOR AUGUST: Erin and Willem Goedecke and Morgan and Thomas Pace are all Seal Hunt winners for August. The Seal was hidden in the Rookery observation platform closest to North Shelmore Boulevard. The children in each family won Blockbuster gift certificates, and their names 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 September 1.

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

***“To find the object that you seek,
In places green you need to look,
Find Katie’s spot but don’t sit yet,
The Seal you seek doesn’t show,
Until you look down below.”***



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 have winner's name and photo in the next community newsletter.

Coming Events ...

Adopt-A-Highway

Saturday, September 6

Meet at O'Brion's at 9:00 am 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 or adults.



An Exclusive Night Out at the Theater to see *War of the Worlds*

Saturday, October 18 at the Village Playhouse

A special opportunity just for I'On Trust Members!

On the 70th anniversary of the historic broadcast, the Village Playhouse on Coleman Boulevard will present the original stage adaptation of the Mercury Theatre's radio play *War of the Worlds*, based on the H.G. Wells sci-fi classic.

We have secured a block of tickets for I'On Trust Members and are planning a unique evening. A private cocktail party begins at 7:00 PM. The play starts at 8:00 PM. Afterwards, we'll have the cast to ourselves for a 'talk-back' (~9:30 PM) experience, featuring coffee and desserts and some interesting discussion about Wells and the role of media. Anyone who can share their own first-hand stories (*or tales from parents and grandparents*) when the broadcast originally occurred is encouraged to come!

The admission for the entire evening is only \$25 a person, thanks to a special discount provided by the Village Theater. And tickets are limited so RSVP to [Cynthia Rosengren](mailto:Cynthia.Rosengren@villageplayhouse.com) at 856-8239, or [Anne Register](mailto:Anne.Register@villageplayhouse.com) at 881-7541, soon. The deadline to reserve your seats, as long as there are tickets available, for this fully-loaded evening out package is September 30th.

Special thanks to the Village Theater for providing a most unusual evening for *Bringing Neighbors Together!*

New Women's Coffee Coordinators

Thanks to terrific Trust volunteers, **Gail Lauder** and **Carol Morgan**, for agreeing to serve as our new Coordinators for the I'On Women's Coffees. These are fun occasions, open to all neighbors, for meeting new folks and catching up with old friends. Gail and Carol are looking for volunteers to host the coffees, which are held the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am.

The hostess' job is simple. The Trust will provide coffee urns and all the fixings as well as nametags. Guests bring their own cups. We ask only that you open your home and supply some simple brunch-time nibbles.

Please contact Gail (971-0985 or glauder150@bellsouth.net) or Carol (216-5631 or jccmorgan@gmail.com) if you can sign up for a time to host a coffee.

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.

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.

If you are not a member, join now for 2009 and get in on the fun at the Village Theater on October 18th!

East Cooper Entrepreneurial Women celebrate the freedom and entrepreneurial spirit of our country. Please join us for the

**Flags of Freedom
Sunset Cocktail Party**

Thursday, September 25, 2008

6:00 to 9:00 PM

USS Yorktown ... 40 Patriots Road ... Mount Pleasant

Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and dancing, business casual

\$20.00 Per Person

*For ticket sales contact: Susan Marlowe 844-2875; Phyllis Sheffer 881-5485;
Carol Williams 345-6605; or Melinda Wrenn at Sweet Olive.*

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](#).

And plan to attend the HOA sponsored **CHILI COOKOFF!!!** at the Creek Club in October! Details to come ...

Support your Local Farmers - Buy Local!

What's in Season Now!

Apple	Beans (snap, pole, butter)	Beets
Broccoli	Cilantro	Cucumbers
Green Onions	Leeks	Leafy Greens
Muscadine Grapes	Okra	Oriental Veggies
Parsley	Peaches	Peas
Peppers	Radishes	Yellow Squash
Sweet Potatoes	Tomatoes	Zucchini

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

[Stuffed Tomatoes Provencale](#)

Holy Ascension Church News:

Travel through time and space at Holy Ascension this fall. On Wednesdays you are invited to one of the most ancient, unchanged services of Christian evening prayer—called Vespers—at 6pm. At approximately 6:45, we'll head to the parish hall to begin our evening program. (Holy Ascension is located at the corner of North Shelmore and Mobile Street in I'On.)

In September, we welcome Fr John Breck, and sit at the feet of a world-renowned New Testament scholar. Fr John will lead us in a study of the Gospel of Mark. To see Fr John's extensive credentials, visit <http://www.svots.edu/Faculty/John-Breck/index.html/>. He has published books and articles in English, French, and Romanian. He is retired professor of New Testament at St Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary in New York, and presently teaches twice a year at St Serge, an Orthodox Christian seminary in Paris, France.

All are welcome. For more information, please contact Fr John Parker at 881-5010 or email frjohn@ocacharleston.org.

I'On Radio News:

I'On Internet Radio will be updating its formats and content this fall. Our community radio station is believed to be the only one of its kind in the State of South Carolina. It broadcasts 24/7 on AM 1640 to listeners within about a mile of I'On Square and to people online around the world at www.ionradio1640.com.

This fall East Cooper Montessori Charter School will begin providing audio segments prepared by the students there under faculty supervision. A new cooperative agreement with I'On BizNet will provide advertising exposure to all members advertising in the I'On Community Directory on the station. This summer the station recorded its 500th community interview since going on the air in the summer of 2005.

If your community organization or activity would like to have its events announced on the station, contact William Hamilton radio@wjhamilton.com or 870-5299 or Mike Balister at 971-6317. There is no charge to I'On Community Organizations or to non-profits active in the "New Village" in and surrounding I'On. A community recording night will be held this fall where you'll be able to come by and record anything needed for the station at no charge. The station also happily accepts MP3 recordings provided by community members by email.

I'On Club News: "Paws in the Park"

Bring your pooch(es) to the I'On Club on Saturday, September 6, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm to participate in "Paws in the Park," a charity event benefiting The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Dogs can compete in events including an agility course, a costume contest, and a "best trick" contest. The event will also feature a raffle, with prizes including a two-day kayak rental, tickets to a 2009 RiverDogs game, dog toys and treats, and much more. Admission is \$5.00 and all proceeds will benefit The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. You need not be a member to participate. For more information, contact Jess Tuckman at Jess@ion-club.com.

A New School Year for East Cooper Montessori Charter School



Lower Elementary teacher Cynthia Gately welcomes her first grade students. The lower elementary classrooms create a community environment with a blend of students in 1st-3rd grades.

An exciting new school year is underway for East Cooper Montessori Charter School! As the school welcomed a new class of first grade students, the welcome mat was also out for an expanded group of teachers.

This year, ECMCS has a total enrollment of 174 students, which includes 28 new first graders. ECMCS welcomes almost 20 new families to the their community. "This is going to be an exciting year! Being our sixth year in operation, and showcasing both Palmetto Gold and Silver awards, we are proud to offer a Montessori education for 1st through 8th grades as a public school choice in Charleston County. As we welcome new students and families this school year, we remain thankful to all who have helped us grow", says ECMCS Principal, Jody Swanigan.

Welcome to our newest staff members: In the Upper Elementary classes, we welcome Tracey Tierney and Theresa Ray. Our expanded Middle School class welcomes Anna Chandler (science and social studies), Schrader Fowler (english language arts) and Robert Hartnett (math). Additionally, we welcome Terry Walsh as the technology teacher and Lisa Fabio for special education. ECMCS is fortunate to have this talented group of individuals on board!

Grand Hall Summer Activities

This summer, ECMCS made some renovations to the Grand Hall in response to their incredible demand and growth. The large Grand Hall was divided with a retractable wall to separate the lunch/meeting area from newly constructed office space. One office was added along with a conference room and a dedicated area for the "specials" courses of art and music.

Prior to the construction, ECMCS partnered with community groups to offer the Grand Hall space. Each Sunday Holy Cross church held services, while the I'On summer camp sought shelter from the heat and used the space for snack and art activities.

Middle School Class Begins Year With "Get to Know You" Trip

During the last week of August, the middle school classroom of ECMCS was empty. While most back to school classrooms are buzzing with activity, ECMCS middle school staff accompanied the class to James Island for a "bonding" experience. For three days and two nights, the group of 22 students and 3 teachers worked as a team as they navigated through challenges courses, educational programs, hikes and environmental science experiments.

ECMCS plans "away" trips early in the year to help students bond with each other, creating a community environment. The Lower Elementary classrooms previously have experienced trips to Camp St. Christopher. The Upper Elementary classes will head out to Camp Greenville in North Carolina during the month of December.

ECMCS September Calendar

SEP 4 Bookmobile (open to public) 9:00 - 11:00 am

SEP 11 Governing Board meeting 6:00 pm

SEP 18 Bookmobile (open to public) 9:00 - 11:00 am

SEP 25 Governing Board Meeting 6:00 pm