

# LIVING IN I'ON

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

### You're Invited

- 04/18 Grub on the Green
- 04/28 Yarn Buddies

### Other Important Dates

- 04/08 Recycling Pickup
- 04/06 IDC Review
- 04/22 Recycling Pickup
- 04/20 IDC Review

### Creek Club Dock Closures

- 04/09 5:25 - 5:55 pm
- 04/10 4:25 - 4:55 pm
- 04/12 2:55 - 3:25 pm
- 04/16 5:25 - 5:55 pm
- 04/17 4:55 - 5:25 pm
- 04/24 4:55 - 5:25 pm
- 04/25 4:25 - 4:55 pm
- 04/30 5:10 - 5:40 pm

### I'On Board Meetings 2021

On the following date at 6:00pm:

- April 19
- May 17
- June 21
- July 19
- Aug. 16
- Sept 20
- Oct. 18
- Nov. 15
- Dec. 20



## HAPPY EASTER!



Thanks to our neighbors for coming out for the first ever Bunny Hop! We had nine stops around the neighborhood and saw over 100 happy faces.

Thank you to the volunteers! Bob Fitzgerald (Mr. Bunny), Melinda Armstrong Wrenn, Meredith Banas, Megan & Caitlin Farr, Jane Ellen Parachos, and Leigh & Clementine Willard

Have a safe and wonderful Easter. The I'On Trust

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## You're Invited...

### ..Yarn Buddies

Yarn Buddies, is planning an outdoor meeting. As in the past, we are meeting on the fourth Wednesday of the month. This month it will be April 28 from 10A.M. until noon at the terraced park in the Square, near the Square Onion. We will be spaced outside, and if you want to wear a mask, please do so. You may bring a beverage, and of course, any item/piece you are working on or have finished.

Anyone with an interest in stitching, knitting, crocheting, embroidery, is warmly welcome to come. Any questions? [Email: bebecoyle@comcast.net](mailto:bebecoyle@comcast.net).

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## Yard of the Month Award Program - 2021 - with a twist...

The Landscaping Committee is pleased to announce that the Yard of the Month Award Program 2021 kicks off again this month. As an integral part of the overall beautification project of I'On, the program was a huge success last year. We were delighted with the way the community embraced the program, and we are, once again, looking forward to recognizing and rewarding the efforts of our residents who take special pride in their homes and gardens, and who inspire others to do the same.

This year we are adding a new element to the program and will be offering recognition to our homeowners who do not have a "yard" but who nevertheless contribute to the beauty of I'On. The award will be known as a Gift to the Street. When it comes to enhancing the public realm, hardscaping details can be as beautiful as landscaping and many I'On homeowners contribute to I'On's streetscape by way of incorporating unique architectural features into their home's facade. These include elegant front entrances and window trim details, columns, brick fences, fountains, iron gates, balconies, planters and inviting courtyards. In addition to helping freshen up the program, an award for a Gift to the Street will be a way to acknowledge and reinforce the importance of the relationship between the public and private realms that distinguish I'On from other subdivisions.

Having a Yard of the Month Award and a Gift to the Street Award each month will be a way of recognizing and rewarding I'On homeowners for their contribution to the overall beauty and uniqueness of our neighborhood whether by a meticulously kept garden, an elegant architectural detail or a handsome hardscape feature.

So, when you're out in the neighborhood enjoying a walk or bicycle ride and you happen to spot a garden, a home's facade or hardscape detail that particularly catches your eye, make a note of the street address and nominate it for an award. Our first awards will be presented at the end of the month. Please send your nominations to:

Michele Wilson at [tenprowcc@gmail.com](mailto:tenprowcc@gmail.com) by April 20th.

**Good Luck, I'On!**

## First Fridays are returning!!!

After what to many of us seems like an eternity, our social lives are starting to return to normal.

For the dozens of our neighbors who are new to I'On, First Friday is a fun tradition that dates back over 20 years. Each month a homeowner opens their home to I'On residents on the first Friday of the month for a get-together from 6:00 to 8:00. The homeowner supplies their home, and the attendees bring the beverage of their choice, glasses and an appetizer to share. The First Friday team helps the homeowner set up the areas for the party, and helps clean up afterwards. The typical attendance is 50 - 60 residents who enjoy an entertaining evening.

This year the tentative month to resume the First Friday tradition is August. We are planning on having only outdoor venues (patios, porches, etc.) through October, and will then resume inside hosting in November. We need volunteers to raise their hands and offer their homes for August through December 2021 and all of 2022 in order for First Fridays to be successful.

These monthly parties are just one additional benefit of living in our wonderful community. If you are new to I'On, this is an excellent way to meet your neighbors and make new friends. For those of us old timers, it will be a great opportunity to renew friendships after our long Covid nightmare.

If you are interested in hosting, or have any questions regarding First Friday, please contact [Karen Rathbun](#).

## I'On Women's Coffee

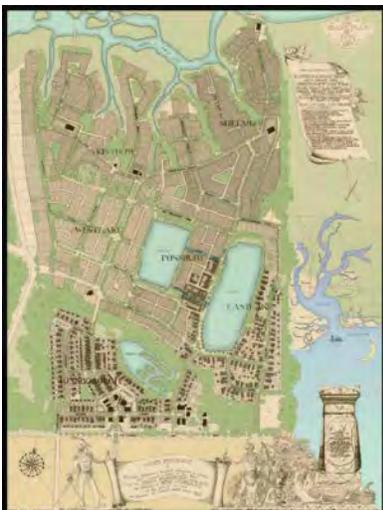
The I'On Trust is tentatively planning to resume the I'On Women's Coffee the second week in May at an outdoor location. Are you interested? See page 5.

## The Communications Committee Needs You

With I'On's 25<sup>th</sup> birthday coming in 2022, the Communications Committee is thinking about how we welcome newcomers, learn about our history, and connect beyond our boundaries.

We would like to start with a new map of neighborhood streets, parks, trails, and fun facts. If you are an artist, designer, drone operator, or computer whiz and have some creative ideas for mapping the neighborhood, please contact [Mary Fraser](#) at 843-388-7547 or [Julie Hussey](#) at 843-224-1096.

The Communications Committee is also looking to expand. If you are fascinated by history or are interested in helping us to improve our relationships with the Town of Mount Pleasant, our neighboring Settlement Communities, and other HOA's, Mary and Julie would like to hear from you too.



**One of the first marketing pieces was a hand drawn, historical style map of the neighborhood which was given to new home owners**

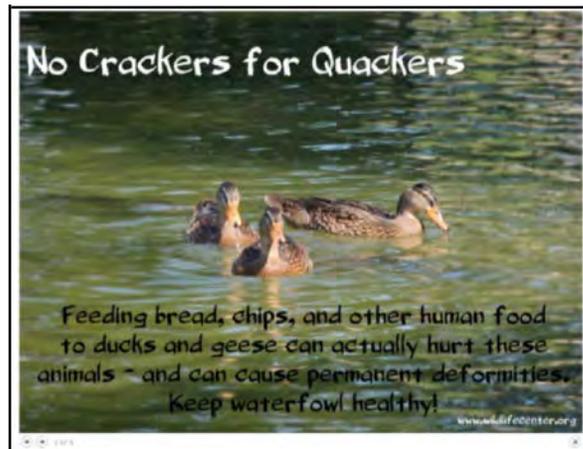


### Hazards of Feeding Wildlife

Even the best geese aversion techniques fail in areas where people continue to feed the geese. Geese will congregate where food is easy to find, increasing the amount of droppings and conflicts with people in that area. Geese may also become aggressive with other geese or even people as they fight over food.

Canada geese do not need food from humans. Even in severe weather, these birds can move considerable distances to better forage when necessary, and they're capable of finding nutritionally appropriate food for themselves.

If fed an inappropriate diet—such as human foods and commercial poultry feeds—young waterfowl are prone to develop a wing deformity called angel wing, slipped wing or dropped wing. This permanent deformity prevents or limits flight—a very severe handicap for a wild bird. Inappropriate food can cause other less obvious problems by replacing nutritious food with “empty calories,” much like chips and candy for people. We again ask that l'On residents and guests not feed the geese or any other wildlife in l'On. It is not beneficial to the animals or our community.





## This Month with The I'On Trust...

### Grub on the Green

Come out and support our local food trucks while enjoying some great food!

**Sunday, April 18**  
**Maybank Green, 4pm - 7pm**

**Immortal Lobster**

**Zimos Gyro**

**Cookie Dough Love & Sno Blast**

Click on the logos below to see menus & the possibility of ordering ahead.



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Sno Blast



Plan a pickup for home or a picnic in the park.

Save the Date -

Grub on the Green, Sunday, May 16



The I'On Trust is tentatively planning to resume The I'On Women's Coffee the second week in May at an outdoor location.

To help us plan for the inaugural event, please indicate [HERE](#) your interest in attending.

The previous format of everyone bringing their own cup will be utilized. Everyone will be asked to follow the current CDC guidelines.

We are looking forward to meeting and greeting the wonderful and interesting women of I'On!

Call coordinators Susan Fitzgerald 703.402.3298 or Joyce Stifel 574.276.5000 for additional information.

The Trust is pleased to announce that **Susan Fitzgerald and Joyce Stifel** will be taking over the reins of the I'On Women's Coffee this year from our fantastic coffee leaders of **Nance Nixon and Eileen Moore**. Over the past five years, Nance and Eileen have coordinated the coffees and we so appreciate all the time and effort they have given to making them such a success! The coffees are a great way for the ladies in I'On to connect and we are delighted Susan and Joyce will keep this wonderful tradition going. Thank you!

## The I'On Trust Blood Drive in partnership with The Blood Connection

**Saturday, May 1 from 11am - 4pm**  
**Parking Lot at The I'On Square**

Let's reach our goal of 100% sign ups! All donors will receive a \$20 gift card

To make an appointment [CLICK HERE](#)

The Gift of BLOOD is the Gift of Life



The Blood Connection is a nonprofit community blood bank & the number one supplier of blood in the Lowcountry. All blood goes to local community hospitals. Covid antibody testing with all blood donations. Facing coverings are required while donating.



*A community of friends enjoying enriched, vibrant and independent lives*

**Good News: IAH Volunteers are ready to assist!**



We now have a sufficient number of fully vaccinated IAH volunteers who are willing to resume indoor services and

provide rides to the airport, post office, doctor, etc. Our volunteers will ONLY be able to serve IAH members who received their second COVID-19 shot at least 2 weeks prior to the service date. Both parties are required to sign a COVID-19 waiver.



Please visit our website or call IAH to schedule an indoor or ride service. Outdoor services are available for members who are not fully vaccinated providing that both parties wear a mask and practice social distancing.

**Upcoming IAH Events in April**

- Great Decisions - Britain after Brexit*
- IAH Biking Group*
- En Plein Air Painting with Myrto Tsavalas*
- "Process of Creating Art" with Becky Youle*
- Bocce & Booze*
- Chamber Music Charleston / an exclusive IAH live performance*
- Cooking Demo: Shrimp Risotto with Chef Tom Martin*
- Happy Hour at Community Table*
- IAH Hiking Group*
- Cinema as Art discussion featuring Gone With The Wind*
- Cocktails & Conversation*
- Wine Tasting Live - The Wines of Northern Italy*

Last month we enjoyed a walking tour of historical homes in the Tradd Street neighborhood. The tour featured homes covered in IAH member David Rogers' recently published book, "Charleston, The Antebellum Neighborhoods and Buildings."



**If you're 55+ we invite you to join I'On At Home and become a part of our exciting adventure: <https://ionathome.helpfulvillage.com>**

## You Can Help....

On Monday, April 26th, WITS (Women Inspired Through Stories) will host a virtual fundraiser from 4:00 to 5:00p.m. to benefit **Critical Home Repair**, a program of Sea Island Habitat for Humanity. Habitat's Executive Director, John Rhoden, Jr., will be the guest speaker. Critical Home Repair was created to help people in need to stay in their homes. Many residents in the sea island communities cannot afford basic housing necessities such as roofing, ramps, window repairs and the like. If you're confined to a wheelchair, a ramp can be your passport to the outside world. All area residents are invited to learn more about Habitat's Critical Home Repair program. To participate, join the Zoom meeting at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89845775520?pwd=c21xdUVWazBqRHMvV0FpM2N0VERlZz09>.

The passcode is 648696.

## Diapers Needed!

**Healing Hurts Ministries**, a non-profit who provides diapers and financial education to low-income families, is in desperate need to replenish their diaper bank as they have served more families than ever during COVID-19.

**Needed:** Diapers (any size)  
Pull-Ups (any size)  
Wipes

**Drop off dates:** April 16, 17 & 18

**Drop off locations:**

324 N. Shelmore Blvd. (Coffman)  
98 W. Shipyard Rd. (Chitty)  
14 Joggling St. (Grant)

Sponsored by WITS (Women Inspired Through Stories) Questions?  
Contact Joanne Grant 843-412-1658 or [jogrant2@aol.com](mailto:jogrant2@aol.com) or give directly through Amazon

<https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/nefateri-smalls-may-2021-ladson/ZUKXTPHBY22G>

**Thank you for your support!**

## Butterfly Garden

### April Showers Bring Spring Flowers and Butterflies

March in the Butterfly Garden is mainly a month of preparation and anticipation. Team BG members have pruned and weeded, among other tasks. Now we watch and wait for plants to emerge from their winter dormancy to produce the flowers and host plant leaves that will bring back the butterflies.

In April things really heat up—literally and figuratively. Among the first plants to flower are the native salvias, normally red but also growing in a colorful spectrum of white, pink, and even salmon. Salvias are one of our best butterfly plants because so many butterflies (and even hummingbirds) love them; and as a bonus they have flowers almost year round in our mild climate.

An outstanding shrub that blooms in early April are the native azaleas in the wooded area outside the fence. Their delicate pink flowers never fail to draw admiring looks from garden visitors. Later in April, such sunny natives as coreopsis



**Salvias - Early blooming native salvias**



**Native Azaleas**



**Coreopsis and Blanket Flowers Brighten the Garden Color Palette**

By late April as additional plants bloom, more and varied butterflies start returning to the garden. Among the standouts are Tiger Swallowtails, Red Admirals, and even Monarchs, especially once the milkweed plants they depend on leaf out and start flowering. And it only gets better in May!

Want to join Team BG and help in the Butterfly Garden? Contact April Gordon ([dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com](mailto:dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com)) for information about this neighborhood volunteer group.



**Tiger Swallowtails Are One of the Earliest Spring Butterflies**



**The Red Admiral is a more rare Visitor to the Butterfly Garden**



**Once Milkweed Matures, Monarchs Aren't Far Behind**

## Welcome New Neighbors

A big welcome to the newest I'On families! Make sure to stop by, and introduce yourself.

- Derek & Stella Coulson - 178 N Shelmore Blvd
- Scott Demler - 54 Sanibel Street
- Peter & Sylvia Greenley - 162 N Shelmore Blvd
- Neil & Louise Harkins - 134 Ionsborough St
- Scott & Cate Nevin - 55 Hopetown Rd

## Moving around I'On

- Judy & Scott Banning - 87 Latitude Lane

## COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Julie Hussey, Communications Chair  
 Kathie Haas, Living In I'On Editor  
 Mary Kaplan, Ambassador Chair  
 Michael McLaughlin  
 Margaret Summers, I'On Trust  
 HOA Managers, Ravenel Associates:  
 Mary Fraser & Jessica Gosnell

## 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!

## I'On Community Garden

### Community Garden Plots Are Filling Up with Plants

With the return of warmer weather, gardeners are getting down and dirty at the Community Garden. All plots are taken, and plants and seeds are in the ground in most of them.



**Garden Plots Spring to Life as new Season Begins**

On any sunny day, it is not hard to find enthusiastic gardeners at work planting, mulching or just admiring how wonderful the garden looks.

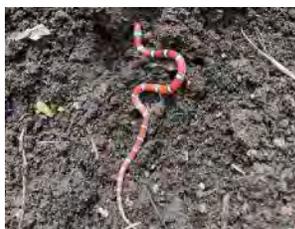


**Using Transplants Can Give Gardeners an Early Harvest**



**Mulching is Important to Save Labor, Protect Soil, and Get Better Crops**

Occasionally, a surprise guest may be discovered as gardeners clear their plot for planting, such as this recently reported harmless and beautiful scarlet king snake.



**Harmless Scarlet King Snake Surprises Gardener**



**It never hurts to have a Scarecrow in your Garden**

It's not all work, however; some gardeners have demonstrated a flair for decorative whimsy to lift the spirits of all of us, gardeners and visitors alike. Let's hope scarecrows will be a good luck charm to ward off garden pests and encourage all of our gardens to produce bountiful crops!

April Gordon ([dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com](mailto:dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com))—Garden Coordinator



The 1st Annual  
I'On Artist Market  
was a huge success!!

Thank you to all our vendors  
and shoppers for coming out in  
the chilly weather to make for  
a terrific day.



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