

Living in I'On

Monthly Newsletter for the Residents of I'On ... June 2009

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Coming in July ...

I'On 4th of July Parade and
Band Blast 2009 Celebration!

Fireworks in I'On Guidelines

With the 4th of July right around the corner, we thought some "Common Sense Guidelines for the Use of Fireworks in I'On" might be in order.

Fireworks can be great fun. Many I'On residents enjoy setting them off, watching them rise and either feather out in a beautiful array of color or obnoxiously "BOOM!" in mid-air. However, we all know too well their misuse can cause great disturbance and potential tragedy. Battalion Chief Bud Thames of the Mount Pleasant Fire Department cautions:

"Dense subdivisions such as I'On present more of a potential for fireworks incidents as opposed to older subdivisions where the houses are farther apart and have larger yards separating the properties....Living in a densely populated subdivision requires a higher level of consciousness in regards to safety and the well-being of yourself and your neighbors."

If the following **Common Sense Guidelines for the Use of Fireworks in I'On** are followed, there should be no cause for the Assembly to adopt a rule regulating or even prohibiting their use in our community.

Who Should use fireworks in I'On? Only families and guests of I'On residents should use fireworks in I'On. All persons under the age of 18 should be under adult supervision. If parents will oversee their children's use of fireworks, most of the complaints we have received involving improper, negligent or otherwise bothersome use of fireworks will be alleviated.

When should they be used? Fireworks may be set off only between the hours of 10:00 am and 10:00 pm, 3 days before, and 3 days after the 4th of July and New Years Day Holidays. On the actual holiday, fireworks may be set off between the hours of 10:00 am and 1:00 am.

Where should they be used? We want to keep our children safe and our homes secure. Therefore, we strongly recommend that fireworks be set off only over the lakes, or from the center of Maybank Green and the soccer field.

Responsibilities: Please be mindful of persons and property; clean up after yourself and your guests. I'On homeowners are responsible for any damages that may be caused by their family and guests. Please dispose of fireworks at your home. For safety reasons, please do not leave fireworks at community trash receptacles.

Here's to a festive, happy and safe 4th of July!

Brady Anderson

Welcome New I'On Neighbors!

Diane & Michael
Hornblas
8 Edenton Road

Susan Conant & Trip
Banner
118 Ionsborough Street

Kristin & Keith McCann
143 Ionsborough Street

Theresa & Frank Cuoco
36 Robert Mills Circle

Pamela & Larry Kressler
68 Sowell Street

Moving Around I'On

Roger Walsh & Jane
Vander Velde
3 Perseverance Street

Robin & Rance Gossett
54 Saturday Road

New Neighbors,
Please inform
Jane Gottshalk of AMCS
of your new address at
jgottshalk@amcs-inc.com.

To visit the community
website, go to
www.ioncommunity.com

Around I'On ...

Conservati'on Corps Meeting

Monday, June 2 1:00 - 2:30 pm

We'll meet at 110 West Shipyard Road (*Cynthia's house*) where we'll review progress on the Community Garden plans and recent recycling efforts. ***If anyone in the community is willing to help with recycling at Piccolo Spoleto's Finale (June 6 at Hampton Park – 3hr shift), please contact Cynthia at cynth31@comcast.net.***

Hurricane Preparedness Seminar

Wednesday, June 3 7:00 pm

Come to the Creek Club to hear a host of hurricane related issues. WCBD Chief Meteorologist Rob Fowler will be speaking as well as a representative from Charleston County Emergency Preparedness on hurricane patterns and threats. Insurance, building code compliance, I'On Assembly and homeowner responsibilities will all be discussed as well as an open Q&A period. **Registrations are required by emailing hurricanesignup@aol.com.** Free child care will be provided at the I'On Club for the first 20 children registered. Please attend this important meeting!

First Friday Cocktails

Friday, June 5 6:00 - 9:00 pm

The First Friday Cocktail Party for the month of May will be hosted by **Diane** and **Phil Ayers** at 46 Isle of Hope Road. All I'On residents are invited. BYOB, a glass and an appetizer to share. It is a great place to meet new neighbors and catch up with old. Any questions, please call **Brooke Niznik** at 216-3475.

Screen on the Green

Friday, June 5 8:00 pm

The first 2009 outdoor movie evening is planned for Friday, June 5 at the Westlake Amphitheater (*see the Trust write-up on page 5 for the featured presentation!*). Movie should begin about 8:00 pm. Come join the fun. **This is free and open to everyone!**

Women's Coffee

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

The monthly coffees have been such fun with long time residents attending as well as new neighbors. So if you haven't been for awhile please consider joining us. All you need to do is bring a coffee cup. Our hostess this month will be **Barbara Wade** at 43 Krier Lane. For a ride or questions, call one of the co-chairs – **Carol Morgan** @216-5631 or **Gail Lauder**@ 971-0985.

Around I'On ... *continued*

CoIA Summer Watercolour Workshop

Saturday, June 13 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

If you've always wanted to try an art workshop, here's your opportunity. Helen Beacham, the First Prize winner at our recent Art show, will be our instructor at the Montessori School cafeteria. Helen can paint and teach extremely well, and everyone always comes away from her classes feeling happy and confident! An added bonus for first time painters is an "instant materials kit" consisting of some of Helen's brushes, paints, paper, etc., to get you started. And 4 places have been reserved for youngsters for the first time at this workshop! The children should be seriously into art and have a good attention span (*those under 14 will need an adult to accompany them*). For more information contact **Pam Schussel** at 216-7755 or devoncraft@comcast.net. To access the workshop flyer and application form, [click here](#).

Community of I'On Artists

Wednesday, June 17 9:30 am till Noon

The CoIA will hold its regular June meeting on June 17th. We'll have coffee from 9:30 to 10:00 followed by a short business meeting and a program presented by Janice Rossman, director of Coleman Fine Art Gallery. She will give a précis of her Fine Arts Class relating to art history and appreciation. As always, meetings are open to the public at no cost. Please join us.

I'On Residents' Potluck Supper at the Creek Club!

Wednesday, June 17 6:00 pm

The hosts for this month's potluck supper will be **Annie** and **Barry Bonk**. As always, we meet at **6:00 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. 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**. If you have any questions, please call **Annie Bonk** at 881-7601 or email at abbonk@msn.com.

Lunch Bunch

Thursday, June 18 11:45 am

This month we'll lunch at "Cuoco Pazzo," an authentic Italian restaurant, owned by I'On neighbors **Dawn** and **Joe Meli**. We'll meet

Directory

Update

Those homeowners living in I'On who have **not** received your 2009 Community Directory, please contact **Annie Bonk** at 881-7601 or abbonk@msn.com for your copy. If you have your copy and would like an additional copy for the second floor or second home, there are a few available for purchase for \$10.00. Again, **Annie Bonk** is the contact. Thanks!

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.

If you've had difficulty receiving I'On emailings in the past, you might remedy that situation by adding our I'On email addresses to your personal contact list.

Community NEWS comes from

ioncommunity@comcast.net,

and Assembly NEWS comes from

ionassembly@comcast.net.

Thanks!

in I'On Square at 11:45 to set up car pools for the short ride over to 1035 Johnnie Dodds Boulevard. Call **Joyce Gentry** at 971-3581 by June 15th to reserve space.

Yarn Buddies

Wednesday, June 24 10:00 – 11:30 am

We'll meet at **Katherine Kraft's** house, 26 Hometown Road, for our monthly get together. Open to anyone in I'On who is actively working on a yarn related project, wants to get an idea for future projects, or who is interested in learning how to knit, crochet, or other handwork activities. For information, please call **Wendie Ihrke** at 416-8248 or email wendieihrke@comcast.net.

Mid-Year Assembly Meeting/Potluck Supper

Wednesday, June 25 6:00 pm

All I'On residents are encouraged to come to the Mid-Year Assembly Meeting/ Potluck Supper at the Creek Club on Wednesday, June 25. Bring a covered dish and your own beverage. Enjoy dinner with neighbors and friends and hear about the current issues affecting our community. Potluck begins at 6:00; Meeting at 7:00.

Now that summer is here and kids are out of school, we all need to practice some vigilance in an effort to keep everyone safe. Remember...

- 20 (mph) is plenty in I'On!
- Only licensed drivers can legally operate golf carts (Mount Pleasant Police will ticket under-aged drivers!)
- Lake swimming is NOT supervised. Please call the Mount Pleasant Police at 884-4176 to report any dangerous activity.

Have a fun, healthy and SAFE summer!!!

Thought you'd missed out on the "I'On at Ten" book? There are still a few copies remaining. **Craig** and **Melinda Wrenn** have graciously agreed to sell them at Sweet Olive (their business in I'On) while they last. The cost is only \$20 and **all** of the proceeds (**\$20 per book!**) go to our own East Cooper Montessori Charter School. Only checks and cash please, as the money is going directly to the school (no middle man)! This is a win-win situation. You end up with a great book at a great price and the school ends up with much needed funds\$\$\$\$. Thanks!

Gardens of I'On - 2009



Our event proved to be a delightful day and all who came thoroughly enjoyed the activities. Special thanks go to the home/garden owners who shared their lovely yards; to our presenters from Sweet Olive, DwellSmart, Give and Grow, and Wild Birds Unlimited; to the members of the Community of I'On Artists who did plein air painting in the gardens; and to Crushed Fine Wine and O'Brion's Pub and Grille for providing some of the refreshments for the reception. And very special gratitude goes to our Presenting Sponsor, William Means Realty.

We also salute **Melinda Wrenn** and **Phyllis Sheffer** and their volunteer coordinators for planning and implementing an extraordinary day. And we thank our many other neighbors who helped as volunteers, who made their own yards look especially attractive, and who attended the event.

We successfully "brought neighbors together"!!! For more pictures of the event, check out our website at [www.iontrust.org/Site Events/Event Archives.html](http://www.iontrust.org/Site%20Events/Event%20Archives.html).

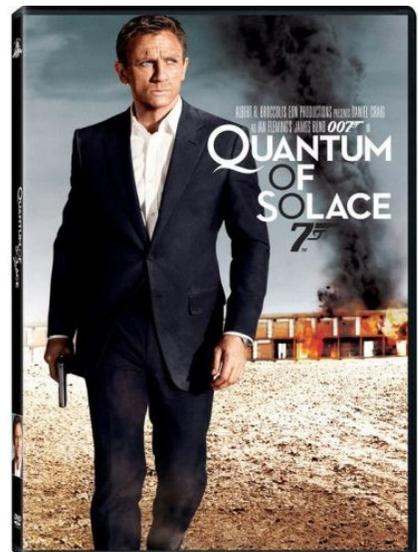
Coming Events:

Screen on the Green,
Friday, June 5 8:00 p.m.
Westlake Amphitheater

The movie will be the latest James Bond thriller, "**Quantum of Solace.**" This is a PG-13 movie. We hope to attract some of our teens and their families and all the adults who are looking for fun after First Friday is over!

Everyone is invited, admission is free, and Mr. Koolie will be on hand with ice cream treats and popcorn between 7:30 and 8:30 p.m.

Special thanks go to **Leslie Hartley**, **Betsy Bidwell**, and **Julie Chapman** for being our Screen on the Green coordinators this year.



July 4th CelebratI'On



Big plans are well underway for another great Independence Day celebration in I'On. The parade to the Square will begin at 9:30 a.m., led by a military color guard. Kids of all ages are encouraged to participate with bicycles, wagons, scooters, etc. Festooned golf carts and pets are very welcome. Thanks to **Andrew McLester** for coordinating the parade again this year.

Then at 6:00 p.m., our **Band Blast 2009** will be held in the Amphitheater featuring **"Heart and Soul"** playing beach music and classic rock and roll. **Admission is free and everyone is invited.** Special thanks to the I'On Assembly HOA for supporting the concert. Picnics and tents are welcome. We are grateful to **Tony Woody** for coordinating the concert and activities.

Mark your calendars and watch the Trust website for more details!

American Flag Project

For several years, the I'On Trust has promoted having I'On neighbors observe the July 4th holiday by flying our country's flag. Again this year, the Trust will provide assistance in securing a flag and a flag kit (*pole and bracket*) for those homes that do not have one. In addition, several Trust volunteers are willing to install the bracket for a small contribution of \$10.00.

Here are the details:

The flags are 3' by 5' and are polyester with stitched-on stripes and embroidered stars. The poles are white aluminum with a spinning mechanism that prevents the flag from wrapping around the pole in the wind. A kit with a flag, a pole and a bracket costs \$37.50 (*or \$47.50 if the Trust installs the bracket*). If you only need a flag, the cost is \$28.50.

An order form is on the Trust website that will give instructions about placing orders. [Click here](#) to access the Trust site and click on the American Flag Project link. The order deadline is June 26th.

The flags and flag kits are being provided at a discounted price by Bob Boyles, American Flagpoles and Flags in Mount Pleasant.

In addition, if anyone has an old flag that needs to be properly disposed of, **Fred McIntyre**, who is coordinating our flag project, will collect these and deliver them to the VFW which takes responsibility for destroying damaged flags in a respectful manner. You may drop these old flags on Fred's porch at 31 McDaniel Lane until July 3rd.

Questions, just call 881-7541 or e-mail aregister@iontrust.org.

CONSERVATION CORPS

I'ON COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

The **Gardeners** testing the "Square Foot" method of gardening in the Demonstration Garden are: **Barbara Cole; Julie, William, Annie & Brady Chapman**, along with **Leslie, Kyle & Hunter Hartley**; and **Jane Vander Velde**. They've planted herbs, flowers and veggies like beets, okra, tomatoes, peppers, and cantelopes.

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The **Demonstration Garden at the Amphitheater** was constructed thanks to:

Steve Degnen - Brad Davis - Lydia Englehardt & Bill Rambo
Martha Morgan - Cynthia & Dave Rosengren - Bud Wofford

If you'd like to participate
in our Community Garden,
[CLICK HERE TO TAKE OUR
BRIEF SURVEY](#)

Just say 'No' to cups and caps!



Because they're the wrong kind of plastic, **plastic CUPS and CAPS have zero recycle value** – they increase the labor (and yuk factor) to hand sort them out, and reduce the value of a bale of recycled plastic.

Plus, CAPS screwed onto any plastic bottle can pose a safety hazard to workers at the Recycling Center. Think about it - bottles get squished and bound into bales, so caps can shoot off like a bullet in the process. **Please, no cups or caps!** Throw them away in the trash.



An I'On Trust grant funded the garden. **Charleston County Bees Ferry Landfill** and **Abide-A-While** provided compost and plants.

NEW RECORDS ON BRIDGE RUN DAY

FROM START LINE TO FINISH LINE
TO I'ON'S LAWN...

13,000* LBS OF GLASS, PLASTIC & CANS, PLUS
5,750 LBS OF CARDBOARD WERE RECYCLED!
(* THAT'S **4 X** AS MUCH AS PAST YEARS!)

I'On neighbors **Barbara Fry, Claudia Robinson, and Cynthia Rosengren** helped at the Start Line, where about **4300 lbs** of mostly plastic bottles were diverted from the incinerator or landfill. About **270 lbs** of bottles and cans were collected from the Bridge Run Concert at our Amphitheater later that afternoon. *Thanks to all of you who recycled that day!*

I'On Assembly News ...

Eastlake & Shelmore Entrances Update ... Amy Sage, Landscape Committee

I'm happy to report the Eastlake entrance renovation project is now complete. A **BIG** improvement! I'm also pleased to report the project Dave Rosengren outlined in last months' newsletter is now up and running. The irrigation of Maybank Green with Westlake water has been installed, tested and is now operational. We expect to reap an average of \$1,000 per month in water savings. The project should pay for itself by this time next year.



Landscape Committee ... Dave Rosengren, Chair

We've had some problems in Perseverance Park and would like to ask the neighbors to keep a look out for bad behavior. In late April, someone broke one of the 50 gallon flower planters located near the fountain into several pieces. Unfortunately, the planter was fairly expensive and we have yet to find a replacement. If that wasn't annoying enough, in early May someone systematically went to each of the remaining planters and removed several of the newly planted flowers. I don't know whether these plants ended up in someone's garden or what, but if anyone notices any smashing of pots or plant thievery going on, please call Jane Gottshalk of AMCS at 303-3586 or email Jane at jgottshalk@amcs-inc.com. Or, call the Mount Pleasant police at 884-4176. Thanks!

Covenants Committee ... Brady Anderson, Chair

If anyone has comments or concerns about the Firework Guidelines I proposed on the cover of this newsletter, I can be reached at 856-0233 or joebradyanderson@gmail.com.

Infrastructure Committee ... John Powers, Chair

I hope many of you have noticed the improvements to several parts of the Marsh Trail that have been made over the last few weeks. We have scheduled power washing and painting of lake bridges as well as added new playground equipment to the Ramble. We are also beginning the process of having the Lafayette and Jefferson canals inspected in anticipation of their eventual turnover from the I'On Company.

Communications Committee ... Barbara Fry, Chair

A request to change the location of an already approved 4th entry into I'On will be reviewed this Monday, June 1st, by the Town Planning Committee. Rather than continuing Ponsbury Road to Mathis Ferry, the request is to move the entrance to a location that would enter the I'On Club parking lot. **In particular, neighbors on Civitas and Ponsbury as well as residents who belong to the I'On Club or have children attending the Montessori School may want to pay close attention to this proposed change.** The meeting is open to the public and will be held Monday at 12:00 pm, in Conference room 103 at Town Hall, 100 Ann Edwards Lane. More details and some discussion can be found at www.ioncommunity.com on the message board.