

# 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

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| 7/02 | Recycling Pickup   |
| 7/04 | July 4 Festivities |
| 7/14 | IDC Review         |
| 7/16 | Recycling Pickup   |
| 7/28 | IDC Review         |
| 7/30 | Recycling Pickup   |

## Creek Club Dock Closures

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| 7/04 | 4:55 - 5:25   |
| 7/11 | 3:55 - 4:25   |
| 7/17 | 4:55 - 5:25   |
| 7/18 | 4:25 - 4:55   |
| 7/19 | 11:55 - 12:25 |

## I'On Board Meetings 2020

On the following dates at 6:00pm

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



**July 4th has always been a great celebration in I'On and in that same spirit we hope you will join The I'On Trust in following activities!**

## I'On's 4th of July Virtual Fun Run/Walk 5K "Go the Distance while Socially Distancing"

Run/walk while socially distancing through the neighborhood, on the beach, over the Ravenel Bridge, on your treadmill or even if you're out of town.

**Race is set for July 4 anytime between 6am - 4pm**



You decide when to run but you are still part of the race by registering and recording your time through the JustMove app. Check out more information about the race, to register and the JustMove app [HERE](#).

Be sure to wear your patriotic best!!

## I'On's Golf Cart, Boat, Bike & Wagon Decorating Contest

Get creative and show that patriotic spirit! The Trust is holding a decorating contest so get creative and decorate those golf carts, boats, etc. and share your pictures on FaceBook with [#ionjuly4spirit](#) or directly to the I'On Social FB group. Judging will be based on creativity and patriotic spirit.



**We look forward to seeing all your creative & patriotic ideas!**



## **BOARD PRESIDENT MID-YEAR UPDATE**

2020 has been a very challenging year for many of us. One of those challenges has been our inability to hold in person meetings or events. Our mid-year community meeting/pot-luck dinner was one of the events that fell victim to cancellation due to Covid-19. Based on that, I thought it would make sense to provide a brief written update on accomplishments thus far this year, as work has continued in our neighborhood throughout this pandemic. Beyond the wonderful enhancements and work that homeowners have done to their own property and landscape, the HOA has been very active in maintaining and enhancing our amenities, as well as preparing to start on new ones.

### **The following community landscape enhancements have been completed during the first half of this year:**

- Jogging Park
- Patience Park
- Maybank Green Lighting
- Boathouse Bank re-planting
- Ponsbury/Sowell Street landscaping around the cement bollards on Eastlake
- Planting right of way strips in front of HOA property

### **Upcoming Projects:**

- Right of Way Palm Trees and Palm Trees on HOA property will be pruned 7/13-7/18
- Waterfront Enhancement at the Creek Club Parking lot scheduled to commence late summer
- Canal Path Vegetation Removal and Widening of the Canal Paths
- Installation of (4) Circulators to the Canals that will help the canals better process underwater vegetation and reduce insect issues

Our community was designed on incredible social gathering opportunities and we very much look forward to starting those back up when it is safe. In the interim please be safe and healthy.

I would also like to take a moment to express mine and the Board's deepest condolences to Jack Hamilton for the loss of his wife and to Jackson Hamilton for the loss of his mother, Julia Hamilton, who was a long time l'On resident and founding member of the neighborhood's civic and cultural life. Our deepest sympathies and thoughts are with your family.

## **You Can Help.....**

### **Volunteers needed!**

**Volunteers are needed to help with the annual holiday decorating and wreath fluffing. This tradition cannot be continued without people willing to help. Contact [Kiki Luesebrink](#) for more information!**



## Thank you!!!

Our ECCO food drive, co-sponsored with I'On At Home, was a huge success!

I'On neighbors so generously donated **1,604 pounds of pantry items!!**

Youth in the neighborhood volunteered for the food drive by creating and putting up signs at the mailbox stations. A huge thank you to Lindsey Fauerbach, Willa and Lucia Wiley, Clementine Willard, Caitlin Farr, Grey Norvell, Kate Strenck, Mateus Guimaraes and Coleman Emrich!

Since the start of Covid-19, the demand for ECCO's pantry has increased nearly four fold. If you missed the opportunity and would like to donate to ECCO, please go to the ECCO website to see how you can help.

## July 4th - Don't miss out

July 4 Virtual 5k Fun Run/Walk.  
Race info [HERE](#)  
and the  
Golf Cart Decorating Contest  
post pictures to FB with  
**#ionjuly4spirit**

## This Month with The I'On Trust

### Organizations are in need...

Now more than ever.

**Nominate a local non-profit, that addresses a basic human need, to be the recipient of the Giving Lights proceeds.**

It's difficult to think about the holidays now but The Trust is already working on I'On's annual holiday fundraiser, **The Giving Lights of I'On.**

Each year The Trust coordinates this fundraising project which sells luminary kits to support a local nonprofit. The planning begins in August, culminates mid November and typically raises in excess of \$10K each year to be donated to the selected non-profit. In it's 18th year, this I'On tradition is a neighborhood favorite that concludes with the lighting of luminaries all on the same night and presenting the proceeds of the fundraiser.



**We will be choosing the recipient at the end of July.** So, 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\*\*](#)

### Sharing your kindness...

We're delighted so many of you participated in painting rocks with thoughts of kindness and gratitude.



Be sure to return them to the Friendship Garden for all to enjoy!

## Porch of the Month Winners

*Make your front porch a part of your home, and it will make you part of the world ~ John Sarris*

The front porch of the Lowcountry cottage style home belonging to **Anne Register and Becky Van Wie**, at 270 N. Shelmore Blvd., is a thoughtfully designed, cosy space that offers something for everyone. Originally from Charlotte, NC, Anne and Becky built their home 16 years ago and one of the “must haves” was a porch with a swing. Anne has many fond memories as a child of enthusiastically swinging on her grandparents’ porch swing with her cousins, “crashing into the bannisters and causing havoc”. Now she and Becky enjoy the “soothing rhythm of gently rocking” on their swing, while visitors can relax in the comfy furnishings or take a turn on the joggling board. Pretty begonias, sun coleus, azaleas, and geraniums set against the Lowcountry Spoonbread color of the house, complete the inviting feel of this lovely home. “We are so thankful to live here at this difficult time, and we can’t imagine living anywhere else,” said Becky.

Our second winners, **Stephanie & Eddie Street**, at 10 Hopetown Road, are also from Charlotte, NC. and moved to l’On with their three young children in 2007. Their home is spectacular and the expansive back porch offers a magnificent view across the marsh. With sumptuous furnishings for relaxing and dining, vases of beautiful hydrangeas cut from their own garden, and the constant marsh breezes, this gorgeous porch is the perfect place to take a nap or to entertain family and friends. The driving force behind the Street’s choice to make l’On their home was how “great it is for kids”. In addition, “the friendly, family oriented sense of community and the walking trails” make the Street family very happy living here, and they have “no plans to go anywhere, anytime soon!” We would like to offer sincere appreciation to this month’s sponsor, The Square Onion, for offering gift certificates to our winners, and to thank everyone who wrote in with their nominations. We are back to recognizing two of l’On’s favorite yards next month so keep the nominations coming in to Michele Wilson at [tenprowcc@gmail.com](mailto:tenprowcc@gmail.com). Nominations must be received by July 20th to be eligible for consideration. Thank you l’On, and have fun in the garden!



Anne Register & Becky VanWie  
270 N. Shelmore Blvd.



Stephanie & Eddie Street  
10 Hopetown Rd.





Harper and Hattie Gillins proudly display some of the onions they grew and harvested with their mother Libby



Team BG Volunteer Deadheading Flowers at Butterfly Garden



Hairstreak butterfly enjoys nectar from blooming lavender

## I'On Community Garden

### Gardening is Great for Kids

While there are multiple studies showing the benefits of gardening for adults, too often underestimated are the benefits of including kids in the family gardening experience. Studies show that at a minimum gardening gets kids outdoors in the fresh air, exposed to the fascinating variety of growing plants, insects, and other creatures that visit or live in gardens, both above ground and in the soil itself. By extension, seeing bees and other insects pollinate plants or worms wriggling in fertile soil can teach environmental lessons such as the importance of protecting the Earth to sustain the food we eat. Not only that but growing your own food with your family is a gratifying activity that fosters appreciative awareness of where food comes from, creates pride in creating something by your own effort, and encourages healthier eating habits as your own fresh vegetables, herbs, and fruit are added to the family's diet.

As new Community Gardener Libby Gillins writes about the satisfaction she and her daughters have gained from gardening, "The garden has been so much fun for my girls. We love walking around and seeing everyone's plots. It is the first place I take visitors. It's a magical place."

April Gordon, Community Garden Coordinator  
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### Visit Your **Butterfly Garden**

The I'On Butterfly Garden on Eastlake Road has been in existence since 2015; it has been created, planted, and maintained thanks to the generosity of our HOA, the I'On Trust, and I'On residents like you. It is a place of beauty, exploration, and rest (on benches located in the shade under towering oak trees). Need a safe place to go with family and friends where you can social distance and enjoy the outdoors? Your garden is waiting for you full of flowers lovingly maintained by your neighbors who volunteer each summer to keep the garden a welcoming place for you and the butterflies and bees for which it was designed. And what child can resist a butterfly! You never know what you will see.

April Gordon, Butterfly Garden Manager  
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## I'On Ambassador

### *Welcome, New Neighbors!*

- Phil & Jenny Albeneze - 26 Jogging St
- Thomas Conley & Janice Greene - 20 Perserverance St
- Matt & Michelle Miller - 31 Hopetown Rd
- Wendy Nixon - 344 N Shelmore Blvd
- Meredith & Jason Nolley - 162 Ionsborough St
- Emmett & Debra O'Lunney - 11 Unwin Way
- Paul & Roberta Seccomandi - 53 Isle of Hope
- Loretta Shahade - 15 Prescient St
- John Sheffield - 82 Ponsbury Rd
- Renee & Travis Smith - 94 N Shelmore Blvd

### *Moving around I'on*

- Stefan Silverman & Alexis Mead - 29 Eastlake Rd

## 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 At Home

After a long period of sheltering-in-place, IAH has been hosting events that let us safely gather outside and enjoy a show!

IAH at home hosted an open air, live performance of Social Distance-SING! at the Westlake Amphitheater on a blue sky June day. For more information, [Holy City Arts and Lyric Opera](#).

A partnership between IAH and The I'On Trust resulted in a very successful Wellness Pantry drive for local organization ECCO.

I'On residents Bob and Lucy Scribner welcomed IAH members/guests onto their *Schooner Pride* tall ship for a social distancing harbor cruise.



IAH performance of Social Distance- SING