



# LIVING IN I'ON

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



### MARCH EVENTS

FRI	3/6	First Friday
SUN	3/8	Hamby's Mobile Market
TUE	3/10	Women's Coffee
THU	3/12	Lunch Bunch
SUN	3/15	Food Trucks on the Green
WED	3/18	Potluck Bingo
WED	3/25	Yarn Buddies
SAT	3/28	After Bridge Run Concert
TBD	TBD	Women's Movie Group

### IMPORTANT DATES

TUE	3/3	IDC Meeting
THU	3/5	Recycling Pickup
TUE	3/10	IDC Submittal Deadline
TUE	3/17	St. Paddy's Day
TUE	3/17	IDC Meeting
THU	3/19	Recycling Pickup
FRI	3/20	First Day of Spring
TUE	3/31	IDC Submittal Deadline

### DOCK CLOSINGS ON PAGE 2

**I'On Board Meetings**  
**Last Tuesday of Each Month**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**Conference Room at 159 Civitas Street**

- March 31
- April 28
- May 26
- June 30
- July 28
- August 25
- September 29
- October 27
- November 24
- December 29



### E-Bike and E-Motorcycle Neighborhood Rules

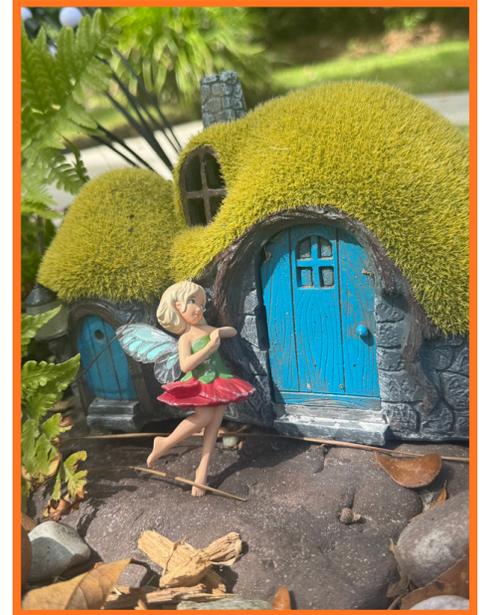
The serious and escalating issues surrounding eBike riders in I'On have forced us to address this problem for the third time in as many months.

Not only have young eBike riders exhibited unsafe and reckless behavior but have also rebuffed and cursed at adults who've attempted to provide them the eBike rules, in the hope they will abide by them.

These activities prompted the HOA to invite Lieutenant Calabrese of the Mount Pleasant Police Department to the I'On HOA monthly board meeting held on Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>.

A packed room of concerned residents expressed frustration about eBikes speeding on sidewalks, driving the wrong way down one-way streets, riding on grassy areas, and in some cases colliding with walkers. The HOA has advised residents to call the police if they witness behavior that is reckless, illegal and or could be considered harassment. Officer Calabrese has asked residents to please take photographic evidence of such incidence if possible.

If you have a child with an eBike, please read the rules of the road provided below, and make sure your child is aware of these rules. The last thing we want is for a resident, adult or child, to be harmed because of recklessness on an eBike.



Can you find this fairy living in I'On? May a clever leprechaun guard your dreams and a gentle fairy sprinkle your day with luck, laughter, and a touch of Irish magic this St. Paddy's Day!

**Electric-assist bicycles and bicycles with helper motors (E-bikes) are low-speed bicycles with no more than 750 watts (1 horsepower) and a top motor-powered speed of less than 20 mph. E-bikes must not go faster than 20 mph. If able to travel faster, they are mopeds or class 3 and require additional license and regulations. Source: Mount Pleasant Police Department**

		DOCK CLOSINGS - MARCH 2026
DATE OF EVENT	EVENT TYPE	CEREMONY TIME
Sunday, March 1st	Wedding & Reception	4:55 - 5:25
Friday, March 6th	Wedding & Reception	5:25 - 5:55
Saturday, March 7th	Wedding & Reception	3:55 - 4:25
Sunday, March 8th	Wedding & Reception	3:55 - 4:25
Friday, March 13th	Wedding & Reception	5:25 - 5:55
Saturday, March 14th	Wedding & Reception	4:25 - 4:55
Sunday, March 15th	Wedding & Reception	4:25 - 4:55
Friday, March 20th	Wedding & Reception	4:25 - 4:55
Saturday, March 21st	Wedding & Reception	4:25 - 4:55
Sunday, March 22nd	Wedding & Reception	4:25 - 4:55
Friday, March 27th	Wedding & Reception	4:55 - 5:25
Saturday, March 28th	Wedding & Reception	4:25 - 4:55
Sunday, March 29th	Wedding & Reception	4:25 - 4:55

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, March 6 - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**  
**Hosted by Lana Bilic at 33 Duany Road**



No need to RSVP, just please remember to bring your own libations, drinking glasses and a small appetizer to share.

Many thanks to Ann Riopel for hosting us in her lovely home last month. We have June, September, October, November and December openings. Please contact Lydia Gulyas at (843) 817-0138 or Libby Gillins at (404) 200-2030 if you would like to host, as they are taking over FFs.

Thank you to Wendy Nixon for beautifully organizing First Fridays for many years. Our community is grateful for your volunteerism.

### WOMEN'S COFFEE

**Tuesday, March 10 - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**  
**Hosted by Barbara Fowler at 39 Montrose Road**



Thank you to Susan Miller for hosting us in February. We hope you will join us and share a cup of conversation at the home of Barbara Fowler this month. No RSVP needed. Please bring your own 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).

### LUNCH BUNCH

**Thursday, March 12 - 12:00 p.m.**  
**Hosted by Kinnet Ehring at Coleman Public House, 427 West Coleman Boulevard**



The March luncheon will be hosted by Kinnet Ehring at the Coleman Public House. Please email Kinnet at [kinnet1018@icloud.com](mailto:kinnet1018@icloud.com) if you are interested in attending.

If you have questions or wish to host a future Lunch Bunch, please contact Patricia Fritzing at [patricia@myagentpatricia.com](mailto:patricia@myagentpatricia.com). Hosting is easy! Pick your favorite restaurant, make a reservation, collect RSVPs and provide the details to Patricia.

## POTLUCK AND BINGO

Wednesday, March 18 - 6:30 p.m.

Hosted by Michelle McQuillan at the Creek Club, 44 Saturday Road



Please join us on Wednesday, March 18th when Michelle McQuillan will host our buffet dinner and exciting games of BINGO with prizes! Encourage friends to join us and if you are new to the neighborhood, please come! It's a very easy and fun evening. Please bring a dish to share (whether homemade or purchased) along with your own plate, utensils, beverage and glass. Hope to see you there! Any questions, please contact Amy Goldy at (908) 403-5466.

## YARN BUDDIES

Wednesday, March 25 - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Hosted by Sally Raver at 97 North Shelmore Boulevard



Sally Raver is hosting Yarn Buddies at her home this month. Please contact Sally if you are able to attend via text at (203) 219-22561 or email at [sallyraver97@gmail.com](mailto:sallyraver97@gmail.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 arts of handwork, be it knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, jewelry making, quilting, crewel, embroidery, cross-stitch, etc. are warmly invited to attend.

Our warmest gratitude to Barbara Wade for hosting our February morning meeting at her beautiful home; we had a banner get-together with many new faces as well as many familiar ones in attendance. It was wonderful!

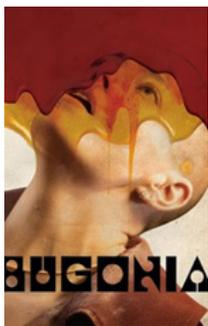
## I'ON WOMEN'S MOVIE GROUP

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

To join the movie list and receive future e-vites, please contact Jan Laabs at [laabsjan@hotmail.com](mailto:laabsjan@hotmail.com). In January ten ladies went to see the film "Hamnet" and loved it. We also went to dinner afterwards. You might want to watch the Oscars and root for "Hamnet" to win best picture and best actress. See you soon at the movies!



The 98th Annual Academy Awards will be broadcast live on March 15 at 7:00 p.m. on ABC and Hulu. Here are the Oscar nominated Best Pictures.





## THIS MONTH WITH THE I'ON TRUST

### Hamby's Mobile Market

**Sunday, March 8 - 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Maybank Green**



Hamby's Mobile Market is coming to the Maybank Green. A hot food menu will be sent out about a week or so prior to March 8. Plan on frozen casseroles, soups, and appetizers. The tea sandwiches are always a popular favorite.



Thanks for coming out in February for s'more fun, s'more gooey goodness, and s'more sweet memories by the neighborhood fire pit



### Food Truck Treats

**Sunday, March 15**

Details to follow in an upcoming E-Blast.



### After the Bridge Run Concert with the Blue Dogs Trio

**Saturday, March 28 - 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Westlake Amphitheatre**

After the Bridge Run Concert will feature 3 members of the Blue Dogs, revered for their feel-good original songs, upbeat shows, and an effortless blend of rock, pop and country.

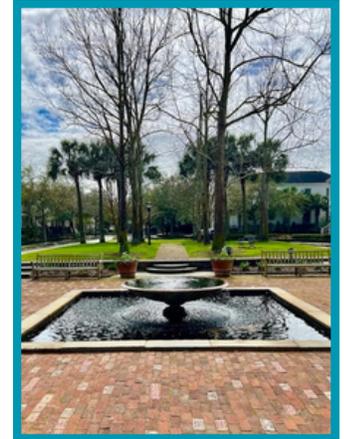




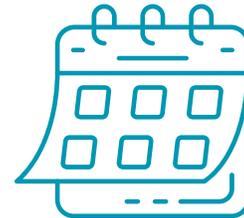
**MORE IMPORTANT DATES WITH THE I'ON TRUST**

**DEADLINE - Perseverance Square Brick Engraving 2026  
Tuesday, March 31**

If you would like to remember someone special in your life, or have your family name etched forever in I'On history, click the link to fill out a google form: **Brick Engraving**. Each brick costs \$45 and can be engraved with up to 3 lines, 13 characters per line including spaces. Orders can be placed now through March 31st, 2026. Engraved bricks will be installed in May. Contact [admin@iontrust.org](mailto:admin@iontrust.org) or call (843) 881-7541 with questions.



**MARK YOUR APRIL CALENDAR**



**Easter Egg Hunt  
Saturday, April 4 - 9:30 am. at the Eastlake Soccer Field**

Join us for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt for age groups newborn to 3 years, and 4 to 8 years. The hunt goes quickly so be sure to be on time.



**ART IN I'ON** Saturday, April 25 - 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.  
MOUNT PLEASANT, SC



**Neighborhood Parking Reminder**

It is very important that all vehicles park within the white T markings throughout the community. Some roads are narrower than others and when cars are illegally parked it makes it more difficult to maneuver.

## I'ON COMMUNITY GARDEN

### The 2026 Community Garden Is Officially Open: Plots Are Still Available

by April Gordon



With fresh pathway wood chips and a soil amendment for each garden, the community garden is ready for spring planting

On a day threatening rain and thunderstorms, the 2026 I'On Community Garden had its official opening on Saturday, February 21 at 1 pm. To gardeners' relief the weather turned out to be a spring-like 73 degrees and rain-free. Preparations for the new garden season were completed the previous week with the installation of fresh wood chips on the pathways and a bag of soil amendment for every garden plot. All that was needed were gardeners eager to begin planting.

An enthusiastic group of us showed up to discuss the season ahead and how to continue to make the community garden experience successful. First of all, in a community garden it is important for gardeners to get to know each other and to understand how our garden works to help sustain the garden as a



Inspired by the mild weather, eager gardeners are putting on their garden gloves and getting to work in their gardens

whole as well as to support the goals of individual gardeners. After introductions, gardeners were familiarized with garden planting and maintenance practices. This included an introduction to the central importance of the addition of organic matter to our gardens to maintain soil fertility and keep our gardens healthy and productive. For this reason, we add a soil amendment to each garden before planting seeds and transplants, as demonstrated by garden coordinator April Gordon.

An informal question and answer session followed with gardeners sharing their insights and experiences. One of the points many of us will remember is that gardening can be challenging, and we will face successes as well as failures. Both of these provide learning experience to help make us better gardeners (and perhaps better people) by teaching us to persevere and to be patient and willing to try new things. And as several of the more experienced gardeners remarked, a major reason they are not discouraged by their failures is because the main reward of gardening for them is the activity of gardening itself: being outdoors in nature, being physically active, working in the soil, having enjoyable relationships with other gardeners, and learning more about how nature works and the fascinating plants and animals with whom we are interconnected.

Of course, it doesn't hurt to also grow a crop of beautiful, delicious tomatoes!

**There are a few garden plots still available, first come-first serve. Contact April Gordon at [iongarden@gmail.com](mailto:iongarden@gmail.com) for a registration form.**



Gardeners are shown how to prepare their garden plots for new seeds and transplants



## I'ON BUTTERFLY GARDEN

### The Spring Monarch Migration Is Underway: When Will We See Them Here?

by April Gordon

South Carolina will soon be witnessing one of Nature’s most awe-inspiring events: the spring monarch butterfly migration. In March, the monarchs that migrated (up to 3000 miles) last fall and overwintered in the oyamel forests of Mexico are moving back to North America. They arrive first in southern Texas and spread out from there. They remain in the far south where it’s warmer and there is available milkweed, the only plant their caterpillars can eat. The adults lay eggs on the milkweed leaves and then die. The eggs that survive to become butterflies comprise the first generation of monarchs.



As temperatures warm in the spring and more milkweed is growing, the newly emerged first generation spreads into the southern plains and the Southeast. They produce the second generation of monarchs to continue the migration north. By May and June there is widespread milkweed to feed hungry caterpillars and support additional generations of butterflies throughout most of their range in the eastern United States. Some members of these multiple generations are found as far north as southern Canada, stopped at the point where milkweed no longer grows.



Tattered but still flying, this monarch (possibly overwintering) was photographed on February 8, 2019

If you look at the map of the migration, you will notice that a branch of the migration passes through South Carolina, with the largest number found along the coast. First generation monarchs begin arriving in our state in late March, followed by the second generation mostly in May. They will stop to eat and reproduce; some will stay until they die, while others continue to travel farther north. Complicating this picture is that there is evidence of overwintering monarchs along our coast that have been observed even in winter. In the spring they are moving into the same coastal areas as the migrants to feast on fresh flowers and milkweed. We have photographic evidence of the presence of both overwintering and migratory monarchs in our butterfly garden from as early as February to the end of April. Below is a sample.



Either an early migrant or an overwintering monarch, this butterfly was seen on March 2, 2022

More reports on the monarch migration will be reported in future newsletters. In the meantime, let me know—and send a photo if possible—about any March-April monarchs you see, where and when you saw them, and any other relevant information. Send to [dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com](mailto:dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com).

April Gordon



Photographed on March 28, 2016, these mature monarch caterpillars would have been laid as eggs on this milkweed in early March





## A Fun February with IAH!

February was a busy month for IAH! We kicked off the month with a fun Super Bowl watch party at the home of IAH member, Louise Howell, where our members enjoyed each others company and good food while rooting on the Seahawks and Patriots. Several IAH ladies also gathered for a fun Galentines event, where members arranged beautiful Valentine's arrangements, had fairy hair appointments, and enjoyed sweet treats!



IAH members also got to know each other better by attending a small group discussion where we teased out the nuances of various ethical dilemmas. And we enjoyed an intimate performance by classical guitarist Christopher Teeves, who played a varied repertoire for us including his own composition.



In addition to attending fun social gatherings and interesting discussions in the neighborhood, IAH members also enjoyed getting out around town including a wonderful dinner at Nick's German Kitchen, a behind the scenes tour of the South Carolina Aquarium, as well as a beautiful morning walk on the Pitt Street Bridge followed by coffee at Gala Cafe in the Old Village.

## 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...

**Meara & Cameron Denton**  
26 Saturday Road

**Ryan King**  
162 N Shelmore Boulevard



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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!

### Coyote Mating Season Safety Reminder

Coyote mating season runs from January through March (sometimes into April). During this period, coyotes become more territorial and active, which can increase encounters with people and pets. Taking simple precautions helps protect your family, your pets, and local wildlife.



#### Be Coyote Smart – Safety Tips

- Remove food sources. Do not leave pet food, water bowls, or unsecured trash outside. These attract coyotes to residential areas.
- Protect small pets. Keep cats and small animals indoors at night, especially at dawn and dusk when coyotes are most active.
- Leash dogs at all times. Keep dogs close and under control when outdoors. Avoid allowing pets to roam freely.
- Coyotes may establish dens in wooded areas, particularly be careful when walking in the rookery. Stay alert when entering or exiting.

#### If you encounter a coyote:

- Stay calm and maintain eye contact.
- Never turn your back or run.
- Make yourself appear larger and make loud noises.
- If necessary, throw sticks or rocks to scare it away.
- With small children, place them behind you and prevent them from running.

#### To report coyote/human interaction or for additional information contact:

Mount Pleasant Animal Protective Services (843) 884-4176  
[www.tompsc.com](http://www.tompsc.com)

Additional information is also available at:  
<https://www.tompsc.com/DocumentCenter/View/7765/Coexisting-with-Coyotes>