

# LIVING IN I'ON

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

## You're Invited

All social events cancelled in the midst of COVID-19

In these anything but normal times, social distancing has meant the cancellation of the events that help us to function as a community.

If activities can be resumed, an email blast will be sent and this will be posted on the website.

## Other Important Dates

- 5/07 Recycling Pickup
- 5/12 IDC Review
- 5/21 Recycling Pickup

## Creek Club Dock Closures

None this month

## I'On Board Meetings 2020

On the following dates at 6:00pm

- May 18
- June 15
- July 20
- August 17
- September 21
- October 19
- November 16
- December 21

**Thank you to the over 400 neighbors that responded to the I'On Residents Survey. Full results are available on the [website](#).**

Highlights of the survey show that people that responded overwhelmingly used positive terms to describe the community. When asked what terms people would use, "unique", "beautiful" and "friendly" were among the most popular choices.

When asked about which physical enhancements would improve our community, enforcement of current IDC and maintenance rules was felt to be extremely important. Addressing drainage on the lake paths, maintaining walkways and improving lighting were also felt to be important to the community. Many of these improvements have been addressed recently, or will be addressed in the near future (See page 5).

Communication was generally felt to be good, with a large majority of respondents reporting that they read the newsletter and email blasts. Community news is always available on the website.

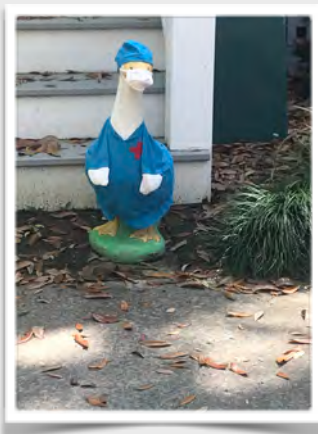
Numerous ideas were put forth for additional programs for the I'On community. The overall responses indicated general satisfaction with currently available events. If you have a great idea for a new program, volunteer to make it happen!



## I'On Design Committee

The IDC is now taking new submissions and will have an "in person" IDC Meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup>, as previously scheduled. The deadline for submitting an application to be reviewed at the May 19<sup>th</sup> IDC meeting is, noon, on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Please note that all applications must be submitted as one complete, comprehensive hardcopy package delivered to the IDC office and also emailed to [idc\\_ion@outlook.com](mailto:idc_ion@outlook.com) in one complete, comprehensive pdf attached to the email. Incomplete submittals will not be reviewed. It is the homeowner's responsibility to supply the IDC with all copies, samples, pictures, etc. for a complete hardcopy submittal package and also to email the complete digital submittal package as one attached pdf.

All the IDC applications have been updated with new information and submittal requirements and have been uploaded on the I'On website. Please use one of the updated applications when submitting your request.



## Important News from the I'On Assembly

After lengthy discussion, the I'On Board has decided to **re-open the I'On docks on May 1st for loading and unloading ONLY**. This means the boat ramp can be used to put your boat in to go out on the water, and the docks can be used to dock your boat for up to 48 hours. In order to comply with social distancing guidelines from the CDC, activities permitted on the dock will continue to be limited.

Below are the guidelines for dock and ramp usage:

Absolutely **NOT** permitted:

- Sunbathing
- Swimming
- Fishing
- Congregating (no groups more than 3 unless family)
- "Hanging Out" on boats tied to the dock

- The docks are to be used for boat loading/unloading ONLY
- Ramp access is available dawn to dusk
- Trailers must be returned to your property (Trailers cannot be left in the parking lot nor parked on any I'On streets)
- Current Registered Boats Only (No loaning out ramp keys to give access to non-registered boaters)
- Access is only permitted to boats with current I'On decals (soon to be 2020 decals)
- Ramp lock **MUST** be used after each use
- Failure to comply with any of the rules will result in loss of dock access for the 2020 boating season.

In addition, please be reminded that the Creek Club and its porches are a private facility and not for resident use without authorization from Creek Club management.

We will be monitoring the docks and are asking all registered boaters to help us monitor usage to ensure that we can keep this valuable amenity open. If there are any issues or we find that users and guests are failing to comply with the posted guidelines, then the docks will be closed immediately.

Registration for the 2020 boating season will open on May 4. Registration form and regulations can be accessed through the website, or by clicking [HERE](#).



## Memorial Day

This Memorial Day, let's pause to remember the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving our country.

It has been a longstanding tradition to adorn the main entrance to I'On with American flags in remembrance of the fallen.

As you come and go over the holiday weekend, please take note of the true meaning of Memorial Day.



## Check out Perseverance Park

We know many of you have been waiting for your personalized bricks to be installed. As with most things Covid-19 has delayed the installation but by the afternoon of May 4 you should see those newly installed bricks. Be sure to take a look when you are enjoying a walk around the neighborhood. Thank you, again, to Michele Wilson for coordinating the effort.

## This Month with The I'On Trust

### Your feedback...

We were delighted with the responses received from this year's survey. Neighbors were so positive about the events the Trust provides for the community as well as leaving ideas for possible future events. Of course, in this new time of Covid-19 we are trying to come up with unique ideas for events that also includes physically distancing and brings everyone together in the safest way possible.

We, like you, look forward to returning to a time where we can join together to enjoy an outdoor concert or a picnicking with friends. In the meantime, in the



this new virtual world we are getting used to, join us on Slack. The

I'On Trust Community Channel on Slack is a location for neighbors to connect on topics like:

- sharing recipes
- tips on gardening
- sharing links to online performances
- and many other topics!

Be a part of the conversation. Join us by clicking [HERE](#).

### The Giving Lights of I'On Recipient

Every year around the holidays The I'On Trust coordinates a fundraising project called The Giving Lights of I'On. This fundraising project, which sells luminary kits to support a local nonprofit, is some months away but we are already at work. If you are passionate about a particular charity, that addresses a basic human need in our tri-county community, and are willing to head up the volunteer effort of the fundraiser, please follow this link to find out about the volunteer commitment and how you may nominate a charity.



[Giving Lights Nomination Link](#)

## APRIL 2020 YARD OF THE MONTH AWARD

“Where flowers bloom, so does hope.” ~ Lady Bird Johnson

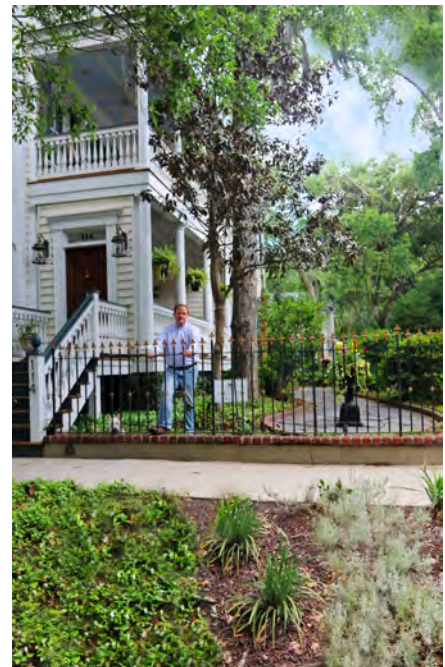
Flowers bloom all year round in the sunny garden belonging to Phyllis Sheffer, 48 Sowell Street, but this Spring her garden looks especially beautiful. Beds and containers that overflow with perennials ensure a feast for the eyes of any passer-by. An avid hiker, Phyllis draws inspiration for her garden from the “colors of the mountains all over the world”. And by growing different herbs like rosemary, basil, and mint, Phyllis always has fresh clippings to add to her favorite recipes!

Brad Walbeck began building his home at 114 North Shelmore Blvd. in 1999 and moved into the house in 2001. Over the years, the “sunny backyard with lush green grass” changed to one with so much shade that Brad had no choice but to “brick in much of it” and replant with shade tolerant shrubs. He has done a fantastic job because the hardscape compliments the thriving plantings, and the whole facade of the home is very elegant. Brad’s thoughtful use of a mix of hardy, drought tolerant plants and mulch in his ROW strip complete the picture!

Many thanks to The Shellmore for generously providing gift certificates to our winners, and to all of you who took the time to nominate your favorite yard. Don’t forget to keep those nominations coming in to Michele Wilson at: [tenprowcc@gmail.com](mailto:tenprowcc@gmail.com) as we look to recognize two more Yards of the Month in May!



The garden of Phyllis Sheffer  
48 Sowell Street



Brad Walbeck  
114 North Shelmore Blvd

## HOA IMPROVEMENTS

If you're out and about around the neighborhood, take a look at a few projects that the HOA has recently completed!

Jogging Park and Boathouse Close renovations have been completed.

The Maybank Green landscape lighting enhancement has been completed.

HOA right of way areas have been replanted.

Spring annuals will be installed on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

The Town completed the sidewalk repairs throughout the neighborhood. They will be back in June/July to repair the curbs.

Patience Park and the Eastlake Bollard Plantings will be done the week of May 11<sup>th</sup>.

## I'On Ambassador

*Welcome, New Neighbors!*

*Welcomed at a distance...*

- Elizabeth and Doug Hornberger  
161 N Shelmore Blvd
- Jeremy and Alexandra Keith  
17 Grace Lane
- Isabela & Antonio Sampaio  
34 Isle of Hope
- Mary & Tim West  
50 Saturday Road

*Moving Around I'On...*

- Julie & David Wolf  
59 Hopetown Road

## I'On At Home

Board Member Jean Anglin organized an I'On At Home sponsored food drive on April 16 to support East Cooper Community Outreach (ECCO) Wellness Pantry. ECCO relies heavily on local church collection bins to fill needs for non-protein items to complement what they get from grants and partnerships with USDA, restaurants and farms. Since churches are not holding services now, the bin source is greatly diminished. Approximately 25-30 households donated and her car was full to overflowing. Staff and volunteers were really thrilled to receive such a large donation. I'On At Home may sponsor additional food drives and the entire I'On community will be invited to participate.

### Some *On Line Events* (List courtesy of I'On at Home)

- Conversation with the Oldest Living Tuskegee Airman Charles McGee: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X4-C2-SjFaE&t=982s>
- For Interesting videos (cooking, gardening, documentaries): <https://hdclump.com>

For videos from London's National Theatre on You Tube: starting Thursday, April 2 with ONE MAN, TWO GUVNORS. <https://www.rocklandstrand.com/event/nt-live-youtube-one-man-two-guvnors>. Note that shows change weekly.

For self-development: 450 Free Courses Offered by Ivy League Universities <https://www.freecodecamp.org/news/here-are-380-ivy-league-courses-you-can-take-online-right-now-for-free-9b3ffc7b8c/>

For 15 Broadway Plays and Musicals You Can Watch from Home: <http://www.playbill.com/article/15-broadway-plays-and-musicals-you-can-watch-on-stage-from-home>

For Virtual Tours of Art Museums and Exhibits: <https://www.lot-art.com/art-auction-news/World-Best-Art-Exhibitions-now-in-VR-from-the-Comfort-of-your-Home/160>



Monarch caterpillar on Milkweed



Newly emerged Monarch butterfly

## Communications Committee

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### Comments, Questions?

The Communications Committee wants to hear from you! Click [here](#) to submit your questions, comments, and requests. It's always a pleasure to hear from a Living In I'On reader!

## I'On Community Garden

### Interest in gardening exploding during stay at home mandates

Many of us in the I'On Community Garden already love to garden, and we renew our plots every year. But this year in the garden and nationwide many people are expanding their gardens, and new gardeners are purchasing plants and seeds, garden supplies, and plots in community gardens like ours in record numbers. All 27 plots in I'On's Community Garden are taken and planted, and the variety of plants being grown is impressive, including this mystery plant. What is it? An artichoke plant grown by Janet Harper covered with at least 9 artichokes!



Gardening is a great activity any time but especially now with the coronavirus forcing people to stay home with time on their hands and concerns about the availability and safety of purchasing food. Experts have long noted the many benefits of gardening. Not only does gardening provide healthy, safe fresh food, it has other benefits such as exercise and fresh air; the reduction of stress and depression; a wholesome shared family activity; connection to Nature; and opportunities for neighborliness (such as sharing food, help with watering, and gardening tips). We all need more of these right now. For more information, contact [April Gordon](#), Garden Coordinator



### The **Butterfly Garden** Springs to Life and Brings Needed Cheer

With our activities circumscribed in response to the coronavirus, it is a welcome spring tonic to see garden flowers greening up and irresistibly drawing butterflies and other pollinators to the garden. As we look around, we are reminded that much is the same as before and Nature continues to renew itself. We can find comfort in the beauty and resilience of life around us.

The Monarch butterfly provides a model and source of promise for renewal. Since early spring at least two Monarchs have been observed flying in the butterfly garden. On March 30, earlier than normal, I discovered several large Monarch caterpillars on newly emerging milkweed plants. (Milkweed leaves are the only food Monarch caterpillars can eat). A couple of days later, the caterpillars were gone but a chrysalis was found; any caterpillars that survived were now one stage away from becoming new adult butterflies. On April 14, I saw a newly emerged Monarch still drying its wings for flight. Monarchs are once again flying in the butterfly garden feeding on flower nectar and preparing to reproduce a new generation. Life goes on, and we can take joy in that.

Want to help in the butterfly garden? Contact [April Gordon](#)