# LIVING IN I'ON

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



## NOVEMBER EVENTS

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| WED | 11/4 | I'On Food Drive |
| FRI | 11/6 | First Friday |
| TUE | 11/10 | Women's Coffee |
| WED | 11/18 | Lunch Bunch |
| WED | 11/18 | Yarn Buddies |
| N/A | N/A | No Potluck Event |
| TBD | N/A | Women's Movie Group |

## IMPORTANT DATES

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|---|---|---|
| TUE | 11/3 | IDC Meeting |
| TUE | 11/3 | Election Day |
| TUE | 11/10 | IDC Submission Deadline |
| WED | 11/11 | Veterans' Day |
| THU | 11/12 | Recycling Pickup |
| TUE | 11/17 | IDC Meeting |
| TUE | 11/24 | IDC Submission Deadline |
| THU | 11/26 | Thanksgiving Day |
| FRI | 11/27 | Recycling Pickup |

DOCK CLOSINGS ON PAGE 2

**I'On Board Meetings**
**Last Tuesday of Each Month**
**6:00 p.m.**
**Conference Room at 159 Civitas Street**

November 24
December 15 - Holiday Schedule

## I'ON FOOD DRIVE

**EAST COOPER COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

Wednesday, November 4 - 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.
Maybank Green between N. Shelmore Drive & McDaniel Lane
Hosted by the I'On Trust and I'On at Home




### Needed Items

- Cereal/Oatmeal
- Canned Yams/Sweet Potatoes
- Canned Green Beans/Corn/Peas
- Canned Cranberry Sauce
- Cake/Brownie/Cookie Mix
- Rice
- Soup
- Cornbread Mix
- Stuffing Mix
- Laundry Detergent

### Drop-Off Location

Maybank Green Park in I'On between N Shelmore Dr and McDaniel Ln




Scan here to donate or shop ECCO's Amazon Wishlist online!

HOSTED BY I'ON TRUST & I'ON AT HOME

ECCO
EAST COOPER COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Providing help and hope to neighbors facing financial hardship since 1989.
Find out more at www.eccocharleston.org

Happy THANKSGIVING

creek club at ION

## DOCK CLOSINGS NOVEMBER 2026

| EVENT DATE | EVENT TYPE | EVENT TIME |
|---|---|---|
| Sunday, November 1st | Wedding & Reception | 4:25 - 4:55 |
| Friday, November 6th | Wedding & Reception | 3:55 - 4:25 |
| Saturday, November 7th | Wedding & Reception | 4:25 - 4:55 |
| Sunday, November 8th | Wedding & Reception | 4:25 - 4:55 |
| Friday, November 13th | Wedding & Reception | 4:25 - 4:55 |
| Saturday, November 14th | Wedding & Reception | 4:25 - 4:55 |
| Sunday, November 15th | Wedding & Reception | 3:55 - 4:25 |
| Friday, November 20th | Wedding & Reception | 4:25 - 4:55 |
| Saturday, November 21st | Wedding & Reception | 4:25 - 4:55 |
| Friday, November 27th | 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, November 6 - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**
**Hosted by Lydia Gulyas at 147 Ionsborough Street**




The next First Friday cocktails will be at the home of Lydia Gulyas, 147 Ionsborough Street. Many thanks to Claudia von Asten for hosting our October event.

We are seeking hosts for February and beyond. Please contact Lydia Gulyas at (843) 817-0138 or Libby Gillins at (404) 200-2030 if you would like to host.

## WOMEN'S COFFEE

**Tuesday, November 10 - 10:00 to 12:00 p.m.**
**Hosted by Kris Barnhardt at 18 Grace Lane.**



The November Women's Coffee will be held at Kris Barnhardt's house at 18 Grace Lane. Thank you to those who attended the October coffee hosted by Farrah Follmann. Hope to see you all again for great conversation over a cup of Joe.

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 NOVEMBER POTLUCK EVENT**



There will be no Potluck event in November. If you are interested in hosting a Potluck dinner, bingo night or cocktail party, please reach out to Amy Goldy at (908) 403-5466.

## LUNCH BUNCH



**Wednesday, November 18 - 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Naan**
**915 Houston Northcutt Boulevard - https://naanatmtpleasant.com/**
**Hosted by Kristen Anderson**

Join the Lunch Bunch at Naan in Mount Pleasant on Wednesday November 18th. Please RSVP to Kristen Anderson at kristenande@gmail.com or (837) 532-4336 **NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 13.**

Thank you to Amy Goldy for organizing the October luncheon. 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, November 18 - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**
**Hosted by Sally Raver at 97 North Shelmore - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

Sally Raver is hosting Yarn Buddies this month. Please let Sally know if you are able to attend, via text: (203) 219-2256 or email: sallyraver97@gmail.com. Sincere thanks to Elizabeth Zeppernick for her warm hospitality in hosting our lively group this past October.

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...**

To join the movie list and receive future e-vites, please contact Jan Laabs at laabsjan@hotmail.com. Here is a short list of popular Thanksgiving films to watch from the comfort of your couch.

- For laughs: *Planes, Trains and Automobiles*
- For family nostalgia: *A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving*
- For relatable family chaos: *Home for the Holidays*
- For something heartfelt: *Pieces of April*
- For kicking off Christmas: *Miracle on 34th Street*



## Mount Pleasant Way Project Update and Fall Annuals at Entrances

Construction on the Mount Pleasant Way project has begun along Mathis Ferry Road. Crews have installed tree protection fencing and have started clearing vegetation in the project area.

The installation of fall annuals at the community entrances will be delayed due to the ongoing Mount Pleasant Way construction.

## THIS MONTH WITH THE I'ON TRUST

### Support the I'On Trust's 24th Annual Giving Lights of I'On Luminary Lighting & Holiday Festival of Giving

**SAVE THE DATE:** Sunday, December 6, 2026 - 5:00 p.m. luminary lighting

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. We hope all our neighbors will participate by making a contribution to receive one or more luminary kits in support of this project.

The fundraiser culminates with neighbors lining the streets in front of their homes with luminaries and lighting them all on the same night during the Holiday Festival of Giving. **Help light up our neighborhood on Sunday, December 6th at 5:00 p.m.,** knowing you are making a significant impact for individuals in our community.

Ronald McDonald House® Charleston

**2026 I'On Trust Giving Lights Recipient**

The I'On Trust is pleased this year's proceeds will benefit Expanding Hope a special initiative of Ronald McDonald House Charities Charleston. This is for a 34 room expansion in downtown Charleston.

Captains will be working hard delivering order forms for the 24th annual Giving Lights Fundraiser, on and after November 1st. Please join us in our support for Ronald McDonald House Charities Charleston and **Complete the donation/order form by Friday, November 20th.** Each kit ordered contains supplies for 12 luminaries at a cost of $20 each. If your lot is larger or on a corner, you will likely need more than 1 kit. If you would like to contribute to our public luminaries, any additional amount is appreciated.

**Kits will be delivered by Wednesday, December 2nd.** Pay with cash, Venmo @iontrust or a check payable to The I'On Trust by returning the form to your neighborhood captain. Due to increased costs of processing fees for both PayPal and our website host we are not taking credit cards. We will make this as convenient as possible so please reach out if you need assistance at admin@iontrust.org.

The I'On Trust is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization (EIN #57-1071873). Materials will be paid for so 100% of the funds raised will go to Expanding Hope.



**HELP LIGHT**



**THE WAY...**



## COMING SOON FROM THE I'ON TRUST

### Award Winning Musician Charlton Singleton Coming to I'On this January - Learn More Via the I'On Circle App



**This January, the I'On Trust will present an evening with Charlton Singleton, award-winning musician, composer, educator, artistic director and conductor of the Charleston Jazz Orchestra**

This January, the I'On Trust will present an evening with Charlton Singleton, award-winning musician, composer, educator, and artistic director from Awendaw, South Carolina.

This special evening of musical entertainment will be held at the Creek Club in I'On. **Forthcoming information and ticketing will be exclusive to the I'On Circle App. We encourage all I'On residents to follow the directions below and sign up for the App today.**

A graduate of South Carolina State University, Singleton co-founded the Charleston Jazz Orchestra in 2008 and serves as its Artistic Director and Conductor. He is also a founding member of Ranky Tanky, whose albums earned two Grammy Awards for Best Regional Roots Album.

In 2021, Singleton received South Carolina's prestigious Governor's Award for the Arts, and in 2023, he was appointed Artistic Director of Charleston's MOJA Arts Festival.

In addition to performing, he is in demand as a speaker, clinician, composer, and arranger. He has shared the stage with and/or worked with some of the most talented entertainers in the world, including Lisa Fischer, Bobby McFerrin, Ruby Dee, Jimmy Heath, Slide Hampton, Houston Person, Darius Rucker, Fred Wesley, and Cyrus Chestnut to name a few.

Singleton is also dedicated to music education and community engagement. He and his wife, MaryJo, have two children and a growing family.

### 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 neighborhood 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.

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



## Thanks for Making Halloween in the Hood a Spooktacular Success

A special thanks to Rich Willard and crew, Jenny Edwards and her family, Jen Gotto, Karen Labadie and all the Trust board members and neighbors who came out to help! Special thanks to Antonia Fokas for coordinating the day's activities. These events could not happen without wonderful volunteers!
Photo Credit: Paula Shugart



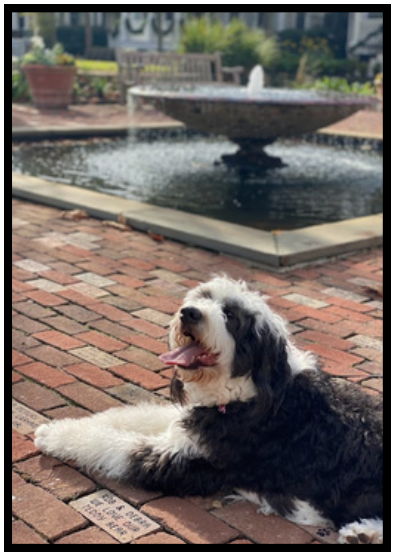








## A Friendly Reminder About Dogs in I'On



As we enjoy the beautiful streets, parks, and common areas of I'On, we'd like to offer a friendly reminder about where dogs may be off leash.

Dogs may be off leash in designated I'On common areas, including:

- Maybank Green
- Eastlake Field
- The Amphitheater
- Marsh Trail
- Gravel walking paths at Eastlake
- Gravel walking paths and land adjacent to Westlake

In these areas, dogs should remain under their owner's strict voice control and within the owner's line of sight.

- When on Sowell or Ponsbury, dogs must be leashed as these are Town sidewalks
- When on W. Shipyard, dogs must be leashed as this is a Town sidewalk.
- In all other areas, including Town of Mount Pleasant streets and sidewalks, dogs must be kept on a leash.

Wherever we walk our dogs, please remember to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste. With more than 30 pet-waste stations throughout I'On, there are convenient locations to help us keep our streets, sidewalks, parks, and common areas clean.

This is especially important along the Marsh Trail, where pet waste can be carried by stormwater runoff into the marsh, contributing to pollution and harming this important natural environment. Please help protect our marsh by always picking up after your dog and using the waste stations provided.

Thank you to all our neighbors for helping keep I'On a safe, clean, and welcoming community for everyone—both two-legged and four-legged!

## NOTICE - TRANSFER FEE VOTE

Thank you to everyone who has already voted. The proposed amendment increases the buyer-paid Transfer Assessment from its current 0.15% to 0.35%, effective February 1, 2027, supporting maintenance, capital projects, and reserves. The separate I'On Trust fee remains unchanged. Please use this QR code to access the I'On website and vote by January 31, 2027.

## Transfer Fee Amendment

The I'On Assembly Board of Trustees and Finance Committee ask for your support for a proposed change to the Transfer Assessment.

### At a Glance

- The change: The assessment would increase from 0.15% to 0.35% of a home's purchase price.
- Who pays: Buyers pay it at closing. It does not change current homeowners' annual dues.
- When: If approved, it takes effect February 1, 2027.
- Unchanged: The separate 0.10% transfer fee to the I'On Trust stays the same.

### Why it Matters

- It funds ongoing maintenance and major capital projects.
- It strengthens reserves for unexpected expenses.
- It reduces the risk of future special assessments.

### How I'On Compares

| Transfer Fee | Communities |
|---|---|
| **0.50%** | Briar's Creek, Cassique, Daniel Island*, Etiwan Pointe III, Fairway Oaks Villas, Grimball Gates, Olde Park, Pines at Gahagan, Pointe at Primus, Queens Row, Ravens Run, Shelter Cove |
| **0.35%** | **I'On (proposed)** |
| **0.25%** | Beaumont, Carolina Park*, Hidden Lakes, Rice Fields at Bulls Bay, Stono Ferry |
| **0.15%** | **I'On (today)** |
| **Flat fee ($100 to ~$2,840)** | Brickyard Plantation, Dunes West, Hamlin Plantation, Hibben at Belle Hall, Parker's Landing, Pointe at Rivertowne, Snee Farm, Tarpon Pond, Tennyson at Park West, Toler's Cove |

*I'On figures exclude the 0.10% I'On Trust fee, which isn't changing and is paid by the seller to the I'On Trust.*

**Fee is capped at a maximum dollar amount.*

*Source: community data compiled by the I'On Finance Committee, 2026.*

### Next Steps

- Read the full letter and FAQs, click HERE.
- Cast your vote online at www.ioncommunity.com by January 31, 2027.
- If you have any trouble logging in, please reach out to Emily Simpson with questions or concerns at esimpson@ravenelassociates.com

Warm regards,

The I'On Assembly Board of Trustees and Finance Committee

## I'ON COMMUNITY GARDEN

### Don't Miss Your Opportunity to Get a Community Garden Plot for 2027

by April Gordon



**The community garden offers 27 individual garden plots where gardens grow a variety of vegetables, herbs, and flowers**

You might be surprised to know that gardening including community gardening is one of the most popular pastimes in the US. According to statistics, about 55% of households participate in gardening with the South having 29% of all gardens, and community gardens have become increasingly popular in larger urban areas growing by 44% in recent years. The typical gardener is between 35-44 years old, married, a homeowner, and well educated; but millennials aged 18-34 and households with children are the fastest growing groups joining community gardens. Several factors are behind these trends. Among them are an interest in sustainability; growing things such as vegetables, native plants, and flowers; enjoying the outdoors; and overall wellness (e.g., healthy food, mental health benefits, personal interactions with neighbors, and exercise).

All of these trends are reflected in the community garden experience in I'On and the reasons for the garden's thriving since 2010. The garden is conveniently located in the recreation field on Eastlake Rd (off Mathis Ferry Rd) in the same area as I'On's Butterfly Garden which combines growing healthy food along with native plants that support pollinators and biodiversity. Many community gardeners return year after year with some commenting that the garden is "one of the best things about living in I'On." And soon the opportunity to get a garden plot will be available to aspiring new gardeners.

Signups begin on January 1, 2027, so mark your calendar. The garden's 27 raised beds are 5' x 8' in size and available on a first come, first serve basis to I'On residents. For only $75, plots are amended annually and mulched pathways, perimeter fencing, straw mulch, and water are all included. Garden and planting guides are also provided along with timely information throughout the year. The garden is open for planting in mid-February, and our growing season is year-round which allows you to grow a wide range of vegetables, herbs, and flowers. Many community gardeners also join the butterfly garden's Team BG who work to sustain the native plants and pollinators that are vital to growing much of our food. For those of you interested in the environment/conservation as well as gardening, combining a garden plot with participation in Team BG would be the perfect combo.

Have questions? Contact April Gordon at iongarden@gmail.com.

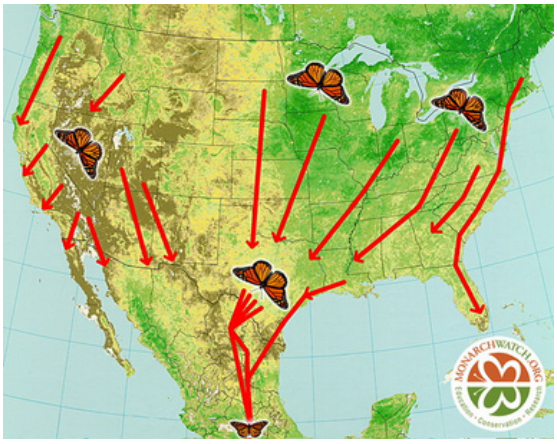


**The community garden shares space with the butterfly garden which provides habitat and food for bees, butterflies, and other insects vital for growing our vegetables and other crops**

## I'ON BUTTERFLY GARDEN

### The Fall Monarch Migration in Coastal South Carolina Has Arrived

by April Gordon



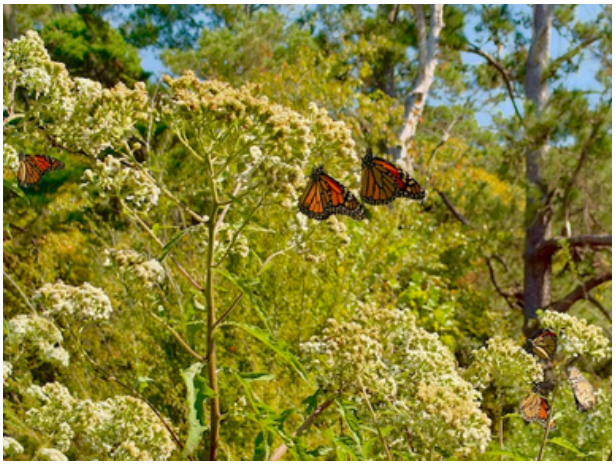
**The eastern flyway of the fall monarch migration brings large numbers of butterflies into coastal South Carolina this time of year**

After record hot temperatures this year in the southeast, we at the I'On Butterfly Garden have been looking forward to milder fall temperatures and the annual fall monarch migration to our area. Typically, middle October through middle November is the peak of the migration in South Carolina with many locations, especially along the coast, reporting dozens or even hundreds of monarchs passing through to rest and feed on nectar flowers to help them complete their journey south (up to 3000 miles from Canada to Mexico).

Beginning in middle October, reports from various observers along the eastern flyway indicated that migratory monarchs were arriving in growing numbers in SC, but we have only spotted three or four at a time at the butterfly garden. Then on the weekend of October 17-18, hundreds of monarchs were observed at Folly Beach; the migration was finally here. That same weekend I experienced the migration firsthand in the Lake Marion area at the Bluff Unit of the Santee National Wildlife Refuge where I saw dozens of monarchs feeding on native sunflowers, asters, and goldenrod along the refuge trails. Of special excitement, however, I discovered dozens of monarchs all over the frost flowers at the visitor center at the refuge—plants that we had donated to their butterfly garden last year from our garden!

There will be a continuing stream of monarchs here for the next few weeks, and more are likely to visit our butterfly garden. They will find an abundance of the nectar flowers they need to help complete their journey south. Those who would like to see the most monarchs should head to nearby coastal locations such as Folly Beach, Pitt Street Bridge Park in the Old Village, or the trail at Waterfront Park, all locations I have visited to observe them in previous years. You will find that the thrill of experiencing this astonishing natural phenomenon is one not to be missed.

April Gordon at
dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com



**At the Santee National Wildlife Refuge dozens of monarchs flock to frost flower donated from I'On's butterfly garden**



**The monarch migration to and from Mexico each year is one of nature's most wondrous spectacles to witness**






## *LOWVELO and Christmas with ECCO*

***Each year, Charleston hosts LOWVELO, a bike riding event that raises funds to support the Hollings Cancer Center at MUSC. 100% of the funds raised go to research projects focused on finding a cure for cancer.***

***Team I'On is a group of seven dedicated riders, a few of whom have participated in LOWVELO since its inception in 2019. As riders, we solicit donations from family and friends. Last year our team raised about $11,000.***

***This year's LOWVELO event is scheduled for* Saturday, November 7th. *Team I'On will be riding a 14 miles route together, but riders can choose from 5 different routes.***

***If you are a rider, please consider joining us, we would love to expand our team and impact. It's a half day of your life for a great cause and a beautiful ride! Stationary bike riders are also welcome. Of course, you can also support the cause with a donation. It's an easy online process.***

***If you have questions, feel free to call Len Hanson (843-364-7500) or Peg Higgins (312-391-3566). We're hoping for another productive year in support of cancer research! — TEAM I'ON: Jill Ewell, Len Hanson (Captain), Peg Higgins, Paul Johnson, CJ Pelletier, Dick Stifel, and Cynthia Webb.***

### Adopt a Family for Christmas with ECCO and IAH

***Each holiday season, IAH organizes our members to adopt several families for the holidays through ECCO. Last year we were able to make Christmas brighter for over 50 children and we hope to increase that number this year with the whole neighborhood's help! If you are interested in joining us by adopting a family or making a donation please reach out to Dale Brokaw (dalesbrokaw@gmail.com) by* November 5th.**

## *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...

**Kennedy Erdossy & Brian Hargis**
46 Eastlake Road

**Dorien & Adriaan Boon van Ostrabe**
66 Sanibel Street

**Maria & Joe Ray**
23 Mobile Street

**Darcy & Glen Weber**
87 Secession Street

**Laura & Jim Weakley**
50 Serendipity Street

### Moving Around I'On:

**Lauren & Nicholas Pavia**
59 Joggling 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 January, during the I'On Assembly Annual Meeting, the Board of Trustees welcomes new members to serve two-year terms. For the 2027–2028 term, there will be three (3) two-year positions available for candidates. Consider getting involved!

Your current Board of Trustees encourages residents to take an active role in shaping the future of I'On, whether that means running for a Board seat or encouraging a neighbor to get involved.

Serving on the Board is a rewarding opportunity to help guide the community, address neighborhood issues, and make decisions in the best interest of all 760 I'On titleholders.

Board members are available between now and the January election to answer questions about the responsibilities of the position and share what it is like to serve on the Board.

**What Can You Expect?**

While the time commitment varies depending on the issues facing the community, Board members can generally expect to spend approximately two hours per week on Board-related matters.

The primary responsibility of every Board member is to approach decisions with an open mind and keep the best interests of the entire I'On community in mind.

Volunteering for one of I'On's standing committees is also a great way to get involved and learn more about how the community operates.

**Attend an Upcoming Board Meeting**

One of the best ways to get a feel for the Board and how it operates is to attend an upcoming monthly meeting. Upcoming meeting dates are:

- November 24
- December 15

We encourage anyone interested in serving to attend a meeting and see firsthand how the Board works on behalf of the community.

**Ready to Learn More?**

If you are interested in running for a Board position, please complete the Board Application by November 30. This will allow time for candidate packets and ballots to be distributed to Assembly members in December.

If you are interested in learning more about serving on the Board, please contact our General Manager, Emily Simpson, at esimpson@ravenelassociates.com.

We hope you'll consider getting involved to help shape the future of I'On!