

Living in I'On

The Official I'On Community Newsletter

Board Supports I'On Butterfly Garden

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Mission Statement

The I'On Community Butterfly Garden Committee was formed in the summer of 2014 with the objective of creating a butterfly garden for everyone in I'On to enjoy. The site of the 365 square foot garden is conveniently located within the western end of the I'On Community Garden on Eastlake Road.



The garden will provide the following benefits:

A place of beauty for residents to visit as individuals, families, and friends where many native plants and butterflies can be observed and appreciated.

Educational information, programs, and activities for adults and children centered on the value of and varieties of butterflies and the plants butterflies need to survive.

Community engagement and volunteerism in planting and maintaining the garden, contributing to or attending garden programs and activities, and joining the butterfly garden committee

A resource for all age groups that encourages environmental and conservation awareness and healthy outdoor activities.

Our plan for the garden is based on in depth research and best practices with regard to garden design, plant choices, and educational materials and activities. We have contacted numerous native plant societies, butterfly garden experts, and nurseries to assess which plants to use and estimate their cost.

Where we are today:

The HOA and the I'On Trust are helping fund the initial development of the garden.

In addition to the space, the I'On Community Garden is also providing landscaping materials and volunteer labor.

Cypress Gardens has provided consultation services from their butterfly garden expert, Amanda Schwarz. Amanda has offered to help us with educational programming development as well as advice on the garden itself.

Our I'On neighbors have already expressed a desire to volunteer with planting the garden and the butterfly garden programming.

Going forward we'll expand our committee to include other I'On neighbors to carry out our objectives and activities.

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Welcome New Neighbors!

Michael & Nancy Archer
30 Fernandina Street

Robert & Dorothy Sanders
86 West Shipyard Road

Jacob & Kristina Barnhardt
18 Grace Lane

Peter & Ashley Sullivan
193 Ponsbury Road

Marc & Raquel Haro
40 Robert Mills Circle

Timothy & Alexis Carrico
42 Sowell Street

Robert Lilly
76 Sowell Street

Stefan Grunwald
17 Grace Lane

Howard & Louise Miller
55 Sanibel Street

Mary Ann Cooper
62 Sanibel Street

Let's welcome them to the 'hood!

If you are, or know of, a neighbor who hasn't been properly welcomed, please inform Jessica Gosnell with SCS about your new address so she can share it with your neighbors!

Jessica Gosnell
843-388-1547 or
jgosnell@scs-carolina.com

MOVING AROUND I'ON

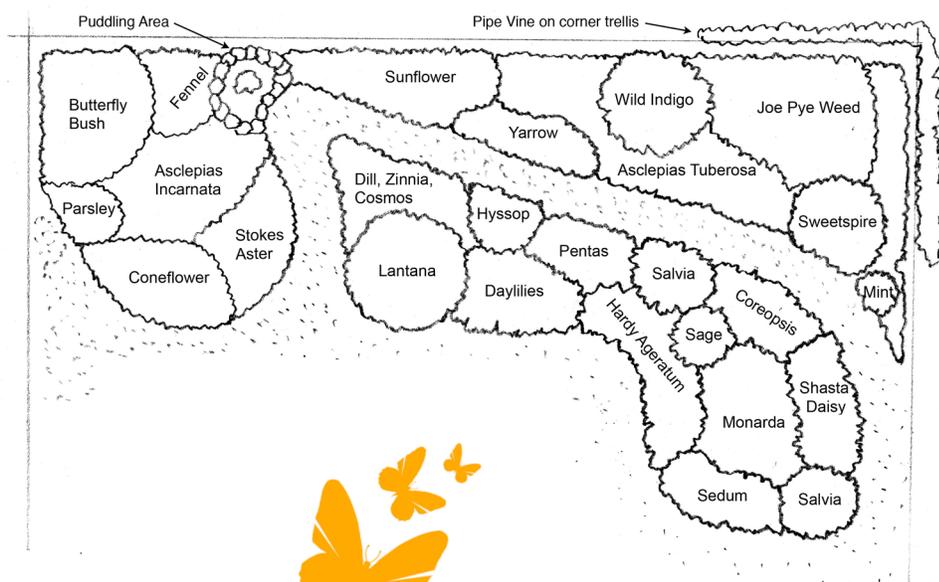
Shawndell & John Hand
30 Hopetown Road

Butterfly Garden (cont.)

Next Steps:

We've already started purchasing plants; cleared the area within the community garden and anticipate having the garden installed by the end of March.

We intend to solicit neighborhood volunteers to assist in building the garden, providing plants, helping with planting this spring, and working on educational programs and activities, especially involving children.



I'On Butterfly Garden

Note: Passionflower, coral honeysuckle & creeping aster will grow along the garden fence.

Financial Update of I'On

There is very good news to report from the Finance Committee. Hopefully, as all I'On property owners and residents know, the annual assessment for 2015 was due to be paid to the Assembly no later than January 31, 2015. The vast majority of our I'On neighbors complied with that request, and we can report that as of February 25, 92.6% of the amount due has been paid in full.

In addition, several long-standing delinquencies have been paid, along with the 2015 assessment, which is significant progress in our collections process. At the end of February, accounts receivables will total \$53,714. (*This does not include the amounts due from properties in mortgage foreclosure status with a lending institution. That additional total is \$27,735.25.*) This is a very positive financial position for the Assembly!

We encourage those neighbors who have not yet paid the assessment to do so promptly to avoid additional fees. If you are experiencing financial problems, please contact our manager, Mike Parades, for advice 843-388-7547 or mparades@scs-carolina.com.

Births and Passings in our cherished Neighborhood.....

We've been wanting to add news of our neighbors and their families for some time.

Friends, you'll recall we hope to begin a new article in the Newsletter when life changes happen in our neighborhood- either babies being born here in our I'On, or one of our dear friends in the neighborhood passes on.

So, you will be our reporters for this new Feature. Please let me know of these events, and I'll include them in the following month's "Living in I'On."

Thank you!

Please send news to:

duval.acker@carolinaone.com

Events Around I'On coming in March

I'On Design Committee

Tuesday, March 3rd

Questions about the IDC, what it does, how it works? Pam Gabriel, who coordinates it, will be happy to answer all of your questions:

843-606-6366 or pdgabriel@yahoo.com.

First Friday Cocktails

Friday, March 6th

6:00—8:00PM | 39 Sanibel Street

Hosted by Bill and Sue Harnett

Come join our wonderful hosts Bill and Sue at the March First Friday Cocktail Party. Remember to bring an appetizer to share, a glass and beverage of your choice, and socialize with your neighbors and friends. This event is for I'On residents only so please encourage those whom you know in the neighborhood, especially anyone who may be new here, to join us for this wonderful evening.

For further information or questions, please contact:

Michele Wilson: 843-352-7878 or Jennifer Welham: 843-881-3575.

I'On Women's Coffee

Tuesday, March 10th

10:00AM-Noon | Beverly Campbell's home, 119 Civitas Street

Join your women neighbors for the monthly Women's Coffee. Bring a coffee or tea cup and look for the blue sign in front of Beverly's home. If you have a new neighbor, bring her along with you! The Coffee is an easy and enjoyable way to connect with other women in our community. Brenda Uttaro, Nance Nixon and the I'On Trust hope to see you there. For further information or questions, please contact: Brenda: 843-216-6962 or Nance: 908-507-6680

O'Brion's St. Patrick's Celebration

March 14, 2015 12-7pm

Street closings will be in effect (N. Shelmore and the Square)

Family Friendly

What's Happening with the Community Garden

See the attached flyer for news from Steve Degnen, our Community Garden Coordinator.

Spring is ~ thankfully ~ coming!

I'On Ladies' Movie Group

Wednesday, March 18th

The Ladies' Movie Group will meet on Wednesday, March 18th to see a movie and go out afterwards for a snack or light dinner. The details will be emailed to those on the movie list the weekend before the outing. For further information or questions, please contact Jan Laabs at 843-284-8799 or laabsjan@hotmail.com.

I'On Lunch Bunch

Thursday, March 19th

Eli's Table, 129 Meeting Street, Charleston 29401

Great centrally located restaurant in the heart of Charleston's shopping and historic districts; check out the menu at www.elistable.com; lunch at 11:30 a.m.; carpoolers can meet at the I'On Square at 11:10 a.m. Please let us know if you need a ride; parking is available at the garage at the corner of Queen and King downtown. Join us! Questions? Anne Register or Becky Van Wie

843-849-1091 or awregister44@gmail.com

Recycling Day

Thursday, March 19th

Newsletter Deadline!

Friday, March 20th

Duval Acker at duval.acker@carolinaone.com.

Please, submit info by this date.....In fact, as soon as you have arrangements made for your event for the following month, you are welcome to send that on to me—don't feel like you need to wait 'til the 20th of the month to send it to me! I start putting the News-letter together early in the month and just fill in as information becomes available. So, the sooner I can hear from you, the easier it is for me to assemble all the pieces. Thank you!

Coming in April"

I'On Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 4th

The littlest I'On residents are invited to meet the Easter Bunny and collect eggs on Maybank Green and in the field behind McDaniel Lane.

Be sure to be on time because the "hunt" goes very quickly! To make certain we have enough eggs, families of egg hunters are asked to deliver 12 stuffed eggs to Sweet Olive (collection box will be on the Sowell Street porch) between Tuesday, March 31 and Friday, April 3.

We hope to see you, your neighbors and lots of children there!

Potluck Dinner

Thursday, March 24th—6:30PM—8:30PM, Creek Club

Come join our wonderful hosts Diane and Phil Ayers, for an evening of delicious food and spirited conversation at the Creek Club! We hope you can come and invite a neighbor. Come at 6:30, and bring a dish to share, along with your own plate, cup, utensils, and drink. Remember we carry in and then carry out what we bring. (There are no rules that you must create your own culinary treat..... we have the Square Onion and Connie Stahl if you are too pressed for time to cook this month). Enjoy a fantastic sunset over the creek, and socializing with your neighbors and friends. Please especially encourage new neighbors to join us for this wonderful evening. Hope to see you there! For further information or questions, please contact Lydia Engelhardt at 843-884-8400 or BillandLydia1@bellsouth.net.

I'On Yarn Buddies

Wednesday, March 25th

10:00AM—Noon | 98 Latitude Lane - Hosted by Carrie Cox

All those interested in hand needlework, be it knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, rug hooking, sewing, etc. are warmly invited. We share ideas, tips, assistance, and fun conversation. Come stitch with us!

R.S.V.P. to Carrie at 843-452-1571 or carriesusancox@gmail.com.

I'On Assembly Board Meeting & Homeowner Forum

Thursday, March 26th—6:00PM - 9:00PM

159 Civitas Street

All neighbors are welcome to attend!

I'On Trust "After-The-Bridge-Run" Concert

Saturday, March 28

3:30 - 6:30pm

Amphitheater at West Lake

Join us for a relaxing afternoon with good friends and great music with bluegrass band, The Bluestone Ramblers. Be sure to pack a picnic and drink, as there will not be food and drink vendors available this year. This annual Trust event is free and open to the community.

Please note, West Shipyard between Hopetown and Moultrieville will be closed to traffic from 3:00 to 7:00pm for the safety of those attending the event. We hope to see you all there!

THE I'ON TRUST
PRESENTS



AFTER THE BRIDGE RUN CONCERT 2019

FEATURING MUSIC BY



**SATURDAY
MARCH 28
3:30 - 6:30 PM**

**I'ON WESTLAKE
AMPHITHEATER IN MOUNT PLEASANT**

**PACK A PICNIC
AND A COOLER**

FREE EVENT OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

NO FOOD OR DRINK VENDORS

www.iontrust.org | 843.881.7541

I'On Community Garden

Spring is coming...it really is!!!



I'ON COMMUNITY GARDEN
HEIRLOOM SEEDS

Now's the time to start your garden

Lori Feehan, one of our Master Gardeners, recommends growing plants from high quality hybrid seeds.

It's less expensive...typically, 30 hybrid tomato seeds for \$4 vs 1 plant for \$5. Gives you access to many more varieties than you'll find with garden center plants.

And generally, there's less chance of disease than you'll encounter with commercially grown potted plants.

Here's a starter guide for typical vegetables in our area:

Start these seeds indoors and transplant

Eggplant
Peppers
Tomatoes

Sow these seeds directly in the ground:

Arugula
All lettuces (Char, Collards, Kale)
Beets
Beans
Corn
Most herbs
Peas
Potatoes (start from "eyes")
Spinach
Squash

It's a toss up...either way

Broccoli
Cukes
Okra

Check out Clemson's fact sheet on Starting Seeds Indoors:

<http://www.clemson.edu/extension/hgic/plants/vegetables/gardening/hgic1259.html>

Gardening Tips & News

Soil Testing

The very first thing we do in the community garden is test the soil. It helps us determine plant nutrient availability, the pH value (acidity or alkalinity) of the soil and which nutrients we need to obtain optimum soil fertility.

We recommend that you do it for your own garden.

And it's cheap...just a \$6 test available through Clemson's Extension Service:

<http://www.clemson.edu/extension/hgic/plants/other/soils/hgic1652.html>

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