



LIVING IN I'ON

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

AUGUST EVENTS

N/A	N/A	First Friday
N/A	N/A	Women's Coffee
N/A	N/A	Lunch Bunch
N/A	N/A	Potluck Dinner
WED	8/19	Back to School Event
WED	8/26	Yarn Buddies
TBD	TBD	Women's Movie Group

IMPORTANT DATES

TUE	8/4	IDC Meeting
THU	8/6	Recycling Pickup
TUE	8/11	IDC Submission Deadline
TUE	8/18	IDC Meeting
THU	8/20	Recycling Pickup
TUE	8/25	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

August 25
 September 29
 October 27
 November 24
 December 29



Giving Lights 2026 Nominee Application

Every year around the holidays the Trust coordinates a fundraiser called The Giving Lights of I'On. This fundraising project sells luminary kits to support a local nonprofit. It will begin in November and culminates with the Holiday Festival. This year, the Festival will take place on Sunday, December 6th. Please mark your calendars! If you have any questions please reach out to admin@iontrust.org



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 14th. Please email admin@iontrust.org with questions.

From the parade to the fireworks, thank you to everyone who helped make I'On's 4th of July celebration a real sparkler. Shout out to the I'On Trust for sponsoring and coordinating event activities.

Scroll to page 4 to enjoy more photos from the day, courtesy of our neighbor Laurens Smith



 DOCK CLOSINGS - AUGUST 2026		
DATE OF EVENT	EVENT TYPE	CEREMONY TIME
Saturday, August 8th	Wedding & Reception	4:55 - 5:25
Sunday, August 9th	Wedding & Reception	5:25 - 5:55
Friday, August 14th	Wedding & Reception	4:55 - 5:25
Saturday, August 15th	Wedding & Reception	4:55 - 5:25
Friday, August 21st	Wedding & Reception	3:55 - 4:25
Saturday, August 22nd	Wedding & Reception	5:25 - 5:55
Friday, August 28th	Wedding & Reception	4:25 - 4:55
Saturday, August 29th	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 NO AUGUST EVENT



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.

If you have questions or wish to host a future Lunch Bunch, please contact Patricia Fritzinger 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 AUGUST POTLUCK - SEE YOU ON SEPTEMBER 16th



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

Any questions, please contact Amy Goldy at (908) 403-5466

YARN BUDDIES

Wednesday, August 26 - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Hosted by Bebe Coyle at 213 Ponsbury Road

Bebe Coyle is hosting Yarn Buddies at her home this month. Please let Bebe know if you can attend by texting or calling: (561) 371-4004 or by emailing: bebecoyle@comcast.net.



A big thank-you to Linda Hanson for hosting our group in July. What a treat it is to go to Linda's! Always lots of fun and laughter.

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.

Christopher Nolan's adaptation of Homer's epic "The Odyssey" is showing no signs of slowing down at the domestic box office following its blockbuster opening weekend, where the film premiered to \$124.5 million at the domestic box office and \$264 million globally.



NEWS FROM THE I'ON TRUST

BACK TO SCHOOL PIZZA & ICE CREAM CELEBRATION

Wednesday, August 19 - 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Creek Club

What better combination than pizza and ice cream to celebrate the end of summer vacation and the return to the classroom for the start to a new school year. Join us at the Creek Club for food, fun, and family.





4th of July



Neighbors gathered at the Westlake Amphitheatre on Independence Day, to enjoy picnics, camaraderie, and a lively performance by local Grateful Dead tribute band, The Reckoning. At dusk, the crowd was treated to a spectacular fireworks display. Special thanks to Laurens Smith for beautifully capturing our community's celebration of America's 250th birthday in photos.



INTRODUCING I'ON'S NEW NEIGHBORHOOD DESIGN COORDINATOR



Please join us in welcoming Tourine Johnstone as I'On's new Neighborhood Design Coordinator.

Tourine brings a wealth of experience in project management, real estate, and homeowner association leadership. As the current HOA Board President and former Treasurer of Lakeshore in Mount Pleasant, she understands the importance of architectural review, community standards, and working collaboratively with homeowners, contractors, and volunteers. Her professional background, combined with her passion for building strong relationships, makes her an excellent addition to the I'On team.

Tourine has been training with Kristine to ensure a seamless transition before Kristine begins her maternity leave. During this time, she will also be getting to know the neighborhood, meeting key committee members, and becoming familiar with our design review processes.

Please join us in giving Tourine a warm I'On welcome! We are excited to have her on board and look forward to the knowledge, professionalism, and enthusiasm she will bring to our community.

Tourine's office hours are, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - 9AM - 4PM and Friday - 8AM - 12PM. She can be reached at fdc_ion@ravenelassociates.com or (843) 606-6366.

Your Guide to ♥
PALM TREE PRUNING

HEALTHY PALMS. ♥ BEAUTIFUL SPACES.

Now is
THE TIME!

Late spring through summer is the ideal time to prune your palms for their health, safety, and best appearance.

♥ WHY PRUNE? ♥

- IMPROVES SAFETY**
Removes dead or loose fronds that can fall and cause damage or injury.
- ENHANCES BEAUTY**
Creates a clean, polished look that boosts your property's curb appeal.
- SUPPORTS HEALTH**
Promotes strong growth and helps prevent pests and disease.
- PREPARES FOR STORM SEASON**
Well-pruned palms are more wind-resistant and less likely to sustain damage.

Don't wait—schedule your palm pruning today! ♥
 HEALTHY PALMS TODAY. BEAUTIFUL TOMORROWS. ♥

I'ON COMMUNITY GARDEN

What to Grow in the August Garden

by April Gordon



This garden with squash, eggplant, basil, peppers, cucumbers, and tomatoes is flourishing despite the heat and humidity

this period of drought, heat, and humidity we are experiencing, some of our best times in the garden are just around the corner. Carpe diem!

After a long hot summer, August will be a transition month in the community garden. Many previously productive crops are now in decline: once lush tomatoes are now dying from heat and disease, squash plants have succumbed to squash vine borers, and beans are withering and no longer bearing. All is not lost, however, basil, eggplant, okra, and pepper plants are still growing well, as are some squash, cherry tomatoes, and cucumbers. For those who still have healthy plants or want to replace those that are a lost cause, there is still plenty of time in our long growing season to get good crops including from replanting summer favorites such as tomatoes, cucumbers, beans and squash. (Look online for more information on this.)

On the other hand, for those ready to move on from summer, August is also the time to start new crops for the fall-winter garden. Many of the tastiest and most nutritious vegetables will grow during the fall and winter months and even through next spring, giving gardeners a lot of bang for their buck. Among my favorites are kale, mustard and Asian greens (try mizuna, tatsoi, and bok choi), napa cabbage, spinach, turnips, Swiss chard, and radishes. Check online for other options and for detailed information on when to plant and whether to use seeds or transplants. As hard as it might be to imagine during

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Growing in September 2023, this fall-winter garden is filled with greens such as Swiss chard, kale, and lettuce planted in August



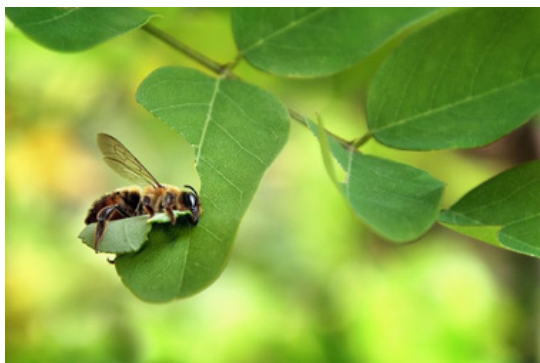
I'ON BUTTERFLY GARDEN

The Butterfly Garden Remembers the Bees

by April Gordon

Butterflies are beautiful, charismatic creatures which makes them popular to support with their own garden (such as ours), but the biggest reason to care about butterflies is that they are important pollinators of domestic crops and flowers as well as native plants on which a healthy environment and our welfare depend. But an even more important pollinator than butterflies is bees. So it is appropriate that our butterfly garden newsletter devote some attention to these environmental heroes. And because the most important and efficient bee pollinators of native and domestic plants are native bees (not honeybees), our newsletter for this month is devoted to a fascinating but little known native bee: the leafcutter bee.

I chose this bee because of a recent incident at the butterfly garden. While checking on the plants, I noticed that many of the leaves on one of our redbud trees had even, not jagged, circular cutout areas around their edges. From past experience, I knew immediately what the explanation was: aptly named leafcutter bees were at work.



Leafcutter Bee cutting leaf

These solitary bees are active this time of year making nests. (More precisely, the females are working alone whereas the males die shortly after mating.) Here is where the leaves come in. Leafcutter bee nests are built in such places as rotted wood cavities, dry soil, or holes in concrete walls. The female removes circular pieces of leaves to layer in her nest and rolls them into a

thimble shape to make cells for each of her eggs (up to 20) which are packed tightly together. She then places a combination of nectar, honey, and saliva together into each cell to feed the larvae and then lays a single egg inside. Finally she seals each cell with chewed up leaves. The female dies after completing her job.

Once the eggs grow into mature larvae they pupate over winter inside the cell and chew their way out in the spring. And the cycle begins anew.

I smile every time I notice the funny cutouts made by leafcutters and hope you will too. Watch for their cutout leaves at the butterfly garden and in your own yard and elsewhere and know that our environmental allies are hard at work.



Circular cutout leaves made by leafcutter bee to make nests



Cells for bee larvae made from cut plant leaves

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Enjoying Summer with IAH



IAH members have been having a blast enjoying the summer together here in the lowcountry! Highlights included our annual sunset sail in Charleston Harbor on the Schooner Pride and of course the I'On 4th of July celebrations. In particular, the all IAH member I'On Precision Drill Team, loved marching in the annual parade!



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...

Molly & Alastair Bervin
115 Civitas Street

Markesa & Matthew Kilmartin
33 Duany Road

Regina Lynch & Donald McCauley
35 John Galt

Jessica Madsen
35 John Galt

Courtney & Victor Oberting
281 N Shelmore Blvd

Julie & Robert Sullivan
119 Civitas Street



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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!

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

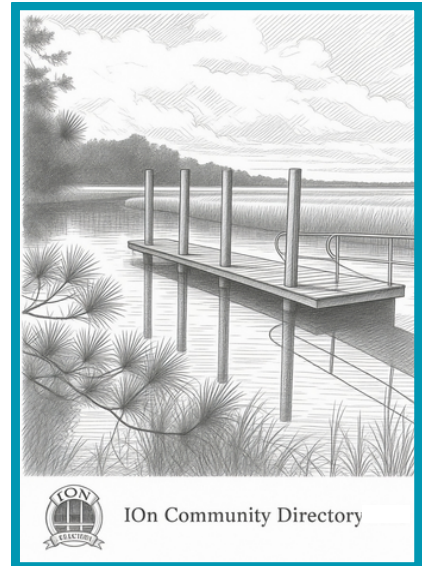
I'On 2027
Community Directory

The 2027 I'On Community Directory will go to print in October and we are working to make sure everyone's information is current!

If your information was not correct in last year's directory or you need to update your contact information, please email Nina Patton at am.ion@ravenelassociates.com.

If your home is occupied by a renter, please email am.ion@ravenelassociates.com with their contact information so that they may be included in the directory as well!

Please make sure your information is accurate no later than **Tuesday, September 15**. Call (843) 388-7547 or email am.ion@ravenelassociates.com if you have any questions or concerns.



Reporting Safety Concerns

If You See Something, Say Something...

If you witness reckless golf cart operation, property damage, harassment, or any other unsafe or unlawful behavior, please report it directly to the Mount Pleasant Police Department. These matters require law enforcement involvement and cannot be investigated or enforced by the HOA.

If there is an immediate safety concern or emergency, call 911. For non-emergency incidents, please contact the Mount Pleasant Police Department's non-emergency line at (843) 743-7200. Your prompt reporting helps keep our community safe.