

# LIVING IN I'ON

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

### You're Invited

All 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. Many residents have found ways to remain connected. Please check out page 6 for a few ideas.

### Other Important Dates

- 4/09 Recycling Pickup
- 4/23 Recycling Pickup

### Creek Club Dock Closures

None this month

### I'On Board Meetings 2020

On the following dates at 6:00pm

- April 20
- 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 will be available at a later date but we wanted to share with you a collage of the adjectives used in question 9 to describe our community.**



## I'On Design Committee

### **IDC Applications On Hold**

Because of challenges accepting applications and having in person design review meetings in the midst of COVID-19, the I'On Design Committee is not accepting any new submissions as of March 31<sup>st</sup>. This is a temporary move and does not apply to all projects in I'On. Dana, our neighborhood design coordinator is still able to approve "like for like" repairs and maintenance submissions with no structural design changes.

Due to the extent of detail the IDC reviews on a set of drawings or considers with physical product samples, virtual meetings are currently not a workable option. We are working to find a solution for receiving and reviewing submittals remotely, but do not have that capability at this time. We are hopeful that things will soon return to normal, but if that is not the case within the next 4 weeks, we will have some solution to accommodate physical distancing and health precautions while still keeping applications moving.

We apologize for any inconvenience this causes, and thank you for your understanding.

## **Important News from the I'On Assembly**

### **DOCK CLOSURE UNTIL APRIL 15**

Yesterday evening, Governor Henry McMaster issued Executive Order 2020-16 which ordered the closure of all public access points to the states beaches, as well as closures of all public boat ramps, landings and other access points on the states lakes, rivers and waterways. Today, Mt. Pleasant Mayor Will Haynie issued a proclamation ordering Mt. Pleasant residents to stay at home for the next 14 days beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup> through Wednesday April 15<sup>th</sup>.

In keeping with the executive order from Governor McMaster and the stay at home proclamation from Mayor Haynie, the I'On Board unanimously voted to close access to the I'On docks and boat ramp.

The I'On dock will be closed as of 5 pm on Wednesday April 1<sup>st</sup> and will remain closed through April 15<sup>th</sup>, at which time the board will re-evaluate the situation and determine if the dock can be re-opened at that time. All boats must be removed from the dock before 5 pm tomorrow Wednesday April 1<sup>st</sup>.

We ask that residents continue to practice social distancing while out and about in the neighborhood.

As a community we must do our part to help flatten the curve and observe social distancing regulations. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we navigate these unprecedented times.



## Thank you, Michele!

The Perseverance Square brick engraving project was very well supported again this year with 50 bricks ordered. **We are so grateful to Michele Wilson for organizing and running this project!**

For those of you not familiar with the history of Perseverance Park and the fountain on the Square around which the bricks are placed, the Park was designed as a brick boulevard along one section of North Shelmore, with a fountain and seating area for residents to enjoy. Since 2014 Michele has organized this brick project with nearly 300 additional bricks installed around the fountain.

Perseverance Square is a uniquely wonderful place in I'On, shared and enjoyed by all. We encourage all our neighbors to take a walk through Perseverance Park once in a while, stop to read some of the wonderful tributes engraved on the bricks around the fountain, and enjoy the peace and tranquility of this pretty place in our neighborhood.



## This Month with The I'On Trust

### Staying Connected

As you all know, The I'On Trust was created to maintain and enhance the social infrastructure of I'On and foster a sense of community. Our mission has always had a simple yet important goal, promote the social wellbeing of the neighborhood. Since our conception 20+ years ago we have accomplished our goal through a series of annual events and gatherings. Unfortunately, we have to hold off on those events for the time being.

As we have all had to adapt our daily lives, The Trust is still committed to our goal, promoting the social wellbeing of I'On. People are incredibly creative and we are all seeing new and fun ways for us to stay connected with each other during this challenging time. With that idea, **The Trust would like to invite all our neighbors to join us in a new opportunity to share ideas and our voices on the I'On Trust community channel on Slack.**

Slack is an instant messaging platform that can allow us to connect free from ads or other distractions. Our community channel can include individual channels with specific topics - think of chat rooms discussing cultural events, your book club could have it's own channel or even Netflix recommendations you would like to put out there. With Slack you can direct message (DM) with neighbors without need of their email or phone number. Your communication can be real-time, live and in the moment, if you like. We hope it may connect neighbors that might not have otherwise met. Slack can be used via the web (in your browser) or you can download their web app straight to your laptop (for Mac and PC.) On your phone, you can access Slack via their mobile app on iOS and Android.

Please look for our email invite in the next couple days as we launch this service. Sign in and take a look around. While we may have to be *'physically distanced'* we can all stay socially connected.

## 2020 YARD OF THE MONTH AWARD PROGRAM

The Landscaping Committee is pleased to announce that the Yard of the Month Award Program kicks off again this month. As an integral part of the overall beautification project of I'On, the program was a huge success last year. We were delighted with the way the community embraced the program, and we are, once again, looking forward to recognizing and rewarding the efforts of our residents who take special pride in their homes and gardens, and who inspire others to do the same.

In these uncertain times, one thing we can be certain of is that Spring is coming. Before long, the I'On landscape will come to life as new buds appear, our trees fill with blossom, and we set about the daily task of sweeping green pollen from our porches! As "spring fever" fills the air and we look for activities that lift our spirits, look no further than your own back yard. The many health benefits of gardening are extensive - from reducing depression and relieving stress, to lowering blood pressure and burning calories. Gardening can be a solo activity, or an opportunity for bonding with family and friends. The happiness and stress relief that gardening provides is a great thing to share with loved ones. Did you know that gardening has special benefits for children? According to the WHO, early exposure to "friendly" soil bacteria (*Mycobacterium vaccae*) has been linked to all kinds of long-term health benefits, including reducing allergies, asthma, and other autoimmune diseases. Also, gardening teaches us to have faith in the future because growing something green, real and alive is a hopeful thing to do. So, let's all get out into our gardens, live in the moment by being amongst your plants and flowers, and bring joy to others whose only "garden time" might be spent enjoying the results of your efforts. When you're out and about in the neighborhood and you happen to spot a yard that particularly catches your eye, make a note of the street address and nominate it for an award. This year we are especially looking for homeowners who have used some interesting plantings etc to improve the ROW strip in front of their homes. These areas can be particularly tricky as many are heavily shaded, but there are certain shrubs that will grow in poor light and that look very nice once established. The HOA can provide a list of those shrubs to any homeowner who is interested. Remember, the HOA will maintain your ROW but it is your responsibility to plant and water it.

Our first awards will be presented at the end of the month. Please send your nominations to Michele Wilson at [tenprowcc@gmail.com](mailto:tenprowcc@gmail.com) by April 21st.

**Good luck, I'On, and happy gardening!**



2019 Yard of the Month winner #1,  
Kim Hopkins, Ponsbury Rd.

## Volunteer Opportunities right in the 'hood:

I'ON AT HOME always welcomes additional volunteers to assist members with check-in phone calls and/or essential errands like obtaining groceries or medication. We're also seeking a few additional call manager volunteers. At the start of each month, you may sign up for as many "9am-1PM shifts" as you wish. You only need to be available to screen incoming calls and email. You can do it remotely! You might field questions about becoming a member, help an existing member posting a volunteer request or signing up for an activity on the website. You will connect with neighbors and be appreciated by the entire IAH community. If you're willing to help with these services, please connect by contacting Sarah Fischer (IAH Exec. Director) at [sarahf@ionathome.org](mailto:sarahf@ionathome.org) or 303-668-3530.

## I'On Ambassador

### *Welcome, New Neighbors!*

A big welcome to the newest I'On families! Make sure to stop by, introduce yourself, and invite them to our fabulous community events

-Libby & Greg Gillins - 43 Sanibel Street

-Chrissy & Jake Heger - 116 Civitas Street

-David & Kimberly Winner - 172 Civitas Street

## I'On At Home

### "Progressing in Life" Adults Coping with COVID-19

Many of you may know that I'On At Home (IAH) is our neighborhood nonprofit organization dedicated to enabling I'On residents to have a healthy, active, and independent lifestyle while remaining in our own homes as long as possible. In the midst of this pandemic, IAH is continuing to provide our members with the most important benefits of their involvement with us - activities and services. Of course, in our present situation, we must provide these benefits in some different ways. Perhaps the steps we are taking will offer ideas to all of our neighbors, in addition to our members.

First, we recognize that our constituents may be isolating themselves "out of an abundance of caution" (often used phrase in the media), or even because they have Coronavirus symptoms. For those in isolation, IAH is offering to bring groceries, medications, or other supplies and leave them on the porch to avoid direct contact.

Secondly, and of equal importance, we recognize the value of social interaction and cognitive stimulation. A neighbor suggested that we should use term "physical distancing," since we really don't want to be socially distanced. To address this issue, IAH is planning a variety of "virtual" gatherings using technology to connect us. We are setting up online meetings, discussion groups, documentary viewings, and even events such as cocktail parties.

Finally, we are launching a structured effort to stay in touch with our members at a personal, individual level. Our goal is to reach out weekly to see what each of them needs and how they are doing.

We wish wellness and safety to all of our I'On neighbors. If anyone has questions or wants more information about I'On At Home, please go to our website at [www.ionathome.org](http://www.ionathome.org) or contact me personally. As one of my heroes (Pat Summit, the legendary University of Tennessee women's basketball coach) said, when facing early onset Alzheimer's, her way of coping was to remind herself, "Left foot, right foot, breathe."

Becky Van Wie  
I'On At Home President

## What are YOU doing?

- Book groups meeting outside and observing social distancing or meeting via Zoom (or other platforms)
- Happy hours on porches across the street or on large porches that allow social distancing
- Gardening
- On-line mahjong games
- Walks/jogs through the neighborhood
- Virtual happy hours via various social media platforms
- Exercise classes via Twitter, Facebook and other platforms
- Social distancing Easter egg hunt
- Serenading the neighborhood from a balcony

## 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!

## Walking in I'On

The trails in I'On don't just give you a workout. They refresh your soul with gorgeous marsh views, romantic bridges, and exquisite architecture where no two houses are the same or even the same size! Maps and more information are in the directory and on the [I'On](#) web page. **During this time, please be mindful of your physical distance when walking with neighbors. Everyone wants the best for one another and that is to stay health and well!**

The **Westlake Path** begins and ends at the intersection of W Shipyard and Moultrieville Roads.

<u>Distance</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Steps</u>	<u>Calories</u>
0.44 mile	8:16	898	37

**The Rookery** has entrances on N Shelmore Blvd, Jakes Lane and the alley behind Sowell Street opposite Patty Lane.

Please remember: No dogs in the Rookery.

<u>Distance</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Steps</u>	<u>Calories</u>
0.62 mile	13:07	1,323	54

The **Eastlake Path** begins and ends at the intersection of W Shipyard and Ponsbury Roads.

<u>Distance</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Steps</u>	<u>Calories</u>
0.66 mile	13:16	1,368	56

Like the Westlake Path, the **Canal Walk** also starts and ends at the intersection of W Shipyard and Moultrieville Roads.

<u>Distance</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Steps</u>	<u>Calories</u>
0.69 mile	13:00	1,396	63

The **Marsh Trail** starts at the Creek Club and offers views of the marsh looking towards Hobcaw Creek and the Wando River. Enjoy sights of beautiful architecture, wildlife, wooden bridges, and community docks. There are trailheads at all of the streets along the way, so you can start your walk at many different points.

<u>Distance</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Steps</u>	<u>Calories</u>
2.13 miles	41:39	4,643	181

