



Living in I'On

The Official Neighborhood Newsletter of I'On

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Be a Dear, Volunteer!



Wherever you see a heart, we
need your help! All ages are wel-
come!



"Yard of the Month Program" Launches in April

Next month the Landscape Committee will be launching the new Yard of the Month Award. As promised, here is some additional information about the program:



Judging

The I'On neighborhood will be divided into two sections: Zone A: boroughs of Montrose, Westlake and Ionsborough. Zone B: boroughs of Shelmore, Ponsbury and Eastlake. If you're not sure which borough your home is located in, click [here](#).



The Yard of the Month Committee is comprised of a Committee Chair and five other volunteers who will also serve as judges. Each winning yard will be chosen from nominations submitted to the committee by I'On residents. Each resident may nominate any yard in I'On, including their own!

The Committee will select two winning residential yards each month, one from each zone. The winners will receive their award at the end of each month. In the event of a tie, the Committee Chair will break the tie and decide the winner.

Nominating

Nominations can be submitted (beginning April 1) by emailing Committee Chair Michele Wilson at tenprowcc@gmail.com. Nominations must be received by the 21st of each month.

Committee Members

Chair: Michele Wilson

Zone A: Jennifer Welham, Rob Weiboldt, Mary Ellen Raphael

Zone B: Kim Daniels, Joan Krainin, Michele Wilson



Spring is around the corner, so now is the time to think about getting out into your yard to see what needs to be done - rake leaves, trim bushes and trees, lay fresh mulch or pine straw in flower beds, etc. With temperatures gradually warming, the I'On landscape will soon come to life again as fresh buds begin to appear, and our tree-lined streets are filled with blossom.

We look forward to seeing you out in your yards as "spring fever" fills the I'On air, and the Yard of the Month Program gears up to bring some friendly competition to the neighborhood.

Welcome, New Neighbors!

Robert & Jessica Grubb
154 N. Shelmore Blvd.

Benjamin & Brittany Kalivas
105 N. Shelmore Blvd.

Elizabeth Luzuriago
63 Robert Mills Circle

Michael & Leah Simmons
201 N. Shelmore Blvd.

Daniel & Marilyn Tynan
46 Sanibel Street

Moving Around I'On:

Michael & Sheron Elliott
109 Jakes Lane

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.

Eye on. . . March

First Friday Cocktail Party

Friday, March 2 / 6:00 - 8:00 PM

66 Hopetown Road / Hosted by Amanda and Max Steinhardt

March is right around the corner. And so is our next First Friday. Amanda and Max have generously offered to host. While it may be a little early for the Wearing' O' The Green, it's never too early to party like you're Irish. First Friday is a great way to make new friends. As per an old Irish saying, "May your home always be too small to hold all your friends". 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 contact Kathy Chambers: kathychambers190@gmail.com - [843-469-8432](tel:843-469-8432) or Karen Rathbun: karenrathbun@gmail.com - [973-985-7983](tel:973-985-7983).



MARCH 8 LUNCH BUNCH

The March 8 lunch bunch will be at Middleton Place.

We're having a private tour of the camellias and the gardens and then a low country buffet lunch. Last minute reservations accepted through March 4. Please call Harriet Ripinsky at [843-416-8368](tel:843-416-8368) or email hripinsky@aol.com for details on how to prepay.



February Lunch Bunch-ers enjoyed the Nathaniel Russell house and Eli's Table

PLEASE JOIN US!

I'On Women's Coffee

Tuesday, March 13 / 10:00 AM - 12 noon

46 Sowell Street

Hosted by Joyce Stifel



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. 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 (908-507-6680) and Eileen Moore at (571-723-9733). Email or call if you have questions or need further information.

Potluck Dinner

Tuesday, March 20 / 6:30 PM

Creek Club / Hosted by Michele Wilson and Susan Fitzgerald

Join us for delicious food, enjoyable company, stimulating conversation and a gorgeous view of the creek! Plan to arrive at 6:30, and bring a dish to share (with a LABELED serving utensil), 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](tel:843-884-8400).



February Potluck
Hosts Eileen & Wes
Moore

O'Brion's St. Patrick's Day Celebration in the Square

Saturday, March 17 / I'On Square

12:00 noon to 7:00 PM

Street closings in effect (N. Shelmore Blvd. & the Square)

Family-friendly block party featuring jump castle, live music, food vendors.



I'On Assembly (HOA) Homeowners' Forum & Board Meeting

Monday, March 19 / 6:00 - 9:00 PM

159 Civitas Street (back entrance); 2nd floor

All homeowners are welcome. The agenda can be found on the [I'On Community website](#) a few days prior.

The I'On Trust Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 24 / 9:30 AM

Maybank Green

Bring your Easter baskets and get ready to hunt some eggs! Two age groups: 1 - 3 years; 4 - 8 years. Families of egg hunters are asked to deliver 12 stuffed plastic eggs to Sweet Olive porch (collection box on Sowell St. side) between Tuesday, March 20 & Friday, March 23. The Easter Bunny will hop on by for photos, so bring your cameras! Adult and student volunteers needed for this and other events. (Great opportunity for your student to log service hours.) Contact [Margaret Summers](#).



Need High School Community Service Hours?

Attention I'On Students . . . There are lots of opportunities for community service hours right here in our neighborhood! Contact [Margaret Summers](#) (881-7541) for more information.

Yarn Buddies

Wednesday, March 28

Sarah Settlemyer / 47 Jogging Road

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!

Contact [Delores Rosebrock](#) for details.

I'On Women's Movie Group

Wednesday, March 28 / Time TBA

As usual those on the email list will be notified the weekend before with the movie title, location, and time. Afterwards we'll go out for a bite to eat and a glass of wine. If you want to be added to the email list, email me

at laabsjan@hotmail.com. It's always a fun evening. See you at the movies! Jan Laabs

The I'On Communications Committee is seeking a willing volunteer to take over the role of Editor of this newsletter. Here's how it works: committee chairs and others who manage the many activities and events in I'On send in their submissions each month using the I'On Community website. These are edited and formatted using a desktop publishing program and a draft is circulated to the Communications Committee for proofreading. The final version is distributed by SCS staff in a broadcast email. It's helpful (and fun!) to attend events, but it's not strictly necessary, and can even be done remotely. You need not have lived here long; in fact, it's a great way for a newcomer to feel immediately connected!



You will need to know some sort of desktop publishing program (the past three years have been done in MS Publisher), but any one will do, as long as the final output is a PDF. Interested in learning more?

Email [Meegan Graham](#), call 843-352-2474 or text 203-858-8438.

The I'On Trust Oyster Roast



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Mary Fraser, SCS

I'ON AT HOME

Member Appreciation Night

I'On at Home celebrated a successful first year of operation with a Member Appreciation Night at Fratello's on January 31. Some 75 members dined on Italian hors d'oeuvres and wines and chatted happily with friends old and new, while IAH President Becky Van Wie thanked everyone for helping make the organization successful in its debut year.

Time to Renew!

Many I'On at Home members joined at its official opening, and it's now time to renew memberships. Membership fees have been held at \$500, the same as last year. Memberships can be Full Service—including attending all IAH social and cultural events as well as receiving in-home support services like smoke detector battery changes, rides to doctors' offices and high-ceiling light bulb changes. Or they can be Supporting—being included in all social and cultural gatherings and ensuring that IAH is a presence in our community when neighbors need services at a later time. Those whose memberships are expiring will receive renewal reminders by email.

If you have questions about renewing your membership, contact Barbara Cole at BRCole60@comcast.net.

Events

IAH held several gatherings in February. One especially fun event was a spring shopping spree at J.Jill. Events like this are often open to all I'On residents in addition to IAH members.





Having problems growing grass in the landscape strip in front of your home? Try ground cover.

Many of us are starting to work in our gardens and are finding that growing grass in the landscape strip between our sidewalk and the curb can be difficult due to tree roots and lack of sun. Your I'On Design Committee (IDC) has been looking into easy care ground cover recommendations for areas where turf grass won't grow. Cindy Cline, one of your IDC committee members and a certified Landscape Architect, has some proven solutions:

They're all tough plants, evergreen, good in partial or full shade and drought tolerant once established. Confederate & Asiatic Jasmine will also tolerate full sun. None will hold up to foot traffic, so consider using pavers or stepping stones in areas where you need access to the road.

Remember that whatever you plant will only survive with proper watering!



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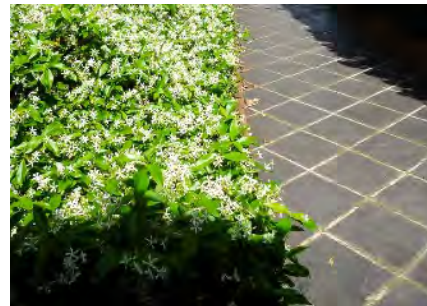
Cast Iron



Asiatic Jasmine



Liriope



Confederate

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

Help insure that I'On continues to maintain the qualities that attracted you to live here by submitting your building, landscape or renovation projects to the I'On Design Committee for review. Pam Gabriel, your neighborhood IDC coordinator, is available weekdays from 11AM - 3PM to meet with you, your designer or architect.

Pam can be reached at (843) 606-6366 or pdgabriel@yahoo.com

All projects must have written IDC approval prior to starting any work in order to avoid costly delays and possible sanctions for non-compliance.

The IDC meets on March 6th & 20th

Welcome 2018 Community Gardeners

The I'On Community Garden has over thirty gardeners for 2018. Our first meeting was Saturday, February 17, and the garden was freshly mulched and soil amended for gardeners to begin planting. Everyone was excited about the prospects for growing their own vegetables, herbs, and flowers, hopes that were whetted by thumbing through the various garden catalogues and books available.



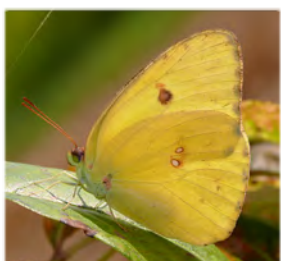
Among the garden planning information discussed was the opportunity for year-round gardening in our area due to the mild climate. Now is a good time to plant spring crops such as lettuce, radishes, sugar snap peas, and various greens. As the weather warms, spring crops will be replaced by such summer favorites as tomatoes, squash, beans, basil, peppers, and eggplant. Late summer and fall is the time to plant cool and cold weather crops such as turnips, collards, garlic, winter peas, and plants in the cabbage family (Brassicacae). Many of these plants can grow all winter if they have protection such as frost cover cloth on days below freezing.

The highlight of our gathering was when founder and 8-year manager of the garden, Steve Degnen, was honored for his dedication in making the community garden such a success. We hope Steve has as much success growing this thornless blackberry plant, an ideal plant for edible landscaping. I am replacing Steve as garden coordinator and look forward to working with all of our wonderful gardening neighbors.

April Gordon
Garden Coordinator
iongarden@gmail.com



I'On Butterfly Garden



Butterfly season is just around the corner in the I'On Butterfly Garden. The first butterfly seen so far was a brightly colored cloudless sulphur. Love butterflies, conservation, and gardening? Join Team BG, a group of I'On neighbors who help maintain our beautiful butterfly garden every year. Contact April Gordon at dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com for more information.

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The I'On Trust News...



THE HUNT IS ON! I'On's Annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 24 at 9:30am Maybank Green

*Bring your camera
for photos with
the Easter Bunny!*

The littlest I'On residents are invited to bring their Easter Baskets, collect some eggs and meet the Easter Bunny. Don't be late because the hunt will start at 9:30am and the eggs go **QUICKLY!** Two Age Groups: 1-3 years and 4-8 years

To make certain we have enough eggs, families of egg hunters are asked to deliver 12 stuffed eggs to Sweet Olive porch (collection box will be on the Sowell Street porch) between Tuesday, March 20 & Friday, March 23

DON'T MISS OUT ORDER AN ENGRAVED BRICK DEADLINE IS MARCH 31



Neighbors this is your last opportunity for 2018 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 names, 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 can be engraved with as many as 3 lines, with up to 13 characters per line, at a cost of \$34 per brick.

Please click [here](#) for an order form or should you have questions, please contact Michele Wilson by phone, [843-352-7878](tel:843-352-7878), or [email](#).



Grub on the Green, our food truck events, will be back this year!!

If you are interested in being a part of organizing or just helping out, please be in touch with Margaret by [email](#) or at 843-881-7541.

**SAVE THE DATE: AFTER THE BRIDGE RUN CONCERT
SATURDAY, APRIL 7**