

LIVING IN I'ON

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

You're Invited

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Other Important Dates

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 09/23 Recycling Pickup
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Creek Club Dock Closures

09/03 4:55 - 5:25 pm
 09/04 4:55 - 5:25 pm
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 09/10 5:25 - 5:55 pm
 09/12 4:55 - 5:25 pm
 09/16 4:55 - 5:25 pm
 09/18 4:25 - 4:55 pm
 09/24 5:25 - 5:55 pm
 09/25 5:25 - 5:55 pm
 09/26 11:55am - 12:25 pm

I'On Board Meetings 2021

On the following date at 6:00pm:

Sept 20
 Oct. 18
 Nov. 22
 Dec. 20



Back To School Season in I'On

With I'On's students returning to our zoned public schools James B. Edwards Elementary, Moultrie Middle School, Lucy Garrett Beckham High School and lots of other public magnet schools, private schools, pre-schools and colleges, it is a great time to remember:

20 mph is Plenty:

Busses are picking up and dropping off students almost every morning and evening. Look out for students crossing the street, rushing to get to the bus, or waiting at their stop. Our narrow streets make it difficult, not only for busses to maneuver around our streets but for cars trying to maneuver around the busses, which often creates logjams. Practice patience and be grateful for the bus drivers and riders who are reducing traffic on our crowded roads.

Teenage Drivers can drive to and from school and work after driving with an adult, taking a driving class, and passing the state driver's test six months after having their learner's permit for 180 days (as early as 15 ½). Experienced drivers can make the road safer for them by modeling driving skills and staying alert. Parents of these drivers can keep praying ☺.

Right of Way Etiquette

When an obstruction exists making it necessary to drive to the left of the center of the road. Any person so doing shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles traveling in the proper direction upon the unobstructed portion of the road within such distance so as not to constitute an immediate hazard.

Distracted Drivers are plentiful when driving a carpool of kids, running late, or multi-tasking. It is easy to discount the time it takes getting from the back of the neighborhood to the front or the danger of weaving around parked cars on our narrow streets. Remember the kids are watching us and nothing can ruin a day like an accident especially if there is damage to people, animals, or even your vehicle. Put on music you like. Keep your hands on the wheel and your eyes on the road. We need you happy and healthy.

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You're Invited...

...Mathis Ferry Cleanup

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

...Lunch Bunch

Thursday September 9, 11:30am

Community Table, I'On. Hosted by Linda Hanson

September Lunch Bunch is on Thursday, September 9, 2021 at The Community Table at 11:30. This is our annual 🧢 hat luncheon, so wear your favorite hat. A prize is given for the best hat. It is so much fun!! Seating is limited. Send RSVPs to lindalhanson@gmail.com or dsbrokaw@hotmail.com by September 5.

...First Friday

Friday September 10, 6-8PM

24 Edenton Rd., Hosted by Cheryl and Craig Donaldson

Due to Labor Day, our First Friday cocktail party is on Friday, September 10th from 6-8pm. Many thanks for Cheryl + Craig Donaldson for hosting; their address is 24 Edenton Road. No need to RSVP, just please remember to bring your own libations, glasses and a small appetizer for all to share. As the event will be outside in their courtyard, if there is inclement weather we will have to cancel it (no rain date). Let's hope for great weather! We still have some openings for 2021, please contact Wendy Nixon at 203.858.7909 if you would like to host a party - our committee will make it easy for you!

Your FF volunteers - Karen Rathbun, [Wendy Nixon](#), Rossie Spell and Kari Roever.

...Women's Coffee

Tuesday, September 14, 10 am - noon

At the gardens of Andrea Rousseaux, 31 Eastlake Rd

Join your neighbors for an end of summer chat to share travels, meet new residents and catch up on what's happening in I'On. 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.

...Yarn Buddies

Wednesday, September 22, 10am - 12

Hosted by Penny Leighton, 125 Ponsbury Rd.

Anyone with an interest in stitching, knitting, crocheting, embroidery, is warmly welcome to come. Please call Penny at 843-327-0449 or email her at penny.leighton@comcast.net if you are able to attend.

...Potluck Dinner

Wednesday, September 22, 6:30 - 8 pm at the Creek Club

Hosted by Kari and Alex Roever and Karen McLean

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.



25
years in the making...



I'ON
at twenty five...the story continues

As most of you know, the year 2022 will mark a historic milestone for I'On - its 25th Birthday! There will be many celebrations in our neighborhood to celebrate this special time, and I am excited to share with you that work on the 25th Anniversary Memory Book is nearing completion. My team of talented writers, artists and photographers have worked hard for the past four-plus years to create this wonderful keepsake book and we sincerely hope that it will be embraced by everyone who calls I'On home. Its colorful pages will be filled with a little of I'On's history along with well-written chapters about the many different facets of I'On that give it life and character, all beautifully illustrated by some of I'On's most talented artists and photographers.

We anticipate going to print mid December 2021 but without additional financial support, the I'On Memory Book will be unable to come to fruition. Created and funded by the people who live here, this book will be our special birthday gift for I'On. I am appealing to your generosity by asking you to consider becoming a donor, a patron, or a sponsor, and help us push the book across the finish line. Everyone who offers financial support, regardless of the amount, will have their name documented in the book.

For more information regarding how you can become an I'On Memory Book sponsor and team member, please contact Michele Wilson at: 843 352 7878 or: tenprowcc@gmail.com

Thank you!

Yard Signs

I'On Covenants allow school signs to be posted on homeowner's lots during the graduation season. However, now that graduation has passed and kids are back in school, all school signs should be removed from I'On properties.

As a reminder, I'On Covenants prohibit any signage in the community other than for sale signs and construction signs on lots that are undergoing renovations. For sale signs and construction signs must comply with the **signage specifications** as outlined in the architectural guidelines.

<https://ioncommunity.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Construction-and-Real-Estate-Signage-Specs.pdf>

Hurricane Preparedness

We are now almost 3 months into hurricane season, with the most active months quickly approaching. In the Lowcountry, the months of September and October tend to see more tropical and hurricane activity. Now is a good time to make sure you and your family have a plan, and to review the 2021 Hurricane Guide from Charleston County (www.charlestoncounty.org) and SCEMD (www.scmd.org), for additional hurricane preparedness information.

Welcome New Neighbors

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

- Jody & Tim Adams - 31 Robert Mills Circle
- Taylor Blades & James Kurek - 59 Jogging Street
- Tom & Kim O'Neill - 129 Ponsbury Road

Back To School Season in I'On **(continued)**

In with the New

The Little Free Library on the west side of the Westlake Amphitheater is a fun way to pick up a new book and to drop off an old book you loved and think others might too. Charleston County Library is a great place to donate more than one book and their annual Big Book Sale is a great place to pick up several books.

Volunteer

Board Committees, Communications, Landscape, Amenities/Dock, Finance, and Covenants, are a great place to put your ideas into action. Most meet only once a month. Committees are a great place to meet neighbors, learn about what is happening, and get a glimpse of how your skills could be great for the Board - nominations/applications are open this month for January's election.

The I'On Trust offers so many great gatherings and events. Each one of these activities needs volunteers to host parties, work at booths, set up or clean up. Feel less guilty when you are enjoying their next event by sharing your time to make it happen.

Mathis Ferry Clean Up is a great way to get in some school volunteer hours or discover the strange things people leave along the side of our roads. I'On has committed to cleaning Mathis Ferry one Saturday a quarter. *Ages 13 and over are welcome! Gloves, plastic bags and "grabbers" provided. Learn more by reaching out to [Richard Simpson!](#)*





This Month with The I'On Trust...

The I'On Trust is pleased to Announce

East Cooper Community Outreach (ECCO) has been chosen as the recipient for this year's Giving Lights of I'On.

Each year during the holiday season The I'On Trust coordinates a fundraising project, The Giving Lights of I'On, which sells luminary kits to raise money for a local non-profit. The fundraiser culminates with neighbors lining the street in front of their homes with luminaries & lighting them on the night of the Holiday Festival of Giving on Sunday, December 5.

ECCO's mission is to provide assistance, guidance, and resources to help navigate through life's challenges. They serve families experiencing a wide array of challenges including financial distress - their programs reach senior citizens, the disabled, unemployed or underemployed, veterans, families living in generational poverty, and those experiencing situational poverty. They support those battling serious health conditions, fleeing domestic violence, or experiencing homelessness. Services include ASSISTANCE (food, financial assistance, health services, clothing, seasonal initiatives), GUIDANCE (client navigation & coaching, workshops & programs, Asset Development Program), and RESOURCES (education & career readiness, health & wellness, additional financial assistance, home repairs), along with individualized case management for families in financial distress.

Look for more information about the kick off of Giving Lights fundraiser in the October newsletter as well as visiting ECCO's website, eccocharleston.org, for more information about their programs. We look forward to supporting their efforts and we hope you will too!

Grub on the Green is back for Fall

Food trucks will be back on Maybank Green - Sunday, September 19, 4-7pm

Come out and support our local food trucks while enjoying some great food. Plan a pickup for home or a picnic in the park. Participating trucks will be announce in a follow up e-blast closer to the date.

Save the date - our next Grub on the Green, Sunday, October 17

Hear Ye, Hear Ye... All Potters, Painters, & Candlestick Makers!

The I'On Trust is hosting a Fall Artist Market - Saturday, November 13, 9am - 1pm

Continuing the success of our 1st Artist Market in March, we invite our creative and innovative neighbors to share their wares while giving the community a chance to shop those products. We are looking forward to a Market of handmade products including clothing, homemade goods, jewelry, paintings, planters, stationary, and so much more.

If you are interested in participating in the market, [CLICK HERE](#) to complete the application. Don't wait to complete your application. This is first come, first served with limited availability per category to ensure a variety of makers. Our I'On neighbors will have priority participation before September 22nd. After the 22nd, the application will be open to artisans outside of I'On should space permit.

Save the Date

Halloween in the 'Hood - Saturday, October 30, 4:00-6:00 pm. Contact [Margaret Summers](#) if you would like to join the planning team or volunteer the day of Halloween in the 'Hood - we would love and need your support!



It's that time of year again!

The next couple of months could be a wild ride for many if NOAA's Atlantic hurricane mid-season update proves true. NOAA has doubled down on its initial seasonal forecast issued in May by announcing that the season will continue to be above-average.



Be Safe...Click [HERE](#) to see I'On At Home's Hurricane Preparation Guidelines

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>

Butterfly Garden

The I'On Butterfly Garden and the Future of Monarch Butterflies

September marks the beginning of the Monarch butterfly migration to Mexico. This extraordinary journey begins in early March when Monarchs that overwinter in the oyamel forests of central Mexico return to the US. They lay their eggs on milkweed plants, mostly in Texas, and create the first generation of Monarchs; after this, the parent generation dies. Their offspring spread through the Midwest and Southeast, where 2-3 additional generations of Monarchs are produced. The journey continues all the way to Canada; in August, the last generation produced is non-reproductive in order to have sufficient energy for the 2,000-3,000 mile return flight to Mexico. Those that survive the ordeal spend the winter in Mexico and begin the process of return once again as the weather warms in the spring.



Monarchs by the Millions Spend the Winter in the Oyamel Forests of Mexico

What has this inspirational story got to do with the I'On Butterfly Garden? Here's a brief background of why we exist and what we do. First we need to understand the problem that Monarchs are facing. The age-old Monarch migration which once contained billions of butterflies is endangered as the population of this remarkable species has declined over 80 percent since the mid-1990s. And the prognosis is not

good. Just this past year reports from Mexico's overwintering sites showed that the number of butterflies was down 26 percent from the 2020 count. Major reasons given for the precipitous drop in Monarchs are loss of habitat due to land development, destruction of milkweed and other flowers due to the widespread use of lethal agricultural chemicals (especially glyphosate), and climate change (associated with extreme weather events and habitat destruction). If these trends are not reversed, Monarchs may face extinction in the decades ahead.

All is not bleak, however. The I'On community is part of a national effort to aid the survival of Monarch butterflies, pollinators in general, and the native plants on which they depend. A genuine community effort, our HOA and Board have funded the garden since its creation in 2015, and a team of I'On residents planted the garden. A volunteer corps of neighbors called Team BG helps to maintain the garden, provides a beautiful nature area for residents and visitors to enjoy, and increases environmental awareness. Our special focus is on Monarchs through the widespread growing of milkweed and other native plants and our certification as one of over 30,000 Monarch Waystations for migrating and breeding Monarch butterflies. Our efforts have been so successful that Monarchs have become one of the most common butterflies in the garden. Their numbers will only increase as the migration season begins and continues well into November. We hope to see you at the garden to witness the butterflies and caterpillars and ponder the awe-inspiring odyssey these fragile and beautiful creatures undertake each year. Obviously, our garden will not save the Monarchs, but by increasing awareness and appreciation for Monarchs among our friends and neighbors we are making a contribution toward achieving necessary larger changes.



Monarch on Native Milkweed at the Butterfly Garden

You Can Help...

I'on Community Garden

For many years, Ginger Black has dedicatedly headed the Annual Community Yard Sale. Due to her work schedule, Ginger will be stepping down from her position this year so we are looking for someone who can take this on. It is a very easy job. Someone who is experienced with social media can advertise on those platforms instead of the local newspaper. It only requires changing a date number on the sign and hanging it up at our entrance.

If you are interested, please feel free to email Ginger, gblack4720@aol.com, or call her (843)388-7479 with questions!

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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!

As Fall Approaches, It's Time to Shift Gears in the Garden

In the Community Garden and the home garden, September is a time of moderating temperatures and shorter days, but we are fortunate in Zone 8b to have a mild climate that allow us to garden all year. We are now in a transition time between the warm-hot garden season and the cool-cold season, and this requires some preparation to ensure that we maintain our garden's health and productivity.

The first order of business is to clean up the summer garden that worked so hard for us the past few months producing lovely tomatoes, basil, eggplant, peppers, and more. Don't just get rid of those plants if they are healthy and producing. Did you know that all the above-mentioned plants are tender perennials under the right growing conditions? If, for instance, they are protected from freezing temperatures by using frost protection outdoors or potted and moved indoors during the occasional cold spell, these plants can overwinter and bounce back when spring returns to give you a big head start on growing a new harvest. If overwintering is not an option, many of your healthy plants will continue to produce for you until the cold weather finishes them off. Then, or if plants are unhealthy or dead and dying, they need to be removed from the garden along with any diseased, rotting plant material on the ground.

Next you will want to improve your soil for replanting now or in the spring. If you are growing a fall-winter garden, add plenty of compost or manure as a top dressing or lightly incorporate it into the top inch of soil. Once plants have grown to a few inches tall, add 2-3" of mulch (straw and chopped leaves are ideal) that can decompose and add needed organic matter to the soil. If you don't plan to grow until spring, you can add even more organic matter to be broken down over the winter. Or you can skip the mulch and plant a soil-enriching ground cover of red clover, rye grass, or Austrian winter peas to be incorporated into the soil in the spring.

Now comes the fun if you intend to keep planting. Here are some plants to try in addition to the traditional brassicas, lettuces, and root vegetables. Flowers! Some of these cool-weather beauties are actually edible such as calendula, pansies, and nasturtiums. Others are mainly decorative such as garden (not florist) chrysanthemums, dianthus, snapdragons, dusty miller, and sweet alyssum. Another great edible choice is herbs. Among these are annuals such as dill, cilantro, and parsley; or perennials like marjoram, thyme, sage, tarragon, and chervil. There are also many exciting mints to grow, but they need to be confined to containers to keep them from taking over your garden.

Now get started enjoying the great September weather and look forward to a renewed and productive garden.

April Gordon (dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com)



Edible Flowers in a Mixed Garden with Kale and Herbs Make an Ideal Fall-Winter Garden



A Mixture of Herbs Planted Directly in the Ground and in Pots Can Keep Invasives like Mint under Control