



LIVING IN I'ON

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



November Events

THU	11/2	Playground Social
FRI	11/3	First Friday
SAT	11/4	I'On Yard Sale
TUE	11/14	Women's Coffee
WED	11/15	Potluck Dinner
WED	11/15	Yarn Buddies
THU	11/16	Lunch Bunch
TBD	TBD	Women's Movie Group

Important Dates

THU	11/2	Recycling Pickup
TUE	11/7	IDC Meeting
TUE	11/14	IDC Submittal Deadline
THU	11/16	Recycling Pickup
TUE	11/21	IDC Meeting
THU	11/23	Thanksgiving Day
TUE	11/28	IDC Submittal Deadline
THU	11/30	Recycling Pickup

DOCK CLOSINGS ON PAGE 2

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

November 13
 December 11



Note of Clarification Preserve I'On Fall Update:

The Board is aware of an anonymous email sent out by a group identifying themselves as Preserve I'On LLC on October 11th.

Much like Preserve I'On's original website, which has subsequently been taken down, this email contains too many inaccuracies to address individually. The Board would like to invite the members of Preserve I'On behind this email to attend the next Board meeting so the many false claims in their email can be addressed. The Board hopes that the Preserve I'On group recognizes the counter-productive nature of sending anonymous emails containing false and inaccurate information to the neighborhood, rather than directly engaging in constructive dialogue.



We have and will always continue to welcome any member of the community to engage with the Board on any issues you think need to be addressed - either by emailing us directly or by attending the Community Forum at the start of our monthly Board meetings.

The next Board meeting will take place on Monday November 13th at 6pm at I'On offices. Dial in details are also provided for those who cannot attend in person.

Your I'On Board of Trustees,
 Julie Hussey
 Robert Adams
 Simon O'Shea
 Michael Spalding
 Lon Waggoner
 Stephen Wood



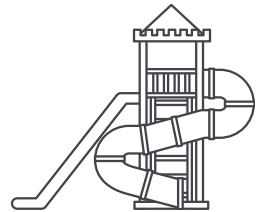
DOCK CLOSINGS - NOVEMBER 2023

Date of Event 2023	Event Type	Ceremony Starts
Friday, November 3rd	Wedding & Reception	3:55-4:25
Saturday, November 4th	Wedding & Reception	4:55-5:25
Sunday, November 5th	Wedding & Reception	10:55-11:25
Friday, November 10th	Wedding & Reception	3:55-4:25
Saturday, November 11th	Wedding & Reception	3:55-4:25
Sunday, November 12th	Wedding & Reception	4:25-4:55
Friday, November 17th	Wedding & Reception	4:25-4:55
Saturday, November 18th	Wedding & Reception	4:25-4:55
Sunday, November 19th	Wedding & Reception	3:25-3:55
Saturday, November 25th	Wedding & Reception	3:25-3:55

PLAYGROUND SOCIAL HOUR

Thursday, November 2 - 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

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



Let's enjoy an autumn playground social. Come meet your friends for a sweet treat and afternoon fun. Contact Jessica Smith at (407) 267-5968 or by email at Jessicadb25@gmail.com with questions.

FIRST FRIDAY

Friday, November 3 - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Hosted by Cheryl and Bob Pitts at 65 Saturday Road

Friday

11/3

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.

Many thanks to Farrah Follmann and Harry Farthing for hosting us in October - a perfect evening - you made us all feel so welcome in your beautiful home. Everyone had a great night.

We still have openings for January, February, June, August and the rest 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, we're always happy to have extra hands if anyone wants to join us on the First Friday committee. Best, Wendy Nixon and Dawn Beaver, Your FF Coordinators

WOMEN'S COFFEE

Tuesday, November 14 - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Hosted by Fern McHugh at 27 Isle of Hope Road



Autumn is a blaze of color and beautiful mornings should be enjoyed especially among friends old and new. Please bring a cup for coffee or tea. No RSVP needed. Call 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.

POTLUCK DINNER

Wednesday, November 15 - 6:30 p.m. at the Creek Club
Hosted by The I'On Eco Group



Thank you to Kristin and Roy Anderson for hosting October's Potluck. The I'On Eco Group will host November. 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 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. No reason to hesitate to arrive solo!

Would you like to host? Let Wendy Nixon know at (203) 858-7909. Best, Wendy Nixon, Lendy Barnard, Amy Goldy and Carline Soutter, Your Potluck Committee

YARN BUDDIES

Wednesday, November 15 - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Hosted by Donna Feldman at 38 Hopetown Road



Donna Feldman is hosting Yarn Buddies on Wednesday, November 15th, from 10 a.m. to Noon, at 38 Hopetown. Please let Donna know if you can attend. Text: (781) 985-1906 or email: dmfeld158@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

Thursday, November 16 - 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.
at Malagon - 33 Spring Street, Charleston



Many thanks to Linda Hanson for hosting the annual Hat Lunch. The festive tradition continued with new and old friends.

November's Lunch Bunch will be held at Malagon (33 Spring St., Charleston (<https://www.malagonchs.com>) on Thursday, November 16th. RSVP to Kristen Anderson (kristenande@gmail.com) prior to Monday, November 13th.

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. You will then receive an invite 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

THE GIVING LIGHTS OF I'ON HAS BEGUN!

Captains have been working hard delivering order forms. Please join us in our support for The Formation Project. Deadline for Luminary Orders is Friday, November 10th! Last year we had 600+ homes participate and more than 76% of our households - record breaking! Let's see if we can increase our participation to 80%. Out of town for the festival? Your donation counts as your home's participation. The neighborhood will look magical on December 3rd.

On November 12th, we will be packing over 1,000 luminary kits. To help with this effort please contact admin@iontrust.org

As a registered 501(c)(3) non profit organization, all donations are tax deductible minus goods received. Luminary base cost \$2.50 EIN: 57-1071873.



Our Vision: A world where no person is bought, sold, or exploited.

The Formation Project is a survivor-founded and survivor-led nonprofit, providing direct services to survivors of human trafficking in the Tri- County area.

"We are building a community-led by survivors for survivors. Together we are creating a safe space without fear or judgement, with opportunities to make new connections with ourselves and others, learn, cultivate leadership abilities, and access resources. To ensure survivors have a seat at the table, leading initiatives and making change. To hold space for someone facing big fears with even bigger courage, this is something that's value is innumerable."

- Kat Wehunt, Co-Founder & Executive Director



THE 20TH HOLIDAY FESTIVAL OF GIVING Sunday, Dec 3, 2023

Glowing candles will line the streets of I'On in celebration of the holiday season! Dress in your most festive holiday sweater and light your luminaries in front of your home by 5:30 p.m. At 6:00 p.m., join us at Westlake Amphitheater where we will present the proceeds of the Giving Lights to this year's recipient, The Formation Project. The celebration will continue with our traditional carriage rides to view the luminaries. Carriage rides are free & tickets will be available through an eblast on Wednesday, November 29th. The email sign up is first come, first served. Tickets per sign up are limited. Details on the evening's event will be included in the December newsletter and an eblast. Please be courteous to those with small children who may need the earlier time slots. We want everyone to enjoy this magical evening.

Recap of Creek Club Litigation Discussion

It was great to have so many come out on October 19th to hear our neighbors, Brad Walbeck and Lea Ann Adkins, along with their attorneys, Justin Lucey and Dabny Lynn. They shared their experiences and answered all of the audience's questions. We learned how some Olde Park homeowners were sold the right to use I'On's waterfront, why the promised community assets in early HUD documents were changed without notice, when the "perpetual access easement" rights ended, and why the difference between our crab docks and the deep water community dock is so important. There was agreement by those on the panel and in attendance that this story is must see information for I'On titleholders.

[Link to the Video](#)

At the end of the presentation, Brad and Lea Ann were honored as Quarter Century Civitas Award Winners. Having spent 14 of this neighborhood's first 25 years fighting to ensure that developers uphold their fiduciary responsibilities and deliver their promises, the value these two neighbors have given I'On is immeasurable and something we vow to never forget.



Congratulations and thank you to Brad Walbeck and Lea Ann Adkins who were honored as Quarter Century Civitas Award Winners.



I'On Assembly Seeks Candidates

Each January, the I'On Assembly Board of Trustees elects three to four new board members to serve a two-year term. This year, four (4) 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 to 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 on November 13th and December 11th.

Joining the board requires filling out a [board application](#) by November 17th, so packets with ballots can be sent to Assembly members in December. Voting occurs in January and ends at our annual meeting in January.

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



**Saturday, November 4th
8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

After a brief hiatus, the I'On Community Yard Sale is back! Gather books, toys, sporting goods, housewares, tools, yard items, small furniture, etc. and set up outside your own home, in your garage or on Maybank Green.

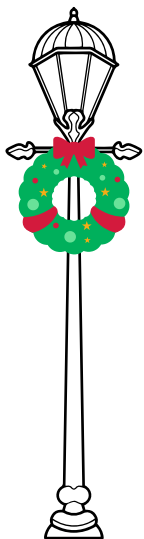
- Be ready to go at 8:00 a.m. sharp and realize that some shoppers may come earlier
- Have spare change
- A list of participant addresses will be available at the Holy Ascension Orthodox Church on North Shelmore Boulevard

At NOON, following the yard sale, the East Cooper Habitat for Humanity Home Store trucks will pick up items homeowners wish to donate.

Homeowners must bring donations for pickup to the Holy Ascension Orthodox Church (N. Shelmore Blvd. side) or Maybank Green (N. Shelmore Blvd. side).

If you would like to participate or have any questions, please contact Monika Bonn-Miller at (610) 857-9875 or Leah Lindemuth at (646) 241-3066 since they will be preparing a list of participants and their addresses.

Call for Holiday Decorating Help!



WHEN: Saturday, December 2nd 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

WHERE: Meet at The Scramble Playground (behind William Means Real Estate Parking Lot)

WHO: You! Volunteers will need golfcart/car and a stepladder. Everything else will be provided. Kids are welcome!

WHAT: Help decorate our street lamps with holiday wreaths! Coffee, Hot Chocolate, and Bagels will be provided.



Landscaping debris and large trash items are to be placed curbside for the Town of Mount Pleasant to pick-up. Trash items and landscaping debris are not to be placed at the street until Sunday evening or early Monday morning on trash day. Any debris or trash should not be placed in front of neighboring homes, on HOA/common property, nor should it block streets, alleyways or sidewalks.

If you have a landscaping company handling your landscaping, they are required by the Town, to haul away any debris they generate. We are continuously seeing landscaping debris and larger trash items being brought to the street prior to trash day, where it then sits for several days and on occasion entire weeks.

Landscaping debris/materials, soil, Christmas trees, etc. are not to be dumped along the marsh trail. It is important to follow the rule on when trash can be placed at the curb as it is unsightly for the neighborhood to have visible trash piles scattered throughout the community all week!

Sometimes it helps to double check with the Town to make sure the items you place at the street are items that they can pick up. Also, remind your landscapers to haul away any debris they generate.

If trash pick-up is ever missed, residents are to report that missed pick-up to the TOMP, or pull your items back in until the next pick-up. The items cannot be left at the street and cannot be left in the alleys. If the trash trucks ever miss something, please call TOMP Public Works at (843) 849-2022 to report missed pick-ups.

We appreciate everyone's assistance in keeping I'On beautiful!

BUTTERFLY GARDEN

A Picture Can Be Worth a Thousand Words

by April Gordon

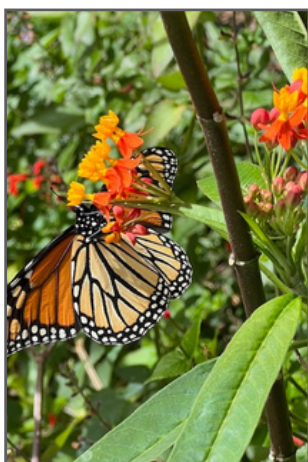
In October and November the I'On Butterfly Garden on Eastlake Road is the site of a wonderful diversity of flowering plants and butterflies.

In planning the garden, mostly native plants that bloom in different seasons from early Spring to late Fall were selected to provide food, shelter, and host plants (plants their caterpillars can eat) for many local butterflies. Current late bloomers include the spectacular purple asters, scarlet salvia, various milkweed plants, goldenrod, and blue mistflowers in the photo to the left.

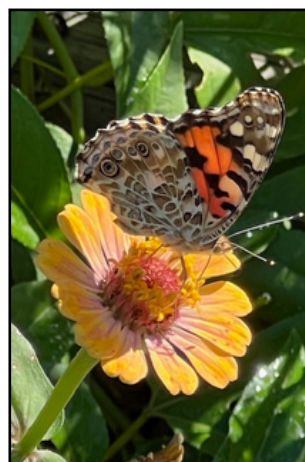
Among the butterflies to watch for are endangered Monarchs currently migrating into our area on their way to Mexico. Although most people are familiar with Monarchs, there are many other lovely butterflies this time of year that are little known and less noticed by visitors to the garden. To raise awareness and provide identification of these other butterflies this newsletter will provide photos and names of some that have been recently observed. Treat your next visit to the garden as an opportunity to look around on the flowers carefully for these and additional butterflies stopping by for a visit. Many of them are small or less showy than the magnificent Monarch but still worth your time to get to know and appreciate. (See also October's newsletter.) Contact April Gordon at dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com for further information.



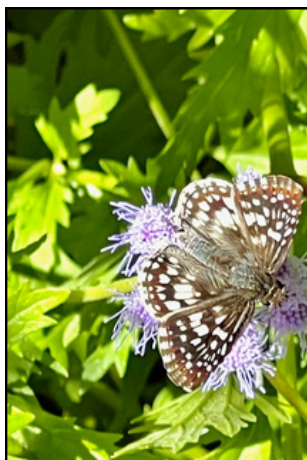
The array of flowers in October and November are breathtaking and irresistible to butterflies and bees.



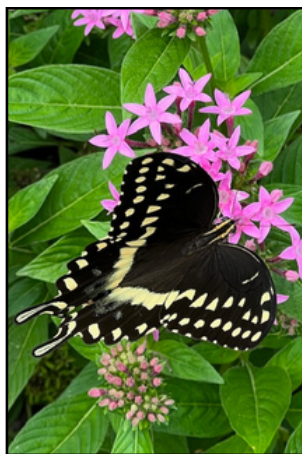
A Monarch butterfly on tropical milkweed (a host plant for its caterpillars).



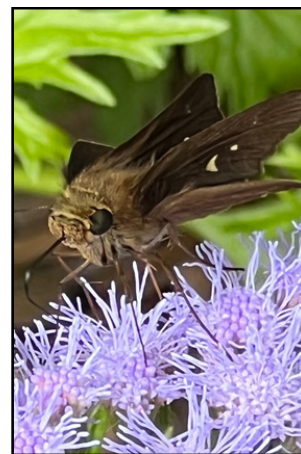
Painted Lady butterfly on zinnia



Checkered skipper on blue mistflower



Eastern Black Swallowtail on penta



Ocala Skipper on blue mistflower

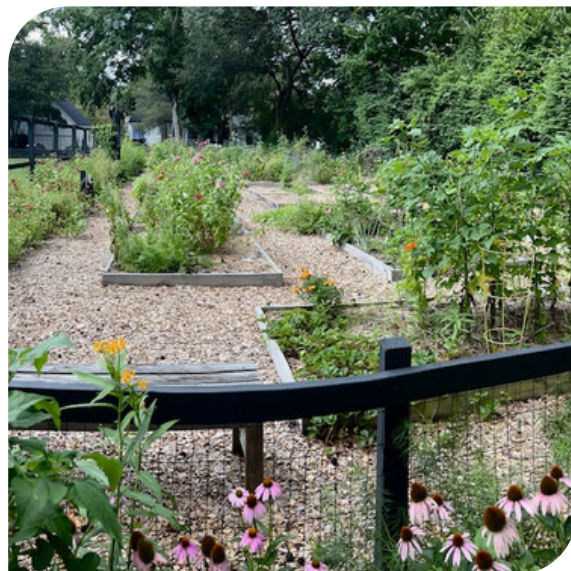
I'ON COMMUNITY GARDEN

Mark Your Calendar: Signup for a Community Garden Plot Begins on January 1, 2024 by April Gordon

For most of us in I'On our yards are too small or too shady for gardening. Fortunately, I'On's Community Garden on Eastlake Road is a great alternative if you are interested in a place to grow your own fresh, organic vegetables, herbs, and flowers. Along with the satisfaction of growing things, community gardening gets people outdoors and active with family, friends, and neighbors. As a bonus, the garden is situated in a beautiful sunny location surrounded by the I'On Butterfly Garden with its diversity of flowering plants and abundance of bees, butterflies, birds, and other wildlife.

Plan now to get your garden plot for next year. Signup for our 27 raised beds (that are 5' x 8' in size) begins on January 1 on a first come, first serve basis to I'On residents. For only \$75 soil amendments, straw mulch, garden and planting information along with mulched pathways, perimeter fencing, and water are provided. The garden opens for planting in mid-February, and our growing season is year-round so you can enjoy those summer tomatoes and winter greens as well. Sign up individually, as a family, or partner with someone else.

Check December's newsletter for more details. Have questions? Contact Garden Coordinator April Gordon at dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com.



A view of the community garden during the summer season with butterfly garden flowers around the fence



Nesting bluebirds with their antics delight community gardeners and visitors alike



Those who look carefully can be rewarded with wildlife surprises such as this tree frog nearly invisible nestled among green leaves and plant stems



With our long summer growing season, gardeners are still harvesting such crops as basil, okra, bell peppers, and even cucumbers



WHAT'S UP WITH SOLAR?

The use of solar energy is one strategy for combating climate change. Our I'On ECO Group is advocating for this green energy source as one of our areas of focus.

Some homes in I'On have successfully adopted solar by having solar panels installed on their roofs. Many more residents may be interested in rooftop solar but are facing the current I'On Design Committee's prohibition on having panels that are visible from the street or common areas. The good news is that with the development of new technology, a policy revision is in the works and restrictions may be more flexible. Basically, the IDC will treat each request individually instead of referring to a blanket policy.

Meanwhile our group has been checking on trends in the industry and has identified two organizations that can provide helpful information. These are:

- Solar United Neighbors (www.solarunitedneighbors.org) – an advocacy group that is national in scope and supports the use of solar energy.
- Palmetto Clean Technology (www.palmetto.com) – an alternative energy company with a goal of using solar power across the country; they have an office in Charleston; they also have a group of employees who specialize in working with HOAs.

Our findings:

- Solar panels have to face either the south or the west to be effective.
- The angle and pitch of the panels have to be correct to insure efficiency.
- It is possible to place panels on the sides of some houses.
- Solar products that are designed to look like regular roofing tiles will be another option. However, the current tiles are shiny and black and would not be compatible with most roofing products. The forecast is for them to be much improved in two to three years.
- We looked into the potential of a solar farm in I'On and learned that this has to be done before a development is begun in order to have all the required connections in place. It also would have required four to five acres of property for a farm.
- The cost of a residential installation averages \$30,000 to \$40,000. In SC there are two possible tax credits for homeowners who pay taxes and opt to use solar. One is a Federal credit of 30% and the other is a state credit of 25%. These credits would save almost half of the total cost.
- I'On's only energy source is Dominion which gives them a monopoly in this area. This company is likely to raise rates as time goes on.

Solar energy is a fast-evolving field, both in technology and regulatory requirements. We will continue to monitor and communicate developments.

I'ON ECO GROUP - Preserving I'On's beauty through sound environmental practices.

Contact us at ionecogroup@gmail.com



Hello I'On neighbors,

Members Helping Members is one of the main benefits of belonging to I'On At Home. Our team of volunteers provide a broad range of services including transportation, tech help, light household chores, health recovery assistance and much more.

The other side of IAH is Learning, Exploring and Playing Together. Below are a few of the events happening in November.



ECCO's Adopt a Family Drive



Literary Festival Presentations



Carolina Yacht Club Art Tour



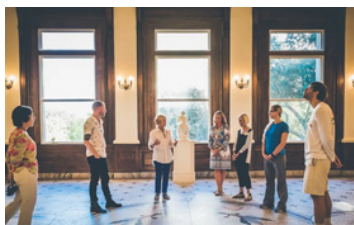
Happy Hour at Community Table



QiGong Demonstration and Practice



Nativity Creches at Mepkin Abbey Tour



Gibbs Museum Private Tour



No Explanation Needed



IAH Thanksgiving Together

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 or visit us at:
<https://ionathome.helpfulvillage.com/>

Welcome New Neighbors

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

Romelia & Wayne Bohannon
80 Sowell St

Stephanie Yarbrough
57 Ponsbury Rd



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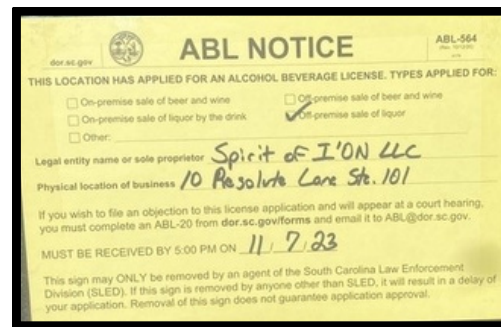


The Communications Committee wants to hear from you!
Click [HERE](#) to submit your questions, comments, requests, or concerns.
It's always a pleasure to hear from a Living in I'On reader!

Dear I'On Assembly Residents,

The vacant space in the Square which used to be Lavender Hill, is being considered as a location for an off premise liquor store.

According to the posted ABL notice (ABL-564), The Spirit of I'On LLC, has applied to offer the off-premise sale of liquor at 10 Resolute Lane.



If you wish to file an objection to this license application you MUST:

- Complete both sides of the ABL-20 protest form, which can be found [HERE](#);
- Mail the form or email it to ABL@dor.sc.gov. It would also be helpful if you would cc: Emily Simpson at esimpson@ravenelassociates.com;
- Be willing to appear at a contested court hearing in front of an Administrative Judge in Columbia;
- Make certain objections are received by SCDOR, ABL Division by November 7th at 5:00 p.m.

If you are not in favor of this location being licensed as a liquor store but cannot meet the objection requirements, you can [sign this petition](#) which will be carried to the hearing by titleholders who are planning to attend.

Your I'On Board of Trustees,
Julie Hussey
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