



LIVING IN I'ON

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April Events

FRI	4/5	First Friday
SAT	4/6	Bridge Run Concert
TUE	4/9	Women's Coffee
WED	4/17	Potluck Dinner
WED	4/24	Yarn Buddies
TUE	4/30	New Homeowner Orientation
TBD	TBD	Movie Group
WED	5/1	Lunch Bunch

Important Dates

MON	4/1	April Fool's Day
TUE	4/2	IDC Meeting
THU	4/4	Recycling Pickup
TUE	4/9	IDC Submittal Deadline
TUE	4/16	IDC Meeting
THU	4/18	Recycling Pickup
MON	4/22	Earth Day
MON	4/22	Passover
TUE	4/30	IDC Submittal Deadline

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2024 I'On Board Meeting Dates
6:00 p.m.
Conference Room
159 Civitas Street, Suite 211

Mon., 4/15
 Mon., 5/20
 Mon., 6/17
 Mon., 7/15
 Mon., 8/19
 Mon., 9/16
 Mon., 10/14
 Mon., 11/18
 Mon., 12/16



New Homeowner's Orientation

We will hold a New Homeowner's Orientation on Tuesday, April 30th at 5:00 p.m. in the neighborhood Board Room at 159 Civitas Street, above Square Onion.

Everyone who has moved into the neighborhood since January 2023, and anyone else who wishes they had gotten an orientation, are invited.

Representatives from The I'On Assembly, the I'On Trust, the I'On Design Committee, and Ravenel Associates will be on hand to explain how they serve the community and how homeowners can work with them.

Please RSVP to Mary James at (843) 388-7547 (press 1) by April 16th. Thank you and we hope to see you on the 30th.



WE ARE ALWAYS WELCOMING NEW NEIGHBORS:
 The I'On Landscape Committee recently approved the installation of a gourd rack near the southeast corner of Eastlake to determine whether Purple Martins can be enticed to nest there. Charles Miller of 21 Grace Lane, erected the gourd rack and will act as caretaker.

I'On Assembly Residents are invited to attend monthly Board Meetings that take place on the third Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at 159 Civitas Street, Suite 211. Residents are welcome to attend the meeting in-person or dial in to listen. To dial into the meeting, please call (605) 313-5111 and enter the access code 660627. Please announce yourself when you call in so we can list you under the homeowner forum attendees.

Tom O'Brien
 Board President
 and
 Emily Simpson, CMCA, AMS
 I'On Assembly General Manager



DOCK CLOSINGS APRIL 2024

DATE OF EVENT	EVENT TYPE	CEREMONY TIME
Friday, April 5th	Wedding & Reception	4:55-5:25
Saturday, April 6th	Wedding & Reception	4:25-4:55
Sunday, April 7th	Wedding & Reception	4:25-4:55
Friday, April 12th	Wedding & Reception	4:25-4:55
Saturday, April 13th	Wedding & Reception	4:55-5:25
Sunday, April 14th	Wedding & Reception	4:25-4:55
Saturday, April 20th	Wedding & Reception	4:25-4:55
Sunday, April 21st	Wedding & Reception	3:55-4:25
Monday, April 22nd	Wedding & Reception	4:55-5:25
Saturday, April 27th	Wedding & Reception	3:55-4:25
Sunday, April 28th	Wedding & Reception	4:25-4:55

FIRST FRIDAY

Friday, April 5 - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Hosted by Pam Bishop at 138 West Shipyard Road



Pam Bishop will graciously host our April, First Friday cocktails. No need to RSVP, just please remember to bring your own libations, drinking glasses, and a small appetizer to share.

Many thanks to Meredith and Harvey Mason who hosted a lovely evening in March! We have openings for May 3 (anyone want to do a Cinco de Mayo theme?), June 7, September 6 and October 4. Please contact Wendy Nixon at (203) 858-7909 if you would like to host a party. Wendy will make it easy. Also, feel free to contact her if you would like to join or take over this committee. After 3+ years, maybe it's time for a new hostess! Wendy will absolutely stay on to help you for a bit if you are interested in taking the reigns. So, don't worry. Best, Wendy Nixon and Dawn Beaver, your FF Hosts

WOMEN'S COFFEE

Tuesday, April 9 - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Hosted by Louise Howell at 90 North Shelmore Boulevard



We will spring into the April Women's Coffee at the home of Louise Howell who has graciously offered to host. No RSVP needed. Just bring your own cup for filling.

For further information, contact Abigail Wolitzer at abbywolitzer@yahoo.com or Farrah Follmann at ffollmann@yahoo.com.

POTLUCK DINNER

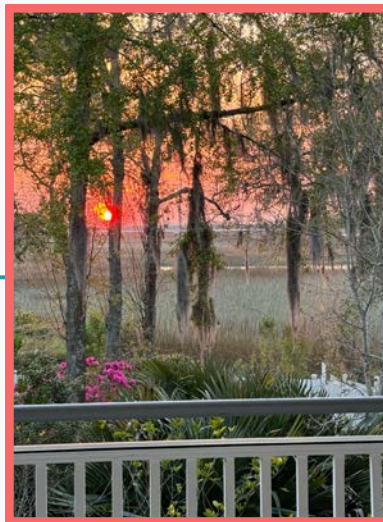
Wednesday, April 17 - 6:30 p.m. at the Creek Club
Hosted by Rosemarie and Chuck Gelber



Thank you to Wendy Nixon and Tom O'Brien for hosting March Potluck and Bingo. We had a great night playing Bingo and a big turn-out. Rosemarie and Chuck Gelber are hosting April. With the warming weather it is beautiful to sit on the deck and watch the sunset with friends.

Please join us for a delightful evening overlooking Hobcaw Creek and the marsh! Plan to arrive at 6:30 and bring a dish 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 will find dinner partners aplenty once you arrive. No reason to hesitate to arrive solo!



Potluck Dinner Hosts and Fresh Ideas Needed

Our first Bingo night was a GREAT success. We'd love to mix it up a little, and are open to new ideas as to how to use our evenings at the club. If you have any suggestions, please contact Wendy and she'll see if we can make it work.

We need hosts for May on. Please contact Wendy Nixon if you are interested. It's a great time to get out and socialize with your neighbors and meet new ones! If interested in hosting, let Wendy Nixon know at (203) 858-7909. Thanks! Best, Wendy Nixon, Lendy Barnard, Amy Goldy and Carline Soutter, your Potluck Committee

YARN BUDDIES

Wednesday, April 24 - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Hosted by Priscilla Minkin at 8 Edenton Road



Please contact Priscilla if you plan on attending this fun event. Text or call (802) 371-9753 or email priscilla.minkin@gmail.com. Yarn Buddies was formed to encourage creativity, share imagination, and inspire those who have an interest in the handcrafted arts. Anyone interested in the creative arts, be it knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, jewelry-making, quilting, rug hooking, etc., is warmly invited to attend.

I'ON WOMEN'S MOVIE GROUP

Join the E-Mail List for Coming Attractions

The I'On Women's Movie Group had an outing early in March. Nineteen of us went to see "Ordinary Angel" followed by dinner at Sesame Burger. Watch for an evite in the next couple of weeks to learn about our next event.

If you are not receiving evites send your contact information to Jan Laabs at laabsjan@hotmail.com. Hope to see you at the movies!



LUNCH BUNCH

Wednesday, May 1 - 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.
at The Perch at Get Carried Away, 644 Coleman Boulevard



Many thanks to Dawn Beaver and Mary Swenson for hosting a well-attended and fun event at Edmund's Oast.

The next Lunch Bunch will be held on Wednesday, May 1 at The Perch at Get Carried Away in Mt. Pleasant at 644 Coleman Boulevard. Please RSVP to Mary Swenson via text (617) 959-1436, if you are interested in attending.



THIS MONTH WITH THE I'ON TRUST

After The Bridge Run Concert

Saturday, April 6 - 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Westlake Amphitheater

Featuring Charleston's own, Gritty Flyright.

Gather your picnic supplies and join us for a fun and relaxing afternoon with great music and friends! This event is free and family-friendly. For more information visit www.grittyflyright.com. This is a BYOB event for those 21+



Memorial Day Picnic

Monday, May 27 - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Westlake Amphitheater

Bring a dish to share and meet new friends and neighbors. More information will follow.



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

Hello I'On Neighbors,

The I'On At Home biking group or Team I'On has been around for several years. It's a small group who enjoy biking throughout the year. We meet at the I'On Club parking lot each Thursday morning at 8:00 AM and ride 10 miles or so at a pace that works for all.

We're a group of friendly, non-competitive bikers who cycle through beautiful local vistas and neighborhoods including Patriot's Point, Remley Point, Pitt Street Bridge, Olde Park, Hobcaw and other routes that we discover along the way. We plan our rides carefully to avoid vehicular traffic. One of our members, Paul Johnson, created a nickname for our riding style: NCIS or "National Cul-de-sac Inspection Service."

Each November for 5 years running, a few of us have participated in LOWVELO, a biking fundraiser for innovative and lifesaving cancer research at the MUSC Hollings Cancer Center in Charleston, the state's only National Cancer Institute-designated cancer center.

Thanks to many of you reading this newsletter, we've raised more than \$6,000 this past year.

We welcome new riders who are I'On At Home members. Just show up on a Thursday morning and we'll introduce you to our special group.

Len Hanson

Team I'On Leader

Our riders from left to right: CJ Pelletier, Paul Johnson, Len Hanson, Jim Head, Dick Stifel & Peg Higgins. Missing is Cynthia Webb.

Over 55, I'On At Home is for you!

Join us and become a part of a lively group of neighbors interested in learning new things, sharing cultural and social activities and helping each other.

Contact Mary Holtz, IAH Administrative Manager: maryh@ionathome.org or visit us at:

<https://ionathome.helpfulvillage.com/>



FAST FASHION – WHY NOT!

(article generated by Chat GPT, with edits)

Here's the quick scoop on fast fashion: it's like a fast-food binge for your wardrobe, quick and cheap, but not so good for you, or for the environment. It churns out trendy clothes at lightning speed, but what's the real cost? Here's why skipping fast fashion is a good idea:

1. **Quality over quantity:** These items are often poorly made and do not last. Investing in higher quality clothing may cost more up front but saves you money in the long run.
2. **Ethical concerns:** Many fast fashion manufacturers exploit cheap labor in developing countries, paying low wages, and subjecting workers to unsafe conditions.
3. **Environmental damage:** Fast fashion contributes to pollution, from excessive water usage to toxic chemical run-off. In addition, those trendy duds often end up in landfills, contributing to the planet's waste problem. Worldwide, 87% of the materials and fibers used to make clothing will end up being discarded.

Choosing sustainable fashion (as well as other manufactured items) is supporting businesses that prioritize fair labor practices and eco-friendly production methods. So, the next time you're tempted by that cute, inexpensive top that will look great with your jeans, please stop and think about whether the real cost is actually greater than the low price you will pay.

I'On Eco Group – preserving I'On's beauty through sound environmental practices.

For more information, contact us at ionecogroup@gmail.com.



I'ON COMMUNITY GARDEN

Community Gardens are Taking Off as Good Weather Prevails

Since our garden opening in February, community gardeners have been hard at work preparing their soil and setting out plants and seeds. Although growing a successful garden takes ongoing work once plants are in the ground—including having to go to the garden in July to water or pull weeds on hot, humid days—the satisfaction of growing superior tasting garden-fresh, fully ripened produce makes the effort worthwhile.

It is not always easy to figure out where to plant things in the garden. These gardeners are planning their garden design.



Vining plants like cucumbers and pole beans require trellising. This gardener is tying bamboo poles together to support his pole beans.



Some gardens are planted in the fall with cool-weather crops such as this kale, parsley, onions, and peas that can overwinter into spring

Thanks to our year-around zone 8b/9a climate, we have many choices on what to grow and when. Some prefer to leave their gardens unplanted over the cold months and wait for warm weather when they can grow crops such as tomatoes, peppers, beans, basil, and annual flowers. Other gardeners plant cool-weather plants in the fall that grow over the winter into the spring; as the weather grows too warm, plants are replaced with summer crops. Another common pattern is to see an overlap of cool and warm-season crops planted at the same time; as some plants decline or die, they are continually replaced with fresh seeds or transplants. An example would be cool-weather peas growing alongside beans until the peas no longer produce in the warm weather. The peas are removed to make more room for the beans or for another crop such as eggplant. In late summer, greens and other crops will be planted and grow during the fall and even winter. The goal is to keep the garden in production throughout the year avoiding the fallow period necessitated by long, cold winters in most areas of the country. This provides continuous harvests of vegetables, herbs, and flowers.



Most of these plants are small now, but once grown will fill this garden with a mixture of cool- (kale, lettuce) and warm-weather plants (beans, tomatoes, basil, and peppers). Additional plants can be added in the unplanted areas of the garden as it fills in.



The garden in late March awaits further planting and growth as warmer temperatures and longer days increase. Future newsletter photos should show startling transformation at the garden.

Aided by mild temperatures and regular rain in March, recent plantings are responding with vigorous growth. The garden is still only partly planted now but by June the garden will be full of tomatoes, beans, basil, various beautiful flowers, and much more. Come by the garden in the months ahead to see what we grow and talk to your neighbors who make the garden such an inviting place.

April Gordon - dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com



BUTTERFLY GARDEN

Love Nature , the Outdoors, Gardening? Volunteer at the I'On Butterfly Garden



The garden in April 2023 was blooming with native plants such as Stokes asters, yarrow, scarlet salvia, and milkweed.



The endangered Monarch butterfly is a special focus of the garden as it grows milkweed, the only plant its caterpillars can eat



Team BG volunteers take care of garden plants including deadheading flowers to encourage new blooms

Founded in 1915 by I'On neighbors like you, the butterfly garden is in its ninth year and thriving as Spring temperatures bring our many plants out of dormancy. The major mission of the garden is to provide a home for native plants and to support pollinators—especially butterflies like the endangered Monarch—that depend on native plants to survive and flourish. Another goal is to educate our community about the importance of protecting native plants and animals for our own wellbeing. Many people don't realize, for instance, that most plants including our food crops depend on insect pollinators; yet many insect populations are declining in number and even threatened with extinction as their habitat and food sources are destroyed or poisoned with pesticides. One reason the butterfly garden is located in the same space as the I'On Community Garden is to illustrate this reality since most of our garden plants depend on insects to pollinate them. The butterfly garden is more than just an environmental resource, however; it is also a place of beauty that draws many visitors from both I'On and elsewhere. Many people comment that they and their children love to visit the garden for the beautiful, mostly native flowers and all the butterflies, bees, and other living things they see there.

But maintaining the garden people love takes work. Pruning, weeding, deadheading flowers, replacing plants, and watering are among the tasks that must be done. This is where "Team BG" comes in. Since the creation of the garden, every year this group of neighborhood volunteers has performed the work that makes the garden sustainable. In the process, the garden has rewarded us as we have enjoyed and learned so much about the plants and animals we are caring for and come to appreciate what a complex and fascinating place the garden is.

We want to include more of our neighbors in our group who share an interest in what we do and the rewards it offers to not only the garden but to each of us.

If this might include you, contact April Gordon at dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com for more information.



A variety of native bees such as this bumblebee thrive on our plentiful pollen sources. Look closely and admire how beautiful these insects are.

Welcome New Neighbors

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

Abby & Neil Wolitzer
83 Latitude Lane



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The Communications Committee wants to hear from you! Click [HERE](#) to submit your questions, comments, requests, or concerns.

It's always a pleasure to hear from a Living in I'On reader!

Appropriate Disposal of Landscape Debris

As a reminder, please remember, if you have a landscape contractor it is their responsibility to remove all debris from I'On when they leave.

Town ordinance requires landscape contractors to remove debris they generate from the community. See a copy of the ordinance [HERE](#).

Also, neither residents nor their contractors are permitted to blow leaves into the street. Landscape debris needs to be placed in paper bags and set curbside on the same day of trash pick-up.

We appreciate everyone's assistance in keeping I'On beautiful!



We love our neighborhood's Little Free Library. Take a book or leave a book. It seems only fitting that we have a library for our four legged friends. Take a stick or leave a stick. Thank you to Elizabeth Hazard for the fun sign and new library at Westlake. Have your pup check out a stick today.

