



# Living in I'On

The Official Neighborhood Newsletter of I'On

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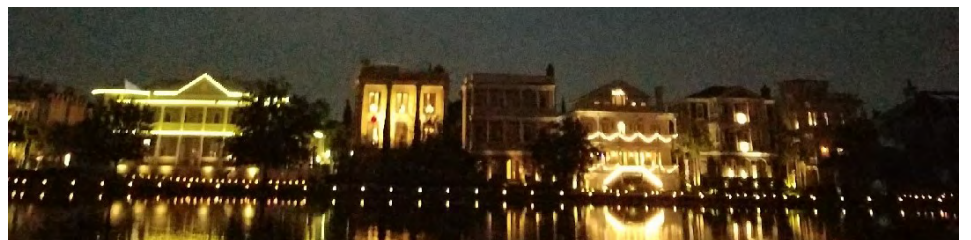
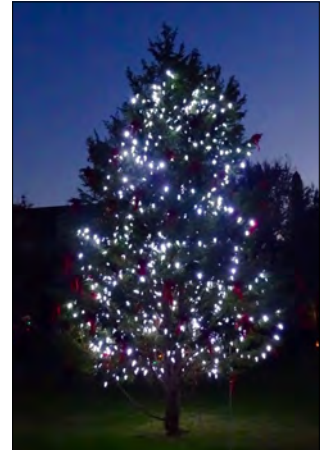
## Spirits Bright!

Thank You . . .

Susy Teale and Connie Altergott and their elves for organizing the tree on Maybank Green and adorning the neighborhood with festive wreaths.

Melinda Armstrong Wrenn of Sweet Olive for hosting the Giving Lights presentation, when our raindate was rained out!

*While our Holiday Festival was dampened by the weather, our holiday spirits shone bright!*



## Doing Good in the 'Hood

The Giving Lights of I'On had a wonderful year! With 470 households participating in by purchasing luminary kits and donations neighbors we were able to donate \$13,400 in proceeds to Yo Art.

A HUGE thank you to our army of volunteers that led the effort. The 37 area captains and the Giving Lights committee led by Chair Lori Bate, members Linda Hanson, Peg Higgins, Harriet Ripinsky and Peggy Watt.



L to R: Giving Lights Chair Lori Bate, Yo Art Executive Director Elizabeth Bowers



## Welcome, New Neighbors!

Harris Myers & Regina Condy  
45 Saturday Road

Jack Costello  
61 Ponsbury Road

Sam & Carline Soutter  
47 Krier Lane

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Do you have a new neighbor? If you notice a moving van or a new face in the neighborhood, please contact I'On Ambassador Coordinator, [Mary Kaplan](#), 843-388-4489. We want to meet & greet our new neighbors as soon as possible after they move in.

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### Communications Committee

Chris Colen, Chair

Meegan Graham

Leah Simmons

Margaret Summers, I'On Trust

Mary Fraser, SCS

### Creek Club Dock Closures

Pavilion Dock is closed; the main dock and ramp remain open.

1/20 4:25 - 4:55 PM

1/26 4:55 - 5:25 PM

## Eye on. . . January

### I'On Community Garden Plot Registration

#### Is Open!

Sign-ups have begun! Email your name, address & telephone number to: [iongarden@gmail.com](mailto:iongarden@gmail.com).

### First Friday Cocktail Party

**Friday, January 4 / 6:00 - 8:00 PM**

**90 Latitude Lane / Hosted by Rolf and Sylvia Leeven**

"And now we welcome the New Year. Full of things that have never been." (Rilke) Imagine the possibilities – hosts and hostesses opening their doors and countless conversations to be had with old and new neighbors. Your weight loss resolution may be out the window given the crazy-good appetizers. So make coming to First Friday a New Year's resolution that's a joy to keep. Begin by joining us on the 4th at Sylvia and Rolf's.

As always, please bring an appetizer to share and a glass and beverage of your choice. The party is for I'On residents, family, friends and house guests. Please encourage new and old friends in the neighborhood to join us.

For further information please don't hesitate to contact [Kathy Chambers: 843-469-8432](#) or [Karen Rathbun: 843-936-6590](#). We look forward to being with you at the Leeven's.



PLEASE JOIN US!  
I'On Women's Coffee



Tuesday, January 8 / 10:00 AM to 12 Noon

Hosted by Eileen Evans

35 Krier Lane

Join your neighbors for the monthly Women's Coffee — an easy and enjoyable way to meet and connect with the many interesting women in our community. Please bring your own mug for coffee or tea. If you have a new neighbor, invite her to attend with you!

*The coffees are sponsored by the I'On Trust and are coordinated by [Nance Nixon](#) T: 908-507-6680 and [Eileen Moore](#) at T: 571-723-9733.*

*Email or call if you have questions or need further information.*

## Yarn Buddies

**Wednesday, January 23 / 10:00 AM - 12 noon**

**3 Edenton Road / Hosted by Donna Davis**

You are cordially invited if you have an interest in hand needlework, whether it be knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, rug hooking, even jewelry-making. We share ideas, tips, assistance, and lots of fun conversation! Questions, contact [Delores Rosebrock](#).

## Potluck Dinner

**Wednesday, January 23 / 6:30 PM**

**Creek Club / Hosted by Sarah and Bill Settlemyer**

Come celebrate the New Year with us! Plan to arrive at 6:30, and bring a dish (with serving utensil) to share, along with your own plate, utensils, and a beverage. There are no rules that you must personally cook what you bring; there are a number of excellent local options if you are pressed for time. Please encourage new neighbors to join us . . . Potluck is a great time to get to know new friends. Hope to see you there! For further information or questions, email [Lydia Engelhardt](#) or call 843-884-8400. (I still need hosts for May 22 and August 21, 2019. Please let me know if you can host, and help keep this great l'On tradition alive.)



## Women's Lunch Bunch

**Thursday, January 24 / 12 Noon**

**Barsa, Corner of King & Line streets / Hosted by Brenda Uttaro**

Please join your neighbors at Barsa, which features an appetizing array of tapas and small plates. Parking is available in the vacant lot behind the restaurant. (Turn on Line Street.) Please **RSVP by January 17**; email Brenda at [Brenda@Uttaro.net](mailto:Brenda@Uttaro.net) or call 843-216-6962.

## Ladies' Movie Group

**Wednesday, January 30 / Time TBD**

The l'On Ladies' Movie Group will meet on Wednesday, January 30. We will go see a late afternoon movie followed by a stop at a local gathering place for drinks and a bite to eat. A group email with time and location will be sent out the Sunday before. If you are not on the email list please contact [Jan Laabs](#).



## I'On Assembly (HOA) Homeowners' 2019 Annual Meeting &amp; Election

Monday, January 28

7:00 - 9:00 PM; Doors open at 6:00 PM for check-in

The Creek Club

The agenda for this year's meeting includes the 2019 Civitas Award and the election of the Board of Trustees. There are six candidates nominated for four open positions; each to serve two-year terms. The candidates are: Chris Colen, Julie Hussey, Peter Johnstone, Eric Krawcheck, T.J. Ryan and Peter Wallace. Please read the Annual Meeting package that has been mailed to your home; if you do not receive it in the coming weeks, please contact [Mary Fraser](#). The packet includes detailed information on each candidate, as well as other information about the meeting. If you misplaced your annual meeting notice packet, the website also has all the candidate bios [HERE](#).

Homeowners have the option to vote for the Board members electronically. We will send out an email blast when online voting is live. If you choose to vote online, it will also constitute as proxy for purposes of attaining a quorum for the meeting. Paper proxy forms are also available from the office and must be received no later than 5:00 PM on, Thursday January 24, 2019.

We invite and encourage all homeowners to attend!



## HAPPY NEW YEAR! REMEMBER THAT DUES BILL? IT'S TIME . . . .

The 2019 I'On Assembly Annual Assessment is due on January 1<sup>st</sup>, but don't fret, you have until January 31<sup>st</sup> to pay it. But not a day later!

The annual budget is based on the assumption that all owners pay by the due date. When they do not, it impacts the Assembly's ability to fulfill its obligations. You can find the approved collection policy on the I'On website or click [HERE](#). Questions? Email [Jessica Gosnell](#).

- On February 1<sup>st</sup> if payment is not received, then the account is considered delinquent. At that time, a late payment fee of \$50.00 will be charged to the homeowners account as will a \$10 administrative fee.
- Interest will be charged at 10% per annum each month that the payment remains past due.
- If payment is not received by March 1<sup>st</sup>, then an additional late payment fee of \$100 will be charged to the homeowners account, as will a \$25 administrative fee.
- If payment is not received by April 1<sup>st</sup>, then an additional late payment fee of \$150 will be charged to the homeowners account as will a \$75.00 administrative fee. Further, the account will be referred to legal counsel to file a lien on the Titleholder's property. The Titleholder shall be responsible for all costs, expenses and fees associated with the collection of the delinquent assessment, including legal fees.

Please visit [www.TrustSCS.com](http://www.TrustSCS.com) to pay online.



## DOCK EXPANSION PROJECT TO BEGIN

Over the past two years, the HOA has been working with South Carolina DHEC and OCRM to secure approval to expand the I'On Community Dock. This was driven by the community's project prioritization from the 2016 Amenities Survey. Commencing the first week of January, Carolina Dock and Marine will begin construction to expand the dock with an additional 100 ft. floating dock, which will double the available dock space for I'On. The new dock will mirror the existing dock and will be constructed off the left side of the pavilion. The project should be completed within 3-4 weeks. The expanded docking will be completed and available for use for the 2019 Boating season!

## BEST DRESSED HOLIDAY HOUSE

After securing a record number of nominations, the Landscape Committee is pleased to announce that Dorothy Cox, 35 Joggling Street, is the winner of our Best Dressed Holiday House Award.

Whether walking by during the day, or driving via Montrose in the evening, Dorothy's home provides a wonderful visual treat. Railings adorned with garlands, bows and wreaths, life-size toy soldiers flanking the entryway, and a young reindeer pulling a sleigh filled with gifts - the vista is an absolute delight. By night, Dorothy's home is alive with an abundance of twinkling white lights that illuminate the facade and help showcase the elegance of this Best Dressed Holiday House.



Special thanks to **Langdon's** for providing our winner with a \$25 gift certificate and our sincere appreciation to everyone who took the time to send in their nominations. We look forward to the Spring when we will again be looking to recognize those residents who go the extra mile in maintaining their gardens by offering the I'On Yard of the Month Award Program. Until then...

Happy New Year!



Good Bye . . .

It has been my pleasure and privilege to serve as Editor of "Living in I'On" for the past four years. I took on this role as a "newbie" to I'On (and to South Carolina), and it was a wonderful way to get to know the neighborhood and most importantly, the neighbors. I went to every single activity with an open mind and a willing heart, and am so thankful to call this place home.

I leave this publication in the more-than-capable hands of Leah Simmons, who shares her background here. I think she will bring a fresh perspective and new energy and I am so thrilled she stepped up to take on this role, especially considering she has a kindergartener and a newborn!

Thank you to the many contributors, collaborators, HOA Board and Communications Committee members I've worked with and been supported by over the years. I look forward to seeing you at the wonderful gatherings to come! § Meegan Graham

. . . and Hello!

Leah is originally from Atlanta, GA and moved to Charleston in August, 2017 with her husband Brent, their daughter, Elise (6), and their family's pets -- two Greyhound dogs and two Devon Rex cats. In July of 2018, the newest family member arrived, baby girl Alexandra.

Leah spent ten years working as a Human Resource professional, most recently at Novelis as a Human Resource Specialist in the Training and Development division. While in Atlanta she dedicated her free time to giving back to her neighborhood and community as Windsor Pointe HOA Board Treasurer, Windsor Pointe HOA Board President, Make-A-Wish volunteer and as a Prevent Child Abuse of Georgia volunteer. An active member of the Junior League of Atlanta, she was dedicated to combatting child sexual exploitation and trafficking. She is an active member of the Charleston Junior League chapter and also volunteers with Darkness to Light.



As a child in Atlanta, Leah's family owned a publishing company. Some of her favorite childhood memories are of working with her mom in the editing room, helping her lay out the pictures and columns of each page before going to print. Editing is in her blood and she looks forward to serving the I'On community as the newest 'Living in I'On' Newsletter Editor

## I'On at Home

### THE TIMES, THEY ARE A-CHANGIN'!

A new year means some changes in the I'On at Home management.

We bid a fond and grateful farewell to Board members Kay Chitty, Barbara Fowler, Brenda Uttaro and Jerry Uttaro, all founding members of our organization whose efforts were invaluable in getting us off the ground.

To sit in their seats, if not to fill their large shoes, we welcome six new Board members: Carol Degnen, Mary Kaplan, Kathryn Murray, Cheryl Pitts, Harriet Ripinsky, and Yannis Tsavalas.

Our slate of officers for 2019 has Becky van Wie serving as president, Barbara Cole as vice president, Yannis Tsavalas as secretary, and Anne Register as treasurer.



The New Year is already filling up with new events, including a program called "Unearthing Mysteries: Stories from Marine Mammal Paleontologists" at the Aquarium on January 16<sup>th</sup>. It's open to ALL I'On residents—just sign up at the [IAH website page](#).



## **What is the Public Realm?**

*The development of I'On is based on Traditional Neighborhood Design principles (TND). Using this planning approach, I'On's first design objective was to create a pedestrian friendly neighborhood of memorable streets, parks and civic spaces for all to use and enjoy. The second was to offer a range of distinctive, Lowcountry house types, relating to the sidewalk and street while providing the homeowner the opportunity to create personalized interior spaces and gardens.*



*The "public realm" is the space that we all share and its careful planning makes our community unique from other local neighborhoods. Just travel around Charleston and you'll find communities planned and built for cars and not people. I'On's balance of both the public realm and our private spaces is one of the most successful and recognized examples of smart development in the entire country.*

*The planning and design techniques utilized in I'On created an aesthetically and functionally satisfying neighborhood that brings back the original concept of the "commons" that provided the social and cultural spaces in early American towns. The closeness of the public realm and our private spaces encourage interaction with our neighbors as we walk our community paths, play in the parks, sit on a bench, dig in the community garden, fish off the docks, celebrate holiday events around our lakes, and have conversations from our porches.*

*Linear landscaping elements along our streets, enclosed by tree canopies create "outdoor rooms". In addition to creating attractive parks, walkways, and play areas as part of the public realm, the design and care of our roadways and alleys are just as important in I'On.*

*The public realm is essentially a theater and our performance there creates local friendships, which are the heart of our community.*



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### **I'On Design Committee...Preserving the Look of I'On**

*Prior to beginning any new construction or landscaping project, please contact Pam Gabriel, your Neighborhood Design Coordinator, to get the information needed to expedite the review process. Pam's office hours are weekdays from 11AM - 3PM. She can be reached at (843) 606-6366 or [pdgabriel@yahoo.com](mailto:pdgabriel@yahoo.com)*

*Please remember that all projects must have written IDC approval and permit prior to starting any work. Failure to do so could result in delays and possible sanctions for non-compliance.*

***The IDC review meeting is January 15th.***



# I'On Community Garden



## Time's Running Out!



## Come Join Us...Sign Up Now!

All I'On neighbors are welcome to join our community garden. It's an I'On activity that sets our neighborhood apart and is fun for all ages. Kids love the community garden, take pride in their work, and learn a lot from gardening. Available garden plots are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis so act now. Last year, all of our 27 plots were reserved in the first week. Short on time to garden? Consider sharing a garden with a friend.

Hope you'll join us,

April Gordon

I'On Community Garden Coordinator

### Here's what you'll get for a small annual fee of \$50:

- Your own 5' x 8' garden plot with soil amended annually and tested by Clemson's Extension Service
- Garden workshops, guides, and expert advice with your gardening
- A startup guide with planting guidelines, sample garden plans, helpful hints, and links
- A beautiful sunny location
- A chance to eat fresh, healthy produce right from your garden
- Mulched paths around each plot for easy access
- Watering hoses available on location
- Perimeter fence to keep out small critters
- Meet new friends and have great fun with your neighbors!
- Finally, take care of your New Year's resolution to get outside, exercise, and be healthy

**Signup begins on January 1**, so email your name, address, and telephone number to:

[iongarden@gmail.com](mailto:iongarden@gmail.com)

## I'On Butterfly Garden



It's not too late to request **FREE** milkweed seeds to help endangered monarch butterflies. Grow some yourself or give them to a friend or other gardener to plant. Want to do even more to help butterflies and other pollinators? Join your neighbors on the I'On Butterfly Garden Team of volunteers. For seeds or volunteer information:

Contact April Gordon at [dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com](mailto:dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com)