

# LIVING IN I'ON

It's a way of life, not just a place to call home

## You're Invited

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- 01/03 Recycling Pickup
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- 01/16 Recycling Pickup
- 01/21 IDC Review
- 1/30 Recycling Pickup

## Creek Club Dock Closures

01/11 4:25-4:55

## I'On Board Meetings 2020

1/30/2020, 7pm Creek Club  
HOA annual board meeting and  
election.



## **BEST DRESSED HOLIDAY HOUSE - 2019**

After securing the most nominations, the Landscape Committee is pleased to announce that **214 North Shelmore Blvd.**, is the winner of our Best Dressed Holiday House Award. The home of Tucker & Ann Ervin is beautifully decorated with wreaths on every window, and garlands and gorgeous live Christmas trees on the huge front porch that come alive at night with an abundance of twinkling white lights.

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!



## Keep Your Eye On...

### Upcoming Events

#### Save the Date

Neighborhood Oyster Roast  
Sunday, February 23 3 - 5:30pm  
Westlake Amphitheater Tickets  
available in February. Look for  
more information in the February  
newsletter, email blast and at  
[iontrust.org](http://iontrust.org)

### Reminders:

-As previously communicated,  
there will be a change of  
mangement company for the  
I'On Assembly effective 1/1/2020.  
The new company will be Ravenel  
Associates.

-I'On Residents Survey, coming  
early 2020. Make sure to let your  
ideas about life in I'On be heard.

## You're Invited...

### ...First Friday Cocktails

**First Friday Cocktails**, Friday, January 3, 2020. 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.,  
Hosted by Jim and Lori Feehan, 13 Prescient St.

The Christmas season and New Years festivities will be put to bed. But there's no rest for the wicked; no rest for the talkers; no rest for the eaters; no rest for the sippers ;). So three days in, Lori and Jim are excited to help us kick off a brand new year of First Fridays. Last minute Resolutions made at the party will be valid! 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. We look forward to seeing you at the Feehan's. For questions or to host contact [Kathy Chambers](mailto:Kathy Chambers), 843-469-8432 or [Karen Rathbun](mailto:Karen Rathbun), 843-936-6590

### ...Ladies' Movie Group

The **I'On Women's Movie Group** will meet on Thursday, January 9th. Please note that is a change this month from the usual Tuesday meeting. Those on the email list will receive an email with the title of the movie, the location, and the time to meet on the weekend of January 4th. Hope to see you at the movies.

If you'd like to be added to the email list send an email to Jan Laabs at [laabsjan@hotmail.com](mailto:laabsjan@hotmail.com).

### ...Potluck Dinner

**Potluck dinner** Wednesday January 29

at the Creek Club, hosted by Sarah and Bill Settlemeyer

Come join us for an evening overlooking Hobcaw Creek and the ocean. 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 opportunity to make new friends and catch up on neighborhood news. We hope to see you there! For more information contact [Lydia Engelhardt](mailto:Lydia Engelhardt) or call 843-884-8400.



### ...Women's Coffee

**I'On Women's Coffee** Tuesday, January 14th, 10:00 AM - Noon

#270 North Shelmore, Hosted by Anne Register & Becky Van Wie.

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 cup 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](mailto:Nance Nixon) (908-507-6680) and [Eileen Moore](mailto:Eileen Moore) (571-723-9733). Email or call if you have questions or need further information.



### ...Women's Lunch Bunch

**Women's Lunch Bunch** Thursday January 23, 12pm

January's Lunch Bunch will be held at our own "Community Table", hosted by Debbie Ferrer. Please email [Debbie](mailto:Debbie), if you can make it.

### ...Yarn Buddies

**Yarn Buddies** Wednesday, January 22 10:00am - 12:00pm

90 Ponsbury Rd., Hosted by CJ Pelletier

If you're interested in hand needlework - crocheting, needlepoint, rug hooking, jewelry-making - this is for you! Ideas, tips, and fun conversation to be had!

E-mail [Bebe Coyle](mailto:Bebe Coyle) for more information



## This Month With the I'OnTrust

### Supper Club Groups

Last May we started a Supper Club and have been delighted to hear many groups have continued to meet throughout the year. Our goal with the Supper Club Groups is to give an opportunity for neighbors to gather around a table to share a passion for good conversation, cooking, and eating a delicious meal!

With the new year comes a shuffling of the existing supper club groups and hopefully adding new neighbors to the groups. Please click [here](#) to let us know if you would be interested in joining or you will be continuing in the Supper Club. We hope to start with new groups in March.

Join a group, have fun, meet new neighbors - you don't need to be a great cook to join the Supper Club, just an enthusiastic conversationalist (& eater)!

### Save the Date

### Annual Oyster Roast



Sunday, February 23

3 - 5:30pm

Westlake Amphitheater

Tickets available in February.

Look for more information in the

February newsletter and email blasts.

[www.ioncommunity.com](http://www.ioncommunity.com)

### The 2019 Giving Lights of I'On was an enormous success!

We were delighted to see so many of you at the Holiday Festival of Giving this year! If you weren't able to make it, we wanted to make sure the good news about the Giving Lights fundraiser was passed along. This year's fundraiser included participation from 470 homes in I'On. The purchase of 735 kits (most ever!) and additional donations, made by I'On neighbors, culminated in a total contribution of \$14,400 to this year's recipient The After School Tutoring Program at James B. Edwards Elementary. The I'On Trust is, once again, so grateful and overwhelmed by the generosity of our neighbors. This donation will make a significant impact on the students at JBE for many years to come.

**Again, our thanks to all the volunteers whose hard work made this project such a success!**

### The I'On Board of Directors

We wanted to extend appreciation to two outgoing board members, Jodie Cochran and Annie Henderson, who have served on the Trust board for the last six years. We are so very grateful for their time and commitment to the Trust's mission of bringing neighbors together and making I'On such a wonderful and fun place to live. They have been a pleasure to work with and we will miss all their wonderful ideas and insight. We also thank the rest of our 2019 board members, Heather Emrich, Lydia Engelhardt, Megan Farr, Antonio Fokas, Brooke Niznik, Shannon Runquist, and Laurens Smith, for making 2019 such a wonderful year of events!

### Perseverance Square Brick Engraving

Neighbors! Here's an opportunity to have an engraved and personalized brick placed around the fountain at Perseverance Park on N. Shelmore Boulevard. It's a wonderful way to record for posterity your family name, names of children, parents, pets, move-in date, etc.! You could remember loved ones or offer thanks to those that have made a difference in your lives or in our community. Each brick costs \$35 and can be engraved with up to 3 lines, 13 characters per line. Please click [here](#) for an order form. Your completed order form with a check made out to The I'On Trust can be dropped in to the little black box on Michele Wilson's front porch or mailed to her at 224 Ponsbury Road. Bricks will be installed at the end of March.



## IDC Resources

### *Preserving the look of I'On*

Prior to beginning any new construction or landscaping project, please contact the Neighborhood Coordinator, [Dana Cutright](#), 843-606-6366, to get the information needed to expedite the review process.

Office hours are Monday - Friday, 10:00am - 2:00pm.

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.

Click [here](#) to visit the I'On Design Committee page and click [here](#) to view a full copy of the Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions, and Rules. Contact the IDC Liaison, [Julie Hussey](#), 843-224-1096 for questions or suggestions about the IDC Process.

### *Nearing IDC Review Meetings*

(1st & 3rd Tuesday each month)

Tuesday, December 3

Tuesday, December 17

Tuesday, January 7

Tuesday, January 21

## You Can Help

### *Do you have a new neighbor?!*

Introduce yourself and reach out to I'On's Ambassador Coordinator, [Mary Kaplan](#), 843-388-4489.

We want all our new neighbors to be greeted promptly!

## I'On Design Committee

Year after year for at least 4, and often many more, hours each month, Julie O'Connor has thoughtfully shared her immense architectural design skills reviewing plans for the I'On Design Committee. Her commitment to the preservation of historic architectural vernacular has made I'On a more beautiful place. This commitment has also led Julie to win multiple Carolopolis awards from the Preservation Society, rehabilitate a historic home for her office downtown, and notice how many other structures needed protection from demolition by neglect.

In the fall of 2019, Julie started the non-profit Save Our Structures Charleston ([www.SOSCHS.org](#)) to survey historic structures across the peninsula, to identify 180 historic buildings whose stories could be lost if they are not preserved, and to stabilize them in partnership with the City of Charleston and other local non-profits.

To devote the time needed to get SOS CHS off the ground, Julie has asked to step down from serving as an active IDC professional to serving as an on-call professional. The quality of her design skills also assures us that her firm American Vernacular will continue to be a go to design firm for I'On property owners for years to come.

A testament to Julie's service over the years and the value of the IDC, not just as a service for I'On property owners but also as a model for other neighborhoods, is the willingness of other professionals to serve. Starting in January, I'On resident and experienced traditional architect, BJ Barnes will officially join the IDC's professional review. Felix Ayers has also agreed to join the IDC on-call professional team and share his 30 plus years of architectural consulting for 40 different lowcountry neighborhoods as we evolve the IDC's process and budget.

Thank you Julie!!! Welcome BJ and Felix.

## I'On Ambassador

### *A Big Welcome To The Newest I'On Families!*

Maribel Lopez and Mark Roland, 45 Sowell St.

Marianne and Mike Sanderson, 218 N. Shelmore Blvd.

James and Leslie Swope, 78 Ponsbury Rd.

### *Moving Around I'On*

Cathy and Joe Fanelli, 54 Fernandina St.



### HAPPY NEW YEAR! REMEMBER THAT HOA BILL? IT'S DUE!

The 2020 I'On Assembly Annual Assessment is due on January 1st, but don't fret, you have until January 31st to pay it, but not a day later! The annual budget is based on the assumption that all owners will 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](#). Please visit [www.ravenelassociates.com](http://www.ravenelassociates.com) to pay online or drop payments off to the HOA office at 159 Civitas Street Suite 211.

I'On Assembly (HOA) Homeowners' 2020 Annual Meeting & Election  
Thursday, January 30th 7:00 PM at The Creek Club Doors open at 6:00 PM for check-in, the first 80 homeowners receive an I'On car magnet! The agenda for this year's meeting includes the 2020 Civitas Award and the Board of Trustee election. There are three candidates nominated for three open positions; each to serve two year terms. The candidates are: Trey Mathisen, Tom O'Brien, and Johann von Asten. Please read the Annual Meeting package that has been mailed to your home. If you do not receive a meeting packet in the coming weeks, please contact Mary Fraser. The packet includes detailed information on each candidate, meeting invitation, meeting agenda, annual committee reports, as well as other information about the meeting. If you misplaced your annual meeting notice packet, you can download a copy from the I'On website [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. It is VERY important that each property complete a paper proxy, vote online, or attend the meeting in person so that we can attain quorum to hold the meeting. Paper proxy forms are available and must be received by the HOA office no later than 5:00 PM on, Tuesday January 28, 2020. We invite and encourage all homeowners to attend the annual meeting!



## I'On's Community Garden

### *Get a Garden Plot Before They Are Gone!*

Signups for plots for 2020 in the Community Garden (located by the soccer fields on Eastlake Rd.) begin on January 1. Plots are limited in number and assigned on a first come/first served basis. So, reserve your plot now by contacting April Gordon at [iongarden@gmail.com](mailto:iongarden@gmail.com). Here's what you get for \$50 per year:

- a 5' x 8' raised bed garden amended every spring
  - a sunny location with water provided, mulched pathway around plots and a perimeter fence to protect the area from unwanted critters
  - a startup guide containing garden rules, planting information and other helpful information and suggestions.
  - garden newsletters with cutting edge information on gardening, current happenings in the garden and how to deal with garden problems
  - a chance to meet, learn from and form friendships with your neighbors
  - an opportunity to involve the entire family in learning where food comes from and the satisfaction of growing and eating your own healthy organic food
  - being out in Nature and learning more about the environment
- Sign up individually, as a family, or partner with someone else.

## I'On's Butterfly Garden

### *The Butterfly Garden Loses Champion Gayle Woodward*

It is with great sadness that this month's butterfly garden news is that we have lost one of the co-founders of the butterfly garden (along with Steve Degnen and April Gordon). Gayle died in December in South Africa, her home country, while on a visit there with her husband Steve and their daughter Jessica.

The butterfly garden was created in 2015 in the area of the Community Garden and Gayle's involvement with the garden was steadfast since then. She devoted considerable time and love to the garden to ensure that it is well cared for. She succeeded in making this a source of enjoyment and education for I'On residents and anyone else who visited the garden. One of Gayle's legacies is a corps of neighborhood volunteers, called Team BG, who help maintain the garden during the butterfly season. If you would be interested in joining Team BG, contact April Gordon at [dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com](mailto:dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com).

## I'On At Home

**I'On At Home** invites all I'On residents to "How to Manage an Emergency While Overseas."

Calling all travelers! Feeling confident that you're prepared for your next trip? Learn how to be better equipped to handle an accident or medical emergency while on foreign soil. Learn about trip insurance, medical evaluation, what works and the fine print. Lori Feehan, I'On At Home member, will discuss tips for how she got through a recent medical emergency she experienced while hiking in Japan, and some things she will do differently from now on.

This special program will be presented on Tuesday Jan. 7 from 4:00-5:30 pm at the Mt. Pleasant Regional Library auditorium at 1133 Matthis Ferry Rd. Digital registration at <https://ionathome.helpfulvillage.com/events/394>.



Gayle Woodward with photo board showing creation of butterfly garden



IAH Holiday Bubbles and Bites hosts and organizers

### Communications Committee

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#### *Comments, Questions?*

The Communications Committee wants to hear from you! Click [here](#) to submit your questions, comments, and requests. It's always a pleasure to hear from a Living In I'On reader!