

LIVING IN I'ON

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I'On Board Meetings 2021

On the following date at 6:00pm:

- Nov. 22
- Dec. 20



The Giving Lights of I'On

Entering the 19th year of this annual luminary fundraiser, we are mindful of the number of neighbors, families, and volunteers that have supported this wonderful I'On tradition throughout the years.

This special event not only brings the I'On community together but also contributes to a local nonprofit that supports the greater Mount Pleasant community in such a significant way. This year's recipient East Cooper Community Outreach (ECCO) began after the devastating effects of Hurricane Hugo (1989) and has been growing and serving the community ever since. And as we all know, the past year and half of difficulties has only increased the need of such a vital organization as ECCO.



With your support in mind, we hope that you will be participating in the luminary fundraiser to help light up the neighborhood for the Holiday Festival of Giving (see details on 6) knowing you are making a significant impact to the neighbors ECCO helps serve.

We especially want to thank ALL OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS (our boots on the ground) delivering & receiving all those orders! Karen Albenesius, Meredith Banas, Pam Bishop, Margie Bondy, Jodie Cochran, Bebe Coyle, Carol Degnen, Lydia Engelhardt, Donna Feldman, Jacqueline Ferguson, Debbie Ferrer, Susan Fitzgerald, Amy Flounders, April Gordon, Kathie Haas, Linda Hanson, Janet Harper, Kaki Hinton, Louise Howell, Mary Kaplan, Beth Maass, Yun Mai, Marybeth Maroulis, Andrea Martin, Cathy Mooney, Nadia Mostafa, Wendy Nixon, Mallory Norvell, Gail Paul, Cheryl Pitts, Mary Ellen Raphael, Cathy Remington, Marianne Sanderson, Lynn Shull, Claudia Stenstrom-Kontor, Myrto Tsavalas, Becky Van Wie, Sarah Vineyard, and Joan Zaleski. **And a special thank you to our Giving Lights Committee:** Elisabeth Burch & Harriet Ripinsky, Co-Chairs; with Kristen Anderson, Carol Dickey, Linda Hanson, Janet Harper, Elizabeth Hazard, Deborah Howard, Myrto Tsavalas & Katarina Vemdal.

Deadline for Luminary Orders is Friday, November 12!!

Last year we had 523 homes participate, just shy of 70% of our households - record breaking!

Let's see if we can increase our participation to 75% - that's with 571 homes! The neighborhood will look magical on December 5th!!

For more information on The Giving Lights of I'on visit iontrust.org

You're Invited...

...First Friday

Friday November 5, 6-8PM

11 Krier Lane, Hosted by Jane Sheehan

Many thanks to Mary Kaplan and Fred White for hosting our October First Friday. There were close to 100 in attendance ;a great night with great people in a beautiful setting.

Our next First Friday cocktail party is indoors on Friday, November 5, from 6-8pm, graciously hosted by Jane Sheehan at 11 Krier Lane.

No need to RSVP, just please remember to bring your own libations, drinking glasses and a small appetizer for all to share. Our hostess has requested all guests be vaccinated.

We still have openings for February, March, August, November and December 2022 (thank you Carter Ward for offering to host in January!) - please contact Wendy Nixon at [203.858.7909](tel: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, November 9, 10 am - noon

On the porch and in the garden of Cathy Mooney 54 Fernandina St.

Share your Thanksgiving plans with neighbors while enjoying coffee and conversation with neighbors. 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, November 17, 6:30pm at the Creek Club

Hosted by Joyce and Dick Stifel

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](mailto:Lydia.Engelhardt) or call 843-884-8400.

We REALLY hope to see you there.



...Based on polling of regular Potluck attendees. we are requesting that all guests be fully vaccinated.

...Yarn Buddies

Wednesday, November 17, 10am - 12

Hosted by Sally Raver, 97 North Shelmore

Anyone interested in the needlework arts and hand-crafting endeavors is welcome to attend. Please call Sally at 203- 219-2256 (c), 843-654-5184 (h) or email her at sallyraver97@gmail.com if you are able to attend.

...Lunch Bunch

Thursday, November 18, 12:30pm

Crave Restaurant at Seaside Farms, Hosted by Sheila Vanek

November Lunch Bunch is on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at Crave Restaurant at 12:30 pm. Please join us and get to know, or know better, your neighbors! Everyone is asked to follow current CDC guidelines and wear a mask until seated. RSVP to Sheila at svanek1@gmail.com by November 16

From the HOA

I'On Board of Trustees Board Candidate Questionnaires Now Available

Are you interested in serving on the I'On Board of Trustees? **Three (two-year term)** Board seats will be up for election in January. Current long-term Board members- Tom O'Brien, Trey Mathisen and Johann von Asten- will not be running for another term. This election is a great opportunity to get involved in the I'On community. Board members are available to discuss job responsibilities and what it is like to serve on the Board. All we ask is that you can commit at least two hours a week and have an open mind about making decisions that are in the best interest of all 761 titleholders. Current Board member email addresses are listed on the [I'On community website](#) if you want to reach out to any of them to learn more about volunteering.

The Board welcomes all residents to attend our monthly meetings, via conference call, which are held on the third Monday of each month. This is also a great way to personally get a feel for how the Board operates.

If you are interested in submitting an application to run, please [CLICK HERE](#). Applications are due by November 22, 2021. Feel free to contact Emily Simpson with any questions: esimpson@ravenelassociates.com or 843-388-7547

2022 Annual Assessment

It is time for the 2022 I'On Assembly (HOA) annual assessments! The assessment invoices, along with a copy of the 2022 budget, will be mailed out mid-November. Assessment payments are due on January 1, 2022. If you have had any issues receiving bills in the past, recently moved, or live in I'On part-time PLEASE reach out to the I'On Assembly office, 843-388-7547 or e-mail Emily Simpson to confirm the billing information on file is accurate. It is the homeowner's responsibility to update changes in mailing/ billing info to ensure prompt receipt of annual assessment. Late fees are charged for payments received after 11:59pm on January 31, 2022.

I'On Signage Reminders!

Recently, we have noticed an influx of political and school signage posted on homeowner's properties.

I'On Covenants allow political and school signs to be posted on homeowner's lots during the election season and graduation, however, now that graduations have passed, all school signs should be removed from I'On properties.

Please have all signs, with the exception of for sale signs and construction signs, removed by November 16, 2021. This will allow signs to remain posted for over 2 weeks following TOMP elections.

We have also noticed several "slow down" signs posted in the right of way strips and homeowner's properties along Eastlake Road and Sowell Street. We appreciate the concern and understand that people tend to speed in certain areas of the neighborhood. However, the Town of Mt. Pleasant regulates where this type of signage is posted. If the TOMP has not approved the installation of this signage, then it will be removed by management when seen in the right of way strips or on HOA property.

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.

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Trashcan Screening/Landscape Debris Reminders!

As a general reminder to all residents, please remember that trash cans must be screened from view with the exception of trash pick-up day. We are seeing an increase in the number of trash cans and recycling bins that are being left out in plain view throughout the week.

Trash cans should be rolled out to the street on Sunday evenings or early Monday morning on trash day. They should be returned back to their screened location by Monday evening. Recycling bins should be rolled out on Wednesday evening or Thursday morning on recycling pick-up day and returned to their screened location after pick-up.

Per the I'On Rules and Regulation, section D-104 Trash and Refuse. "Trash and refuse containers shall be stored inside of the dwelling or garage on a lot or otherwise at the rear or side of the lot and adequately screened with architectural and/or landscape elements in a manner approved pursuant to Article IV of the Declaration. Each Titleholder shall keep all parts of his or her lot in good order and repair, and free from debris."

If your trash/recycling bins are visible from the street, or **even from an alley**, then they are **not** in compliance with the I'On rule. We are asking all residents to look at your property, and if you can see your trash/recycling bins from the street or the alley, then you will be required to properly screen the bins with IDC approved architectural or landscape screening. If your trash/recycling bin is not properly screened, the Covenants Committee will be sending a letter requiring you to move and/or properly screen the bins.

We appreciate your understanding and compliance to a rule that you agreed to adhere to upon the purchase of your property.

Also, please remember that landscaping debris must be hauled off by your landscaping contractors. Contractors are not permitted to leave landscaping debris behind or dump it anywhere in the community. If you have personal landscaping debris, it should only be put out to the curb the evening before pick up and not left out all week.

We appreciate everyone's consideration to this matter!

Please pick up after your pets!

Please remember to be courteous and responsible pet owners and clean up after your pets. We are receiving an influx of complaints regarding pet owners not properly disposing of pet waste. Pet waste should not be left anywhere, but specifically should not be left on common areas that are used by all residents. These areas include, but are not limited to, the Eastlake Soccer field, Maybank Green, around East Lake and Westlake, the Rookery, and on the Marsh paths.

Several of these areas permit dogs to be off leash, but that does not mean that their waste does not have to be picked up and properly disposed of. Please keep a watchful eye on your dog at all times, especially when it is off leash in these areas, so that you may accurately locate where your dog leaves a "deposit" in need of picking up. As a reminder, Town of Mt. Pleasant leash laws do apply on I'On streets and sidewalks, therefore pets must be leashed while walking on Town streets and sidewalks.

Pet waste is not fertilizer, it is toxic and can carry millions of bacteria that can cause serious health issues to humans, especially children and those with compromised immune systems. No one enjoys stepping in pet waste, but even more importantly, pet waste is toxic to lawns, contaminates the water systems and is extremely hazardous to the environment.

The Assembly supplies many pet waste stations throughout the neighborhood to make properly disposing of pet waste convenient. Please take a few extra moments to use them and clean up after your pets. I'On is a beautiful community, let's keep it clean and enjoyable for all!

I'On's Favorite Halloween House - 2021

Congratulations to the **Roberts family at 89 Jane Jacobs Street** for decorating their house so "spookily" and being awarded our Favorite Halloween House for 2021. Amanda and Mathew moved from Dallas five years ago so that Mathew could take a position at the College of Charleston as Athletic Director. Their two young boys, ages 7 and 4, love this time of year and join in the fun of helping Dad decorate their home for Halloween. From now through Christmas, Mathew goes all in to make the family home as festive as possible, feeling like he's "won the Super Bowl" all season long! Thank you to everyone who took the time to send in nominations, and sincere appreciation to **The Square Onion** for providing a \$25 gift certificate for our winner! Our final award for the year will be for I'On's Best Dressed Holiday House. More details about how to nominate will follow early December.



The Roberts Family, 89 Jane Jacobs Street



The Roberts home at night



This Month with The I'On Trust...

Fall Artist Market - Don't Miss it!!



Come celebrate our innovative & creative neighbors!

The I'On Trust invites you to bring family and friends for a morning of shopping some of your neighbors beautiful creations, visiting with neighbors, and enjoying food with local **food truck, Brunch Holiday.**

Saturday, November 13
9:00am - 1:00pm
Maybank Green

Artists participating: **Charleston Shell Shack, Greyson Lucas Designs, Jewels by Peggy, , Juggling Board Press, Joyce Erb Fine Art, Kiki Luesebrink, L and M Designs, Linda L Hanson, Penelope Leighton, Susy "Q" Styles, Sweetfully Pickled, 4Hammeredchicks, & 980 Gourmet Sauces and Marinades**

Holiday Festival of Giving

Sunday, December 5 glowing candles will line the streets of I'On in celebration of the holiday season!

Don your most festive holiday sweater and light your luminaries in front of your home at by 5:30pm. At 6pm, join us at Westlake Amphitheater where we will present the proceeds of the Giving Lights to this year's recipient, ECCO.

*****The celebration will continue with our traditional carriage rides to view the luminaries. Carriage rides are free & tickets will be available through an eblast on Wednesday, Dec. 1. The email sign up is first come, first serve. Tickets per sign up are limited.**

Details on the evening's event will be included in the December newsletter.

Grub on the Green

Sunday, November 7, 4-7pm
Maybank Green

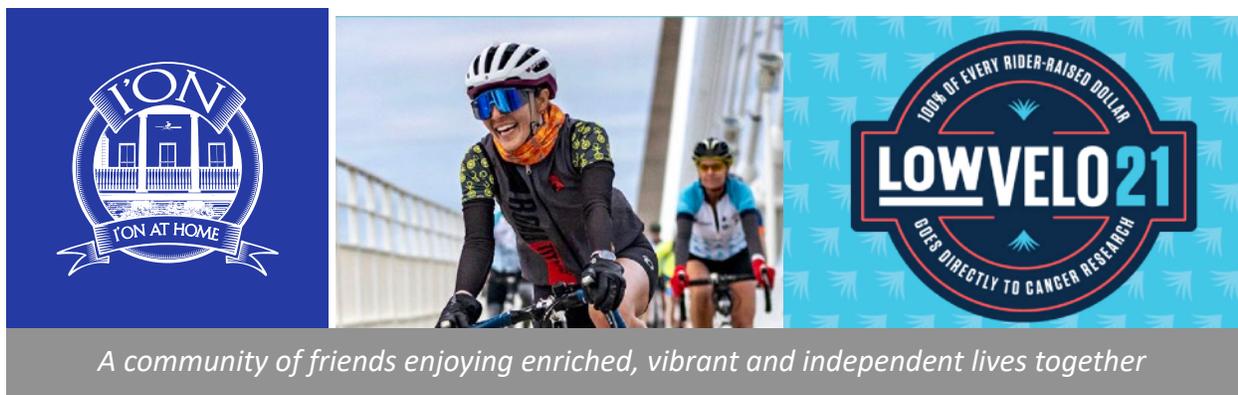
Come out and support our local food trucks for the last date of the year!

Chef Racks & Smokin Gringos will be available for your evening fare with **Bitty Chip Cookies** for some sweets.

Click on the logos below to see their menus.

Ordering usually opens an hour or so before event time.





Greetings,

IAH members Len Hanson, Peg Higgins, Penny Leighton and their friends Dick Stifel and CJ Pelletier have volunteered to bike for cancer research. As members of “Team I’On”, they’re participating in “LOWVELO”, an event created to support the Hollings Cancer Center at the Medical University of South Carolina.

The Hollings Cancer Center’s bold mission is to eradicate cancer. It is the largest academic-based cancer research program in SC and the only National Cancer Institute designated cancer center in the state.

The team will be representing you on November 6th and has committed to raising a minimum of \$2,500.

100% of all money donated will go to the Hollings Cancer Center. They need your support. It is easy to donate. Go to www.lowvelo.org/rider/peloton/281.

If you prefer to write a check, make it payable to MUSC Foundation and mail it to:

Hollings Cancer Center, 86 Jonathon Lucas Street, Suite MSC955, Charleston, SC 29425

Or you can send it to Len Hanson at 87 Moultrieville Road, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464

And if you’d like to ride with them, Len, Peg, Penny, Dick, and CJ would welcome you with open arms.

Thanks!



I'on Community Garden

Annual Community Yard Sale

The Annual Community Yard sale is typically held the first Saturday in November, which means that it would have been November 6th.

Unfortunately, no one stepped up to replace Ginger Black who has organized this event for many years. Without an organizer, the yard sale will not be advertised or promoted this year.

Residents are still welcome to hold their own individual yard sales on this day. If several neighbors on your street are interested in participating, you are welcome to get together and self-advertise for your sales. You can also place signs throughout the neighborhood marking the address of your sales.

Our only request is that all signs are removed at the conclusion of the event.

If anyone is interested in helping to organize this event for next year, please let us know in the HOA office.

Coming on January 1, 2022: Signup for a Community Garden Plot

Are you interested in gardening but your yard is too small or too shady? Well, imagine having your own 5' x 8' raised bed garden plot for a whole year to grow organic vegetables, berries, herbs, or flowers. Available to I'on residents on a first come, first serve basis, 1 of 27 plots can be yours in I'on's Community Garden conveniently located on Eastlake Road in a beautiful, sunny area integrated with I'on's unique Butterfly Garden.

For \$75, your cleared and amended garden space will be ready to plant as early as mid-February. The Community Garden is surrounded by a perimeter fence with fresh wood chips added to pathways each year. Water and straw mulch are available, and both novice or experienced gardeners will benefit from planting guides, an informative garden orientation meeting, a lending library of gardening books, and occasional garden workshops (on demand).

Don't miss the chance to enjoy the wholesome and healthy activity of gardening with your family or friends. For more information, contact April Gordon at dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com.



Newly Planted Community Garden from March 2021

How to Recycle Right!

Please **ONLY** recycle items like these:



PAPER



PLASTIC BOTTLES & CONTAINERS



ALUMINUM & STEEL CANS



GLASS JARS & BOTTLES



Do Not Recycle, Place in Garbage:

Plastic Bags
Plastic Wrap
Styrofoam
Food Waste
Shredded Paper
Medical Waste
Construction Debris
Garden Hoses

Donate:

Clothing & Shoes
Household Goods
Toys, Books, CDs
Furniture

Drop Off at a Charleston County Convenience Center:

Electronics, Light Bulbs, Batteries, Household Chemicals, Paint, Tires, Scrap Metal and Oil

Butterfly Garden

Highlights of the Fall Butterfly Garden

Summer is over and the days of Fall are getting shorter and cooler but, surprising to many, this is one of the best times to see butterflies. Although many flowers are no longer in bloom or are well past their prime, others are still blooming vigorously or just coming into bloom to provide a bounty of flower nectar for adult butterflies or leaves to feed their caterpillars.

The most well-known spectacle to look for now is increasing numbers of Monarchs on their migration to Mexico. In our area the peak for migration occurs in November, and Monarch caterpillars have been found on milkweed leaves in the garden as late as early December. Brilliant orange Gulf Fritillary caterpillars are also at their peak with their caterpillars so abundant that almost every leaf of their passionvine host plants is tattered or completely devoured. Also found in large numbers are the sunny Cloudless Sulphurs found hanging from the flowers of scarlet salvia and our enormous Turk's Cap shrub. Many diverse bees and butterflies, including the lovely Common Buckeye, are drawn to the climbing asters on the garden fence. Deserving special mention is the infrequent but exquisite Zebra Longwing that appears in our area only in the Fall.

These are just a few of the butterflies to be seen in the Fall garden so keep your eyes open for others that may show up. To identify the butterflies you see, check our laminated butterfly guide found in the information box under the butterfly garden sign or send a photo to me



By late November, Passionvines have been Devoured by Gulf Fritillary Caterpillars



Beautifully Patterned Common Buckeye one of many Butterflies on Climbing Aster



The Zebra Longwing Visits the Garden in the Fall



Cloudless Sulphur Seeks Nectar from Turk's Cap Flower



Newly emerged from its Chrysalis, this fresh Monarch clings to April's finger

Welcome New Neighbors

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

- Ron Afflebach - 66 Saturday Road
- Sam & Katherin Anderson - 190 Ionsborough St
- Blaire & Kyle Harder - 19 Edenton Road
- Sean McKinless - 50 Hopetown Road
- George & Susan Miller - 80 Sowell Street
- Tucker Ramsden - 31 McDaniel Lane
- Janet & Tim Shaughnessy - 47 Joggling Street
- Lisa & Dave Streiff - 14 Saturday Road
- Leslie Bohannon & Brian Tolbert - 186 Ionsborough Street

Moving Around I'On:

- Jennifer & Eugene Gallagher - 183 East Shipyard Road

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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!

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Notice Something New on Eastlake?

Our lakes are the centerpiece of our community. Often in the past few years, their pristine appearance has been spoiled by algae blooms.

These plantings provide a natural way of reducing the elements that cause the algae blooms, namely erosion, chemical contaminants, and animal waste from pets and our "visiting" waterfowl. This installation is the direct result of a grass roots effort (pun intended) by a group of community members who wanted to provide information and research to the HOA on natural ways to address issues in our community.

Working with Clemson University Extension Service and other pond management experts, including The Greenery's Aquatics division, the group found that it was proven that certain plantings in and around bodies of water will absorb chemicals and contaminants before they run into the water and help hold back erosion that reduces the lakes' depth. The HOA looked at these findings, agreed and took action.

These plantings will not only be good for the lakes, but they will beautify them as well. Things will not change overnight, but this is a good example of how you, our community members, can work as a resource to the HOA.

Look for more innovative ideas on natural solutions to homeowner issues from our community group and contact Carol Degnen (cdegnen@gmail.com) if you would like to become involved.

You Can Help....

Annual Wreath Fluffing and Hanging....Volunteers Needed!

It's time for the annual "fluffing and hanging" of the holiday wreaths! This year's wreath hanging is scheduled for Saturday, November 20th at 10:00 AM at the Scramble playground. The Scramble is the playground located behind the I'On Square parking lot, nestled between Civitas, Ionsborough and N. Shelmore. The Decorating Committee needs wreath "fluffers" and wreath "hangers" to assist in decorating the neighborhood for the holidays! Wreath fluffers will assist in fluffing the wreaths and bows that have been in storage for the past year. Wreath hangers will use a step ladder to hang wreaths from the lampposts. Wreath hanging instructions, maps, and zip ties will be provided. Each team of at least two volunteers will need a car or golf cart, scissors, and a stepladder. Please confirm your participation with Kiki so we can get an idea of how many helpers there will be! **Please RSVP to Kiki Luesebrink if you can help with this annual tradition! Kiki can be reached by email at dbakiki@aol.com or phone at 949-637-2445.**