

LIVING IN I'ON

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



October Events

FRI	10/4	First Friday
TUE	10/8	Women's Coffee
TUE	10/8	Potluck Dinner
FRI	10/11	Creme School Grand Opening
WED	10/23	Yarn Buddies
THU	10/24	Lunch Bunch
	TBD	Women's Movie Night
SUN	10/27	Halloween in the Hood

Important Dates

TUE	10/1	IDC Meeting
THU	10/3	Recycling Pickup
THU	10/3	Rosh Hashanah
TUE	10/8	IDC Submittal Deadline
SAT	10/12	Yom Kippur
TUE	10/15	IDC Meeting
THU	10/17	Recycling Pickup
TUE	10/29	IDC Submittal Deadline
THU	10/31	Halloween
THU	10/31	Recycling Pickup

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2024 I'On Board Meetings
159 Civitas Street
6:00 p.m.

TUE., 10/29
MON., 11/18
MON., 12/16



Seeking New I'On Design Committee Member with Landscape Design Experience

The IDC is the five member body that reviews and approves all exterior structural and landscape requests in the community. It meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month; meetings are held in the I'On conference room on The Square beginning at 2 p.m. and usually lasting 2-3 hours.

For 2025 the Board is seeking to add a homeowner to the IDC who has landscape design expertise. This experience could be as a current or former landscape design professional, or simply a landscape enthusiast who has studied the field in college or through non-college forums (such as Master Gardener classes). A solid knowledge of drainage, hardscape and other topography issues is preferred as well as a good understanding of the types of tree, shrub and plant materials that perform well in the Lowcountry.

If you are interested in serving and can commit to active participation at the two monthly meetings, please send an email to our Community Manager, Emily Simpson (esimpson@ravenelassociates.com), describing your interest and relevant training/experience(s).



Wishing you treats without tricks on Halloween.





DOCK CLOSINGS - OCTOBER 2024

Friday, October 4th	Wedding & Reception	4:25 - 4:55
Sunday, October 6th	Wedding & Reception	4:55 - 5:25
Friday, October 11th	Wedding & Reception	4:25 - 4:55
Sunday, October 13th	Wedding & Reception	4:25 - 4:55
Thursday, October 17th	Wedding & Reception	5:25 - 5:55
Saturday, October 19th	Wedding & Reception	5:25 - 5:55
Sunday, October 20th	Wedding & Reception	5:25 - 5:55
Friday, October 25th	Wedding & Reception	4:25 - 4:55
Saturday, October 26th	Wedding & Reception	4:25 - 4:55

For an up-to-date list of common area reservations, please visit the community calendar located on our website! <https://ioncommunity.com/calendar/>

FIRST FRIDAY

Friday, October 4 - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Hosted by Vicky and John Wynne at 174 North Shelmore Boulevard



No need to RSVP, just please remember to bring your own libations, drinking glasses, and a small appetizer to share.

Hosting opportunities are available for 2025. Please volunteer your home and time for a fun and easy Friday night out with neighbors and friends. Contact Wendy Nixon at (203) 858-7909 if you would like to host a party or simply learn more. Wendy will support you all the way.

WOMEN'S COFFEE

Tuesday, October 8 - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Hosted by Elie McLaren at 67 Robert Mills



No RSVP needed. Bring a cup for coffee or tea and join us. For further information, contact Abigail Wolitzer at abbywolitzer@yahoo.com or Farrah Follmann at ffollmann@yahoo.com.



POTLUCK DINNER**Tuesday, October 8 - 5:30 p.m.****Hosted by Farrah Follmann and Harry Farthing at the Creek Club**

Please join us at the Creek Club when Farrah Follmann and Harry Farthing host a lovely evening. For a very special treat, Blue Mystic Dream will be performing all types of fun cover band songs. We are going to start the evening a bit early to enjoy the music. **Please note the different day of the week and time! Tuesday, Oct. 8th at 5:30 pm.**

Pot Luck dinner takes place each month at the beautiful Creek Club overlooking the Hobcaw Creek. Attendees bring a dish to share (whether homemade or purchased) and their own plate, utensils, beverage, and glass. Please join us and encourage neighbors to come as well — and if you are new to the I'On neighborhood, don't be shy! It is a fun, social evening where everyone belongs! Please reach out to Amy Goldy at (908) 403-5466 or via email at amygoldyid@gmail.com. Thanks so much, Susan and Bob for hosting us this month.

YARN BUDDIES**Wednesday, October 23 - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.****Hosted by Gigi Van Fliet at 15 McDaniel Lane**

Please let Gigi know if you are able to attend, via text: (843) 276-7751 or email: geertruidavv@yahoo.com Yarn Buddies was formed to encourage creativity, share imagination, offer assistance, and inspire those who have an interest in the handcrafted arts. Anyone interested in the arts of handwork, be it knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, jewelry making, quilting, crewel, embroidery, cross-stitch, etc. are warmly invited to attend.

LUNCH BUNCH - ANNUAL HAT LUNCHEON**Thursday, October 24 - 11:30 to 1:30 p.m.****Palmetto Cafe in Charleston Place, 185 East Bay Street**

The Palmetto Cafe is the venue for this year's Hat Luncheon and it is a great spot for this event - refined without being stuffy! RSVP's are now being accepted by Kristen Anderson (kristenande@gmail.com) until October 15th and we are almost at capacity (but a waitlist will be available). Thank you to all of those who have already reserved their places. A hat is required and a prize will be awarded for the best one. All cancellations must be received by October 22nd or there will be a \$10 fine payable to Charleston Place as they are kindly hosting us with no additional room charge. Each attendee will receive a separate check.

We are looking for hosts for the remainder of 2024 and into 2025. Hosting is easy! Pick your favorite restaurant and collect the RSVPs. Contact Kristen Anderson at kristenande@gmail.com if you are interested or have questions.

I'ON WOMEN'S MOVIE GROUP**Sign up to receive future movie dates and times...**

Our next outing will be announced by email to all neighbors on the movie list. If you aren't on the list and are interested please email Jan Laabs at laabsjan@hotmail.com. You will then receive an evite with all the information to attend the next outing. It may be awhile depending on what's playing.



THIS MONTH WITH THE I'ON TRUST

HALLOWEEN IN THE HOOD **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27TH 4:00 TO 6:00 PM** **ON THE MAYBANK GREEN**

Calling all witches, monsters, and ghosts
The I'On Trust will be your host!

Join us wearing your creepiest costume for some Halloween happenings. We will have lots of fun with kid's games, trick or treat bag decorating, costume contests, jump castles, balloon artist, and more. Cost of admission is one bag of candy per family.

Ghosts, witches, and bats should fly on in.
We're so excited for the fun to begin!



VOLUNTEERS WANTED for Halloween in the Hood - USE SignUp

Students, do you need volunteer hours? Are you interested in getting involved with the community? The Trust is always looking for volunteers of all ages!

We're using SignUp (the leading online SignUp and reminder tool) to organize our upcoming SignUps. Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

- 1) Click this link to see our SignUp on SignUp: <https://signup.com/go/XREnOfb>
- 2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
- 3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.

Note: SignUp does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually. - Antonia Fokas, admin@iontrust.org

THE GIVING LIGHTS OF I'ON **Sunday, December 8**

We are delighted that this year's recipients are **Camp Happy Days** and the The Lonon Foundation. We are looking forward to another successful year!

Our terrific volunteers will be dropping off order forms at your homes as well as being available to answer questions. If you would like to volunteer to help us with this effort please contact admin@iontrust.org.

If any individuals, groups or businesses are interested in sponsoring the Giving Lights material cost please reach out to admin@iontrust.org. Supplies will cost about \$4,000 for 13,000 luminaries. This includes shipping costs, sand, and luminary materials.

HOLIDAY MARKET - Calling all Artists and Craftspeople **Sunday, December 8 - 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.**

Please contact admin@iontrust.org or call (843) 881-7541, if you are interested in participating in a Holiday Market the day of the Holiday Festival Giving Lights from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m., Sunday, December 8th. Deadline to sign up to participate is by Monday, October 7th. There will be no fee for I'On resident vendors.





Creek Club Rentals

Earlier this year the Board communicated to residents that in the new lease amendment with the tenant in the Creek Club, I'On residents are allowed to rent the space for \$600. If residents are interested in renting the space, they must call the Creek Club at (843) 606-2083.

Finance Committee Seeks Members

The Finance Committee is looking to add two members. The ideal candidate is between 40 and 55. They should be able to read financial balance sheets, monthly bank/brokerage statements and annual budget documents. The Committee meets once a month (usually the second Thursday) at 4 pm for 30 minutes to one hour. It typically takes about 2 hours to review the materials for the meeting and everyone comes to the meeting prepared. Please email Emily Simpson at esimpson@ravenelassociates.com if you are interested in joining the Finance Committee.



Crème School of I'On - GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION

Friday, October 11th - 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. at 250 Ponsbury Road



The Crème School of I'On opened on September 3rd, bringing wow-worthy child care to your neighborhood! The Crème School will serve up to 180 kiddos ages 6 weeks to 5 years. Going beyond daycare, the school offers a research-based child care curriculum for the whole child—from babies through pre-kindergarteners. It's carefully curated to give them everything they need (and more) to be ready for grade school and the world, including:

- A balance of intentional, teacher-led instruction and child-centered learning
- Daily lessons that focus on four key developmental domains: cognitive, language, physical, and social-emotional
- Subjects in math, science, art, fine motor and gross motor skills, and more
- Frequently changing themes that keep children engaged
- At-home, curriculum-related activities that families can do together
- Four enrichments with research-based curriculum: STEM, music, art and Spanish.



What makes Crème School really special is their rotation model and enrichment program. Students rotate through specialty subjects and classrooms throughout the day. Shifting from homeroom to outdoor spaces. Creative studios to the STEM lab. Following the rhythm of young learners' attention spans maintains their learning momentum all day.



You're invite to their a Grand Opening Extravaganza! Bring the whole family to celebrate and experience what makes Crème so special. Meet their dedicated teachers, connect with other families in your community, explore their specialty enrichments: STEM, Spanish, Music, and Art, enjoy live music & face painting, taste delicious food prepared by a Crème School Chef, bring home special gifts for your little one. [RSVP HERE](#)



Each year during the annual meeting in January, I'On holds open elections for candidates who are interested in serving a two-year term on the I'On Board of Directors. For the 2025-2026 terms, there will be four (4) Board seats available to candidates.

Your current Board of Directors encourages you to get involved in the future direction of I'On by running for a board seat or encouraging a neighbor to get involved. Board members are available between now and the January election to discuss the job responsibilities and what it is like to serve on the board.

All we ask is that you are able to commit to at least two hours a week and have an open mind about making decisions that are in the best interest of all 761 titleholders.

The Board welcomes all residents to attend our monthly meetings located at 159 Civitas Street at 6:00 p.m. This is a great way to personally get a feel for how the Board operates. Upcoming board meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, October 29, Monday, November 18, and Monday, December 16.

Please contact our General Manager, Emily Simpson if you are interested in learning more:
esimpson@ravenelassociates.com

2024-2025 Board of Directors

Tom O'Brien - Board President
Bob Adams - Vice President/Treasurer/Finance Chair
Stephen Wood - IDC Liaison
Roy Rathbun - Landscape & Infrastructure Chair
Julie Hussey - Secretary/Communications Chair
Lon Waggoner - Covenants Chair
Donna Davis - Amenities Chair



Seal Coating the Alley Roadways in I’On

The Board of Directors has entered into agreement with Coastal Asphalt, LLC to seal coat the alley roadways at I’On. In order for this entire process to be completed as efficiently as possible, the I’On Community and Coastal Asphalt, LLC must all work together.

The first sections to be completed are Phase 4, 5, and 6 which are tentatively scheduled to start the week of October 21st and will consist of cleaning the asphalt and applying two coats of asphalt sealer for each daily section. Once the application is completed, it will be necessary to stay off the roadway until traffic control devices have been removed (typically 24 hours). Foot traffic is allowed once the sealer has dried and cured. The process calls for us to divide I’On, into sections. Please refer to the color coded map below identifying the scheduled days we plan on doing each section.

- Phase 4/ Day 1 – October 21st – Monday – YELLOW
- Phase 5/ Day 2 – October 22nd – Tuesday – ORANGE
- Phase 6/ Day 3 – October 23rd – Wednesday – PURPLE

Phase 1, 2, and 3 will be completed in early 2025

Coastal Asphalt, LLC will strive to make this process as minimally disruptive to your everyday lives as possible.

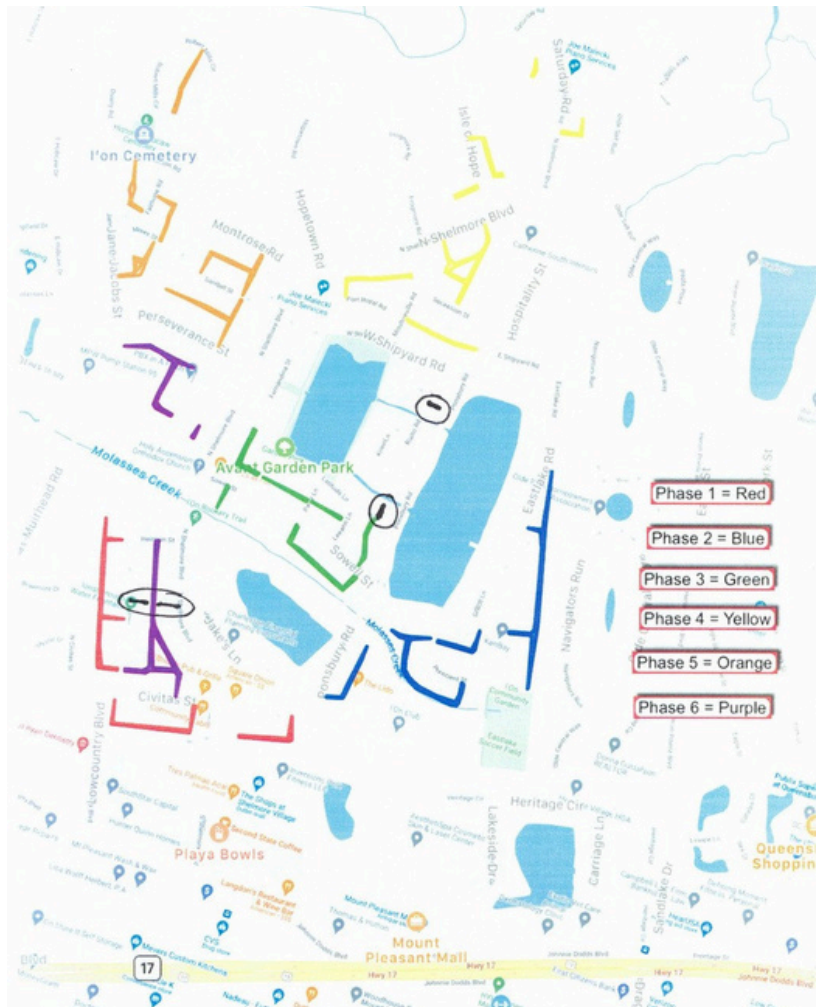
Coastal Asphalt will work with the mail carriers and other delivery personnel and will assist you in knowing where to park and how to come and go to your respective homes.

Please have your cars moved by 7:00 a.m. on the morning your section will be sealed. Coastal Asphalt will not be responsible for vehicles moving traffic devices to drive through wet sealer.

Please ensure your irrigation is turned off the night before your scheduled date and remains off for 24 hours after seal coating is complete.

IF IT RAINS ON THE DAY YOU’RE SCHEDULED, YOUR PHASE WILL BE MOVED TO THE END.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



BUTTERFLY GARDEN

Fall is Peak Season at the Butterfly Garden: Butterflies to Look For Now

by April Gordon



Look closely on passionvine leaves for Gulf Fritillary eggs like this one

Fall is here and the number and diversity of butterflies is ramping up at the garden. In September’s newsletter the Gulf Fritillary butterfly was highlighted, and they remain widespread. It always delights visitors to see these beautiful bright orange butterflies flying everywhere, then stopping to sip nectar from a flower. But this time of year is also the height of their reproductive period where they are mating and laying eggs to produce a new generation of butterflies. If you look carefully, you can spot the tiny yellow eggs they are laying on the leaves of their passionvine host plants. By October, the eggs laid in September will turn into dozens of fritillary caterpillars devouring the passionvine leaves; only tattered remnants will be left as testimony to their voracious appetites. Mature caterpillars will then form a chrysalis and, if all goes well, emerge as new adult butterflies.

Fritillaries, like other butterflies, go through four stages in their life cycle: egg, caterpillar, pupa (chrysalis), and butterfly. One of the fun things to do at the garden is to look for butterflies in different stages of their life cycle not just as adults. During the Fall months, you have a good chance to observe Monarchs as well as Gulf Fritillaries in various life cycle stages. Currently, for example, a gem-like Monarch chrysalis is attached to the garden fence, adults are laying eggs on milkweed plants, and several caterpillars have been spotted devouring milkweed leaves.



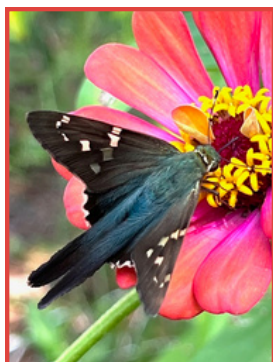
A Monarch butterfly chrysalis dangles from the garden fence

Another butterfly in abundance this year is the Longtailed Skipper with its stunning iridescent blue-green back and long central tail. Although the wings are a less colorful brown, black, and creamy white on both sides, they are beautifully patterned. They have an unusual and fascinating caterpillar stage. Their host plants are all in the pea and bean family, so community gardeners occasionally encounter them. First they notice that something is munching on the leaves of their bean plants, but they won’t see the culprits since they only eat at night. If they do find the caterpillars, they will usually be inside leaves curled up into tubes which are held together by a silk thread extruded by the caterpillar.

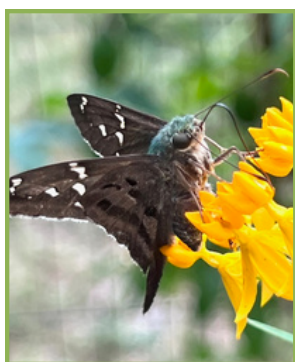


A Monarch caterpillar has been feasting on milkweed leaves to get this large

Knowing that butterflies can be observed in more than their adult form makes it possible to enjoy a new way to look for them—be it as an egg, a caterpillar, or a chrysalis. Equally important, you can better appreciate how varied and complex the lives of these wonderful insects are. April Gordon at dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com



The back of the Longtailed Skipper is a beautiful iridescent blue-green



The dark wings of the Longtailed Skipper are beautifully patterned



Longtailed Skipper caterpillars hide from predators during the day inside curled leaves of their legume host plant

I'ON COMMUNITY GARDEN Check List for October Gardens



by April Gordon



One of the most invasive weeds in the garden is chamberbitter which spread rapidly through seeds hidden on the underside of its leaves

The cooler weather in the Fall is a great time for gardeners to transition to crops that can grow now and even through the winter months. But whatever our planting goals may be, after a long hot summer our gardens need maintenance work to keep them healthy and productive. Here are some of the most important jobs to do this month in the community garden (and other gardens as well)

Weed. Although the best time to weed is when weeds first come up, many weeds grow so prolifically it requires regular effort to keep them under control. With busy lives and trips out of town, many of us return to our gardens and discover they are full of unwelcome weeds that are unsightly but worse they are robbing our plants of water, space, and nutrition. And the problems are compounded if weeds are allowed to grow and drop seeds that create even more weeds and spread them to our neighbor's plot and to garden pathways as well. So weeding is job #1.

Harvest produce and save seeds. If vegetables, herbs, and even flowers are not harvested many of them will become over-ripe, rot, become diseased, or go to seed. Some plants like beans, peas, or peppers will stop setting fruit. So now is the time to get back in the garden and pick that okra while it is tender and those peppers before they dry up or rot. Deadhead your flowers to

promote new blooms. The exception is if you want to save seeds. If you are not growing hybrid plant varieties, you can let the seeds ripen and dry and save them to plant next year. The is true for many vegetables as well as flowers such as zinnias, marigolds, and sunflowers. And many seeds from herbs such as dill, cilantro, and fennel can be saved for culinary use as well as replanting.

Freshen mulch. We mainly use straw as mulch at the community garden, but mulch from the spring is breaking down (it will provide organic matter to enrich our soil). It is time to add fresh mulch on top of the old mulch. This helps prevent new weeds from sprouting, holds water in the soil, and helps insulate the soil from both hot and cold temperatures.

Add compost. After a long growing season our soil and plants need a nutritional boost, especially if we are planting fall-winter crops. Compost also improves soil structure.

Remove dead or alive diseased plants. To avoid diseases and pests that can infect future crops, remove unhealthy plants and plant roots. Do not compost them since they may survive and be spread via compost.



This pepper plant doesn't stand a chance against the seeding grass taking over this garden bed

Plant fall-winter crops. There is still time to plant cool-weather crops from transplants and even seeds. (See September's newsletter for ideas.) Also consider planting alliums such as onions, leeks, shallots, and garlic. For procrastinators, I have planted garlic as late as early December for a beautiful early summer harvest. (See <https://hgic.clemson.edu/factsheet/onion-leek-shallot-garlic/> for detail.)

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Diseased and dying tomato plants can spread soil-borne diseases to next year's tomatoes



Garlic is an easy and rewarding crop to grow. Plant it in late Fall; harvest in early Summer.



NATIVE PLANTS INFORMATION

As fall turns our thoughts to planting, the I'On ECO Group (IEG) wants to encourage you to consider native plants for your garden. Not only are these specimens more affordable, but they provide food and shelter for our wildlife and can attract pollinators.

There are several upcoming events to learn more and/or purchase native plants:

1. **Beneath the Oaks with Doug Tallamy - A Lowcountry Symposium on Creating Resilient Living Landscapes. Thursday, October 10, 1:00-5:30 PM, Charleston Museum** (<https://www.chashortsoc.org/events/beneath-the-oaks-with-doug-tallamy-a-lowcountry-symposium-on-creating-resilient-living-landscapes>).
2. **South Carolina Native Plant Society, Lowcountry Chapter's Fall Native Plant Market. Saturday, October 26, 1:00-4:00 PM, Mt. Pleasant Farmers' Market (Moultrie Middle School)** (<https://www.chashortsoc.org/events/beneath-the-oaks-with-doug-tallamy-a-lowcountry-symposium-on-creating-resilient-living-landscapes>).

Here are 2 other opportunities of interest:

1. **Mt. Pleasant Tree Survey** – the Mt. Pleasant GREEN Commission invites you to participate in the Canopy Restoration Project by suggesting sites for new canopy tree planting. Go to https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScXarCbPiDyLCh8_FYRRkFN7fUbSa1ocCUhku6FOSMqe0Egg/viewform.
2. With a mission to regenerate biodiversity, the **Homegrown National Park Movement** helps you start a new habitat in your own garden. What a great family project that contributes to the healthy, productive ecosystems which all humans need to survive. Learn more at <https://homegrownnationalpark.org/about-us/>.

I'On Eco Group: Preserving I'On's beauty through sound environmental practices.

For information, contact us at ionecogroup@gmail.com



Hello I'On Neighbors,

I'On At Home Volunteer Services...Neighbors helping Neighbors

Our team of vetted IAH volunteers provides a broad range of services to help our members when they need it. Here are some of our available services:

- *Transportation - stores, medical appointments, events, airport*
- *Household chores - moving furniture, hanging pictures, changing light bulbs*
- *Light yard work - raking, watering or sweeping the patio*
- *Help with pets - providing emergency pet care*
- *Meals - deliveries in special cases due to health or injury*
- *Tech help - computers, cell phones, smart televisions*
- *Friendly visits / phone calls to check in with members and provide companionship*



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, having fun sharing cultural and social activities and helping each other.

Contact Elizabeth Sage, IAH Administrative Manager: elizabeths@ionathome.org
or visit us at: <https://ionathome.helpfulvillage.com/>

Welcome New Neighbors

Be sure to stop by to welcome and introduce yourself to...

Merrie & David McNair
130 West Shipyard Road

Brennan & Sandy Myers
229 N Shelmore Blvd

Analicia & Richard Thackray
39 Robert Mills Circle

Moving Around I'On:

David & Ruthie Gryboski
118 West Shipyard



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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!

A Letter from the I'On Board President

Dear I'On Homeowners,

Your HOA Board met on Monday and approved the annual budget for 2025. This year's Board has been focused on getting work done in a quality, efficient and transparent way.

Despite inflationary headwinds that have been well detailed through the news media we were able to align on a budget with NO HOA dues increase for 2025.

This has been enabled through an increase in revenues:

- Strong transfer fees
- Increased dock closer fees
- Increased interest from investments
- Amphitheater contribution from the I'On Trust

As well as a reduction in costs:

- Legal fees (we settled both the civil and arbitration cases)
- Insurance
- The Amphitheater and marsh trail rejuvenation came in at or below budget

Importantly, we will be able to pay \$1M to \$1.5M for the Eastlake bulkhead replacement in 2025 and have increased playground spending to almost \$100k in 2024. On we go!

Tom O'Brien
President, I'On Board of Trustees
15 Hopetown Road



Wishing all who celebrate, a sweet New Year!