

LIVING IN I'ON

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

You're Invited

- 09/03 Mathis Ferry Clean-up
- 09/02 First Friday
- 09/11 Grub on the Green
- 09/13 Women's Coffee
- 09/21 Potluck Dinner
- 09/22 Lunch Bunch
- 09/28 Yarn Buddies

Other Important Dates

- 09/09 Recycling Pickup
- 09/13 IDC Submittal Deadline
- 09/22 Recycling Pickup
- 09/27 IDC Submittal Deadline

Creek Club Dock Closures

- 09/03 4:55 - 5:25 pm
- 09/04 5:25 - 5:55 pm
- 09/09 3:55 - 4:25 pm
- 09/10 4:55 - 5:25 pm
- 09/11 3:55 - 4:25 pm
- 09/16 4:25 - 4:55 pm
- 09/18 4:25 - 4:55 pm
- 09/23 5:25 - 5:55 pm
- 09/24 5:25 - 5:55 pm
- 09/30 4:55 - 5:25 pm

I'On Board Meetings 2022

On the following dates at 6:00:

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



The I'On Trust is pleased to announce this year's recipient for the 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. We are thrilled that **One80 Place** is this year's recipient. The fundraiser culminates with neighbors lining the street in front of their homes with luminaries and lighting them on the same night during the Holiday Festival of Giving. If you are interested in getting involved, contact Kat Harberg at kharberg@iontrust.org

One80 Place's mission is to end and prevent homelessness. Their vision is for everyone to have a place to call home. In 1984, community leaders came together to start a shelter to help the growing number of people who were homeless. 38 years later, what started as a small effort to address an emergency need grew to be largest provider of homelessness services in South Carolina. While One80 Place is bigger than they used to be, they are local, regional, and rooted in their belief that everyone deserves a home.

To view One80 Place's complete 2021 Impact Report, please click [here](#).

2021 BY THE NUMBERS



1,545 People Served



983 People Rehoused



491 Veterans Rehoused



319 People Avoided Homelessness



85,511 Meals Served On Site



1,213 Medical Appointments



87% Retained Housing After One Year

NEWS FROM THE HOA

I'On Residents,

Each year at the annual meeting, I'On holds open elections for candidates who are interested in serving a two-year term on the I'On Board of Directors. This year there will be four (4) Board seats available to candidates for the 2023-2024 term. The I'On Assembly Board encourages you to get involved with the community by running for a Board seat or encouraging a neighbor to nominate themselves to be on the Board. Board members are available any time between now and the January election to discuss 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. All 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 to be on the Board.

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

Please contact Emily Simpson at esimpson@ravenelassociates.com if you have any questions or are interested in learning more.



Want to Help Improve the Playgrounds in I'On?

As a result of feedback about our community playgrounds, the Assembly has formed the Playground Subcommittee to explore options for updating/improving the play areas in the neighborhood. If you'd like to be involved, please email the I'On General Manager, Emily Simpson at esimpson@ravenelassociates.com

In Memory

Mike Parades was I'On Assembly's General Manager for several years and played a vital role in numerous community projects. During his tenure in I'On, he helped shape the I'On community into what it is today. Mike entered into eternal rest on Friday, August 12. To view the obituary, [click here](#). In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his memory to [The Parkinson's Foundation](#).

You're Invited...

...First Friday

Friday September 2, 6 - 8 pm

At the home of Lise and Steve Gulick, 126 Lonsborough

Thank you so much to TJ and Andrea Ryan for hosting First Friday for us in August, everyone had such a nice time. Our next First Friday cocktail party will be from 6-8pm on September 2nd at Lise and Steve Gulick's, 126 Lonsborough. No need to RSVP, but please remember to bring your own glass and libations, as well as a small appetizer to share. If you're new to the neighborhood or have been here for years and never been to a party, come on over - it's a great way to meet your neighbors.. We're still looking for some hosts for 2023. Please contact Wendy Nixon at 203.858.7909 if you would like to host.

Best, Your First Friday Committee: Wendy Nixon, Kari Roever, and Dawn Beaver.

...Women's Coffee

Tuesday September 13, 10 am - noon

At the home of Maggie Kinney, 94 West Shipyard Road

Join the women of I'On on the beautiful veranda overlooking Westlake for the Women's Coffee, Tuesday, September 13, 2022, 10 ~ noon, hosted by Maggie Kinney, 94 West Shipyard Road. Please bring a cup for iced tea or water.

As a courtesy to the hosts and others, please wear a mask if you are not 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.

...Potluck Dinner

Wednesday, September 21, 6:30pm at the Creek Club



Hosted by Jennifer and Craig Richard

Many thanks to Kristen Anderson and Janet Freedman for hosting our August potluck. We really appreciate it, and everyone had a great time! Join us 6:30pm on September 21st at the Creek Club when Jennifer and Craig Richard are hosting - thank you! Come celebrate fall 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!

We are looking for a host (or hosts....many people do it with a friend) for November 16. It's really easy and a great way to meet people! Contact [Wendy Nixon](mailto:Wendy.Nixon@ioncommunity.com) at 203.858.7909 if you're interested and she'll give you the scoop..

Best, Wendy Nixon, Lendy Barnard, Amy Goldy and Carline Soutter, your Potluck committee.

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

...Lunch Bunch

Thursday, September 22, 12 pm at Fuji Sushi Bar and Grill, Belle Hall Shopping Center

Hosted by Kristen Anderson

The September Lunch Bunch will be held at Fuji Sushi Bar and Grill in Belle Hall Shopping Center in Mt. Pleasant on Thursday, Sept 22nd (this is the sister restaurant of Fuji on King Street), 644 Long Point Rd, Mt Pleasant, SC 29464. They have excellent Bento boxes at lunch and weather permitting, we may sit outside if there is shade and it is not too hot. Please RSVP to Kristen Anderson at kristenande@gmail.com before Tuesday, Sept 20th. Questions about lunch bunch? Contact Kristen Anderson - kristenande@gmail.com.

...Yarn Buddies

Wednesday, September 28, 10 am - noon

Hosted by Donna Feldman, 38 Hopetown Road

Donna Feldman will be hosting Yarn Buddies on Wednesday, September 28 from 10:00 AM to 12 Noon. Her home is at 38 Hopetown 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 contact Donna if you can attend: dfeld158@gmail.com or text her at (781) 985-1906.



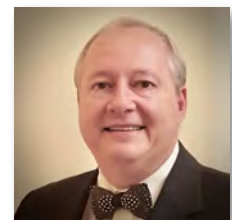
I'On At Home introduces **Behind the Scenes**, a new series of lectures and site visits for our members. This program will explore a wide ranging group of remarkable institutions and individuals in the low-country. On September 8, we're kicking off the program with a guided, behind-the-scenes tour of the South Carolina Aquarium.



TECH TALKS

How safe is your identity?

As part of our CHOICES program, Jamey Mellis, President and CEO of Software Solutions and Design, will present "Anatomy of Fraud"... a discussion on the use and danger of today's technology. James will talk about phishing, key loggers and malware and provide practical ideas and strategies on how to work smarter, safer and more efficiently with technology.



**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>**



FALL IS PLANTING TIME – CONSIDER NATIVE PLANTS FOR YOUR LANDSCAPE by **Becky Van Wie (I'On ECO Group)**

Even though September weather remains quite warm in the Lowcountry, it's not too early to think about landscape additions and improvements you want for fall. The I'On ECO Group would like to encourage our neighbors to use native plants.

According to the US Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service, these specimens boost the benefits of conservation efforts and strengthen wildlife populations. "Our ecosystem benefits from native plants - stabilizing soil, filtering water, purifying air, and supporting wildlife. Using native plants on sites they are best adapted to can have significant benefits to mitigating environmental stresses, such as extreme temperatures and drought, to retain productive lands for both agriculture and wildlife." (<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/home/?cid=STELPRDB1166100>).

Now that we've gotten your attention with these appealing advantages of native plants, you may be wondering how to learn more about which plants are native to the Lowcountry and where you can find them. A great resource is the Kiawah Island Native Plant Database (<https://www.kiawahisland.org/native-plant-database>), and our I'On ECO Group has been given permission to use this information and to share it with our neighbors. This webpage not only lists the various specimens by plant type, light conditions, and water preference, but it also includes flower color, deer resistance, and whether they are commercially available. Clicking on each item leads to another page with more information on that plant. An additional information source is the South Carolina Native Plant Society. Their "Time to Plan" page offers specific suggestions for this time of year (<https://scnps.org/time-to-plan>).

Finally, if the plants you want are not available at our usual area outlets, another possibility is Roots and Shoots Nursery (<https://rootsandshootsnursery.com/>), where their focus is sustainability. As they say on their website, "We share our world with countless creatures that occupy soils below and treetops above, and our whole ecosystem relies on all of the lovely plants to feed us all."

I can't think of a better summary to encourage you, our neighbors, to use native plants. If you have questions, I suggest using the resources above, although feel free to contact me directly as well (brvanwie@gmail.com or 843-860-2990).

HAPPY NATIVE PLANT GARDENING!!



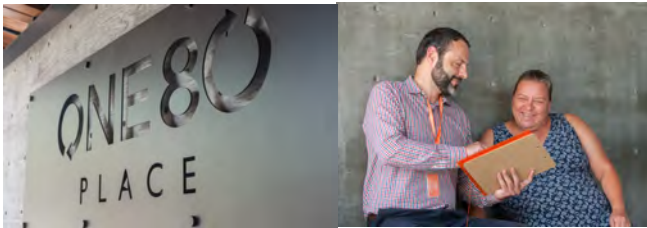
Swamp Lily

The I'On ECO Group was formed last fall by neighbors interested in preserving I'On's beauty. For more information, please contact Carol Degnen (cdegnen@gmail.com).



This Month with The I'On Trust...

The Giving Lights of I'On - Volunteers Wanted!



Are you interested in getting involved with the Giving Lights of I'On fundraiser? Volunteers wanted! With the announcement of this year's recipient, neighbors are encouraged to get involved with the fundraiser to best support **One80 Place**. If you are interested in volunteering, email kharberg@iontrust.org. Please see pg.1 for more information about One80 Place.

Grub on the Green is back for Fall

Food trucks will be back on Maybank Green- Sunday, September 11, 4:30-7:30pm

Come out and support our local food trucks while enjoying some delicious food. Order ahead using **StreetFoodFinder** to pickup for home or enjoy picnic in the park.

Chow Bella Italian Cuisine **Cosmic Charlie's Grateful Grill**



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Dessert anyone?

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SAVE THE DATE:

Halloween in the Hood Sunday, October 30th



If you would like to join us in planning a special event for our little neighborhood goblins, please contact Kat Harberg at kharberg@iontrust.org

YARD OF THE MONTH AWARD - SUMMER 2022

Congratulations to **Barbara and Timothy Fowler, 39 Montrose Road**, for being nominated as our **Summer 2022 Yard of the Month Award** recipients. The Fowlers have lived in I'On for 9 years, moving from New Jersey to escape the harsh winters there. They discovered I'On on a 'walk-ability' app on their computer, finding it ranked high on the scale for its enjoyable walking trails and social activities. They were not disappointed when they made their first visit to I'On, and bought their lovely house soon thereafter.

Timothy's love of books took top priority when they moved into their home. Finding that there was not enough room in the main house to fit all the bookcases Timothy needed for his book collection, the Fowlers set to work to raise the roof of their garage and created what is now a beautiful library in the space above. The garden came next!

With their roles clearly established - Barbara is the master gardener and Tim is the servant gardener! - the Fowlers have 2 beautiful, but distinctly different garden spaces. The front garden is a colorful blend of azaleas, gardenias, sago palms, and potato plants (which until recently proved to be a tasty treat for the I'On deer population!), with pretty yellow mums flanking the elegant arched door. The rear garden is a tropical oasis. Surrounding the koi pond you will find an abundance of farfugium (tractor seats!), palmetto bushes, sago palms, ferns and palm trees, with some recently planted camelia bushes to provide winter color. A gently flowing waterfall adds to the charm and tranquility of this wonderful backyard retreat.

Many thanks to **Lowcountry TruValue Hardware** for providing a gift certificate for our winners, and to the Fowlers for their outstanding contribution to the overall beauty of the I'On landscape.

Our next award will be in October when we will be looking for I'On's Most Spooktacular Halloween House! Details to follow soon!



The Fowler's front garden



The Fowler's rear garden

Butterfly Garden

Special Treats in the August-September Butterfly Garden

One of the pleasures of being a regular visitor to the butterfly garden is the opportunity to study the changes in the garden over the season. Now at its peak, this is a great time to walk around the garden both inside and outside the fence to see what plants are growing and blooming (check out the plant markers for their names) and what butterflies are visiting (look for them on the laminated butterfly guide in the information box).

Knowing names is just a start, however, to appreciating the plants and butterflies around you. For example, as you stroll, notice that the beautiful flowers on the passionvines are now producing a green fruit. Did you know the ripe fruit is delicious to eat? Most important for us, passionvines are the main host plant for the bright orange Gulf Fritillary butterflies you will see in the garden. By summer's end, most of the passionvine leaves will be eaten by caterpillars. Another garden plant is bronze fennel. Its currently blooming yellow flower heads and feathery leaves are both edible and the mature seeds are a well-known culinary spice; all parts of fennel taste like licorice. Fennel is a host plant for the Black Swallowtail butterflies seen recently in the garden, so be sure to look for caterpillars on them. Our most important host plant is milkweed; its leaves are the only food endangered Monarch caterpillars can eat. Providing milkweed is especially important now before the Monarch migration to Mexico begins in September.



When this passion fruit ripens, it is edible and delicious



Black Swallowtail Butterflies lay eggs on bronze fennel plants



Black Swallowtail Caterpillar on Fennel Resembles Monarch Caterpillars

Occasionally, the garden gets a rare butterfly visitor, and this is such a year. Over the last few summers, a single Zebra Longwing butterfly might visit the garden in late summer. This neotropical butterfly is common in Florida but not in the Carolinas. Perhaps due to climate change, more of them are coming north; we have had three of these butterflies in the garden since early August. They use passionvines as a host plant, so I will be monitoring these plants to see if any caterpillars show up. Come join me for this and other nature experiences our butterfly garden has yet to reveal.

April Gordon (dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com)



Three uncommon Zebra Longwings are visiting the garden now



The Zebra Longwing caterpillar will be hard to miss on our passionvines

Welcome New Neighbors

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

- Barry Blackwell - 40 Montrose Road
- Virginia & Ted Brush - 68 Sowell Street
- Rick & Margaret Lewis - 69 Saturday 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!

I'On Community Garden

While many of us at the Community Garden are still tending summer crops such as eggplant, okra, and peppers, it is time to turn our attention to the upcoming fall and winter garden season. **Many cool weather crops need to be started now** and into October. Below are some crops that can be sown from seed directly in the garden although transplants for some of them will be available in stores for those who prefer that option. Here is a list of some of the best **vegetables** to choose from:

Broccoli	Lettuce	Asian Greens
Kale	Radishes	Arugula
Turnips	Mustard Greens	Carrots
Swiss Chard	Cabbage	Kohlrabi

Vegetables are not the only crops to plant in the fall, however. Consider sowing these **herbs**: parsley, sage, thyme, chives, chervil, dill, and cilantro. Another option is **edible flowers**. Among the easiest to grow in our area are pansies, violas, and snapdragons. Yes, all these flowers are edible! Starting from seed, try calendula. Interplant any of these with your vegetables.

For those wishing to garden at home but don't have the space, consider **container gardening**. All of the plants mentioned here can be grown successfully in pots and moved around in response to changing light and temperature conditions over the fall and winter. Another advantage of container growing is that it is easy to cover and protect plants in pots from frosts and freezes and uncover them again when the weather warms. This can extend the growing season over the entire winter. An increasingly popular trend is **edible landscaping**, in which attractive edibles such as Swiss chard, kale, and colorful mustard greens are integrated into landscape beds.

The community garden continues to produce summer crops but the time to transition to fall and winter begins now



Swiss chard and kale are good choices for edible landscaping