



LIVING IN I'ON

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



April Events

- FRI 4/4 First Friday
- SAT 4/5 After the Bridge Run
- TUE 4/8 Women's Coffee
- THU 4/10 Lunch Bunch
- SAT 4/12 Art in I'On
- WED 4/16 Potluck Spring Buffet
- SAT 4/19 Easter Egg Hunt
- WED 4/23 Yarn Buddies
- TBD TBD Movie Group

Important Dates

- TUE 4/1 April Fools Day
- TUE 4/1 IDC Meeting
- THU 4/3 Recycling Pickup
- TUE 4/8 IDC Submittal Deadline
- SAT 4/12 Passover Begins
- TUE 4/15 IDC Meeting
- THU 4/17 Recycling Pickup
- SUN 4/20 Easter Sunday
- THU 4/22 Earth Day
- TUE 4/29 IDC Submittal Deadline

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2025 I'On Board Meetings
Monday Nights
6:00 p.m.
Conference Room
159 Civitas Street

- April 21
- May 19
- June 23
- July 21
- August 18
- September 15
- October 20
- November 17
- December 15



Attention I'On Boaters

Registration for the 2025 boating season began on Thursday, March 20th.

The boat ramp lock will be changed on Tuesday, April 1st, so you will need to submit your registration to obtain the 2025 key and decals by April 1st in order to have access to the dock as of that day.

Boaters will need to register by completing the boater registration form, which you can find [HERE](#).

In addition to the completed registration form, you must provide the following documents:

- A copy of your DNR registration
- A copy of your boat's current insurance policy
- \$50 Registration Fee (check only, made payable to I'On Assembly)

In order to obtain new decals, you must submit all required documentation. We will not accept partial registration packets. This means if any of the above listed items are not included in the submission, we will not be able to provide you with a key nor decals. Even if nothing has changed since the last registration, everyone must submit new copies of the required documents.


The insurance and registration MUST show the name and address of an I'On resident or Olde Park resident. If the insurance policy or boat registration is not under the name/address of an I'On resident or an Olde Park resident, then you will not be allowed to register.

Registration packets can be submitted electronically by sending all required documents to Emily Simpson at esimpson@ravenelassociates.com, or you can submit a hard copy of your registration packet when you stop by the office to drop off your check and pick-up your new decals and key.

The office is located directly above the Square Onion at 159 Civitas St., Suite 211. We are open for boater registration Monday-Friday from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.



First blooms of spring in I'On

		MARCH DOCK CLOSINGS
Date of Event 2025	Event Type	Ceremony Time
Saturday, April 5th	Wedding & Reception	4:55 - 5:25
Sunday, April 6th	Wedding & Reception	4:25 - 4:55
Sunday, April 13th	Wedding & Reception	5:25 - 5:55
Friday, April 18th	Wedding & Reception	5:10 - 5:40
Saturday, April 19th	Wedding & Reception	4:25 - 4:55
Friday, April 25th	Wedding & Reception	5:25 - 5:55
Saturday, April 26th	Wedding & Reception	4:25 - 4:55
Sunday, April 27th	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, April 4th - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Hosted by Jean and Taylor Bush, Courtyard of The Captain’s Quarters, 14 Resolute Lane



In the event of inclement weather we will send an email to reschedule. No need to RSVP, just please remember to bring your own libations, drinking glasses and a small appetizer to share.

Many thanks to Country and Lace Florist for providing our hosts with an arrangement, and to Susan and Bob Fitzgerald for hosting a lovely gathering for us in March.

WOMEN'S COFFEE

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

Hosted by Cheryl Pitts at 65 Saturday Road



The I’On Women’s Coffee will be held Tuesday, April 8th at the home of Cheryl Pitts. No need to RSVP. Please be sure to bring your own mug for enjoying tea or coffee. For further information, contact Abigail Wolitzer at abbywolitzer@yahoo.com or Farrah Follmann at ffollmann@yahoo.com.

POTLUCK – SPRING BUFFET DINNER

Wednesday, April 16th - 6:30 p.m.

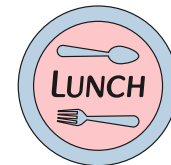
Hosted by Debbie McLaren at the Creek Club, 44 Saturday Road



Please join us for this month’s Pot Luck when Debbie McLaren will host our monthly neighborhood buffet dinner at the Creek Club. We will enjoy cocktail hour on the porch and take in the beautiful sunset and gorgeous view.

Encourage friends to join us and if you are new to the neighborhood, please come! The Creek Club, overlooking the marsh on the Hobcaw Creek, is a fabulous venue and our monthly Pot Luck is a fun, social evening. Please bring a dish to share (whether homemade or purchased) along with your own plate, utensils, beverage and glass.

A big thanks to Michelle McQuillan for hosting our March Pot Luck where we played some competitive games of Bingo (four winners at once!). As always, the food was plentiful and so delicious. Thank you all!

LUNCH BUNCH**Thursday, April 10 - 12:00 p.m.****The Whitman Restaurant at 101 Ferry Wharf Road, Mount Pleasant**

The April Lunch Bunch will be hosted by Alison Alcalá and includes another unique experience. If you haven't been to the Bal Harbour Pop-up Shops, here is your chance before they go away. Please download the App at <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/bal-harbour-shops/id1527340294> for free access into the Bal Harbour Pop-Up Shops & Restaurant. RSVP to Alison at alison.alcala@gmail.com or (678) 614-2727 by April 6th.

Thank you to Harriet Ripinsky for hosting the Camellia Walk at Middleton Place. Great turnout, lovely weather, informative guide!

**YARN BUDDIES****Wednesday, April 23rd - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.****Hosted by Priscilla Minkin at 8 Edenton Road**

Please let Priscilla know if you are able to attend. Text/cell: (802) 371-9753 or email: priscilla.minkin@gmail.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. Contact Bebe Coyle with questions at bebecoyle@comcast.net.

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

The group will be attending another movie soon. It's always a fun night at the movies with dinner following. If you are on the e-mail list you will receive an invite. To add your name to the list please contact Jan Laabs at laabsjan@hotmail.com. Hope to see you at the movies.

In the meantime, here is a link to the 2025 **OSCAR WINNERS** that you might be able to catch from the comfort of your own home.



THIS MONTH WITH THE I'ON TRUST



AFTER THE BRIDGE RUN CONCERT

Saturday, April 5 - 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
Westlake Amphitheatre

Join us at the Westlake Amphitheatre and enjoy the music of *40 Years Too Late*, a Mount Pleasant based cover band playing a wide variety of pop, rock and country music - all with an island vibe! Their set lists include hits by Fleetwood Mac, Tom Petty, Jimmy Buffet, Santana, Eric Clapton, The Beatles, Eagles, and many more.

ART IN I'ON

Saturday, April 12 - 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. in I'On

TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE - The code for I'On residents to purchase tickets is "Ion2025." Ticket buyers will be required to have an I'On address when purchasing.

This event is a dynamic tour of homes in I'On. Ticket holders may begin their journey at any participating home. To purchase tickets visit <https://www.citypapertickets.com/events/159263731/art-in-i-on-2025>. Any questions please feel free to call (843) 881-7541 or email admin@iontrust.org



EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 19th - 9:30 a.m. at Eastlake Field

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place at Eastlake Field this year. Kids ages 8 and under will enjoy an Egg Hunt and a visit from the Easter Bunny.

If you want to get rid of your plastic Easter eggs, please feel free to drop them off at 34 Fernandina Street by April 11th. There will be a container on the porch.

WHO CAN FIND THE GOLDEN EGG? - This bit of fun is for adults only. Clues to the whereabouts of the Golden Egg will be sent out on the morning of April 19th at 11:00 a.m. You must be at least 21 years of age to participate and qualify for the prize.





MORE WITH THE I'ON TRUST

COMING IN MAY...



PIZZA TRUCK ON THE MAYBANK GREEN

Sunday, May 18th

Details to follow in the May newsletter.

MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC

Monday, May 26th - 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Westlake Amphitheater



Greg Horton and Cole Owens and his sons will be playing music. Publix fried chicken and lemonade will be provided. Bring a dish to share and meet new friends and neighbors. More information to follow.



SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER – COTTON SKY ICE CREAM TRUCK

Thursday, May 29th - 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. on the Maybank Green

GIVING LIGHTS NOMINEE APPLICATION

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 support a local nonprofit organization that addresses a basic human need in our community.

If you would like to nominate a worthy charity to be the recipient of the 2025 award, please complete the Giving Lights Nominee Application Form online. We will be accepting applications now through August 15th.



Click the link [HERE](#) or go to our website at www.iontrust.org to find the nomination form under the "applications" tab. If you would like more information about this fundraiser you may contact Antonia Fokas at admin@iontrust.org

The Boroughs of I'On and the Streets Associated with Each.

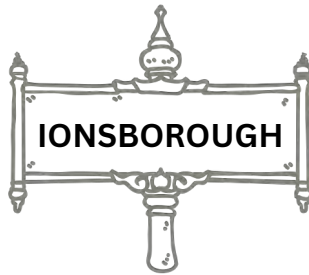
Did you know that I'On is divided into six smaller neighborhoods called Boroughs?

I'On is composed of a network of streets and buildings that encourage walking, running, and bike riding, in our very active community. Boroughs are sections of the development that were planned around a preserved civic space such as a lake, park or square, each containing about 80 to 150 homes. The six boroughs in I'On are Eastlake, Ionsborough, Shelmore, Westlake, Ponsbury, and Montrose. The boroughs create a sense of community within the larger I'On development.



EASTLAKE

Boathouse Close
 Eastlake Road
 East Shipyard
 Grace Lane
 Prescient Street
 Sowell - Eastlake to Prescient



IONSBOROUGH

Civitas Street
 Heinlin Street
 Ionsborough Street
 Jakes Lane
 Lowcountry Blvd.
 N. Shelmore Blvd to Sowell Street
 Resolute Lane



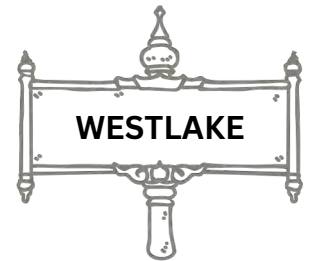
MONTROSE

Duany Road
 Edenton Road
 Fairhope Road
 Frogmore Road
 Hopetown Road
 Jane Jacobs Street #'s 29 - 52
 Jogging Street #'s 14 - 47



PONSBURY

John Galt Way
 Krier Lane
 Latitude Lane - from Ponsbury to Faye Lane
 Leeann Lane
 Patty Lane
 Ponsbury Road -
 from Civitas to E. Shipyard
 Rialto Road
 Sowell Street -
 from Prescient to N. Shelmore



WESTLAKE

Faye Lane
 Fernandina Street
 Jane Jacobs Street #'s 49 - 99
 Jogging Street #'s 46 - 68
 McDaniel Lane
 Mises Street
 Mobile Street Montrose (Upper) - from Sowell to W. Shipyard
 N. Shelmore Blvd - from Sowell to W. Shipyard
 Nolan Way
 Perseverance Street
 Port Royal Street
 Sanibel Street
 Southstar Lane
 Unwin Way
 West Shipyard #'s 86 - 110



SHELMORE

Hospitality Street
 Isle of Hope Street
 Moultrieville Road
 N. Shelmore Blvd -
 from Saturday to Frogmore
 Ponsbury Road -
 from Secession to N. Shelmore
 Saturday Road
 Serendipity Street

I'ON'S BUTTERFLY AND COMMUNITY GARDEN

by April Gordon

Renovation Project

The HOA and Butterfly/Community Gardens are collaborating on a renovation of an overgrown, unkempt area of plants outside the garden fence. The area has become largely filled with non-native, invasive Chinese privet (*Ligustrum sinense*) shrubs that the SC Exotic Pest Plant Council has listed as “a severe threat” in South Carolina due to the fact that they produce dense thickets that “choke out all native plants”.

The privet have now been cleared and will soon be replaced with a variety of native plants including grasses, flowering shrubs, and perennials that will provide food and habitat for pollinators (bees, moths, and butterflies), birds, and other small wildlife. As an extra benefit, some produce delicious edible berries for people! Luckily, there are still a few native trees and other plants that have survived in the area such as the dwarf palmetto, redbud, and Carolina cherry laurel shown in the photos below.

Planting will begin soon, so watch for updates on the progress of this exciting project that will demonstrate the beautiful native alternatives to conventional landscaping with exotic, non-native plants that have few environmental benefits and often require much more maintenance than natives.

April Gordon (dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com)



The area cleared for new native plants includes a few natives such as the large hackberry tree, dwarf palmetto, and redbud tree, with its lovely bright pink flowers



The Carolina cherry laurels are blooming with clouds of pink-white flowers followed by blue-black berries loved by birds



The Benefits of Native Plants in the Lowcountry

The Charleston, SC area is known for its stunning landscapes, historic charm, and coastal beauty. One of the best ways to preserve the region's natural appeal is by incorporating native plants into gardens and green spaces. Native plants—those that naturally occur in the Lowcountry—offer a variety of environmental, economic, and aesthetic benefits.

Why Choose Native Plants?

1. Low Maintenance & Water Efficiency

Native plants are adapted to the area's humid subtropical climate, meaning they require less water and upkeep than non-native species. Once established, they thrive with minimal irrigation, making them an eco-friendly and cost-effective choice.

2. Support for Local Wildlife

Plants like sweetgrass, yaupon holly, and southern magnolia provide essential food and shelter for pollinators, birds, and other wildlife. Monarch butterflies, for example, depend on native milkweed species to complete their life cycle.

3. Erosion Control & Flood Prevention

With the Charleston area's susceptibility to flooding, deep-rooted native plants help stabilize the soil and reduce runoff. Marsh grasses and other wetland plants act as natural buffers, improving drainage and protecting against storm surges.

4. Resilience to Pests & Diseases

Because they evolved in the region, native plants are naturally resistant to many local pests and diseases, reducing the need for chemical fertilizers and pesticides. This helps maintain healthier soil and water quality.

5. Preservation of the Lowcountry's Unique Ecosystem

Introducing non-native species can disrupt the balance of local ecosystems, sometimes leading to invasive plant problems. Sticking with native species helps maintain biodiversity and protects our area's natural heritage.

Top Native Plants for our Environment

- **Sweetgrass (*Muhlenbergia capillaris*):** Famous for its role in traditional Gullah basket weaving, sweetgrass adds beauty with its pink feathery blooms in fall.
- **Yaupon Holly (*Ilex vomitoria*):** A hardy evergreen shrub that provides red berries for birds.
- **Southern Magnolia (*Magnolia grandiflora*):** An iconic Lowcountry tree with fragrant white flowers.
- **Carolina Jessamine (*Gelsemium sempervirens*):** A climbing vine with bright yellow flowers that attract pollinators.

Making the Switch

Whether you're planting a backyard garden or working on a large-scale landscape project, choosing native plants benefits both the environment and your wallet. Local nurseries and conservation groups, like the South Carolina Native Plant Society (<https://scnps.org/lowcountry/>), can help guide you in selecting the best plants for your space.

By embracing native species, Mt. Pleasant residents can enjoy a more sustainable and naturally beautiful Lowcountry for generations to come.

*I'On Eco Group – preserving I'On's beauty through sound environmental practices.
For more information, see our [web pages](#) or contact us at ionecogroup@gmail.com.*



Playing Tourist With IAH!



This past month, IAH members took the opportunity during the “slow season” here in Charleston to play tourist in our own backyard! Our members enjoyed the Camellia Walk at Middleton Place and took in the blooms that have been delighting tourists and locals alike for generations. Our tour of the gardens was capped off by a lovely lunch and fellowship at Middleton’s restaurant.

We also had a wonderful walking tour South of Broad with renowned tour guide Tommy Dew, where even the longtime residents learned some new tidbits about Charleston.

Additionally, we hosted a talk from local author Leigh Handal to discuss her latest book, “Charleston Then and Now”, which tells the story of Charleston through archive photos matched with their modern viewpoints.

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...

Dawn Higgins
42 Krier Lane

Grace Moon & Byung Lee
236 Ponsbury Road

Madison Simon & Seth Gudger
57 Saturday Road

Moving Around I'On:

There was an error in the March issue of Living In I'On that incorrectly stated **Alexsis & Tim Carrico** had moved to 18 Frogmore Road. Our apologies to the current owners of 18 Frogmore and to Alexis & Tim who have moved to **19 Frogmore Road**



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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!

Trucks in I'On

Over the last couple of months there has been an increase in very large 18-wheeler and semi-trucks coming into the neighborhood.

As a reminder, the community has restrictions on trucks due to the tree-lined and narrow streets, making it difficult for these large trucks to maneuver.

Please remind your contractors, delivery drivers, moving companies, etc. that trucks more than 45 feet with large cabs are not allowed in I'On.

It is the owners responsibility to inform their delivery drivers, contractors, etc. of this restriction.



WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS: Last year, The I'On Landscape Committee approved the installation of a gourd rack near the southeast corner of Eastlake to determine whether Purple Martins can be enticed to nest there. Is that a Purple Martin we see?

We would like to give a big I'On welcome to our new Assistant Manager Nina Patton!



While you can still reach out to Emily, it will help Nina become acclimated to the community if you could please copy Nina on your emails to Emily or email Nina directly. Nina's email is am.ion@ravenelassociates.com

Be sure to save her email to your favorites! The office number stays the same (843) 388-7547.



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