

LIVING IN I'ON

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You're Invited

Lunch Bunch - TBD
01/07 First Friday
Women's Coffee - cancelled
01/19 Potluck Dinner
01/26 Yarn Buddies

Other Important Dates

01/11 IDC Submittal Deadline
01/13 Recycling Pickup
01/25 IDC Submittal Deadline
01/27 Recycling Pickup

Creek Club Dock Closures

01/08 3:55 - 4:25 pm
01/09 3:25 - 3:55 pm
01/16 4:25 - 4:55 pm
01/22 3:55 - 4:25 pm
01/29 5:25 - 5:55 pm

I'On Board Meetings 2022

On the following date at 6:00pm:

01/26 - Annual Meeting (social hour at 5 pm)

I'On's Best Dressed Holiday House - 2021

Congratulations to the **Frisch family** who live at **62 Jane Jacobs** for winning the award for **I'On's Best Dressed Holiday House, 2021**. Decorating for Christmas has been a Frisch family tradition for many years, beginning when Shannon was a child and helped her father put up the lights around their house in Philly. When the Frischs moved to I'On 10 years ago, Shannon's Dad would drive down every year from Philly to help decorate and so a new tradition began. After moving from their house on Perseverance Street to Jane Jacobs in 2017, the Frisch family have added more lights and new outdoor decorations each year. Shannon explains that "the boys love helping their Poppop hang balls in the trees, put the snowman together and light up the reindeer." Now that Shannon's parents have moved to Charleston full time, the entire family gets to spend much more time together, and really enjoy the Holidays they work so hard to prepare for! Special thanks to our sponsor, **The Square Onion**, for presenting the Frisch family with a \$25 gift certificate, and sincere appreciation to the entire I'On community for embracing our program this year. The Landscape Committee looks forward to a new Yard of the Month/Gift To The Street Award Program beginning in Spring, 2022.



Decorating with Poppop



Festive Frisch decorations



You're Invited...

...First Friday

JANUARY FIRST FRIDAY CANCELLED

Due to the increase in COVID cases, January First Friday is cancelled. We hope to resume in the near future.

We still have openings for February, March, August, November and December 2022. 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.

...Lunch Bunch

A THURSDAY LATER IN JANUARY, 4 pm. DETAILS TBD

With COVID once more threatening us all, we have decided that an indoor lunch bunch for January isn't a wise idea. However, we will be watching the weather and if there is good weather on a Thursday in late January, we will invite everyone to join us outside the Square Onion at 4 PM for a social hour. Watch your email for more information! Everyone can bring the drink of their choice! -- Questions? Contact [Barbara Fowler](#) or [Dale Brokaw](#)

...Women's Coffee

JANUARY WOMEN'S COFFEE CANCELLED

Due to the increase in Covid cases in the area, we have made the decision to cancel the January 11 gathering at Margie Bondy's home at 107 Civitas Street. We look forward to more favorable status in the months ahead.

Women's coffees are sponsored by the I'On Trust.

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

...Yarn Buddies

Wednesday, January 26, 10 am - noon

Hosted by Susan Fitzgerald, 185 North Shelmore

Susan Fitzgerald will be hosting Yarn Buddies on Wednesday, January 26th, from 10:00 AM to 12 Noon. Her lovely home is at 185 North Shelmore. Anyone interested in the needlework arts and hand-crafting endeavors is welcome to attend. Please text Susan or email if you are able to attend: susan.ivey.fitzgerald@gmail.com or cell 703-402-3298.

...Potluck Dinner

Wednesday, January 19, 6:30 pm at the Creek Club

Hosted by Myrto and Yannis Tsavalas

Come celebrate the new year with neighbors. 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.

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

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This Month with The I'On Trust...

THANK YOU FOR BEING A LIGHT IN OUR COMMUNITY

This year's Giving Lights of I'On fundraiser was one for the record books!!

The I'On Trust is thrilled that so many of you participated in the Giving Lights this year and we want to thank you all. We had an incredible 75% (577 households) participation!! And our volunteers put together and deliver 960 luminary kits - that's 11,520 candles and bags!

At this year's Holiday Festival, The I'On Trust, on behalf of the I'On community, had the privilege to present East Cooper Community Outreach a check for \$30,000. We want to extend an enormous thank you to our army of volunteers that led the effort: our 39 luminary captains - they delivered & received all those orders from all of you - and the Giving Lights committee Co-Chairs Harriet Ripinsky & Elisabeth Burch, along with committee members Kristen Anderson, Carol Dickey, Linda Hanson, Janet Harper, Elizabeth Hazard, Deborah Howard, Myrto Tsavalas, & Katarina Vemdal.

We also want to thank and recognize a very special gift by an anonymous I'On neighbor who so generously underwrote the material cost of the fundraiser. This meant 100% of the funds from the sale of the kits & donations went directly to support ECCO. We also had another family make a matching donor pledge in our last week of sales to help us hit such a milestone goal.

These wonderful donations along with so many other I'On neighbors who gave so generously shattered all previous records in The Giving Lights history - the bar is set high for next year.

ECCO organizers were just amazed and so grateful for the support of the I'On community. Executive Director, Stephanie Kelley wrote "Words cannot adequately describe how blessed we feel to have been the recipient of the 2021 Giving Lights event at I'On. Thank you for being a light in our community."

We are grateful for our neighbors and overwhelmed by your generous spirit!

**We are looking forward to 2022!
Happy New Year!**

Perseverance Square Brick Engraving

Michele Wilson has offered again this year to spearhead the Brick Engraving Project at Perseverance Park for 2022. We are delighted that she continues to be enthusiastic and committed to this opportunity for neighbors.

For those of you unfamiliar with this wonderful I'On tradition, the project began in 2004 and now over 500 bricks have been engraved surrounding the fountain in Perseverance Square. Names of I'On residents, dear friends, and beloved pets along with those who have made a difference in someone's life or who have contributed to the community can be found on the bricks there. Orders can be placed now (a special holiday gift?) through March 10th, 2022. Engraved bricks will be installed in April of 2022. Each brick costs \$35 and can be engraved with up to 3 lines, 13 characters per line. You may place your brick order by clicking [HERE](#).



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

I'On At Home News

We began 2021 with trepidation. COVID had arrived and challenged how in the world we would provide programming and services to our members. With the capable leadership of our Board, this year has been busy, productive and robust - despite COVID.

We welcomed 33 new members this year, a net increase of 12 new members. We produced more than 150 programs allowing our members to socialize, learn and stay healthy. Gradually, our volunteer service requests are growing and being met while maintaining the safety of our members and our volunteers. Financially, we are in good shape. We exceeded our financial targets and increased our reserves.

None of these accomplishments would have been possible without an exceptionally talented Board. I'd like to thank **Yannis Tsavalas** (Vice President), **Jean Anglin** (Secretary/Treasurer), **Steve Degnen** (Marketing and Communications Chair), **Mary Kaplan** (Membership Chair), **Joe Fanelli** and **Peggy Watt** (Programs Co-Chairs), **Janet Harper** and **Cathy Mooney** (Volunteers Services Co-Chairs) and **Mary Holtz** (Administrative Manager) for their dedicated service and hard work throughout 2021.

I'On At Home wishes each and every one of our neighbors a Happy, Healthy New Year.

Peg Higgins
IAH President



If you're 55+ come 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>

Did you know?

Sick Raccoons

It has been brought to our attention that there has been an increase in sickly raccoon sightings, not only in I'On, but throughout the Charleston area. We have been told that the majority of these sightings have been raccoons with distemper and not rabies. Below is a link to an article regarding the differences between distemper and rabies and what you might reference when you see a sickly raccoon in your area. Please note that this is a Canadian website. The contact information and phone will not get you assistance in the U.S.

<https://www.ontariowildliferemoval.ca/distemper-in-raccoons/>

If you see a sickly raccoon on common property (ie. Westlake path, Amphitheater, Perseverance Park, Scramble Playground, Maybank Green, etc)- on a Monday - Friday you can call the Assembly office to notify management. If after-hours, call 843-768-9480 and leave a message with the after hours service notating the location of said raccoon.

If an owner has a raccoon on their property, it is the owners responsibility to call Animal Control (only open Monday-Friday), on weekends call a licensed wildlife removal service.

I'On Community Garden

Happy New Year at the Community Garden: Plot Signup begins January 1, 2022

Begin the New Year with a garden plot in the I'On Community Garden, conveniently located on Eastlake Rd. Make a resolution you can keep: growing your own delicious, healthy produce (and herbs and flowers!) all year long.

For only \$75, I'On residents are eligible for a 5' x 8' raised bed garden that is amended yearly and supplied with water and mulched pathways inside a fenced area. Garden and planting information are also provided. Garden plots are available on a first come-first serve basis, so apply now as an individual or with family or friends. Plots can be planted after the garden opening on February 12.

Also come see our new taller garden fence replacing the side by the soccer field that has received considerable wear-and-tear over the years. We thank the I'On Board for their generosity in funding the new fence. Happy New Year and Happy Gardening!

Contact garden coordinator April Gordon at iongarden@gmail.com to receive your registration form.



New Fence at the Community Garden

Butterfly Garden

Warm December Yields Flowers and Butterflies at the Butterfly Garden

Due to an almost Spring-like December, the Butterfly Garden had more butterflies than usual. Of special note, an unprecedented number of Monarch butterflies and Gulf Fritillaries could be seen as late as the week before Christmas. At least six Monarchs were flying from nectar flower to flower thanks to the remaining milkweed, scarlet salvia, and Mexican sunflowers that would normally have been killed by cold weather. Even more unexpected, Monarch caterpillars were discovered in various stages of development fattening on milkweed leaves.



**Monarch
Butterfly on
Milkweed**

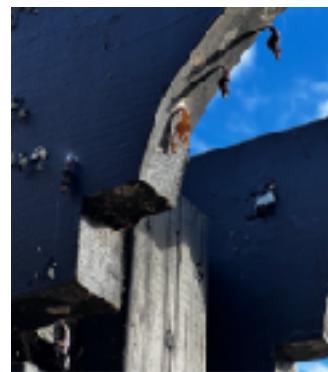


**One of several Monarch
Caterpillars Discovered on
Milkweed**

Several adult Gulf Fritillaries were also still around, as well as at least twenty caterpillars on still healthy passionvine leaves. [Photo 3] Most amazing, a spectacle I had failed to notice because it was above my head, were at least a dozen Gulf Fritillary chrysalises attached to the top of the garden gate. [Photo 4] Whether these late season adult butterflies and developing Monarch and Fritillary caterpillars and chrysalises will survive colder temperatures in January is an open question.



**Gulf Fritillary
Caterpillars Were
Numerous on
Remaining
Passionvine Leaves**



**Gulf Fritillary
Chrysalises are
Scattered around
the Top of the
Garden Gate**

Also newsworthy, the new section of garden fence impacts the Butterfly Garden as well as the Community Garden. The fence is taller than the old fence and now extends out two feet farther to enclose most of the butterfly garden plants inside rather than outside the fence. We are excited by the new look this will give the entire garden area and how it will invite people to come inside the fence to see it all. On a deeper level, visitors are encouraged to enter the garden and realize that, as in the world at large, bees and butterflies (and the native plants they need to survive) are not separate from or in conflict with our need to feed ourselves. Most of our food crops are pollinated by bees and butterflies and finding better ways to protect their wellbeing and coexist with nature is vital to our survival. Our Community Garden and Butterfly Garden will exemplify this reality better than ever.

April Gordon (dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com)

Welcome New Neighbors

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

- Jose Rodrigues & Donna Brennan - 54 Jogging St
- Julia & Steven Cosgrove - 58 Fernandina St
- Jack & Alice Lynch - 39 Robert Mills Circle
- Colin & Shannon Markison - 182 Ionsborough St
- Ethan & Davina Selfridge - 23 Unwin Way
- Debbie & Jon Wilson - 51 Jogging St

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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!

From the HOA.....

2022 ANNUAL MEETING AND HOA BOARD ELECTION

**Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 5pm
I'On Meeting House 152 Civitas Street**

The agenda for this year's meeting includes the 2022 Civitas Award and the Board of Trustee election. There are three candidates nominated for the three open Board seats. Each candidate would serve a two-year term. The candidates are: Robert Adams, Simon O'Shea, and Michael Spalding. Please read the Annual Meeting package that has been mailed to your home. If you do not receive a meeting packet in the coming weeks, please contact Mary Fraser. The packet includes detailed information on each candidate, the meeting invitation, meeting agenda, Draft 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes, and annual committee reports. If you misplaced your annual meeting notice packet, please contact Mary Fraser.

For the 2022 Annual Meeting, it will be held at the I'On Meeting House, located at 152 Civitas Street. The I'On Assembly will be hosting a reception from 5pm-6pm with beer, wine and sodas. The meeting will start at 6pm. Due to the multiple variants of the Covid-19 virus, the I'On Assembly Board of Directors is requesting those attending the reception and meeting be fully vaccinated. Online voting is accessible [HERE](#) and is open on 9 am on January 4 and will end on January 25 at 5 pm. Paper proxy forms and online votes must be received by the HOA no later than 5:00 PM on, Tuesday January 25, 2022. We invite and encourage all homeowners to attend the annual meeting!

HAPPY NEW YEAR! REMEMBER THAT HOA BILL? IT'S DUE!

The 2022 I'On Assembly Annual Assessment was due on January 1st, but don't fret, you have until January 31st to pay it...but not a day later! The annual budget is based on the assumption that all owners will pay by the due date. When they do not, it impacts the Assembly's ability to fulfill its obligations. You can find the approved collection policy on the I'On website or click [HERE](#).

Questions? Email [Emily Simpson](#).

Please visit www.ravenelassociates.com to pay online or drop check payments off to the HOA office at 159 Civitas Street, Suite 211.