



LIVING IN I'ON

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JULY EVENTS

SAT	7/4	<i>4th of July</i>
		Parade, Picnic, Concert
N/A	N/A	First Friday
N/A	N/A	Women's Coffee
N/A	N/A	Lunch Bunch
N/A	N/A	Potluck Cocktail Party
WED	7/22	Yarn Buddies
TBD	TBD	Women's Movie Group

IMPORTANT DATES

FRI	7/3	Holiday Observed
SAT	7/4	4 th of July
TUE	7/7	IDC Meeting
THU	7/9	Recycling Pickup
TUE	7/14	IDC Submission Deadline
TUE	7/21	IDC Meeting
THU	7/23	Recycling Pickup
TUE	7/28	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

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



Giving Lights 2026 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 2026 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.




On July 4, the I'On community will celebrate our nation's 250th birthday with parades, picnics, music, fun, and friendship.

Communications Survey Results

Congratulations to Pam Wilkes, our neighbor at 126 West Shipyard Road, who won the Communications Survey drawing. Pam was awarded a \$100 gift certificate to Grace Salon Spa, a business of her choosing, in I'On Square.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Communications Survey. Results show that residents are generally satisfied with current communications, with the I'On Assembly and I'On Trust e-blasts, Living In I'On newsletter, and community website receiving particularly strong ratings. About half of respondents have signed up for the Circle App, while others cited lack of awareness, technical issues, or a preference not to use social media. There was also strong support for establishing an opt-in emergency text messaging system, with some respondents expressing concerns about potential overuse or overlap with existing alerts.

The Communications Committee is listening to your needs and appreciates the time you took to help us better serve our community.

		DOCK CLOSINGS - JULY 2026
DATE OF EVENT	EVENT TYPE	CEREMONY TIME
Sunday, July 12th	Wedding & Reception	4:25 - 4:55
Friday, July 24th	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
NO JULY EVENT



Much appreciation to Tom O'Brien for hosting our June First Friday event at his home.

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
WILL RETURN IN SEPTEMBER



Lunch Bunch will return in September. Patricia at (843) 870-4937.

If you have questions or wish to host a future Lunch Bunch, please contact Patricia Fritzingler by text at (843) 870-4937 or email at patricia@myagentpatricia.com. Hosting is easy! Pick your favorite restaurant, make a reservation, and collect RSVPs.

POTLUCK DINNER
NO JULY POTLUCK - SEE YOU ON SEPTEMBER 16th



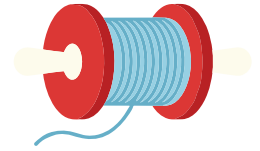
There will be no Pot Luck dinner in July. Pot Luck will resume on September 16th. Please look for information and reminders about that upcoming event. We hope to see you there!

Thank you to the neighbors who joined us in June for our first Pot Luck Cocktail party. It was a really fun night with beautiful weather, wonderful appetizers and great conversations. Based on its success, we plan to do it again!

Lisa Streiff has generously offered to work with me on our Pot Lucks so we look forward to seeing her at these events. Any questions, please contact Amy Goldy at (908) 403-5466

YARN BUDDIES

Wednesday, July 22 - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Hosted by Linda Hanson at 87 Moultrieville Road



Linda Hanson is hosting Yarn Buddies at her home in July. Please let Linda know if you are able to attend, via text: (843) 628-8145 or email: lindalhanson@gmail.com. Special thanks to Penny Leighton who stepped up to host June's Yarn Buddies gathering. She really stitched the day together!

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...

Sometimes, we combine a movie with a lunch or dinner. It always allows for great conversation with a wonderful group of women. To join the movie list and receive future e-vites, please contact Jan Laabs at laabsjan@hotmail.com.

**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@ravenassociates.com



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!



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.

Mister Softee Returns to I'On

Thursday, July 9 - 6:30 p.m. until the line ends



A big thank you to everyone who came out to support ice cream at the green in June. Judging by the smiles (and sticky fingers), plenty of yummy treats were enjoyed by all. Your purchases from Mr. Softee help make these visits worthwhile and encourage future vendor stops in our community.

So thanks for treating yourself, supporting local business, and helping to make it worth while for the Mr. Softee truck and other vendor trucks rolling into the neighborhood! **In July, Mr. Softee will have two employees at the window, helping to make the line go faster.**



Upcoming Palm Tree Pruning

As part of our ongoing landscape maintenance program, palm tree pruning will begin on Monday, July 6 and is expected to continue through Friday, July 10. This routine maintenance helps keep our trees healthy, improves their appearance, and enhances safety throughout the community.

Residents may notice landscape crews working in various areas during this time. We kindly ask residents to follow any posted signage and exercise caution around work areas. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we work to maintain the beauty of our neighborhood.



Monday, 7/6

- East Lakes / Sowell / Ponsbury / Prescient
- Faye
- Heinlein
- Hopetown

Tuesday, 7/7

- Krier Lane & Canal Palms
- Latitude Lane
- Solo Palm (Jane Jacobs St.)

Wednesday, 7/8

- Civitas St.

Thursday, 7/9

- North Shellmore Blvd
- Frogmore Rd
- Saturday Rd.

Friday 7/10

- West Shipyard Rd
- Secession St.
- Jakes Ln
- Anything else that was missed

Important Reminders for I'On Residents and Guests



Speed Limit

- 20 MPH is Plenty. Our narrow streets can be challenging for vehicles to navigate, especially larger SUVs and work vehicles. Please drive slowly and exercise patience.

Right-of-Way Etiquette

- If an obstruction requires you to cross the center of the road, you must yield to oncoming traffic. Never drive around a vehicle that is waiting for traffic to clear.

Distracted Driving

- Attentive driving essential on our busy and narrow streets. Please slow down, especially around I'On Square where pedestrian activity is highest.

Parking

- The Town of Mt Pleasant strategically added marked parking spots to all the streets in I'On. Patrons of the Square, contractors, visitors, and guests of I'On are only allowed to park in those marked spots.

I'On Docks

- Maintaining the dock and boat ramp requires significant effort and expense. The boat ramp must remain locked when not in use, and dock access is restricted to I'On residents.

Signs

- New signs have been installed at neighborhood entrances to discourage motorized vehicles from entering restricted areas.

Solicitation

- Because I'On's roads and sidewalks are public, solicitation is permitted. While legal, we understand it can be disruptive to residents. If it is troublesome for your household, we suggest placing a private sign on your property asking that solicitors not approach your home.

I'ON COMMUNITY GARDEN

Community Gardeners Fighting Inflation at the Grocery Store

by April Gordon



The tomato harvest at the community garden has been amazing for many gardeners

Realistically, community gardeners in I'On are primarily growing vegetables and herbs to provide some fresh, healthy food for the family table and because they enjoy the experience of gardening not because they expect to seriously lower the cost of food at the grocery store. But it's nice to know that we can save a little money by growing some of our own food including one of our favorite crops: tomatoes. Due to a combination of tariffs and extreme weather events in major growing areas such as Mexico and Florida along with climate change, tomato prices are now 30% higher than they were a year ago and are expected to remain volatile.

As the summer weather gets increasingly hot, however, bumper crops of tomatoes will decline as plant diseases take a toll and plants weaken and die from both heat and disease. Even healthy plants will stop flowering and producing fruit when temperatures exceed 90 degrees for an extended period of time.

Does that mean tomato season in the garden will end soon? The answer is no, not if you implement a strategy of succession planting (where you replace one crop with another when it is no longer productive). Although most plant nurseries in middle July may no longer carry tomato transplants, if you find fresh healthy transplants or grow your own from seed, you can replace your spent tomatoes with new ones in late July and continue growing tomatoes until it gets too cold for them in the fall. If this option is not feasible, there is another one: you can grow new tomato plants from cuttings. First, by mid-July cut 6-8" shoots that grow from where the branches attach to the plant stem and remove the lower leaves and any flowers.



Take 6-8" cuttings from where branches attaches to tomato stems

Then place the cuttings in water and wait about 2 weeks for healthy roots to form; plant cuttings in pots or in the garden (water well and protect from strong sun and heat until they adjust). Or plant the stems in small pots with potting soil and keep them moist until roots develop. Move your new tomato plants to the garden or larger pots to continue growing. Tomatoes ahead!



Root tomato cuttings in water

If all goes well you will be able to enjoy your second tomato season. You may not save a lot of money at the grocery store, but you will have fresher, tastier organic tomatoes and the satisfaction of knowing you grew them yourself.



Root tomato cuttings in soil

April Gordon at dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com



I'ON BUTTERFLY GARDEN

The Monarch Spring Migration Has Arrived : What to Know if You See Them

by April Gordon



This monarch was photographed in the butterfly garden on May 30 and was especially attracted to our nectar-rich flowers, its favorite food closed rather than open. (Spoiler: the wide veins on the wings indicate it is female.)

Since the first migrating monarchs began arriving from Mexico in March, we have been eagerly awaiting them here in the butterfly garden. To our delight the first one was finally spotted in May flying over some blooming milkweed plants. Since then they have been showing up sporadically, but the numbers remain small but should increase steadily from now into the fall.

Visitors to the garden are always delighted to see these large, colorful butterflies flying around the garden and occasionally posing on a flower as if to say, “Look at me! Aren’t I beautiful!” This reaction is natural, but for those who would like to go beyond this superficial appreciation, here are some tips to make the experience of seeing monarchs more informative and more fun. First is to learn the difference between the male and female, as shown below.

Now, can you tell from the photo of the one in the butterfly garden which sex it is? It can be difficult to tell when butterflies are flying or resting, as this one was, with its wings

Here’s another tip. Butterflies go through four stages in their life cycle: egg, larva (caterpillar), pupa (chrysalis), and adult butterfly. If you see a monarch butterfly, you may also find monarchs in other stages in the plants nearby. In the case of monarchs, their eggs and larvae will be found on milkweed leaves, the only food they can eat. Once the caterpillars have grown enough, they wander off and attach themselves to a safe surface where they transform into a pupa (chrysalis) and emerge about a week and a half later as a fully formed butterfly. A miraculous process!

Key to Identifying Male and Female Monarchs

The Male Monarch

- Males have a small black spot on the top surface of the hindwing. You can see the spot when the wings are open; sometimes it's faintly visible when the wings are closed, too.
- Males also have slightly thinner wing veins.

Male

Thinner veins

Black spot

The Female Monarch

- Females do not have small black spots on top of surface of the hindwing.
- Females tend to be slightly darker than males.

Female

Thicker veins

No black spot

Journey North

How to Tell the Difference between a Male and Female Monarch



Monarch Life Cycle from Egg to Caterpillar (5 stages) and Chrysalis



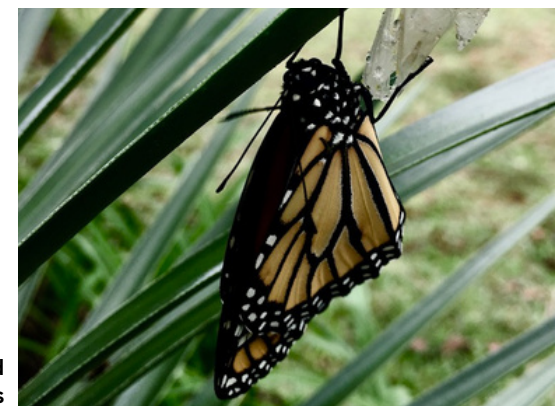
An Area of Flowering Milkweed (the only host plant for monarchs) at the Butterfly Garden

Keep this information in mind, and the next time you see monarchs in our garden or anywhere else, remember there is more to this beautiful butterfly than meets the eye.

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A Monarch Butterfly just Emerged from its Chrysalis



Eastlake Bulkhead Construction Schedule



Construction of the new Eastlake bulkhead wall is scheduled to begin this month. The project is anticipated to take approximately 180 days to complete, with work occurring on weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

To minimize erosion impacts, construction will be completed in sections of approximately 30–50 feet at a time. All materials and equipment will be transported using small vehicles and boats, reducing the need for large trucks within the community.

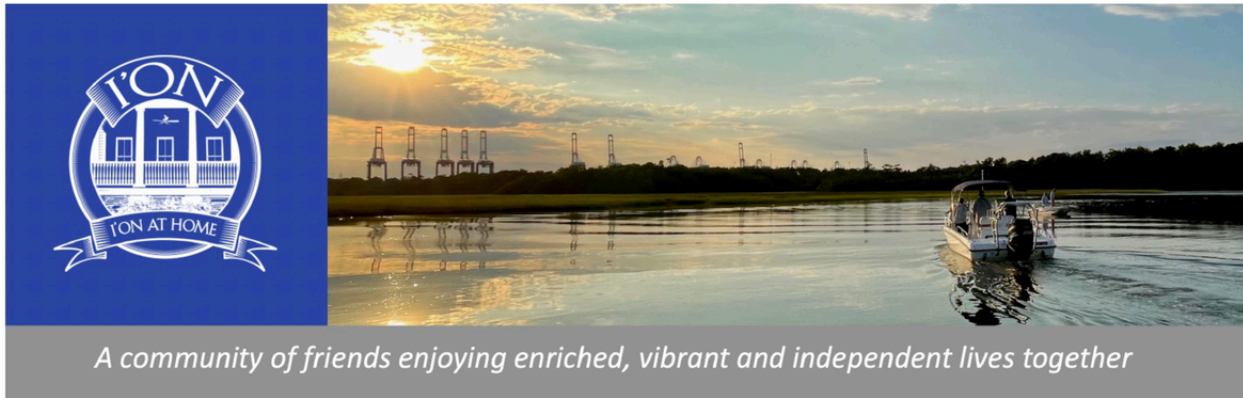
Please note that the schedule below is subject to change due to material lead times, engineering modifications, weather conditions, or other unforeseen circumstances beyond our control.

Keeping residents informed throughout the project is a priority. While temporary inconveniences may occur during construction, BluTide Marine will make every effort to minimize disruptions. We will continue to provide regular updates as the project progresses.

If you have any questions, please contact Emily Simpson at esimpson@ravenelassociates.com.

Task	Start Date	Finish Date
Contracting	Complete	May 28th
Pre Con Zoom	April 20th	April 20th
On Site Precon	TBD	TBD
Submittals	June 1st	June 30th
Mobilization to Site	July 6th	July 10th
Demo / Hardscape Removal	July 13th	July 24th
Staking / Utility Marking / Erosion Control	July 13th	July 24th
Construction of New Bulkhead	July 27th	October 30th
RCP Extensions	September 21st	September 30th
Re Installation of Hardscape Items	November 2nd	November 6th
Site Clean Up	November 9th	November 13th
Substantial Completion / Walkthrough	November 16th	November 16th
Punch List Items / Demobilize	November 17th	November 24th
Final Completion	November 25th	November 25th





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

Looking Back at June with IAH



While many of our members have started their annual summer travels, IAH members here in town had a fun filled June. Bob and Gail Hardie hosted IAH members for two evenings of Wando River cruises on their boat. Members enjoyed taking in the scenery with a glass of wine and summer breezes!

Other June highlights included our walking group, which explored Mt Pleasant Pier and Waterfront Trail; a viewing of the new film "Remarkably Bright Creatures"; and Fred's

Film Forum, hosted by our resident film aficionado, Fred White, which discussed the Japanese cult classic, "Tampopo". Our investment education group also met one final time before their summer hiatus to discuss the advent of AI technology in investment research and our newly instituted travel discussion group met to view a presentation on two members' recent trip to Australia and New Zealand, picking up all kinds of helpful tips for travel Down Under along the way!



Members also met for Cocktails and Conversation in the Square, where they enjoyed each other's company and chatted about the topics of the day. Finally, we hosted a wonderful summer wine tasting with Nick Gavalas of Spirits of I'On where we explored different chilled summer reds.

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...

Cecilia & Bill Anspach
44 Rialto Road

Sara Couch & David Powell
55 Krier Lane

Renee Dwyer & Dan Roche
34 Krier Lane

Ann Fenwick
55 Eastlake Road

Shannon & Kevin O'Donnell
28 Robert Mills Circle

Ben Buckles and Donna Sanderson
109 Jakes Lane

Susan Parker and Heather Parker
34 Frogmore Road

Robin and Joshua Burgher
70 Saturday Road

Jade & Gantt Taylor
32 Mobile Street

Moving Around I'On

Amy & Trey Mathisen
27 Fairhope 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 2027 Community Directory

The 2027 I'On Community Directory will go to the printer in October so that directories can be distributed in a timely manner with The Giving Lights.

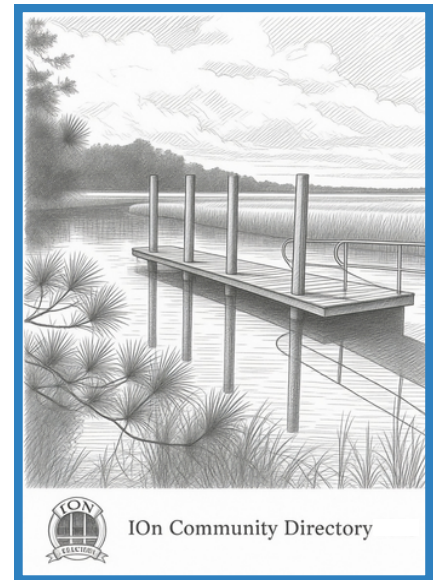
There is no requirement that ads need to be purchased by I'On residents. It is open to the public, so feel free to pass this along to friends and business owners outside of I'On.

Ad space preferences in the Directory will be reserved in the order that submission forms are received.

If you would like an ad to be included in the 2027 Directory, please fill out the **FORM HERE** and send it back to am.ion@ravenelassociates.com no later than August 1st. Once ad placements are confirmed, sizing guidelines for how we will need to receive your ads will be sent.

All final ads MUST be received by August 31st! If we do not receive your ad by then, you will still be required to submit payment for the ad space that was reserved.

Please call (843) 388-7547 or email Nina Patton, I'On Assistant Manager, at am.ion@ravenelassociates.com, if you have any questions or concerns.



*Wishing Everyone a Safe and Happy
4th of July*

