

LIVING IN I'ON

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

JUNE EVENTS

FRI	6/6	First Friday
THU	6/19	Lunch Bunch
WED	6/25	Yarn Buddies
TBD	TBD	Movie Group
FRI	7/4	July 4 th Celebration

Important Dates

TUE	6/3	IDC Meeting
TUE	6/10	IDC Submittal Deadline
THU	6/12	Recycling Pickup
SUN	6/15	Father's Day
TUE	6/17	IDC Meeting
FRI	6/20	First Day of Summer
TUE	6/24	IDC Submittal Deadline
THU	6/26	Recycling Pickup

DOCK CLOSINGS ON PAGE 2

2025 I'On Board Meetings
Monday Nights
6:00 p.m.
Conference Room
159 Civitas Street

June 23
 July 21
 August 18
 September 15
 October 20
 November 17
 December 15



New Boat Dock Hours

The Board has received numerous complaints over the last two years from neighbors living close to the Creek Club and from the Mount Pleasant Police Department.

Young people are on the docks making noise and playing music late at night. Most of the complaints have been between the hours of midnight and 2:00 a.m.

The police are limited in their jurisdiction unless we have signage stating the docks are closed. We know that some of the young people live in I'On

but others are from surrounding neighborhoods.

The Board has voted to close the docks 7 days a week between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

We will have signage at the docks stating the closure. We will continue to have the Mount Pleasant Police Department patrol the docks and remove anyone violating the closure. Thank you for your cooperation.

More Amenities News...

Just For Fun Playgrounds is planning to start installation of the new Scramble playground around June 10th. The playground will be closed for about two weeks. We also have added "down lighting" in the playground as well.

Donna Davis
 Amenities Chair



Reflection of the Westlake Amphitheater as summer approaches.

ATTENTION DOG OWNERS

As a reminder, please be sure to leash your dog while walking on the streets and sidewalks! Dogs are permitted to be off leash while on HOA common areas, but they **MUST** be leashed when on streets and sidewalks as this is a Town of Mount Pleasant ordinance.



JUNE 2025 DOCK CLOSINGS

DATE OF EVENT	EVENT TYPE	CEREMONY TIME
Sunday, June 1st	Wedding & Reception	4:25 - 4:55
Friday, June 6th	Wedding & Reception	4:25 - 4:55
Saturday, June 7th	Wedding & Reception	4:25 - 4:55
Friday, June 13th	Wedding & Reception	4:25 - 4:55
Saturday, June 14th	Wedding & Reception	4:25 - 4:55
Sunday, June 15th	Wedding & Reception	4:25 - 4:55
Friday, June 20th	Wedding & Reception	4:55 - 5:25
Saturday, June 21st	Wedding & Reception	4:25 - 4:55
Sunday, June 22nd	Wedding & Reception	4:25 - 4:55
Saturday, June 28th	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, June 6 - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Hosted by Claudia von Asten at 11 Robert Mills Circle



Many thanks to Country and Lace Florist for providing our hosts with an arrangement, and to Judy and Larry Taylor for hosting a lovely gathering for us in May.

No need to RSVP, just please remember to bring your own libations, drinking glasses and a small appetizer to share. - Wendy Nixon and Karen Rathbun, your FF coordinators

WOMEN'S COFFEE SUMMER COFFEE BREAK



We will be taking a coffee break this summer and will gather again in fall. Please contact Abigail Wolitzer at abbywolitzer@yahoo.com or Farrah Follmann at ffollmann@yahoo.com if you are interested in hosting a future coffee.

POTLUCK DINNER SEE YOU IN THE FALL



Thank you to Karen and Roy Rathbun for hosting the spring's last neighborhood buffet dinner at the Creek Club. We had a great time playing Bingo.

There is no Pot Luck Dinner this month. We are taking a break for the summer as many I'On residents travel. We will resume our dinners in the fall. Please look out for the announcement for our September dinner when we hope all will gather again. Contact Amy Goldy at (908) 403-5466 or by email at amygoldyid@gmail.com, if you are interested in hosting a future Potluck Dinner.

LUNCH BUNCH

Thursday, June 19 - 12:15 p.m. at Philosophia
[\(https://www.philosophiamtpleasant.com/\)](https://www.philosophiamtpleasant.com/)
 909 Houston Northcutt Blvd. Mt. Pleasant



June's Lunch Bunch will be hosted by Amy Goldy. Please RSVP to Amy by Monday, June 16th at amygoldyid@gmail.com.

Please contact Kristen Anderson (kristenande@gmail.com) if you are interested in hosting a future event. It is easy! Pick a date that works for you, a favorite restaurant or one you are waiting to try, and collect the RSVPs.

YARN BUDDIES

Wednesday, June 25 - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 Hosted by Bebe Coyle at 213 Ponsbury Road



Bebe Coyle is hosting Yarn Buddies this month. Please let Bebe know if you are able to attend, via text at (561) 371-4004 or email at bebecoyle@comcast.net.

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 arts of handwork, be it knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, jewelry making, quilting, crewel, embroidery, cross-stitch, etc. are warmly invited to attend.

I'ON WOMEN'S MOVIE GROUP

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

The group will be attending another movie soon. It's always a fun night at the movies with dinner following. If you are on the e-mail list you will receive an invite. To add your name to the list please contact Jan Laabs at laabsjan@hotmail.com. Hope to see you at the movies.

COMING
SOON

**GIVING LIGHTS NOMINEE APPLICATION**

Friday, August 15 - Application Deadline for Nominations



Each year during the holiday season, The I'On Trust coordinates a fundraising project, the Giving Lights of I'On, which sells luminary kits to support a local nonprofit organization that addresses a basic human need in our community.

If you would like to nominate a worthy charity to be the recipient of the 2025 award, please complete the Giving Lights Nominee Application Form [HERE](#). We will be accepting applications now through August 15th.



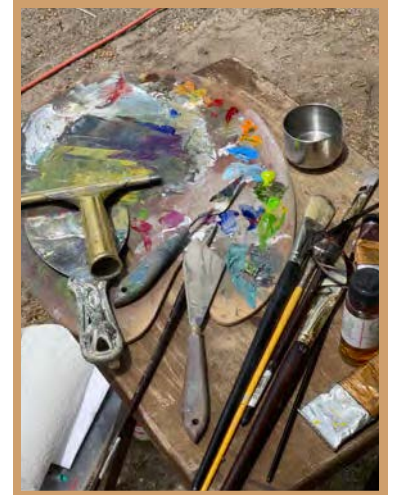


MAY HAPPENINGS WITH THE I'ON TRUST

From Plein Air Painting, pizza on the green, and a neighborhood food drive, to a Memorial Day celebration, the I'On Trust has been hard at work organizing special events for residents, and providing ways to give back to our community.

In early May, the I'On Trust welcomed talented artists from across the United States and abroad for a special plein air painting event along the marsh path near the Hopetown Road fire pit. Artists were hard at work capturing the essence of our community, and its distinctive beauty. In I'On, painters studied with local artist Charlie Hunter who extended his expertise and reviewed each artist's work. Artists and professional teachers could also be found on Shem Creek and at Waterfront Park immortalizing the beauty of Mount Pleasant and Charleston on canvas.

Our thanks to Shannon Runquist for bringing these talented artists together for this special event, and for hosting the opening night reception. Special thanks to Board President Tom O'Brien for sharing his home as a much needed respite for participants.



In mid May, Friends and families took a break from cooking and grabbed dinner on the go from Pizza de Michelino on the Maybank Green. Always a fun and tasty treat!





MORE MAY HAPPENINGS WITH THE I'ON TRUST

Toward the end of May, the Trust joined forces with I'On at Home to collect needed goods for the East Cooper Community Outreach. This non-profit organization provides assistance, guidance, and resources to help our neighbors navigate through life's challenges and food insecurity. Thank you to IAH members Barbara and Bob Adams and Janet Gertz who braved the heat and accepted donations from neighbors at the Maybank Green



School's out for summer! I'On Families recently celebrated the start to the summer season with 4 flavors of refreshing Kool Katz Italian Ice on the Maybank Green. Kool Katz served up smiles all around. The I'On Trust wishes everyone a safe and happy summer.





Despite the threat of thunderstorms, neighbors gathered at the Westlake Amphitheater to share dishes, and enjoy Publix fried chicken and lemonade. Sadly, live music was cancelled but the rain held long enough for everyone to enjoy an old fashioned potluck picnic on the lawn. Thank you to the I'On Trust for organizing another great event.

In addition to being the unofficial start to summer, Memorial Day is dedicated to honoring and mourning the U.S. military men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice defending our freedom.





COMING SOON WITH THE I'ON TRUST



4TH OF JULY WITH THE I'ON TRUST

Friday, July 4th - Events take place from 9:20 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO MAKE OUR 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION A GREAT SUCCESS! ANYONE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING IS ASKED TO CONTACT ANTONIA FOKAS AT ADMIN@IONTRUST.ORG.

From morning till night, the I'On Trust has planned another great day of celebration. Beginning at 9:20 a.m., those participating in the parade will meet at Moultrieville Road and North Shelmore. Decorate those golf carts & dress in your red, white, and blue, patriotic attire. The most festive golf cart will win prizes! Kids, dogs, walkers, bikers, wagons, etc. are welcome. Get creative and join the fun! More details to come in the July Newsletter.

Salute at the Lake - 10:00 a.m. Westlake Amphitheatre following the parade, we celebrate our country's birthday with patriotic music, the National Anthem, Pledge of Allegiance, and excerpts from the Declaration of Independence by I'On Neighbors. At the end of the salute, we award the winners of the golf cart contest!

Concert Westlake Amphitheatre - 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

ABOUT THE TRUST

Neighborhoods like I'On don't just happen, even with the best design. Creating a vital, sustaining community takes effort, planning and a group of committed neighbors willing to contribute their time, talents and experiences, and resources - some or all of these. This is what happens in I'On through the I'On Trust and our neighbors make it possible:

- The TRUST produces events and works to bring neighbors together and to create community
- The TRUST is the keeper of the spirit of I'On
- The TRUST promotes volunteerism
- Having an organization like the TRUST adds value to property in I'On



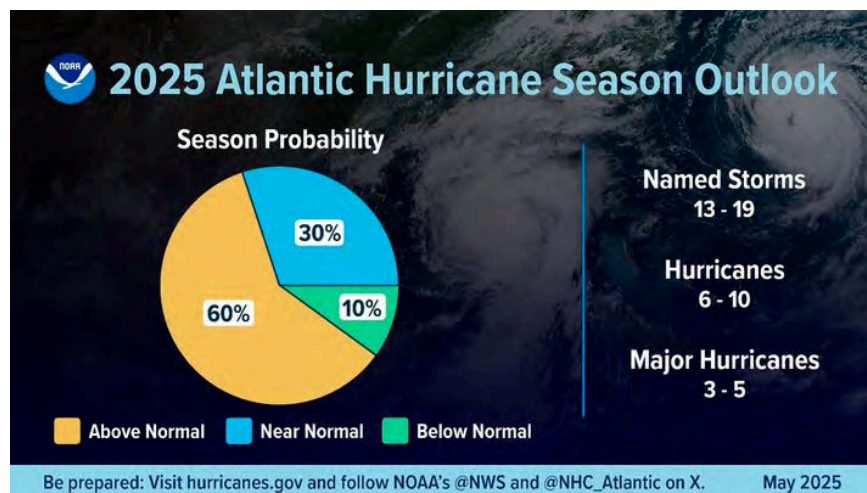
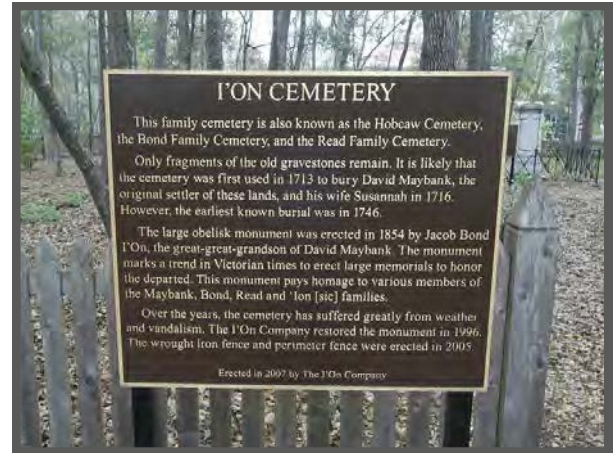
UPDATED INFORMATION

I'On Civic Parcel CV-9 and Proposed Use as an Active Cemetery

On May 20, HOA President, Tom O'Brien, Board member, Stephen Wood and General Manager, Emily Simpson, met with representatives from the Town of Mount Pleasant's planning department and delivered a letter ([CLICK HERE](#)) from our attorney, Shawn Willis. It states our strong opposition to an active cemetery in the I'On neighborhood.

We would appreciate your support of the Board's actions by writing to:

- Michele Reed (Director of Planning) MCanon@tompssc.com
- Mayor William Haynie WHaynie@tompssc.com
- Clerk of Council and ask for your letter to be forwarded to all Council members cbarrett@tompssc.com



National Hurricane Center Predicts 6 – 10 Hurricanes in 2025 Atlantic Hurricane Season

Here's How to Prepare

June 1st marked the official start of the 2025 hurricane season. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is predicting a normal Atlantic hurricane season this year, with 13 – 19 named storms, 6-10 hurricanes and 3-5 major hurricanes.

Now is a good time to create a plan for you and your family and to review the 2025 Hurricane Guide from Charleston County ([CLICK HERE](#)). The South Carolina Emergency Management Division (SCEMD) also provides useful hurricane preparedness information on their website at www.hurricane.sc and on the SC Emergency Manager app.

We also highly encourage all residents to sign up for the Town of Mount Pleasant alerts, as you will receive the most current emergency alerts and updates on topics such as trash pick-up, road closures, etc. You can sign up for alerts by visiting the Town's website at www.tompssc.com. Hover over the "I Want To" tab, then select "Subscribe" / "Notify Me" and you can select your email preferences and sign up for their alerts.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

by April Gordon

The Seasonal Shift from Spring to Summer: How our Community Garden Changes



The community garden in late May is healthy and lush as gardeners regularly water and care for their plots

Many of the cool-weather crops that we have been enjoying are now bolting and going to seed as their productive time draws to a close. Happily, their flowers are feeding the myriad pollinating insects, especially bees, drawn to the pollen and nectar they provide. It is a wonderful time of year to see Nature's cycles in action as both plants and animals respond in a choreographed dance to the change in seasons.

Walking around the garden, you will see that planting choices are diverse and every plot has a story to tell. A few still have maturing cool-weather crops planted during middle spring. Similar crops planted earlier by other gardeners are now old, tattered, and bolting. Elsewhere, there are a range of plants including post-peak chards or bolting kale growing alongside warm-weather crops that will continue to develop through the summer. In some cases, the gardener's preference for mostly flowers, herbs, or tomatoes is reflected.

In coastal South Carolina we are fortunate to have a mild climate that allows us to grow a wide variety of plants and to be outdoors in our gardens most of the year. Many community gardeners take advantage of this in our garden planning. We plant cold-hardy greens and garlic that grow over the winter and through the spring. In the spring additional crops are added including lettuce, chard, parsley, flowers, peas, and strawberries. As temperatures rise and days lengthen, warm-weather tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, basil, beans, and eggplant fill any empty spots. The goal is to fully utilize our garden space throughout the growing season. As many experienced gardeners have found, Nature abhors bare soil; it will be filled by weeds if not by plants you choose to grow.

Since our garden opening in February, the garden has become an oasis of leafy plants and blooming flowers creating a tapestry of many colors. Beginning in late May, however, we face a period of transition as spring changes to summer.



Most of this lettuce is in the process of bolting (going to seed) and becoming too bitter to eat

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Cross your fingers that these beautiful spring lettuces, kale, and carrots will continue to mature before the weather becomes too hot for them

Although most of what we grow are familiar favorites, the most eye-catching plants are the imposing artichokes and their cousin cardoons, usually grown as ornamentals for their striking foliage and magenta flowers. Both of these plants are so popular that each year more gardeners are growing them.

As our garden reveals, one of the best things about gardening is that it allows you to choose among a large variety of vegetables, herbs, flowers, and fruit. Although it is convenient to buy the limited range of transplants offered by local nurseries, the longer a person gardens, the more adventuresome they often become and eager to explore novel alternatives. A sure sign of this is finding yourself going online or poring through catalogs to discover exciting unfamiliar plants to try. This is the ultimate period of transition.

April Gordon at dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com



Among the showiest plants in the community garden is cardoons, a close relative of artichokes. Although not yet blooming, this cardoon is a stunning addition to this garden with blooming butterfly garden plants in the background



A smart way to garden is plant with seasonal change in mind. In this garden, cool-weather plants are bolting or have a limited productive life remaining, but tomatoes and peppers will thrive in the hot weather ahead

I'ON'S BUTTERFLY GARDEN

by April Gordon



Action in the Butterfly Garden is Picking Up as Spring Shifts to Summer



Several butterfly plants including Stokes asters, milkweed, yarrow, coneflowers, and scarlet salvia are blooming in this section of the butterfly garden in late May

The butterfly garden in the spring provides vital food for early emerging pollinators and, as the photo to the left shows, there are some lovely plants now blooming. However, they are mainly attracting native bees, not many butterflies.

Although only a few butterflies are being reported, more are beginning to arrive. Among the most anticipated butterflies are the iconic monarchs, whose yearly migration out of Mexico begins in early March. After leaving their overwintering sites and reaching North America, they lay eggs then die. Their offspring are the generation that continues the journey north arriving in South Carolina in April and May. The first ones recorded at the butterfly garden over the years arrived in middle-late April, as was true again this year. Although their numbers are still small, they are increasing and sightings have become more widespread here and around the state. We currently have at least one monarch laying eggs on our milkweed, the only plant their caterpillars can eat. To help these endangered butterflies survive, we grow milkweed in various locations around the garden.



The American Lady butterfly appeared in late May feeding on nectar from a Stokes aster flower

Another notable butterfly seen recently at the garden is the American lady. It was observed while photos of some of the prettiest flowers now blooming in our garden were taken for this newsletter.

By the time the July newsletter comes out, the butterfly garden will have been transformed by a larger number of flowering plants. The number and variety of butterflies and other pollinators will increase as well to take advantage of the food, shelter, and host plants (on which insects reproduce) our garden provides them. We hope many of you will visit the garden to enjoy it all.

April Gordon

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A few monarch butterflies have been seen at the butterfly garden. This one has been busy laying eggs on our milkweed plants

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The butterfly garden is looking for new neighborhood volunteers to help at the garden over the summer.

Contact April for more information if you would like to help.



Purple Martins Are Our Best New Neighbors

If you've looked up recently and noticed sleek, graceful birds darting through the sky with a cheerful chirp, you're not alone. Our newest neighbors—the Purple Martins—have officially moved in, and they're already making a big impression!

Purple Martins are the largest members of the swallow family in North America. While many people mistakenly believe they eat mosquitoes, these birds actually target larger flying insects. And that's still great news for us—Purple Martins help control some of the most bothersome and even destructive pests in our environment.



Look for the Purple Martin bird house on Eastlake installed by our kind neighbor Charlie Miller

Purple Martins eat invasive red fire ants—a notorious problem throughout the South and Midwest. They also consume termites, beetles, and other insects that no one wants near their home.

But their presence in our neighborhood is more than just convenient, it's vital. Since 1966, the Purple Martin population has declined by roughly 40%, largely due to the loss of their natural nesting sites in dead or hollowed-out trees. East of the Rocky Mountains, they now rely almost entirely on human-provided housing to breed and survive.

Thanks to a growing interest in bird-friendly habitats, our neighbor Charlie Miller, installed this impressive martin house on Eastlake a few years ago and now these birds are finding it and having their babies. Designed specifically to attract Purple Martins, it features multiple compartments and is positioned high above the ground in an open area—just the way these birds like it.

The best part? Charlie has graciously agreed to take care of all the upkeep. His goal was simple but meaningful: to provide an environmentally friendly way to support the community

Let's all take a moment to appreciate the beauty they bring and the people who help make our community a better place—one birdhouse at a time.

I'On Eco Group

Preserving I'On's beauty through sound environmental practices.

For more information, see our [web pages](#) or contact us at ionecogroup@gmail.com.



IAH Spring Fling

In May, IAH hosted our annual Spring Fling at the Creek Club. With views of the lowcountry sunset over Hobcaw Creek, we toasted the season and enjoyed the company of friends and neighbors before everyone heads off for their various summer travels!

Organized by Cathy Remington and Becky Head, with help from the IAH programs committee and our Board, we enjoyed delicious food and drinks and listened to the guitar stylings of Bob Williams with Lowcountry Strings.



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

Welcome New Neighbors

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

Maria & David Askin
75 Hopetown Road

Ann Riopel
244 Ponsbury Road

Megan Deaver & Michael Spoelstra
42 Isle of Hope Road

Gina Dematteis & Banks Wannamaker
145 Jakes 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!

2026 Directory Ad Space Submission Requests

The 2026 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.

If you would like an ad to be included in the 2026 directory, please fill out form [HERE](#) and send it back to Nina Patton at am.ion@ravenelassociates.com, no later than July 31st. Once ad placements are confirmed, sizing guidelines for how we will need to receive your ads will be sent. Ad space preferences will be reserved in the order that submission forms are received.

All final ads MUST be received by September 1st! 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 email Nina Patton or call (843) 388-7547 with any questions or concerns.

