

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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| 8/04 | IDC Review |
| 8/13 | Recycling Pickup |
| 8/18 | IDC Review |
| 8/27 | Recycling Pickup |

Creek Club Dock Closures

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| 8/02 | 3:55 - 4:25 |
| 8/08 | 5:25 - 5:55 |
| 8/15 | 4:25 - 4:55 |
| 8/21 | 4:55 - 5:25 |
| 8/22 | 4:25 - 4:55 |
| 8/28 | 4:55 - 5:25 |
| 8/29 | 5:25 - 5:55 |
| 8/30 | 4:55 - 5:25 |

I'On Board Meetings 2020

On the following dates at 6:00pm

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

I'On's 25th Anniversary Memory Book Update

Call for Artists



The best part of the art of living is to know how to grow old gracefully - Erica Hoffer

We are very excited to share with you that work on I'On's 25th Anniversary Memory Book is currently at full tilt. Behind the scenes, a team of talented writers, photographers, and advisers have their creative juices flowing and are producing some remarkable work for the book. We are truly privileged to have such a wonderful team of I'On's "best" on board, striving toward a common goal - a project to commemorate I'On's quarter century!

However, the book would not be complete without showcasing the work of some of the amazing artists we have in our midst. We are reaching out to anyone with artistic talent who would like to take this opportunity to have work of I'On you have already done, or have yet to do, considered for inclusion in the book! We are looking for all sorts of artists - young and "older" - to submit paintings, drawings or sketches, color or black and white, of iconic I'On scenes or images. Types of art mediums can include oil paints, watercolors, acrylic paints, pen and ink, graphite pencils or charcoal and pastels. Really, anything goes, as long as the work can be easily transferred to print. Just think, perhaps it will be your "Image of I'On" that will grace the front cover of this beautiful hard back, coffee table book - a book that will become a beloved keepsake for years to come!

If you need more information about how to submit your art work for consideration, or if you have any questions, please contact Michele Wilson at tenprowcc@gmail.com.

Seen around I'On



Photo courtesy of Susy Teale

I'On Ambassador

Welcome, New Neighbors!

- Barbara & Robert Adams - 35 Eastlake Rd
- Shelby & Chip Burley - 53 Sowell St
- Audrey & Hayden Cadwallader - 105 Jakes Lane
- William & Sarah Cruz - 201 N Shelmore Blvd
- Brian & Amanda Doherty - 10 Frogmore Road
- Shane Oberoi & Deepa Patel - 205 N Shelmore Blvd
- Brian & Michele White - 19 Perserverance St

I'On Design Committee

IDC 2020 Application Submittal deadline dates & Meeting dates

| Submission deadline date (by noon) | IDC Meeting date |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| August 11 | August 18 |
| August 25 | September 1 |
| September 8 | September 15 |
| September 29 | October 6 |
| October 13 | October 20 |
| October 27 | November 3 |
| November 10 | November 17 |
| November 24 | December 1 |
| December 8 | December 15 |
| December 22 | January 5 |

1. Complete applications must be submitted in a hardcopy package to the IDC office by noon on Tuesday prior to an IDC meeting. IDC 2020 Application Submittal deadline dates & Meeting dates
2. The IDC has 30 days from the submission date to notify you of thier decision.
3. Approval is valid for 6 months. If approved project isn't started within 6 months of approval date, it becomes expired and closed. A new IDC application must be submitted to move forward.
4. If an application is reviewed and IDC requires revisions and/or additional submittal items, the additional items and/or revisions must be submitted within 6 months of review date or application will expire & close out. A new IDC application must be submitted to move forward.
5. Approved Projects must be completed in 12 months from approval



Juggling Fountain Square

NEWS FROM THE LANDSCAPE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Many of us have been close to home these past several months and saw Spring arrive in the Lowcountry with low temperatures during the day, topped off with nice cool evenings. Now, Summer has arrived in all its fiery glory! Fortunately, we live in a community with many outdoor spaces: Maybank Green, the Amphitheater at Westlake, the marsh path and the walking paths along both Eastlake & Westlake, where we're able to enjoy whatever beautiful weather the Lowcountry offers. As pointed out in the July Newsletter, there have been a number of enhancement projects completed in the neighborhood this year. As our neighborhood ages, it's important that we keep up with these enhancement projects in order to continue to assist our neighborhood age gracefully, where everyone can enjoy the benefits of living in I'On.

The median strips (also known as Rights-of-Ways) in front of HOA property have been planted with ferns and grasses, which will grow under the shade of the street trees. These include plantings along Eastlake Road near the entrance adjacent to the playing field, along the entrance at Lowcountry Blvd, and at the corner of Hopetown & N. Shelmore.

At the Boathouse on Eastlake, the bank was beautifully re-landscaped with sod and sweetgrass after the bulkhead and erosion were repaired.

Over the years, the jasmine planted along the south end of Eastlake had become overgrown and began disrupting the integrity of the bulkhead. The old plantings were removed at the south end of Eastlake, along Sowell Street and Ponsbury Road, and newly planted African Iris was added along with Agapanthus, Flax Lily and Drift roses.

Patience Park, the park at the end of Ionsborough and Heinlein was replanted. Around the beautiful Grand Oaks, the brick walkway and stone benches were cleaned, and the area was freshly planted with sod, white Drift Roses, Breeze grass, Hydrangeas and new Crape Myrtles were added.

The Jogging Fountain Square, with its massive, newly pruned Crape Myrtles, was planted with a variety of grasses, flowering plants, and ferns, and the old mismatched paver apron was replaced with bricks that matched the walkway through the park.

One project not yet completed is the renovation of the canal paths. The plantings that were added over 10 years ago have now become overgrown and negatively impact the bulkhead. The vegetation growing over the bulkheads will be removed and the paths will be widened with new plantation mix. One section that has already been completed in this fashion.

As the enhancements continue throughout the neighborhood take note of what a naturalist from the South Carolina Botanical Garden has said:

"A garden is never completely finished, there are so many plants that need our attention!"

Ah yes, there's always work to be as done.

Volunteers 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!

Yard of the Month Winners

Gardens are not made by singing “oh, how beautiful”, and sitting in the shade - Rudyard Kipling

Congratulations to our July Yard of the Month Award recipients who, despite the scorching summer heat, work continuously to keep their gardens looking beautiful. No sitting in the shade for them!

Bud & Donna Davis, 3 Edenton Road, built their home 5 years ago. They had lived in the Charleston area for most of their lives but when it was time to retire, Donna would look no further than I’On for a home. Having friends in I’On, and loving the rich diversity of the people here, she knew this would be the the perfect community for them. Their gorgeous home sits on a large property with a park-like feel, the highlight of which is a spectacular weed-free palisades zoysia lawn. Tall oak trees, holly bushes, azaleas, and camellias offer privacy and some year round color, and their beautiful 12’ back porch is the perfect place to entertain or relax after a long day.

Kiki and Richard Luesebrink, 51 Sowell Street, moved into their home 2 years ago. Having lived in downtown Charleston since 2010, they wanted a similar feel but didn’t want another old house! With it’s “village atmosphere, walkability, and activities”, I’On seemed “the best fit” for them. Whilst under construction with their new addition, the Luesebrinks decided to “start over in the garden, with a clean slate”. The result is absolutely gorgeous. A new zoysia, heat tolerant, lawn provides the canvas, Oak trees, and Crepe Myrtles offer much needed shade, 2 large carolina sapphire cypress trees flank the front porch steps, and pretty window boxes are filled with seasonal flowers. A well-maintained ROW strip complete this delightful garden.

We would like to say a huge thank you to **O’Brion’s Pub & Grille** for providing gift certificates to our winners, and our appreciation to everyone that took the time to nominate their favorite gardens. I’On is looking especially beautiful right now, and we are so grateful to everyone who is doing their part. Let’s keep up the hard work!

These will be our final garden awards of 2020. We hope you have enjoyed the friendly competition that the Yard of the Month Program has brought to the neighborhood, and hope that you all enjoy the rest of the summer. We look forward to seeing you again in the Fall when we will be out again with the ghouls and goblins in search of I’On’s favorite Halloween House!



Bud Davis
3 Edenton Rd.



Kiki & Richard Luesebrink
51 Sowell Street



Everyone Loves Fresh Garden Produce



Above: Gulf Fritillary Butterfly

Below: "Stained Glass" Wing of the Gulf Fritillary



I'On Community Garden

There Is Plenty of Time to Grow Summer Vegetables in August. Yes, Really!

Are your tomatoes about gone, your squash killed by borers, and your beans petered out from all the heat and humidity? As hot as it has been in most of July, the last thing on your mind may be planting more vegetables in August. Believe it or not, August is a good time to clear out spent or diseased plants (keep those still producing), weed your garden, apply fresh compost or good organic fertilizer, and replant from seeds or transplants. Among the plants that can be direct sown between August and early September are okra, Southern peas, squash, melons, and pumpkins. In late August, try transplants of tomatoes, peppers, and eggplant for fresh crops of these summer favorites. Check with your favorite garden center for more ideas, and try container gardening if you don't have space for a garden. If you are still doing well with your summer vegetables, this is a good time to fertilize, harvest, and prune them for continued production. Be sure to apply a 2-3" layer of mulch such as straw, chopped leaves, or pine straw to all your plants to control weeds, retain moisture, and keep the soil cooler. Mulch becomes compost and enriches your soil as it breaks down. The first frost date in our area is sometime in December, so keep growing! Waiting for fall planting season? More on that topic next month... April Gordon (dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com), Community Garden Coordinator

BUTTERFLY GARDEN

What to Watch for at the Butterfly Garden in August: the Gulf Fritillary

Beginning in late July, we look forward to the return of Gulf Fritillary Butterflies to the garden. Here they will feed on nectar flowers, such as zinnias and Mexican sunflowers, and rear their caterpillars on the passionvines growing in several places along the fence. From August through September, fritillaries are one of the most common butterflies you will see at the garden and one of the most beautiful. Sometimes mistaken for Monarchs because of their bright orange and black markings, the Gulf Fritillary is quite distinctive. As showy as its wing markings are, the underside of a fritillary's wings are so stunning they have been compared to a stained glass window. Caterpillars will become so numerous on the passionvines that by the end of summer their leaves will be gone and only bare stems will remain as testimony to the caterpillars' ravenous appetites. Although many of the caterpillars will themselves be food for hungry predators, those that survive will form a chrysalis and emerge to become the next generation of fritillary butterflies, to the delight of those of us lucky enough to see them... April Gordon (dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com), Manager of I'On's Butterfly Garden



The I'On Trust
JOIN US FRIDAY, AUGUST 19
2pm - 5pm
FORA STUFF THE BUS EVENT!

We were so delighted to find out about the work our neighbor Jason Kreutner has been doing for our local community and the greater Charleston County School District (CCSD). Since the end of March, Jason, Head of School of the University School of the Lowcountry (USL) has been gathering learning and sanitation supplies for CCSD students-in-need. The school has collected everything for ages 2-18, including books, toys, shelf-table food, hand sanitizer, paper towels and cloth masks. So far, the continuing effort has raised a total of approximately \$10,000, 10,000 pounds of food, 4,000 books, 1,000 toys and hundreds of hygiene products.

We can help! The supplies we gather will be distributed at the Greenhill and Snowden Community Centers. Many of the students at James B. Edwards come from these two communities.

When you are doing your shopping before August 19, please consider adding school supplies, shelf stable food and diapers.

On August 19, the USL school bus will be parked on the backside of Maybank Green where you may drop off supplies from 2pm to 5pm.

Items may be loaded directly into the bus or given to a volunteer to minimize contact.

All items will be taken by USL where they will unload, sanitize and organize.

If you would like more information check out this [article](#) that ran recently in the Moultrie News or visit USL's website at <https://www.uslowcountry.org/>

I'On At Home

Down the garden path tour

I'On At Home continued to hold some virtual (documentary discussion) and socially-distanced, outdoor events in July. On a bright, shiny morning, nine I'On residents opened their private gardens for an event called Down the Garden Path. Nearly 30 I'On At Home members and friends walked through opened gates and discovered uniquely styled and shaded spaces.

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