

# LIVING IN I'ON

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



## August Events

Thu	8/3	Playground Social
Fri	8/4	First Friday
Tue	8/8	Women's Coffee
Thu	8/10	Ecco Food Drive
Wed	8/16	Potluck Dinner
Mon	8/21	Stuff the Bus
Mon	8/21	Ice Cream Social
Wed	8/23	Yarn Buddies
TBD	Sept.	Lunch Bunch
TBD		Women's Movie Group

## Important Dates

Tue	8/1	Full Sturgeon Moon
Tue	8/1	IDC Meeting
Tue	8/8	IDC Submittal Deadline
Thu	8/10	Recycling Pickup
Tue	8/15	IDC Meeting
Thu	8/24	Recycling Pickup
Tue	8/29	IDC Submittal Deadline
Wed	8/30	Blue Moon

## DOCK CLOSINGS ON PAGE 2

**2023 I'On Board Meetings**  
**159 Civitas Street**  
**Mondays at 6:00 p.m.**

August 21  
 September 18  
 October 16  
 November 20  
 December 18



## Staying Safe in I'On - Board Business Update

After recent acts of vandalism at Maybank Green and Eastlake soccer field, and reports of antisocial behaviour at Phase 11 and other parts of the neighborhood, members of the Board recently met with the Mount Pleasant Police Department ("MPPD") to discuss these issues and the best ways to address incidents going forward.




**If you see something or hear something that concerns you, please don't stay silent. Say something and report it!**

Please see below for the key takeaways from the MPPD:

1. The MPPD places a heavy emphasis on data, and that data shows we live in a very safe neighborhood.
2. The best way to reduce criminal behaviour is to pay attention and stay vigilant: if you see something, say something:
  - a. Report suspicious behaviour or crimes to the police in a timely manner. This includes not only serious crimes but those that may be of a more quality of life nature such as vandalism, underage drinking, or trespassing.
  - b. If you are involved in an incident, or if you witness threatening or anti-social behaviour, please secure your own/your family's safety first and then contact the police directly, as soon as possible.
  - c. The best way to contact the police, as soon as you become concerned, is to call 911. When you call 911, the message goes out across the system and generates a rapid response.
  - d. Provide the police with as much information as possible: the time of the incident, location, what happened, who was involved etc. If safe to do so, take photos, videos and other forms of documentary evidence as they can be incredibly helpful.
3. You can decide if, how, when and where you'd like to meet the police i.e., if preferable you can decline to meet in person, arrange a time to meet at the police department rather than at your house etc.

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 <b>DOCK CLOSINGS - AUGUST 2023</b>		
Date of Event 2023	Event Type	Ceremony Starts
Saturday, August 5th	Wedding & Reception	4:25-4:55
Saturday, August 12th	Wedding & Reception	4:25-4:55
Saturday, August 19th	Wedding & Reception	4:55-5:25
Sunday, August 20th	Wedding & Reception	4:55-5:25
Saturday, August 26th	Wedding & Reception	4:25-4:55

## RAMBLE TO THE SCRAMBLE

**Thursday, August 3rd - 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

**Hosted by Jessica Smith at the Scramble Playground (behind the shops at I'On)**



Come join us for a fun afternoon at the Scramble Playground with your neighbors! Popsicles for adults and little ones will be provided to combat the summer heat. Please note, we will be meeting an hour earlier than last month. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Please contact Jessica Smith at [Jessicadb25@gmail.com](mailto:Jessicadb25@gmail.com), if you have any questions. An RSVP is appreciated so we know how many to expect.

## FIRST FRIDAY

**Friday, August 4th - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

**Hosted by Roy and Karen Rathbun at 30 Mises Street**



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

**We still have openings for September, November and heading into 2024.** 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, Amy Goldy, Carter Ward, and Dawn Beaver, your FF coordinators.

## WOMEN'S COFFEE

**Tuesday, August 8 - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**Hosted by Becky Head at 110 West Shipyard Road**



Join the Women of I'On for summer conversation at the home of Becky Head.

Please bring a cup for coffee or tea. No RSVP needed. Call Women's Coffee coordinators Joyce Stifel at (574) 276-5000 Or Susan Fitzgerald at (703) 402-3298, for further information. The Coffees are sponsored by the I'On Trust.

## LUNCH BUNCH

**Will Resume in September - Details in September's Newsletter**



Please reach out to Kristen Anderson at [kristenande@gmail.com](mailto:kristenande@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending, hosting a future lunch, or have any questions.

## POTLUCK DINNER

**Wednesday, August 16th - 6:30 p.m.**

**HOST NEEDED FOR AUGUST 16th DINNER HELD MONTHLY AT THE CREEK CLUB**



Many thanks to Ann Register and Becky Van Wie for hosting our July Potluck Dinner. We had a big crowd and a beautiful night! **We are still looking for hosts for August and November. Please contact Wendy Nixon at (203) 858-7909 if interested.** It's a great time to get out and socialize with your neighbors.

Please join us for a delightful evening overlooking Hobcaw Creek and the marsh! Plan to arrive at 6:30 p.m. and bring a dish to share, along with your own plates, utensils, a beverage and glasses. 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. Don't be shy... you will find dinner partners aplenty once you arrive. So do not hesitate to arrive solo!

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

## YARN BUDDIES

**Wednesday, August 23 - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**Hosted by Lizzy Boyle at 39 Sowell Street**



Thank you to Lizzy Boyle for hosting Yarn Buddies this month. Please let Lizzy know if you are able to attend by calling her cell at (843) 452-3666 or via email at [boyle@musc.edu](mailto:boyle@musc.edu)

Thanks very much to Penny Leighton for stepping up at the last minute to host Yarn Buddies this past July.

Yarn Buddies was designed for those who want to encourage and share their imagination, inspiration, and creativity in the handcrafted arts. Anyone interested in the creative arts of handiwork is warmly invited to attend, be it knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, jewelry making, quilting, rug hooking, etc...

## I'ON WOMEN'S MOVIE GROUP

**Sign up to receive future movie dates and times...**



The I'On Women's Movie Group attended the movie "Barbie" on July 20th at the first viewing of the film. We all wore something pink and enjoyed seeing the movie in a packed theater.

Our next outing will be announced by email to all neighbors on the movie list. If you aren't on the list and are interested please email Jan Laabs at [laabsjan@hotmail.com](mailto:laabsjan@hotmail.com). You will then receive an evite with all the information to attend the next outing. It may be awhile depending on what's playing.



## THIS MONTH WITH THE I'ON TRUST

### STUFF THE BUS

**Monday, August 21st - 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.**

**Backside of the Maybank Green off McDaniel Lane**



Since March 2020, our neighbor Jason Kreutner, Head of School of the University School of the Lowcountry (USL), has been gathering books, shelf-stable food, clothes, toys, and diapers for CCSD students-in-need for the local community and the greater Charleston County School District (CCSD). So far, the continuing effort has raised a total of approximately \$30,000 and distributed thousands of pounds of food, books, and more to families in need in North Charleston and Mount Pleasant.

You can help! The supplies we gather will be distributed to our neighbors in Greenhill and Snowden. Many of the students at James B. Edwards Elementary come from these two communities. **When you are doing your shopping before August 21, please consider adding school supplies, shelf stable food and diapers.** On Monday, August 21, a USL school bus will be parked on the backside of Maybank Green where you may drop off supplies from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. Please visit USL's website at <https://www.uslowcountry.org/> to learn more.



### BACK TO SCHOOL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

**Monday, August 21st - 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. on the Maybank Green off McDaniel Lane**

I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream! Join us for a back to school ice cream social at Maybank Green. It's a great time to kick off the new school year and to bring a few supplies to help stuff a bus for our community in need. We hope to see you there!

### ECCO FOOD DRIVE

**Thursday, August 10th - 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.**

**The ECCO Van will be parked at the backside of the Maybank Green off McDaniel Lane**



ECCO is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that believes everyone deserves the chance for a better quality of life. Help them make a difference by donating their most needed items below!

Summertime is when they see the lowest amount of donations, 5,000 pounds less each month, so as soon as they get it, it goes out the door in a food order. They are out of and/or very low on many items. **Please bring your donations to the ECCO Van parked by the Maybank Green off McDaniel Lane on Thursday, August 10th. Anyone interested in donating can also order food items from our wish list and send them directly to ECCO! The link is: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/133RVP103CL1G/ref=hz\\_ls\\_biz\\_ex](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/133RVP103CL1G/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex)**

Thank you so much for your support!

#### Needed Goods:

Cereal  
Grits/Oatmeal  
Canned Fruit  
Canned Corn  
Canned Salmon  
Rice (box or bagged any type)  
Instant Potatoes

Canned Pasta  
Beef Stew  
Baked Beans  
Canned Soup  
Spaghetti Noodles  
Pasta Sauce  
Nutritional Drinks

#### Additional Hygiene Items:

Bar Soap  
Deodorant  
Toothbrush/Toothpaste  
Laundry Detergent  
Assorted Cleaners  
Toilet Paper  
Paper Towels



## Staying Safe in I'On

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4. Calls made to MPPD's administrative numbers or reports submitted through their online reporting tool are not treated the same way as a call to 911. Amongst other drawbacks, there will be a delayed response to any incidents submitted via the online reporting tool or through the administrative numbers. Calling 911 should be the primary method for reporting incidents.

Please note the HOA is not a suitable vehicle for reporting incidents or providing information to the police. It is, however, helpful that the HOA is notified to be informed of incidents in the community. Please refer that outreach to the HOA office during business hours.

### A Side Note on Phase II

The residual parcel of Phase 11 to the west of the neighborhood, bounded by Mobile Street and Jane Jacob Street is privately owned by The I'On Company (TIC), the neighborhood's founders. The HOA does not own this parcel and has no direct control over the maintenance of, or access to, the property. TIC has been made aware of the recent occurrences of antisocial behaviour on its property and introduced to our contacts at the MPPD. TIC confirmed that it has not authorized any use of this parcel of land and has indicated its willingness to work with the MPPD to better secure and monitor Phase 11.

If you have any concerns about activity on Phase 11 or anywhere else in the neighborhood, please call and report to the police immediately.

Thank you for your continued support.

The I'On Board



The residual parcel of Phase 11 to the west of the neighborhood, bounded by Mobile Street and Jane Jacob Street.



### Meet the Mount Pleasant Police Department at the August Board Meeting

Please join us on Monday, August 21st to meet and ask general questions of Officer Carruthers, who is the MPPD community officer assigned to our neighborhood.





## I'On Alligator Information Update

After reports of aggressive behavior from an alligator, which were verified by our specialist, the Assembly had a nuisance alligator professionally removed from Westlake on the morning of Sunday, July 23rd.

On Monday, July 24th, the management office received a report of another alligator sighting in one of the canals on Sunday afternoon. We believe this to be a different alligator from the one removed. Since we are unsure if this second alligator is a nuisance, our specialist will need to conduct a series of tests to evaluate whether it is exhibiting threatening or aggressive behavior.

If the alligator is deemed to be threatening or aggressive, it will be safely removed in strict accordance with SCDNR's rules and regulations. If the alligator is deemed non-threatening, it will not be removed.

**If you see an alligator, please text our specialist Jim Hart directly at (843) 425-8464, including the time and location of where you saw the alligator.**

**DO NOT** approach the alligator. Please exercise extreme caution when in proximity to both lakes, particularly with pets and children. As a reminder, do not feed the alligator, do not harass him/her, and most importantly, do not allow children or pets to play at the water's edge knowing an alligator might be present in the lakes.

## Hurricane Preparedness Information

Here in the Lowcountry, hurricanes are our most frequent disaster threat. When a storm develops over the warm Atlantic waters and winds intensify, it can easily become a tropical depression, then a tropical storm, and finally when the winds reach 75 mph a hurricane.

Hurricane season began on June 1 and goes until November 30. For us in the Lowcountry, the greatest frequency of storms occurs from August to October, with September typically being the most active.

Now is a good time to create a plan for you and your family and to review the 2023 Hurricane Guide from Charleston County. The South Carolina Emergency Management Division (SCEMD) also provides useful hurricane preparedness information on their website [www.hurricane.sc](http://www.hurricane.sc).

## Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale

CATEGORY	MAX. SUSTAINED WIND SPEED	TYPE OF DAMAGE
1	75-95 MPH	Very dangerous winds will produce some damage
2	96-110 MPH	Extremely dangerous winds will cause some damage
3	111-129 MPH	Devastating damage will occur
4	130-156 MPH	Catastrophic damage will occur
5	157+ MPH	Catastrophic damage will occur

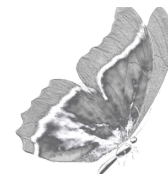
\*Data source: NOAA

Lastly, we also highly encourage all residents to sign up for the Town of Mount Pleasant alerts, as you will receive the most current emergency alerts and most current updates on topics such as trash pickup, road closures, etc. You can sign up for alerts by visiting the Town's website at [www.tompsc.com](http://www.tompsc.com). Hover over the "I Want To" tab, then select "Subscribe" / "Notify Me" and you can select your email preferences and sign up for their alerts.

## BUTTERFLY GARDEN

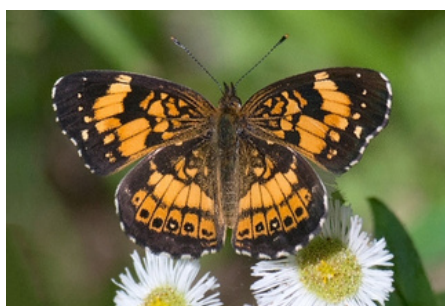
### How to Create your own Butterfly/Pollinator Garden at Home

by April Gordon



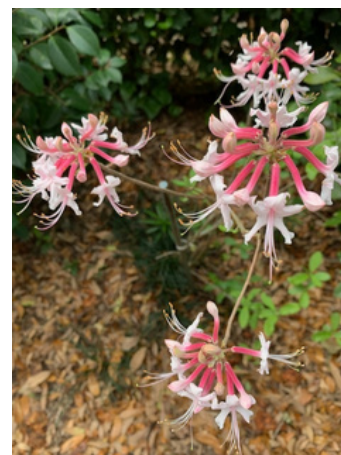
The butterfly garden was created in 2015 to provide a habitat for butterflies and other pollinators whose decline in numbers has raised alarm calls from the scientific and environmental communities. Since the major factors in this decline are habitat destruction and pesticide exposure, our garden addresses both issues by growing mostly native plants and avoiding the use of insecticides or herbicides in the garden area.

We also want the garden to provide enjoyment for our neighbors. We are pleased that the garden has been a popular destination because of the beautiful plants, the peaceful surroundings, and the special affection most of us have for butterflies. Many visitors remark that they come to the garden regularly and are always delighted by the sight of butterflies flying overhead or perching on a flower not to mention the presence of colorful caterpillars ravenously munching on their favorite host plant leaves.



**This Pearl Crescent Butterfly is one of the Butterflies visiting the Butterfly Garden**

Although the garden is designed to provide shelter and food for butterflies, other insects, birds, anoles, and skinks are drawn to the garden as well because it is such a balanced and healthy habitat. An l'On neighbor who comes to the garden told me that he was fascinated by all the life and activity he sees and contrasted it with his own yard, which is planted with turf grass and meticulously landscaped borders of non-native shrubs and flowering plants. The results are an attractive yard but an environment that supports little wildlife, including butterflies.



**Native Flame Azalea Shrubs are beautiful Landscape Plants**

If you are like this neighbor, what easy changes can you undertake to make your yard more environmentally friendly to butterflies and bees? One change is to turn some of your turf grass into garden beds; include more native plants and flowers that provide nectar and pollen for butterflies and bees and leaves for caterpillars. For flowering shrubs, try native viburnums, beautyberries, oak leaf hydrangea, and azaleas. When choosing non-natives, opt for nectar-rich plants such as lantana, calibrachoa, salvias, snapdragons, pentas, and lavender. In your beds, interplant herbs such as basil, thyme, rosemary, oregano, parsley, cilantro, and bronze fennel whose flowers are loved by pollinators (parsley, cilantro, and fennel are even host plants for Black Swallowtail butterflies!). Be sure to add milkweed (native is best) for Monarchs (it's the only food their caterpillars can eat).



If using vines on fences or arbors, try native Carolina jessamine and scarlet honeysuckle instead of exotic jasmine. Most of these plants require less water and are less prone to diseases and pests (therefore needing little or no pesticides) than non-natives. If you do use pesticides, use products that have the least impact on beneficial insects, avoid preventive cover spraying, and spray early in the morning or in the evening when pollinators are less active. These are just a few things you can do to make your yard more like a butterfly garden. If more of us incorporate changes such as these in our landscapes, we can make a significant impact. The pollinators will thank you.

For more information contact April Gordon at [dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com](mailto:dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com).

**Black Swallowtail Caterpillars are Thriving on Garden Parsley**



## I'ON COMMUNITY GARDEN

### August Marks the Transition between the Summer and Fall Vegetable Gardens

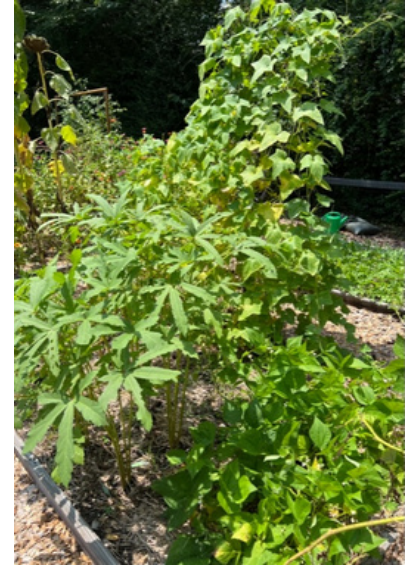
by April Gordon



Beautiful, flavorful tomatoes are one reason to grow your own in the community garden

With hot, humid weather and plentiful rain during most of July, community garden plants have flourished and are providing gardeners with abundant quantities of tomatoes, beans, basil, cucumbers, and more. Peppers, eggplant, and okra production is picking up to add to the summer harvest bounty.

But gardens aren't just about growing your own food. Adding beauty and color to the garden is also important, and many gardeners are inter-planting flowers such as zinnias, coneflowers, and sunflowers with their edibles. Many of these flowers also attract pollinators and other beneficial insects, essential garden workers. This magnificent dahlia in the photo below is an outstanding example of the flowers in the community garden.



Cucumbers, snap beans, and okra are thriving in this garden plot



Who wouldn't be proud of growing this gorgeous dahlia?

Some summer crops such as tomatoes, squash, or beans are now declining as heat and humidity or diseases and pests take their toll. Does that mean the garden is winding down for the year? Not at all. Not only is there is a long growing season ahead, as strange as it may seem, August is also the beginning of the fall garden planting season. Gardeners still have time to plant summer favorites beans, cucumbers, squash, tomatoes, peppers, and eggplant. But they can also anticipate the fall season ahead by starting from seeds or transplants cool-weather beets, brassicas (e.g. broccoli, kale, collards, and cauliflower), turnips/rutabagas, carrots, and mustard greens.

If flowers are on your wish list, consider planting zinnias, marigolds, snapdragons, or sunflowers. Check planting guides for our area zone 8b or your local garden center for more information. Then get growing!

To learn more, contact April Gordon at [dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com](mailto:dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com)







## ARE YOU DOING YOUR PART TO CONSERVE WATER?

Even though we've fortunately avoided 2023 drought in the Lowcountry for now, we remain at risk. Drought.gov states that drought in the southeastern U.S. can develop rapidly and is expected to increase because of higher temperatures as well as the increases in population, industry, and urban land use.

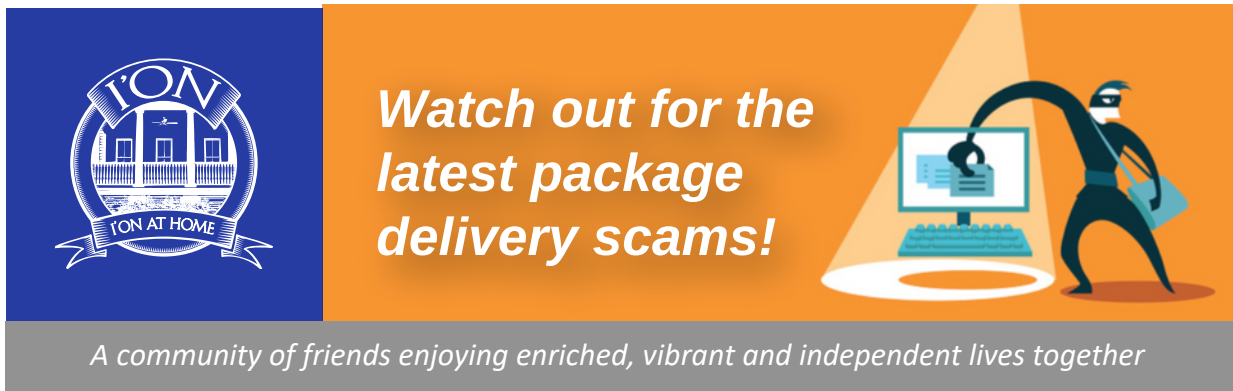
Conserving water, as families and individuals, not only results in utility cost savings, it also helps to prevent pollution in our lakes, rivers, and the local watershed. **And it does not require any significant cost outlay.** So what can we do to be part of this water-saving effort? Two websites have helpful information:

- <https://learn.eartheasy.com/guides/45-ways-to-conserve-water-in-the-home-and-yard/>
- <https://cityofgearhart.wordpress.com/2023/05/17/are-you-doing-your-part-to-conserve-water/>

This article outlines steps you may take outside your house. Watch for a future article with tips for water conservation inside.

1. Enroll in Mt. Pleasant Waterworks' WaterSmart program to receive reports on your water usage and detect possible leaks (<https://mpwonline.watersmart.com/index.php/welcome>).
2. Maintain your irrigation system, and adjust irrigation to conserve water. For our area, 1-1.5 inches of water per week, combining rainfall and irrigation, is adequate. Watering less frequently for longer periods is more beneficial to plants. Soil should be wet to a depth of 6-8 inches.
3. Water during the early part of the day, when cooler temperatures decrease evaporation.
4. Water lawns separately from other plants, since shrubs and perennials require about half as much water as grass.
5. Don't mix different types of sprinkler heads in the same irrigation zone. Each type emits water at a different rate.
6. Consider installing rain sensors or a smart irrigation controller.
7. If you wash your car at home, don't let the hose run while washing.
8. Use drought-resistant grass and plants, and mulch around trees and shrubs to retain water. Add organic materials to your garden bed to increase absorption and water retention.

***I'On Eco Group - preserving I'On's beauty through sound environmental practices.***  
For information, contact us at [ionecogroup@gmail.com](mailto:ionecogroup@gmail.com)



### **Safety Tips from I'On At Home:**

*Part of I'On At Home's mission is keeping our members safe in their homes. This goes beyond physical safety. Under our CHOICES program, security consultants have showed us how to protect our on-line identity, spot and avoid on-line scams and remain safe in the digital world.*

*Recently, we've become aware of a surge in package delivery scams. They often start as a voice mail with a call back number letting you know that one of your packages is being held at a sorting facility due to an address question. Shortly after, a text message pops up with a "tracking link" to click in order to correct the address. DON'T DO THAT!*

*Checking the Federal Communications Commission website shows that package delivery scams have become a very big problem. Thieves pose as the US Postal Service, FEDEX and UPS and use logos, phrases and page layouts that closely mimic the real services.*

*Here's a helpful link (yes, you can click on it... I promise it's real!) from the FCC on how to identify and avoid package delivery scams.*

<https://www.fcc.gov/how-identify-and-avoid-package-delivery-scams>

*Stay safe, it's a jungle out there!*

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### **Over 55, I'On At Home is for you!**

*Join us and become a part of a lively group of neighbors interested in learning new things, sharing cultural and social activities and helping each other.*

*Contact Mary Holtz, IAH Administrative Manager: [maryh@ionathome.org](mailto:maryh@ionathome.org) or visit us at: <https://ionathome.helpfulvillage.com>*

## Welcome New Neighbors

Be sure to stop by to welcome and introduce yourself to...

**Jennifer Gotto & Mark Roberts**  
26 Mises Street



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The Communications Committee wants to hear from you!  
Click **HERE** to submit your questions, comments, requests, or concerns.  
It's always a pleasure to hear from a Living in I'On reader!

## News from the I'On Assembly Management Office

As a reminder to residents, there have been some minor changes in how we are handling phone calls, drop-ins and staff coverage. These changes will remain in effect until Mary James returns from maternity leave later in the year.

- Phone calls which cannot be answered within 3 rings will roll over to Ravenel Associates (our management company). Please leave a message with whomever answers the phone so Emily Simpson can reach back out to you as soon as possible.

You can also leave a voicemail or email for Emily directly with any questions and/or concerns at [esimpson@ravenelassociates.com](mailto:esimpson@ravenelassociates.com).

- Office hours will accommodate walk-ins each weekday, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. If you need to meet with Emily after 1:00 p.m., please contact her to make an appointment.
- We will have a temporary administrative employee from Ravenel Associates in the office from August 3 to August 11, while Emily is on vacation. The temporary administrative employee will be in the office from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. that week to take messages and assist with boat registration. If there is an urgent concern which cannot be handled by this temporary employee, Emily has offered to monitor her emails at least once a day during her vacation.

We appreciate your patience and flexibility during this exciting time for Mary and her family.



*Welcome to the World!*

John Willington James  
"Wing"  
Saturday, July 22, 2023  
4:51 p.m.  
5 lbs. 6 oz.



Congratulations to proud parents Mary and Jadie James on the two foot addition to their home!