



Living in I'On

Monthly Newsletter for the Residents of I'On ... January 2013!!!

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Coming in February

- 2/14 Valentine's Day
- 2/27 Celtic Concert

The I'On Assembly Welcomes New Board Members

I'On residents gathered on December 11th at the Creek Club for the Annual Meeting of the I'On Assembly (our HOA). Five residents were elected to serve as new members on the board including **David Countryman, Martin Hansen, Steve Lenés, Martha Morgan, and Tony Woody**. Unfortunately Steve Lenés had to resign after his election for health reasons, and the Board elected **Frederik Winther** to be his replacement at the December Board meeting. For more information on the December Board meeting including Board positions, please see page 6.

CREEK CLUB LITIGATION

This year's Annual Meeting also included an extended discussion about the ongoing litigation relating to the ownership of the Creek Club. For general background information about the litigation, please go to [the neighborhood website](#). At the meeting, residents requested that the Board hold a meeting of the Assembly as a whole in January to further discuss the status and direction of the case. We have not yet set a date for such a meeting, but plan to announce a meeting in advance of the trial date which is currently set for early February. Anyone with questions is encouraged to send them through the [HOA Mailbox](#).

Deborah Bedell

I'On Assembly (our HOA) President

Around I'On ...

Community Garden Sign-ups start at 12:01 am on January 1st. Email your name, address, & phone to iongarden@gmail.com.

Early entries will not be accepted. See page 8 for more information.

Have you recently moved into or around I'On?

Let the I'On Ambassadors know. Contact [Vikki Davis](#) at 443-223-0899, so she can share your information with this newsletter and officially welcome newcomers.

If you have questions or comments about this newsletter, or information you'd like to get into future issues, please contact [Julie Hussey](#).

[Click here](#) to visit the I'On Community Website,

First Friday Cocktails

Friday, January 4 6:00 to 8:00 pm

First Friday Cocktails in January? We haven't had First Friday in January in a number of years, but for those of you who have a little party left in you after the holidays, we thought we'd give it a try! Join us on Friday the 4th from 6-8pm at the home of Gail Lauder, 150 N. Shelmore Blvd. As always, BYOB, a glass and an appetizer to share and celebrate the New Year at First Friday 2013 with your I'On friends, neighbors, and hopefully a new friend!

Women's Coffee

Tuesday, January 8 10:00 - 12:00 noon

Start the New Year off right by visiting with friends and new neighbors at **Vikki Davis'** home at 35 Sanibel (*For specific location, look for the blue "Women's Coffee" sign outside her home*). Bring a coffee cup and drop in for a while. If you have questions or need a ride, contact [Jan Laabs](#) at 284-8799.

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

Tuesday, January 8 6:00 pm

2013's first Potluck dinner will be hosted by Gail and Bob Hardie. Please plan to join us for a delightful evening of good food and great conversation. All you need bring is a dish to share with the group along with your own beverage, plates, and utensils. We hope to see you. If you have any questions, contact [Gail Hardie](#) at 654-9219.

Lunch Bunch at "Burton's Grill"

Thursday, January 17 11:30 am till ...

Plan to meet at I'On Square at 11:30 to carpool to Towne Centre. [Burton's Grill](#) offers contemporary American Cuisine. R.S.V.P. to [Peggy Watt](#) at 284-8516.

The Ladies' Movie Group

Tuesday, January 22 An Afternoon Show

Information including the movie title, time, and location will be available on the Newsletter Bulletin Board by Saturday the 19th. If you have questions or need a ride, please call [Jan Laabs](#) at 284-8799.

Around I'On ... *continued*

Yarn Buddies

Wednesday, January 23 10:00 - 11:30 am

This month Yarn Buddies will meet at the home of **Stella Harman's**, 74 Saturday Road. Please join us with whatever needlework you are currently working on or just with your smiling face. A little needlework is done, and a whole lot of great conversation is guaranteed to occur!!! Yarn Buddies meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month, so please save those mornings so that you can be a part of a good time. If you have any questions, please email [Stella Harman](mailto:Stella.Harman@i'on.com) or call 856-2274. Hope to see you there!

I'On Assembly Board Meeting (our HOA)

Thursday, January 24 6:00 pm till ...

The monthly meeting is held in the second floor conference room of the I'On Realty Office. An agenda should be posted on the [I'On Community Website](http://i'on.com) a day or two before the date. All homeowners are welcome to attend.

A First Friday Wish List for the New Year.

We have been so lucky to have wonderful I'On neighbors step up and offer to host a First Friday. We also are lucky to have the 2013 calendar filled through June! However we'd love to have a list of potential hosts. Perhaps you've done it before - or have never done it but would like to. Please contact either [Gail Lauder](mailto:Gail.Lauder@i'on.com) (971-0985) or [Peggy Watt](mailto:Peggy.Watt@i'on.com) (284-8516). It really requires very little other than your home. If you have a month you'd prefer, please indicate it and remember this is only a list not something set in stone. If you feel your house is too small, you can join other friends and rent a tent in a neighborhood common area. Without hosts there will be no First Friday and that would be very sad after all the years we've enjoyed this I'On monthly event. Happy New Year from Peggy and I and please make our New Year's wish come true!

Christmas Tree Recycling

Charleston County's Environmental Management Department will be recycling real – not artificial – Christmas trees and greenery and turning them into compost for residents to use for gardening this spring. Residents who drop off their tree will receive a free bag of compost at the Bees Ferry Landfill, 1344 Bees Ferry Road, West Ashley. Times of operation are:
January 2nd – 9th,
Monday thru Friday
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.,
and Saturday
8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

All tinsel and ornaments must be removed from the Christmas trees before recycling.

Trees and greenery may also be left on the curb for regular yard waste pick-up.

2012 Giving Lights of I'On Sets Historic Records

This year's December 2 Luminary Project set historic records and gave a contribution to East Cooper Habitat for Humanity of \$11,560. This represents support from 388 homes and families in I'On who gave \$9,045 for 602 kits and an additional \$2,515 in extra donations. The Trust is so grateful to all who participated. Thank you, thank you!!



And thanks again, too, to all the volunteers who made the project successful.

Margaret Summers Is the Trust's New Executive Director

As announced earlier, Margaret assumes the role of Executive Director of the Trust on January 1, 2013. It will be easy to be in touch with her because the Trust phone number will remain the same (881-7541) and her e-mail will still be msummers@iontrust.org. Plans are in the works for a neighborhood drop-off spot (to replace the basket at our front door at 270 North Shelmore Blvd.) - watch for that announcement. Margaret is enthusiastic and excited about continuing to provide ways to "bring neighbors together" for the Trust.

A Personal Thank You from Anne Register

Becky and I want to thank everyone in I'On for allowing us to have the chance over the last seven and a half years to provide management for the I'On Trust. It has been "quite a ride," and we are so deeply grateful for all of the support we have received.

We were so touched and surprised when the HOA presented a new Charleston Bench in our honor which is at the Amphitheater - pause there occasionally and enjoy the view from this special spot in our neighborhood.

Our Trust management days are over, but we will still be around volunteering with so many of you to continue the good things about living here and looking forward to many more Trust successes.

I'On Trust Update continued ...

Plans for 2013

On the calendar for the New Year are concerts, picnics, traditional celebrations, small group activities, family events, and new surprises!

I'On residents can count on another Great Cooper River Bridge Run Concert on April 6; an afternoon of fun, games, music and fried chicken during Memorial Day weekend on May 26; a fabulous July 4th CelebratI'On with both the parade and the concert on tap; Halloween in the 'Hood on October 26; and Giving Lights and the Holiday Festival on December 1. In addition, the Women's Coffees will continue on the second Tuesday of each month; Screen on the Green will present several outdoor movies during the year; Chamber Music Charleston will present home concerts in I'On on January 17 and April 4 (check out their web site for tickets - www.chambermusiccharleston.org); a Celtic concert will be featured on February 27; the Amazing Race will be back in April; and there will be more to come.

Watch for details in the monthly newsletter, on mailbox flyers and on the web site (www.iontrust.org).

Thank You Trust Sponsors

On behalf of the Trust, we want to say another thank you to all of our sponsors who helped make programming and events possible with their financial support. These very good friends include:

- I'On Assembly Homeowners Association
- Lucey Mortgage Corporation
- Places Real Estate
- William Means Real Estate
- SunTrust Bank
- Sweet Olive
- Grace Salon and Spa
- A Diamond in Time

If you see any of the folks associated with these fine businesses, please say thanks for helping make I'On a wonderful place to live!

I'On Assembly Board News ...



The new I'On Assembly's Board of Trustees elected on December 11th had their first Board meeting on Thursday, December 20th. Jay Thompson and Tony Woody were not present. Steve Lenses' resignation, due to unexpected medical reasons, was accepted. The new board's first order of business was to declare the vacancy and elect Frederik Winther as the replacement for the one-year term. New officers were elected.

- **President** - [Deborah Bedell](#)
- **Vice President** - [David Countryman](#)
- **Secretary** - [Martha Morgan](#)
- **Treasurer** - [Frederik Winther](#)

New Committee Chairs are:

- **Amenities** - [David Countryman](#)
- **Communications & I'On Trust Liaison** - [Martha Morgan](#)
- **Compliance** - [Martin Hansen](#)
- **Finance & I'On Design Committee** - [Frederik Winther](#)
- **Governance/Parliamentarian** - [Jay Thompson](#)
- **Landscape/Infrastructure** - [Tony Woody](#)

The Board also met with our new SCS manager, [Trisha Elrod](#). She will be working with us to support the expanded needs of I'On now that we're a community of 740+ homes.

If you are interested in participating on a **committee**, or have ideas you'd like to share, please contact the appropriate board member. Or, to sign up on the community Volunteer Register, [click here](#).

Board meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, on the second floor conference room of the Realty Office (rear entrance of 159 Civitas). There is a public comment period at the beginning of each meeting where residents are encouraged to voice their questions or concerns.

The [2013 BOT meeting schedule](#) as well as each month's agenda (as developed) is posted on the I'On Community Website.

Neighborliness Matters...

DOG POOPING

While it is hard for your dog to resolve only to poop in your yard, you can resolve to pick up the poop when it is left around the neighborhood's fields, parks, trails, and grassy medians. There is nothing worse than starting a new year with a fragrant smell emanating from your shoes and everywhere you've stepped after accidentally stumbling upon some neglected poo. So let's use those green bags and trash cans we are paying for and make 2013 a Poop Free year in I'On.

FLAG LOWERING

Hopefully 2013 will not have the number of national tragedies we experienced in 2012, which resulted in the lowering of the American flag at I'On's North Shelmore Boulevard entrance. However, to be better able to monitor such sad occasions, our new property manager, Trisha Elrod, will be subscribing to a service that will issue notices when flags on federal or state buildings are being lowered. Starting in 2013, we will follow those practices when lowering our flag. In the meantime, please feel free to [contact Trisha](#) or the Board through the [HOA Mailbox](#) if you have any questions or concerns about lowering our flag.

FIREWORKS EXPLODING

Only families and guests of I'On residents should use fireworks in I'On and of course all persons under the age of 18 should have adult supervision. New Year's Eve fireworks can be used until 1am; otherwise fireworks should be used only until Jan. 3rd between the hours of 10am and 10pm. Check out [the Firework Guidelines in I'On](#) for more information.

May Your Spirits Be Light Enjoy "A Mount Pleasant Mule" from Carter's Kitchen

Serves: 1

2oz of locally made American Spirit Whiskey

$\frac{1}{2}$ oz of fresh squeezed lemon juice

5 oz of house made ginger beer

1 oz Grand Marnier floater

In a large glass, pour together American Spirit Whiskey, lemon juice, ginger beer, and Grand Marnier until completely mixed, then transfer to the glass of your choice. Chill, serve immediately, and enjoy.

I'On Community Garden

NEWS FROM YOUR COMMUNITY GARDEN



Come Join Us...Sign-up Now!

All I'On neighbors are welcome to join our community garden.

Sign-up begins at 12:01AM on January 1st.

The annual fee for each plot is \$50.

There are thirty 5' x 8' garden plots that are assigned on a first come-first served basis.

Garden plots go fast! Last year, all of our plots were reserved in the first 4 days.

Consider sharing a garden with a friend.

TO RESERVE YOUR GARDEN PLOT- email your name, address and telephone number to:
iongarden@gmail.com

Applications submitted before 12:01AM on Jan 1st will not be accepted.

Hope you'll join us,

*Steve Degnen
I'On Community Garden
Coordinator
sdegnen@gmail.com*

Here's What You Get

Your own 5' x 8' Garden plot for a year

2 growing seasons

Fresh planting soil tested by Clemson's Extension Service

Mulched paths around each plot for easy access

Watering hoses available on location

Perimeter fence to keep out small critters

A great sunny location

Master Gardeners providing help & advise

A startup kit with planting guidelines, sample garden plans, helpful hints and links

A chance to eat fresh, healthy foods right from your garden

Great fun with your neighbors!



THE PROMISE OF CHARTER SCHOOLS

As a South Carolina public charter school, East Cooper Montessori Charter School (ECMCS) operates under a contract, promise, or "charter" with its authorizer that ECMCS will deliver positive academic results. After being created by a group of parents, teachers, and community members, ECMCS was authorized by Charleston County School District (CCSD) in 2003 to serve first through sixth grade students with a Montessori based curriculum, and reauthorization in 2009 added 7th and 8th grades. While ECMCS's charter is up for reauthorization by CCSD's Board of Trustees every ten years, the school is governed and held accountable by ECMCS's elected Governing Board of parents, teachers, and community members.

As a public school, ECMCS does not charge tuition, but it does recognize that parent "buy-in" is an integral component to its success and ECMCS families are required to volunteer their time with the school. Not only do family volunteer hours create buy-in they also supplement the school's base operational costs, which are allocated by the state and district operational funds according to student enrollment counts and

state legislation. As a not-for-profit educational organization, ECMCS also has the ability to raise tax deductible funds. These funds are very important for the school to provide supplemental offerings its students need as well as transportation and capital costs that are not provided by the state or CCSD.

Many I'On residents strengthen the school-neighborhood connection by serving as ECMCS volunteers or even board members. If you are interested in being a part of the school's mission, or just want to learn more about the amazing educational opportunity happening in your neighborhood, contact Jody Swanigan at (843) 216-2883.

Because ECMCS receives public funding, it must adhere to all state academic standards as well as state and federal regulations. By law, charter schools are required to have a fair and open admission process without barriers to entrance such as entrance exams. If there are more applications than open slots, the SC Charter Act requires schools to hold a lottery. There has been a lottery every year since the inception of the school. ECMCS has scheduled its 2013-14 school year admissions

lottery to be held on Friday, January 11, 2013 in the school's grand hall.

More information on the school's admission process and lottery can be found on [the ECMCS website](#). More information on South Carolina Charter Schools, including the latest version of the SC Charter School Act, can be found on the [SC Department of Education Website](#).

MEET THE ECMCS GOVERNING BOARD

The ECMCS Governing Board is responsible for promoting the school's mission, hiring and supervising the administrator, setting policies, raising funds, conducting a yearly fiscal audit, and developing the school budget. Board members are eligible and encouraged to serve three year terms, but they must be re-elected each spring.

The 2012-2013 ECMCS Governing Board Members include: Parents - **Kim Durst, Stephanie Lucas, Amy Jajuga, and Doug Stalnaker**; Community Members – **Nancy Parson, Daniel Orvin, and Heather Borders**; and Ex-Officio members - **Lisa Turansky** Parent Teacher Network Representative, **Principal Swanigan**, and teacher member **Zac Oberrath**.