

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

- 6/04 Recycling Pickup
- 6/09 IDC Review
- 6/12 ECCO Food Drive
- 6/18 Recycling Pickup
- 6/30 IDC Review

Creek Club Dock Closures

- 6/26 4:55 - 5:25
- 6/28 4:55 - 5:25

I'On Board Meetings 2020

On the following dates at 6:00pm

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

JOIN US FRIDAY, JUNE 12 12pm - 2pm FOR A WELLNESS PANTRY DRIVE FOR ECCO!

I'On At Home and The I'On Trust are partnering to sponsor a community wide food drive.

The Coronavirus is adversely affecting many of our local non-profits, as donations decrease and volunteer participation is suspended or minimized. Organizations like **East Cooper Community Outreach (ECCO)** have decreased their hours and some of their operations, however, they still are providing food, to increasing numbers of neighbors in our community who must rely on assistance to feed their families.



In talking with staff at ECCO, we have learned of several items which are critically low and **HOW WE CAN HELP.**

When you do your shopping before June 12th, please consider adding some of the following badly needed items to your grocery purchase:

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| Cheerios | Grits (1 lb) |
| Rice (1 lb) | Beef Stew |
| Canned Pasta | Peanut Butter |
| Dish Soap | Laundry Detergent |

ON FRIDAY, JUNE 12th, please:

- Bring all items to Maybank Green between Noon - 2:00pm
- ECCO will have their van available for items to be loaded to minimize contact
- All items will be taken directly to ECCO where staff will unload, sanitize and organize. Thank you!

Volunteers needed

I'On Communications Committee

The Communications Committee is dedicated to delivering current events to the I'On community through the newsletter, Living In I'On. One member of the committee has recently moved away, and the committee is actively searching for a replacement. If you are interested in being a volunteer on the Communications Committee, or have questions about this role, please contact [Mary Fraser](#).



Important News from the I'On Assembly

Don't forget! You must register your boat and obtain a new ramp key by June 1st in order to utilize the I'ON docks for the 2020 Boating Season! East Cooper Lock and Safe will be onsite Monday, June 1st, to change the lock on the boat ramp chain. You will need a new key in order to access the ramp as of Monday. The 2020 key is labeled "IBL10".

Boaters will need to register by completing the boater registration form, which you can find [HERE](#).

In addition to the completed registration form, you MUST provide the below documents:

- **A copy of your DNR registration**
- **A copy of your boat's current insurance policy**
- **\$25 Registration Fee (CHECK ONLY)**

Due to CDC guidelines, our offices are still closed to the public, so we are requiring that registration info be submitted to us electronically via email to mary.ion@ravenelassociates.com and checks dropped in the drop box that is located on the wall outside of the I'On Executive Offices door. The other option is to drop a copy of your completed registration packet in the drop box along with the check. Please be respectful of our office closure to the public, and do not stop by to pick up your keys/decals or request that we make copies of your documents as we cannot do that at this time. Once we have the fully completed registration packet and payment, we will deliver a key and decals to each registered boater's front porch.

Please make it a priority to read ALL docking rules on the second page of the registration form. We will be closely monitoring the docks to ensure all boats that are tied up have 2020 I'On decals and are not tied up for more than 48 hours. If your boat does not have decals or is tied up for more than the allotted 48 hours, you will receive a note from the management team. After three notices have been left, boaters will lose docking privileges.

Also, please remember to lock the ramp chain after you have put your boat in the water or after you take it out.

We look forward to the 2020 boating season and enjoying this valuable amenity!

THANK YOU!



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, raises in excess of \$10K each year.

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](#)

Thank you

To Lydia Engelhardt, Todd, Benjamin and William Joye for helping us display the America flag in appreciation of our US Military on Memorial Day.

This Month with The I'On Trust

Share your Kindness & Gratitude in the Friendship Garden...

The I'On Trust invites you and your family to join in showing our gratitude and celebrating kindness by decorating a river rock with your own personal message. During this most unusual time, we have all found that there is much to be grateful for including so many that have displayed acts of kindness and generosity. We wanted to create a project that everyone could participate in, that embodies a simple idea and could bring a smile to those who see and create it.



- ✦ On Monday, June 8 free rocks will be available at the Friendship Garden. The Friendship Garden is on the right side of Eastlake Road (as your heading into the neighborhood) past Boathouse Close. Please, only 3 rocks per household to start.
 - ✦ Gather a few supplies like acrylic paint, paint pens, and brushes.
 - ✦ Decorate your rock - getting as creative as you like - bright, fun colors, thank our healthcare workers, name of someone you appreciate, the school you go to, your pet, a kind word...
 - ✦ Place the rocks in the Friendship Garden around the bird bath.
- No need to be an artist to participate - a word or bright colors can lift a spirit. And whether you decorate a rock or not be sure to visit the Friendship Garden in a few weeks to see our collection of goodwill grow.

July 4th Parade...

It is a difficult time for events... but after much consideration we feel that we can go forward with the July 4th Parade in a safe and thoughtful manner. Unfortunately, due to potential crowding, we will not be conducting our traditional Salute on the Square



ceremony BUT we can still have the decorations, energy and the fun of a parade - all while practicing physical distancing!! So think about how you will be decorating those golf carts and keep an eye out for emails towards the end of June with details about the Parade.

May Yard of the Month winners

“To forget how to dig the earth and tend the soil is to forget ourselves” ~ Mahatma Gandhi

Having won the National Award for Landscape Design multiple times while they lived in Brazil, it is hardly surprising that **Sylvia & Rolf Leeven, 90 Latitude Lane**, were nominated as one of our Yard of the Month award recipients this month. Year round, their gorgeous home and garden overlooking West Lake are meticulously maintained and these past weeks the Leeven family have gone out of their way to comfort and inspire passers-by with creative “signs” amongst the plantings. With the help of their artistic daughter and granddaughter, palm husks were painted in bright colors to complement the pretty flowers, and encouraging words were often displayed on large banners to offer comfort to anyone struggling to cope during these difficult times. The Leeven family chose to make I’On “home” in 2011 because of its “location, and diversity” and, luckily for us, they “plan to stay here forever”.

Our second award winners, **Gail & Bruce Armstrong**, built their gorgeous Palladian style home at **67 Robert Mills Circle** thirteen years ago, but moved from Asheville, NC., to I’On full time just 3 years ago. Opting for a simple, yet elegant garden with carefully chosen green and white shrubs, the Armstrongs have created a landscape that compliments their house beautifully. The large fountain provides the focal point of the rear courtyard, and is surrounded by Sweetbay Magnolias, pittosporum, boxwood hedges, white camellias and confederate jasmine. Healthy, lush pear trees that offer delicious fruit in season and pretty milkweed that flank the steps leading from the terrace to the marsh trail complete this absolutely stunning garden.

Congratulations to our award recipients, and sincerest appreciation to **Lowcountry TruValue Hardware** who generously provided \$25 gift certificates to this month’s winners. Many thanks also to all of you who took the time to nominate your favorite yard.

Next month we are looking to recognize two of I’On’s “Prettiest Porches”, so please remember to send your nomination to Michele Wilson at tenprowcc@gmail.com by June 20th.



The Leeven Family
90 Latitude Lane



The Armstrongs
67 Robert Mills
Circle



A mixture of edible vegetables, herbs, citrus, berry shrubs, strawberries and landscape plants are blended in containers and beds in this backyard area.

I'On Ambassador

Welcome, New Neighbors!

Welcomed at a distance...

David & Priya Kurtz - 32 Robert Mills Circle

I'On Community Garden

You Don't Need a Community Garden Plot

The coronavirus pandemic has resulted in an explosive growth in gardening among Americans insecure about the availability of safe food or searching for something healthy to do outdoors without worrying about social distancing. At the I'On Community Garden, requests for garden plots exceeded supply this year, and sadly people had to be turned away.

Despair not! Did you know you don't need a garden plot or garden in your yard to grow food, herbs, or other edibles. One of the biggest gardening trends now is "edible landscaping" (see Rosalind Creasy's work), where edible plants are integrated into your landscape design. One idea is to plant vegetables, herbs, or edible flowers in pretty containers by themselves or along with non-edible plants. If necessary, these can be moved around your yard where sunlight is optimal. Another option is to intermingle edible plants, such as colorful Swiss chard or blueberry plants, with your landscape plants.

Many gardeners are rethinking the old idea that edible plants and landscaping don't mix. If you can move beyond that, you will discover that you can grow some of your favorite foods like peppers, tomatoes, basil, mint, and strawberries anywhere you have good soil, water, and enough sun.

[April Gordon](#), Community Garden Coordinator

I'On Butterfly Garden Team begins new Season

Many of you have remarked how much you love our neighborhood butterfly garden on Eastlake Rd, which is a tapestry of colorful flowering (mostly native) plants. During the warm weather months, the garden becomes a vibrant, verdant ecosystem visited by butterflies, bees, and myriad other insects and small critters searching for food, habitat, and a place to raise their young.

Often unrecognized is the work required to keep the garden healthy and beautiful. That work is largely performed by your friends and neighbors who are members of a volunteer group affectionately called Team BG. Beginning June 1 until the first week of October, Team BG members each take a week to be in charge of such tasks as watering, weeding, deadheading flowers, and pruning plants. These activities do more than keep our garden looking good: gardens like ours are part of a larger conservation effort to save endangered plant and animal species (such as Monarch butterflies and other pollinators) by providing spaces where they can thrive. The next time you are at the garden and see one or more of these volunteers at work, say hi and thank them. They deserve it.

To learn more or to volunteer, contact [April Gordon](#).



Late spring flowers at the butterfly garden.

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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!

Police to ticket illegally operated Golf Carts in I'ON.

Prompted by an increase in incidents involving underaged and unlicensed Golf Cart operators, TOMP Police are starting to issue tickets to non-compliant vehicle owners. The concerns are town-wide and I'on roads, with a known concentration of carts, can expect increased vigilance.

2018 changes to SC law were in response to concerns by residents and insurance companies concerning risks and accidents as more powerful carts saw worsening personal injury and property cases.

A TOMP Police Officer commented that many parents are unaware of the new State laws and unfamiliar with what is happening as inexperienced cart drivers operate carts on public roads, often with younger siblings or friends as passengers.

TOMP Police request that, upon seeing underaged cart drivers, residents should call (843) 884-4176 to make a report.

Financial jeopardy for vehicle owners is also considerable. A representative of the largest local vehicle insurer stated that: "The owner of the golf cart is ultimately responsible for the damage it causes, or injuries to its passengers. An attorney representing the plaintiff, can also go after the driver. Or in cases involving minors, the parents of the driver. " Drivers are listed on the insurance application along with their driver's license number. Coverage is denied when an unlicensed driver is operating. This should scare parents who let unlicensed, under-age children operate these vehicles."

SCDMV laws for Golf Cart owners are as follows:

- An SCDMV golf cart permit, with current address, is required.
- The vehicle is to be operated ONLY during daylight hours, regardless of whether it has lights.
- Operator must be at least 16 years old and must carry
 - A valid driver's license
 - The SCDMV registration document
 - Proof of current insurance
- Vehicles may be driven on a secondary highway or street for which the posted speed limit is thirty-five miles an hour or less, within 4 miles of residential or additional address noted on the registration.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR I'ON GRADUATES!



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