

LIVING IN I'ON

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

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Creek Club Dock Closures

08/28 5:25 - 5:55 pm

I'On Board Meetings 2021

On the following date at 6:00pm:

Aug. 16
 Sept 20
 Oct. 18
 Nov. 15
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2022 Directory Cover Photo Contest & Ad Spaces Available!

The 2022 I'On Directory will go to the printer in October so that directories can be distributed with the Giving Lights in November. We are looking for a cover photo for the directory! If you have any I'On related pictures that you would like to submit for the cover, please send them to Mary Fraser at mary.ion@ravenelassociates.com by September 21.

We also have spots available for advertisements in the I'On directory. There is no requirement that ads be purchased by I'On residents. It is open to the public, so feel free to pass this along to friends and business owners outside of I'On. Ad space preferences will be reserved in the order that submission forms are received. If you would like an ad to be included in the 2022 directory, please fill out [THIS](#) form and send it back to mary.ion@ravenelassociates.com by September 21st. Once ad placements are confirmed, sizing guidelines for how we will need to receive your ads will be sent.

Lastly, if your information was not correct in the 2021 directory, or if you are a new resident and want to confirm that we have your correct information printed, please send me an email with this request by September 21st. Please call 843-388-7547 or email mary.ion@ravenelassociates.com if you have any questions or concerns.



You're Invited...

...First Friday

Friday August 6, 6-8PM

14 Resolute Lane at "The Captain's House."

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 - 14 Resolute Lane, at "The Captain's House." No need to RSVP, just please remember to bring your own libations, glasses and a small appetizer for all to share. The event runs from 6-8pm.

From here on, we will usually have FFs at our neighbors' homes - the FF committee provides assistance, attendees provide the food and beverages. We currently have hosts for September, October, November and December (thank you!), but are looking for hosts for January, February, March, August, November and December 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.

...Women's Coffee

Tuesday, August 10, 10 am - noon

At the porch and gardens of Jan Laabs, 217 Ponsbury Rd.

Your neighbors are looking forward to catching up and sharing summer activities. Please bring your own cup for coffee. Everyone will be asked to follow the current CDC guidelines.

Don't forget to invite a new neighbor to join you! The coffees are sponsored by the I'On Trust.

Call coordinators Susan Fitzgerald at 703 402 3298 or Joyce Stifel at 574 276 5000 for additional information.

...Potluck Dinner

Wednesday, August 18, 6:30 - 8 pm at the Creek Club

Hosted by Karen and Bill Mclean

You're Invited!!

Please join us for a delightful evening overlooking Hobcaw Creek and the marsh! Plan to arrive at 6:30, and bring a dish (with serving utensil) to share, along with your own plate, utensils, a beverage and glass. 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. And don't be shy....you'll find dinner partners aplenty once you arrive. No reason to hesitate to arrive solo!

For further information or questions, email [Lydia Engelhardt](#) or call 843-884-8400.

We REALLY hope to see you there!



Looking Ahead.....

...Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch will be on vacation in August!

The annual 'Hat Luncheon' is being planned by Linda Hanson for September 9. Be sure to Mark your calendar for this fun event.

...Mathis Ferry Cleanup

Mathis Ferry Cleanup will be held on September 4 and October 23. Interested? Contact [Rick Simpson](#).

Porch of the Month — 2021

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

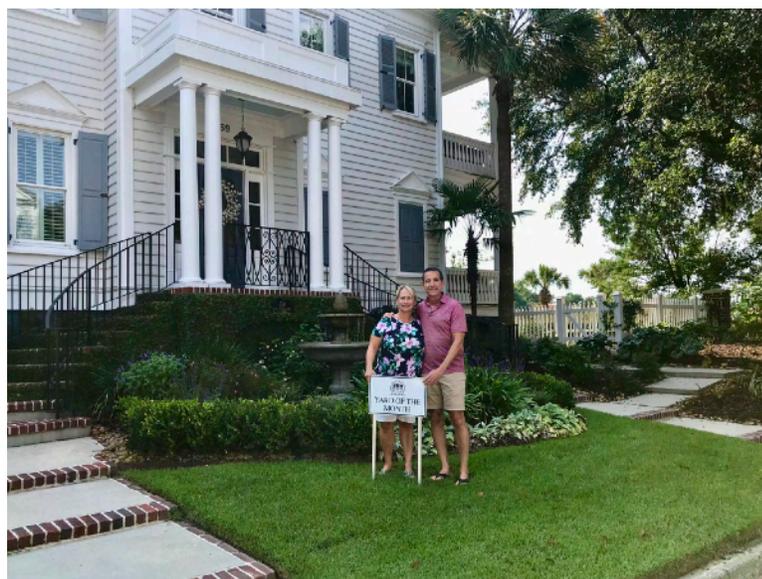
The delightful home of **Mike McLaughlin** and his mother, **Jane Sheahan**, is our winner of this month's **Gift to the Street Award**. Having lived at **11 Krier Lane** for only two years, Mike has devoted most of his spare time to working on home improvements, concentrating his efforts on the home's exterior and courtyard. His late father loved gardening and Mike believes that he has inherited his "green thumb" from him. Once Mike had removed the huge palm tree stump from the middle of the courtyard, (which took him almost a year!) reset and mortared the brick entry, reinstalled the brick edging and rebuilt the knee wall, he opened the blue shutters to the street. Passersby now enjoy gazing into the unique, tranquil space that Mike has lovingly created as a tribute to his father. Allowing the crepe myrtle to flourish, Mike has filled the space with ferns, small palms, steel grasses, California elephant ears, Mexican petunias, Brazilian jasmine and a butterfly bush. Two Irish street signs (a reminder of the family's Irish roots) sit on either side of a set of small steps that lead to a sitting area complete with a shade umbrella the exact color of the home's blue shutters. The large statue is the focal point of the courtyard and represents "family" – Mike, represented by the ball, with his parents standing either side.

The stunning garden belonging to **Denise & Glen Ross, 159 East Shipyard Rd**, is our **July Yard of the Month**. Occupying a huge corner lot with a spectacular view of East Lake, the Ross garden is a joy to walk by from all angles. Denise & Glen are originally from Long Island and moved to I'On two years ago. Realizing the yard had been neglected for so long, they enlisted the help of JQ Landscaping and set to work. The results of their hard work are plain to see in the transformation of the space into an elegant oasis of lush Zoysia grass, knock-out roses, loropetulum, gardenias, camellias, heathers, and hydrangeas. Two Lowquat trees now bear an abundance of fruit for delicious home-made jam and pies. In fact there is often so much fruit that Denise and Glen invite the neighborhood children to come pick what they want to take home! The Ross family love living in I'On and sometimes feel they are part of a "movie set." But "it's the people who live in this neighborhood that make it truly special," said Denise.

Congratulations to our winners, and very special thanks to **Bakies of I'On** who very generously provided gift certificates to our award recipients. The Yard of the Month Program will be taking a break in August, but we look forward to resuming in September!



11 Krier Lane



159 East Shipyard Road



This Month with The I'On Trust...

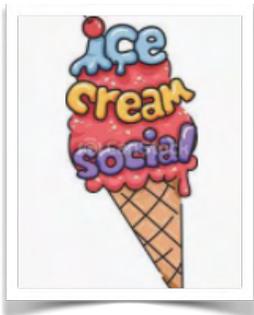
Stuff the Bus - Wednesday, August 11

As the school year approaches, The I'On Trust is partnering with our neighbor Jason Kreuter and The University of the Low Country to provide school and other basic supplies to CCSD students in need. The supplies we gather will be distributed in our neighboring communities of Greenhill and Snowden where many of the students attend James B. Edwards.

So as you do your shopping, please consider adding some school supplies and shelf-to-table food to your list. And don't forget to take advantage of the Tax Free Weekend, August 6 - 8.

On the 11th, the USL school bus will be parked on the backside of Maybank Green where you may drop off supplies from 2pm to 5pm.

Here's the Scoop



Summer is coming to a close and it's time to head back to school. What better way to celebrate than with an Ice Cream Party for rising kindergarteners through 6th graders. Join us for a fun afternoon of socializing and sweet treats to celebrate.

Sunday, August 15 - Maybank Green
3 - 4pm for rising kindergarteners through 2nd graders
4 - 5pm for rising 3rd through 6th graders

If you would like to help with this event, please email [Margaret](mailto:Margaret@iontrust.org) at the Trust.

Save the Dates!

The Trust has a lot of great events in the works for this Fall. Look for details in the September newsletter, iontrust.org, and followup eblast notices. If you have interest in working on any of these events we would love to have your participation. Please reach out to [Margaret](mailto:Margaret@iontrust.org) at the Trust.

Saturday, September 25 - Fall's Music Concert after the Cooper River Bridge Run
 September 1 - Application and information to participate in The I'On Trust's Fall Artists Market
 Announcement of the Giving Lights recipient with work starting on this annual fundraiser
 Grub on the Green
 October's Halloween in the Hood
 More events to come!



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

It's all about volunteers!

I'On At Home's network of support services, activities and friendships, enables its members aged 55+ to continue living and thriving in their homes and community.

And it's all driven by volunteers! The last 6 months did not slow us down as we emerged from the constraints of the Covid crisis. By late spring, we were offering live support services like minor home repairs, transportation and personal assistance. We carefully modified our approach to events and moved outside to safely spaced activities.

Through the end of July, IAH has hosted over 55 events:

- Live music concerts...Village Repertory, Chamber Music Charleston, Charleston Brass
- Live wine & bourbon tastings
- Cooking classes
- Art lectures and en plein air painting
- Bocce Ball competitions
- Current issue discussions by local experts covering government, politics & law
- Movie & documentary discussions
- Great Decisions - a program of monthly meetings on world affairs
- Cocktails & Conversations get togethers
- Tours of Charleston art galleries, historic neighborhoods and IAH gardens
- Happy Hours at Community Table
- Gardening lectures by Clemson horticulture experts
- Monthly hikes at parks, beaches, hidden corners of Charleston
- And don't forget our weekly IAH Biking Group that covered over 1000 miles of combined cycling!

All of this could not have happened without the dedication of an amazing group of IAH volunteers led by Joe Fanelli and Peggy Watt, Co-chairs of the Programs Committee and their committee members: Anne Janas, Carol Degnen, Herb White, Mary Wilbur, Kathy Coffman, Catha Remington, Tom Martin, Myrto Tsavalas, Kathie Haas, Cynthia Webb, Rebecca Brovont, and Bob Hardie.

If you're 55+ we invite you to join I'On At Home and become a part of our exciting adventure.

*Contact Mary Holtz, IAH Administrative Manager: maryh@ionathome.org
or visit us at: <https://ionathome.helpfulvillage.com>*

I'on Community Garden

Late Summer Brings Opportunity for a Fresh Start in the Garden

July is often a challenging time to garden even for the most enthusiastic community gardener. Heat and drought make frequent, even daily, watering necessary. Or, as occurred in July, periods of heavy rain (or travel and work demands) interrupt harvesting and regular garden maintenance. Add weeds, plant diseases, and insects and you have a perfect recipe for giving up on gardening until next year. Hang in there, gardeners, because bright days lie ahead for those of us who dig dirt.

Believe it or not, August begins a new garden season, not the end. It is time to weed your garden (or containers); discard dead, dying, or no longer productive plants; prune those that are still doing well but need some TLC; then fertilize and replant where space allows. And don't forget to mulch, mulch, mulch (at least 1-2 inches) to keep soil moist longer, moderate soil temperature, and suppress weeds. You will be glad you renewed your garden effort when you see healthy plants and seeds growing and the promise of a long growing season ahead (we are in Zone 8b, which doesn't often have serious cold weather until early December, and we can grow edible crops year round).

Here are some of the crops you can plant beginning in early August and those you can start in mid-August:

Early August—beets, pole beans, carrots, cauliflower, rutabagas, cucumbers, collards

Mid-August—snap beans, broccoli, lettuce, kale, Swiss chard, kohlrabi, mustard greens, summer and winter squash, peas

Add a variety of these to your still productive peppers, eggplant, okra, etc. and enjoy!

Check with a good local nursery, Clemson Extension service, or experienced community gardeners for additional suggestions.

April Gordon (dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com)



This community garden plot has been recently weeded and fertilized and is being replanted with room to spare for new transplants and seeds. With water and mulch this garden should provide a bountiful harvest.

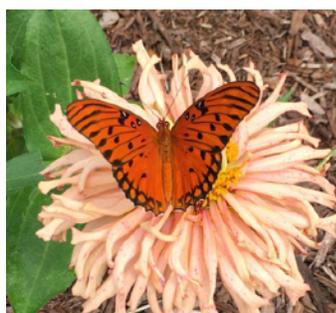
Butterfly Garden

Prime Time for Butterflies Begins Now

For a variety of reasons, there has been less butterfly activity than usual at the I'On Butterfly Garden. Although the reasons are unclear, many butterfly experts in our area are also noting a falloff in numbers and varieties of butterflies in our area. Among the factors mentioned are unfavorable weather events and climate change, habitat loss for native flowers and other plants, and widespread herbicide and pesticide use (e.g. mosquito spraying) that indiscriminately kills large numbers of insects and their larvae. Another factor is that butterfly numbers start out small in the spring because it takes time for migrating species to return to our area and for resident butterflies to rebuild their population numbers and distribution after their winter dormancy. The availability of nectar flowers (for adult butterflies) and host plants (whose leaves feed butterfly caterpillars) is also critical. Whatever the cause(s), we are only now beginning to see more butterflies.

Below are photos of some of the butterflies we are seeing in late July and what we normally see in August, which is the start of peak season for butterflies at the garden. If you see a butterfly, check our laminated butterfly guide in the box under the Butterfly Garden sign for identification of some of our most common butterflies.

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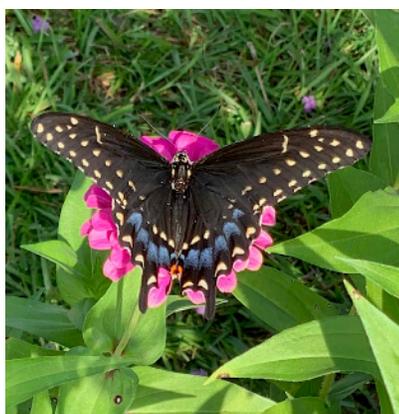
Gulf Fritillary



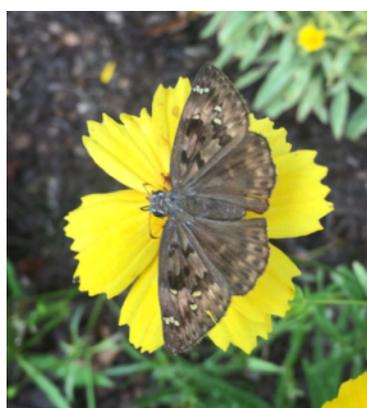
Tiger Swallowtail



Fiery Skipper



Black Swallowtail



Horace's Duskywing



Welcome New Neighbors

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

- Dawn & John Beaver - 51 Sanibel St
- Paul & Beccy Grim - 75 Sowell St
- Mike & Brittany Hornbuckle - 20 Hopetown
- Charlotte & Tom Karlsson - 41 Jane Jacobs St
- Kimberly Rimmer & Linda Booth - 109 N Shelmore Blvd
- Elie McLaren - 67 Robert Mills Circle
- Naomi & Paul Rogers - 50 Sowell St
- Lee & Catherine Smith - 38 Krier Lane
- GG Van Vliet - 15 McDaniel Lane
- Emily & Joe Williams - 59 Krier Lane

Moving around I'On

- Faith & Warren Armstrong - 173 N Shelmore Blvd

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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!

