

# LIVING IN I'ON

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

## You're Invited

- 3/1 First Friday Cocktails
- 3/6 I'On Town Hall Meeting
- 3/10 Spring Garden Cleanup
- 3/12 Women's Coffee
- 3/19 Potluck Dinner
- 3/26 Ladies' Movie Group
- 3/21 Women's Lunch Bunch
- 3/27 Yarn Buddies

## Other Important Dates

- 3/5 IDC Review
- 3/14 Recycling Pickup
- 3/18 Board Meeting, 6:00pm
- 3/19 IDC Review
- 3/28 Recycling Pickup

## Creek Club Dock Closures

- 3/9 4:25 - 4:55pm
- 3/10 3:55 - 4:25pm
- 3/16 5:25 - 5:55pm
- 3/22 4:55 - 5:25pm
- 3/23 4:25 - 4:55pm
- 3/24 5:25 - 5:55pm
- 3/31 5:25 - 5:55pm



## And The Civitas Award Goes To...

The Civitas Award has been given to an outstanding member of the I'On Community since 2003. It is awarded to a person or persons who has gone above and beyond the call of service. The word Civitas is Latin for citizenship; conveying a sense of community, responsibility, and a common purpose.

At the Annual Board Meeting in January this year, Michele Wilson was presented with the 2019 Civitas Award. Michele embodies the true spirit and high standards of neighborliness and citizenship on which I'On was founded and the Civitas Award stands for. She has happily and faithfully served this community through various committees over the years. Michele previously sat on the Steering Committee of I'On At Home for two years working to bring together the senior members of this community, was co-chair for three years of First Friday Cocktails, and has been a member of the Communications Committee.



Michele Wilson with the 2019 Civitas Award

Currently, Michele is working with the I'On Trust's engraved bricks project for the Perseverance Park Fountain. She is also currently a member of the Assembly's Landscape and Infrastructure Committee. In addition to the great work she has completed through these committees, Michele also instituted the Yard of the Month Program and the Best Decorated Home for the Holiday Awards of Halloween and Christmas. Making sure to recognize others for making I'On an especially lovely place to live.

You can regularly find her attending First Fridays and other community events sponsored by I'On At Home and I'On Trust. When you see her, make sure to thank her for many and great contributions to making I'On "a way of life, not just a place to call home"!

Congratulations, Michele!





## Keep Your Eye On...

### Upcoming April Events

#### After The Bridge Run Concert

Saturday, April 6  
Hosted by I'On Trust

#### Women's Lunch Bunch

Thursday, April 11, 11:30am  
Tradd's (located downtown)  
Hosted by Mary Ellen Raphael and Jan Laabs

#### Reservations must be submitted

**by March 26.** To reserve a spot please call Mary Ellen Raphael, 843-849-0334

Additional information will be included in the April newsletter

### Parking

We all know that finding street parking in I'On can be difficult at times. The Town of Mt. Pleasant developed a parking code for I'On to help manage on-street parking. This code stipulates each home in I'On must have 2 onsite parking spaces per principal dwelling. There are no assigned on-street parking spaces for any dwelling; on-street parking is open to all homeowners, their guests, and community visitors.

In good fellowship with your neighbors, I'On residents are asked to show a level of courtesy by primarily utilizing your personal off-street parking spaces. Leaving on-street parking spaces available to guests and visitors. It is equally important to only park in legal, marked spaces. The town has marked these spaces for safety reasons and traffic flow!

## You're Invited...

### ...First Friday Cocktails

Friday, March 1, 6:00 - 8:00pm  
201 North Shelmore Boulevard, Hosted by Leah and Brent Simmons  
For I'on residents, their family, friends, and guests!  
Please bring an appetizer to share, a choice of beverage, and your own glass!  
For questions or to host contact [Kathy Chambers](#), 843-469-8432 or [Karen Rathbun](#), 843-936-6590

### ...I'On Town Hall Meeting - more details on page 4

The Future For Mount Pleasant: What are the plans and what can you do about them?

Wednesday, March 6, 2:00 - 3:15pm  
100 Ann Edwards Lane, 3rd Floor Committee Meeting Room  
Hosted by I'On At Home  
No registration is necessary

### ...Ladies' Movie Group

Tuesday, March 26  
Go for a late afternoon movie followed by a stop at a local gathering place for drinks and a bite to eat! An informational e-mail will be sent out the weekend before.  
Not on the e-mail list? Contact [Jan Laabs](#) to be added!

### ...Potluck Dinner

Tuesday, March 19, 6:30 - 9:30pm  
Creek Club, Hosted by Myrto and Yannis Tsavalas  
Bring a dish (with serving utensil) to share, plus your own plate, utensils, and beverage. You do not have to cook what you bring, just grab a yummy dish from one of the many great local options!  
For more information contact [Lydia Engelhardt](#) or call, 843-884-8400.



### ...Women's Coffee

Tuesday, March 12, 10:00am - 12:00pm  
324 North Shelmore Boulevard, Hosted by Kathy Coffman  
An easy and enjoyable way to meet interesting women in your community. Bring your cup for coffee or tea!  
Women's Coffee is sponsored by I'On Trust and is coordinated by [Nance Nixon](#), 908-507-6680 and [Eileen Moore](#), 571-723-9733. For more information contact Nance or Eileen.

### ...Women's Lunch Bunch - more details on page 4

Thursday, March 21, 12:00 - 2:00pm  
Crave Kitchen, 1968 Riviera Drive, Mount Pleasant  
Hosted by Sarah Settlemyer

**Please RSVP to Sarah at 843-388-7098**

### ...Yarn Buddies

Wednesday, March 27, 10:00am - 12:00pm  
64 Sowell, Hosted by Wanda Martin  
If you have an interest in hand needlework - crocheting, needlepoint, rug hooking, even jewelry-making, then you need to be at Yarn Buddies! They share ideas and tips, offer assistance, and have lots of fun conversation!  
E-mail [Delores Rosebrock](#) for more information.



## IDC Resources

### *Preserving the look of I'On*

Prior to beginning any new construction or landscaping project, please contact the Neighborhood Coordinator [Pam Gabriel](#), 843-606-6366, to get the information needed to expedite the review process. Pam's office hours are Mon - Fri, 11am - 3pm.

All projects **must have written IDC approval and permit prior to starting any work.** Failure to do so could result in delays and possible sanctions for non-compliance.

Click [here](#) to visit the I'On Design Committee page and click [here](#) to view a full copy of the Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions, and Rules.



## You Can Help

### *Do you have a new neighbor?!*

Introduce yourself and then reach out to the I'On Ambassador Coordinator, [Mary Kaplan](#), 843-388-4489. We want all our new neighbors to be greeted as soon as possible!



## This Month With I'On's Design Committee

### *What Is The I'On Design Committee's Role? Here's The Answer...*

The I'On Design Committee (IDC) was established as part of the original Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions governing I'On. The IDC reviews all residential and landscape plans and provides guidance in order to protect the property values of all owners, now and in the future.

The IDC follows the guidelines for neighborhood and architectural standards, as outlined in The I'On Code. In addition, each of the six I'On neighborhoods has parameters and standards specific to their location within I'On. These standards, as established by the founders, are what attracted you to move to I'On and the IDC strives to maintain them. Preserving the look of I'On.

The current IDC consists of two residents, a designer, an architect, and a landscape architect. A member of the HOA Board serves as a liaison between the IDC and the Board. The Neighborhood Design Coordinator (contact information can be found in the left column) presents a resident's request to the IDC and records and returns their comments.

The IDC strives to treat all applications fairly and without favor. However, its decisions may be based purely on aesthetic considerations. Opinions may vary as to desirability or attractiveness. It does recognize that technology continues to improve products and is open to considering new materials and how they relate to the I'On standards. And the Board of Appeals exists as recourse for those in disagreement with the IDC rulings.

## I'On At Home

### *New Membership Type*

I'On at Home is pleased to announce that IAH is now offering a new type of special membership. It is designed for two groups: 1) I'On Residents, 2) I'On Non-resident Supporting. The first membership is for all residents of I'On and the second membership is for previous IAH members who have moved out of the neighborhood, but want to retain their ties to old friends. It is also for people who live in nearby neighborhoods, have friends in I'On, and want to participate in social and cultural events and programs presented by IAH.

They are going to try this new pilot program for Non-resident Supporting Members for a year and see how well it works for I'On At Home and it's members.

If you or someone you know would like to try out this new membership, please contact [Barbara Cole](#).

## I'On Ambassador

### *Welcome New Neighbors*

A big welcome to the newest I'On families!  
Make sure to stop by, introduce yourself, and invite them to our fabulous community events!

- Vanessa and Jeff McGinnis, 11 Eastlake Road
- Katie and Matt O'Neill, 150 Lonsborough Street

*All will concede that in order to have good neighbors, we must also be good neighbors.*  
- Harry S. Truman



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### *I'On Town Hall Meeting*

This special event, hosted by I'On At Home, is for I'On residents only. It will be a 45-minute presentation outlining the priorities, policies and strategies Mount Pleasant will follow over the next ten years. The Comprehensive Plan was developed by a group of 41 volunteers, including two representatives from I'On.

### *Women's Lunch Bunch*

[Crave Kitchen and Cocktails](#) is a delightful restaurant located in Seaside Farms. A self described casual fine dining establishment. For driving directions, to view their menu and learn more about the next superb locale click the link above. Don't forget to RSVP with Sarah Settlemeyer, 843-388-7098



### Support A Cause

#### *Street Signs*

There are still street signs available for purchase. They are \$40 each and proceeds support Hurricane Relief at [One SC Fund](#). Click [here](#) to order yours!

## I'On's Community Garden

### *Green Thumbs Gathering*

Saturday, February 16 started as a chilly, drizzly day but the weather warmed just in time to welcome an enthusiastic group at the 2019 Community Garden Opening. Everyone was eager to discuss what to grow and how best to fulfill their dreams of bountiful spring crops. A couple of the colorful items discussed were lettuces and juicy tomatoes! Several returning gardeners had a head start this year by planting seeds in the fall and harvesting throughout winter. Their beautiful plants were an inspiration for everyone at the opening!

For more information regarding the Community Garden contact [April Gordon](#).



Community Gardeners, February 2019

### *I'On Yard to Table*

The Community Garden Opening included guest speakers, Susan and Aaron von Frank, co-founders of Grow Journey and Tyrant Farms (online seed and garden education companies). These experts shared their knowledge and advice on how to get the most out of garden plots. Their most important point was to have a sustainable, productive garden you must maintain healthy soil through the use of quality compost, mulches, and organic inputs while also avoiding toxic chemicals. Years of success in their home garden and growing commercially for upscale Oakhill Cafe in Greenville, SC demonstrates the wisdom of their approach. All you need now is time and good weather to start growing plants for your homegrown version of "eating local."

## I'On's Butterfly Garden 🦋

### *Garden Cleanup*

The Butterfly Garden's neighborhood volunteers (Team BG) will meet at 10:00am on Saturday, March 10 for the annual spring garden cleanup. To be removed are dead plants, flower heads, leaves, and small brush piles. These items have, over the winter, nourished and sheltered birds, toads, and a myriad of garden insects in various stages of their life cycles. Spring cleaning makes way for fresh native perennial flowers, vines, and shrubs to begin growing again. Luckily, we know some of our flowers have survived our mild winter because we are already seeing Monarch and other butterflies in the garden! Amazingly, the Worn Monarch pictured to the right has overwintered here and is not a migrant from Mexico.



Love nature, gardening or butterflies? Volunteer for Team BG by contacting [April Gordon](#).

## I'On's Landscaping Committee

### *Yard of the Month Award Program*

April kicks off the Landscaping Committee's Yard of the Month program and they are looking forward to recognizing and rewarding the special efforts of I'On's residents. Especially those who take pride in their homes and gardens. This is an integral part of the overall beautification of I'On and it was a huge success last year! As "spring fever" fills the air and the YOM gears up again the committee looks forward to seeing you out in your yards. More information is forthcoming!

**2019 Board Dates**

*Monthly Meetings*

- March 18
- April 15
- May 20
- June 19, mid-year meeting
- July 15
- August 19
- September 16
- October 28
- November 18
- December 16

**Communications Committee**

*Members*

- Chris Colen  
Communications Chair
- Leah Simmons  
Living In I'On Editor
- Mary Fraser  
Southern Community Services
- Jessica Gosnell  
Southern Community Services
  
- Meegan Graham
- Mary Kaplan
- Margaret Summers

**Comments or Questions?**

*E-mail The Editor*

The Communications Committee wants to hear from you! Click [here](#) to submit your questions, comments, or requests to be published in next month's edition of Living In I'On.



**The I'On Trust**

*Is Starting A Supper Club*

And they want you to join them! One of life's great pleasures is sharing good food and drink with family and friends. The goal of the new Supper Club is to give an opportunity for neighbors who share a passion for conversation, cooking, and the eating of a delicious meal to be able to gather around a table together! There will be more details to follow once I'On Trust has determined the level of interest in this incredible new community event.



With this, the I'On Trust wants to know what you think. Click [here](#) to let them know if this something you would be interested in participating in. Following the [link](#) today is not a commitment. Rather, it is a way to gauge the community's interest. This event idea was suggested by your neighbors and I'On Trust is excited about it and hope you will be too! Whether you are new to the community or have been here and know your neighbors well; if you want to have fun, eat some great food, find a new favorite recipe, and enjoy the company of friends join the Supper Club! You don't need to be a great cook to join. You just need to be an enthusiastic conversationalist (and eater)!

**I'On, A Final Note**

*From The Board President*

I'ON Neighbors,

I am honored to be serving as your HOA board president for 2019. My wife Ginny and I have lived at 15 Hopetown Road for almost nine years and I have had the opportunity to serve on the I'ON Board for the past five years. Serving alongside me on this year's board will be; Trey Mathisen, who was elected to serve as the Amenity Committee Chairman, Johann von Asten, who was elected to serve as Treasurer and Finance Committee Chairman, and Chris Colen, who was elected to serve as Secretary and Communications Committee Chairman. Julie Hussey will serve as the I'On Design Committee Chairwoman, Erik Krawcheck will serve as the Covenants Committee Chairman, and Peter Wallace will serve as the Landscaping and Infrastructure Chairman. I also want to recognize the past service of Board President, Jody McAuley (two years), as well as Landscape and Infrastructure Chair, Michael Purcell and IDC Chair, Lori Bate.

Our community is blessed to have an incredible spirit of volunteerism and we are always looking for homeowners who would like to get more involved in our great community. This year's Board looks forward to overseeing the "Graceful Aging of I'ON" as well as making additions and improvements that have been recommended by our homeowners. Additionally, a review of our balance sheet would confirm that our community financials are in great shape and it will be a top priority to keep it that way.

If you have not had an opportunity to meet our property managers with Southern Community Services, Jessica Gosnell and Mary Fraser I would encourage you to give them a call or to stop by the I'ON offices to meet them in person.

Please feel free to [e-mail](#) or call (513-324-0790) me if you have a question or suggestion.

All the best,

Tom