

LIVING IN I'ON

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



OCTOBER EVENTS

FRI	10/2	First Friday
WED	10/7	Lobster Truck
TUE	10/13	Women's Coffee
THU	10/15	Lunch Bunch
SUN	10/25	Halloween in the Hood
WED	10/28	Yarn Buddies
N/A	N/A	Potluck Event
TBD	TBD	Women's Movie Group

IMPORTANT DATES

THU	10/1	Recycling Pickup
TUE	10/6	IDC Meeting
MON	10/12	Columbus Day
TUE	10/13	IDC Submission Deadline
THU	10/15	Recycling Pickup
TUE	10/20	IDC Meeting
TUE	10/27	IDC Submission Deadline
THU	10/29	Recycling Pickup
SAT	10/31	Halloween

DOCK CLOSINGS ON PAGE 2

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

Conference Room at 159 Civitas Street

October 27
 November 24
 December 15



HALLOWEEN IN THE 'HOOD

The I'On Trust has been hard at work planning Halloween in the 'Hood but we need your help.

Volunteers make this event happen and we can't do it without you!

There are many ways you can help, please click [HERE](#) to find out and sign up.

If your kids need volunteer hours for a school program this is a perfect opportunity.

Thank you in advance for volunteering your time.



Just a few old I'On neighbors gathering for some bone-chilling conversation.

Halloween in the 'Hood

Sunday, October 25
 4:00 to 6:00 pm
 Maybank Green

Cost of admission is a bag of candy per family.

RAISE YOUR HAND TO VOLUNTEER



 DOCK CLOSINGS OCTOBER 2026		
EVENT DATE	EVENT TYPE	EVENT TIME
Thursday, October 1st	Wedding & Reception	5:25 - 5:55
Saturday, October 3rd	Wedding & Reception	4:25 - 4:55
Sunday, October 4th	Wedding & Reception	4:25 - 4:55
Friday, October 9th	Wedding & Reception	5:25 - 5:55
Saturday, October 10th	Wedding & Reception	4:25 - 4:55
Sunday, October 11th	Wedding & Reception	4:25 - 4:55
Friday, October 16th	Wedding & Reception	4:25 - 4:55
Saturday, October 17th	Wedding & Reception	5:25 - 5:55
Sunday, October 18th	Wedding & Reception	3:55 - 4:25
Friday, October 23rd	Wedding & Reception	5:25 - 5:55
Saturday, October 24th	Wedding & Reception	4:25 - 4:55
Sunday, October 25th	Wedding & Reception	4:55 - 5:25
Friday, October 30th	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, October 2 - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Hosted by Claudia Von Asten at 11 Robert Mills Circle



Please join us this month at the home of Claudia Von Asten. Remember to bring your own libations, drinking glasses, and a small appetizer to share. Thank you to Vicky and John Wynn for graciously hosting us in September.

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, October 13 - 10:00 to 12:00 p.m.

Hosted by Farrah Follmann at 122 West Shipyard Road



Farrah Follmann will host the I'On women's coffee on October 13th from 10-12 pm. Her address is 122 W Shipyard. Thank you to Harriet Rapinski for hosting us in September. New to the neighborhood? 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

NO OCTOBER POTLUCK EVENT



There will be no Pot Luck in October. A big thank you to Karen and Roy Rathbun for hosting the successful September Potluck Cocktail Party. It was a gorgeous night filled with fun neighbors, delicious food and great views. See you in November!

If you are interested in hosting a pot luck dinner, a bingo night or a cocktail party, please reach out to Amy Goldy at (908) 403-5466.

LUNCH BUNCH**Thursday, October 15 - 12:30 p.m. at Allora, 114 Spring Street**

We will be meeting for lunch at Allora Coastal Italian Restaurant (<https://www.allorachs.com/>) but can only accommodate 12 guests. Please RSVP by Tuesday, October 13 by calling or texting Amy Goldy at (908) 403-5466.

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.

**YARN BUDDIES****Wednesday, October 28 - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.****Hosted by Elizabeth Zeppernick at 58 Saturday Road**

Elizabeth Zeppernick is hosting Yarn Buddies at her home, 58 Saturday Road. Please let Elizabeth know if you can attend by texting or calling: (917) 434-7459 or by emailing: ezeppernick@gmail.com. Thank you to Susan Fitzgerald for hosting us in September.

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 I'On Women's Movie Group recently went to see "Practical Magic 2." We all enjoyed it. Even those who missed the original over 20 years ago. To join the movie list and receive future e-vites, please contact Jan Laabs at laabsjan@hotmail.com.

**THIS MONTH WITH THE I'ON TRUST**

The & Lobster Truck is Coming to the Maybank Green
Wednesday, October 7 - 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars if you love lobster! & Lobster Food Truck is coming to Maybank Green. There will be order ahead on the day of the event only and walk ups.

Please visit their website at andlobster.com for a preview of what they will be bringing.

HALLOWEEN IN THE 'HOOD**Sunday, October 25 - 4:00 to 6:00 pm at the Maybank Green**

Calling all witches, monsters, and ghosts. The I'On Trust will be your host! Wear your best costumes for some Halloween happenings in the hood. Join us for an early evening of fun, featuring kid's games, costume contests, jump castles, and more...



Attention Dog Owners



- 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. Off leash pets must be under voice control, and within view and reach of the owner.
- Pet Waste must be picked up and properly disposed of from all common areas and neighboring properties. The HOA supplies and maintains over 30 dog stations throughout the community to facilitate compliance.

The Town of Mt Pleasant code of ordinances states that leaving pet waste in a Critical Line Buffer Zone, which includes the Marsh Trail, carries a general municipal violation penalty of up to a \$500 fine, and 30 days in imprisonment, or both.

Let's all remember to be courteous and responsible pet owners; keeping your pets leashed when on streets and sidewalks and always picking up after them. We appreciate your assistance in protecting our community and its common areas for the enjoyment of all.

Join the I'On Circle App Community

I'On residents have access to the Circle App for topics such as; service provider recommendations, for-sale items, lost and found, announcements, events, etc.

This app is exclusively for residents of our neighborhood, creating a more focused and trusted place to connect, share information, ask questions, and stay informed about what's happening in our community. Our community aims to foster collaboration, enhance communication, and provide valuable resources for homeowners. We strive to create an environment where residents can connect, share insights, and engage in a positive way in our community.

Follow the link: <https://ion-assembly.circle.so/c/get-started>
or
Join the I'On Circle App by Scanning the QR Code



Additional Boat Ramp Security Cameras

The Board approved installing 3 additional cameras at the boat ramp. This is a result of continued issues with the misuse of this amenity. We now have the capability to see the watercraft being launched as well as SC registration numbers.

This summer we have experienced continued issues with the lock at the boat ramp being tampered with and damaged. In addition, on many occasions the chain is left unlocked, and this allows unauthorized users to access the ramp and docks.

The Docks are for I'On residents only and should be used in a courteous and respectful way. We have begun to notify residents of their actions and will result in the loss of dock privileges for continued misuse.

The community is fortunate to have this amenity that allows deep water access to the waterways.

I'ON COMMUNITY GARDEN

What's Growing in the October Garden

by April Gordon



After a long hot summer, decorative and edible plants continue to fill community gardeners' plots as the fall season approaches

Fortunately, there are several standouts remaining among our summer crops. A few worth highlighting include eggplants, summer squash, peppers, and basil (see September's newsletter). A recent surprise in one garden was the discovery of a medium-sized watermelon peeking out from among numerous melon vines. Its unusual butternut squash shape is likely the result of the top of the fruit being stunted by a lack of water during drought earlier in the summer with the larger round bottom benefiting from more recent rain or watering. With plenty of warm weather ahead, this and other melon plants have many more weeks to develop fruit.



This blue-winged wasp on garlic chive blossoms is not only beautiful but a voracious predator on many garden pests

Another widespread but little used plant in our garden is garlic chives; this cold-hardy perennial herb is in fact one of the most useful plants to have in your garden. In late summer and fall you can observe its small white flowers clustered together on long stalks above its deep green foliage. Not only is the plant decorative but the entire plant is edible, both cooked and raw. The flowers, leaves and stems can be used to add a mild oniony-garlicky flavor to salads, stir fries, egg dishes, sauces, and soups. They can also be used as an attractive garnish or blended into compound butters and infused vinegars. And the unopened flower buds and stems can be chopped and stir-fried similar to asparagus. Arguably, however, the most valuable benefit of garlic chives is that its flowers provide both nectar and pollen for bees, butterflies, and other pollinators in the later part of the year when other food sources are becoming less plentiful. These beneficial insects in turn attract predatory insects that attack pest insects of garden crops. Bottom line: garlic chives in your garden involves a reciprocal relationship from which both gardeners and insects benefit. What's not to like!



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I'ON BUTTERFLY GARDEN

Butterfly Fall Migration: It's Not Just Monarchs on the Move

by April Gordon



Milkweed is critical for monarch survival. Their flowers are a favorite nectar source for adults, and milkweed leaves are the only food their caterpillars can eat

Most of us are familiar with the legendary migration of monarch butterflies each fall to spend the winter in the oyamel forests of Mexico. But I bet you didn't know that there is another common butterfly that undertakes a similar long-distance migration south this time of year: the cloudless sulphur. Although you may have never heard of these butterflies, you have probably seen them. These eye-catching lemony yellow beauties are widespread throughout late summer and into December along roadsides, in fields, and in gardens — including our butterfly garden. As with monarchs, cloudless sulphurs begin their migration from as far away as Canada and spend the winter in southern Florida or in South America. Sulphurs become even more noticeable than monarchs because they fly and spend more time low to the ground (3'-9') whereas monarchs mostly fly thousands of feet in the air on thermals where they are unseen by people.

Although both monarchs and cloudless sulphurs can be observed in the butterfly garden now, the monarchs are local not the migrants who will be arriving in October. Late October and November are the peak of the monarch migration when far more migrants are around to feed on nectar flowers, rest, and then resume their travels. By contrast, the cloudless sulphurs we are seeing and will be seeing in the months ahead are residents joined by a large

numbers of migrants. When you come to the butterfly garden, you will notice that the monarchs are attracted mainly to the many milkweed plants we grow; but cloudless sulphurs, which prefer red tubular flowers, are mostly feeding on firebush, scarlet salvia, and Turk's cap. It is delightful to watch both of these busy butterflies at the garden flying from flower to flower and to know that our garden is helping them survive their long journey ahead.

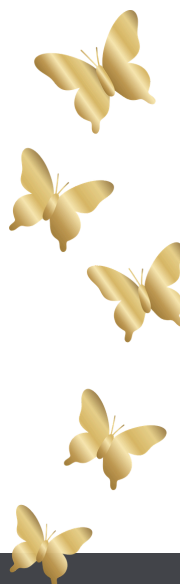
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Scarlet salvia is a favorite food for cloudless sulphurs. The spots on the wings indicate that this sulphur is a female



The beautiful multicolored flowers of firebush at the garden attract many cloudless sulphurs and hummingbirds too





Dinner in Spain with Chef Stu



Last month, IAH members were transported to an evening in Spain when Chef Stu whipped up a multi course dinner inspired by Spain's culinary traditions. Hosted at Marty and Ben Tennille's home and organized by Marty and Cathy Remington, IAH members first enjoyed cooking demonstrations from Chef Stu and then had the pleasure of sitting down together to enjoy a delicious Spanish dinner!



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...

Kitty Ijams & Clem Butt
146 N Shelmore Boulevard

Cara & Robert Ott
22 Frogmore Road

Cheri & Chris Milner
66 Sowell Street



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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!

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 760 titleholders.

The Board welcomes all residents to attend our monthly meetings, typically held the third Monday of each month. This is a great way to personally get a feel for how the Board operates. Upcoming board meetings are scheduled for October 27, November 24, and December 29 (December meeting may be rescheduled 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

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