



LIVING IN I'ON

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



APRIL EVENTS

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| SAT | 4/4 | Easter Egg Hunt |
| FRI | 4/10 | First Friday |
| TUE | 4/14 | Women's Coffee |
| WED | 4/15 | Lunch Bunch |
| WED | 4/22 | Yarn Buddies |
| THU | 4/23 | Neighborhood Food Drive |
| SAT | 4/25 | Art In I'On |
| SUN | 4/26 | Hamby's Mobile Market |
| NA | NA | No Potluck Supper |
| TBD | TBD | Women's Movie Group |

IMPORTANT DATES

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| WED | 4/1 | April Fool's Day |
| WED | 4/1 | Passover Begins |
| THU | 4/2 | Recycling Pickup |
| FRI | 4/3 | Good Friday |
| FRI | 4/3 | HOA Offices Closed |
| SUN | 4/5 | Easter Sunday |
| TUE | 4/7 | IDC Meeting |
| TUE | 4/14 | IDC Submittal Deadline |
| WED | 4/15 | Tax Day |
| THU | 4/16 | Recycling Pickup |
| TUE | 4/21 | IDC Meeting |
| WED | 4/22 | Earth Day |
| TUE | 4/28 | IDC Submittal Deadline |
| THU | 4/30 | Recycling Pickup |

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I'On Board Meetings
Last Tuesday of Each Month
6:00 p.m.

Conference Room at 159 Civitas Street

- April 28
- May 26
- June 30
- July 28
- August 25
- September 29
- October 27
- November 24
- December 29



Sign Up for the I'On Circle App.

The I'On Assembly is excited to introduce a new private online community for our neighborhood via the **Circle app**. This platform is designed to help residents connect, provide spaces to list items for sale, list houses and/or rentals, make announcements, ask questions, and communicate about events happening in our community.

Unlike larger neighborhood networks, this space is **exclusively for residents of our neighborhood**, creating a more focused and trusted place for communication.

To join, download the appropriate app to your phone, create an account and explore.

Please turn to page 9 to learn how to sign up for the app.



Spring blooms in I'On

2026 Boater Registration

Registration for the 2026 season started on Monday, March 16th. The boat ramp key has been changed and all boaters must register in order to obtain a key and new 2026 decals.

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

You can drop-off your registration packet and pick-up your new key and decals in the office located at 159 Civitas Street, Suite 211, Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Please note: The office will be closed on Good Friday, April 3.**

Any questions can be directed to Nina Patton at am.ion@ravenelassociates.com

|  | | DOCK CLOSINGS - APRIL 2026 |
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| DATE OF EVENT | EVENT TYPE | CEREMONY TIME |
| Friday, April 3rd | Wedding & Reception | 4:25 - 4:55 |
| Saturday, April 4th | Wedding & Reception | 4:25 - 4:55 |
| Sunday, April 5th | Wedding & Reception | 4:25 - 4:55 |
| Friday, April 10th | Wedding & Reception | 4:25 - 4:55 |
| Saturday, April 11th | Wedding & Reception | 5:25 - 5:55 |
| Sunday, April 12th | Wedding & Reception | 4:25 - 4:55 |
| Friday, April 17th | Wedding & Reception | 4:25 - 4:55 |
| Saturday, April 18th | Wedding & Reception | 4:55 - 5:25 |
| Sunday, April 19th | Wedding & Reception | 4:25 - 4:55 |
| Friday, April 24th | Wedding & Reception | 4:55 - 5:25 |
| Saturday, April 25th | Wedding & Reception | 4:55 - 5:25 |
| Sunday, April 26th | Wedding & Reception | 4:55 - 5:25 |

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

Friday, April 10 - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Rossana and Marcelo Guimaraes at 21 Duany Road



Our First Friday Cocktails is graciously being hosted by Rossana and Marcelo Guimaraes at their home.

Many thanks to Lana Bilic for hosting us in March. We have hosting opportunities for September, October, November, and December. Please contact Lydia Gulyas at (843) 817-0138 or Libby Gillins at (404) 200-2030 if you would like to host.

Thank you to Wendy Nixon for beautifully organizing our First Fridays for many years! Our community is grateful for everything you do!

WOMEN'S COFFEE

Tuesday, April 14 - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Hosted by Melissa Efird at 221 Ponsbury Road



Thank you to Barbara Fowler for hosting us in March. We hope you will join us and share a cup of conversation at the home of Melissa Efird this month. No RSVP needed. Please bring your own 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.

LUNCH BUNCH

Wednesday, April 15 - 12:00 p.m.
Hosted by Patricia Fritzing at Tavern and Table on Shem Creek



Please RSVP by Sunday, April 12 to Patricia at patricia@myagentpatricia.com or by text her at (843) 870-4937.

If you have questions or wish to host a future Lunch Bunch, please let Patricia know. Hosting is easy! Pick your favorite restaurant, make a reservation, and collect RSVPs.

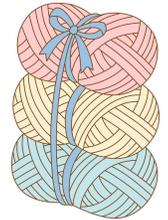
POTLUCK SUPPER**NO APRIL POTLUCK SUPPER**

To host a future Potluck Supper, please contact Amy Goldy at (908) 403-5466.

**YARN BUDDIES**

Wednesday, April 22 - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Hosted by Priscilla Minkin at 8 Edenton Road

Priscilla Minkin is hosting Yarn Buddies at her home this month. Please let Priscilla know if you are able to attend, via text: (802) 371-9753 or email: priscilla.minkin@gmail.com. We extend our sincere thanks to Sally Raver for her warm hospitality in hosting our lively group this past March.



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...

Ladies, you might not have read the book, but you need to go see the movie "Project Hail Mary." It's wonderful. In early May we'll go see "The Devil Wears Prada 2." You'll hear from me soon. To join the movie list and receive future e-vites, please contact Jan Laabs at laabsjan@hotmail.com.



"One Battle After Another" won the Oscar for Best Picture at the 98th Annual Academy Awards. Other top prizes went to Michael B. Jordan, who won Best Actor for "Sinners" and Jessie Buckley, who received the Best Actress Oscar for "Hamnet," which the movie group recently saw together.

Keeping I'On Streets Clean and Safe

We kindly ask for your cooperation in helping keep our neighborhood clean, safe, and environmentally responsible.

Please do not blow or sweep yard waste, such as leaves, grass clippings, or debris, into the street or storm drains. This practice can clog drainage systems, contribute to localized flooding, and negatively impact nearby waterways.

Instead, we ask that all yard waste be properly bagged and placed at the curb on Sunday for scheduled pickup on Mondays. This ensures that debris is collected efficiently and disposed of in an environmentally appropriate manner. By taking this simple step, you help protect our community's infrastructure and natural resources, while also maintaining the appearance and safety of our neighborhood.



Thank you for your attention and cooperation.



THIS MONTH WITH THE I'ON TRUST



Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 4 – 9:30 a.m. at the Eastlake Soccer Field

Join us for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt for age groups newborn to 3 years, and 4 to 8 years. **The hunt goes quickly so be sure to be on time.**

Neighborhood Food Drive
Thursday, April 23 – 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.
at the Maybank Green Between North
Shelmore Drive and McDaniel Lane



ART IN I'ON
 MOUNT PLEASANT, SC

Saturday, April 25 – 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.



Hamby's Mobile Market

Sunday, April 26 – 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Maybank Green

Hamby's Mobile Market returns to the Maybank Green on April 26th from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. No hot foods will be served. If it's successful again we will look at bringing them back in September but we need your feedback.

Please contact the I'On Trust at admin@iontrust.org with thoughts about adding more food trucks, with other offerings, throughout the year.

EAST COOPER COMMUNITY OUTREACH

FOOD drive **I'On Neighborhood**
April 23
Noon - 2:00 pm

Most Needed Items

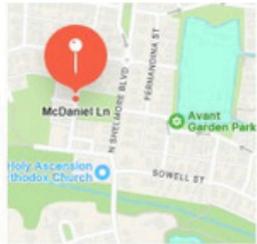
- Oatmeal/Grits
- Canned Chili
- Beef Stew
- Canned Salmon
- Rice
- Pasta/Pasta Sauce
- Bar Soap
- Household Cleaners
- Deodorant
- Laundry Detergent

Drop-Off Location
 Maybank Green Park in I'On
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 McDaniel Ln

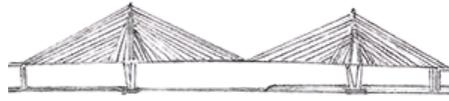
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HOSTED BY I'ON TRUST & I'ON AT HOME



Following the 49th Annual Cooper River Bridge Run, I'On residents gathered with friends, family, and fur babies, at the Westlake Amphitheater for the After the Bridge Run Concert. It was a perfect day, highlighted by a performance from the Blue Dogs trio, whose signature blend of Americana, country-rock, folk, and bluegrass has made them a beloved Lowcountry staple. Thank you to the I'On Trust for sponsoring a great event.



I'ON COMMUNITY GARDEN

April Is National Garden Month: An Inspirational Time to Grow Something

by April Gordon

With winter behind us, the sunshine, longer days, and warmer temperatures of April lift our spirits. Historically, April is the month most often associated with spring, renewal, growth, and returning to the soil. So it is not surprising that April is National Garden Month. It is also the time when community gardeners are most eager to get their gardens planted with our favorite vegetables, herbs, and flowers. Those who garden for years do so out of passion not necessity and despite the work, patience, and sometimes disappointment that accompany having a garden. We have learned, as abundant research shows, that gardening is healthy for us physically, mentally, emotionally, and socially; it can also benefit the environment. (See for instance hsph.harvard.edu and healthline.com.) Gardening is well worth the effort we put into it.



As you can see from this photo taken in late March, the community garden is already being filled with plants.

Sages from all walks of life have long extolled the virtues of gardening. Here are just a few of their reflections on the inspirational and practical effects of ornamental and vegetable gardening:

Claude Monet - "My garden is my most beautiful masterpiece."

Luther Burbank - "Flowers always make people better, happier, and more helpful; they are sunshine, food, and medicine for the soul."

Wendell Berry - "I can think of no better form of personal involvement in the cure of the environment than that of gardening. A person who is growing a garden, if he is growing it organically, is improving a piece of the world. He is producing something to eat, which makes him somewhat independent of the grocery industry, but he is also enlarging himself, the meaning of food and the pleasure of eating."

The existence of the community garden reflects these visions, but you don't have to be a community gardener to experience the benefits of gardening. You can grow something almost anywhere, and April is the perfect time to get started.

There are a few garden plots still available. To get one, contact April Gordon at iongarden@gmail.com.



I'ON BUTTERFLY GARDEN

Trees are Butterfly Plants Too! What's in Bloom at our Garden

by April Gordon

When we think of butterfly plants we usually envision blooming flowers that grow in our butterfly garden in the spring and summer such as salvia, milkweed, and coneflowers. Most of these flowers do not begin growing or blooming this time of year, yet there are many hungry pollinating bees and butterflies beginning to show up that need pollen and nectar. What's there for them to eat? Although, as discussed in a previous newsletter, there are early spring flowers in bloom (many considered weeds), we may not realize that we can observe important food sources for pollinators (and birds) by raising our eyes to see the flowering native trees, some towering well above our heads. I stress native here because most non-native trees do not meet the needs of many local invertebrates and birds that have evolved to thrive in a symbiotic relationship with native plants, not with the non-native imports increasingly replacing natives in our environment and posing a threat to biodiversity.

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Colorful redbud flowers are not only beautiful but a food source for birds and pollinators

There are several notable trees in the area of the butterfly garden outside the fence that are blooming now and into late spring. These trees provide flower nectar and pollen for butterflies and moths, leaves for caterpillars to eat, berries and nesting materials for birds, and habitat and shelter as well. It may also surprise you to learn that some are even edible for us. The four discussed briefly below are the eastern redbud, yaupon holly, Carolina cherry laurel, and southern hackberry.

The **eastern redbud** is a small understory tree that typically grows to 20-30'. You will see them used ornamentally in residential areas and with their beautiful bright pink flowers, they are also common in the wild. Although their flowers only last 3-5 weeks, bees and butterflies are attracted to their nectar and pollen, birds eat their seed pods, and they are the host plants (feeding caterpillars) for over 24 butterflies and moths. As a bonus, redbud flowers are also edible with a mildly sweet flavor good in salads and jellies.

Widely pruned into hedges or shrubs in places like I'On, **yaupon holly** is naturally a 15-25' tree. While we admire yaupon holly for its appearance, birds such as cedar waxwings eat its nutritious red berries; its flowers are a nectar source for black and tiger swallowtails; and its leaves are food for Henry's elfin and holly azure butterflies. Surprising to many, yaupon holly is also the only caffeinated plant in North America, and its leaves make an excellent tea (similar to green tea) that has been enjoyed by many people beginning with Native Americans.

Carolina cherry laurels grow throughout South Carolina but especially thrive along the coast. Those allowed to grow into trees (as in our butterfly garden), can attain a height of 15-40' and produce beautiful white flower clusters in the spring. However, their glossy green evergreen leaves and dense growth habit have resulted in most plants being pruned to make attractive privacy hedges. Used in residential areas dominated by monoculture lawns and non-native shrubs and flower beds, Carolina cherry laurels are often one of the few plants in our landscapes that provide flowers and berries that are important sources of food for birds and pollinators or serve as host plants for butterflies such as the eastern tiger swallowtail.



Carolina cherry laurels are producing beautiful spring flowers at the butterfly garden

The **southern hackberry**, with a height of 50-70', is the largest of the trees on our list. It stands out with its eye-catching corky, warty grey bark, but its leaves and berries make it a critically important plant for birds and insects. Hackberry leaves are food for as many as 43 different caterpillar species including butterflies such as the eponymous hackberry emperor, the tawny emperor, American snout, mourning cloak, and question mark. Although its inconspicuous flowers attract only a few pollinators, its berries are valuable to birds throughout the winter; they are also tasty and edible for humans.

To see these native trees and other native plants, visit the I'On Butterfly Garden and consider adding some of them to your own landscapes. Native plants are increasingly available from local native plant and conventional nurseries or online.

For more information contact April Gordon at dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com



One of our most beautiful butterflies is the tiger swallowtail that uses Carolina cherry laurel as a host plant for its caterpillars



The unique bark of the majestic hackberry tree makes it easy to identify at the butterfly garden



In the early spring the question mark butterfly is one of 43 pollinators to use the hackberry tree as a host plant for its caterpillars



Enjoying March with IAH!

Spring has arrived here in the lowcountry and IAH had a wonderful time this past month, with over 20 unique events on our calendar!

Daylight Saving meant the return of Driveway Drinks, where over 30 of our members enjoyed the longer daylight hours over a wine and light bites in the driveway of Janet Gertz.



Touring the Yorktown



IAH's Friday Walking Group at Charlestowne Landing

Our IAH Men's Golf Association also made up for missing golf over the chilly winter months, with two golf outings in March. They tackled both Wescott Plantation and Legend Oaks and a great time was had by all!

Last month, our members had the opportunity to take a special Captain's Tour of the Yorktown, led by IAH member and I'On resident, John Mack. We also heard from several interesting speakers including Michael J. Lee, the director of the Civility Initiative at College of Charleston, who spoke to us about how to best engage in civil conversation in our increasingly polarized society. And we learned about the importance of native plants and discussed how to best incorporate them in our own gardens with Samantha Porzelt from Clemson Extension.

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...

Jennifer & Rich Keetley
12 Leanne 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!

Sign Up for the I'On Circle App.



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Sign up for the I'On Circle App **HERE**.

Have a look around our spaces – and when you're ready, start contributing with posts and comments.

Once you join, we encourage you to:

- Set up your profile using your real name so neighbors can easily recognize one another.
- Review the Code of Conduct to help keep our community respectful and constructive.
- Adjust your notification preferences so you receive updates about the topics that interest you most.
- Visit the “How to Use This Forum” and FAQ sections for helpful tips on posting, replying, and uploading photos or videos.

Our goal is to create a welcoming space where neighbors can communicate easily and safely, share helpful information, and strengthen our community connections.

In time, if the response is positive, the app. may replace the Living In I'On Newsletter as your main source for I'On News and Events. It may grow and change as needed, so please take a look and let us know what you think.



The I'On Assembly & IDC office will be closed on Friday, April 3 in observance of Good Friday. Our offices will re-open at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, April 6th.

