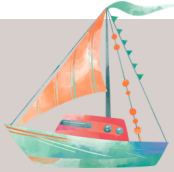




LIVING IN I'ON

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



JUNE EVENTS

FRI	6/5	First Friday
WED	6/17	Lunch Bunch
WED	6/17	Potluck Cocktail Party
WED	6/24	Yarn Buddies
TBD	TBD	Women's Movie Group
TBD.	SEPT.	Women's Coffee

IMPORTANT DATES

TUE	6/2	IDC Meeting
TUE	6/9	IDC Submission Deadline
THU	6/11	Recycling Pickup
SUN	6/14	Flag Day
TUE	6/16	IDC Meeting
FRI	6/19	Juneteenth Holiday
SUN	6/21	Father's Day
THU	6/25	Recycling Pickup
TUE	6/30	IDC Submission Deadline

DOCK CLOSINGS ON PAGE 2

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

Conference Room at 159 Civitas Street

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



You Can Win \$100!

Now that we have your attention, the Communications Committee is asking for your feedback through a short community survey designed to help determine the best ways to communicate information to homeowners. The survey will only take a few minutes of your time.

As a thank you for participating, everyone who completes the survey will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 gift card, provided by the I'On Trust, to be used at the I'On establishment of your choice! The survey closes June 2nd!

We want to hear from you about which methods of communication you prefer and why. Your responses will determine how updates and important information are shared moving forward. We appreciate your participation and value your input.



Evening strolls with water views, conversation over coffee or a shared glass of wine. Quiet moments on a swing overlooking Westlake in I'On. Take a seat, slow down, breathe a little deeper, and stay awhile.

Take the Communications Survey [HERE!](#)


Alligator Safety in I'On

As a reminder, please be aware of the alligator that has been spotted in the retention pond on Saturday Road along the marsh trail. We are working on having the alligator safely removed. Please use extreme caution when walking or running on the trail with pets.

Please see extensive alligator safety information on page 7 of this newsletter, and discuss alligator safety precautions with your family.



While enjoying walks and taking in the views along the Marsh and Rookery Trails, West Lake, East Lake, and Canal Paths, residents must remain vigilant and use common sense.

		DOCK CLOSINGS - JUNE 2026
DATE OF EVENT	EVENT TYPE	CEREMONY TIME
Friday, June 5th	Wedding & Reception	4:25 - 4:55
Saturday, June 6th	Wedding & Reception	4:25 - 4:55
Sunday, June 7th	Wedding & Reception	5:25 - 5:55
Friday, June 12th	Wedding & Reception	4:55 - 5:25
Saturday, June 13th	Wedding & Reception	4:55 - 5:25
Friday, June 19th	Wedding & Reception	4:25 - 4:55
Sunday, June 21st	Wedding & Reception	5:25 - 5:55
Friday, June 26th	Wedding & Reception	5:10 - 5:40
Saturday, June 27th	Wedding & Reception	4:25 - 4:55
Sunday, June 28th	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, June 5 - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
 Hosted by Tom O'Brien at 15 Hopetown Road



The next First Friday Cocktails will be held at the home of Tom O'Brien. Much appreciation to Rossana and Marcelo Guimaraes for graciously hosting us in May.

No need to RSVP. Please remember to bring your own libations, drinking glasses, and a small appetizer to share. Please contact Lydia Gulyas at (843) 817-0138 or Libby Gillins at (404) 200-2030 if you would like to host a future event.

WOMEN'S COFFEE

Is Taking a Summer Coffee Break



The I'On Women's Coffee will resume in the fall, as we take a summer coffee break. 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

Wednesday, June 17 - 11:30 a.m.
 Hosted by Patricia Fritzinger at Water's Edge, 1407 Shrimboat Lane, MP



Please RSVP by Sunday, June 14 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 at the number above or emailing her at patricia@myagentpatricia.com. Hosting is easy! Pick your favorite restaurant, make a reservation, and collect RSVPs.

POTLUCK COCKTAIL PARTY

Wednesday, June 17, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Creek Club at I'On, 44 Saturday Road

Please join us for a special COCKTAIL party in place of our regular Pot Luck dinner. You are invited to bring your favorite appetizer to share with neighbors. If the weather permits, we will put tables out on the porch to enjoy the beautiful views. It will be like our own wedding cocktail hour!

Don't forget your favorite drink and glass to enjoy during the evening. We will have buckets of ice, small cocktail plates, napkins and music playing. Any questions, please call or text Amy Goldy at (908) 403-5466.

Many thanks to Michelle McQuillan for hosting our March Pot Luck Bingo Night. We had some big winners! It's always a fun time!!



YARN BUDDIES

Wednesday, June 24 - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Hosted by Lizzy Boyle-Lucey at 39 Sowell Street

Lizzy Boyle-Lucey is hosting Yarn Buddies at her home this month. Please let Lizzy know if you are able to attend via text at (843) 452-3666 or email at boyle@musc.edu. Thank you to Donna Feldman for hosting us in her lovely home.

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...

In early May, 15 I'On ladies went to see "The Devil Wears Prada 2" and we really enjoyed it. The fashion and gorgeous views of New York and Italy made it fun. The actors had all aged 20 years but still looked great.

It's summer movie blockbuster season with something for movie lovers of all ages opening soon. Titles include [Masters of the Universe](#), [Toy Story 5](#), [Supergirl](#), [Minions & Monsters](#), [Young Washington](#), [Moana](#), [The Odyssey](#), and [Spider-Man: Brand New Day](#). To join the movie list and receive future e-vites, please contact Jan Laabs at laabsjan@hotmail.com.



Before it becomes a movie... Pick up the book... The New Little Library Has Arrived

We're excited to announce that the community's new Little Library, located by the Boathouse, is now open! Stop by to take a book, leave a book, or discover your next great read. Residents are invited to donate their favorite books, beloved classics, fun beach reads, and hidden gems to help keep the shelves stocked for everyone to enjoy. Your donations help make this a special community resource. A children's Little Library will also be added soon.

A big thank you to Kris Barnhardt and Marilyn Felix, along with the I'On Trust, for helping make this wonderful community resource possible. Happy Reading!



NEWS FROM THE I'ON TRUST

4TH OF JULY WITH THE I'ON TRUST

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

From morning till night, the I'On Trust has planned another great day of celebration.

9:20 a.m. - 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! More details to come in the July Newsletter.

10:00 a.m. - Salute at the Lake at the Westlake Amphitheatre following the parade. We will 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 to 9:00 p.m. - Concert at the Westlake Amphitheatre featuring local Grateful Dead cover band, The Reckoning.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to make our 4th of July celebration a great success!
Anyone interested in volunteering is asked to contact
Antonia Fokas at admin@iontrust.org.



PRECIS I'ON DRILL TEAM RECRUITS WANTED

The I'On Drill Team has been performing in the 4th of July I'On parade for over twenty years. Bob and Cheryl Pitts have been organizing it for the past eleven years, and plan to keep it going as long as they can.

No experience is required to join the I'On Drill Team. You'll gather with neighbors the night before the parade for a very short practice, a cookout and to decorate the golf cart. Bob and Cheryl will supply the red, white and blue hats, and paraphernalia. You supply a drill (a screw driver will do). If you are interested in participating, please e-mail or text Cheryl Pitts at cherylcharlaston@me.com - (843) 817-7895.



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★ MEMORIAL DAY ★

Neighbors gathered at the Westlake Amphitheater to share side dishes, sweet treats, Publix fried chicken and lemonade. While celebrating the official start to summer, friends and families enjoyed live music by Greg Horton and Cole Owens. Thank you to the I'On Trust for organizing another great event.

Memorial Day is dedicated to honoring and mourning the U.S. military men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice defending our freedom.



“Raising Cane” at the I’On Trust End of School Bash

Thanks to the I’On Trust for helping to celebrate the end of the school year and the start of summer with food, friends, and fun. A good time and a hearty meal was had by all at the Creek Club.



2026 Hurricane Season is Here



June 1st marked the official start of the 2026 hurricane season. Now is a good time to create a plan for you and your family and to review the 2026 Hurricane Guide from Charleston County ([CLICK HERE](#)). The South Carolina Emergency Management Division (SCEMD) also provides useful hurricane preparedness information on their website at www.hurricane.sc and on the SC Emergency Manager app.

We also highly encourage all residents to sign up for the Town of Mount Pleasant alerts, as you will receive the most current emergency alerts and updates on topics such as trash pick-up, road closures, etc. You can sign up for alerts by visiting

the Town’s website at www.tomp.sc.com. Hover over the “I Want To” tab, then select “Subscribe”/ “Notify Me” and you can select your email preferences and sign up for their alerts.



Alligator Safety in I'On

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Understanding Alligators

- Alligators are a common sight in the Lowcountry, and living with them requires vigilant awareness, respect, and caution.
- Alligator mating season is from late April to June. During this time, they are likely to wander from pond to pond as they search for mates.
- Alligators are naturally fearful of humans and not normally aggressive, but they can be dangerous if approached, fed, or provoked.

Understanding Your Role

- Alligators are an important part of South Carolina's ecosystem and they are protected by both state and federal law.
- Alligators are known as a 'keystone species' and they play an important role in ensuring a healthy, biodiverse ecosystem, which is critical for all species - including humans. Alligators perform necessary services like providing fresh water for other wildlife to drink by digging 'gator holes,' which bring groundwater to the surface. They also help control the population of several other species they prey on. If a 'keystone species' becomes extinct, the entire ecosystem changes, and many species that come to depend upon the keystone species may also face extinction.
- You can help protect one of the Lowcountry's most iconic native species by avoiding any interaction with them.
- As a protected species, it is illegal to feed, relocate, and harass an alligator. Alligators fed by humans come to expect food with each human encounter and if they don't get food, they may become aggressive.

Q: What is a nuisance alligator?

A: A nuisance alligator is an alligator that has become a significant safety risk. This occurs when an alligator has been fed and has lost its inherent fear of people

Q: What happens when the Assembly gets a call about an alligator sighting?

A: The Assembly calls their alligator consultant, a second-generation alligator specialist. Based on SCDNR and the National Wildlife Control Training Program, the alligator specialist evaluates and tests the alligator. During the evaluation process, the specialist will conduct a series of tests to see if the alligator is threatening/aggressive.

Q: What happens after the evaluation?

A: If the alligator is deemed non-threatening, the alligator is left alone. If the specialist deems the alligator threatening, the alligator will be properly removed according to SCDNR's rules and regulations. Threatening alligators are removed for safety. Not all alligators have to be removed.

Q: What happens to an alligator once removed?

A: Once an alligator becomes overly familiar with people, they lose their fear of humans, necessitating their removal for the safety of everyone concerned. All removed alligators are exterminated per South Carolina State Law. Relocation is illegal due to an alligator's strong homing instinct.

Q: What can residents do to help?

A: It is critical that people do not feed, taunt, or interact with alligators. People and alligators safely co-exist peacefully in communities across the Lowcountry. Please discuss alligator protocol with children and teenagers and stress the importance of not feeding or harassing alligators. Feeding or harassing alligators is illegal under South Carolina State Law.



Seeking Neighborhood Design Coordinator

The I'On Assembly Board is looking for a part-time Neighborhood Design Coordinator for the I'On Design Committee. The Design Coordinator helps manage the review process for exterior changes, renovations, new construction, and other property improvements within I'On. This person serves as the main point of contact for applicants, coordinates committee reviews, communicates requirements, and decisions, maintains records, and helps ensure projects follow the community's architectural standards and guidelines.

This position is 28 hours per week and would support the community's design review committee by helping homeowners, builders, architects, and contractors through the design review process. The role requires strong organization, communication, customer service, and recordkeeping skills. Knowledge of residential design or construction is preferred, and the ability to read construction plans would be a plus. Attendance is required for afternoon committee meetings on the first and third Tuesday of each month, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

If you or someone you know might be interested, please email your resume to Emily Simpson – esimpson@ravenelassociates.com



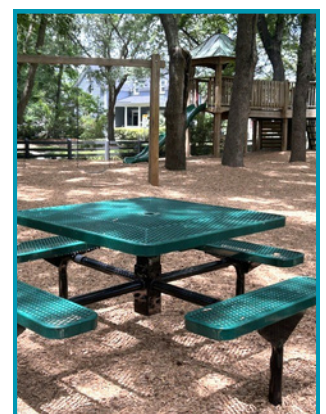
Artificial Turf Reminder

Planning to install artificial turf? Please remember that all turf installations require prior approval from the I'On Design Committee. An application must be submitted and approved before any work begins. In keeping with the community design guidelines, artificial turf may not be visible from the street, alley, or public walkways. The application can be found on the I'On Community website under the IDC tab. If you have any questions, please reach out to Kristine Mobley, the IDC Coordinator, for any additional questions.

East Lake Playground Upgrade

The children's park on East Lake has gotten an upgrade from Just For Fun Playgrounds of Charleston, complete with new tables, benches, and climbing wall. We hope your children play safely and have fun.

Donna Davis, Amenities Chair



I'ON COMMUNITY GARDEN

Changing from Spring to Summer at the Community Garden

by April Gordon

Even though garden plots are now full of lush vegetables, herbs, and flowers, the hotter and more humid weather in the months ahead necessitates changes in what we are growing.



Community garden plots are planted in a diversity of vegetables, herbs, and flowers often mixed together in a palate of colors

It's time to say goodbye to cool weather peas, now dry and dying, and once thriving lettuce, cilantro, and dill are going to seed and will soon be gone too. But gardeners who planted tomatoes, peppers, and squash earlier are anticipating bountiful crops that are ripening and will soon be ready to harvest. Those who got a later start planting their gardens as well as those removing the remnants of their cool season



Gardeners are thrilled to see their tomatoes already beginning to ripen and anticipating many more to come

crops have plenty of time to fill their gardens with additional plants that thrive in summer's heat. Among the favorites are vegetables such as okra, sweet potatoes, bush and pole beans, eggplant, melons, and corn. Other choices include herbs such as basil, oregano, and tarragon. And this is a perfect time to plant marigolds, zinnias, and sunflowers that will attract pollinators and provide color and beauty as well. Just as the weather in the months ahead will change, so will our garden; this makes gardening challenging but also rewarding.



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I'ON BUTTERFLY GARDEN

New Native Plant Addition to the Butterfly Garden Is off to a Strong Start

by April Gordon

Planted last fall, the native plant garden outside the community garden fence is growing rapidly thanks to warm weather and lots of water provided by Team BG members (Spring rain, where are you?). The garden is comprised of perennial flowering plants native to our region that provide pollen and nectar for adult bees and butterflies, leaves for caterpillars, and seeds for birds: a banquet for native wildlife in what is often a desert of non-native plants that dominate our landscapes and are of little use to them.

Below are photos of four fascinating young plants currently beginning to bloom, with brief descriptions. All are ideal for a pollinator gardens such as ours but also suitable for many home gardens, container gardens, and other human landscapes. For more information on any that interest you, there are numerous sources online. Over the summer, as more plants begin blooming, I will update this list and hope you will visit the butterfly garden to see the rest of our delightful plants, butterflies, and bees.



Aptly named powderpuff mimosa (*Mimosa strigillosa*), this diminutive plant is an easy-to-grow, striking groundcover that reaches up to 8" tall and spreads rapidly. It provides pollen for bees and leaves for little yellow sulphur butterflies. It will eventually be covered with pretty pink flowers like these.



The Carolina wild petunia (*Ruellia caroliniensis*) is not closely related to commercial petunias, but its attractive small purple flowers resemble its namesake. Small now, these plants will reach a mature height of up to 2-3'. Its flowers provide nectar for butterflies, seeds for birds, and leaves that feed the caterpillars of the beautiful common buckeye butterfly.



One of our taller flowers, the clump-forming orange coneflower (*Rudbeckia fulgida*) blooms prolifically with showy orange-yellow flowers from spring through September. Bees and butterflies are attracted to the nectar and pollen and, in the fall and winter, its seeds provide food for birds.



Anise hyssop (*Agastache foeniculum*) is regarded as one of the best pollinator garden plants that is ideal for home gardens as well. Growing 3-5', hyssop's fragrant anise smelling flowers (think licorice) are a magnet for bees, butterflies, and birds including hummingbirds. On top of that, hyssop flowers, seeds, and leaves are edible additions to salads, teas, and baked goods. Oh, and hyssop is beautiful!



A community of friends enjoying enriched, vibrant and independent lives together

A Busy May with IAH

May was a busy month for IAH with eighteen unique programs both here in I'On and around town as well. We hosted Chef Stu along with Ben Garbee of Lewis BBQ for a fun and interactive Italian Night where our members first helped the chefs prepare dinner before enjoying the delicious food!



In the spirit of SC250, our members took a special tour of Fort Moultrie in addition to heading downtown for a tour of Revolutionary sites with local guide and author

Leigh Handal. Renowned watercolor artist, Mary Whyte, also guided our members through her newest exhibit at the Gibbes. And to round out our programs downtown, IAH members had the opportunity to tour the American College of the Building Arts, where we saw the seniors' impressive capstone projects and we also enjoyed our annual lunch at the Grace Cathedral Tea Room.



Here in the neighborhood, May highlights included a final Driveway Drinks before summer; our monthly happy hour and Bros and Brews evenings; a presentation on a members' recent trip to Egypt; and our monthly investment education group where we discussed Monte Carlo simulations and other enlightening topics!

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...

Alison & John Kelly
74 Hospitality Street

Pat Shauf
155 Ionsborough Street

Tyler & Jennifer Day
31 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!

I'On Construction & Landscape Hours

The first official day of summer is almost here! Now that schools are out and the weather is warming up and gatherings are being held outside, we wanted to take a moment to remind residents of the construction hours policy. This policy also pertains to landscaping companies.

It is the owner's responsibility to notify their landscaping company and contractors of the hours.

Monday - Friday: 7:30 am – 6:00 pm
Saturday: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm
Sunday: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

No work is permitted on Federal holidays



The New I'On Circle App



Over 250 I'On residents have signed up and are already using the **Circle App** for various things such as; service provider recommendations, for-sale items, lost and found, announcements, events, etc.

This app is **exclusively for residents of our neighborhood**, creating a more focused and trusted place to connect, share information, ask questions, and stay informed about what's happening in our community.

Join the community by clicking [HERE](#):



We hope you get that tie!