



LIVING IN I'ON

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



May Events

WED	5/1	Lunch Bunch
FRI	5/3	First Friday
TUE	5/14	Women's Coffee
WED	5/15	Potluck Dinner
SAT	5/18	She Tris Event
WED	5/22	Yarn Buddies
MON	5/27	Memorial Day Picnic
THU	5/30	MP Town Talk
TBD	TBD	Movie Group

Important Dates

THU	5/2	Recycling Pickup
SUN	5/5	Cinco de Mayo
TUE	5/7	IDC Meeting
SUN	5/12	Mother's Day
TUE	5/14	IDC Submittal Deadline
THU	5/16	Recycling Pickup
TUE	5/21	IDC Meeting
MON	5/27	Memorial Day
TUE	5/28	IDC Submittal Deadline
THU	5/30	Recycling Pickup

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

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



Resident Reminders

It is hard to believe that we are already well into Spring and quickly approaching Summer!

Starting in Spring, we see a rise in the amount of covenant enforcement violations. As pollen season comes to end, we specifically see many homes that need to be pressure washed. Before sending direct covenants violation letters to homeowners, we thought it might be a good idea to remind you of some property maintenance items which need to be addressed, not just during the Spring season, but throughout the




year. If you do receive a violation letter, and additional time is needed to remedy, please contact Mary James at mary.ion@ravenelassociates.com.

The following guidelines reflect the general maintenance standards that are the responsibility of all I'On Titleholders and apply to all residential structures and properties in I'On. Most of the maintenance standards contained herein are common sense, where a reasonable review of a building or property would indicate the need for maintenance or repair. This information is a general guideline for Titleholders to ensure their property is properly maintained. These standards reflect areas that Emily or Mary, will observe when conducting a property inspection. Property inspections may occur as the result of a general observation or a formal complaint.

Building & Structural Guidelines:

- Exterior walls and trim are free from holes, breaks, and loose or rotting material. Wooden exteriors are free from dirt, loose paint, and mildew. Power washing is done as necessary. Fading or missing paint is re-painted or stained, as necessary.
- Porches, stairs, and decks are properly maintained, and any broken parts, loose paint or rotted areas are repaired.
- Wooden fences need to be painted or stained and maintained free of any broken parts or loose paint. Any rotted areas need to be repaired and any accumulated mildew removed.

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		DOCK CLOSINGS MAY 2024
DATE OF EVENT	EVENT TYPE	CEREMONY TIME
Saturday, May 4th	Wedding & Reception	4:25-4:55
Sunday, May 5th	Wedding & Reception	4:55-5:25
Friday, May 10th	Wedding & Reception	4:25-4:55
Saturday, May 11th	Wedding & Reception	4:25-4:55
Sunday, May 12th	Wedding & Reception	4:25-4:55
Friday, May 17th	Wedding & Reception	4:25-4:55
Saturday, May 18th	Wedding & Reception	4:25-4:55
Sunday, May 19th	Wedding & Reception	4:25-4:55
Friday, May 24th	Wedding & Reception	4:25-4:55
Saturday, May 25th	Wedding & Reception	5:25-5:55
Sunday, May 26th	Wedding & Reception	5:25-5:55
Friday, May 31st	Wedding & Reception	5:25-5:55

LUNCH BUNCH

Wednesday, May 1 - 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.
at The Perch at Get Carried Away, 644 Coleman Boulevard



Many thanks to Dawn Beaver and Mary Swenson for hosting a well-attended and fun event at Edmund’s Oast.

The next Lunch Bunch will be held on Wednesday, May 1 at The Perch at Get Carried Away in Mt. Pleasant at 644 Coleman Boulevard. Please RSVP to Mary Swenson via text (617) 959-1436, if you are interested in attending.

FIRST FRIDAY

Friday, May 3 - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Hosted by Roy and Karen Rathbun at 30 Mises Street



Many thanks to Pam and Bob Bishop who hosted a lovely evening in April - what a gorgeous porch and such a beautiful home! Special thanks to Roy and Karen Rathbun for hosting our May First Friday. Please remember to bring your own libations, drinking glasses, and a small appetizer to share.

Please contact Wendy Nixon at (203) 858-7909, if you would like to host a future First Friday evening - she'll make it easy for you, and it's always a great night. We have openings for June 7, September 6, and October 4.

WOMEN'S COFFEE

Tuesday, May 14 - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Hosted by Lauren Ash at 60 Robert Mills Circle



April showers bring May flowers to our Women’s Coffee at the home of Lauren Ash. No RSVP needed. Just bring your own cup for filling. For further information, contact Abigail Wolitzer at abbywolitzer@yahoo.com or Farrah Follmann at ffollmann@yahoo.com.

POTLUCK DINNER

Wednesday, May 15th - 6:30 p.m. at the Creek Club

Hosted by Amy and Billy Goldy - Featuring Trivia by Victor Following Dinner



Thank you to Rosemarie and Chuck Gelber for hosting April Potluck. Amy and Billy Goldy will host May's Potluck, followed by a night of trivia run by Victor (who runs Trivia every Tuesday night at O'Brion's), starting at 7:15 p.m.

It's a great time to get out and socialize with your neighbors and meet new ones! We hope you'll join us this month. Please contact Wendy Nixon at (203) 858-7909, if interested in hosting a future dinner.

Come celebrate 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! Thanks! Best, Wendy Nixon, Lendy Barnard, Amy Goldy and Carline Soutter, Your Potluck Committee



Interested in taking over First Friday and/or the Potluck Committee?

Please contact Wendy Nixon at (203) 858-7909

After 3+ years, Wendy is ready to pass the torch. She will stay on to help you for a bit if you'd like, or happily turn the reins over...

Wendy promises to make the transition a smooth one!

YARN BUDDIES

Wednesday, May 22 - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Hosted by Kiki Lusebrink at 44 Rialto Road



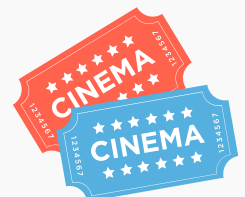
Thank you to Kiki Lusebrink for hosting Yarn Buddies this month. Please let Kiki know if you are able to attend via text at (949) 637-2445 or email at dbakiki@aol.com.

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

I'ON WOMEN'S MOVIE GROUP

Join the E-Mail List for Coming Attractions

If you would like to receive evites, please send your contact information to Jan Laabs at laabsjan@hotmail.com. Hope to see you at the movies!





THIS MONTH WITH THE I'ON TRUST



Memorial Day Picnic

Monday, May 27 - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Westlake Amphitheater

Bring a dish to share and meet new friends and neighbors. More information will follow. The Trust is providing fried chicken, lemonade, paper goods and utensils. Tables will be available for your dishes to share. This is a BYOB event for those 21+.

COMING IN JUNE

End of School Year Celebration

Monday, June 10 at 3:30 on the Maybank Green

Come celebrate with an end of school year treat! Kona Ice at Maybank Green. 1 treat per person please.



I'On At Home Seeks Administrative Manager

I'On At Home, a non-profit organization, is a lively group of neighbors interested in learning new things, sharing cultural and social activities and helping each other. It's part of a nationwide movement for people over 55, offering its members services, useful information, and stimulating social connections through a wide variety of events and programs.

The ideal candidate will have 5+ years of business experience with good networking, communication, and interpersonal skills. The candidate should also have good planning and organizing skills, and a basic understanding of accounting. The position reports to the President of I'On at Home, with working relationships with the Board of Directors and members.

Specific skills include:

- A working knowledge of Excel, Word, Zoom, and QuickBooks
- Ability to learn and manage the organization's website
- Ability to manage the organization's finances and banking
- Ability to communicate effectively with the Board and members
- A working knowledge of MailChimp is a plus

The job requires approximately 15 hours per week. As an independent contractor, the position requires a home office, telephone, and personal computer. A printer will be provided by I'On At Home.

If the job sounds interesting to you, please tell us more about yourself and include a personal resume. Please reply to Bob Hardie, President, I'On At Home at hardierw@hotmail.com

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- Windows are not cracked or missing glass and have no broken or torn screens. Window shutters are in working condition, and all broken parts, loose paint or rotted parts are repaired.
- Brick or plaster walls surrounding a property are free of open cracks and breaks. (Small cracks are common, but large cracks, missing bricks and deteriorated mortar should be sealed, resurfaced or otherwise repaired.) Power washing may help remove mildew or loose material.
- Exterior doors, gates, and hardware are in proper working condition and good repair. Doors and gates close properly and latch securely. All broken parts, loose paint or rotted areas are repaired. Power washing may help to remove mildew or loose material.

Yard & Landscaping Guidelines:

- Grass is maintained at appropriate heights (under six (6) inches on developed property and under twelve (12) inches on undeveloped lots). Landscapes are maintained with appropriate weed control, mulching of beds, and edging.
- Bushes, shrubs and hedges do not project into the street, alley or sidewalk bordering a Titleholder's property and are trimmed back from any fencing so as not to grow through the fence.
- Trees on Titleholder's property are maintained on a regular basis, and broken, dead, or damaged trees or limbs have been removed. Trees growing against buildings with branches hanging on rooftops are properly trimmed back or removed. Fallen leaves are not accumulating on the property. NOTE: Any tree trimming in Common Areas is solely the responsibility of the HOA, and should not be done by individual Titleholders.
- Garbage and rubbish are disposed of properly. Debris is not placed near the street for pickup more than 24 hours prior to pickup.
- Walkways and driveways on Titleholders property are kept in a proper state free of tripping hazards, weeds, and loose material (i.e. broken concrete, missing bricks, etc.). Any sidewalk tripping hazards should be reported to the Town of Mount Pleasant's Public Services Department.

If you are looking to make any modifications to the exterior of your home (changing paint color, major landscaping, structural changes, pools, tree removals), an IDC (I'On Design Committee) form needs to be completed and submitted to Kristine Doak, the Neighborhood Design Coordinator. For all IDC requests, as noted on the form, please allow up to 30 days for review. Owners can download the IDC form from the community website, under the I'On Design Committee tab: <https://ioncommunity.com/ion-design-committee/applications-homeowner-agreement/>



Town Talks - A Community Classroom Series

The Town of Mount Pleasant has launched a new initiative, and plans to meet quarterly, or so, to dive into a topic of general interest to local residents and businesses. The town is interested in public input with suggestions for future meeting topics.

- May 30, 2024 - KNOW YOUR ZONE: Hurricane/Emergency Preparedness
Shannon Whitehead, Town of Mount Pleasant, Emergency Management & Resilience Officer
- August 15, 2024 - Everything you ever wanted to know about Town Finances, but were afraid to ask
Marcy Cotov, Town of Mount Pleasant, Chief Financial Officer
- November 14, 2024 - Keeping up with Town Planning Initiatives

Meetings will be held at Town Hall, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, and will be recorded for posting on the Town website. Learn about what is happening in your town.



A community of friends enjoying enriched, vibrant and independent lives together

Hello I'On Neighbors,

Here are some of the exciting events happening this month at I'On At Home:

Hopseewee Plantation on the Santee Tour: Step back in time with a guided tour of Hopseewee Plantation. You'll explore fascinating exhibits, learn about Gullah/Geechie culture, and enjoy a delicious lunch.

Fairy Hair Tinsel Party: Embrace your inner child at our Fairy Hair Tinsel Party! It's a chance to add some sparkle to your day and connect with neighbors in a lighthearted setting.

Public Affairs Panel: discussing the progress of Donald Trump's first case and its implications for November; leadership issues in Congress as pressure on Speaker Mike Johnson intensifies and the impact of new U.S. funding for both the Israeli-Hamas war and the Ukraine-Russia war.

Spring Fling: It's time to celebrate the heart and soul of IAH, our dedicated volunteers! Our annual Spring Fling honors the invaluable contributions of our volunteers who tirelessly serve our community throughout the year.

Fort Moultrie Tour: Explore the rich history of our area with an exclusive guided tour of Fort Moultrie. Learn fascinating stories and delve into the fort's significant contributions in the Revolutionary War.

Happy Hour at Community Table - It's the perfect chance to catch up with old friends, forge new connections, and simply enjoy each other's company.

Live Music Blue Mystic Dream Band Concert - Rob and Crystal from Blue Mystic Dream are back for an afternoon outdoor concert in I'On! Bring your favorite drink and a lawn chair for a laid-back afternoon of eclectic tunes and good vibes!

Bros n' Brews at Community Table: Calling all guys for a casual and enjoyable happy hour. Grab a brew, unwind, and share some stories with your fellow neighbors in a relaxed setting.

IAH Biking Group: Enjoy scenic rides year-round, exploring diverse neighborhoods with our friendly, non-competitive group. Our Thursday rides cover around 10 miles and our pace is comfortable for all.

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/>



***In a world where the kitchen is a battleground against food waste and environmental woes, emerges a hero wrapped in silicone:
“The Food Hugger”***



Picture this: you’ve just sliced open a juicy avocado, and as you scoop out its creamy goodness, you realize you only need half. Now, what? Enter the Food Hugger, like a knight in silicone armor, ready to snugly envelop your leftover avocado half in a warm hug, keeping it fresh and green for another day. Food Huggers don’t discriminate. They embrace everything from lemons to onions, cucumbers to bell peppers, with open arms – or should we say, open rims. No longer will your fridge be a graveyard of half-used produce.

Saving your leftovers one half at a time

And let’s talk about the environmental perks. Using Food Huggers means saying goodbye to single-use plastic wraps that clog up landfills faster than you can say, “leftover lasagna.” These colorful silicone wonders are reusable, washable, and oh-so-durable, reducing your carbon footprint one gentle squeeze at a time. Plus, they’re so darn cute, you’ll want to show them off to your friends.

After all, in a world full of food waste, isn’t it nice to know that there’s something out there hugging it out for the greater good?

<https://foodhuggers.com/>



***I’On Eco Group
Preserving I’On’s beauty through sound environmental practices.***

For information, contact us at ionecogroup@gmail.com

I'ON COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Living is Easy in the Community Garden in May



April was the peak month for community gardeners to plant our gardens; now it's largely a waiting game for our work to pay off. Those who planted such cool weather crops as sugar snap peas, Asian greens, lettuce, and kale have been enjoying bountiful harvests. But May will be the month when many warm weather crops, set fruit and begin ripening. We anticipate with excitement the harvest of tomatoes, peppers, beans, cucumbers, basil, and more in the months ahead.

Along with April, May is also the time when our job as gardeners is relatively easy. Because of plentiful rainfall, we don't have to water much. The temperatures are pleasant, plants are green and healthy, and weeds and pests are a minimal nuisance. We will enjoy this period while we can before the heat and humidity of summer set in.

April Gordon at dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com

Garden plots are planted and growing well thanks to abundant rain, sunshine, and warm weather. Check out the gorgeous ready-to-pick lettuce!



This garden is packed with such goodies as beans, tomatoes, peppers, and even ripening blueberries



The current planting excitement in the community garden is over artichokes, which are now producing edible bulbs in more mature plants.



Multiple large tomatoes were ripening in mid-May in this garden in 2023 which we hope to emulate in 2024

BUTTERFLY GARDEN

What's Blooming in the I'On Butterfly Garden



Henry's garnet sweetspire has it all: a native plant, it remains green year-round, has fragrant clusters of drooping white blossoms that appeal to butterflies, moths, and bees in the spring, and garnet red leaves in the fall.

Plentiful rainfall and mild temperatures in April have resulted in robust growth in many of our perennial flowering plants. Several of them are now blooming. In tandem with the increase in flowering plants, the number and diversity of butterflies and bees will also be steadily expanding until the peak of the season in September and October. It is worth a visit to the garden in May to enjoy the current color show.

Start by strolling through the garden to see individual plants up close along with the bees and butterflies feasting on their pollen and nectar. Then outside the garden fence rest for awhile on our teak benches in the cool shade of huge oak trees where you can take in the totality of the butterfly garden along with the lush community garden with which it is associated. Come back often to see the many changes that occur in the months ahead.



Low-growing creeping buttercup is a native wildflower that produces profuse numbers of vivid yellow flowers that attract pollinators in the spring. It complements the brilliant red of the scarlet salvia that will continue to bloom all summer



Stunning purple spires of native Veronica (speedwell) begin blooming in the spring in time to provide nectar for hungry pollinators

If you are interested in volunteering at the garden (see the [April Newsletter](#) for details), contact April Gordon at dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com.



Blue false indigo gets its name from its use in colonial America to make a substitute dye for real indigo. Although unsuccessful as a dye, it is a beautiful plant that attract pollinators as both a source of nectar and as a host plant for several butterfly caterpillars



The white variant of false indigo is an eye-catching early bloomer that forms a lovely tapestry of white, red, and yellow flowers with scarlet salvia and sunny coreopsis



Welcome New Neighbors

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

John & Jennifer Auber
277 N Shelmore Blvd



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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!

2025 Directory Ad Space Submission Requests

The 2025 I'On Community Directory will go to the printer in October so that directories can be distributed in a timely manner with The Giving Lights.

There is no requirement that ads need to be purchased by I'On residents. It is open to the public, so feel free to pass this along to friends and business owners outside of I'On.

Ad space preferences will be reserved in the order that submission forms are received.

If you would like an ad to be included in the 2025 directory, please fill out [THIS](#) form and send it back to mary.ion@ravenelassociates.com no later than August 30th.

Once ad placements are confirmed, sizing guidelines for how we will need to receive your ads will be sent.

All final ads MUST be received by September 13th!

If we do not receive your ad by September 13th, you will still be required to submit payment for the ad space that was reserved.

Please call 843-388-7547 or send an email communication to mary.ion@ravenelassociates.com if you have any questions or concerns.



*Congratulations to the Students and Families
of the Class of 2024
Best of luck on the next leg of your journey!*

