

# LIVING IN I'ON

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



## October Events

THU	10/5	Playground Social
FRI	10/6	First Friday
TUE	10/10	Women's Coffee
WED	10/18	Potluck Dinner
THU	10/19	Creek Club Discussion
WED	10/25	Yarn Buddies
THU	10/26	Lunch Bunch
SUN	10/29	Halloween in the Hood
TBD	TBD	Women's Movie Group
SAT	11/4	Yard Sale

## Important Dates

TUE	10/3	IDC Meeting
THU	10/5	Recycling Pickup
TUE	10/10	IDC Submittal Deadline
TUE	10/17	IDC Meeting
THU	10/19	Recycling Pickup
TUE	10/31	IDC Submittal Deadline
TUE	10/31	Halloween

## DOCK CLOSINGS ON PAGE 2

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

October 16  
 November 13  
 December 18



## IT'S A SPOOK-TACULAR EVENT!

**Halloween in the Hood**  
**Sunday, October 29th**

4:00 - 6:00 PM

@ Maybank Green

Wear your creepiest  
 costume and join us for  
 Halloween fun!




Trick or treat bag decorating, costume contests, pumpkin  
 carving contest, jump castles and more!  
 The cost is one bag of candy per family.

## Volunteers are needed!

Please email Antonia Fokas at [admin@iontrust.org](mailto:admin@iontrust.org)



 <b>DOCK CLOSINGS - OCTOBER 2023</b>		
Date of Event 2023	Event Type	Ceremony Starts
Friday, October 6th	Wedding & Reception	4:55-5:25
Saturday, October 7th	Wedding & Reception	4:25-4:55
Sunday, October 8th	Wedding & Reception	4:25-4:55
Thursday, October 12th	Wedding & Reception	4:25-4:55
Friday, October 13th	Wedding & Reception	4:55-5:25
Saturday, October 14th	Wedding & Reception	4:25-4:55
Sunday, October 15th	Wedding & Reception	3:55-4:25
Friday, October 20th	Wedding & Reception	4:55-5:25
Sunday, October 22nd	Wedding & Reception	5:15-5:45
Saturday, October 28th	Wedding & Reception	4:25-4:55
Sunday, October 29th	Wedding & Reception	3:25-3:55



## PLAYGROUND SOCIAL HOUR & HALLOWEEN TREATS

Thursday, October 5 - 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

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

Join us at the Scramble for social hour and a few goodies to satisfy your sweet tooth.

Contact Jessica Smith at (407) 267-5968 or by email at [Jessicadb25@gmail.com](mailto:Jessicadb25@gmail.com) with questions.



## FIRST FRIDAY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6 - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Hosted by Farrah Follmann and Harry Farthing at 122 West Shipyard Road

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



We still have openings for January, February, April, May and June of 2024 - Please contact Wendy Nixon at (203) 858-7909 if you would like to host a party, our committee will make it easy. Also, feel free to contact Wendy if you would like to help on the FF or Potluck Committee - many hands make light work (and it's not that much work anyway!)

Best, Wendy Nixon, Carter Ward and Dawn Beaver, your FF coordinators

## WOMEN'S COFFEE

Tuesday, October 10 - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Hosted by Jane McLaughlin at 11 Krier Lane

Fall is in the Air. Cool breezes and cool ladies will gather for I'On Women's Coffee on October 10th. Please bring a cup for tea or coffee. No RSVP needed.



Call coordinators Joyce Stifel (574) 276-5000 or Susan Fitzgerald (703) 402-3298 for further information. The coffees are sponsored by the I'On Trust.

## POTLUCK DINNER

**Wednesday, October 18 - 6:30 p.m. at the Creek Club**

**Hosted by Kristen and Roy Anderson**



Thank you to Leah Lindemuth and Monika Bonn-Miller for hosting September's Potluck complete with I'On trivia and prizes, and for coordinating the two policemen who attended to answer questions. It was super interesting!

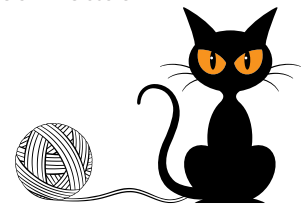
Kristen and Roy Anderson will host October. Come socialize with your neighbors and join us for a delightful evening overlooking Hobcaw Creek and the marsh! Plan to arrive at 6:30 and bring a dish to share, along with your own plate, utensils, a beverage, and glass. There are no rules that you must personally 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 will find dinner partners aplenty once you arrive. So, don't hesitate to arrive solo!

We still need a host for November. If anyone is interested in hosting, let Wendy Nixon know at (203) 858-7909. Thank you from Wendy Nixon, Lendy Barnard, Amy Goldy and Carline Soutter, your Potluck Committee

## YARN BUDDIES

**Wednesday, October 25 - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**Hosted by Donna Davis at 3 Edenton Road**



You are in for a treat! Yarn Buddies will be meeting at the home of Donna Davis. Please let Donna know if you can attend by calling or texting her cell at (804) 405-8297, or email at [donnad108@gmail.com](mailto:donnad108@gmail.com).

Yarn Buddies was formed to encourage creativity, share imagination, and inspire those who have an interest in the handcrafted arts. Anyone interested in the creative arts of handiwork (be it knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, jewelry making, quilting, rug hooking. etc.), is warmly invited to attend.

## LUNCH BUNCH - ANNUAL HAT LUNCHEON

**Thursday, October 26 - 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.**

**Hosted by Linda Hanson at Palmetto Cafe in Charleston Place  
185 East Bay Street**



The Annual Hat Luncheon, will be hosted by the original founder, Linda Hanson. If you have already RSVP'd, please know that a hat is required and a prize will be awarded for best hat. All cancellations must be received by October 25th or there will be a \$10 fine payable to Charleston Place as they are kindly hosting us with no additional room charge. Each attendee will receive a separate check. If you have questions about the event or want to get on the waitlist, please contact Linda Hanson at [lindalhanson@gmail.com](mailto:lindalhanson@gmail.com).

We are looking for hosts for the remainder of 2023 and into 2024. Hosting is easy! Pick your favorite restaurant and collect the RSVPs. Contact Kristen Anderson at [kristenande@gmail.com](mailto:kristenande@gmail.com), if you are interested.

## I'ON WOMEN'S MOVIE GROUP

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

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

### HALLOWEEN IN THE HOOD

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH 4:00 TO 6:00 PM ON THE MAYBANK GREEN**

Calling all witches, monsters, and ghosts  
The I'On Trust will be your host!

Join us wearing your creepiest costume for some Halloween happenings.  
We will have lots of fun with kid's games, trick or treat bag decorating,  
costume contests, jump castles, balloon artist, and more...



Ghosts, witches, and bats should fly on in.  
We're so excited for the fun to begin.

Cost of Admission is one bag of candy per family.



### VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Need volunteer hours? Or are you interested in getting involved with the  
community? The Trust is always looking for volunteers of all ages!

Please email Antonia Fokas, [admin@iontrust.org](mailto:admin@iontrust.org)



### THE GIVING LIGHTS OF I'ON

Our annual fundraiser begins this month! We are delighted that this  
year's recipient is The Formation Project and are looking forward to  
another successful year!

Our terrific volunteers will be dropping off order forms at your  
homes as well as being available to answer questions.

If you would like to volunteer to help us with this effort please  
contact [admin@iontrust.org](mailto:admin@iontrust.org)



## Lessons from the Creek Club Lawsuit

Thursday, October 19th

6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers – Mount Pleasant Town Hall  
100 Ann Edwards Lane

For more than 14 years, the details of Walbeck et al v The I'On Company have only been discussed with lawyers, in courtrooms, and through documents. With SC Supreme Court's final ruling upholding the jury's award for the plaintiff, we finally have the opportunity to review the case with each other.

Come hear attorney Justin Lucey and lead plaintiffs Brad Walbeck and Lea Ann Adkins walk through the case in a panel discussion with time at the end for questions which were not answered.

To make certain the conversation includes all of the topics which matter the most, send your questions to Emily at [esimpson@ravenelassociates.com](mailto:esimpson@ravenelassociates.com).

The acoustics are great, the seating comfortable, and there is room for everyone in the Council Chambers at Mount Pleasant Town Hall. Carpooling is encouraged.



## I'ON YARD SALE Saturday, November 4 8:00AM – 11:00AM

After a hiatus of several years, the I'On Community Yard Sale is back! Gather toys, tools, yard items, small furniture, rugs, household goods, jewelry, etc. and set up outside your own home or on the Maybank Green.

Once you have decided to participate, please contact Monika Bonn-Miller (610) 857-9875 or Leah Lindemuth (646) 241-3066 since they will be preparing a list of participants and their addresses. Copies will be available in front of the Orthodox Church on North Shelmore. Additional information will be provided in an email blast closer to the date.



## RULES FOR POLITICAL and SCHOOL SIGNS



As a reminder, the I'On Rules and Regulations allow for political and school signs to be posted on homeowner lots during the election season and graduation (2 weeks prior to elections/graduations & 2 weeks after elections/graduations).

**Therefore, all signs for the upcoming Town of Mount Pleasant elections must be removed.**

**The political signs may be placed on lots starting the week of October 22nd and must be removed by November 21st.**

## BUTTERFLY GARDEN

### The Monarch Migration in South Carolina Begins in October

by April Gordon

In March 2023, Monarch butterflies began their migration to North America after spending the winter in Mexico. After arriving, they reproduced and died. Four or five generations later, Monarchs had spread across eastern Canada and the United States. In late August of this year, shorter and cooler days in the North signaled the current generation of Monarchs that it was time to return to Mexico. So far the migration has progressed only as far as the Midwest and some mid Atlantic coastal areas. But in October the advancing butterflies will reach South Carolina with peak migration occurring in late October and into November.



**Monarch Fall Migration**

How will we know when the migration is here, you might wonder. In late September if you visited the butterfly garden you could see 3 or 4 Monarchs flying from flower to flower sipping nectar, chasing each other in courtship rituals, and sometimes laying eggs on milkweed leaves. When the migration arrives, we will see as many as a dozen monarchs at a time hungrily feeding on flower nectar. Along the coast where their numbers are greatest, you can see hundreds of them flying and feeding on the nectar of flowering plants. If you are lucky, you may observe groups from a handful to hundreds clustering (“roosting”) on trees to spend the night before flying off again in the morning toward the south. It’s a breathtaking sight!



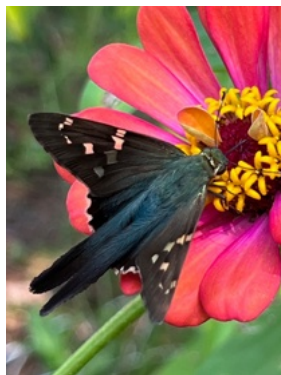
**Migrating Monarchs on Groundsel at Pitt Street Bridge in Old Village (11/3/18)**

Local Monarchs will join the migrants on their southward journey. Migrating Monarchs are in a state called “diapause” in which reproduction is on hold to enable them to increase their longevity in order for them to survive the journey to Mexico, overwinter there, then return to North America in the spring to reproduce the first generation of 2024 Monarchs. Diapause is essential to this process because breeding Monarchs live only 2-6 weeks whereas those in diapause live for up to 8 months. Don’t miss the upcoming Monarch migration. It is a thrilling natural phenomenon for children and adults to observe and to marvel that these delicate animals may be flying for up to 3,000 miles to their destination.

Monarchs are not the only butterflies you can see at the butterfly garden in October. Come by and look for these beauties, only a few of those visiting our garden: Gulf Fritillary, Long-Tailed Skipper, and Zebra Longwing.



**Gulf Fritillary (left)**



**Long-tailed Skipper (center)**



**Zebra Swallowtail (right)**



## I'ON COMMUNITY GARDEN

### Community Gardeners Gear Up for Fall-Winter Garden Season

by April Gordon

Although community garden plots still have mostly summer crops in the ground, now is the perfect time to begin converting to cool weather crops, many of which will overwinter into spring in our mild Zone 8b climate. Compared to summer gardening, growing during the chillier months ahead can provide multiple rewards. Among these are less work such as watering or combatting weeds, diseases, and pests. Another benefit is being able to grow healthy and delicious crops such as various herbs, greens, brassicas, and root crops that won't otherwise grow in our hot, humid climate. Some of the best options for what to plant in October from seeds or transplants (check your local garden center for availability) include cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, mustard greens, lettuce, radishes, beets, arugula, spinach, rutabaga, onions, kale, turnips, collards, and kale.

For those who are adventuresome and want to try some less well known but delicious vegetables you can go online to find seeds for kohlrabi, parsnips, Asian greens, Italian leaf broccoli (spigariello), sculprit, radicchio, purslane, chicory, Austrian winter peas, and mache. And don't forget herbs! Easy-to-grow favorites include thyme, chervil, sage, chives, parsley, dill, and cilantro. With all these choices, anyone can create a fabulous garden like the one in this photo on the right.



**Community Garden in December 2022**

The greatest challenge gardeners will face in the months ahead is the occasional frost or freeze. Some plants are more cold-hardy than others and can survive the lowest temperatures we get here (low 20s) but be prepared to protect those that might need some help to get through a hard freeze. Many experienced gardeners purchase row covers of frost cloth to use with or without hoops (available at local garden centers or online). Not only can you protect your cool weather crops, you can also extend the growing season for summer crops such as peppers, tomatoes, eggplant, and basil.



**Frost Cloth with Hoops**



**Frost Cloth Laid on Ground over Plants**

Don't have a garden? Try growing in pots at home and get the family involved. Nothing tastes better or is more satisfying than food you grow yourself.

Feel free to contact April Gordon at [dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com](mailto:dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com) with questions.



## **MT. PLEASANT'S PROGRAM ENCOURAGES US TO COMPOST OUR FOOD SCRAPS**

Even though many of us realize that composting our food scraps is an environmentally sound practice, we have never gotten into the habit. As you probably know, compost is the natural process of recycling organic matter, such as food scraps, into a valuable soil amendment. What you may not know is that **one-quarter of collected garbage consists of food scraps.**

**On May 1st this year, Mt Pleasant initiated a new program to encourage residents to take their food scraps to the following drop-off locations FOR FREE!**

- Park West Recreation Complex: 1251 Park West Blvd. 29466
- Jones Center Recreation Complex: 391 Egypt Road 29464
- Edwards Park: 320 Royal Ave. 29464
- Carmen R Bunch Park: Palm Ave. Isle of Palms 29451

**During the first month of this new initiative, Mt. Pleasant diverted 1.6 tons of food waste from our landfill. Think of the space that can be saved in landfills, and the reduction in greenhouse gases that can be achieved! We can do this!**

Registration is required. To sign up for this worthwhile endeavor, please visit [charleston-sc.gov/compost](http://charleston-sc.gov/compost). The website will walk you through a short training on acceptable items and then a lock code will be provided.

**Using compost reduces the need for expensive and polluting chemical fertilizers, makes plants healthier, and can be implemented without harming wildlife or the ecosystem.**

***I'ON ECO GROUP - Preserving I'On's beauty through sound environmental practices.***  
Contact us at [ionecogroup@gmail.com](mailto:ionecogroup@gmail.com)





***Hello from I'On At Home,***

## ***Volunteer Opportunity***

*I 'On At Home is looking for volunteers to help provide services to our members who are over 55 year old residents. Volunteers assist our members with short term life disruptions such as accidents, surgery or time away from I 'On. The goal is to make it allow members to remain in their homes as long as possible. The services cover simple household tasks like watering plants while members are away, rides to appointments or the airport, HVAC filter changes, battery changes in smoke detectors, technology assistance, and temporary help with pets.*



*These are generally short term projects and most requests can be accomplished in under an hour. There is no long term commitment required and you can choose when and how you would like to help.*

*This is an opportunity to help maintain the age diversity in our community, one of the aspects that makes it such a wonderful place to live. Volunteers help to make our community function.*

*Please consider volunteering.*

*For more information contact Mary Holtz at [maryh@ionathome.org](mailto:maryh@ionathome.org) or Kathie Haas at [Kathie.haas@gmail.com](mailto:Kathie.haas@gmail.com).*

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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/>*



### **IDC and Assembly Board are Seeking Resident Feedback on Revised IDC Guidelines - Extended Deadline for Comment -**

As you may know from prior outreach I'On Design Committee (IDC), comprised of two architects, two landscape designers and two I'On residents, has been working under the sponsorship of the Board's IDC Liaison to make the review process more efficient for everyone. **To encourage resident feedback, we are extending the period for comment till the end of October.**

As previously noted, changes already made include:

- Implementing interim inspections for structural modifications, additions and new construction projects to ensure they are being built in accordance with approved plans.
- Having residents requesting changes to existing structures (such as additions or alterations but excluding routine maintenance and repair as well as construction work done entirely within the interior of an existing structure), and for new construction (to include homes, carports/garages, sheds and ADUs) meet with the Neighborhood Design Coordinator (NDC) before the application is presented. This gives the NDC the opportunity to identify for the homeowners concerns likely to be raised by the IDC and give the homeowners time, if they choose, to modify the proposed plans; and
- Permitting homeowners and their design professionals to meet with the IDC in person to share and explain their design objectives.

In addition, the IDC and Board Liaison have undertaken a comprehensive review of the Architectural and Landscape Guidelines, Procedures and Policies as it became apparent that in many instances language was ambiguous and/or that changes were appropriate.

For example, throughout the current document the word "should" appears frequently, leaving homeowners and the IDC to question whether the design criteria were suggestive or required. Each instance where "should" appears was reviewed to determine whether "must" or "may" was most appropriate. Similarly, under the existing guidelines screening is technically not permitted on the marsh-facing sides of homes. Considering the environment along the marsh the IDC proposes removing that restriction. Another proposed clarification involves sports and play equipment (nets, poles, etc.) to permit move-able equipment (such as basketball poles and nets) so long as they do not impede street usage but disallowing the affixing of such equipment to structures (homes, ADUs, garages, etc.) or the ground using bolts, screws, cement or similar adherents. Also, requests to install artificial turf and roof mounted solar panels will be reviewed on a case-by case basis and generally approved if not visible from the public realm.

Overall, most of the proposed changes do not involve substantive revisions—rather, the proposed guidelines seek to clarify ambiguities, streamline language, remove redundancies and update standards to comport with current realities.

Before deciding whether to adopt the proposed revisions, the Board invites homeowners to review the existing and proposed guidelines and submit comments. The current guidelines can be found [HERE](#) and the proposed guidelines [HERE](#). Comments will be collected until the end of September and may be submitted via email to [esimpson@ravenelassociates.com](mailto:esimpson@ravenelassociates.com).

The IDC and Board commit to review and thoughtfully consider all comments before taking final action.

Thank you!

## Welcome New Neighbors

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

**Grace & Matt Neal**  
38 Fernandina Street



## Communications Committee

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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!



## I'ON ASSEMBLY SEEKS CANDIDATES

Each January, the I'On Assembly Board of Trustees elects 3 to four new board members to serve a two-year term. This year, four candidates will be elected for the 2024-2025 term.

If you are interested in serving or have a neighbor you would like to recommend, current Board members are available between now and the January election to discuss the job responsibilities and share their lessons learned.

Serving on the board and volunteering for one of I'On's standing committees are great ways get involved in the future direction of our neighborhood. While the time commitment varies based on issues which may arise, board members can expect to spend roughly two hours a week. The primary responsibility for all board members is to have an open mind when making decisions in the best interest of all 762 titleholders.

One of the best ways to get a feel for how the board operates is to attend one of the upcoming monthly meetings: September 18; October 16; November 13; and December 18. The Landscape and Infrastructure Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Communication Committee meet monthly 10 or 11 months a year. The Dock/Waterfront and other amenities focused committees meet as needed.

Joining the board requires filling out a board application by November 14th, so packets with ballots can be sent to Assembly members in December. Voting occurs in January and ends at our annual meeting in January. Joining a committee simply requires reaching out to the committee chair and then being appointed by the board.

Please contact our General Manager, Emily Simpson if you are interested in learning more, attending a board or committee meeting, or receiving an application:  
[esimpson@ravenelassociates.com](mailto:esimpson@ravenelassociates.com)

