

LIVING IN I'ON

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

You're Invited

- 05/01 Blood Drive
- 05/11 Women's Coffee
- 05/12 General Manager Party
- 05/13 Ladies Lunch Bunch
- 05/16 Grub on The Green
- 05/26 Yarn Buddies
- 05/31 Picnic in the Park

Other Important Dates

- 05/06 Recycle Pickup
- 05/04 IDC Review
- 05/20 Recycle Pickup
- 05/18 IDC Review

Creek Club Dock Closures

- 05/01 4:55 - 5:25 pm
- 05/02 4:25 - 4:55 pm
- 05/08 4:55 - 5:25 pm
- 05/14 5:10 - 5:40 pm
- 05/15 4:55 - 5:25 pm
- 05/16 3:25 - 3:55 pm
- 05/17 4:55 - 5:25 pm
- 05/21 4:25 - 4:55 pm
- 05/27 5:25 - 5:55 pm
- 05/28 4:55 - 5:25 pm

I'On Board Meetings 2021

On the following date at 6:00pm:

- May 17
- June 21
- July 19
- Aug. 16
- Sept 20
- Oct. 18



I'On Gift to the Street & Yard of the Month Awards - April 2021

The home of **Wanda & Tom Martin, 64 Sowell Street**, contributes to the overall beauty of I'On's streetscape and is our worthy winner of the first Gift to the Street Award. Inspired by the Colonel John Stewart House (built in 1772) at 104-106 Tradd Street in downtown Charleston, the Martin's house was designed and built by Jane & Joe Halford, architectural historian enthusiasts, and was one of the first homes to be constructed in I'On. Many of the architectural features, including the "eyebrow" trim details above the windows, can be found on historic downtown Charleston homes, and the elegant gate flanked by brick columns at the entrance to the piazza along the side of the house was designed and crafted by the famous Phillip Simmons. Originally from Connecticut, Wanda and Tom bought their home in 2005, and moved in full time two years later. Not intending to stay, they nevertheless "fell in love with I'On, made many friends", and, luckily for us, have no plans to leave any time soon!



Inaugural Gift to the Street award at 64 Sowell St., the home of Tom and Wanda Martin.

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You're Invited...

...Ladies Lunch Bunch

Thursday, May 13, noon
Covered patio at O'Brions

Are you ready to put some toes in the water? We hope so!

The Ladies Lunch Bunch will return on Thursday May 13 at noon. We have reserved the covered patio at O'Brions where we can maintain some distance, be outdoors, and not have to walk/drive very far.

Please sign up or get additional information from Barbara Fowler at barbfow50@gmail.com by Tuesday, May 11 at noon.

...Women's Coffee

Tuesday, May 11, 10 am - noon (rain date Wednesday, May 12)

Captain's House Courtyard on the Village Square. Please enter from the Jakes Lane entrance where parking is available.

Join your neighbors for this festive monthly gathering. Please bring your own cup for coffee. Everyone will be asked to follow the current CDC guidelines.

We are looking forward to meeting and greeting the wonderful and interesting women of I'ON!

Call coordinators Susan Fitzgerald 703.402.3298 Or Joyce Stifel 574.276.5000 for additional information.

Special thank-you to Jean Bush and Patti Johnston.

...Yarn Buddies

Wednesday May 26, 10am to noon,
324 No. Shelmore Blvd., Hosted by Kathy Coffman

Please text, email or call Kathy if you are able to attend. kcoff@comcast.net; (home) 843-388-5174 (cell) (224) 622-7859.

Anyone with an interest in stitching, knitting, crocheting, embroidery, is warmly welcome to come. Any questions? [Email: bebecoyle@comcast.net](mailto:bebecoyle@comcast.net).

Attention, Graduates!

We'd love to share your news of all high school, college and graduate/professional school graduations!

Send the name of your graduate, school, date of graduation, and any future matriculation to mary.ion@ravenelassociates.com by May 22.

Photos welcome!

Looking Ahead.....

First Fridays will be returning soon!

The return is tentatively scheduled for August 6 at an outdoor venue to be determined. This is a fun opportunity to meet with your friends and neighbors in a relaxed setting. More details to follow.....

Gift to the Street and Yard of the Month (continued from page 1)



Yard of the month winner ,48 Eastlake Rd. home of Daryl Diegoli and Glenn Richmond

Our Yard of the Month winners, **Daryl Diegoli** and **Glenn Richmond**, have owned their home at **48 Eastlake Road** since 2002. Moving from Atlanta, GA to further their respective careers, they chose l'On "because of it's historical feel without historical problems, its convenient location, and the wonderful variety of trails and streets to walk and ride bikes." Daryl and Glenn have transformed their garden over the years from a plain, uninteresting space to a lush oasis of trees, shrubs and elegant hardscape. With a huge live oak dominating the front aspect of their home, Daryl and Glenn tried in vain to grow sod in their ROW strip. Finally, they found success with asian jasmine which perfectly compliments the boxwoods, bloom-athon azaleas, camellias, lirioppe and gorgeous crimson queen Japanese maple that provide their home with beautiful curb appeal all year long. Climbing the few steps to peak through their white gate is worth your time - you will be treated to a wonderful view of the pretty, tranquil courtyard lovingly named after Daryl and Glenn's beloved cavalier - Harmony Afternoon Tea aka Daniel!

Special thanks to our sponsor **Lowcountry True Value Hardware** for providing gift certificates to our winners, and to those of you who took the time to nominate your favorites. We are looking forward to recognizing another Gift to the Street home and Yard of the Month in May. Please email Michele Wilson at tenprowcc@gmail.com by May 21st with your nomination.



This Month with The I'On Trust...

Grub on the Green

Sunday, May 16
Maybank Green
4pm - 7pm



Support our local food trucks while enjoying some great food!

Cafe Roux, Roti Rolls will be onsite for dinner fare with **Bitty Chip Cookie** for your dessert.

Click on the logos above to see menus.



We're adding a 3rd dinner truck! TBA



Most have ordering ahead of time but typically not available until 30 minutes or so before event time.

Blood Drive in partnership with The Blood Connection

Saturday, May 1 from 11am - 4pm
Mobile truck will be in the parking lot at behind the KinderCare playground

(intersection of Civitas & Ponsbury)

All donors will receive a \$20 gift card

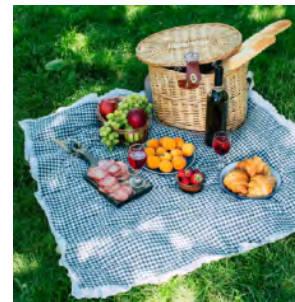
Walk-ups accepted but appointments recommended.

To make an appointment [CLICK HERE](#)

Memorial Day Picnic in the Park

Monday, May 31
Westlake Amphitheater
4 - 7pm

Grab your blanket, chairs, and a picnic for a late afternoon with your friends & neighbors all while enjoying some local music.



The Giving Lights of I'On - Nominations

Every year around the holidays The I'On Trust coordinates a fundraising project called The Giving Lights of I'On. This fundraising project, which sells luminary kits to support a local nonprofit, is some months away but we are already at work.

If you are passionate about a particular charity, that addresses a basic human need in our tri-county community, and are willing to head up the volunteer effort of the fundraiser, please follow this link to find out about the volunteer commitment and how you may nominate a charity.

[**Giving Lights Application for Nomination Link**](#)

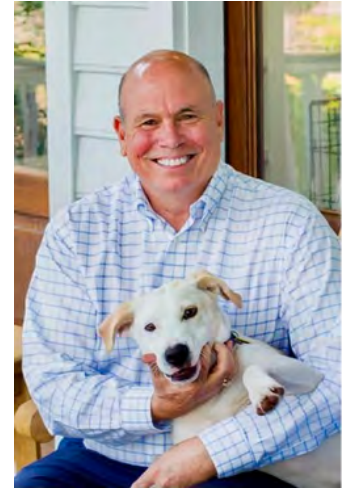
THANK YOU JESSICA — HELLO, EMILY!



Jessica Gosnell



Emily Simpson



Tom O'Brien & his dog, Molly

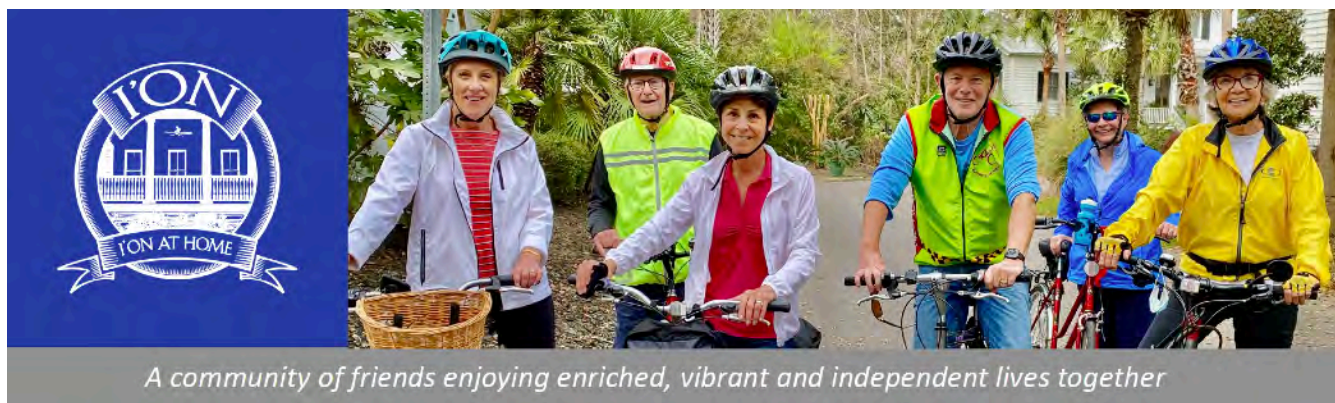
For 4 ½ years, I'On has been blessed by the commitment and dedication of our General Manager, Jessica Gosnell. I know I am not alone in wishing we could have her here for much longer, and yet love has intervened. Jessica will be leaving us and Ravenel Associates on June 30th to join her fiancé in Greenville, SC. We wish her great success in her future endeavors.

Over the past two months, Ravenel Associates has worked with the I'On Assembly Board to find someone who can deliver the service, professionalism, and friendliness I'On expects. I am pleased to announce the Board has selected Emily Simpson as our new full-time General Manager.

Emily is currently a Portfolio Manager with Ravenel Associates with several smaller single family neighborhoods & condominium communities under her watch. Prior to working with Ravenel, Emily worked at Southern Community Services with Jessica, Mary, & Dana, & as a Livability Manager for Kiawah. She has received her AMS & CMCA designations & plans to pursue her Professional Community Association Manager's credentials. Emily will start sitting in on our committee meetings in May and will officially join us in June for a month of transition time with Jessica. Mary Fraser will continue as I'On's Assistant Manager.

Join us on Wednesday, May 12th from 5 pm to 6:30 pm at the Creek Club (44 Saturday Road) to celebrate Jessica's service and welcome Emily in I'On style. Beer/wine/sodas will be served.

Tom O'Brien
I'On Assembly Board Chairman



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

Here's what's happening at I'On At Home in May

- May 3 *Great Decisions Discussion Group - The Arctic*
- May 4 *En Plein Air Painting*
- May 6 *IAH Biking Group*
- May 6 *Walking Tour of Historical Homes in Charleston's Battery and Legare St*
- May 8 *VILLAGE REPERTORY Presents: The Music of Jim Croce & Carole King*
- May 12 *Happy Hour at Community Table*
- May 13 *IAH Biking Group*
- May 15 *Down the Garden Path: A Walk through Private I'On Gardens*
- May 15 *Piano Recital by Diego Suarez, Internationally Acclaimed Pianist*
- May 16 *Bocci & Booze*
- May 18 *IAH Hiking Group*
- May 18 *En Plein Air Painting*
- May 18 *Live Cooking Demo - Grilling Summer Dishes with Cocktails*
- May 20 *IAH Biking Group*
- May 21 *Cocktails & Conversation*
- May 27 *IAH Biking Group*
- May 30 *Charleston Brass- Memorial Day Celebration at the Eastlake Field*

Last month, a live performance by Chamber Music Charleston filled the air with wonderful string music of Gershwin and Mozart. It was a delightful way to celebrate the arrival of spring in Joe & Cathy Fanelli's lovely garden.



Buongiorno I'On! The ancient game of Bocce has endured for centuries and continues today on the Bocci court in Westlake's Avant Garden. The IAH team may not be ready to take on the Italian National Team, but we're having fun!



I'on Community Garden

What's Growing in the Community Garden

Many people don't realize you can grow crops all year in the Community Garden, not just in the warm weather months. While visiting the garden even in winter, you will find thriving crops such as kale, broccoli, mustard greens, garlic, and shallots. With milder early spring weather, lettuces, radishes, peas, cilantro, and more greens fill the available space.

Not surprisingly, April and May tend to be the favorite time of year for gardeners. The longer days and warm temperatures encourage us to get outside in the garden. An urge to plant is used by seed nurseries to entice us to buy their flawless-looking vegetables, herbs, and flowers. Our whetted imaginations and individual preferences result in a diversity of planting choices, which can be observed in the photos below. The plants are a delight to the senses with their promise of delicious food, colorful or unusual foliage, and myriad flowers, many of them magnets for emerging butterflies and bees. Perhaps you will get ideas for your own gardens and landscapes.

April Gordon (dr.aprilgordon.com)



At the entrance to the garden, these lovely cover crop flowers greet you.



This large and exotic-looking artichoke plant always attracts comments.



The colorful stems of Swiss chard make it decorative as well as delicious.



For some gardeners, it's mostly about tomatoes.

Butterfly Garden

What To See in the Butterfly Garden Now: Pipevines and Pipevine Butterflies

As we move into May, the butterfly garden, responding to Nature's warm temperatures, springs to life. But before you walk around to look at the flowers on your next visit, you might want to sit under the tall trees on our beautiful teak benches and enjoy the calm and perhaps share a favorite beverage with a friend or loved one. Take in the vista around you of flowers blooming now or bursting from the ground to bloom at later times over the long summer ahead

One of the lesser known highpoints of the garden this time of year is Pipevine. Pipevines are sometimes called Dutchman's Pipe because their flowers resemble the historic curved pipe. White-veined Pipevine is blooming now and has one of the most exotic flowers in the garden. It is easy to miss if you aren't looking for it because it is small and nestled under the ground-covering plant's leaves. Look for the plant on the left in front of the bench. There is another variety of Pipevine growing on the fence in the left corner of the garden. Its flowers are inconspicuous, but it is the leaves of Pipevines not the flowers that are important. Pipevines are the host plant for the caterpillars of one of our most beautiful butterflies, the Pipevine Swallowtail. Watch for this iridescent black and blue butterfly to make an appearance in May. If you miss the butterfly, seeing its striking black caterpillars with red "legs" devouring the leaves will be reward enough.

Contact April Gordon at dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com for more information about the butterfly garden.



Benches in the butterfly garden



Pipevine flower



Pipevine swallowtail

Welcome New Neighbors

A big welcome to the newest I'On families! Make sure to stop by, and introduce yourself.

- Mary Ellen & William Brown - 52 Eastlake Road
- Nancy & Tom Carstens - 108 Civitas Street
- Ted Dintersmith & Elizabeth Hazard - 62 Fernandina Street
- Debra Koessler - 281 N Shelmore Blvd
- Sue & Tim O'Sullivan - 39 Sanibel Street
- Karen Moran - 11 Krier Lane FROG

Moving around I'On

- Serge and Jill Papatakis - 44 Perseverance St
- Linda Bender - 197 Ponsbury

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

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 HOA Managers, Ravenel Associates:
 Mary Fraser & Jessica Gosnell

Comments, Questions?

The Communications Committee wants to hear from you! Click [here](#) to submit your questions, comments, and requests. It's always a pleasure to hear from a Living In I'On reader!

Let's Keep Our Docks Tidy and Safe!

Now that we are in the midst of boating season with summer right around the corner, the I'On Docks will be bustling with boaters over the next several months! We would like to remind all residents that it is a requirement for residents to register their boats with the I'On Assembly if you plan to utilize the docks and/or boat ramp. It is \$50 to register your boat. You will receive 2021 boat and trailer decals as well as the launch ramp key. You can register here in the I'On office at 159 Civitas Street Suite 211. Please be sure to bring valid vessel registration, proof of insurance, the completed registration form and \$50 (check only)

The following are some reminders for the enjoyment of the facilities:

- All boats on the dock must be registered for 2021 with visible 2021 I'On Dock Decals. Violators will have notices placed on their vessel and repeat offenders will be recorded and can lose dock access for the remainder of the boating season.
- The maximum stay on the Community Dock is 48 hours.
- We ask that during peak season weekends all skiffs under 17ft be docked on the Crabbing Docks, if possible, to free up space for larger boats.
- If using the launch ramp, please lock the chain when you are finished.
- Trailers are not allowed to be parked on Saturday Road, the Creek Club parking lot, nor the Creek Club overflow parking lot.
- Please turn off the water and rack the hose.
- Please pull up the swimming ladder when not in use.
- Swimming is at your own risk. Jumping and diving from the dock gazebo is prohibited.
- Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an I'On adult resident when swimming. Please do not throw rocks on the boat landing.
- Remove all fishing bait from dock.
- Garbage and Trash must be bagged and removed from premises.
- Keep docks clean.

HAPPY BOATING!!