



LIVING IN I'ON

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



MAY EVENTS

- FRI 5/1 First Friday
- TUE 5/5 Women's Movie Group
- TUE 5/12 Women's Coffee
- MON 5/25 Memorial Day Picnic
- TUE 5/26 Lunch Bunch
- WED 5/27 Yarn Buddies
- WED 5/27 School's Out for Summer
- N/A N/A No May Potluck Supper

IMPORTANT DATES

- TUE 5/5 Cinco de Mayo
- TUE 5/5 IDC Meeting
- SUN 5/14 Mother's Day
- TUE 5/12 IDC Submission Deadline
- THU 5/14 Recycling Pickup
- TUE 5/19 IDC Meeting
- MON 5/25 Memorial Day
- TUE 5/26 IDC Submission Deadline
- THU 5/28 Recycling Pickup

DOCK CLOSINGS ON PAGE 2

I'On Board Meetings
Last Tuesday of Each Month
6:00 p.m.
Conference Room at 159 Civitas Street

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



Eastlake Bulkhead Replacement Project

On April 20, Board members, residents, and representatives from Jon Guerry Taylor & Associates and BluTide Marine met via Zoom to review the upcoming Eastlake bulkhead replacement project. The team provided an overview of the construction process, noting that work is anticipated to begin around June 1 and is expected to take approximately 180 days to complete.

Construction will take place on weekdays between 8 AM and 4 PM, using vibratory equipment designed to minimize noise and vibration.

To help limit erosion impacts, the project will be completed in 30-50 foot sections. All materials and equipment will be transported via small vehicles rather than large trucks. Residents will receive bi-weekly progress updates throughout the project, and fishing will be restricted within the construction area for the duration of the work.



Surrounded by a few of his fans, I'On neighbor Reese Dorrier, followed the clues to find the Golden Egg close to where "Warning ducks may cross in sight." Thank you to Shannon Runquist for the riddle. See I'On Trust Egg Hunt photos on page 6

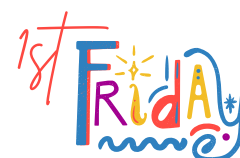
Task	Start Date	Finish Date
Contracting	Current	
Pre Con Zoom	April 20th	April 20th
On Site Precon	TBD	TBD
Submittals	Contract Date	May 11th
Mobilization to Site	May 11th	May 15th
Demo / Hardscape Removal	May 18th	May 22nd
Staking / Utility Marking / Erosion Control	May 25th	May 29th
Construction of New Bulkhead	June 1st	September 25th
Re Installation of Hardscape Items	September 28th	October 2nd
RCP Extensions	October 5th	October 16th
Site Clean Up	October 19th	October 21st
Substantial Completion / Walkthrough	October 23rd	October 23rd
Lunch List Items / Demobilize	October 26th	November 5th
Final Completion	November 6th	November 6th

		DOCK CLOSINGS - MAY 2026
DATE OF EVENT	EVENT TYPE	CEREMONY TIME
Friday, May 1st	Wedding & Reception	4:55 - 5:25
Saturday, May 2nd	Wedding & Reception	4:25 - 4:55
Sunday, May 3rd	Wedding & Reception	4:25 - 4:55
Friday, May 8th	Wedding & Reception	5:25 - 5:55
Saturday, May 9th	Wedding & Reception	4:55 - 5:25
Sunday, May 10th	Wedding & Reception	4:25 - 4:55
Friday, May 15th	Wedding & Reception	5:25 - 5:55
Sunday, May 17th	Wedding & Reception	4:25 - 4:55
Friday, May 22nd	Wedding & Reception	4:25 - 4:55
Saturday, May 23rd	Wedding & Reception	4:25 - 4:55
Sunday, May 24th	Wedding & Reception	4:25 - 4:55
Friday, May 29th	Wedding & Reception	4:25 - 4:55
Saturday, May 30th	Wedding & Reception	5:25 - 5:55
Sunday, May 31st	Wedding & Reception	5:25 - 5:55

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, May 1 - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Rossana and Marcelo Guimaraes at 21 Duany Road



Our First Friday Cocktails is coming up on Friday, May 1st, graciously hosted by Rossana and Marcelo Guimaraes at 21 Duany Road.

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

Many thanks to Libby Gillins for hosting us in April! Hosting opportunities are available in 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.

WOMEN'S COFFEE

Tuesday, May 12 - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Hosted by Cathy Mooney at 54 Fernandina Street



This will be our last I'On Women's Coffee until the fall. We're taking a summer coffee break. Thank you to Melissa Efird for hosting our April coffee.

We hope you will join us and share a cup of conversation with us this month. No RSVP needed. Please bring your own cup for coffee or tea and join us. For further information, or to host a future coffee, contact Abigail Wolitzer at abbywolitzer@yahoo.com or Farrah Follmann at ffollmann@yahoo.com.

LUNCH BUNCH**Tuesday, May 26 - 12:00 p.m.****Hosted by Patricia Fritzing at the Islander 71, 80 41st Avenue**

Please RSVP by Sunday, May 17 by texting Patricia at (843) 870-4937.

If you have questions or wish to host a future Lunch Bunch, please let Patricia know by texting or emailing her at patricia@myagentpatricia.com. Hosting is easy! Pick your favorite restaurant, make a reservation, and collect RSVPs.

POTLUCK SUPPER
NO MAY POTLUCK

Potluck will resume on June 17th! Please look out for information and reminders about that upcoming dinner. We hope to see you there! Any questions, please contact Amy Goldy at (908) 403-5466.

YARN BUDDIES**Wednesday, May 27 - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.****Hosted by Donna Feldman at 38 Hopetown Road**

Donna Feldman is hosting Yarn Buddies on Wednesday, May 27th, at her lovely home. Please let Donna know if you are available to attend by calling or texting her at (781) 985-1906, or emailing her at dmfeld158@gmail.com.

Warmest thanks to Priscilla Minkin for opening her home to the Yarn Buddies in April. It was, as always, a blast!

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**Tuesday, May 5th - Time TBD - Sign up to receive future movie dates and times...**

Join us on May 5th when we will go to see "The Devil Wears Prada 2" starring Anne Hathaway, Meryl Street, Emily Blunt, and Stanley Tucci.

The time will be emailed to those on the movie e-mail distribution list. To join the movie list and receive future e-vites, please contact Jan Laabs at laabsjan@hotmail.com.



THIS MONTH WITH THE I'ON TRUST



MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC

Monday, May 25th - 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Westlake Amphitheatre

The evening will feature live music by Greg Horton and Cole Owens. 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

Wednesday, May 27th - Time and Details TBD



Details will be announced in an upcoming E-blast and on the Circle App. Reservations are required for catering purposes.



In April, the Trust joined forces with I'On at Home to collect needed goods for the East Cooper Community Outreach. This non-profit organization provides assistance, guidance, and resources to help our neighbors navigate through life's challenges and food insecurity. Thank you to everyone for their generous donations to this organization.

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of long time I'On resident Dr. William "Bill" Rambo, Sr., husband of former I'On Trust President, Dr. Lydia A. Engelhardt, who served in the role for six years.

After a global upbringing and an accomplished medical career, Bill settled in the Charleston area in 1965 when he joined the faculty at Medical University of South Carolina. Over the decades, Mount Pleasant became the center of his personal and spiritual life, where community, faith, and family shaped his later years. Bill's long-standing involvement with St. Andrew's Church reflected this. There, he taught, served, and built lasting friendships, living out his faith through everyday acts of humility and care.

Even while continuing international medical mission work, Bill and Lydia's home in I'On remained their anchor. Between travels, they returned to the familiarity and warmth of their community, balancing a life of global service with the comforts of home. Along with Lydia, Bill lived with purpose, grace, and a deep connection to those around them.



Dr. William Rambo, Sr.
1932 - 2026

A Memorial Service will be held in the Ministry Center at St. Andrews Church, 440 Whilden Street, Mt. Pleasant, on Saturday, May 9, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. To read Bill's full obituary or to make a donation in his name please click [HERE](#).

PRIVATE PROPERTY RESERVATIONS ONLY

Contact:
I'On Assembly Office
843-388-7547

www.ioncommunity.com

CLOSED FROM SUNSET TO SUNRISE

Common Area Reservation Reminder

Planning a party, event, or sports lesson in one of the community's common areas? Please remember that all common areas, including fields, parks, and open spaces, must be reserved in advance for any organized activity.

We are aware of the ongoing Saturday morning soccer activity on the Eastlake field, which has not been reserved and has created parking and traffic concerns along Eastlake Road. Reserving common areas helps us better manage traffic, parking, and neighborhood impact.

To request a reservation application, please contact Nina Patton at am.ion@ravenelassociates.com.

Reservations can only be made by I'On property owners. Residents can check if a common area has been reserved on the I'On community website: <https://ioncommunity.com/calendar/>. This link is also posted monthly on page 2 of the Living In I'On Newsletter.

Thank you for helping keep our neighborhood safe and enjoyable for everyone!

Welcoming New Neighbors in I'On

We continue to welcome new neighbors to our community. In 2024, 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.

This spring, flocks of Purple Martins made themselves at home. Thank you to Charles Miller of 21 Grace Lane, who erected the gourd rack and acts as caretaker. May we all live in I'On in continued harmony with nature.



!! HAPPY !!
Mother's
DAY !!

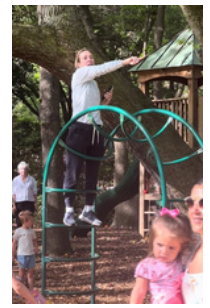
To every kind of mother, in every form your love takes...
To moms, future moms, and those still dreaming of that day.
To grandmothers whose wisdom wraps generations in warmth.
To godmothers who guide, protect, and show up with steady love.
To earth mothers who nurture the world and remind us to care deeply.
To anyone who mothers, who tends, teaches, comforts, creates, and holds space for growth, we wish you a Happy Mother's Day!



2026 Annual Easter Egg Hunt



After volunteers hide hundreds of treat filled plastic eggs, I'On Trust Event Organizer Antonia Fokas announces the start of the hunt.



Every bunny loves some bunny sometime!



While the littlest seekers (newborn to age 3) enjoy a roped-off patch of "egg-stra" easy finds, the 4-8 year-old explorers can hop over to the playscape for a bigger adventure, where eggs are hidden, just waiting to be discovered!



Baskets were filled and egg-finding skills were put to the test during a morning full of fun for kids, parents, and grandparents.



I'ON COMMUNITY GARDEN

Despite Challenging Weather, the Community Garden is Thriving

by April Gordon



This garden is focused on herbs such as parsley, thyme, garlic chives, and basil along with luscious lettuce and snap peas. Salad anyone?

When the community garden had its official opening in February this year, spirits were high among gardeners, and many of us have been eagerly planting ever since. Most garden plots are now planted, and all manner of vegetables, herbs, and flowers are thriving. Temperatures have been favorable, and pest and disease pressures are not a problem—yet! The major concern is the lack of rain, which makes frequent watering necessary.

Drought in the Carolinas, beginning in 2025, has worsened in 2026 with the normal rain between January and the end of April of 12” reduced to less than 5” this year; in April we received no rain (as of April 20). The future remains uncertain for both rain and temperatures in the months ahead.

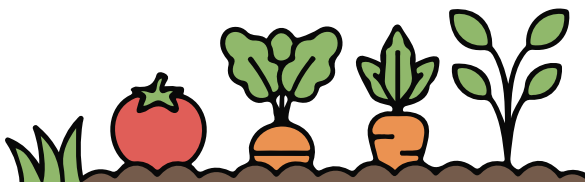


A tomato lover planted this garden adding some basil, and pepper plants but left room for interplanting additional crops as well.

We do not know what May will bring, but then gardening is always an adventure involving challenges to be confronted and sometimes disappointing results, but there are always rewards (such as delicious fresh produce and lovely flowers) for those who persevere and love being out among Nature’s beauty and the diversity of living things. Which reminds me: we have a family of bluebirds in our bird house! Diversity we all can enjoy.

There are still a few garden plots available and plenty of time to get your favorite summer crops growing. Contact April Gordon at iongarden@gmail.com for a registration form.

Bluebirds have taken residence at the garden, a perfect place for parents to find insects and larvae to feed their hungry babies!



I'ON BUTTERFLY GARDEN

Drought and the Spring Monarch Migration to South Carolina

by April Gordon

Normally, the monarch spring migration begins in March as monarchs leave their overwintering sites in Mexico and arrive in Texas. They then begin breeding and moving north arriving in South Carolina beginning in April. However, it is now late April and observers throughout the Carolinas are reporting only a few monarchs, and we at I'On's butterfly garden haven't seen any. Not only are there few monarchs but the critical plant for monarchs, milkweed, has also been slow to emerge and grow. Also odd is that there are few butterflies of any kind at the garden despite the fact that there are several spring nectar plants flowering. What is going on this year?

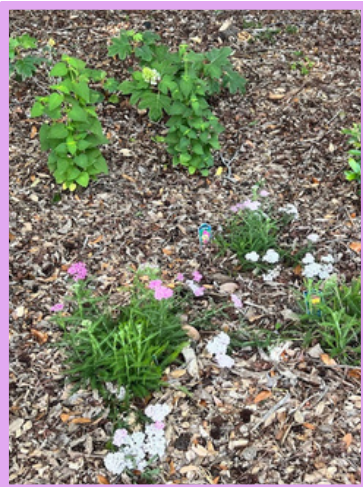
To try to answer this question I investigated online to see if the unusually hot and dry weather in the Southeast might be playing a role. Bingo! This is what I found out. We are currently in a severe drought situation dating back to summer 2025. Currently, exceptional drought is affecting almost 97% of Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina, the worst period of

dry conditions since records were kept in 1895. This is limiting the amount of milkweed for monarchs to lay eggs and nectar plants for adult butterflies along much of their migratory route and slowing the normal progress of the migration to South Carolina. This is worrisome for several reasons. For one, there is no indication when the drought will end, and the delay to the migration threatens monarch survival at a time when their numbers are already dangerously low (despite some improvement this year as the migration began). Even monarchs that do survive and breed successfully face additional challenges of habitat destruction and pesticide pollution that kills the butterflies as well as the milkweed and other native food sources they need.

What can be done to address the current and long term threats to monarchs (and other invertebrates)? Our I'On butterfly garden provides an example for those who are concerned about this problem. Lesson one: grow more native plants to provide breeding and feeding opportunities, especially milkweed. Native plants are not only more beneficial to wildlife, they also are more drought tolerant and easy to grow and keep alive under stressful environmental conditions. Also important is to avoid spraying pesticides that kill butterflies and other beneficial insects.



There are occasional reports of monarchs in South Carolina including this one from April 15 in Greenville of a monarch laying eggs on common milkweed.



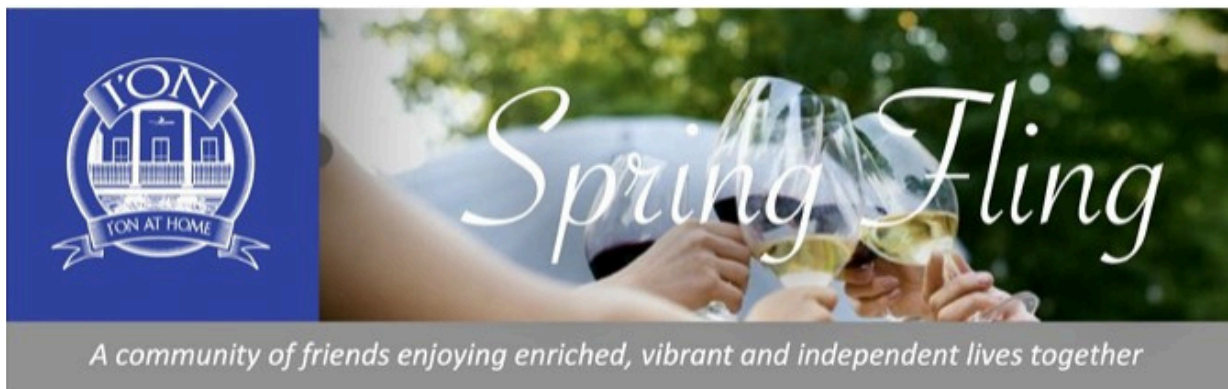
Among the young plants blooming in the butterfly garden's new native plant area are oakleaf hydrangea (top) and yarrow (bottom)

At the the butterfly garden we strive to increase awareness of the benefits and beauty of native plants and encourage our neighbors to grow them. We are now creating a new exclusively native planting area outside the garden fence, thanks to the generous support of our HOA and Board. Although most of the plants were only planted in fall 2025, some of them are beginning to flower. We invite you to watch this area grow along with us and learn more about the crucial role native plants play in a changing and more challenging environment. And let's cross our fingers that the monarchs begin arriving soon to enjoy the banquet we are growing for them.

April Gordon at dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com

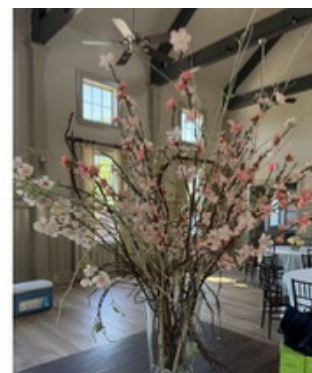


These perennial orange coneflowers will form large clumps with bright golden daisy-like flowers blooming through the summer



IAH Spring Fling

Last month, over 100 IAH members gathered at the Creek Club for our annual Spring Fling. We toasted the start of spring with friends and neighbors and thanked our volunteers, while we listened to the musical stylings of guitarist Bob Willams and enjoyed the sunset views over Hobcaw Creek.



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...

Susan & Henry Bonner
31 John Galt Way

Rema & Everett Johnson
121 West Shipyard Rd



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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!

New E-Bike, Moped, & Golf Cart Signage

E-bikes, and mopeds have become increasingly popular, however, because of their speed and lack of good judgement by drivers, the dangers have increased exponentially.

Signs have been placed in various locations in I'On: Westlake & Eastlake paths, Marsh Trail, Maybank Green, Rookery, Eastlake Athletic Field, and the Amphitheatre.

We have seen groups of kids riding down the middle of the streets doing wheelies, doubling up, riding without helmets, crossing streets without stopping and looking for oncoming traffic. This creates dangers for everyone.

We are working with the Mount Pleasant Police Department, who will help enforce these signs and rules to keep everyone safe. They are patrolling our neighborhood more frequently due to the number of calls from neighbors witnessing unsafe behavior. We are all committed to the safety of everyone in I'On.

It is the responsibility of parents to inform their children of the rules and dangers.

Lieutenant Calabrese of the Mount Pleasant Police Department instructed residents to immediately call 911 when they witness these unsafe behaviors.



Congratulations to the Class of 2026. We wish you continued success on the next leg of life's journey!

