

LIVING IN I'ON

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

You're Invited

All social events are cancelled due to COVID-19.

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

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

Other Important Dates

- 11/03 IDC Review
- 11/05 Recycling Pickup
- 11/17 IDC Review
- 11/19 Recycling Pickup

Creek Club Dock Closures

- 11/07 4:25 - 4:55pm
- 11/08 3:25 - 3:55pm
- 11/20 3:55 - 4:25pm
- 11/21 4:25 - 4:55pm
- 11/22 3:55 - 4:25pm
- 11/27 2:55 - 3:25pm

I'On Board Meetings 2020

On the following dates at 6:00pm
 November 16
 December 21



THE GIVING LIGHTS OF I'ON



Letter from this year's recipient

On behalf of Communities In Schools of the Charleston Area (CIS), we are humbled and honored to have been chosen as the 2020 Giving Lights beneficiary. The generosity of the I'On community is inspiring, and it couldn't have come at a better time as the needs of our at-risk students have increased during the pandemic.

Prior to the school closures last Spring from COVID-19, thousands of students across the Lowcountry woke up each morning and were already faced with seemingly insurmountable obstacles in their life. Insecurities surrounding food, clothing, housing and transportation made it difficult for them to focus on academics, much less plans for the future. Since that time, the needs of students and families living in poverty in our community have deepened significantly. Unemployment rose in Charleston County from 2.4% in February to 13% in May 2020 (U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics). Hospitality and tourism, which drives the economic engine locally, ground to a halt last Spring, leaving many of the families that we serve struggling with unemployment. Additionally, the isolation of quarantine and closed schools has had a tremendous impact on the social-emotional health of our students, which places them at risk of not progressing to the next grade level and ultimately not graduating from high school.

Luckily, Communities In Schools has a proven 30 year track record in this community of providing wraparound supports and basic needs with the assistance of over 250 non-profit partners to students so we can help empower them to succeed and remove some of the barriers that they are faced with. Our 17 full time Site Coordinators are providing students with essential services both virtually and in person this Fall including: tutoring, mentoring, weekly peer counseling, social-emotional learning, college/career preparedness, problem solving and goal setting. So many volunteers, mentors, teachers, school administrators, parents, and other caring adults play a part in ensuring students stay on track to graduate.

By participating in the annual Giving Lights fundraiser, thousands of at-risk students in Charleston will directly benefit from the generosity of the I'On community. Communities In Schools humbly thanks every volunteer, luminary captain, patron, and neighbor who will make The Giving Lights a success this year.

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, December 6th!

Sincerely,
 Jamie J. Cooper, CEO Communities in Schools of the Charleston Area

We encourage neighbors to check out this brief video to see the work CIS does.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pw1IFBOzjuQ&t=73s>

You can help.....

Kathy and Lou Chambers will be leaving the I'On community in November. They will be missed. We wish to thank Kathy for her 2 years of service on the First Friday Committee. As you know, she did an outstanding job. Although it is unclear when First Fridays will resume, additional support will be needed. If anyone is interested in helping with First Friday please contact [Karen Rathbun](#) 973-985-7983.

I'On At Home

In recognition of member support, IAH recently sponsored two open-air, live performance events at the Westlake Amphitheater: Woolfe Street Playhouse's Summer Comfort - The Music of John Denver and Linda Ronstadt, and Charleston Opera Theater's Curbside Delivery!. Both events had Covid safety measures in-place and observed: required masks, social distancing, and physically distanced seating marked by flags.



Charleston Opera Theater

I'On Board of Trustees Board Candidate Questionnaires Now Available

Are you interested in serving on the I'On Board of Trustees? If you would like to run for a seat on the I'On HOA Board you will need to submit a candidate application/questionnaire. The applications are available on the [I'On website](#) or can be obtained by emailing [Mary Fraser](#). The deadline for submission is Wednesday December 9, 2020. Candidates are urged to attend one (or more) Board meetings prior to the election in January for an understanding of how the Board works and the functions of the various Board Committees. To learn more about Board service contact [Tom O'Brien](#), Board President, or another Board member listed on the [I'On website](#). Serving on the Board is a very rewarding experience and a great opportunity to help address the many issues facing the I'On community in both the short and long term.

2021 Annual Assessment

It is time for the 2021 I'On Assembly (HOA) annual assessments! The assessment invoices, along with a copy of the 2021 budget, will be mailed out mid-November. Assessment payments are due on January 1, 2021. If you have had any issues receiving bills in the past, recently moved, or live in I'On part-time PLEASE reach out to the I'On Assembly office, 843-388-7547 or e-mail [Jessica Gosnell](#) to confirm the billing information on file is accurate. It is the homeowner's responsibility to update changes in mailing/billing info to ensure prompt receipt of annual assessment. Late fees are charged for payments received after 11:59pm on January 31, 2021.

Annual Wreath Fluffing and Hanging....Volunteers Needed!

It's time for the annual "fluffing and hanging" of the holiday wreaths! This year's wreath hanging is scheduled for **Saturday, November 21st at 10:00 AM at the Scramble playground**. The Scramble is the playground located behind the I'On Square parking lot, nestled between Civitas, Ionsborough and N. Shelmore. The Decorating Committee needs wreath "fluffers" and wreath "hangers" to assist in decorating the neighborhood for the holidays! Wreath fluffers will assist in fluffing the wreaths and bows that have been in storage for the past year. Wreath hangers will use a step ladder to hang wreaths from the lampposts. Wreath hanging instructions, maps, and zip ties will be provided. Each team of at least two volunteers will need a car or golf cart, scissors, and a stepladder. Please RSVP to [Kiki Luesebrink](#) if you can help with this annual tradition!



Holiday Festival of Giving

Sunday, December 6



Glowing candles will soon line the streets of I'On in celebration of the holiday season!

We will need some neighborhood elves, preferably with golf carts, to help set out and light luminaries in public spaces on the 6th. If you can help us, please email Margaret.

Don your most festive holiday sweater and **light your luminaries in front of your home at by 5:30pm.**

At 6pm, join us at Westlake Amphitheater where we will present the proceeds of the Giving Lights to this year's recipient, Communities in Schools.

***The celebration will continue with our traditional carriage rides to view the luminaries.

Carriage rides are free & tickets will be available through an email to the community on Tuesday, Dec. 2. The email sign up is first come, first serve. Tickets per sign up are limited.

*** Knowing that we may need to modify the usual events of the Giving Lights celebration to meet evolving Public Health guidelines. Watch for updates in eblasts as well as the December newsletter.

This Month with The I'On Trust...

The Giving Lights

[Deadline for Luminary Orders is Friday, November 13](#)

As highlighted in the cover story, this very special fundraiser selling luminary kits will support the efforts of Communities in Schools and culminate Sunday, December 6 with our Holiday Festival of Giving.

If you have not already received your Giving Lights order form, one will likely be delivered in the next couple of days.

We hope that everyone will participate in the luminary project and help light up the neighborhood for the Holiday Festival knowing you are making a significant impact to students in our community.

For details about The Giving Lights, please visit iontrust.org.

We would like to thank all our volunteers who are taking their time to help support this worthy fundraiser and wonderful tradition in I'On.

We are delighted that Cindy Smithy and Harriet Ripinsky are serving as our Co-Chairs, along with Elisabeth Burch, Carol Degnen, Vicki Gillis and Mallory Norvell completing our Giving Lights Committee.

We appreciate the following neighbors for doing the leg work of delivering & receiving all those order form!

Beth Maass, Margie Bondy, Mary Kaplan, Becky Van Wie, Pam Bishop, Andrea Martin, Amy Flounders, Patricia Fritzinger, Carol Degnen, Mallory Norvell, Marybeth Maroulis, April Gordon, Cathy Remington, Charlotte Lawson, Cheryl Pitts, Fern McHugh, Louise Howell, Donna Feldman, Meredith Banas, Linda Hanson, Jodie Cochran, Mary Ellen Raphael, Sarah Vineyard, Joanne Grant, Susan Fitzgerald, Karen Albenesius, Gail Paul, Myrto Tsavalas, Bebe Coyle, Kathie Haas, Yun Mai, Joan Zaleski, Janet Harper, Jean Bush, Barbara Fowler, Debbie Ferrer, Kaki Hinton, Jackie & Charles Ferguson, and Lydia Engelhardt.

Saturday, November 21 - kits will be assembled and volunteers will begin to be drop them off at participating homes. If you participate in the Giving Lights you will also receive the I'On Directory with your order. Kits may be delivered as late as Tuesday, December 1

Wednesday, December 2 - Sand will be available for your luminaries.

Halloween in the Hood

Thank you to all that came out for the Halloween Parade! We had a terrific time & saw a number of fantastic carved & decorated pumpkins. **Please check out all the pictures, on pages 7 and 8.**



I'On Community Garden

Don't Miss Out! Sign Up for a Community Garden Plot on January 1, 2021

There has never been a better time to grow your own fresh, organic vegetables, herbs, and flowers. Get outdoors and enjoy a safe activity in a beautiful, sunny location close to home. If like most of us in I'On your yard is too small or too shady to garden, I'On's Community Garden on Eastlake Rd is just the place you are looking for. Now is the time to plan to get your garden plot for next year. Signups for 2021 begin on January 1 for 27 raised beds that are 5' x 8' in size and available on a first come, first served basis to I'On residents. For only \$50, plots are amended annually and mulched pathways, perimeter fencing, and water are provided. The garden is open for planting in mid-February, and our growing season is year-round so you can enjoy both those summer tomatoes and winter greens. Sign up individually, as a family, or partner with someone else. Check December's newsletter for more details.

Have questions? Contact Garden Coordinator April Gordon at dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com



I'On Community Garden



New England Asters are Standouts in the Garden

Butterfly Garden

Asters and Migrating Monarchs are the Stars in November's Butterfly Garden

At a time when most summer garden flowers have faded or died, blooming asters have arrived to take their place. Ranging from white to pink and purple, asters will continue to bloom until the weather turns cold. This is nature's way of ensuring that nectar-eating butterflies, bees, and other insects continue to find food to prepare for winter or, in the case of Monarchs, to provide them with the essential nutrition they need to fuel their migration to Mexico. Coastal South Carolina is part of the eastern migratory flyway, and many of us are already witnessing increasing sightings of Monarchs. During this time of the year, hundreds of Monarchs are reported along our coastal beach communities where they are most numerous, and sizable number can be seen in our butterfly garden. They are drawn to the brilliant Mexican sunflowers, scarlet salvia, milkweed, and the abundant asters. This is a great time to visit our garden to watch the many and varied butterflies, especially the Monarchs. Let's wish them a safe trip to their winter home.

For more information, contact April Gordon, Manager of the Butterfly Garden (dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com)



**Monarch on Milkweed
Flowers**



**Climbing Asters Draw Myriad
Butterflies and Bees**

Welcome New Neighbors

- Bradley & Sarah Banyas - 28 Sowell Street
- Theresa & Victor Cossel - 62 Sanibel Street
- Mary & Bob Holtz - 58 Sowell Street
- Thomas & Haley Mathewes - 56 Sowell Street
- Sherry & Kirby Zellers - 181 N Shelmore Blvd

Moving Around I'On

- Michael Purcell & Patricia Hutchinson - 135 Lonsborough St

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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's Favorite Halloween House

Congratulations to the **Garman family**, and their home at **3 Robert Mills Circle**, for being the winner of I'On's Favorite Halloween House. Situated on a large corner, visitors to the Garman home are greeted during the day by a bench at the front door filled with customized pumpkins painted by Lisa and her daughter, Alexia. If brave enough, passers-by navigate past the scary skeletons that are sitting on stools, hanging from the rafters, or climbing out of graves and waving. Then at night, the house becomes transformed in "spooktacular" style featuring five two-storey inflatables including two pumpkin reapers, ghoulish ghosts and a haunted tree. Neighbors rave about the light show that can be seen from blocks away! Thanks to everyone who took time to nominate their Favorite Halloween House, and a very special thank you to our sponsor, **I'On Community Table**, for offering a \$25 gift certificate to our winners.

Our last award of the year will be for **I'On's Favorite Holiday House**. Please send in your nominations to Michele Wilson at tenprowcc@gmail.com by December 19th. Don't worry, a reminder will be going out again in early December. Happy Holidays, I'On!



**I'On's Favorite Halloween House.
 The Garman family, 3 Robert Mills Circle**

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now on to the pumpkins...

