

LIVING IN I'ON

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JULY EVENTS

FRI 7/4

4th of July

Parade, Picnic, Concert

TBD TBD Lunch Bunch

WED 7/23 Yarn Buddies

TBD TBD Movie Group

IMPORTANT DATES

TUE 7/1 IDC Meeting

TUE 7/8 IDC Submittal Deadline

THU 7/10 Recycling Pickup

TUE 7/15 IDC Meeting

THU 7/24 Recycling Pickup

TUE 7/29 IDC Submittal Deadline

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2025 I'On Board Meetings

Monday Nights

6:00 p.m.

Conference Room

159 Civitas Street

July 14

August 18

September 15

October 20

November 17

December 15



Giving Lights Nominee Application

Summer has just begun, but it is already time to consider nominations for the recipient of the I'On Trust Giving Lights fundraiser.

Each year during the holiday season, The I'On Trust coordinates this fundraising project. Through the sale of luminary kits, the proceeds 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 [HERE](#).

We will be accepting applications now through August 15th. Please email admin@iontrust.org with questions.



Wishing everyone a Happy and Safe Independence Day!

Dock Cameras Installation

Snap Integrations has installed 4 cameras at the main dock to provide a layer of security in the area. These cameras are to provide visibility and monitoring, if necessary, when property is reported stolen or damaged.

The cameras are motion activated and capture/store video and/or images on a cloud-based device so that if property is reported stolen or damaged, the recordings are available for review.

We would like to remind all residents of the Security Camera Policy which is in place. Click [HERE](#) to read.



JULY 2025 DOCK CLOSINGS

DATE OF EVENT	EVENT TYPE	CEREMONY TIME
Saturday, July 5th	Wedding & Reception	4:25 - 4:55
Saturday, July 12th	Wedding & Reception	5:25 - 5:55
Friday, July 25th	Wedding & Reception	3:55 - 4:25

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 NO JULY FIRST FRIDAY



Many thanks to Claudia von Asten for hosting a wonderful First Friday event in June. Due to the 4th of July holiday, we will not hold a First Friday in July.

Contact your FF coordinators Wendy Nixon at wlknixon@gmail.com or Karen Rathbun at karenrschome@gmail.com with questions.

WOMEN'S COFFEE SUMMER COFFEE BREAK



We will be taking a coffee break this summer and will gather again in fall. Please contact Abigail Wolitzer at abbywolitzer@yahoo.com or Farrah Follmann at ffollmann@yahoo.com if you are interested in hosting a future coffee.

POTLUCK DINNER SEE YOU IN THE FALL



There is no Pot Luck Dinner this month. We are taking a break for the summer as many I'On residents travel. We will resume our dinners in the fall. Please look out for the announcement for our September dinner when we hope all will gather again. Contact Amy Goldy at (908) 403-5466 or by email at amygoldyid@gmail.com, if you are interested in hosting a future Potluck Dinner.

LUNCH BUNCH



Thank you to Amy Goldy for hosting June's Lunch Bunch at Philosophia. By the newsletter deadline, no July Lunch Bunch had been planned.

Please contact Kristen Anderson (kristenande@gmail.com) if you are interested in hosting a future event. It is easy! Pick a date that works for you, a favorite restaurant or one you are waiting to try, and collect the RSVPs.

YARN BUDDIES

Wednesday, July 23 - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Hosted by Susan Fitzgerald at 185 North Shelmore Boulevard



Yarn Buddies is meeting at the home of Susan Fitzgerald on Wednesday, July 23rd. Please let Susan know if you are able to attend: text or call (703) 402-3298 or email susaniveyfitzgerald@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.

I'ON WOMEN'S MOVIE GROUP

Sign up to receive future movie dates and times...

The I'On Women's Movie Group attended the movie "Jane Austin Wrecked My Life" on June 4th. Fourteen ladies attended. We all enjoyed it. I will be scheduling a July outing in a couple of weeks, so watch for an Evite in your email. If you are not on the list please contact Jan Laabs at laabsjan@hotmail.com. I think an afternoon in an air conditioned theater is just what we all need right now.

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THIS MONTH WITH THE I'ON TRUST



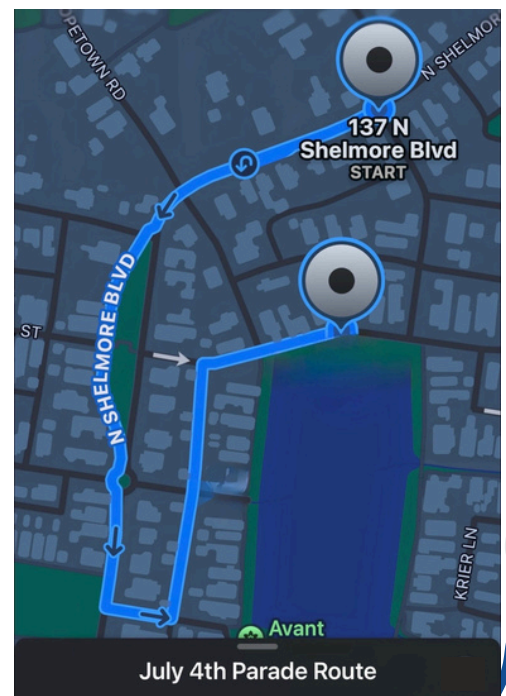
4TH OF JULY WITH THE I'ON TRUST

Friday, July 4th - Events from 9:20 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

9:20 a.m. - Parade: Those participating in the parade will meet at Moultrieville Road and North Shelmore. Decorate those golf carts & dress in your red, white, and blue, patriotic attire. The most festive golf cart will win prizes! Kids, dogs, walkers, bikers, wagons, etc. are welcome. Get creative and join the fun!

10:00 a.m. - Salute at the Lake: Join us at the Westlake Amphitheatre following the parade, when we celebrate our country's birthday with patriotic music, the National Anthem, Pledge of Allegiance, and excerpts from the Declaration of Independence by I'On Neighbors. At the end of the salute, we award the winners of the golf cart contest!

6:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Concert: Music at the Westlake Amphitheatre with the band 40 Years Too Late.



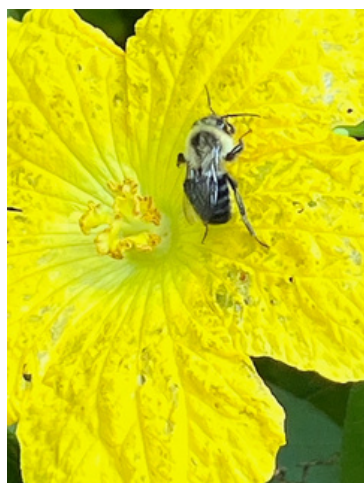
COMMUNITY GARDEN

by April Gordon

Know your Garden Allies: the Beneficial Insects

Now that summer is here, the community garden becomes more rewarding as plots are filled with ripening tomatoes and other produce, and a multitude of flowers are blooming. Admittedly, there is also more work to do including weeding, watering, and pruning. And there are a lot more bugs!

Small and mysterious, in our daily lives we only occasionally pay much attention to insects or know much about them. Here are just a few surprising facts: according to the Royal Entomological Society, insects are estimated to be as much as 90% of the world's animal species (perhaps 10 million) and live in almost every habitat on earth from mountains to deserts. Compared to humans, there are approximately 1.4 billion insects for every person on Earth, and the total weight of all the insects is about 70 times more than all the people.



Bumblebees are important pollinators of summer squash as they fly from blossom to blossom.

As our knowledge about the environment has grown, so has the awareness of the vital roles insects play in the balance of Nature, including in our gardens. While we often focus on controlling insect “pests,” this article is about the vast majority of insects—an amazing 90%— that are harmless or beneficial. Beneficial insects are categorized as either pollinators, predators, or parasitizers. The pollinators include bees, butterflies, and moths. Most of the world's flowering plants depend on pollinating insects for fertilization; this includes 75% of our food crops. Predator insects eat pests that damage our plants such as aphids, scale insects, slugs, and spider mites. Among these predators are ladybugs, green lacewings, assassin bugs, praying mantises, dragonflies, and ground beetles. Less familiar are the parasitizers that lay their eggs on or in other insects. When the eggs hatch, the larvae feed on the host insects. Parasitizers include various wasps and flies, such as the braconid wasp whose larvae feed on tomato hornworms, that can quickly defoliate your prized tomatoes.

By attracting beneficial insects to your garden, you can increase your yields and reduce the need for toxic insecticides. How do we do this? Many beneficial insects arrive before pest insects show up and need nectar and pollen for food. Growing plants with spring blooming nectar flowers such as native viburnums and Carolina jessamine and allowing spring vegetables and herbs such as kale, lettuce, or cilantro to bloom can meet this need. Later in the growing season flowering plants such as yarrow, coneflowers, or goldenrod and herbs such as lavender, dill, chives, oregano, rosemary, mint, and fennel step in to keep the beneficials coming. **Community Garden continued on page 6**



This tomato hornworm has been parasitized by a braconid wasp. Its larvae will eat the hornworm from the inside out.



A paper wasp kills and devours a cabbage worm eating holes in a kale plant.

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Many garden herbs including garlic chives are a magnet for beneficial insects such as bees and butterflies.

To support beneficial insects it is important to avoid using toxic pesticides as much as possible not only in the garden but in nearby properties because they are often broad-spectrum and kill beneficials as well as pests. For instance, a common practice in many neighborhoods is for homeowners to hire mosquito control companies to spray and kill mosquitoes in their yards. But these sprays can drift beyond the yard into nearby areas and gardens, and the synthetic pyrethrums most often used are toxic to many beneficial insects as well as mosquitoes (along with other collateral damage linked to their use).

(See <https://blog.nwf.org/2020/09/what-you-need-to-know-before-spraying-for-mosquitoes/>)

The use of toxic pesticides is so widespread around the world that insect populations are being devastated with an estimated 75% of insect species in decline and many becoming extinct. The environmental impacts of this “insect apocalypse” are an alarming threat not just to insects but to animals all the way up the food chain including us via damage to our food crops and loss of biodiversity. (See <https://scitechdaily.com/the-great-insect-apocalypse-why-are-bugs-vanishing/>)

Awareness is an important step in changing our relationship with insects. As a first step, the next time you go outside in your yard or garden, look around and note all the living things there that we take for granted, including the insects. When you see insects, don’t assume they are pests; find out what they are. They could be a pollinator, a predator, or parasitizer: your allies.

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I'ON'S BUTTERFLY GARDEN

by April Gordon

Honoring Butterflies and Bees as Pollinators



Did you know that June 16-22 was National Pollinator Week! The U.S. Senate established the observance of National Pollinator Week in 2008 to highlight our debt to pollinators for their contributions to sustaining many of our food crops as well as other plants that require pollination in order to reproduce. Pollinators include bees, bats, moths, beetles, wasps, flies, and some small mammals that help plants reproduce by carrying pollen from one flower/plant to another. An astonishing 80% of plants require pollination, which indicates how important the work of pollinators is to life on earth. By the time you read this, pollinator week will be over, but those of us associated with the butterfly garden celebrate butterflies and bees, our major pollinators, all year here in I'On by maintaining and improving the butterfly garden and educating others.

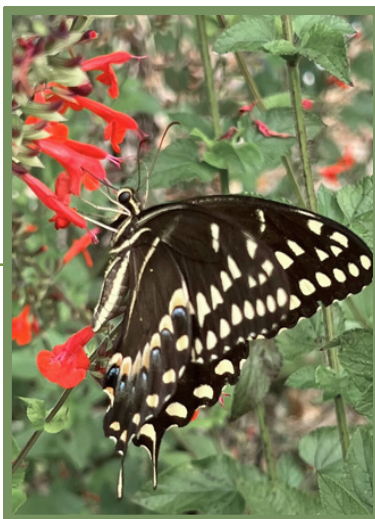
Although bees and butterflies are the major pollinators of plants, in some ways they contribute to pollination differently. For one thing, bees play a larger role in pollinating food crops than butterflies do, but butterflies are notably strong pollinators of wildflowers and native plants, some of which, e.g. milkweed, depend specifically on butterflies. Butterflies also pollinate differently than bees. Bees directly seek pollen as food, and their bodies are hairier and otherwise better adapted to trap pollen. Butterflies seek out flowers to drink their sweet nectar but in the process inadvertently pick up and transmit pollen. Butterflies are also more likely to favor flowers that are brightly colored with a strong fragrance and a flat landing surface where they can reach more deeply into flowers with their proboscis to locate nectar. Although they carry less pollen than bees, butterflies have the advantage of visiting more flowers than bees and flying longer distances thus contributing more to transmitting genetic diversity in plant populations.

The bottom line is that pollinators need flowers and flowers need pollinators. What we see and celebrate during pollinator week is the result of a complex and dynamic process of co-evolution that began more than 140 million years ago and continues today.

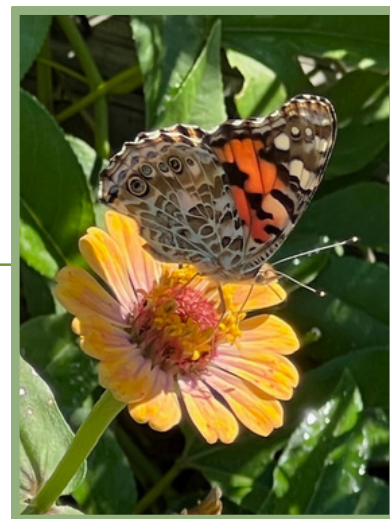
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A bumblebee is covered with pollen from a passionvine flower



The Palamedes butterfly is able to sip nectar from tubular scarlet salvia flowers by inserting its long proboscis



Zinnias with a single layer of flat petals provide a landing platform for butterflies such as this painted lady



Cruising the Wando with IAH

In June, IAH President, Bob Hardie, put on his captain's hat and took several groups of IAH members out onto the Wando for an evening cruise for what has become an annual tradition. Luckily the weather cooperated and we had a wonderful time enjoying each others company while taking in the lowcountry scenery!



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...

Angela & Andrew Moore
18 Hopetown Road

Linda & Shaun Conlin
70 Ponsbury Road

Julie & Lew Gardner
167 Lonsborough Street

Kristi & Alan Lowenthal
55 Rialto Road

Laurel Thornton & Seabrook Whaley
42 Sowell Street

Jennifer & William Frantz
80 Sowell Street



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New Memorial Bench in Joggling Park

The Board of Trustees recently added a memorial bench in Joggling Park.

This bench is dedicated to Bob Davis who served on the Board of Trustees from 2014-2015 and passed away earlier this year.



Pathway Safety in I'On



As a reminder, NO golf carts, motorized vehicles, electric bikes and electric scooters are allowed to be operated in or on any of the common areas or pathways. These areas include: Westlake & Eastlake paths, Marsh Trail, Maybank Green, Rookery, Eastlake Athletic Field, Boat Docks and in any playgrounds.

It is the responsibility of parents to inform their children of this rule. Beyond our neighborhood rules, The Town of Mount Pleasant has an ordinance regarding the use of E-Bikes on sidewalks which applies to I'On's sidewalks and is in discussions about adding more e-bike regulations.

Eastlake Bulkhead Update

The Town's Design Review Board will be reviewing the submittal for the new Eastlake bulkhead wall on Wednesday, July 30th at 5:00PM.

If you are interested in attending the meeting it will be held in the Town Council Chambers at 100 Ann Edwards Lane.

