



# LIVING IN I'ON

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



## December Events

FRI	12/6	First Friday
SUN	12/8	Festival of Giving
TUE	12/10	Women's Coffee
WED	12/11	Family Potluck Dinner
THU	12/12	Lunch Bunch
MON	12/16	Women's Movie Group
WED	12/18	Yarn Buddies

## Important Dates

TUE	12/3	IDC Meeting
TUE	12/10	IDC Submittal Deadline
THU	12/12	Recycling Pickup
TUE	12/17	IDC Meeting
SAT	12/21	Winter Solstice
WED	12/25	Christmas
WED	12/25	First Night of Hanukkah
THU	12/26	First Night of Kwanza
FRI	12/27	Recycling Pickup
SUN	12/31	New Year's Eve

## DOCK CLOSINGS ON PAGE 2

### 2024 I'On Board Meetings 159 Civitas Street Mondays at 6:00 p.m.

December 16  
January 21



## A Holiday Message from the Board

The holiday season is upon us. The trees in the square are adorned with lights, volunteers will install wreaths and garland, and the tree of lights on the Maybank Green will be aglow. On December 8th our diverse community will line our streets with luminaries to celebrate I'On's 21st Holiday Festival of Giving.

Your I'On Assembly Board of Directors wants to take this moment to thank you for your support and volunteerism throughout the year. Again and again, you step up to contribute your time and talents whenever they are needed.

Mount Pleasant's settlement communities, our town's oldest subdivisions, contribute their longevity to bonds built by close knit connections of family and shared experiences. Researchers have found health benefits in developing relationships across different ages, backgrounds, perspectives, and experiences. I'On was designed and has been enhanced for more than 25 years to encourage both these bonding and bridging forms of social capital.

Not only do we have several families with different generations, I'On At Home, and all of the interest groups which meet monthly to strengthen our bonds; we also have sidewalks, porches, alleys, parks, docks, and the Square, plus the I'On Trust, potlucks and cocktail parties which make it easy to discover new friends. If you haven't taken advantage of these opportunities, we encourage you to resolve to try them in the New Year.

From all of us to all of you... Happy Holidays and all best wishes for a Safe and Joyous New Year!

*Tom O'Brien, Bob Adams, Donna Davis,  
Stephen Wood, Roy Rathbun, Julie Hussey,  
& Lon Waggoner*



		<b>DOCK CLOSINGS - DECEMBER 2024</b>
Date of Event 2024	Event Type	Ceremony Time
Friday, December 6th	Wedding & Reception	3:55 - 4:25
Saturday, December 7th	Wedding & Reception	3:55 - 4:25
Friday, December 13th	Wedding & Reception	4:25 - 4:55
Saturday, December 14th	Wedding & Reception	3:55 - 4:25

For an up-to-date list of common area reservations, please visit the community calendar located on our website! <https://ioncommunity.com/calendar/>

**FIRST FRIDAY**

Friday, December 6 - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
 Hosted by Sean and Elisabeth McKinless at 50 Hopetown Road



Thank you to Sean and Elisabeth McKinless who will host our next First Friday cocktail event on December 6th. No need to RSVP, just please remember to bring your own libations, drinking glasses and a small appetizer to share. Many thanks to Country and Lace Florist for offering a complimentary arrangement for all of our First Friday hosts!

We have hosting opportunities for 2025. Please contact Wendy Nixon at (203) 858-7909 if you would like to host a party or help in any way. It's easy and a great way to meet your neighbors.

**WOMEN'S COFFEE**

Tuesday, December 10 - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
 Hosted by Marilyn Follmann at 93 North Shelmore Boulevard



Join us for a cup of holiday cheer at the Women's Coffee hosted by Marilyn Follmann.

No RSVP needed. Bring a cup for coffee or tea and join us. 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).

**FAMILY POTLUCK DINNER**

Wednesday, December 11 - 6:30 p.m. at the Creek Club  
 Hosted by Amy and Billy Goldy at the Creek Club



Join us at the Creek Club where Amy and Billy Goldy will host our FIRST FAMILY Pot Luck dinner at the beautiful Creek Club overlooking the Hobcaw Creek. This month, families are invited to attend with their children. We will have a holiday bingo game for kids of all ages.

Neighbors join us once a month for dinner and drinks when attendees bring a dish to share (whether homemade or purchased) along with their own plate, utensils, beverage and glass. Families attending are encouraged to bring their kids' favorite dish for us all to sample. Contact Amy Goldy at [amygoldyid@gmail.com](mailto:amygoldyid@gmail.com) with questions.

Thank you so much to Gigi Van Vliet and Pascale Luse for hosting our November dinner.

**LUNCH BUNCH****Thursday, December 12 - 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.****Hosted by Marianne Hoover at The Obstinate Daughter****2063 Middle Street, Sullivan's Island (<https://www.theobstinatedaughter.com/>)**

Please join us for the Holiday Luncheon, kindly hosted by Marianne Hoover. Please RSVP to Marianne at [Marianne.hoover@gmail.com](mailto:Marianne.hoover@gmail.com) by Friday, December 6th. RSVP soon - limited spaces available.

**YARN BUDDIES****Wednesday, December 18 - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.****Hosted by Penny Leighton at 125 Ponsbury Road**

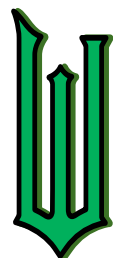
Penny Leighton is hosting Yarn Buddies on Wednesday, December 18th, in her home at 125 Ponsbury Road, from 10 A.M. - Noon. Please let Penny know if you are able to attend, via text at (843) 327-0449 or email her at [Penny.leighton@comcast.net](mailto:Penny.leighton@comcast.net).

Anyone interested in the arts of handwork, be it knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, jewelry making, quilting, crewel, embroidery, cross-stitch, etc. are warmly invited to attend. Contact Bebe Coyle with questions at [bebecoyle@comcast.net](mailto:bebecoyle@comcast.net).

**I'ON WOMEN'S MOVIE GROUP****Sign up to receive future movie dates and times...**

On Monday, December 16th the ladies' movie group will go see the film "Wicked." If you are interested please send me an email and I will provide the time and dinner information in an E-vite on Dec. 12th.

Hope to see you there! It's supposed to be amazing. - Jan Laabs ([laabsjan@hotmail.com](mailto:laabsjan@hotmail.com))





## THIS MONTH WITH THE I'ON TRUST

### THE 21st HOLIDAY FESTIVAL OF GIVING

Sunday, December 8th - Event Schedule

Glowing candles will line the streets of I'On in celebration of the holiday season! Dress in your most festive holiday sweater and follow the schedule below to join the fun:

- 5:00 p.m. - Light your luminaries
- 5:30 p.m. - Caroling at the Tree at Maybank Green - Students from School of the Arts will be leading - please join us!
- 6:00 p.m. - Check presentation for Camp Happy Days and The Lonon Foundation. Sweet treats will be available under the tent while neighbors socialize and wait for carriage rides.
- 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. - Horse drawn carriage rides.

A sign up sheet will be emailed on December 5th. Please leave the early slots to those that have young children. We will have 4 carriages and plenty of space for all to enjoy.

Please contact Antonia Fokas at [admin@iontrust.org](mailto:admin@iontrust.org) with questions.



### A Word from the I'On Assembly on the Proper Display of Flags

Over time exterior flags show wear and tear and begin to fade. If you have an American flag, please be sure to inspect it and if it shows signs of wear, please respectfully replace it.



## DO NOT PUT THESE ITEMS IN YOUR RECYCLING BIN

Many of us in I'On are committed to recycling our waste each month but become frustrated when we're not sure what goes where. To start, here is some information on what NOT to put in your bin.

For more detailed information on all recycling details go to Charleston County Recycle

<https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/environmental-management/recycle-what.php>  
<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/recycle-here-sc/id6497410310>



- household garbage
- plastic bags (shopping bags, cereal bags, trash bags)
- styrofoam packaging or food containers
- food waste
- yard waste
- bulky plastic items (i.e. toys, hangers)
- batteries
- light bulbs
- electronics
- clothing and shoes
- construction debris (i.e. wood, insulation)
- shredded paper
- plastic wrap (i.e. thin plastic food wrap or shrink wrapping/product packaging)
- rope-like items (i.e. garden hoses)
- medical waste (i.e. syringes)
- diapers or sanitary products
- propane tanks
- aluminum foil and trays
- motor oil and cooking oil
- paint
- empty aerosol (spray) cans

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

## BUTTERFLY GARDEN

### Is It Summer in December at the Butterfly Garden? It Looks like It!

by April Gordon

Although the Fall days are getting shorter and somewhat cooler, in late November this year the garden remains filled with flowers and butterflies. And the forecast into early December promises more of the same with mostly mild days and nights. How long this pattern will continue is unclear, but I encourage you to enjoy the spectacle while it lasts. While some parts of the country have already experienced cold temperatures, snow, and even blizzards, I will be grateful if t-shirt weather and colorful butterflies fill my days instead for as long as possible.



A fresh crop of zinnias has grown up from dropped summer seeds. Full of nectar, they are a favorite with butterflies such as these Gulf Fritillaries

To provide you with ideas for what to look for at the garden if we are favored by more mild weather, see the photos below for a selection of some of the best flowering plants and the most beautiful butterflies. Print off a copy of the photos to take with you so you can identify the butterflies and flowers by name.

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



One of the loveliest plants at the garden is the Turk's Cap shrub that only flowers in the Fall in our area. Cloudless Sulphur butterflies with their buttery yellow color contrast beautifully with the brilliant red flowers.



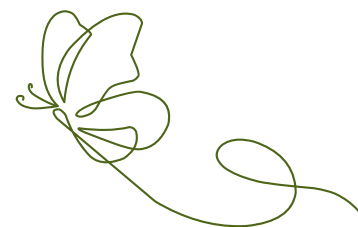
Although most Monarchs have migrated from our area and headed for Mexico, there are still some in the garden feasting on milkweed flower nectar. We grow numerous milkweed plants because its leaves are the only food their caterpillars can eat.



By Fall many butterflies, such as this Long Tailed Skipper, are showing wear and tear as they near the end of their life span. This one has been coming to the garden for several days and can usually be found on this lantana, a butterfly favorite.



A record four Zebra Longwings are daily visitors to the garden this year. They normally live farther south, but climate change is encouraging them to travel to new areas such as South Carolina and even greater distances north of here. Zebra Longwings can often be seen on the lantana, but they can also like the Mexican sunflowers.



## I'ON COMMUNITY GARDEN

### Mark your Calendar: Sign-Up for a Community Garden Plot Starts on January 1, 2025

by April Gordon

Consider how rewarding it would be to grow your own fresh organic vegetables, herbs, and flowers in a beautiful, sunny location near your home. Because many of us have yards that are too small or too shady to grow a garden, I'On's Community Garden on Eastlake Rd is the ideal alternative. Beginning on January 1, I'On residents can register for a 5' x 8' garden plot (there are only 27) available on a first come, first serve basis. Don't procrastinate because plots are usually gone by the middle of January. For only \$75, you get a garden plot for a year that is amended annually and comes with mulched pathways, perimeter fencing, straw mulch, and water. Detailed garden and planting guides are also provided along with other information throughout the year to address gardening issues. Thanks to our long growing season we can grow crops year-round, which means you can enjoy those summer tomatoes and winter greens as well.



In late November this garden is producing a variety of summer crops such as zinnias, salvia, eggplant, and peppers as well as cool-weather kale and collards



The garden is ready for planting in mid-February after our garden opening where you will meet fellow gardeners and receive an orientation to help you get started. Sign up individually, as a family, or partner with someone else. To sign up for a plot, send an email to [iongarden@gmail.com](mailto:iongarden@gmail.com) and request an application form. Gardening is fun for all ages and a great way to meet your neighbors, enjoy a wholesome family outdoor activity, and get some healthy exercise. Come join us. Have questions? Contact April Gordon at [dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com](mailto:dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com).



Kids enjoy helping mom and dad with garden jobs such as planting and watering



### ***Hello I'On Neighbors,***

*It's been a busy fall with I'On at Home. Our members have been enjoying events in the neighborhood like regular bocce games and a special wine and cheese tasting featuring wines from the Tili winery in Assisi, Italy. Additionally our members have been seeing the sites around town with private guided tours of Drayton Hall, the Halsey Institute of Contemporary Art, and Hampton Park. We've also been enjoying different musical experiences including watching the Charleston Symphony Orchestra rehearse inside the Gaillard and listening to a Saturday night backyard concert with the Blue Mystic Dream Band.*



### ***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, having fun sharing cultural and social activities and helping each other.*

Contact Elizabeth Sage, IAH Administrative Manager: [elizabeths@ionathome.org](mailto:elizabeths@ionathome.org)  
or visit us at: <https://ionathome.helpfulvillage.com/>



### Welcome New Neighbors

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

**Elizabeth & Brian DeBruin**  
11 Eastlake Road

**Mimi & Dan Sullivan**  
50 Jogging Street

**David Tohir**  
55 Sowell Street

**Stacey & Eric Wallen**  
63 Krier Lane



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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 Annual Meeting & HOA Board Election

The 2025 Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at the Creek Club.

The Assembly's Board elections will take place at this time, with online voting and proxy collection taking place prior to this date.

Please be on the lookout for the annual meeting mailing coming to your mailboxes in December and an email blast announcing when online voting will be live!



### I'On Assembly Holiday Schedule

The I'On Assembly offices will be operating on a remote work schedule during the holiday season.

Please see below for the schedule. Emails and phone calls will continue to be responded to.

- December 23rd: remote working
- December 24 & 25th: Offices closed for Christmas
- December 26-30th: remote working
- December 31st and January 1st: Offices closed for New Years
- January 2-3: remote working
- January 6: Office resumes normal in-person hours

*Happy*

**HOLIDAYS**