

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

- 04/01 4:55 - 5:25 pm
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I'On Board Meetings 2022

On the following dates at 6:00:

- 04/18 10/17
- 05/16 11/21
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Spring has Sprung. Are you ready for some fun?



**We hope you plan on joining us for these April events.
Be sure to look for event details on page 4.
Information can also be found on iontrust.org.**

**After the Bridge Run Concert
with Josh Roberts & the Hinges
Saturday, April 2
4:00 - 6:00pm
Westlake Amphitheater**



**Grub on the Green
Sunday, April 10
4:30 - 6:30pm
Maybank Green**

**Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 16
9:30am - 10:30am
Maybank Green**



**Artist Market
Saturday, April 30
9am - 1pm
Maybank Green**

You're Invited...

...First Friday

Friday April 1, 6 - 8 pm

Hosted by Elisabeth Burch, 30 Jogging St.

Our next First Friday cocktail party will be on Friday April 1st, graciously hosted by Elisabeth Burch. Elisabeth will be providing an April Fool's specialty cocktail, called....."toilet water." Hah!) It may sound bad but it will be delicious, so you might want to bring an extra glass!

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

Many thanks to Regina Condy and Harris Myers for hosting our March First Friday in their stunning home - everyone had a wonderful time. We're so grateful for the generosity of our hosts opening up your homes to us.

We still have opening for October, November, December, 2022. Please contact Wendy Nixon at 203.858.7909 if you would like to host a party. Our committee will make it easy!

Best, Wendy Nixon, Kari Roeber, and Dawn Beaver, your First Friday committee.

...Women's Coffee

Tuesday April 12, 10 am - noon

At the home of Patti Johnston, 253 Ponsbury Rd

Join the women of I'On for springtime coffee and conversation. Please bring a cup for tea or coffee.

As a courtesy to the hosts and others, please wear a mask if you are not fully vaccinated with a booster. No RSVP needed.

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.

...Potluck Dinner

Wednesday, April 20, 6:30pm at the Creek Club



Hosted by Susan and Bob Fitzgerald and Michele Wilson

Come celebrate spring with your 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. 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. Don't hesitate to arrive solo!

For further information or questions, please contact Wendy Nixon at 203.858.7909. We all REALLY hope to see you there. Potluck coordinators: Wendy Nixon, Lendy Barnard,, Amy Goldy and Carline Soutter.

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

...Lunch Bunch

Thursday, April 21, 12 pm at Alchemist Beverage Co., 665 Johnnie Dodds Blvd.

Hosted by Mary Swenson

The Lunch Bunch will be on Thursday, April 21 at noon at the Alchemist Brewing Company, 665 Johnnie Dodds Blvd. RSVP to Mary Swenson at meswenson31@gmail.com by April 15.

Questions about lunch bunch? Contact Dale Brokaw - dsbrokaw@hotmail.com or Barbara Fowler - barbfow50@gmail.com.

...Yarn Buddies

Wednesday, April 27, 10 am - noon

Hosted by Linda Hanson, 87 Moultrieville

Linda Hanson will be hosting Yarn Buddies on Wednesday, March 23th, from 10:00 AM to 12 Noon. Her home is at 87 Moultrieville. Anyone interested in the needlework arts and hand-crafting endeavors is welcome to attend. Please give her a head's up by text ((843) 364-7500) or email (lindahanson@gmail.com) if you are able to attend.



The I'On Eco Group was formed last fall by a small number of neighbors interested in preserving I'On's beauty.

"Our plan is to provide expert information and research to the HOA and to our neighbors to give them natural ways to address issues in our community," says Carol Degnen.

Plantings on Eastlake's North Shore

Working with Clemson University Extension Service and other pond management experts, the group made recommendations to the HOA to have installed a section of new plantings along Eastlake's north shore. The HOA agreed, since these plantings provide a natural way of reducing the elements that cause algae blooms. The algae blooms are primarily caused by erosion, chemical contaminants from run-off from landscaping and gardens and animal waste from pets and waterfowl.

Collection of Toxic Waste on Earth Day

In celebration of 2022 Earth Day on Saturday, April 23, the group is initiating the first collection of household hazardous materials that can seep into our water supply and create fumes that pollute our air if they end up in landfills. Six teams will gather items including paint, insecticides, fertilizers, cleaning supplies and batteries from their immediate neighborhoods and deliver the items to the Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Center. If the collection is successful, the I'On Eco Group will plan hazardous waste collections monthly in different areas within our neighborhood.

Best Practices for Your Garden

I'On Eco Group looks forward to being part of the bustling and joyous Artist Market on Saturday, April 30th, 9am-1pm. A Master Gardener will be at the group's table to answer questions about organic gardening and native plants. There will also be information on helpful practices and solutions for your home as well as your garden.

For more information on I'On Eco Group, please contact our neighbor Carol Degnen, cdegnen@gmail.com.



This Month with The I'On Trust...

After the Bridge Run Concert with Josh Roberts & the Hinges

Our annual Bridge run Concert is back with local band Josh Roberts & the Hinges! Saturday, April 2, 4-6pm Westlake Amphitheater. So, bring the family, a picnic (food vendors will not be at this event), and your dancing shoes or just your bare feet, for a fun filled time.

**A reminder that West Shipyard will be closed from 3:30 to 6:30pm for the safety of those attending. Please help us ensure that emergency vehicles have proper access by not blocking the ends of the street with cars, golf carts, or bikes. Neighbors are welcome to drop off tables, chairs, tents, etc. However, you are asked to park off of West Shipyard between N Shelmore and Moultrieville.

Grub on the Green

Sunday, April 10 from 4:30 - 7:30pm savory food trucks **El Jefe** and **Tamashii** will be on Maybank Green for your dining fare with **Bitty Chip Cookie** for a sweet treat. Enjoy this beautiful spring weather with a late afternoon picnic on Maybank Green. Click on the logos below for menu information



The Hunt is On!



I'On's Annual Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 16 at 9:30am Maybank Green

The littlest I'On residents are invited to bring their Easter Baskets, collect some eggs, and meet the Easter Bunny. Don't be late because the hunt will start at 9:30am and the eggs go QUICKLY!

Two Age Groups: 1-3 years and 4-8 years

To make certain we have enough eggs, families of egg hunters are asked to deliver 12 stuffed eggs to Bakies porch (collection box the porch) between Tuesday, April 12 & Friday, April 15th. Adult and student volunteers needed for this and other events. **Great opportunity for your student to log service hours. Sign up here to help.**

Giving Lights Nomination Application

Every year around the holidays the Trust coordinates a fundraiser called The Giving Lights of I'On. This fundraising project sells luminary kits to support a local nonprofit. It begins mid October and culminates with the Holiday Festival in early December. If you are passionate about a particular local charity that addresses a basic human need and are willing to head up the volunteer effort of the fundraiser, please follow the link below to find out how you may nominate a charity. **Nomination link [HERE](#)**

Artist Market

Saturday, April 30, 9am - 1pm
Maybank Green.

Come support your creative local artists.



I'On at Twenty-Five...the story continues - Update

I'On at Twenty-Five, now set for release May '22, will help celebrate I'On's quarter century milestone. This wonderful memory book has a little something for everyone. Whether that "something" is a nostalgic trip down memory lane, the desire to acquire knowledge about I'On's history or gain insight as to what exactly goes on behind the scenes to keep the neighborhood ticking, the book documents it all. Illustrated with beautiful photography and art work, each carefully, well-written chapter in *I'On at Twenty-Five* details I'On's journey from the early years right up to the present day. An elegant coffee table book, *I'On at Twenty-Five* makes a perfect gift and lovely keepsake for anyone who calls I'On home now or in the future.

Due to the generosity of many of I'On's residents, along with a very successful pre-sale campaign, fundraising goals were met and exceeded. As a result, all proceeds from the sale of the book will be dedicated to the I'On Community and put towards a commemorative plaque in honor of I'On's 25th Anniversary. Books are now available to order at \$48 each. Due to early pre-sale demand, the first edition supply is limited so don't wait too long!

For more information about *I'On at Twenty-Five* and how to order your copy of this keepsake book, please contact Michele Wilson at:
tenprowcc@icloud.com



Yard of the Month/Gift to the Street Award Program 2022

The Landscaping Committee is pleased to announce that the Yard of the Month/Gift To The Street Award Program 2022 will begin in April. As an integral part of the overall beautification project of I'On, the purpose of the program is to recognize and reward the efforts of our residents who take special pride in their homes and gardens, and who inspire others to do the same.



This year the program will be run seasonally with awards for Spring, Summer and Fall along with awards for our Favorite Halloween and Holiday House decorations in October and December. As in previous years, **Yard of the Month** candidates will be

judged solely on the exterior appearance of the property that can be viewed from the street, lake, canal, and/or marsh trail. Yards will be judged on neatness, landscaping and color. Overall appearance including pruned and trimmed trees and shrubs, healthy, defined and weed-free lawns, borders and flower beds will be considered. Originality and creativity in color and textures, garden art, hanging baskets and pots, and a well maintained ROW strip are also important.

The **Gift to the Street Award** offers recognition to our homeowners who do not have a "yard" but who nevertheless contribute to the beauty of I'On. When it comes to enhancing the public realm, hardscaping details can be as beautiful as landscaping and many I'On homeowners contribute to I'On's streetscape by way of incorporating unique architectural features into their home's facade. These include elegant front entrances and window trim details, columns, brick fences, fountains, iron gates, balconies, planters and inviting courtyards. The Gift to the Street Award helps to acknowledge and reinforce the importance of the relationship between the public and private realms that distinguish I'On from other subdivisions.

Our *Yard of the Month and Gift to the Street Awards* are our way to recognize and reward I'On homeowners for their contribution to the overall beauty and uniqueness of our neighborhood whether by a meticulously kept garden, an elegant architectural detail or a handsome hardscape feature.

So, when you're out in the neighborhood enjoying a walk or bicycle ride and you happen to spot a garden, a home's facade or hardscape detail that particularly catches your eye, make a note of the street address and nominate it for an award. Our Spring awards will be presented during the first week of May. Please send your nominations to:

Michele Wilson at tenprowcc@gmail.com by May 1st.

Good Luck, I'On!



Keep On Rollin'

Thanks to many neighbors and friends, biking **Team I'On** raised \$6,700 in support of the Hollings Cancer Center. On March 7th Len Hanson, team captain, accepted an award for **2021 Outstanding Peloton**.

Truth be told - several teams were presented with this award! Pictured are this year's LOWVELO team members Dick Stifel, Penny Leighton, Len Hanson and Peg Higgins. Not pictured is CJ Pelletier.

As a reminder, **LOWVELO 2022 is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 5th**. Any and all bike riders are welcome to join.

Interested in biking with friends to get in shape for LOWVELO? Join us Thursday mornings at 8:00 at the I'On Club for an hour ride through our local neighborhoods. It's good fun and great exercise.

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>

I'on Community Garden

March Freeze a Challenge for Community Gardeners

The weather in February was so mild and pleasant, many community gardeners decided by the beginning of March that Winter was over. Enthusiasm for getting new gardens growing muted the normal caution to hold off on planting warm weather crops such as tomatoes and squash in case Mother Nature might disagree with this optimistic assessment.



Jennifer Cina and Daughters Planting their Garden in early March



With Temperatures in the low 20's, some Gardeners Try to Cover and Save their Gardens

Unfortunately, on March 12 Mother Nature shockingly decided to lob near record cold on South Carolina, including our Lowcountry garden. Some gardeners with tender annuals struggled valiantly to cover and hopefully save their newly planted gardens.

Results were mixed. Many less hardy plants, such as much beloved young tomatoes, were lost and have had to be replanted. More cold-tolerant brassicas (cabbages, kale, and other greens), alliums (onions and garlic), peas, and even artichokes faced minimal damage. Some lucky gardeners waited until later in March to plant and are now seeing thriving tomatoes, peppers, and squash. The garden as a whole is getting greener and more beautiful every day as warm weather has returned. All of us are crossing our fingers that no more unpleasant Spring surprises lie ahead and that we will soon be enjoying the wonderful vegetables, herbs, and flowers now growing in our garden plots.

Gardeners tend to be a patient and determined lot willing to persist despite challenges and adversity. As one gardener said to me, "I love being out here and growing things; you come to expect that s#@t sometimes happens, and you just keep going and trying things." Wise words to remember. April Gordon (dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com)



Garlic, Lettuce, Cilantro, and Peas Survived the Freeze



Many Tender Plants like Tomatoes and Squash are Growing well after Being Replanted

Butterfly Garden

Wanted: a Few Dedicated Gardeners and Nature Lovers

Founded in 2015, the I'On Butterfly Garden attracts many people of all ages from I'On and elsewhere who love to see the myriad butterflies and blooming native plants that grow there. Although the mission of the garden is to provide a peaceful and beautiful natural area for people to enjoy, it also promotes community education and participation in meeting important environmental objectives.

Those objectives involve increasing appreciation for the role pollinators and native plants play in the environment and then acting on that knowledge. For instance, most of our food crops are pollinated by insects, and these insects need native plants to meet their survival needs. Other animals, such as birds, need insects and native plants to feed themselves and their young. Without our help, the current downward spiral in the numbers and diversity of many insects, native plants, and birds will worsen and threaten not just them, but us. With growing awareness and experience, we hope that people will incorporate a new conservation ethic into their own gardens and landscapes and encourage others to do so as well. This includes encouraging policymakers to promote the protection of pollinators and native plants.

Here is where dedicated people are vital to our butterfly garden. When the garden began, it was created by and planted by I'On residents and funded by I'On organizations. It continues to be maintained by community support including the efforts of a special group of I'On neighbors called Team BG. Team BG consists of people who each year during the warm months sign up to work in the garden for a week and to help with occasional special garden-related activities. No prior knowledge or experience is required, only a concern to help the environment, a love for nature, and an interest in learning more about the issues involved.

We currently need more Team BG members to help maintain the garden and enhance our effectiveness on behalf of our mission. If you would like to know more about the garden and about Team BG, contact April Gordon at dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com.



The I'On Butterfly Garden June 2021



Team BG Member Deadheading Blanket Flowers, June 2021

Welcome New Neighbors

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

- Mariana & Walker Avant - 109 Jakes Lane
- Eugene & Nanette Johns - 31 Krier Lane
- Judy Lawson - 34 Krier Lane
- Paul & Nancy Margolis - 22 Mises St.
- Weslee & Allan Rowe - 55 Hopetown 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!

You Can Help.....

A WITS Fundraiser in Support of WakeUp Carolina All Friends and Neighbors are Welcome

WITS (Women Inspired Through Stories) is hosting its annual, in-person fundraising event on Monday, April 4, 2022, at the I'On Meeting House located at 352 North Shelmore Boulevard, 5:30 to 6:30 pm.

This event will raise money in support of WakeUp Carolina, an independent, non-profit organization led and governed by representatives of our local recovery community. WakeUp Carolina organizes recovery-focused advocacy activities, carries out recovery-focused community education and outreach programs, and provides peer-based recovery support services. WakeUp Carolina is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code (81-4564735).

Donations help to support and further education, provide specialist and training programs, and facilitate recovery for young adults, individuals, and families in the greater Charleston area.

If you are unable to join this event, but would like to donate, you can do so with a check, payable to **WakeUp Carolina**, or you can donate by credit card by visiting the WUC website: www.wakeupcarolina.org. All donations are tax deductible. In the comment box on the website, please note "in support of WITS fundraiser".

Thank you from your WITS friends: Robin Aaron, LeeLee Atkinson, Kay Chitty, Kathy Coffman, Lori DeFilippo, Carol Degnen, Susan Fitzgerald, Barbara Fowler, Suzanne Galloway, Joanne Grant, Kathie Haas, Janet Harper, Peg Higgins, Colleen Kraft, Wanda Martin, Joy Millar, CJ Pelletier, Cathy Remington, Marilyn Schultz, Myrto Tsavalas, Brenda Uttaro, Cynthia Webb

Save the Date...

Join us on May 4th from 7:00-8:30 pm at the I'On Chapel for I'On's own TED (Dintersmith) and Jason (Kreutner) discussing "Education: The Challenges, the Opportunities, and the Urgency". Ted is the author of the nationally acclaimed book "What School Could Be" and Jason is the Founder and Head of School of the innovative University School of the Lowcountry on Coleman Boulevard.

