Living in I'On

Monthly Newsletter for the Residents of I'On … July 2010!!!

July Calendar

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Don't forget to fly your flag on July 4th!!!

BIG Doins' in I'On …

4th of July CelebratI'On

Once again, the Community of I'On has one heck of a 4th of July Celebration planned. Check out the schedule below and plan to attend as many activities as you can. More specifics are inside …

- **7:55 am – 5K Run through I'On.** Meet at Boathouse Close a few minutes before 8:00 am. We'll leave promptly at 8:00. No starting gun or timers … not a race … just a nice way to start the holiday in I'On.
- **9:30 am – I'On on Parade.** Starts at Perseverance Park. Bring your decorated strollers, bikes, golf carts, wagons, dogs… Everyone is welcome!!!
- **10:00 am – Salute on the Square.** Come witness a ceremonial flag-raising as well as a partial reading of the Declaration of Independence. Simple refreshments will be on hand.
- **6:00 pm – BAND BLAST 2009!** At the Amphitheater – featuring "Heart and Soul." Picnics, lawn chairs and tents are welcome. Food and beverage vendors available. Giant slide, jump castle and face painting as well.

Come Join In!!!

Welcome New I'On Neighbors!

Mary Ellen Raphael
& Rob Wieboldt
4 Perseverance Street

Christopher & Elizabeth Murphy
55 Frogmore Road

Ginger & Dave Flesher
9 Eastlake Road

Dennis & Marsha Young
25 Eastlake Road

Will & Hillary Herring
40 Perseverance Street

Kevin & Susie Gorsline
11 Boathouse Close

Helen O'Leary
142 North Shelmore

Donna & Wilbur Davis
197 North Shelmore

Suzanne Chestnut
70 Sanibel Street

Todd & Kathryn Dempsey
297 North Shelmore

Don & Mary Wilbur
163 Ionsborough Street

Moving Around I'On

Claudia & Johann VonAsten
3 Duany Road

Joyce Keegan
125 Ponsbury Road

Larry & Barbara Blum
37 Sowell Street

Julie & Thomas Gore
136 Jake's Lane

Around I'On …

First Friday Cocktails
Not Friday, July 1!

First Friday is moving! To find out where, check out the copy on the next page.

4th of July CelebratI'On
Sunday, July 4 All Day!!!

Celebrate the 4th of July with family and friends in I'On. The day starts with a morning run and a parade through I'On; then a flag-raising in the square and a patriotic reading. We'll wrap it up with a picnic and concert at the Amphitheatre. Check out the **I'On Trust** page inside for more details. Hope to see you there!

Women's Coffee
Tuesday, July 13 10:00 am – Noon

Susan Marlowe is our hostess this month at 10 Fernandina Street. Please join her, your friends and new neighbors at this monthly sponsored I'On Trust event. For questions or a ride, contact one of the co-chairs **Carol Morgan** (216-5631) or **Gail Lauder** (971-0985). All ladies in I'On are invited. Remember to bring your coffee mug *(and yes, cold drinks will also be served).* As always, look for our blue "I'On Women's Coffee" sign.

I'On Potluck Supper at the Creek Club
Tuesday, July 13 6:00 pm

Please note that the potluck will once again be on a Tuesday, a change in the day of the week. The theme for the July Potluck will be "A Beach Party." **Dwain** and **Bonnie Ray** have graciously agreed to be our hosts for the evening. This is such an easy way to get together with your neighbors. No need to make reservations, clean your home or cook *(no rule that your dish has to come from your kitchen!).* Just pop on down to the Creek Club with a dish to pass, a plate, flatware, napkin, your beverage of choice and a glass. To make it easier for the hosts, we are now asking that you plan on taking your recyclables home with you, *(pack it in, pack it out!).* If you have any questions, please email **Annie Bonk** or give Annie a call at 881-7601.

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

Around I'On … *continued*

Lunch Bunch in the 'Hood!
Thursday, July 15 Noon

The Women's Lunch Bunch is staying in the neighborhood for a change, so mark your calendar for July 15 at Noon to meet at Jacob's Kitchen, easy walking *(or golf cart)* distance for us all! The regular lunch menu will be featured, allowing you to order off the menu. Please email **Jane VanderVelde** or call 647-9720 by Tuesday, July 13, to RSVP.

HOA Trustees Board Meeting
Thursday, May 22 6:00 pm

The monthly meeting is held in the second floor conference room of the I'On Realty Office. An agenda should be posted at the I'On Community Website a day or two before the date.

"Fourth" Friday Cocktails
Wednesday, July 23 6:00 – 8:00 pm

After an enjoyable ten years, the I'On First Friday Cocktail party is making a change. It's still the same party, just a new date. ***Beginning in July we will no longer get together on the First Friday of the month, but will transition to the Fourth Friday each month.*** We'll hopefully have fewer Friday night conflicts yet still the alliteration of the last ten years. Hosting for July Fourth Friday will be **Annette** and **Bud Garner** at 217 North Shelmore. The 6-8 pm party time is unchanged as well as the BYOB, a glass and an appetizer to share. All I'On residents are invited. Questions, contact **Brooke Niznik.**

Yarn Buddies
Wednesday, July 28 10:00 – 11:30 am

July's meeting will be at the home of **Judy Chisholm**, 286 North Shelmore. 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 yarn related activity. For more information, contact **Wendie Ihrke.**

The Conservati'on Corp will not meet in July. Check the August newsletter for a possible get together then.

Thank you Lawn-O-Green for donating the flowers in the round-a-bout. They look great!

Here's a great way to celebrate the 4th of July. Clean out that drawer by donating your old cell phones to soldiers. Go to CellPhonesForSoldiers.com to download a FREE shipping label. You can also order a new phone and buy some minutes for a soldier in need. A great way to help out an American Hero.

Click here to visit the I'On Community Website.

Keeping Lights On!

Now that summer is fully upon us and evening "activities" may go on a bit late, how about leaving your front porch light on? A well lit street not only makes for safer evening walks but also deters unwelcome behavior. In the morning when you pick up the paper, just click the light off. (But please, check to see the light is not shining into your neighbors' bedroom window!!!)

THE I'ON TRUST
Bringing neighbors together.

Update ... submitted by Anne Register

- ★ **9:30 am – I'On on Parade *(starts at Perseverance Park)***
- ★ **10:00 am – Salute on the Square**
- ★ **6:00 pm – Band Blast 2010! *(featuring "Heart and Soul")***

Admission is FREE!!!

One of the most favorite days in the neighborhood will soon be here, and the I'On Trust hopes lots of folks are planning to celebrate Independence Day right here at home.

- ★ **Our traditional parade will line up near the fountain at Perseverance Park** and proceed to I'On Square. Dress up your kids, dogs, golf carts, wagons, bikes or scooters and plan to participate. Themed floats and groups are encouraged to join the fun – the more creative and sillier the better! The parade will be led this year by a military color guard from the Nuclear Power Training Command of the Charleston Naval Weapons Station.
- ★ **The Salute on the Square** will celebrate our country's birthday with a ceremonial flag-raising. A reading of excerpts from the Declaration of Independence, and simple refreshments provided by the Trust.
- ★ **Late in the afternoon, our holiday concert will kick off at the Westlake Amphitheater.** "Heart and Soul," the group we enjoyed so much on the last two July 4th's, is returning with classic rock, Motown, beach music, etc. Fun for children and adults!
    - Picnics, coolers, lawn chairs, blankets, and tents are welcome. Please plan to recycle your containers *(recyling bins will be available!).*
    - Food and beverages will also be available from vendors: Mr. Koolie *(ice cream)* and O'Brion's *(beer, wine, sodas, water, grilled burgers and hot dogs).*
    - Free giant slide and face-painting for the younger set!

The I'On Trust is delighted to offer **Band Blast 2010!** – part of our 4th of July CelebratI'On, as a gift to the neighborhood and the broader community**. Admission will be free**, thanks to generous support from **Places Real Estate** and the **I'On Assembly Homeowners' Association**. We appreciate this collaboration to make July 4th a wonderful occasion. Encourage your friends and family to come celebrate in I'On!

Special thanks to **Amy Sage**, **Jane Vander Velde**, **Fred McIntyre**, **Tony Woody** and **Dwight Williams** for coordinating the planning for the day.

"REMEMBER TO FLY YOUR FLAG ON JULY 4TH!!!"

Special Request to North Shelmore Neighbors

If you live along the July 4th parade route, we would really appreciate it if you would not park your cars on North Shelmore between 9:00 and 10:30 Sunday morning. Our parade needs all the street room we can have for the folks, bikes, groups, golf carts, etc., in the procession. We thank you for this cooperation!

I'On Community Garden

The I'On Community Garden, only an idea a year ago, is now being enjoyed by so many neighbors – both gardeners and visitors alike. We've achieved our key goal of giving our neighbors a place to come together and form friendships through the simple act of gardening.

Families with children, retired couples, working singles, people who just moved in and people who were among the first I'On pioneers make up the 103 of gardeners and family members currently enjoying our garden.

Thanks to all who came and celebrated at our "Party in the Garden" at June's First Friday. And we hope you didn't miss the great article on our garden in the June 16th Moultrie News.

Chloe McAuley with fruits of her labor!

And most important…our gardens are overflowing with delicious veggies and beautiful flowers.

A special thanks to our first gardeners, our neighbors, the HOA & the I'On Trust for their encouragement and help in creating this new I'On amenity for all of us to share.

Please drop by and walk through our garden, see what's growing and enjoy the beauty.

Steve Degnen

Garden Coordinator

Neighborliness Matters …

In newsletters past, we occasionally featured some neighborhood issues – specifically the kind that arise when folks of all different ages live within fairly close proximity – like I'On. It's basically good neighbor manners. Here are a few issues we've come up with this month:

- **Under-age kids driving golf carts.** I know we live in this lovely community where you probably think it's safe for the kids to take the cart for a ride. Just to the club, or around the block. But it's not. It's dangerous and it's against the law. The city of Mount Pleasant requires that golf carts be driven by licensed drivers. Rather than waiting for a tragic accident to happen, please take responsibility for your kids. If you'd like to see the current law, click here.

- **Dog Poop Pickup.** This is an ongoing problem. Following are some observations from frustrated neighbor **Shanon Fauerbach**:

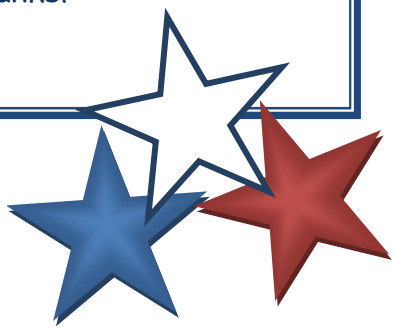
  "Twice in recent weeks, my children have stepped in dog waste at the Scramble Park near the Square. I saw one neighbor bring his two small dogs into the playground and then he left without picking up waste -- while the playground was full of kids! Small children put everything that interests them in their mouths, including dog doo and shoes covered in it! There is a lot there today and other parents were frustrated with the cleanliness of the park. Can we do something about these non-responsible pet owners?

  The HOA Board is adding poop stations at the playgrounds. Hopefully pet owners will take advantage of them. Perhaps the presence of bags can be pointed out to those pet owners who seem to have "left theirs at home…"!

- **Street Parking.** We now have all those little white "t's" on the street and the object is to park between them. Those open spaces are needed for cars to pull over to let the car in the opposite direction pass. Please pay attention to where you park and ask your guests to do the same.

If you have any neighborly suggestions to offer up, I'd like to hear them. Please send them to Barbara Fry at brbfry@comcast.net. Thanks!

Have a Fabulous 4th!!!



I'On Assembly News …

Exploratory Committee Request …

Kershaw LeClercq, Infastructure

The HOA board would like to form a committee to explore the community's space requirements going forward. Do you have expertise in renting space, construction or real estate? Do you have unmet needs for your community group? Do you have any ideas for how we should proceed? We would like to know about it and bring you into our planning. Please email Kershaw LeClercq or call 364-0773.

Liens to be Filed … Sheri Cooper, Finance

Liens will be filed on owners who are delinquent on their HOA dues over the next two weeks. If you are in arrears, call Jane Gottshalk at 303-3586 to set up a payment plan. Monthly payments will be calculated to ensure all your dues are paid off by 12/31/10.

Landscape Committee Update … Dave Rosengren, Landscaping

The Landscape Committee is hearing increased complaints regarding the condition of the strip of land between the street and sidewalk. As indicated in the I'On Code under I'On Residential Landscape Designs on page 8…

> **"Land in the rights-of-way between property lines and edge of paving must be planted or sodded as a part of the landscape by the owner of the adjacent property." In addition the Code states, "All landscaped areas must be properly irrigated."**

We are fortunate in I'On that if planted with grass/sod the HOA has taken on the expense to mow, edge, and fertilize the areas between the sidewalk and street. However, it is the responsibility of the individual homeowner to plant and irrigate this area.

Stepped up Police Patrols in the Neighborhood

In response to several recent incidents of vandalism in the neighborhood, the Board has increased patrols by on-duty and off-duty police, including day and night patrols, and foot patrols in various areas. Under this new program, our patrol officer makes visits at random times to the Rookery, the East Lake Boathouse, and the fire pit area on the marsh walk.

Early reports have included the officers identifying teenagers from outside the neighborhood using the Boathouse, and several incidents of kids jumping off the boathouse into the lake, a very unsafe practice. The trespassers were asked to leave, and divers were told to stop. In addition, an underage child was intercepted driving a golf cart and his parent given a warning ticket. **Remember, all drivers of golf carts must be licensed automobile drivers.** We hope a stepped-up police presence will cut down these incidents of misbehavior, which tend to spike during summer months.

Help Support Homeless Veterans

To celebrate the 4th of July, two local VFW posts – Mount Pleasant and Isle of Palms – are joining together to help homeless veterans. They will be collecting and delivering food and other donations to the Good Neighbor Center in North Charleston. **Please support their efforts by bringing a donation to the 4th of July BAND BLAST 2010 concert at the Amphitheatre on Sunday.** Collection bins will be available.

Donations might include canned or packaged non-perishable foods, paper/plastic products, cleaning products… For a list of ideas, see the "Operation Independence 2010" Bulletin Board posting on the I'On Community Website.

I'On Community Garage Sale Coming this Fall!

We've had a lot of demand for a fall garage sale so we've set the date for

Saturday, October 9th

8:00 – 11:00 am.

You can sell your treasures from your front porch or stoop, or cart them over to Maybank Green and join your neighbors in a community stop.
Look for more information in the September newsletter, and start putting aside your merchandise now. A Habitat Truck will be coming through after 11:00 to pick-up any leftovers. Questions … email Linda Hanson
or call Linda at 849-8479.

Calling All Plastics!

Recycling just got easier. You can now put all plastics (#1 - #7's) in your blue recycling bin (except Styrofoam and plastic bags/films) if they have the little triangle marking on them. Rinse out, **take all caps OFF** and drop them in the blue bin! For more details, click here.

If you have questions or comments about this newsletter, or information you'd like to get into future issues, please contact **Barbara Fry**.

CONSERVATI'ON CORPS

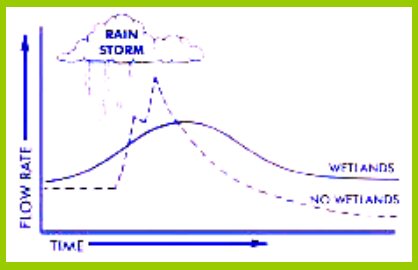
THE BIG DEAL ABOUT COASTAL MARSH LANDS

As the disaster in the Gulf continues, the human damage extends from the ocean and beaches to the more mysterious marsh and swamp lands. Separate from the Gulf oil disaster, the US loses close to 60,000 acres of wetlands/year. So, what's the big deal about coastal wetlands?

READ A GULF OIL VIEW FROM THE PENTAGON

1. **Called the "nurseries of life" wetlands provide habitats for thousands of species of aquatic and terrestrial plants and animals. Coastal marshlands are comparable to tropical rain forests and coral reefs in their level of biological productivity.**
   a. **Up to 50% of American bird species nest or feed in wetlands**
   b. **More than 30% of the plant species, grow in wetlands**

2. **Hurricane and Tropical Flood control**
   a. **Coastal wetlands are storm surge protectors by buffering wind wave action. Preserving wetlands can offer more protection against flooding and cost far less than a system of traditional dikes and levees.**



Wetlands reduce peak storm water flow (Kusler 1983)

   b. **Acting like a sponge, 1- acre of wetlands (about 1/3 size of a football field) can typically store 3-acre feet of water = 1 million gallons.**

3. **Water Filtration system. Everything runs downstream. What we do on the land impacts the health of our waters. Some of the most important wetlands are only seasonally wet. Nonetheless, they are the link between land and the water where water moves around the plants, slowing down the flow and allowing sediments (including pollutants) to filter to the bottom.**
   a. **South Carolina ranks fourth nationally in the acreage of salt marsh it has. Thousands of miles of creeks and rivers drain to its coastal plain.**
   b. **Wetland filtration works so well, some populated areas have constructed artificial wetlands to treat storm water and wastewater.**

4. **Economic Base**
   a. **Wetland related ecotourism generated over $59 billion revenue in the US.**
   b. **75% of commercially harvested fish spend a portion of their lifecycles in wetlands. Add shellfish and the amount jumps to 95%.**

RECYCLING CARDBOARD **Anything that can't be ripped up for the bins - flatten:**

NO

YES