

# LIVING IN I'ON

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

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## Creek Club Dock Closures

- 06/03 5:25 - 5:55 pm
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- 06/24 4:25 - 4:55 pm

## I'On Board Meetings 2022

On the following dates at 6:00:

- 06/22
- 07/18
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## Gift to the Street/Yard of the Month Awards - Spring 2022



**Jenny Petty**  
94 Latitude Lane



**The Coyles**  
213 Ponsbury Road

The Landscape Committee is pleased to announce the first award recipients of our Gift to the Street/Yard of the Month Program. The pretty garden of **Jenny Petty, 94 Latitude Lane**, is the **Spring 2022 Yard of the Month** winner. Moving from San Francisco to I'On in January 2016, Jenny first rented a carriage house on Saturday Road, then a home on Shelmore before seizing the opportunity to purchase her lovely home on the canal in May of that year. She immediately set to work and replaced the stone in the driveway with brick. Loving the way it looked, she decided to hardscape the edges of the garden and the guest house with the same brick. With a weeping cherry tree as the central focus, Jenny planted butterfly plants, nandina, and light green rhododendron to create a frame. Gardenia, Peruvian lilies, Meyer lemon trees, Japanese holly, red roses and amole plants add the finishing touches to this small, neatly kept, colorful garden. Sharing her love of gardening with other I'On residents "brings us closer together," says Jenny.

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## You're Invited...

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### ...First Friday

**Friday June 3, 6 - 8 pm**

**Hosted by Margie and Dick Bondy, 107 Civitas Street**

Our next First Friday cocktail party will be on Friday, June 3 from 6-8pm, graciously hosted by Margie and Dick Bondy at 107 Civitas Street.

No need to RSVP, just please remember to bring your own libations, drinking glasses and a small appetizer to share. Our hosts have requested that all guests be fully vaccinated.

Many thanks to the Husseys for graciously hosting our May First Friday - everyone seemed to have such a great time. Thank you so much for opening up your home to us.

We still have opening for October and December, 2022 and January and February, 2023. Please contact Wendy Nixon at 203.858.7909 if you would like to host a party. Our committee will make it easy!

Best, Wendy Nixon, Kari Roeveer, and Dawn Beaver, your First Friday committee.

### ...Women's Coffee

**Tuesday June 14, 10 am - noon**

**At the home of Margie Bondy, 107 Civitas Street**

Hello June! Let summer begin in the lovely garden and patio of Margie Bondy, 107 Civitas St., for l'On Women's Coffee on June 14 from 10 till noon. Please bring a cup for tea or coffee.

As a courtesy to the hosts and others, please wear a mask if you are not fully vaccinated with a booster. No RSVP needed.

Women's coffees are sponsored by the l'On Trust. Call coordinators Susan Fitzgerald at 703 402 3298 or Joyce Stifel at 574 276 5000 for further information.

### ...Lunch Bunch

**Friday, June 17, 12 pm at The Grit Counter, 320 Wingo Way, #101.**

**Hosted by Ann O'Brien**

The Lunch Bunch will be on Friday June 17 (note that this a Friday date this month) at noon at The Grit Counter, 320 Wingo Way, #101 RSVP to Ann O'Brien at [annobrien1@gmail.com](mailto:annobrien1@gmail.com). Questions about lunch bunch? Contact Kristen Anderson - [kristenande@gmail.com](mailto:kristenande@gmail.com).

### ...Potluck Dinner

**Wednesday, June 22, 6:30pm at the Creek Club**



**Hosted by Becky Van Wie and Anne Register**

Come celebrate spring with your neighbors! Please join us for a delightful evening overlooking Hobcaw Creek and the marsh! Plan to arrive at 6:30, and bring a dish (with serving utensil) to share, along with your own plate, utensils, a beverage and glass. There are no rules that you must personally cook what you bring. Please encourage new neighbors to join us...Potluck is a great opportunity to make new friends and catch up on neighborhood news. And don't be shy....you'll find dinner partners aplenty once you arrive. Don't hesitate to arrive solo!

We are looking for hosts for July 20, August 17 and November 16. It's really easy and a great way to meet people! Feel free to reach out to [Wendy Nixon](mailto:WendyNixon@ioncommunity.com) at 203.858.7909 if you have any questions or would like to host. We all REALLY hope to see you there. Potluck coordinators: Wendy Nixon, Lendy Barnard, Amy Goldy and Carline Soutter.

**...Based on polling of regular Potluck attendees. we are requesting that all guests be FULLY vaccinated AND boosted.**

### ...Yarn Buddies

**Wednesday, June 22, 10 am - noon**

**Hosted by Kathy Coffman, 324 N. Shelmore Blvd**

Kathy Coffman will be hosting Yarn Buddies on Wednesday, June 22 from 10:00 AM to 12 Noon. Her home is at 324 N. Shelmore Blvd. Yarn Buddies meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month. Anyone interested in the needlework arts and hand-crafting endeavors is welcome to attend. Please give Kathy a head's up by emailing ([kcoff@comcast.net](mailto:kcoff@comcast.net)) or calling/texting her at (224) 622-7589 if you are able to attend.

## I'On Eco Group

The I'On Eco Group was formed last fall by a small number of neighbors interested in preserving I'On's beauty. "Our plan is to provide expert information and research to the HOA and to our neighbors to give them natural ways to address issues in our community," says Carol Degnen.

Last month at the Artists Market, members of the I'On Eco Group team presented best practices for the garden and home. Amy Sage, Cathy Mooney Fanelli, Lori Feehan and April Gordon offered suggestions for what products to use (green table) and what to avoid (red table) in your home and garden. Here are some of the garden tips:

### Intersperse Native Plants in your Landscape

Native Plants are hardier, use less water and fertilizer and need less overall care. Bees and other insects depend upon them to survive, and these insects are critical to our food supply because they pollinate most of our food crops. Our local nursery Roots and Shoots is a great source of native plants.

Want to know how to find the best ones for your landscape? Our friends at Kiawah Island have developed a great tool. <https://www.kiawahisland.org/plants-database/>

### Avoid Chemical Insecticides and Herbicides

We all need insecticides to keep our homes and gardens looking great and pest free. However, some are less harmful to humans and to our environment than others. Learn about options to these harmful chemicals, like using a natural or less toxic product. Here is information from the Clemson Extension service on better pesticide alternatives.

<https://hgic.clemson.edu/factsheet/less-toxic-insecticides/>; <https://hgic.clemson.edu/factsheet/pesticide-safety/>

### Use Organic Fertilizers or Compost in your landscape

Nonorganic fertilizers are a source of pollution when they leach into our soil and water and are harmful to healthy soil structure and the organisms that live there. The chemical run off of the excess fertilizer leads to an over-abundance of nutrients in the water, resulting in algae growth and fish kill. For the best fertilizers please follow this link: <https://hgic.clemson.edu/factsheet/fertilizers/>

### Use Battery Operated Leaf Blowers and Mowers

Are you tired of the incessant noise from leaf blowers and mowers? They not only create noise pollution, but the emissions are a major source of pollution in our air. Many communities are banning such equipment as a result. In one hour, a gas-powered leaf blower causes the same amount of pollution as a car driving 1,100 miles from Los Angeles to Denver. <https://cleantechnica.com/2021/10/13/its-time-to-ban-gas-powered-landscaping-equipment/>





## This Month with The I'On Trust...

### A Farewell and a Welcome!



After 8 successful years with The Trust, our executive director, **Margaret Summers** is saying goodbye. We want to offer a huge thank you to Margaret for all of her hard work and dedication to the Trust.

Although we are saddened by her departure, we are excited to welcome **Kat Harberg** into her role. Kat, a Greenville native, has lived in Charleston for the past 10 years. She looks forward to meeting everyone at the Trust events so please introduce yourself!

### Screen on the Green -



#### Calling all teens!

Please celebrate the beginning of summer with Teen Screen on the Green. Join us **Thursday, June 2nd at 8:45 pm** at the Westlake Amphitheater. Enjoy a surprise movie (comedy), yummy snacks, drinks and prizes.

### Giving Lights Nomination Application

The deadline for nominations is **July 15th!** 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 begins mid October and culminates with the Holiday Festival in early December. If you are passionate about a particular local charity that addresses a basic human need and are willing to head up the volunteer effort of the fundraiser, please follow the link below to find out how you may nominate a charity. **Nomination link [HERE](#)**

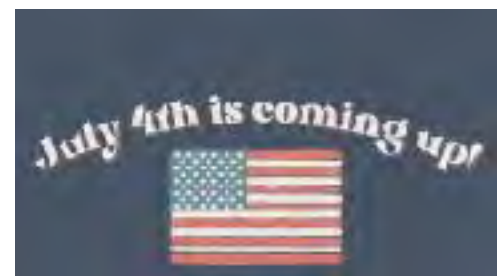


**\*Please note**, the movie is not appropriate for younger viewers. Middle school and high school aged viewers recommended.

### Grub on the Green -



Grub on the Green is excited to host The Lost Boys Food Truck at Maybank Green. Join us **Sunday, June 12th 5-8pm**. To view their **adult and kid menu**, click [here](#).



### July 4

We've started our preparations for our annual July 4th parade and would love for you to be involved. Whether it is **volunteering to help with the parade or participating** in it - [click here to see how you can be involved](#).





***It's all about volunteers!***

*As you all know, the mission of I'On At Home is to enable us to live healthy, active and independent lives and remain in our homes as long as possible. I'On At Home's network of support services, events, activities and friendships are all driven by volunteers!*

We'd like to acknowledge the **crew of volunteers** who are making IAH possible:

Barbara Adams  
Jean Anglin  
Rich Bennett  
Scott Buehler  
Dick Bondy  
Margie Bondy  
Rebecca Brovont  
Charlie Chitty  
Kay Chitty  
Francine Christiansen  
Stephan Christiansen  
Kathy Coffman  
Barbara Cole  
Carol Degnen  
Steve Degnen  
Libby Eble  
Greg Ewell  
Jill Ewell

Jennifer Falconer  
Joe Fanelli  
Craig Ferrer  
Barbara Fowler  
Joe Gaddy  
Kathie Haas  
Bob Hardie  
Janet Harper  
Elizabeth Hazard  
Becky Head  
Jim Head  
Peg Higgins  
Louise Howell  
Anne Janas  
Mary Kaplan  
Tom Martin  
Cathy Mooney  
Linda Moser  
David Mylrea  
Mary Ellen Raphael  
Sally Raver

Anne Register  
Cathy Remington  
Harriet Ripinsky  
Amy Sage  
Katherine Salmons  
Marilyn Schultz  
George Simpson  
Ben Tennille  
Myrto Tsavalas  
Yannis Tsavalas  
Brenda Uttaro  
Jerry Uttaro  
Becky Van Wie  
George Watt  
Cynthia Webb  
Rob Weiboldt  
Fred White  
Herb White  
Don Wilbur  
Mary Wilbur

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***If you're 55+ come join I'On At Home and become a part of our exciting adventure.***

***Contact Mary Holtz, IAH Administrative Manager: [maryh@ionathome.org](mailto:maryh@ionathome.org)***

***or visit us at: <https://ionathome.helpfulvillage.com>***

## *I'on Community Garden*

### **Seasonal Change: Warm Weather Plants Thrive as Cool Weather Plants Dive**

Warmer weather is upon us and community garden plots are filled with a variety of healthy, thriving plants. The garden is in transition, however, as we move from Spring into Summer.



**The Community Garden is picture-perfect with thriving plants of all kinds**

There is still some cool-weather, ready-to-pick cabbage and kale, but lettuce, herbs such as cilantro and dill, and peas are bolting (making seed) or drying up on the vine after a great run. Some gardeners get a second crop from their cilantro and dill. Dried cilantro seeds are the popular spice coriander, and dill seed is used in a variety of recipes including dill pickles. Another plus: seeds can be



**Cabbages and other brassicas are still flourishing in some garden plots**

Taking their place are the vegetables, herbs, and flowers of Summer. May provided optimal growing conditions for ripening tomatoes and basil (get ready for that caprese salad!), and some cucumbers and squash have already been harvested with a promise of more to come.

Looking ahead into June we are anticipating an abundance of juicy, ripe tomatoes, eggplants, peppers, beans, and more to add to the list.



**Tomatoes and basil make good companion plants for the garden and the table**



**Harvesting cucumbers began in May in this garden**



**Sunflowers epitomize the beauty and utility of flowers in the garden**

As garden experts advise, many gardeners are growing flowers alongside their edibles. There are many reasons to plant flowers in the garden other than their beauty. Marigolds, for example, combat harmful nematodes in the soil; their flower petals are edible; and they attract beneficial insects including pollinators such as bees and butterflies. Other winners in attracting pollinators are zinnias, sunflowers, and native flowers from our butterfly garden. Many flowering plants have culinary and medicinal uses as well.

Visit our garden in June and discover why gardening is one of America's favorite pastimes. April Gordon ([dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com](mailto:dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com))

## *Butterfly Garden*

### **New Garden Fence and New Look for the Butterfly Garden**

When the new, taller garden fence section was added in December, many plants had to be cut back and some inevitably destroyed in the construction process. A major change was that the butterfly plants outside the fence facing the field were relocated to inside the fence in order to protect them from soccer ball and other damage. It was difficult to anticipate how the final result would look once plants began growing again in the Spring. Well, the verdict so far is that the Butterfly Garden is back and recovering beautifully. Adjustments will continue to be made to ensure that the garden is better than ever for the enjoyment of human visitors and for the welfare of the pollinators and native plants (that are its main reason for existing).



**Many Butterfly Garden plants are now located inside the new fence section**

Visitors can still see the plants now growing through the fence as they walk by, and many plants remain outside and along the sides of the fence or in the area where the benches are under the tall trees. Relaxing on the benches still provides a lovely view and sense of repose. But if you want the full Butterfly Garden experience, you will want to enter the gate and enjoy the new look the flowers provide along with the vegetable garden plots. The look of the emerging plants is best described as delightful, although still a work in progress.

Come see for yourself and watch our garden grow over the summer. Oh, more butterflies are showing up too! April Gordon ([dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com](mailto:dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com))



**Zinnias, Scarlet Salvia, and Blanket Flowers are among the plants now growing inside the fence**



**American Lady butterfly on coreopsis**



**First of the year Gulf Fritillary butterfly on passionvine**

**Fiery Skipper butterfly on Zinnia**



# June news from the I'On Assembly

## Westlake Amphitheater Update

On April 5th storms blew down the Westlake Amphitheater's architectural columns. When replacement bids came in well above the deductible, the Board turned to our insurance company. Immediately after the adjuster surveyed the damage, the Greenery removed what they could carry, and a debris removal company was called to remove the rest. Now the Board is waiting for the insurance estimate.



With insurance and \$10,000 set aside in the budget for the deductible, the Board could replace like for like with little fanfare. Because I'On homeowners do not have a covered gathering or band space available as needed, the Trust has money in its budget to rent tents and cover cancellation fees. With the addition of these funds the loss of the old structure presents an opportunity to rebuild with something better.

## What Could Go There?

This neighborhood is full of successful creative homeowners who appreciate beautiful design and regularly use the Westlake Amphitheater. It makes sense to start the planning for the future of this space with your feedback.

Just like starting any construction or landscape project, this project is starting with a list of must haves and would be nice to haves - such as we must accommodate the pump currently stored in one of the towers while a terraced landscape might be nice to have. Now is also the time to gather images and sketches envisioning what could be.

## Next Steps

The Board will be collecting ideas through a **short survey**, posts on I'On Social, and our mid-year potluck from 6 to 8 pm on June 22 at the Creek Club. In July, a committee will be formed with Board members, Trust members, Westlake residents, and others who want to join. This committee will review all of the feedback to see what design and parameters rise to the top. Then they will work with the Board to receive bids for final design and construction. The Board will not vote to start construction until there has been chance to for the neighborhood to review the committee's recommendations in Oct. or Nov.



## Your Input Matters

Remember, the odds are really high that a great idea or sketch can emerge from this process; the odds are really low that everyone will get exactly what they want. The best way to improve the odds and model what civic spaces and uses can be is to share your ideas.

If you have any questions or want to be on the committee? Reach out to Emily by email or phone-843-388-7547.

*Join Us for the Mid-Year Meeting  
June 22 @ the Creek Club*



## Welcome New Neighbors

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

- Ronda & Fouad Allouch - 3 Robert Mills Circle
- Jane & Jim Crosby - 27 Perseverance St
- Thomas & Kathryn Hendrix - 19 Mobile St
- Amy Hicks & John Kim - 50 Saturday Road
- Ray & Lois Kessler - 16 Perseverance St
- Audrey Matson - 38 Isle of Hope
- Lauren & Matt Morgan - 60 Robert Mills Circle

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### 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!

## YARD OF THE MONTH/GIFT TO THE STREET

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Occupying a spectacular corner lot, the beautiful home of **Bebe and Dennis Coyle, 213 Ponsbury Road**, is our **Spring 2022 Gift to the Street**. After visiting England and falling in love with the architecture found in the Sussex countryside there, Bebe and Denis decided they wanted to build an English Country Manor right here in I'On, and they did just that! Working for over 2 years with their architect Miles Gandy Whitfield and scrapping one set of plans entirely, they finally created the home of their dreams and moved into the home in 2011. Gothic arches throughout the exterior facade and the upstairs interior create the feeling that "something different is happening when you walk under them," explains Bebe, and the Old Orleans brick covering the entire exterior of the home "means very low maintenance is required to keep it looking good." The beautiful iron railing work surrounding the house was designed by Bebe herself and the female figure of the fountain in the interior garden is named 'Martha' after Bebe's mother who found the fountain and thought it would make a perfect gift for Dennis. The Coyles won Yard of the Month in 2020 for their beautiful garden, and as our Gift to the Street winners for 2022, it is very apparent that their continued contribution to the overall beauty of our lovely neighborhood is very much appreciated by all.

Sincere thanks to **The Square Onion** for providing gift certificates to our winners, and thanks to those residents who took the time to nominate. We will be looking to recognize two more worthy winners in the Summer.

