

LIVING IN I'ON

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

You're Invited

- 06/08 Women's Coffee
- 06/10 Ladies Lunch Bunch
- 06/13 Grub on The Green
- 06/23 Yarn Buddies

Other Important Dates

- 06/03 Recycling Pickup
- 06/08 IDC Review
- 06/17 Recycling Pickup
- 06/22 IDC Review

Creek Club Dock Closures

- 06/04 5:25 - 5:55 pm
- 06/05 5:25 - 5:55 pm
- 06/06 4:55 - 5:25 pm
- 06/11 3:55 - 4:25 pm
- 06/12 5:25 - 5:55 pm
- 06/19 4:25 - 4:55 pm
- 06/20 5:25 - 5:55 pm
- 06/26 5:25 - 5:55 pm
- 06/27 4:55 - 5:25 pm

I'On Board Meetings 2021

On the following date at 6:00pm:

- June 21 - mid-year meeting
- July 19
- Aug. 16
- Sept 20
- Oct. 18
- Nov. 15
- Dec. 20



Volunteers are what give the I'On community life! They are working behind the scenes so you have lovely gardens, social groups, fun monthly events, annual holiday decor and gatherings, a newsletter and a website. They work to preserve the beauty of I'On and so much more! Without volunteers the things you love most about your community cannot happen.

So why not volunteer? People have many reasons for not volunteering. These include: being too busy, so that you don't have enough time or the schedules aren't flexible; not having enough information or interest in the work being done; and not being asked. Well, in I'On, there is an answer for all of these!

- Time need not be a problem - there are volunteer needs that range from one time individual events to joining a committee, and everything in between
- A list of committees is present on the community website . Just reach out to a committee that interests you or volunteer for the I'On Trust. There is truly something for everyone . Specific needs for volunteers are posted every month in the newsletter (this month on page 5).
- YOU are needed - will you volunteer?

You're Invited...

...Ladies Lunch Bunch

Thursday, June 10, noon

Coleman Public House, 427 West Coleman Blvd.

June lunch bunch will be hosted by Harriet Ripinsky. Join your friends and neighbors for a relaxing and fun lunch. RSVP to Harriet by **June 7** at hripinsky@aol.com.

...Women's Coffee

Tuesday, June 8, 10 am - noon (rain date Wednesday, June 9)

Holy Ascension Orthodox Church Garden, 265 N. Shelmore Boulevard

Join your neighbors for this friend filled monthly gathering. Please bring your own cup for coffee. Everyone will be asked to follow the current CDC guidelines.

If you have a new neighbor, invite her to attend with you! The coffees are sponsored by the I'On Trust.

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

...Yarn Buddies

Wednesday June 23, 10am to noon,

Hosted by Donna Davis, 3 Edenton Road

Please text or email Donna if you are able to attend: donnad108@gmail.com; (804) 405-8297.

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

Looking Ahead.....

First Fridays are returning!!!!

We're so excited! First Fridays are resuming August 6th! Our 2021 inaugural event will be held in the courtyard behind the I'On offices off Jake's Lane. No need to RSVP, just please remember to bring your own libations, glasses and a small appetizer for all to share.

Usually FFS are held in our neighbor's homes - the FF committee provides assistance while attendees provide the food and beverages. We just need your lovely venue in order to gather. We currently have hosts for September, October, November and December (thank you!), but are looking for hosts for 2022. Have you just finished work on your home and are ready for guests? Installed a lovely garden, perfect for a spring get together? Please let us know! Your FF volunteers - [Karen Rathbun](#), [Wendy Nixon](#), [Rossie Spell](#) and [Kari Roever](#).

Gift to the Street/Yard of the Month Awards - May 2021

Occupying a corner aspect with grand views of West Lake, the home of **Mary Lou Collins and Michael Korizno, 121 West Shipyard**, is the winner of our May Gift to the Street Award. Whether approaching the house along West Shipyard or by taking a stroll around West Lake path, you can be sure there will be something to catch your eye. Elegant features include the brick and stucco walls covered in neatly trimmed fig vine and star jasmine, wrought iron railings and gates flanked by impressive columns with gas lighting above. Peeking through the gates provides a view of the lovely slate and flagstone courtyard complete with fountain, iron work and colorful pots. A large clay frog painted in bright colors sits watch on a corner column, sweet butterflies nestled in the lush container plantings along the well-kept ROW strip add a little whimsy, and colorful hydrangeas, roses, camellias, and Japanese maple complete the picture of this lovely home. Small wonder that Mary Lou thinks of her home as "Poet's Corner" when so often it is used as a backdrop for bridal portraits and special occasion photos.

Betty Anglin and Cody Smith, 166 North Shelmore Blvd, are our May Yard of the Month winners. Their pretty Rembrandt Red painted home and lovely garden occupies a large corner lot, and offers a feast for the eyes from every angle. When they moved to I'On 8 years ago, the Smiths sought advice from Lowcountry Plant Masters for ways they could improve their garden. Due to a large portion of the yard being in shade, an attractive blend of colorful contrasting shrubs were chosen for their shade tolerance and low maintenance. These include variegated aucuba, farfugium (tractor seat), camellias, dwarf loropetalum and hydrangeas. To provide pops of color, Betty enjoys changing out her pots on the front steps and cozy porch with seasonal plantings and currently you will find them overflowing with begonias, caladium and million belles. Lush shade tolerant zoysia grass and holly ferns in the large ROW strips complete this beautifully maintained garden.

Congratulations to our winners, sincere appreciation to the community for sending in your nominations, and special thanks to **The Shellmore** for providing \$25 gift certificates to each of our award recipients. Next month we will be offering recognition to two of I'On's favorite porches. Please send in your nomination for your favorite porch to Michele Wilson at tenprowcc@gmail.com by June 18th.



Betty Anglin-Smith, yard of the month winner.



Mary Lou Collins and Michael Korizno, Gift to the Street



This Month with The I'On Trust...

Grub on the Green



Sunday, June 13 - Maybank Green 5pm - 8pm - **NEWTIME!!**

Don't miss out on the last food truck date before we break for the dog days of summer. We will pick up again in late September!!

There is something for everyone to enjoy. **Brunch Holiday, Cafe Racks, and Dashi will be onsite for your dinner fare with Baked to a T and King of Pops** for dessert.

Celebrate the end of school and the beginning of summer. We look forward to seeing you all there!!

Click on the logos below for information.



July 4th Celebration

There are many great annual I'On traditions - and 4th of July is no exception! From the parade to the concert and everything in between it's a day full of fun with plenty of opportunities for the whole family to participate!

Sunday, July 4 - Parade starts at 9:30am

Plan to join the parade which gathers at 9:15am at Saturday & Hospitality Road and makes it way up North Shelmore to end at Westlake Amphitheater. Decorate your golf carts, wagon, bikes, scooters and strollers. **Get creative and join the fun! There is a contest for the most decorated golf cart.** If there are any groups that would like to perform, please contact [The Trust](#) to be sure to get in the parade line up. If you would like to volunteer to help with the parade there are many opportunities - find out [here](#).



Sunday, July 4 - Concert

Westlake Amphitheater 5-8pm

Bring the family, a picnic, your dancing shoes, and join the celebration. Local "The First Class Band" returns this year playing all your favorites.

The Giving Lights of I'On - Nominations

Every year around the holidays The I'On Trust coordinates a fundraising project called The Giving Lights of I'On. This fundraising project, which sells luminary kits to support a local nonprofit, is some months away but we are already at work.

If you are passionate about a particular charity, that addresses a basic human need in our tri-county community, and are willing to head up the volunteer effort of the fundraiser, please follow this link to find out about the volunteer commitment and how you may nominate a charity.

[Giving Lights Application for Nomination Link](#)

Get involved

Volunteers needed for I'On Covenants Committee

The Covenants Committee is dedicated to assuring that the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, & Restrictions for I'On, as well as other rules laid out in the I'On Governing Documents, are followed to the benefit of the homeowners in the community. This involves helping homeowners understand and comply with established rules as well as offering a path to resolve issues as they arise. If you are interested in being a volunteer on the Covenants Committee, or have questions about this role, please contact [Mary Fraser](#).

The Communications Committee Needs You!

The Communications Committee is 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. If you are an artist, designer, drone operator, or computer whiz, your skills would be greatly appreciated .

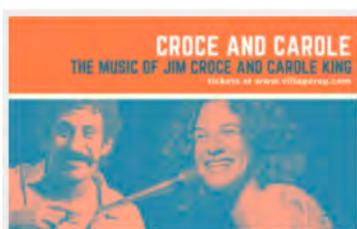




Here's what's happening at I'On At Home in June:

- June 3 IAH Biking Group
- June 10 IAH Biking Group
- June 13 Bocci & Booze
- June 15 IAH Hiking Group
- June 15 Board of Directors Meeting
- June 16 Happy Hour at Community Table
- June 17 IAH Biking Group
- June 17 Documentary on Sesame Street: "50 Years of Sunny Days"
- June 24 IAH Biking Group
- June 24 French Quarter Gallery Tour
- June 25 Cocktails & Conversations

May was a busy month at IAH. We enjoyed a private recital by internationally acclaimed pianist Diego Suarez, live cooking demonstrations, enjoyed Bocci & Booze, did a walking tour of historic homes on the Battery and strolled through some of I'On's loveliest private gardens. Of course our biking and hiking groups were out & about. But the highlights of last month were two fantastic live performances.



The Village Repertory returned to IAH with a 90-minute musical tribute featuring the legendary music of singer-songwriters Jim Croce and Carole King. They performed some of the 70's most popular songs including: You've Got a Friend, Natural Woman, I Feel the Earth Move, Time in a Bottle, Operator and more..



We celebrated Memorial Day with a concert by the Charleston Symphony Orchestra's Brass ensemble. Their spirited play provided a mixed program of Broadway, New Orleans jazz, classic Great American Songbook and patriotic pieces. It was a beautiful way to remember our country's heritage.

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>

I'on Community Garden and Butterfly Garden

I'On Butterfly and Community Gardens Welcomed IAH Garden Tour Visitors

On Saturday, May 15, the I'On Butterfly and Community Gardens, located together on Eastlake Rd., were included in I'On at Home's yearly tour of neighborhood gardens. We were pleased to be among the beautiful gardens on the tour, and gardeners enjoyed showing their friends and neighbors our special place. Unlike the other gardens on the tour, we are not a private residential garden but public and open to the community. Visitors are welcome all times of the year.

Although the two gardens are separate entities with different missions, they work together to support each other and the environment, as I explained when describing the gardens for the tour. The Community Garden is a place for residents to acquire a raised bed garden plot for a year to organically grow produce and flowers for their own use. The Butterfly Garden grows mostly native plants to provide habitat, food, and breeding places for butterflies and other pollinators. Many of these plants and insects are declining in numbers and in some cases are endangered species.

Here's how the gardens work together: Most of our food crops and flowers rely on insect pollinators to grow and reproduce themselves. Loaded with pollen and nectar, Butterfly Garden flowers lure many diverse insects to the garden area where they also fulfill their pollination job for our gardeners. By gardening organically without toxic chemicals, gardeners help to ensure the survival and health of the butterflies, bees, and other insects. Among those beneficial insects are wasps, lacewings, and lady bugs that have a voracious appetite for insect pests such as aphids, spider mites, and cabbage worms that attack gardeners' crops. Win, win!

Another plus is that our thriving Butterfly Garden insect community is to a large extent the result of the native plants we grow. Studies show that native plants provide a much better habitat for insects and their larvae than the exotics that dominate most landscapes. This in turn helps birds find the thousands of insects and larvae their babies need to survive. As they forage, birds eat many garden pests including slugs, beetles, and insect pests (even mosquitoes).

In all these ways the Butterfly and Community Gardens create one of Nature's perfect Virtuous Cycles.

For more information contact April Gordon (dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com)



Garden tour visitors admire one of the Community Garden artichoke plants.



Brilliant Scarlet Salvia greets tour visitors to the Butterfly Garden



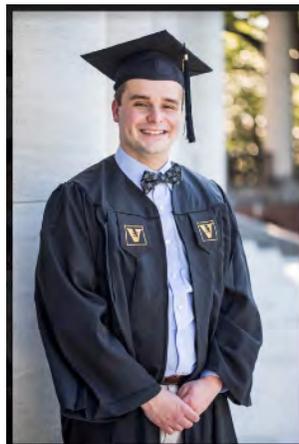
Bees gather pollen from cone-flowers in the Butterfly Garden

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES

Felix von Asten



NYU Stern
Business



Roy Hilmer Anderson, III
(Troy), graduating from
Vanderbilt University,
May 15



Maja Bellars, graduating
from College of Charleston

Graduating from Academic
Magnet, June 17

Attention, Graduates! We know there are more of you!

We'd love to share your news of all high school, college and graduate/professional school graduations!

Send the name of your graduate, school, date of graduation, and any future matriculation to mary.ion@ravenelassociates.com by June 22.

Photos welcome!

Mah Jongg has become a popular pastime in l'On. Why? It's great exercise for the brain and lots of fun! If you would like to learn the game, please contact Kathy Coffman (kcoff@comcast.net) or Barbara Fowler (barbfow50@gmail.com). Free classes will be held in June.



Welcome New Neighbors

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

- Cheri Bentley - 47 Rialto Road
- Elise & Les Detterbeck - 185 Ponsbury Road

Moving around I'On

- Johann & Claudia von Asten - 11 Robert Mills Circle
- Janet Freedman - 69 Jane Jacobs Street

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!

Cyclists

On November 6th, "Team I'On" will be participating in the third annual MUSC Hollings Cancer Center **LOWVELO** ride to raise funds for cancer research. We have participated each year.

The purpose of this note is two-fold. First, to raise awareness about the event which raises funds for a very important cause and second, to offer information about what the event entails. We invite our neighbors and friends to actively participate with us in a variety of events intended to raise those funds.

Current members of Team I'On are all 65+ years of age, which made us the oldest team to participate in the last two outings! While that is commendable, we would be very happy to add team members that are a bit (or a lot) younger to fill out the Team I'On roster and raise even more donations for the cause. In the past the riding options were for 25, 50, or 100 miles (guess which one we chose), but this year the **LOWVELO** organizing committee has added an 8-mile island ride and virtual ride options. Even those who wish to participate on a stationary bike can be a part of our team. There is a small entry fee of \$79 (which includes a **LOWVELO** t-shirt) for anyone who registers before October 5. If you are interested in participating, please contact Len Hanson, Team Captain, at lfhanson@icloud.com for details.

