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## Dear Moms

The second Sunday of May is Mother's Day. May is my favorite month; it's my birth month and usually, May's weather, in all parts of the country, is steady, sure and accommodating. Like a mother.

When my sisters and I were children, we'd wear red roses on our dresses on Mother's Day Sunday. Where I grew up, red flowers meant your mother was alive, while pinning white flowers to your clothing honored a mother's memory.

I am fortunate that I can still wear a red flower on Mother's Day. My mother, as beautiful as the day she buttoned me into my first dress, remains a strong presence in my life.

I don't always agree with her or she with me, but I inherited some of her best traits—persistence, compassion and creativity, as well as some others. "You can be so stubborn," she says to me. *Really, Mom*, I reply to her, *where did I learn that?* We are the same. We are different. But our love for one another is fierce and enduring. My sisters wear their motherhood beautifully; with boundless energy, passion and pride. I am often astounded by the responsibilities they juggle as they mother, day-to-day; it's never ending, but *so worth it* they say.

A mother's love—it's as constant as the stars and as infinite as the universe. It never wavers. It's love-you-down-deep-no-matter-what kind of love.

This issue is dedicated to women who make our lives brighter and better—through their leadership, boldness and wisdom. They go about their lives making a difference and often, it goes unnoticed. It is part of who they are—their nurturing, giving, mothering—they add color and beauty to our lives, make it more wondrous.

I am not a mother in the traditional sense (as all my children have paws), but I mother. We are mothers, grandmothers, wives, daughters, sisters, companions and we thrive in leadership positions—whether that be outside or inside the home—we are worthy.

You'll read about five women in our community who not only excel in their chosen professions, but direct, protect, volunteer, heal and turn chaos into order. They have busy, full lives and their lovely spirits embrace life's goodness and in turn, life gives it right back to them.

Call your mother. Buy your grandmother some flowers. Take your wife out to dinner. Hug your sister. Thank your lucky stars for all the women in your life.

Enjoy May.

And, to my mother and sisters--and all Moms in every capacity--*thank you*, and Happy Mother's Day!

*Brigitte Surette*

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## Moving Once, Moving Twice

I hate moving. Twice. Ugh. It's one of the reasons we lived in the same place for more than 20 years. We lived in a comfortable home in which we raised our children and had many dear friends in the community. And then Charleston beckoned.

Moving here from Pittsburgh, we transitioned to our new Charleston life. That's once. Then we recently moved to Dunes West. That's twice.

We really love our new community. Highway 41 traffic has its moments, but that's a discussion for another day. Our neighbors are delightful. The community has been most welcoming and we enjoy getting to know new friends at Dunes West Golf and River Club. But oh...the process of moving. It just wore me out.

Sorting, cleaning, purging and packing exhausts me. It is just not in my DNA to day-after-day muster the energy to keep going, keep packing, keep purging. Moving Day, by comparison, is a relief. No easy task but the hard work of decision making is complete. You move everything from Home #1 to Home #2 and then unpack. It is tedious but simply a matter of taking everything out of boxes and

tubs and finding a new home for everything. My wife enjoys the process of unpacking and I more than indulge her.

I can be a borderline hoarder, as was my mother, and I relate to the poor people featured on *Hoarders*. I keep everything and not just family photos. But notes passed in the hallways from old high school girlfriends, report cards, grade school pictures of classmates from whom I have long lost contact, college textbooks, sport ticket stubs and then there are all the scraps of life from raising our three children.

Our movers stated they had never seen so many extraneous belongings for a home our size. I wear that as a badge of honor.

The hard part for me is sorting out what to keep/not keep. It is truly agonizing for my inner hoarder but it is done now and we are settling in. The purging and cleansing we undertook feels good--until the next move.

Come to think of it, I think we will be staying in Dunes West for a while.

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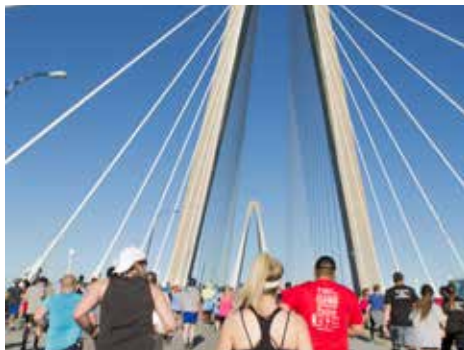
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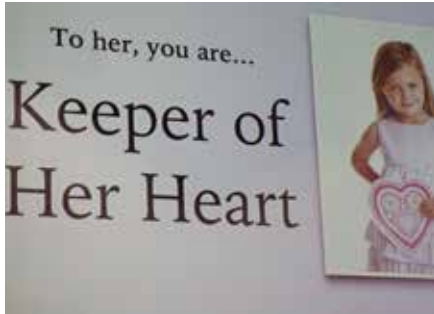
The 40th Annual Cooper River Bridge Run brought out athletes, runners, walkers and people from all over the Lowcountry and the rest of the country as well! Photographer Jess Wood who participated in the race managed to snap some shots of all the action.





# Father-Daughter Dance at Seacoast Church

The 9th Annual Father-Daughter Dance was recently held at Seacoast Church on Long Point Rd. More than 1,000 Father-Daughter couples were in attendance. Proceeds from the event benefitted the Lowcountry Christian Community School.



# Dr. Mary Anne Larkin

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FROM  
GENERATION TO GENERATION

ARTICLE CAROL WHITING  
PHOTOGRAPHY JESS WOOD



Dr. Mary Anne Larkin has spent her career making sensory connections—helping patients improve their hearing and reconnecting them to what they’ve been missing.

Practicing audiology since 1983, she founded Advanced Hearing Care on Johnnie Dodds Boulevard in Mount Pleasant in 1993.

“It is very rewarding to watch my patients become revitalized by the ability to hear more clearly,” Larkin explains. “Enhanced hearing improves my patients’ quality of life by giving them renewed energy and overall wellness.”

Giving back to the community is paramount to Larkin. Providing free adult hearing screenings and serving as a speaker and expert on the subject of hearing loss and tinnitus in civic organizations, health institutions, senior community groups and public gatherings is only part of her professional wheelhouse.

In her spare time, Larkin is an active member of Hibben Methodist Church, supporter of East Cooper Meals on Wheels and a fierce competitor in the U.S. Tennis Association (UTSA) 4.0 league.

“My father was a physicist, a profession some call a ‘rocket scientist,’” Larkin says, laughing. “He later became a university professor and fully committed to whatever he attempted. He instilled a very strong work ethic in me and I grew up with an intrinsic desire to learn and work diligently.”

Larkin attended Purdue University, where she met her husband, Brian and while there, found her niche in the science of hearing.

“I was always interested in science and medicine. When I read about Purdue’s audiology program and realized there was also a counseling component, I knew it was a perfect fit,” she reveals.

Larkin obtained her master’s degree in audiology and later, a doctorate degree from the University of Florida, one of the nation’s leading audiology universities.





Larkin displays a picture of her father in her office

- 48 million Americans have significant hearing loss.
- Hearing aids can offer dramatic improvement for most people with hearing loss.
- Listening to music devices at high volumes over time can cause permanent hearing loss.
- Tinnitus (ringing in the ears) affects 50 million people in the U.S.

Source: Center for Hearing & Communication



*“...I grew up with an intrinsic desire to learn and work diligently.”*

After college, she and Brian moved to Florence, South Carolina. “Our friends said we’d never find equally great jobs in our professions in the same city at the same time. But, Brian was hired the day he interviewed with a marketing firm, and I had an offer within the week.” Larkin says.

After four years in Florence, the Larkins had an opportunity to expand their careers and moved to Mount Pleasant.

“We love the people of Mount Pleasant and knew it would be a great place to raise a family. Our daughters, Lindsay and Allie, were delivered by the same obstetrician, in the same hospital room at the exact same time of day!”

Now in their 20s, their daughters share the same spirit of academia; Lindsay as a Doctor of Optometry and recent graduate of the Southern College of Optometry in Memphis; and Allie, with degrees in biochemistry and math from the University of North Carolina Asheville, following impressive theatre accomplishments at the Charleston County School of Arts.

“Our daughters use their passions, academics and time to contribute to the community,” Dr. Larkin says. “We’re very proud of them.”

We’re certain Larkin’s patients feel the same about her.



# OFFICER PAULA WILSON

MAKING A POSITIVE IMPACT—EVERY DAY



ARTICLE SYDNEY HERWIG | PHOTOGRAPHY JESS WOOD

- A School Resource Officer (SRO) is a law enforcement officer who works in collaboration with one or more schools.
- SROs provide safe learning environments, valuable resources to school staff and foster positive relationships with students.
- The three main roles of an SRO: educator, informal counselor/mentor and law enforcement officer.

Source: *The National Association of School Resource Officers*



When you think of a School Resource Officer you think of someone who's there to keep the school and students safe.

Officer Paula Wilson doesn't stop there. She walks the halls of Moultrie Middle School, clad in her uniform chatting with students on their way to class. There are over 800 children at the school and she knows many by name; it's clear her presence is a staple—to students and faculty.

Assistant Principal Ryan Giles is quick to sing Wilson's praises noting, "She's an amazing resource officer and it's obvious she cares about every student's success. We call on her expertise in a variety of situations."

Growing up, Wilson knew she wanted to help people. She majored in Criminal Justice, imagining herself in the FBI. After graduation, she visited a friend in Mount Pleasant and fell in love with the community. In 1997, she was hired by the Mount Pleasant Police Department and she hasn't looked back.

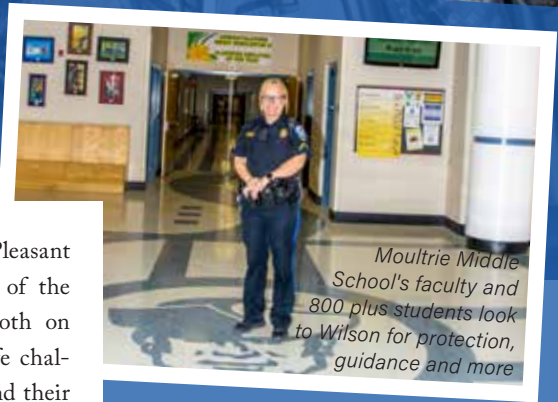
For the first two years of her career, Wilson served as a patrol officer followed by a three-year stint as a resource officer, and later as a detective for 13 years investigating crimes involving children, the elderly, and those with mental health issues.

"I always found myself gravitating toward those who can't advocate for themselves," Wilson says.

Eventually, Wilson's desire for a more reliable schedule led her back to the schools. Before that, Wilson and her husband, Bob



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Moultrie Middle School's faculty and 800 plus students look to Wilson for protection, guidance and more

Wilson, a corporal in the Mount Pleasant Police Department and a member of the Navy Reserves, were oftentimes both on call. Their schedules made home life challenging, to say the least, for them and their five and six-year old sons.

Now, the family has more opportunities to spend time together.

"We love being outside, going to the county parks and swimming. With two energetic boys, pretty much anything is active. We also have a black lab and go to Short Stay, the military campground," Wilson adds.

At work, all days are different.

"We work with youth on law-related education, getting them comfortable with law-enforcement presence and counseling for things like bullying prevention, while keeping the campus safe. Let's just say I get my steps in every day," Wilson says.

Outside of the school, Wilson serves on a critical incident response team where she's on call for negotiating with those in crisis situations.

She also serves alongside the Police Department, involved in community oriented programs; a summer safety camp for elementary students, a relationship-building camp for at-risk youth and a program where officers assist senior citizens with their yard-work and household duties.

"We want to have a positive presence in both schools and the community that make the youth and parents comfortable to interact with us," Wilson says.

Between her day job and community outreach, Wilson's contributions don't go unnoticed. She most certainly reflects the positivity she and her colleagues strive for, making an impact – every day.





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learning  
TO BE FEARLESS

What is the secret to success? Most believe that passion is the key.

Stephanie Faison, Mount Pleasant resident and Air Traffic Manager of Charleston International Airport, challenges this idea and shares her personal journey of success.

In 1986, Faison worked as a flight data clerk in New York Center. Scraping by to pay the bills and living on a boat off the coast of Long Island, the Northeastern graduate knew that it was time to make a career move. But where?

When two friends approached her with an opportunity, Faison knew she had to say yes or as she recalls thinking, "It's probably better than what I'm doing now!" The

FAA FACTS:

- The FAA is the largest organization under the U.S. Department of Transportation.
- Nationwide, approximately 15,000 air traffic controllers track 87,000 flights/day at 315 FAA air traffic facilities.
- Each day approximately 2 million passengers board a plane in the U.S.

Source: Federal Aviation Administration & USA Today

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Air Traffic Controller communication controls



"I solve a puzzle in a different way every time I sit down."

three formed a lifelong bond and it led to their becoming the only three female air traffic controllers (ATC) in New York Center at that time.

"We started together in 1987. In my area, we were the only three women out of two hundred and sixty," Faison recalls. "It was unusual--and difficult."

While Faison was growing up, her father worked as an ATC, but she hadn't planned to follow in his footsteps.

"I needed a job. I was living on a boat on Long Island and was working as a government clerk, getting paid very little. One of my friends said to me, 'We should take the [ATC] test!' I said back to her, 'Why not?'"

Faison says her secret to success has been and is networking. Her life-long friendships have taught her the importance of fearlessness, tenacity, and saying "yes" to opportunity when opportunity knocks.

"It helps when you surround yourself with people who are going through the same struggle as you are. My friendships are very important to me," she says.

Her hard work paid off. She leads a team of air traffic controllers and oversees the air traffic operations at the Charleston International Airport Tower and surrounding areas. As for Faison's favorite part of the job?

"The money," she says, laughing. "Beyond that, it's a very interesting job and a great career. It's very stimulating and I do a lot of problem solving. It's never the same. I solve a puzzle in a different way every time I sit down."

Faison's career and life path has enabled her to travel all over the globe, but she chose Mount Pleasant as home. She lives on two acres of land in the beautiful and tranquil Alston Point with a dozen chickens, as well as a few cats and dogs.

"I love Mount Pleasant and Alston Point," Faison admits, "Mount Pleasant is developing quickly, but here, where I am, it's very quiet."

Faison is the mother of two college-aged children. Her daughter is pursuing studies at the College of Charleston and her son is a student at the Maritime College in the Bronx, New York.

Faison's lives by the mantra of being fearless. She inspires everyone she meets to live fearlessly and to hold fast to friendships. Her story teaches the importance of seizing the day, and begs the question, *What will you say "yes" to today?*



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*meet*  
YOUR MAYOR

“It never crossed my mind to be in politics. I’m not sure it ever really crosses anyone’s at first,” Mayor Linda Page says from behind her desk.

Her journey to get here doesn’t include a family history in politics or a yearning to be a world-leader. As a local business owner for years, Page wanted a larger stake in how her town was run. She’s been a Mount Pleasant native since she was six weeks old.

“I got here as quick as I could,” she laughs. Her family has been involved in the local business scene ever since owning and operating Page’s Thieves Market, a Mount Pleasant icon and antiques store located on Ben Sawyer Blvd.

“I’m very strong-willed with very strong opinions. I love this community and the feel of it. As a business owner, and with all the growth, I wanted to ensure it keeps a small-town feel,” Page says.



The Mayor, along with Shelley Caraviello, Mt. Pleasant Visitor Planner and volunteer Sandy, "Local Expert"



- Mount Pleasant is the fourth largest municipality in South Carolina and growing.
- Its coastal location is considered "temperate to sub-tropical." Average high temperature: 75.2 F. Average low: 56 F. Average annual rainfall: 50.08 inches.
- Mount Pleasant is one of the few municipalities nationwide with accredited Police (1992), Fire (2001), and Building (2013) Departments.
- Rated as one of the Top 50 cities to live in the Country by 24/7 Wall Street in 2015.

Source: Town of Mount Pleasant 2016 Demographics Report

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Mayor Linda Page and Shelley Caraviello review Mt Pleasant maps at Visitor Center



"I'm very strong-willed with very strong opinions. I love this community and the feel of it."



That love of community led her to town council in 2009, where she served for four years, then as Mayor in 2013. She refers to herself as part-time Mayor, part-time business owner.

A typical week for Page includes: morning meetings; serving on eight outside agency boards; attending various ribbon cuttings and chamber luncheons; afternoons running the business, and weekends spent serving as auctioneer and picker.

With so many commitments, it seems downtime would be impossible, but Page is quick to refute.

"I have great time-management skills, so I actually have free time as well. I have two grown kids and two dogs. I love cooking, gardening, going boating, going to the beach and reading," she says.

Page points to her vision board she's created for the year—career goals, exercise, reading and writing—all displayed to remind her of what she wants to achieve.

When asked about those Mayoral career goals she pauses, then answers, "To engage more people. The government is run by older people, but it's young people who change the world."

She mentions how a young council member in Florence, South Carolina changed things because of her relentless energy. She firmly believes that others, including the generation ahead can make change through dedication and energy. Her own has inspired an uptick in town meeting attendance. She's proud of the work they've done in terms of the community's social media presence and the new website they've built.

She believes there is still room for change. Mount Pleasant's population is approximately 83,000 with women being over 50 percent of it. She encourages women to be part of its government.

"It [Mount Pleasant] needs to be representative of those who live here. I think what a lot of women don't realize is that they're well-suited to politics because they're empathetic, nurturing, kind...good qualities for a politician," she says.

Page believes you don't wait for change to come. You help make the change.

"I'm normal," she says with a laugh. "I burn dinner, get runs in my stockings and am late sometimes. People can do this—community service. It's just regular 'stuff' and it's important."



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The smell of pine as you enter the forest. The sound of the stream as it gently flows by. The morning dew as it reflects off the ancient oak trees. The sounds of the owls as they “hoo” through the night. These are just a few things that Mount Pleasant resident, Phyllis Sheffer, loves about hiking.

In March 2014, Sheffer began an expedition that carried her from the mountains of Georgia to the peaks of Maine. With nothing more than a backpack and over 2,100 plus miles to conquer, her journey across the Appalachian Trail proved to be the best, and most challenging time of her life.

She's explored Mt. Kilimanjaro in Africa and trekked through Nepal, Tibet, India and the majestic Long Trail from Massachusetts to Canada. There's little Sheffer hasn't seen. But, her favorite is the Appalachian Trail. Each year, hundreds attempt the hike of the Appalachian, but few make it to the end.

“I saw so many people leave the trail after a few weeks, but I never had the thought in my mind to quit,” Sheffer recalls.

ARTICLE DEBORAH SLEDZIONA | PHOTOGRAPHY ADAM COLLINS

“I realize how great this world really is and how wonderful people are, no matter where they live, how much, or how little they have.”

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The Appalachian Trail challenged Sheffer both physically and emotionally. Most importantly, it gave her faith. Sheffer recommends, "If you ever lose your faith in people, you should spend some time hiking the Appalachian Trail."

She recounts some of her experiences. "I actually had total strangers offer a ride into town or a place to sleep. I realize how great this world really is and how wonderful people are, no matter where they live, how much, or how little they have."

Daughter of a World War II veteran, widow of a veteran, and mother of a marine, Sheffer comes from a strong military background. And, when she isn't celebrating her freedom by hiking her way around the world, she's serving her country through her commitment to the South Carolina State Guard (SCSG).

Sheffer serves as a member of SCSG's Third Brigade. Managed by the South Carolina Military Department, the Third Brigade is one of three in the SCSG serving the Lowcountry. The SCSG volunteers thousands of hours annually, preparing for and responding to natural and man-made disasters.


"The thing I love most about the State Guard is the opportunity to serve my country, my community, and to learn and grow as a person," Sheffer says.

Sheffer moved to Mount Pleasant eleven years ago to be closer to her son. She sold the family business in Knoxville, Tennessee, and once she crossed the Ravenel, she instantly fell in love.

"I love the people and the community. It feels like I'm living in a post card."

Sheffer's story teaches us the importance of patriotism and celebrating our freedoms through the lives that we lead each day.


"I am so lucky to have the freedom to do anything that I want. My heart is and has always been red, white, and blue."



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# Say "I Do"

## TO THESE GORGEOUS WEDDING VENUES

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ARTICLE SYDNEY HERWIG

Our staff writer, Sydney Herwig, is getting married and planning her own Lowcountry wedding. She's been exploring beautiful venues to say "I Do" over the past few months and she's listed a few of her favorites that are over-the-top gorgeous. Find the what, where, and how much, as well as other info you'll need to help plan your own special day and make it absolutely perfect.

Congrats Sydney and Sam!

Gadsden House Courtyard,  
Photo--Caroline Logan





Boone Hall Plantation Side lawn under the oaks; Aaron & Jillian Photography



Harborside East and one of their waterfront ceremony locations; Stephen Blackmon Photo & Cinema

Bride-to-be Sydney Herwig with fiancée Sam O'Neill. Photo by Kayla Sue Photography



For many brides-to-be, choosing the perfect venue is at the top of the to-do list. With so much to consider, it can be overwhelming to find “the one.” Luckily for us, Mount Pleasant is home to some of the Southeast’s most sought after wedding venues, making it easy to find your dream destination right in town.

**THE PERFECT PLACE TO SAY I DO**

*Boone Hall Plantation*, perhaps one of the most iconic landmarks in town, offers southern charm and grandiose appeal with a variety of options. From the picturesque side lawn under the oaks to the historical cotton dock, there's certain to be a venue to fit your style.

Price: \$3,000-\$7,500

Capacity: 150-300+

Website: [boonehallplantation.com/event-hosting/weddings/](http://boonehallplantation.com/event-hosting/weddings/)

*Creek Club at I'On*, is the ideal locale for those who prefer a one-stop shop. Chairs and tables are included (and if you've started looking at rental prices, you know this is a huge plus) with the catering + bar services provided by their in-house catering team.

Price: \$1,500-\$4,900

Capacity: 75-300

Website: [creekevents.com/club](http://creekevents.com/club)

*Harborside East* is the venue for brides who want a Lowcountry setting with an urban feel. Located at the foot of the Ravenel Bridge, there are several waterfront options for the ceremony with the reception hosted upstairs in an indoor/outdoor combination space.

Price: \$1,500-\$4,500

Capacity: 150-500

Website: [harborsideeast.com/nav/weddings.html](http://harborsideeast.com/nav/weddings.html)

**NEARBY DOWNTOWN CHARLESTON:**

*The Gadsden House* is a beautifully restored federal-style historic home, which has since been converted into one of Charleston's newest venues. With both indoor and outdoor spaces, which are blank slates, brides can make their visions come true. Pampering yourself on your wedding day is crucial--there's a spectacular bridal suite to do so on your special day!

Price: \$2,250-\$5,500

Capacity: 200 guests for seated dinners and 350 for cocktail-style receptions

Website: [gadsdenhouse.com](http://gadsdenhouse.com)

*\*Price ranges account for different days of the week and peak seasons.*





# Your NEIGHBORHOODS

## FOCUS ON I'ON

**M**t. Pleasant Lifestyle Magazine highlights and is inspired by community—its people and places—and the way in which we move through our lives within and around them. Many of our neighborhoods contain homes that are Charleston-inspired; painted with pastel hues, inviting deep wide porches and shuttered windows—they're reminiscent of quaint European villages. The result is visual splendor that blends seamlessly with the flora and fauna of the Lowcountry.

I'On contains beautiful homes with neo-classical influences and offers residents an ideal lifestyle with a focus on community and connection.

### FAST FACTS ABOUT I'ON

- Named after Jacob Bond I'On, owner of the land and Army officer in the 1800s.
- Located six miles east of Charleston and approximately 12 miles from Isle of Palms.
- Six boroughs comprise the 243 acres that make up the planned development neighborhood, each constructed around a lake, park or square.
- Developer: The I'On Company.
- Architects and Site Planners: Dover Kohl & Partners, Duany Plater-Zyberk & Company and Seamon-Whiteside & Associates.
- Builders: The I'On Guild, a group of 17 builders.
- Design began in 1995, infrastructure in 1997 and the first homes were built in 1998, with prices between \$160K and \$625K.
- In 2001, homes prices ranged from \$300K to over \$1.5M.
- Current Median Home Price: \$874K.
- Home size: From 960 to over 6,000 square feet.
- Total Homes Built as of 2015: 737 with 762 total approved.\*
- I'On Square contains restaurants, shops and other specialty boutique-like businesses.
- Outdoor amenities include Rookery Preserve, Mount Pleasant Amphitheater and nature trails.
- The I'On Club, Creek Club and I'On Trust give residents options for healthy lifestyles, personal and business events and promote cultural and civic events.

Website: [loncommunity.com](http://loncommunity.com)

\*Town of Mount Pleasant 2016 Demographic Report

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# May

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## MAY 3

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4 PM - 6 PM

World piano blues and original songs from Charleston-based bluesman.

## MAY 5

ART WALK

**BROAD STREET, DOWNTOWN CHARLESTON**

5 PM - 8 PM

Located along Historic Broad Street, Gallery Row opens its doors for "First Fridays on Broad" and a variety of other events hosted by the 15 galleries, restaurants, shops, and boutiques on the Row.

## MAY 12

FRIDAY NIGHT BOOGIE

**MOUNT PLEASANT PIER**

7:00 PM UNTIL CLOSE

The Mount Pleasant Pier will be rockin' with the sounds of DJ Jim Bowers spinning a variety of unforgettable oldies, beach music classics, and line dancing hits! Open to ages 21 and up.

## MAY 13

14TH ANNUAL MOMS' RUN & FAMILY FUN DAY

**DANIEL ISLAND**

7 AM - 11:30 AM

Honor Moms everywhere! Runners & walkers can join the 5K run/walk starting at the Daniel Island stadium. For more info visit [pdsupport.org](http://pdsupport.org).

## MAY 13

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## MAY 20

U.S. COAST GUARD SECTOR CHARLESTON OPEN HOUSE  
**CHARLESTON**

10 AM - 2 PM

On behalf of our local Coast Guard family, CAPT Gary Tomasulo cordially invites you to attend Sector Charleston's Open House. In support of National Safe Boating Week, the Coast Guard and its port partners will be opening our doors to the community to share the history of the Coast Guard and provide to safe boating practices for the Low Country.

## MAY 20

CHARLESTON BEER GARDEN

**THE GROVE AT PATRIOTS POINT, MT. PLEASANT**

12 PM - 7 PM

Craft beer lovers --spend the day enjoying a wide variety of beer along with live music from the Greystar Stage, food trucks and vendors. Twenty plus breweries will showcase more than 40 beers! Attendance is estimated to exceed 3,500 for this one day beer, food, and music festival.

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MAY 27

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# Women Change History

ARTICLE MAYOR LINDA PAGE

I come from a very strong line of women.

My Grandmother, Verdie, lived a challenging life in central Florida with my Grandfather, (which could translate into her raising three daughters alone). My other Grandmother, Bessie, died long before I was born. Everyone told me she could accomplish any task, from helping her husband in the dime store or the cobblers shop to raising two sons.

I also had a very accomplished step grandmother, Nora, who also worked side by side with my Grandfather to provide for my father and his brother. The three daughters Verdie raised were accomplished in their own right; though Aunt Helen and my mother, Maxine, died very young. For the last 30 plus years my Aunt Muriel has been a mentor and role model for me. She manages a very successful property management business and plays bridge several times per week.

Other women in my life include Michelle, who has traveled the world and inspires me every day; my daughter Audrey, who I spend the most time with, and who supports my efforts to run Page's Thieves Market so that I have time to be Mayor. Audrey is a champion when it comes to household chores, including bathing my beagles. There is a special spot in my heart for the woman who loves my son. Whitney entered our family with full knowledge of the many challenges that my son has without ever questioning. It's so comforting to know he has a reliable, competent woman to share his life with.

Then there are the incredible strong women that support me in my many roles—Christine, the talented Clerk of Council, and all the rest of the accomplished women that run our town. There's the women at Page's; Aimee, Jan and Denise. I couldn't do any of my jobs without any one of them. I'm blessed to have women advisors as well. There's my special nieces, Courtney and Ashleigh. Courtney is a machine when it comes to running a high pressure successful restaurant. My dear sweet Ashleigh is one of the best self-taught chefs I've ever met, and is now in school to begin a new career in massage.

I'd be remiss not to mention the women that changed history and led all the little girls like me to believe we could accomplish anything. Women engineers, scientists—those who dedicated their lives to assure we could vote and have equal rights. There are many more we need to discuss; pilots, politicians, soldiers and athletes.

I hope you are blessed to be influenced by talented strong women—maybe a mother, aunt, sister, favorite teacher or a woman in your community.

This month is dedicated to Mothers, but I believe we all have many women in our lives who love and nurture us every day. Please use this month to thank them.

And, remember, don't just live a life... create one.

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