

LIVING IN I'ON

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

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- 08/25 Recycling Pickup
- 08/30 IDC Submittal Deadline

Creek Club Dock Closures

- 08/05 4:25 - 4:55 pm
- 08/06 5:25 - 5:55 pm
- 08/20 4:55 - 5:25 pm
- 08/27 5:25 - 5:55 pm

I'On Board Meetings 2022

On the following dates at 6:00:

- 08/15
- 09/19
- 10/17
- 11/21
- 12/19



2023 Directory Cover Photo Contest & Ad Spaces Available!

The 2023 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 James at mary.ion@ravenelassociates.com by September 19th.

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 2023 directory, please fill out the attached AD RESERVATION FORM and email it to Mary James at mary.ion@ravenelassociates.com by September 19th. Once ad placements are confirmed, sizing guidelines for how we will need to receive your ads will be sent to you directly.

Lastly, if your information was not correct in the 2022 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 19th. 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 5, 6 - 8 pm

At the home of Andrea and TJ Ryan 18 Fernadina

We hope you've had a wonderful summer so far! Our next First Friday will be at Andrea and TJ Ryan's home, 18 Fernadina, 6-8pm. No need to RSVP, just bring your own libations, cups and an appetizer to share, and join in the fun. We now have hosts except for February, May, June, July 2023. We'll make it easy for you! And thanks to those who have offered to host, we really appreciate it. It's one of the best ways to get to know your neighbors. Contact Wendy Nixon at 203.858.7909 if you would like to host or have any questions. Please contact Wendy Nixon at 203.858.7909 if you would like to host a party. Our committee will make it easy! Best, Your First Friday Committee: Wendy Nixon, Kari Roeveer, and Dawn Beaver, your First Friday committee.

...Women's Coffee

Tuesday August 9, 10 am - noon

At the home of Fern McHugh, 27 Isle of Hope

It's the Dog Days of Summer. Join the women of I'On on Tuesday, August 9, 10 till noon in the inviting garden and patio of Fern McHugh at 27 Isle of Hope. Please bring a cup for iced tea or water.

As a courtesy to the hosts and others, we request that all guests be **FULLY** vaccinated **AND** boosted. No RSVP needed.

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

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

...Lunch Bunch

Thursday, August 11, 12 pm at SeeWee Restaurant, 4808 N. Hwy 17 in Awendaw

Hosted by Linda Hanson

The SeeWee Restaurant is famous for its 24 years of Southern Cooking specializing in lowcountry cuisine and seafood. It is about 25 minutes north of Mt. Pleasant and carpooling is recommended. Please RSVP to our host Linda Hanson (lindalhanson@gmail.com) or 843-628-8145) by Tuesday, August 9. Questions about lunch bunch? Contact Kristen Anderson - kristenande@gmail.com.

...Potluck Dinner

Wednesday, August 17, 6:30 - 8 pm at the Creek Club

Hosted by Kristen Anderson and Janet Freedman

Many thanks to Amy Goldy for hosting our July potluck, we really appreciate it, and everyone had a great evening! Potlucks are held the third Wednesday of each month from 6:30-8:30 at the Creek Club. You bring your own plates, cups, napkins, drinks, cutlery, and a food item to share with your neighbors. If you're solo, don't worry, we have a seat for you - it's a wonderful (and delicious) community event. 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!

We are looking for a host (or hosts....many people do it with a friend) for August 17 and November 16. It's really easy and a great way to meet people! Feel free to reach out to [Wendy Nixon](mailto:Wendy.Nixon@ioncommunity.com) at 203.858.7909 if you have any questions or would like to host.

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.**

...Yarn Buddies

Wednesday, August 24, 10 am - noon

Hosted by Donna Davis, 3 Edenton Road

Donna Davis will be hosting Yarn Buddies on Wednesday, August 24 from 10:00 AM to 12 Noon. Her home is at 3 Edenton Road. Yarn Buddies meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month. Anyone interested in the needlework arts and hand-crafting endeavors is welcome to attend. Please give Donna a head's up by emailing (donnad108@gmail.com) or calling her at (843) 606-2219 if you are able to attend.



Need a Generator for Hurricane Season? Try Solar Instead!

After reading the I'On Life story about solar power, one of our I'On neighbors reached out to the I'On Eco Group to make us aware of their imaginative and profitable use of solar power.

Their electricity is delivered by the Hobcaw Creek lines and they were looking into a full home generator to supply their power during the frequent outages that they and their neighbors experience. They ultimately decided to install solar panels and 3 Tesla Powerwalls instead.



The Tesla Powerwalls collect and store solar power during the day and release it for use at night. In the event of an upcoming storm or hurricane, the Power Cells stop delivering electricity and retain even more energy to provide electricity when the electric lines are down. Most often, after a big storm, the day that follows is sunny, enabling the Powerwalls to be refilled.

They feel even more protected than they would be with a generator which needs propane to run, knowing that propane may not be readily available in the event of a catastrophic storm.

In use for over a year and a half, it supplies 92% of their electricity and is an excellent alternative to a full home generator. The upfront costs were offset by 50% tax credits and the installer handled all the interactions with the IDC to win approval.

Complete pay back is 10 years. The panels have a 25 year warranty and they have a flawless (and quiet) alternative to a generator during a hurricane. It's also a great selling point for their home!

Best of all, the family feels good about using less electricity and helping our planet!

If you would like more information, please contact Carol Degnen (cdegnen@gmail.com) from the I'On Eco Group and we will do our best to get it for you.

To read more about the Tesla Powerwalls, begin here:

<https://www.tesla.com/support/energy/powerwall/learn/how-powerwall-works>)

From the I'On Assembly Management Office

We have welcomed many new owners to the I'On community since the start of 2022. We wanted to take this opportunity to remind all owners, old and new, of several important rules:

- **All** exterior projects (including tree removals) require approval from the I'On Design Committee (IDC). Applications, checklists, design guidelines, etc. can be found on the I'On community's website: www.ioncommunity.com
- Trees that are in any right-of-way or on any Assembly common area (ie. Eastlake, Westlake, Athletic Field, etc.) require approval from the I'On Assembly to be pruned.
- Residents and/or their contracted landscape company, are **not** to blow leaves into the street. All landscape debris needs to be placed in paper bags and set curbside on the same day as trash pick-up.
- Dumping of items on HOA common area, vacant lots, or neighboring lots is prohibited. All trash cans and items for pick-up must be placed on your own lot for pick-up by the Town.
- Trash and recycling cans must be screened from the street and alley views.
- Residents, and their guests, are responsible for picking up after their pets and properly disposing of the bags. There are numerous dog stations located throughout the community, which provides bags and a trash can for disposal.
- Any signage, other than "For Sale" signs and construction signs on lots undergoing renovations, are prohibited.
- All vehicles parked on the street must be parked in a marked space. It is the owner's responsibility to inform any workers that they must be parked in a marked space on a street.
- Report any mailbox repairs to the I'On Assembly management office.
- The speed limit on all streets within I'On is 20mph. There is a saying within the community that, "20mph is plenty in I'On!"

The I'On Community website provides owners with the governing documents, rules and policies, past and current newsletters, Board meeting minutes and so much more. If you are in need of a log-in for the website, please contact [Mary James](#) or [Emily Simpson](#).



This Month with The I'On Trust...

Stuff the Bus

August 10th, 4:00-6:00 pm
Maybank Green

We are so excited to be partnering with neighbor **Jason Kreutner** again to 'Stuff the Bus'! Jason, Head of School at **the University School of the Lowcountry (USL)**, works with his students to help local communities in need. Launched in March 2020, USL is now in their 3rd year of assisting CCSD students and families in need during the COVID pandemic. While a few months ago a shift to literacy for parents seemed like the next pivot, inflation has made food and material needs as important as they've ever been. We can help! The supplies we gather will be distributed at the **Greenhill and Snowden Community Centers**. Many of the students at James B. Edwards come from these two communities. When you are doing your shopping before August 10th, please consider adding school supplies, shelf stable food and diapers. On August 10th, the USL school bus will be parked on the backside of Maybank Green where you may drop off supplies from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. Items may be loaded directly into the bus or given to a volunteer. All items will be taken by USL where they will unload and organize. If you would like more information about USL **click [here](#)**.



Perseverance Square Brick Engraving - 2022

The Perseverance Square brick engraving project was very well supported again this year with over 100 bricks ordered for engraving - a record! The Trust is pleased to be able to offer this wonderful tradition to the I'On community, and thrilled that so many of our residents took the opportunity to pay tribute to family, friends, and pets by engraving bricks in their honor.

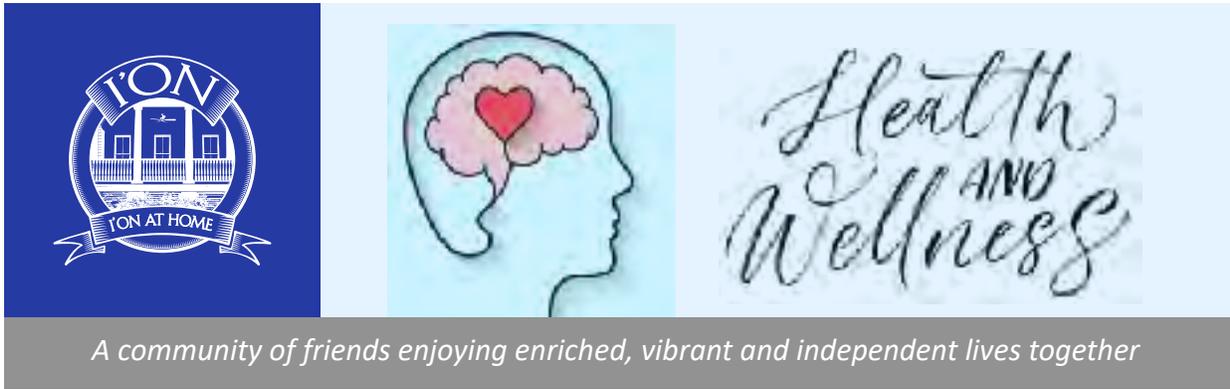
For those of you not familiar with the history of Perseverance Park and the fountain on the Square around which the bricks are placed, the following offers a little perspective: the Park was part of the vision and grand scheme of Vince Graham to design a brick boulevard along one section of North Shelmore, with a fountain and seating area for residents to enjoy. The idea of creating a memorial using a few of the bricks around the fountain was developed by the East Cooper Trust, which later became the I'On Trust, as a fundraiser in 2004. The tradition continued for three years, stalled in 2007, but regained traction in 2014. Since 2014 nearly 400 additional bricks have been installed around the fountain with names of those we love and names of our residents who have contributed to the I'On community.

Perseverance Square is a uniquely wonderful place in I'On, shared and enjoyed by all, in remembrance of those special people that have gone before and the ones that we love and cherish in our lives today.

The Trust would like to thank everyone who has supported this project over the years, and we look forward to offering brick engraving to the community again in 2024. A special thank you to neighbor Michele Wilson for volunteering her time to organize the brick project. In the meantime, we encourage all I'On residents to take a walk through Perseverance Park to stop to read some of the wonderful tributes engraved on the bricks around the fountain, and enjoy the peace and tranquility of this pretty place in our neighborhood.

A Giving Lights Nomination Update:

THANK YOU! This year we had a record number of organizations nominated to be a recipient for the Giving Lights Fundraiser for 2022. We are excited to announce the recipient in the September newsletter.



I'On At Home's CHOICES Program continues to offer our members new services, social connections and information regarding lifestyle choices that enable us all to lead safe, healthy, active lives and live independently. Here are recaps of recent lectures.



Dr. Tim Cantopher shared ideas on how to get more joy from life, become more resilient to life's challenges and achieve more by focusing on success. Dr. Cantopher earned his MD at University College of London and is a Fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatrists.



Dr. Kuczumarski, a nutrition scientist at the National Institute on Aging at the National Institutes of Health, talked about how to feel better, enjoy greater energy and improve one's quality of life by making the right choices regarding the foods we eat, the exercises in which we engage and our overall lifestyle.



Andrew Howard, owner of Charleston Training Station, conducted a Zoom event combining a lecture with isometric workout techniques. The focus was to build muscle and strength while improving balance and range of motion.

***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

Community Gardeners Reap What They Sow

With the help of recent rains, the Community Garden remains lush and green, dappled with colorful flowers that lure pollinators and add beauty to the scene.

So far garden plots have produced bountiful crops, including tomatoes which, judging from this contented toddler, have been quite delicious fresh off the vine.



The Community Garden Thrives in Summer's Heat



Nothing Tastes Better than a Freshly Picked Tomato

Although peppers, tomatoes, beans, herbs, (lots of) flowers, and the famous artichokes produced well earlier in the summer; the artichokes and many of the tomatoes, beans, and cucumbers are now gone or well past their peak. Peppers, some tomatoes, eggplant, and basil are still doing well, however, and growing alongside late summer crops such as okra, sweet potatoes, and winter squash.



Cardinal Basil Produces Beautiful Flowers along with Flavorful Leaves



Late Summer is the Time for Okra



The Vines of Pumpkin Looklike Winter Squash Can Fill a Garden

Even though there are many weeks of Summer growing conditions ahead, August is the time to begin planning for the cooler days of Fall and Winter and thinking about what delicious crops to grow next!

April Gordon (dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com)

Butterfly Garden

Passionvines: A Favorite Native Plant in the Butterfly Garden

Of all the colorful flowers blooming in the Butterfly Garden in July and August, passion flowers with their surreal beauty are the most captivating.

The flowers are produced by one of our most important butterfly plants, passionvines. Found widely in the Southeast, passionvines are a native perennial that provides both **nectar** for adult pollinators (e.g. bees and butterflies) and is a **host** plant for at least four different butterflies. (The leaves of host plants provide food for butterfly caterpillars, whereas flower nectar feeds the adult butterflies.)



**Passion Flower
Blooming at the
Butterfly Garden**

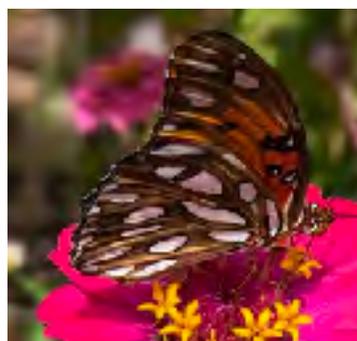


**Passionvines with
Numerous Flowers
Decorate Garden
Fence**

Found mainly on the garden fence, our passionvines have underground suckers that allow them to spread widely in and outside the garden. Volunteers on Team BG who care for the garden over the Summer have to frequently prune them from pathways, flower beds, and elsewhere when they threaten to outcompete or smother neighboring plants. Despite this one bad habit, the benefits of passionvines make them essential in our garden. One of our most common and beautiful butterflies, the Gulf Fritillary, depends on passionvines as the main host plant for its caterpillars. By August and throughout the Fall, when you visit the garden you will notice these bright orange and black butterflies flying, enjoying flower nectar, and laying eggs on passionvine leaves. Get a double treat when one of the Fritillaries lands on a flower and shows off the underside of its wings. It's like seeing a miniature stained-glass window!



**Gulf Fritillary Feasts on
Flower Nectar**



**Underside of
Gulf Fritillary
Wings**

For more information about the garden or becoming a Team BG volunteer, contact 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.

- Elizabeth and David Falconer - 43 Jogging St..
- Penney & Bill Gaines - 85 Jane Jacobs



COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

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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!

Welcome Kristine! Ion's New Neighborhood Design Coordinator

Welcome Kristine Doak, our new IDC Coordinator.

Kristine has worked in Community Management for the past year and started at FirstService Residential as a Community Inspector. She joined Ravenel Associates in April as an Administrative Assistant before taking on the position of IDC Coordinator in June. Originally from Indiana, Kristine fell in love with Charleston and moved here in 2016 for college and now spends her time volunteering and exploring everything Charleston has to offer.

Kristine is available in the IDC office on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9am to 5 pm and on Thursdays from 9am to 1 pm. She can be reached by email at idc_ion@ravenelassociates.com.



Ladie's Movie Group

If Covid cases are low, the I'On Ladies' Movie Group will resume in September. For all of our new residents, this group meets once a month at a local movie theater, watches the same movie, and goes out for a bite and a drink afterwards where we talk about the movie and get to know one another. The newsletter gives the date, time, and movie title. Interested parties let Jan Laabs know if they plan on attending because restaurant choice is determined by the number of ladies attending.