

# LIVING IN I'ON

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## 2023 ANNUAL MEETING AND HOA BOARD ELECTION

Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 6pm

Location: Creek Club, 44 Saturday Road

The agenda for this year's meeting includes the 2023 Civitas Award and the Board of Trustee election. There are five candidates nominated for the four open Board seats. Each candidate would serve a two-year term. The candidates are: Chelsea Darcangelo, Julie Hussey, Mike Russo, Lon Waggoner and Stephen Wood. Please read the Annual Meeting package that has been mailed to your home. The packet includes detailed information on each candidate, the meeting invitation, meeting agenda, draft 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes, and annual committee reports. If you misplaced your annual meeting notice packet, please contact Mary James. The 2023 Annual Meeting, will be held at the Creek Club, located at 44 Saturday Road. The meeting will start at 6pm. Online voting is accessible [HERE](#) and will close January 24 at 5 pm. Paper proxy forms and online votes must be received by the HOA no later than 5:00 PM on, Tuesday January 24, 2023. We invite and encourage all homeowners to attend the annual meeting!

### You're Invited

- 01/10 Women's Coffee
- 01/11 Potluck Dinner
- 01/19 Lunch Bunch
- 01/25 Yarn Buddies
- tba Women's Movie Group

### Other Important Dates

- 01/12 Recycling Pickup
- 01/26 Recycling Pickup
- 01/31 IDC Submittal Deadline

### Creek Club Dock Closures

- 01/07 4:25 - 4:55 pm
- 01/15 3:55 - 4:25 pm

### I'On Board Meetings 2023

On the following date at 6:00:

- 01/25



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## You're Invited...

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### ...First Friday

Sadly, there will be no First Friday this month, as we do not have a host. Would you like to host February's First Friday? We do not have a host for February either.

Many thanks to Sam and Carline Soutter for hosting us in December in your gorgeous home, all warmly decorated for the Holidays. It was a lovely party, thank you.

We still have openings for June, July and the rest of 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, Dawn Beaver and Carter Ward, your FF coordinators

### ...I'On Women's Movie Group

To be announced

Organized by Jan Laabs

The January movie we'll plan on going to see is Tom Hank's new movie "A Man Called Otto." This group is a good way to meet neighbors and see a movie with other ladies. If you would like to part of this fun group, contact [Jan Laabs](#). See you at the movies! Jan Laabs ([laabsjan@hotmail.com](mailto:laabsjan@hotmail.com)), cell- 248 404 8563.

### ...Women's Coffee

Tuesday January 10, 10 am - noon

At the home of Amy Goldy, 51 Sowell Street

Join the women of I'On to celebrate the new year on Tuesday, January 10, 10:00 AM-Noon at the home of Amy Goldy, 51 Sowell Street. We will raise our glasses to toast the New Year. As usual please bring a cup for coffee or tea.

As a courtesy to the host and others, we request guests be vaccinated with boosters. No RSVP needed. If you would like more information, call coordinators Susan Fitzgerald at 703 402 3298 or Joyce Stifel at 574 276 5000. Women's coffees are sponsored by the I'On Trust.

### ...Potluck Dinner

Wednesday, January 11, 6:30 pm at the Creek Club

Hosted by Becky and Jim Head



Amy Minella and Wendy Nixon had a nice evening hosting the Potluck in December. We hope that you had a nice evening as well..

Come enjoy the new year 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! Would you like to host? We're looking for hosts for February through May of next year as well as for July and August - it's super easy to host, and a great way to meet your neighbors. Let Wendy know at [wlnixon@gmail.com](mailto:wlnixon@gmail.com) or 203 858 7909. We all hope to see you there.

Best, Wendy Nixon, Lendy Barnard, Amy Goldy and Carline Soutter, your Potluck committee.

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

## You're Invited...

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### ...Lunch Bunch

Thursday, January 19, 12 pm at Tavern and Table, 100 Church St., Mount Pleasant

Hosted by Margie Bondy

Many thanks to Suzanne Tans who hosted lunch at Butcher and Bee on December 8.

Margie Bondy will be hosting our January event on Thursday, January 19 at Tavern and Table ([tavernandtable.com](http://tavernandtable.com)). Directions: Take Coleman to Mill Street and then make a right on Church Street. Ample parking adjacent to Tavern and Table and Red's Icehouse.

RSVP to [margaretbondy@gmail.com](mailto:margaretbondy@gmail.com) or text 203 984 0830 by Monday January 16.

We are looking for hosts for various months in 2023. Hosting is easy - you just need to pick one of your favorite restaurants and collect the RSVPs. Questions? Contact Kristen Anderson at [kristenande@gmail.com](mailto:kristenande@gmail.com).

### ...Yarn Buddies

Wednesday, January 25, 10 am - noon

Hosted by Wanda Martin, 64 Sowell

Wanda Martin is hosting the Yarn Buddies on Wednesday, January 25 from 10:00 AM to 12 noon at her home on 64 Sowell St. Anyone interested in the needlework arts and hand-crafting endeavors is welcome to attend. Please let Wanda know if you are able to attend, email: [wandam751@aol.com](mailto:wandam751@aol.com) or cell: 203-615-1134;

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR! REMEMBER THAT HOA BILL? IT'S DUE!

The 2023 I'On Assembly Annual Assessment was due on January 1st, but don't fret, you have until January 31st to pay it...but not a day later! The annual budget is based on the assumption that all owners will pay by the due date. When they do not, it impacts the Assembly's ability to fulfill its obligations. You can find the approved collection policy on the I'On website. Questions? Please email [Emily Simpson](mailto:Emily.Simpson@ioncommunity.com). Visit [www.ravenelassociates.com](http://www.ravenelassociates.com) to pay online or drop check payments off to the HOA office at 159 Civitas Street, Suite 211.





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

### Sneak Peek for our 2023 Events!

**January 21st:** S'mores with Neighbors

**February 7th:** Talk with Spoleto's Mena Mark Hanna

**February 26th:** Oyster Roast

**March:** Grub on the Green is back!

**More information about these events to come in a later email.**

### The Giving Lights & the Holiday Festival

Thank you all so much for the success of the 2022 Giving Lights of I'On. The neighborhood was gorgeous with all the lit luminaries. Giving Lights had record participation of over 79% and 602 homes! We are thrilled to have raised over \$54,000 for One80 Place! I know these funds will create a positive impact in our community. We hope everyone enjoyed our Holiday Market- thank you **Ann Read** for helping organize! The carriages were another success with over 700 rides!

### THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

The Trust wants to thank everyone who helped us put on events like the **July 4th Parade, an Easter Egg Hunt, Screen on the Green, Halloween in the Hood, the Giving Lights** among many, many others. We couldn't put these events on without help from our neighbors and we thank you for your time. We would also like to extend a special thank you to **Joyce Stifel, Susan Fitzgerald, Mary Kaplan, and Michele Wilson.**

**Joyce and Susan** have been so wonderful to volunteer their time to organize the monthly Women's Coffee. It is such a terrific I'On tradition that welcomes neighbors, both old and new, for some good conversation and friendship. We are grateful for all their enthusiasm and thrilled they will continue to coordinate the coffees in 2023. **Mary Kaplan** heads our ambassador program and does a fantastic job. We are so fortunate she will continue in this role in 2023. **Michele Wilson** has diligently coordinated and overseen the engraved Brick Project at Perseverance Park. We are lucky she was interested in pursuing this opportunity for her neighbors.

**The I'On Trust Board of Directors.** As we end this year, we extend appreciation to two outgoing board members: **Megan Farr and Heather Emrich.** We are grateful for their time and commitment to the Trust's mission of bringing neighbors together and making I'On a wonderful and fun place to live. We would also like to thank the rest of our **2022 board members, Antonia Fokas, Shannon Runquist, Catherine Kotz, Kathryn Martin, Reid Elliot, Shelley Scott, Steve Zaleskie, Leigh Willard, Laurens Smith, and Debbie Ferrer** for making 2022 such a wonderful year full of events - and working on making 2023 even better! Thank you all for volunteering your time to the Trust- we are lucky to have you!

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### ***I'On At Home - Year in Review - 2022***

It has been a productive year! COVID is no longer center stage and we have been able to resume offering a wider range of programs and services. Our membership totals 166 and we have welcomed 18 new members.

And what a year it has been! We presented 109 program events, while introducing new event themes: Charleston Artisans, Behind the Scenes and a Public Affairs Panel. These new programs join our very popular recurring events: Cocktails & Conversations, Bocce & Booze and Bros & Brews. And we were entertained and we partied...with 4 concerts and 3 seasonal parties: Spring Fling, Festive Fall Party and a Holiday Party. In May, we introduced our newest initiative - **CHOICES** - programming which focuses on healthy living, emotional well-being and technology know-how. Since its introduction, we have offered 7 CHOICES programs. The attendance is encouraging, and the feedback has been positive.

None of these accomplishments would have been possible without the capable leadership of our Board. Many hours of work and a deep commitment to IAH by each member of this Board have resulted in an exceptional year. I'd like to thank **Jean Anglin** (Secretary/Treasurer), **Steve Degnen** (Marketing and Communications Chair), **Cathy Mooney** (Membership Chair), **Bob Hardie and Elizabeth Hazard** (Programs Co-Chairs), **Janet Harper** (Volunteers Services Chair) and **Mary Holtz** (Administrative Manager) for their dedicated service and hard work throughout 2022.

We would like to acknowledge the members of our Advisory Council as well: Chair **Becky VanWie, Carol Degnen, Barbara Cole, Ben Tennille and Tom Martin**. Working behind the scenes, these professionals provided guidance and support on a number of issues that we, as a Board, encountered during the year. Their input was most welcome.

One of the greatest challenges of any volunteer organization is Succession Planning. While an enormous amount of talent resides with our members, recruiting those willing and able to volunteer for leadership and committee positions is an ongoing challenge. We're very pleased to announce a very strong and capable Board for 2023:

**President - Bob Hardie**

**Vice President - Jayne Eastman**

**Secretary/Treasurer - Joe Fanelli**

**Marketing/Communications Chair - Steve Degnen**

**Membership Committee Co-Chairs - Cathy Mooney and Karen Rathbun**

**Programs Committee Chairs - Elizabeth Hazard and Mary Kaplan**

**Volunteer Services Committee Chair - Janet Harper**

***I'On At Home wishes each and every one of our neighbors a Happy, Healthy New Year.***



Peg Higgins  
President  
December 2022





## US Taxpayers to Benefit from 2022 Inflation Reduction Act

Forbes Magazine's August 14, 2022 article "Energy Provisions in the Inflation Reduction Act" (<https://www.forbes.com/sites/rpapier/2022/08/14/energy-provisions-in-the-inflation-reduction-act/?sh=878644d34229>) offers information about what we, as taxpayers, can expect from this August, 2022 legislation. In addition to aiming to reduce inflation, the package contains many provisions intended to address climate change. Totalled, this climate funding is the largest such investment in our history. The goal is to reduce US emissions by 40% by 2030.

Many of the resulting programs will offer incentives to consumers to purchase energy efficient appliances, electric vehicles, and roof-top solar, in addition to improving their home's energy efficiency. Included are:

- Rebates to electrify home appliances and retrofit to improve home energy efficiency
- Consumer tax credits to improve home energy efficiency and enable homes to use clean energy
- Consumer tax credits for lower/middle income persons to purchase used clean vehicles
- Consumer tax credits to purchase new clean vehicles
- Grants to make affordable housing more energy efficient

In addition to these individual incentives and benefits to encourage more clean energy, there are also programs to reduce carbon emissions, increase clean energy manufacturing, and increase investments in disadvantaged and rural communities.

In the August 21, 2022 Politico article "Hot Deals: A Consumer's Guide to the New Climate Law" (<https://www.politico.com/news/2022/08/21/consumers-climate-law-inflation-reduction-act-00052963>), more details are given about the law's provisions. For example, starting in 2024, eligible buyers of qualified electric vehicles may claim up to a \$7,500 tax credit as a direct deduction from the cost of their car. The car must be assembled in North America, and the buyer may make only a maximum of \$150,000/year (individual) or \$300,000/year (couple). The value of eligible new sedans is capped at \$55,000 and the maximum for SUVs and trucks is \$80,000. Politico suggests that it may take a few years for auto manufacturers to catch up to these requirements and make more qualifying vehicles available.

The I'On ECO Group (IEG) has been learning more about roof-top solar energy and advocating with the I'On Assembly Homeowners' Association to amend our regulations so that it will be available to more of our homes. The Politico article explains that the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) will immediately bump the tax credit for solar projects from 24% to 30%, where it will remain for 10 years. A similar credit will be available for home battery units with more than three kilowatt-hours of storage capacity.

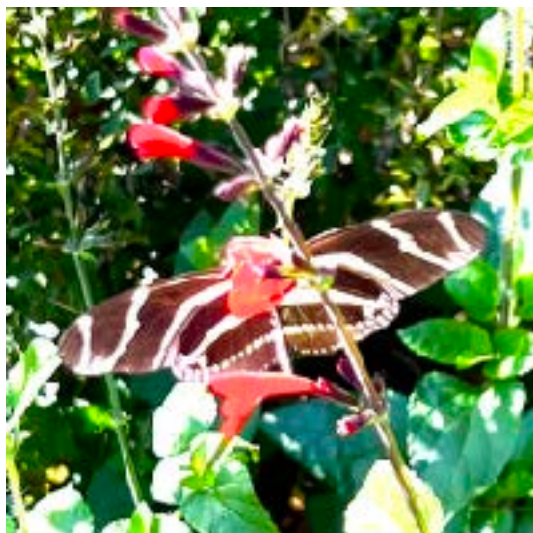
## *Butterfly Garden*

### **Holiday Cheer from the Butterfly Garden**

We can thank a mild December for the many multi-colored flowers still blooming in the butterfly garden. Bees, butterflies, and other garden insects have been happy to have the late season bounty when so many other food sources are gone. On a sunny day visitors to the garden can see such butterflies as Monarchs (either migrants or overwintering), Gulf Fritillary adults and caterpillars (feeding on the remaining passionvine leaves), Long Tailed Skippers (nectaring on the lantana), Cloudless Sulphurs (on scarlet salvia), and a Zebra Longwing (never before seen here in late December). What a delight!

Sadly, a cold snap with multiple days below freezing will bring the butterfly season to an end. Although the color and vibrancy of the garden will be missed, life is not gone from the garden. Hidden from our view in hollow plant stems, under leaf litter or tree bark, or attached to branches, twigs, and other surfaces many butterflies, moths, bees, and other insects will be spending the winter as eggs, pupae, larva, and even adults. Most will remain dormant until spring but occasionally on a mild day a Cloudless Sulphur can be seen flying or a Mourning Cloak will lay its eggs. Being perennials, most of our butterfly plants are also alive but dormant, waiting for lengthening days and warmer temperatures to signal their re-emergence.

The holiday season is a time to look forward to a new and happy year ahead, and l'On's Butterfly Garden exemplifies the promise of renewal and the gift of life and beauty around us.



**This Zebra Longwing was a surprise visitor in the butterfly garden in late December**



**A few Gulf Fritillary caterpillars remain on garden passionvines**

April Gordon at [dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com](mailto:dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com)

## Welcome New Neighbors

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

- Robin & Paul Kirby - 3 Duany Road
- Susie Swirbul - 340 N Shelmore Blvd

### Moving around I'On

- Stacey & Mike Koon - 47 Robert Mills Circle



## COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

- Michael Spalding, Communications Chair  
 Kathie Haas, Living In I'On Editor  
 Mary Kaplan, Ambassador Chair  
 Danielle Marin  
 Lisa McFadden  
 Kat Harberg, I'On Trust  
 HOA Managers, Ravenel Associates:  
 Mary James & Emily Simpson

### 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!

## I'On Community Garden

### Happy New Year at the Community Garden: Plot Signup begins January 1, 2023

Begin the New Year with a garden plot in the I'On Community Garden, conveniently located on Eastlake Rd. Make a resolution you can keep: growing your own delicious, healthy produce (and herbs and flowers!) all year long.

For only \$75, I'On residents are eligible for a 5' x 8' raised bed garden that is amended yearly and supplied with water and mulched pathways inside a fenced area. Garden and planting information are also provided. Garden plots are available on a first come-first serve basis, so apply now as an individual or with family or friends. Plots can be planted after the garden opening on Saturday, March 4. Contact garden coordinator April Gordon at [iongarden@gmail.com](mailto:iongarden@gmail.com) to receive your registration form.

Winter is a great time to garden. Here's a sample of what's growing in our garden in late December.



A sample winter gardens includes a mixture of vegetables (e.g. Swiss chard and lettuce), flowers (snapdragons), and herbs (rosemary and parsley)

**Your community Garden neighbors wish you a Happy New Year and Happy Gardening!**

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## YOUR COMMUNITY IS CALLING

No matter how you define it, volunteers are what give the I'On community life! Volunteers work hard behind the scenes organizing for social groups, fun monthly events, annual holiday decorations and gatherings, a newsletter, a website and so much more.

To view a list of open volunteer positions, click [HERE](#)

If you or any neighbors you know might be interested in volunteering or sitting on one of our committees, please email [Emily Simpson](mailto:Emily.Simpson@ioncommunity.com) or [Mary James](mailto:Mary.James@ioncommunity.com)