

## Dear IAH Members ... Happy Spring!

As you all know, I'On At Home is about enjoying your friends at entertaining, enlightening and fun events. But we can't forget that an important part of IAH is helping our members live safely in their homes.

So as we prepare for the ritual "Spring Cleaning", here are a few tips on how to do it efficiently and safely.

**Test your carbon monoxide and smoke detectors** - The beginning of Daylight Savings Time is the right time to use the test button on your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to check that they work and replace batteries that are more than six months old. If an entire unit is beyond its printed expiration date, replace it. **And next year, sign up for the IAH Battery Brigade and make your life easier and safer!** 

**Check and replace flashlight batteries** - Have fresh batteries so you're prepared for severe weather.

**Check your fire extinguishers** - Most extinguishers have a long shelf life, but be sure to check the expiration date. Also check the pressure gauge to make sure it's in the proper range. Keep your extinguishers where they are easily accessible.

**Manage electrical cords throughout the household** - As you clean each room, make sure power cords and extension cords don't present a tripping hazard or fire hazard. Inspect all cords for fraying or damage and get rid of any cord that is not safe. Electrical cords should not run under rugs or around doorframes; this can damage the cord and create a fire hazard.

**Clean out household chemicals and cleaning supplies** - Go through your cleaning supplies and other household chemicals to check for leaking containers and things you no longer use or need. Click **HERE** for disposal information and locations.

Clean out medicine cabinets and first aid kits - Dispose of any outdated prescriptions and over-the-counter medications. Check first aid and emergency kits and make sure to replace anything that's been used, and dispose of anything that's expired. Tidewater Pharmacy, next to Trader Joe's, offers free drug disposal.

**Go mild** - Limit the use of harsh cleaning or disinfectant products such as bleach and ammonia, and never mix the two - doing so can create toxic fumes.

**Read the label** - Each cleaning or disinfectant product should have a label Take a minute to read the label and follow the instructions.

**Ventilation is your friend** - When using cleaning or disinfectant products, open windows or a door, and run a fan to help air circulate.

**Get a mop** - When you're cleaning floors, avoid working on your hands and knees, which could cause sprains and strains. Use a mop instead, including when you're cleaning a bathtub.

**Avoid wet floors** - Wet floors are a danger zone for slips and falls. Allow freshly cleaned floors to dry before walking on them.

**Safely store cleaning products** - Keep them in a clean, cool, dry space where children and pets can't get to them.

**Lift with caution** - When lifting or moving furniture and other heavy objects, ask for help. Bend with your knees - not your back - and use your leg muscles to avoid a back injury.

**Hire a Pro** - Power washing, pruning high trees, heavy yard work...nope, you shouldn't doing that!

## Care for your body:

- Hydrate often.
- Take breaks at least every hour or so.
- Listen to your body, and don't try to push through back or joint pain.
- Wear a dust mask and gloves as needed.



When you're done, invite a friend over to admire your amazing, sparkling clean home.

Below find a sample of upcoming activities that are available to you. Click on the **Blue Bar** at the bottom of this Weekly Update for event details and sign up information.

We look forward to seeing you.

## MARCH 2024



FREE

MEN'S BOCCE MON 03 / 18 / 2024 AT 3:00 PM I'On At Home Event Members only (login required)

RSVP required

Monday 18



BOARD MEETING MON 03 / 18 / 2024 AT 3:30 PM Board or Committee Meeting Members only (login required) RSVP required

Monday 18



HAPPY HOUR AT COMMUNITY TABLE TUE 03 / 19 / 2024 AT 4:00 PM

I'On At Home Event Members only (login required) RSVP required Tuesday 19



THE LAUGHTER PRESCRIPTION WED 03 / 20 / 2024 AT 3:00 PM

WED 03 / 20 / 2024 AT 3:00 PM I'On At Home Event Members only (login required) RSVP required

Wednesday 20



**DRIVEWAY DRINKS** 

THU 03 / 21 / 2024 AT 5:00 PM l'On At Home Event Members only (login required) RSVP required

Thursday 21



ANYTIME FRIENDS WINE AND CHEESE GET TOGETHER FOR WOMEN

MON 03 / 25 / 2024 AT 5:30 PM l'On At Home Event Members only (login required) RSVP required Monday 25



FREE

BROS N' BREWS AT COMMUNITY TABLE

WED 03 / 27 / 2024 AT 4:30 PM l'On At Home Event Members only (login required) RSVP required

Wednesday 27



DOWNTOWN DINING IN NORTH CHARLESTON (LUNCH WITH I'ON AT HOME AT RELISH A RESTAURANT RUN BY STUDENTS OF THE CULINARY INSTITUTE OF CHARLESTON)
THU 03 / 28 / 2024 AT 11:30 AM

THU 03 / 28 / 2024 AT 11:30 AN I'On At Home Event
Members only (login required)
RSVP required

Thursday 28



FLOWERS FOR OUR EASTER WEEKEND FRI 03 / 29 / 2024 AT 10:00 AM

l'On At Home Event
Members only (login required)
RSVP required

Friday 29

## **APRIL 2024**



## GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSION GROUP - SCIENCE ACROSS BORDERS

MON 04 / 01 / 2024 AT 4:00 PM l'On At Home Event Members only (login required) RSVP required Monday 01



WEEKLY IAH BIKING GROUP THURSDAYS - APRIL 4, 11, 18 & 25

THU 04 / 04 / 2024 AT 8:00 AM l'On At Home Event Members only (login required) No RSVP required

Thursday 04



TIPS FOR GROWING ORCHIDS (ORCHIDACEAE) MON 04 / 08 / 2024 AT 2:30 PM

l'On At Home Event Members only (login required) RSVP required Monday 08



FRED'S FILM FORUM: AMERICAN FICTION

WED 04 / 10 / 2024 AT 7:00 PM l'On At Home Event Members only (login required) RSVP required

Wednesday 10



**BOARD MEETING** 

MON 04 / 15 / 2024 AT 3:30 PM Board or Committee Meeting Members only (login required) RSVP required

Monday 15



HEALTHY SKIN AT ANY AGE MON 04 / 15 / 2024 AT 5:00 PM

l'On At Home Event
Members only (login required)
RSVP required

Monday 15



THE BROWN WATER EXPERIENCE: FROM THE EMERALD ISLE TO THE HIGHLANDS TO THE BLUEGRASS OF KENTUCKY

TUE 04 / 16 / 2024 AT 4:00 PM l'On At Home Event Members only (login required) RSVP required Tuesday 16



**BROS N' BREWS AT COMMUNITY TABLE** 

WED 04 / 17 / 2024 AT 4:30 PM l'On At Home Event Members only (login required) RSVP required

Wednesday 17



OUR SECRET DELTA: A HISTORY OF THE SANTEE DELTA THU 04 / 18 / 2024 AT 6:00 PM

THU 04 / 18 / 2024 AT 6:00 F l'On At Home Event Members only (login required) RSVP required

Thursday 18



## GARDEN AND HISTORY TOUR OF COLONIAL LAKE BY CHARLESTON PARKS CONSERVANCY FRI 04 / 19 / 2024 AT 10:00 AM

I'On At Home Event

Members only (login required)

**RSVP** required

Friday 19



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\$13.00

LET'S TALK PERSONAL SAFETY AND HOME SECURITY MON 04 / 22 / 2024 AT 4:00 PM

I'On At Home Event

Members only (login required)

RSVP required

Monday 22



#### **COCKTAILS AND CONVERSATION**

THU 04 / 25 / 2024 AT 5:00 PM

I'On At Home Event

Members only (login required)

**RSVP** required

Thursday 25

MAY 2024



## WEEKLY IAH BIKING GROUP THURSDAYS - MAY 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

THU 05 / 02 / 2024 AT 8:00 AM

I'On At Home Event

Members only (login required)

No RSVP required

Thursday 02



## GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSION GROUP - CHINA TRADE RIVALRY

MON 05 / 06 / 2024 AT 4:00 PM

l'On At Home Event

Members only (login required)

**RSVP** required

Monday 06



## SPRING HAS SPRUNG, AND IT'S TIME TO FLING!

WED 05 / 08 / 2024 AT 5:00 PM

I'On At Home Event

Members and Volunteers (login required)

RSVP required

Wednesday 80





FREE

#### BROS N' BREWS AT COMMUNITY TABLE WED 05 / 15 / 2024 AT 4:30 PM

I'On At Home Event

Members only (login required)

RSVP required

Wednesday 15



### **BOARD MEETING**

MON 05 / 20 / 2024 AT 3:30 PM **Board or Committee Meeting** 

Members only (login required)

RSVP required

Monday 20

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DRIVEWAY DRINKS THU 05 / 23 / 2024 AT 5:00 PM

I'On At Home Event Members only (login required)

RSVP required

Thursday



# CLICK HERE to see the latest information on upcoming IAH events and programs.