



LIVING IN I'ON

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



SEPTEMBER EVENTS

FRI	9/4	First Friday
TUE	9/8	Women's Coffee
WED	9/16	Potluck Cocktails
WED	9/23	Yarn Buddies
TUE	10/16	Lunch Bunch
TBD	TBD	Women's Movie Group

IMPORTANT DATES

TUE	9/1	IDC Meeting
THU	9/3	Recycling Pickup
MON	9/7	Labor Day
TUE	9/8	IDC Submission Deadline
FRI	9/11	Rosh Hashanah Begins
TUE	9/15	IDC Meeting
SUN	9/20	Yom Kippur Begins
THU	9/17	Recycling Pickup
TUE	9/22	First Day of Fall
TUE	9/29	IDC Submission Deadline

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

Conference Room at 159 Civitas Street

September 29
 October 27
 November 24
 December 15



I'On Assembly Seeks Candidates

Each year during the annual meeting in January, I'On holds open elections for candidates who are interested in serving a two-year term on the I'On Board of Directors.

For the 2027-2028 terms, there will be three (3) two-year term positions for Board seats available to candidates.

Your current Board of Directors encourages you to get involved in the future direction of I'On by running for a board seat or encouraging a neighbor to get involved.

Board members are available between now and the January election to discuss the job responsibilities and what it is like to serve on the board. All we ask is that you are able to commit to at least two hours a week and have an open mind about making decisions that are in the best interest of all 761 titleholders.

The Board welcomes all residents to attend our monthly meetings, typically held the last Tuesday of each month. This is a great way to personally get a feel for how the Board operates. Upcoming board meetings are scheduled for September 29, October 27, November 24, and December 15 (changed due to holidays).

Please contact our General Manager, Emily Simpson if you are interested in learning more: esimpson@ravenelassociates.com

2026-2027 Board of Directors

Elaine Blaisdell-Taylor - Board President
 Stephen Wood - Vice President & IDC Liaison
 Roy Rathbun - Treasurer & Finance Chair
 Chris Colen - Secretary & Communications Chair
 Donna Davis - Amenities Chair
 Lori Feehan - Landscape & Infrastructure Chair
 Lon Waggoner - Covenants Chair



Neighbors gathered for a Back to School Pizza & Ice Cream party to celebrate the start of a new school year and the end of summer vacation. See more photos on Page 5 of this fun family event sponsored by the I'On Trust.

**DOCK CLOSINGS SEPTEMBER 2026**

EVENT DATE	EVENT TYPE	EVENT TIME
Friday, September 4th	Wedding & Reception	4:55 - 5:25
Saturday, September 5th	Wedding & Reception	4:25 - 4:55
Sunday, September 6th	Wedding & Reception	4:55 - 5:25
Saturday, September 12th	Wedding & Reception	4:25 - 4:55
Sunday, September 13th	Wedding & Reception	5:25 - 5:55
Friday, September 18th	Wedding & Reception	5:25 - 5:55
Saturday, September 19th	Wedding & Reception	5:25 - 5:55
Sunday, September 20th	Wedding & Reception	3:55 - 4:25
Friday, September 25th	Wedding & Reception	4:55 - 5:25
Saturday, September 26th	Wedding & Reception	4:25 - 4:55
Sunday, September 27th	Wedding & Reception	4:55 - 5:25

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, September 4 - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Hosted by Vicky and John Wynn at 174 North Shelmore Boulevard



Our First Friday Cocktails is coming up on Friday, September 4th, graciously hosted by Vicky and John Wynn. No need to RSVP. Just remember to bring your own libations, drinking glasses, and a small appetizer to share. Many thanks to Tom O'Brien for hosting us in June!

Hosting opportunities are available in November, December, and the first months of 2027. Please contact Lydia Gulyas at (843) 817-0138 or Libby Gillins at (404) 200-2030 if you would like to host.

WOMEN'S COFFEE - NEW TO I'ON? JOIN US!

Tuesday, September 8 - 10:00 to 12:00 p.m.

Hosted by Harriet Ripinsky at 79 Moultrieville Road



Thank you to Harriet who will be hosting the September women's coffee, our first since we paused for a summer break. **New to the neighborhood? We would love to welcome you. Join us for a cup of joe, meet your neighbors, and make new friends.**

For further information, or to host a future coffee, contact Abigail Wolitzer at abbywolitzer@yahoo.com or Farrah Follmann at ffollmann@yahoo.com.

POTLUCK COCKTAILS

Wednesday, September 16 - 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Hosted by Karen and Roy Rathbun at the Creek Club 44 Saturday Road



Please join Karen and Roy Rathbun this month as they host a Pot Luck COCKTAIL party! Our June cocktail party was a big hit so we are excited to repeat the fun. You are invited to bring your favorite appetizer to share with neighbors. We will have bistro tables scattered throughout the dining room overlooking the beautiful views of the Hobcaw Creek. Don't forget your favorite drink and glass to enjoy during the evening. We will have ice, cocktail plates and napkins.

Any questions, please contact Amy Goldy at (908) 403-5466 or Lisa Streiff at (773) 620-0786.

YARN BUDDIES

Wednesday, September 23 - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Hosted by Susan Fitzgerald at 185 North Shelmore Boulevard

Susan Fitzgerald is hosting Yarn Buddies at her home this month. Please let Susan know if you can attend by texting or calling: (703) 402-3298 or by emailing: susan.ivey.fitzgerald@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.

LUNCH BUNCH

NO SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON



Lunch Bunch will return in October. If you have questions or wish to host a future Lunch Bunch, please contact Patricia Fritzinger by text at (843) 870-4937 or email at patricia@myagentpatricia.com. Hosting is easy! Pick your favorite restaurant, make a reservation, and collect RSVPs.

I'ON WOMEN'S MOVIE GROUP

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

Sometimes, we combine a movie with a lunch or dinner. It always allows for great conversation with a wonderful group of women. To join the movie list and receive future e-vites, please contact Jan Laabs at laabsjan@hotmail.com. Some great films will be released this fall. Hope to see you then if not sooner.



NEWS FROM THE I'ON TRUST

Mark Your Calendars



The & Lobster Truck is Coming to the Maybank Green

Wednesday, October 7 - Save the Date

HALLOWEEN IN THE HOOD

October 2026 - Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to make this annual event a great success. We are also in need of an Event Chair. Anyone interested in helping is asked to email admin@iontrust.org.





2026 Giving Lights Recipient

**Ronald McDonald
House Charities®**
Charleston

The I'On Trust is proud to announce that the 2026 Giving Lights fundraiser will support Ronald McDonald House Charities of Charleston (RMHC Charleston) and its Expanding Hope project.

RMHC Charleston provides essential services that remove barriers, strengthen families, and promote healing when children need medical care. For more than 70,000 families, RMHC Charleston has provided comfort and a "home-away-from-home," keeping families close to their children and lifesaving healthcare during some of their most difficult moments.

This past June, RMHC Charleston broke ground on an expansion of its Charleston House that will add 34 new guest rooms, more than doubling its current capacity. The new House, located adjacent to the existing facility on Calhoun Street, will provide families with welcoming spaces to rest, connect, and heal, along with indoor areas and outdoor play spaces for siblings.

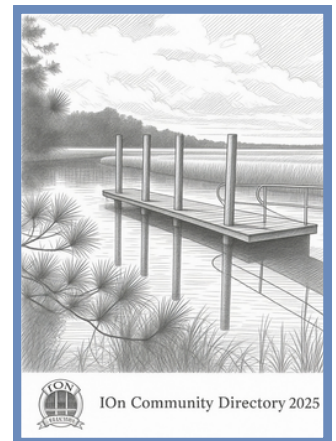
As more families travel to Charleston seeking specialized medical treatment for their children, this expansion will allow RMHC Charleston to welcome even more families in need.

Update Your Directory Contact Information!

The 2027 I'On Community Directory will go to print October 1st.

- If your information was not correct in last year's directory or you need to update any information, please email Nina Patton at am.ion@ravenelassociates.com.
- If your home is occupied by a renter, please email Nina with their contact information so that they may be included in the directory as well!

Please make sure your information is accurate no later than Wednesday, September 30th.



Eastlake Field Activities Reminder



We have received reports that golf balls have been hit on the Eastlake field. Please be reminded that hitting golf balls on the Eastlake field is prohibited.

The field is available for activities such as soccer, lacrosse, and other recreational activities. We also ask everyone using the field to please be mindful of the surrounding properties and our neighbors.

Keeping activities within the field and being respectful of nearby homes helps ensure that everyone can safely enjoy this community amenity. Thank you for your cooperation and consideration of our neighbors!



Back to School Celebration

Families and friends celebrated the start of a new school year and the end of summer vacation at the I'On Trust's Pizza and Ice Cream party at the Creek Club. Thank you to members of the I'On Trust for all you do to bring neighbors together and make our community special.





New Children's Little Free Library

Be sure to check out the new Children's Little Free Library located on Ponsbury Road next to 249 Ponsbury!

Families are encouraged to stop by, borrow a book, or leave one to share. Little Free Libraries helps build community, inspire readers, and expand book access. We are lucky to now have three such libraries within I'On. Happy Reading!

Eastlake Bulkhead Replacement Update



As you can see in the photos, work on the Eastlake bulkhead replacement is making great progress. BluTide Marine has begun installing the helical tiebacks along the western side of Eastlake, an important step in strengthening the new bulkhead system. Once this phase is complete, crews will begin installing the new timber bulkhead wall in approximately 100-foot sections.

The project remains on schedule and is expected to take approximately 180 days to complete. We appreciate everyone's patience and cooperation as this important infrastructure improvement continues and will keep the community updated as work progresses.



This month's progress shows the installation of the helical tiebacks and preparation for the new timber bulkhead wall.

Parking & Maneuvering in I'On

To help keep I'On safe and accessible, please remember that street parking is permitted only in designated, marked parking spaces. Homeowners are responsible for ensuring that their contractors, vendors, and guests are aware of this requirement. Vehicles should never be parked outside marked spaces, on curves, or in any location that obstructs visibility or traffic flow.

When driving through the neighborhood, please use caution on our narrow streets and yield to oncoming traffic whenever necessary. A little courtesy goes a long way in keeping everyone safe!



I'ON COMMUNITY GARDEN

Where We Go from Here: September at the Community Garden

by April Gordon



There are many summer plants in the late August garden, but September offers many choices for what to grow as the summer season winds down

In late August, most garden plots remain full of summer vegetables, flowers, and herbs. Unfortunately, the challenging weather we have been experiencing since July, along with plant diseases and pests, has taken a toll on many crops. Tomatoes, squash, cucumbers, and beans, for example, are mostly gone. Peppers and eggplant look healthy but have slowed their flower and fruit production to a crawl.



Although numerous banana peppers in garden plots remain bushy and healthy, high temperatures have sharply reduced flowering and fruiting

Nonetheless, there are bright spots and prospects for some summer crops to bounce back in September as temperatures moderate and rain chances improve. Healthy peppers and eggplant are among the plants that should begin growing more vigorously again in September. Even the rare healthy cucumber in one plot is producing flowers and might have cucumbers in the weeks ahead while the numerous large bushy basil plants sprinkled around the garden can produce delicious leaves well into the fall. Gardeners with okra are fortunate to have a crop that loves the heat and will also continue to produce tasty pods until the plants are killed by frost or a freeze.



Most cucumbers are dead and gone, but this one is surprisingly healthy with multiple flowers. Time will tell if cucumbers develop in the weeks ahead

In some cases, thanks to our long growing season, some summer crops can still be grown from seeds in September. Good candidates for this are cucumbers, bush beans, and summer squash (zucchini and yellow crookneck). And as I discussed in August's newsletter, new tomato plants can be started from transplants including from rooted cuttings from the garden. I have some I rooted from my garden and will be planting them along with fresh bean and squash seeds. And since September is also the time to plant seeds for fall-winter crops, I can add those as well. The point is to always keep something growing and not be afraid to try new things.

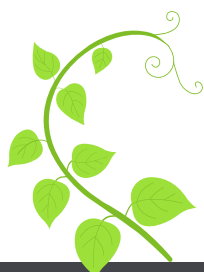
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Seemingly impervious to hot weather, several bushy basil plants are still thriving and loaded with leaves. By removing the flowerheads they can remain productive until the weather turns too chilly for them



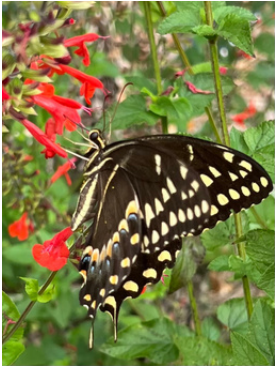
In August I planted a cutting from one of my tomato plants. It has grown roots and will soon be ready to move back to the garden as a new tomato transplant



I'ON BUTTERFLY GARDEN

Meet the Skippers: the Butterflies You probably Don't Know

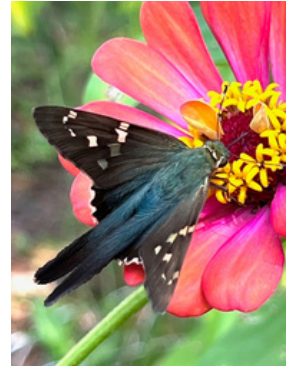
by April Gordon



Eastern black swallowtail butterflies, a brushfoot butterfly, always draw admiring glances at the butterfly garden. This one is drinking nectar from one of our scarlet salvia flowers

When most people think of butterflies, they have in mind the largest, most colorful members of the Lepidoptera family, the brushfoots, which includes monarchs, fritillaries, and swallowtails among others. With these beauties stealing the limelight, little noticed are the smaller, less showy, but more numerous skipper butterflies. This newsletter aims to shine a spotlight on these less familiar but important pollinators. As you will find, skippers are not only interesting but quite beautiful when you look at them closely.

Skippers get their name from the way they flit or dart from flower to flower vs. gliding or riding the wind like the brushfoots. Unlike the slender-bodied brushfoots, skipper bodies are furry with large heads and eyes and stubby wings. They visit and pollinate many of the same flowers as brushfoots, but they are especially important as pollinators of smaller flowering plants and herbs. There are two types of skippers: grass skippers and spread wing skippers. Grass skippers are predominantly orange or yellow to blend in with the grasses that are the host plants for their caterpillars, and when they land they hold their forewings open in a v shape. The spread wing skippers land with their wings open and flat, and their host plants are more varied as are their colors and patterns.



The most beautiful skipper at the butterfly garden is this stunning long-tailed skipper. Note the "furry" body, characteristic of skippers



The fiery skipper is a grass skipper and one of the most common in the late summer and fall

Adapted to different niches in the environment, one of the most interesting differences between brushfoots and skippers is how they rear their young. Brushfoot caterpillars grow on leaves in the open and are visible during the day; skipper caterpillars feed nocturnally and hide in folded leaf shelters during the day. At the garden, with few exceptions, any butterfly caterpillars you see will likely be brushfoots.

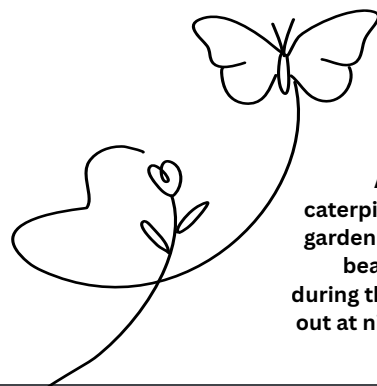
In late summer through fall, skippers are the most often seen butterflies in our garden. So be sure to look for them when you visit the garden.



The common checkered skipper is a small but beautiful spread wing skipper



Vividly colored black swallowtail caterpillars are brushfoots. Their resemblance to monarch caterpillars, which are toxic, protects them from predators



A long-tailed skipper caterpillar was found at the garden wrapped up inside a bean leaf where it hides during the daytime. It comes out at night to feed on other bean leaves



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

Looking Forward to Fall with IAH



As the summer wraps up, IAH members are looking forward to cooler weather and a busy calendar of events this fall. We'll celebrate the changing of the seasons and catch up with friends at neighbors after their summer travels at our Fall Fete. The next several weeks will also bring the return of our Great Decisions and Investment Education and Insight discussion groups and our walking group will return to regular walks around the Charleston area once the heat has subsided!



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...

Alexa Raimondi & Michael McCormick
50 Hospitality Street



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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!

I'On Tree Removal / Replacement Policy

In late 2022 I'On adopted a tree removal and replacement policy (which was filed with the Charleston County Registrar of Deeds in early 2023.) Its purpose is to support the preservation of the community's tree canopy. This policy is in addition to, and does not replace, the Town of Mount Pleasant's tree protection ordinance. Attached [here](#) is I'On's Tree Removal and Replacement Policy.



The IDC, in coordination with the HOA, is charged with preserving the natural tree canopy of I'On.

The policy includes several important guidelines, which include, but are not limited to:

- The I'On Design Committee (IDC) must review and approve, in advance, the removal of all trees—regardless of their health-- whose Diameter at Breast Height (DBH) is greater than 6 inches.
- If a tree is removed without IDC authorization, this is a violation of the covenants. The violation will go through the Covenants Committee for the unauthorized removal. The minimum amount of the imposed fine for the unauthorized cutting down of a tree(s) is \$5,000 per tree.
- The IDC may require homeowners to mitigate the tree(s)' removal with the planting of a replacement tree(s) or a contribution to I'On's tree fund. This is in addition to the Town's mitigation requirements.

For any questions about tree removals, or any exterior changes/additions/modifications, please contact I'On's Neighborhood Design Coordinator, Tourine Johnstone at idc_ion@ravenelassociates.com or (843) 606-6366.

