



# LIVING IN I'ON

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



## March Events

FRI	3/1	First Friday
SUN	3/3	Pizza Truck
TUE	3/12	Women's Coffee
WED	3/20	Lunch Bunch
WED	3/20	Potluck Dinner
WED	3/27	Yarn Buddies
SAT	3/30	Egg Hunt
SUN	3/31	Brick Deadline
TBD		Movie Group

## Important Dates

TUE	3/5	IDC Meeting
THU	3/7	Recycling Pickup
SUN	3/10	Daylight Saving Time
TUE	3/12	IDC Submittal Deadline
SUN	3/17	St. Patrick's Day
TUE	3/19	IDC Meeting
WED	3/20	Spring Equinox
THU	3/21	Recycling Pickup
SUN	3/24	Palm Sunday
TUE	3/26	IDC Submittal Deadline
FRI	3/29	Good Friday
SUN	3/31	Easter Sunday

## DOCK CLOSINGS ON PAGE 2

2024 I'On Board Meeting Dates  
6:00 p.m.  
Conference Room  
159 Civitas Street, Suite 211

Mon., 3/18  
Mon., 4/15  
Mon., 5/20  
Mon., 6/17  
Mon., 7/15  
Mon., 8/19  
Mon., 9/16  
Mon., 10/14  
Mon., 11/18  
Mon., 12/16



## I'On Assembly 2024 Board of Trustees

We would like to thank everyone who attended the 2024 annual meeting on Monday, January 29th.

Another thanks to all the neighbors who voted online and submitted proxies prior to the meeting. The annual meeting cannot happen without the participation of the community.

On Wednesday, January 31st, the Board held their Board Organizational Meeting. We are happy to announce your 2024 Board of Director positions.

**President** - Tom O'Brien  
**Vice President/Treasurer** - Bob Adams  
**Secretary/Communication Chair** - Julie Hussey  
**Amenities** - Jody McAuley  
**Covenants** - Lon Waggoner  
**IDC Liaison** - Stephen Wood  
**Landscape & Infrastructure** - Roy Rathbun



Spring is in the air and I'On will soon be in full bloom.

## EDITOR'S CORNER

Dear Neighbors,

I am happy to celebrate one year as your Living In I'On Newsletter Editor. I hope you find these pages informative. The Newsletter is a collaboration among several volunteers who submit monthly articles to keep you informed. If you have ideas for future features, or yes, even complaints, don't hesitate to contact me at [frantepperman@gmail.com](mailto:frantepperman@gmail.com). Thanks for reading and working toward making I'On a fabulous place to live.

Best,  
Fran





## DOCK CLOSINGS MARCH 2024

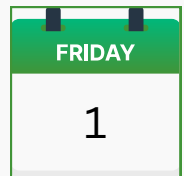
DATE OF EVENT	EVENT TYPE	CEREMONY TIME
Saturday, March, 2nd	Wedding & Reception	3:55-4:25
Sunday, March, 3rd	Wedding & Reception	3:55-4:25
Friday, March, 8th	Wedding & Reception	4:25-4:55
Saturday, March, 9th	Wedding & Reception	3:55-4:25
Sunday, March, 10th	Wedding & Reception	3:55-4:25
Friday, March, 15th	Wedding & Reception	4:55-5:25
Saturday, March, 16th	Wedding & Reception	5:25-5:55
Sunday, March, 17th	Wedding & Reception	3:55-4:25
Friday, March, 22nd	Wedding & Reception	4:55-5:25
Saturday, March, 23rd	Wedding & Reception	4:25-4:55
Sunday, March, 24th	Wedding & Reception	4:55-5:25
Thursday March, 28th	Wedding & Reception	3:25-3:55
Friday, March, 29th	Wedding & Reception	5:25-5:55
Saturday, March, 30th	Wedding & Reception	4:55-5:25

## First Friday and Potluck Dinner Committee Chair Needed

After 3+ years at the helm, our esteemed First Friday and Potluck Dinner Committee Chair, Wendy Nixon is ready to step aside and give someone else the opportunity to coordinate these events. If you are interested in volunteering your time and talent, please reach out to Wendy at (203) 858-7909.

Wendy will absolutely stay on to help and guide you through the process before she turns over the reins completely. So, have no fear! Both of these events are wonderful opportunities to meet new neighbors, catch up with old friends, and become a part of the I'On community. Here are a few photos from recent Potluck Dinners with neighbors enjoying a lovely evening overlooking Hobcaw Creek.



**FIRST FRIDAY****Friday, March 1 - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.****Hosted by Meredith and Harvey Mason at 54 Sowell Street**

Many thanks to Susan and George Miller who hosted a lovely evening in February! Thank you to Meredith and Harvey Mason for graciously hosting us in March. No need to RSVP, just please remember to bring your own libations, drinking glasses, and a small appetizer to share.

We have openings for May 3 (could be a fun Cinco de Mayo theme). June 7, and September 6. Please contact Wendy Nixon at (203) 858-7909, if you would like to host a party or take over as Committee Chair. We promise to make it easy. Best, Wendy Nixon and Dawn Beaver, your FF Hosts

**WOMEN'S COFFEE****Tuesday, March 12 - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.****Hosted by Marilyn Follmann at 93 North Shelmore Boulevard**

The Lovely Lasses of I'On will share a wee bit of coffee hosted by Marilyn Follmann at 93 North Shelmore.

No RSVP needed. Just bring your own cup for filling.

For further information, contact Abigail Wolitzer at [abbywolitzer@yahoo.com](mailto:abbywolitzer@yahoo.com) or Farrah Follmann at [ffollmann@yahoo.com](mailto:ffollmann@yahoo.com).

**POTLUCK DINNER****Wednesday, March 20 - 6:30 p.m. at the Creek Club****Host Needed for the March Potluck**

Many thanks to Dawn Beaver for hosting the Potluck in February. We hope you had a nice evening. If you are interested in hosting the March event, please contact Wendy Nixon at (203) 858-7909.

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. No reason to hesitate to arrive solo! Best, Wendy Nixon, Lendy Barnard, Amy Goldy, and Carline Soutter - Potluck Committee



## LUNCH BUNCH

**Wednesday, March 20 - 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.**

**Hosted by Mary Swenson and Dawn Beaver at Edmund's Oast, 1081 Morrison Drive, Charleston**



Please join the March Lunch Bunch at Edmunds Oast (<https://edmundsoast.com/>). Your hosts will be Mary Swenson and Dawn Beaver. Please text your RSVP to Dawn at (203) 247-3718 no later than March 15th.

We are looking for hosts for various months in 2024. Hosting is easy - you just need to pick one of your favorite restaurants and collect the RSVPs. Contact Kristen Anderson at [kristenande@gmail.com](mailto:kristenande@gmail.com) with questions.

## YARN BUDDIES

**Wednesday, March 27 - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**Hosted by Sally Raver at 97 North Shelmore Boulevard**



Yarn Buddies will be meeting at the home of Sally Raver, 97 North Shelmore Blvd. Please kindly let Sally know if you are planning to attend this friendly gathering by text at (203) 219-2256 or email at [sallyraver97@gmail.com](mailto:sallyraver97@gmail.com)

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

**Join the E-Mail List for Coming Attractions**



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.

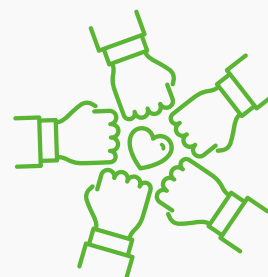


## THIS MONTH WITH THE I'ON TRUST

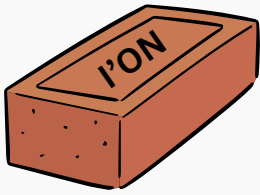
### Many Hands Make Light Work - Be a Volunteer!

Interested in helping with an I'On Trust Event or have questions about any of our events? Please contact Antonia Fokas at [admin@iontrust.org](mailto:admin@iontrust.org) or call (843) 881-7541.

We love extra hands! Most importantly, it's a great way to meet neighbors and help make our community so special.



## March 31, 2024 Deadline - Perseverance Square Brick Engraving



This project began in 2004 and now over 500 bricks have been engraved surrounding the fountain in Perseverance Square. Names of I'On residents' loved ones, dear friends, and beloved pets, along with those who have made a difference in someone's life or who have contributed to the community, can be found on the bricks there. Perseverance Square is a uniquely wonderful place in I'On, shared and enjoyed by all.

**Orders can be placed now through March 31.** Engraved bricks will be installed in May. If you would like to remember someone special in your life, or have your family name etched forever in I'On history, [CLICK HERE](#) to fill out a google form. Each brick costs \$45 and can be engraved with up to 3 lines, 13 characters per line including spaces. Your completed order form together with a check made out to The I'On Trust can either be dropped into The I'On Trust mailbox near the HOA office or mailed to P.O. Box 1064, Mount Pleasant, SC 29465. Please email [admin@iontrust.org](mailto:admin@iontrust.org) when you have submitted your form. For more information about ordering an engraved brick, please contact Michele Wilson at [tenprowcc@gmail.com](mailto:tenprowcc@gmail.com).



## Pizza da Michelino - Wood Fire Pizza Truck Sunday, March 3 - 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. on the Maybank Green

Come support Pizza da Michelino before they head back up to Westchester County, NY.

Ordering ahead will be available as well as walk-ups. The truck will be parked at Maybank Green. Pick up and enjoy a slice (or two) of fresh made pizza!

**Pre Order your pizza [HERE](#).**

## Egg Hunt

**Saturday, March 30 - Time TBD on the Maybank Green**

Grab the kids and join us for an egg hunt on the Maybank Green. Come and see our special visitor! Details to follow...

## Coming in April and May...

## After The Bridge Run Concert

**Saturday, April 6 - 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Westlake Amphitheater**

Featuring Charleston's own, Gritty Flyright.

Gather your picnic supplies and join us for a fun and relaxing afternoon with great music and friends! This event is free and family-friendly. For more information visit [www.grittyflyright.com](http://www.grittyflyright.com). This is a BYOB event for those 21+



## Memorial Day Picnic

**Monday, May 27 - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

Bring a dish to share and meet new friends and neighbors. More information will follow.



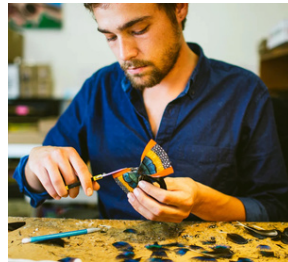


### ***I'On At Home - Learning, Exploring and Playing Together***

Part of the benefit of being an I'On At Home member is the opportunity to enjoy a variety of enriching cultural, social and educational programs, activities and events throughout the year. Here are a few of the programs that we had during the last several weeks.



*Tour of Historic Charleston*



*Brackish Studio tour*



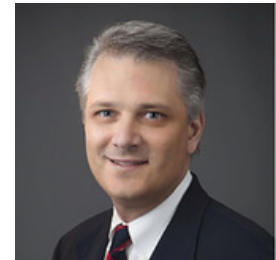
*Brazilian Jazz with Duda Lucena at the I'On Club*



*National and international affairs discussion*



*Super Bowl Party*



*Dr. Lars Runquist talk on Atrial Fibrillation*



*Fred's Film Forum*



*Wine Tasting - the World of Chardonnays*

### ***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/>



**Awendaw Convenience Center**  
 6380 Maxville Road, Awendaw, SC 29429  
 7:30 am - 6:00 pm



**What can be recycled at a convenience center or drop site location? Residents only.**



Used electronics (TVs, printers, monitors & computers only) Scrap metal, Appliances  
 Household batteries, Car batteries, battery acid, NiCad batteries  
 Antifreeze and propane tanks (caps on propane tanks must be unscrewed and removed)  
 Hazardous household materials. CFL light bulbs, Florescent tubes  
 Household Construction & demolition debris, garbage and Yard waste  
 Paint, motor oil, Scrap metal,  
 (Gasoline accepted at Bees Ferry center only)

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



## I'ON COMMUNITY GARDEN

### The 2024 Garden Season Opened on February 17: Let the Planting Begin



The community garden is freshly mulched and plots prepared before the garden opening



With temperatures in the low 60s and gentle breezes to welcome us, community gardeners gathered at Eastlake Field on Saturday, February 17 to mingle with each other and discuss the new season of gardening ahead. With all plots now taken, everyone is excited about starting Spring crops in our freshly prepared beds. While discussing what to plant, we had fun sharing our experiences of both successes and failures in the past as well as strategies for improving the results we want from the vegetables, flowers, and herbs we decide to grow throughout the current year.

Reflecting our early enthusiasm, some plots are already being planted with new seeds and transplants. Most gardens will be fully planted by mid-March.



Gardeners introduce themselves and share ideas at the garden opening



Success will require diligent work and time, but the rewards are many and well documented (e.g., [healthtalk.unchealthcare.org](http://healthtalk.unchealthcare.org)). They go far beyond the practical benefits of harvesting beautiful flowers or nourishing herbs and vegetables for our tables. Perhaps even more important, the gardening experience enhances our health and well-being. Poet and gardener Alfred Austin notes, "The glory of gardening: hands in the dirt, head in the sun, heart with nature. To nurture a garden is to feed not just the body, but the soul."

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

Some enthusiastic gardeners are getting an early start by making their garden designs and planting seeds and lettuce transplants



## BUTTERFLY GARDEN

### It's March: When Will We See Butterflies at the Butterfly Garden?

As I was working in the butterfly garden on a mild February day, a man with his young son stopped and asked me, "When do the butterflies come back?" I answered that it depends on the butterfly. I explained that during the Winter some migrate to warmer areas, some overwinter as pupae, some simply die, and a few go into a torpor state (like hibernation) as adults and shelter under tree bark or leaf litter. This affects when different butterflies are likely to reappear in Spring or Summer. Another key factor to consider is when nectar flowers for adults and leaves for caterpillars are available. Plants often emerge from dormancy and flower at different times during the year.

As the weather warms in March in our garden, there are only a few flowering plants for butterflies. There are some, however, and they could entice butterflies in the area. Below are three of our plants, all natives, that flower in March: **Walter's viburnum, flame azaleas, and Carolina jessamine.** You might get lucky and see butterflies on or near these plants.



One of the first butterfly garden plants to bloom in the Spring is the Walter's viburnum



Flame azaleas blooming in March add dazzling beauty



Early blooming Carolina jessamine around the gate to the garden is a magnet for pollinators



Question Marks are among the earliest butterflies to fly in the Spring

Among the butterflies in our area that are attracted to viburnums are the **Comma and Question Mark** (which closely resemble each other) and **Spring and Summer Azures** (small blue butterflies that are hard to tell apart). Our two viburnums are located in front of the teak benches outside the fence at the butterfly garden.



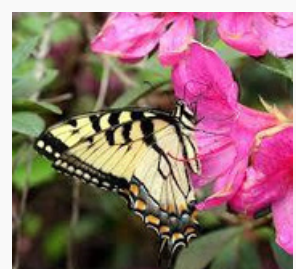
The tiny Azure butterfly emerges from a pupa early in late Winter



**Eastern Black and Tiger Swallowtails**, two of our largest and most beautiful butterflies, love azaleas. They are also the main pollinators of the orange-golden flame azaleas we grow outside and near the front corner of the fence; the plants' pollen sticks to their large wings and is spread to other flowers.

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Eastern Black Swallowtails are common visitors to gardens beginning in Spring



Tiger Swallowtails are common pollinators on azaleas in the Spring

## BUTTERFLY GARDEN Continued from page 9

Carolina jessamine is a vine with bright yellow flowers winding its way up trees and along fences throughout South Carolina including at the entrance to the community garden beginning in February. The most likely butterfly to be seen on ours would be the butterfly **Cloudless Sulphur**, a frequent visitor at the garden into late Fall.

In addition to butterflies, the native plants mentioned above are used by bees, moths, birds, and many other living things that depend on native plants for food and shelter throughout the year, while the plants depend on them for pollination and other services. They are all part of a healthy ecosystem vital to us not just them. We can take pleasure in seeing all of them as we look forward to the return of the butterflies.

April Gordon at [dr.aprilgordon.com](http://dr.aprilgordon.com)



Cloudless Sulphurs are one of the earliest butterflies seen in the Spring and the latest to leave in the Fall

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## Attention Swimming Pool Owners



Recently we have noticed an increase in residents who have swimming pools, discharging their pool water into the storm drains. Only pure water should be disposed of in storm drains.

Stormwater is not treated like sewer water, and many of the pollutants that are dumped into the storm drain will travel through our stormwater systems and will eventually end up in our local waterways and will impact the water quality.

SCDHEC has identified what types of discharges are permitted to go into the storm drain system, and only dechlorinated pool water is acceptable. Water from swimming pools will need to undergo a decontamination process to remove chlorine and other chemicals before it can be discharged into the storm drains. These pool chemicals can impact the water quality and harm wildlife if they enter our waterways.

The Town of Mount Pleasant has provided us with a brochure on proper swimming pool construction **[CLICK HERE](#)**, and the following resources about pool dewatering and discharging:

<https://doee.dc.gov/service/how-drain-your-swimming-pool-properly>

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/stormwater/proper-discharge-swimming-pool-water>

<https://www.tompsc.com/FAQ.aspx?QID=349>



## Welcome New Neighbors

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

**JH and Wendy Evans**  
14 Jogging Road

**James & Anna-Claire Setterlin**  
249 Ponsbury Road



## Communications Committee

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**Mary James & Emily Simpson**  
HOA Managers, Ravenel Associates



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!

## From the I'On Design Committee

After a lengthy review of the existing Architectural and Landscaping Guidelines, Procedures and Policies ("GPP"), including the solicitation and review of homeowners' comments, the IDC has updated the GPP and they are now available on the I'On website [HERE](#).

The previous GPP contained numerous ambiguities, particularly around whether items and/or actions were mandatory, permissive or prohibited. Overall, the vast majority of the changes do not involve substantive revisions—rather, the revised GPP seek to clarify ambiguities, streamline language, remove redundancies and update standards to comport with current realities. We strongly encourage you and your architects/designers to review the GPP before finalizing and submitting any proposed plans to the IDC.

In addition, as a reminder of process changes the IDC implemented the following last year:

- The IDC will conduct interim inspections for structural modifications, additions and new construction projects to ensure they are being built in accordance with approved plans;
- Homeowners 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) must meet with the Neighborhood Design Coordinator (NDC) at least 3 business days 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
- Homeowners and their design professionals may meet with the IDC in person to share and explain their design objectives before the IDC formally reviews the project.

The Neighborhood Design Coordinator, Kristine Doak, is available to answer your questions by phone at (843) 606-6366, email at [ion\\_ravenel@ravenelassociates.com](mailto:ion_ravenel@ravenelassociates.com), or in person at the I'On HOA offices, 159 Civitas Street, Suite 212.

