

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

- 12/01 IDC Review
- 12/03 Recycling Pickup
- 12/15 IDC Review
- 12/17 Recycling Pickup
- 12/31 Recycling Pickup

Creek Club Dock Closures

- 12/04 3:25 - 3:55pm
- 12/05 3:25 - 3:55pm
- 12/12 3:55 - 4:25pm
- 12/18 4:55 - 5:25pm

I'On Board Meetings 2020

On the following date at 6:00pm

December 14



**HAVE YOU EVERY SEEN MORE THAN 10,000
CANDLES GLOWING AT THE SAME TIME?
 WELL, HANG ON, YOU'RE ABOUT TO!
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6
THE HOLIDAY FESTIVAL OF GIVING**



- 5:30pm - Neighbors light your luminaries**
- 5:45pm - Tree Lighting on Maybank Green**
- 6:00pm - Presentation of the proceeds of The Giving Lights of I'On to Communities in Schools, The Charleston Area**
- 6:15pm - Carriage Rides begin from Westlake Amphitheater**
- 6:15pm - Drop of your Letters to Santa with some holiday photo fun**

See page 3 for all the details.

***Let's be sure to have the safety of one another in mind as we celebrate this wonderful season of giving, good will and good health. Please be sure to wear a covering over your nose & mouth as well as maintaining a physical distance of 6ft from those not in your household.*

I'On At Home



IAH tours MUSC gardens



IAH Group Hike. James Island County Park

LOWVELO 2020, a Hollings Cancer Center fundraising event, was held this year although it had to be a virtual event due to COVID. For the second year running there was a Team I'On. This year's team members included: Joe Fanelli, Fran Jacobs, Leonard Hanson, Peg Higgins, Penny Leighton, Dick Stifel and Cynthia Webb. We biked more than 1,000 miles over 4 months and raised \$5,905 for cancer research. We would like to thank the many people who supported our efforts. **Thank you so much for your generosity!**

2021 ANNUAL MEETING AND HOA BOARD ELECTION

The 2021 Annual Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at the Creek Club. HOA Board elections will take place at this time, with online voting and proxy collection taking place prior to this date. We have not yet determined if we will hold an in-person Annual Meeting with mask and social distance requirements, or if we will hold a virtual meeting. This will be decided based on the status of the virus and infection rates in January. We must be safe and observe precautions. The meeting forum will be decided closer to the date of the meeting and we will keep residents informed with updates via email blasts to the community. Please be on the lookout for the annual meeting mailing coming to your mailboxes at the end of December, as well as an email blast announcing when online voting will be live!

LAST CALL FOR BOARD CANDIDATES!

To date, we have four confirmed candidates volunteering to run for the four upcoming Board vacancies. On behalf of the Board, thank you to those who are stepping up and volunteering to serve! A good board is critical to making policy decisions in the best interests of the entire community. While it is not always easy, service is rewarding. The cutoff date for candidate applications will be Wednesday, December 9 at 5 PM. Completed candidate applications will be sent out to the community in the annual meeting packet. Should you be considering service on the Board and wish to receive more information as to what is involved, please contact either [Jessica Gosnell](#) or [Tom O'Brien](#).

Golf Cart Operating Citations in I'On

Please be aware that the Mt. Pleasant Police department has informed us that I'On has been added to their directed enforcement lists due to the number of complaints they have received regarding illegal golf cart operation. This means that TOMP Police Department will be patrolling I'On for golf cart law violators. Children caught driving golf carts illegally will be issued citations and parents will be required to come to the scene to retrieve their golf carts. All incidents will be documented with police reports. This is primarily a safety issue as a child driving a golf cart does not have much of a chance against an SUV going even 20 mph. Please be aware of this enforcement and ensure your families know and abide by the South Carolina Golf Cart Operation Laws.



Letters to Santa

December 6 - 20



Looking for a direct line to jolly ol' Saint Nick?

How about a writing a letter and mailing it off the night of the Holiday Festival.

You just might get one back...

During the Holiday Festival we will have a Santa Mailbox at Westlake Amphitheater to send your letters to Santa Claus.

Your little ones can draw pictures or write a letter, but be sure to encourage them to seal it in an envelope with return address.

After the Holiday Festival of Giving, the letters to Santa mailbox will be relocated to the porch of the new bakery, Bakies of I'On, at the corner of N Shelmore and Sowell, 264 N Shelmore.

This Month with The I'On Trust...

Holiday Festival of Giving

We have had a record breaking Giving Lights of I'On fundraiser!

We are looking forward to the Holiday Festival of Giving, Sunday, December 6, to light all of those luminaries in celebration.

Sand for your luminaries will be available Wednesday, December 2 at the end of Mobile Street. One red container at the sand pile will be enough sand to fill one luminary kit (12 bags). Remember the sand is available for all neighbors to make their luminaries, please only take the appropriate amount of sand needed to build yours.

Light your luminaries at 5:30pm

The annual Tree Lighting on Maybank Green will be at 5:45pm

Presentation of the proceeds of The Giving Lights of I'On to this year's recipient, Communities in Schools, The Charleston Area at 6pm

Please be respectful by wearing a mask and physically distancing.

Due to Covid, we will not be serving refreshments and Santa will be quarantining at the North Pole, as to be ready for Christmas Eve deliveries. We will have a little treat for the kids and opportunity to mail Santa a letter (see left) and a little photo opportunity.

At 6:15pm Carriage Rides begin from Westlake Amphitheater. You must have signed up ahead of time for a seat.

Drop off your letters to Santa with some holiday photo fun

Again, thank you to our Giving Lights Committee and all 39 luminary captains that delivered and collected order forms. This wonderful tradition in I'On could not happen without them!!

We hope everyone will be out to enjoy the luminaries - it certainly is a spectacular evening in I'On!



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!



I'On Community Garden

The Countdown Begins: SignUp for a Community Garden Plot Starts on January 1, 2021

Think about how nice it would be to grow your own fresh organic vegetables, herbs, and flowers in a beautiful, sunny location. If your yard is too small or too shady, I'On's Community Garden on Eastlake Rd is just the place you are looking for. Signup for 5' x 8' garden plots for 2021 begins on January 1. Plots are available on a first come, first serve basis to I'On residents, and they are usually gone by the end of January. So don't delay reserving a space. For only \$50, plots are amended annually and mulched pathways, perimeter fencing, and water are provided along with detailed garden and planting guides. The garden is open for planting in mid-February, and our growing season is year-round, which means you can enjoy those summer tomatoes as well as winter greens. Sign up individually, as a family, or partner with someone else. Have questions? Contact April Gordon at dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com.

To sign up for a plot in January, send an email to iongarden@gmail.com and request an application form.



I'On Community Garden

Butterfly Garden

Warm Fall Weather Yields Plentiful Butterflies. How Long Can It Last?!

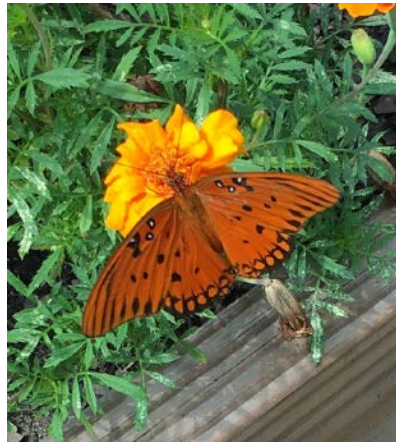
Although many of our garden flowers are faded and gone, unseasonably mild temperatures have resulted in a longer than usual butterfly season. Don't pack up your shorts and t-shirts yet, because long-range forecasts call for a continuation of frost-free conditions into December. How much longer we can enjoy such weather is anyone's guess, but those of us who love the outdoors and Nature's bounty continue to be drawn to such special places as l'On's Butterfly Garden to take advantage of days such as these while we can.

Not surprisingly, the weather has allowed many of our plants to continue to bloom and lure a variety of butterflies seeking flower nectar and places to reproduce their caterpillar young. Most prolific are Gulf Fritillaries, but even Monarch caterpillars are visible reminders of their adult parents passing through on their way to Mexico. Spectacular Zebra Longwings, common neotropical visitors from Florida, are also being spotted along with the ubiquitous lemon-yellow Cloudless Sulphur. Below are recent photos of these visitors which you may be lucky enough to see if you stroll over to the garden on Eastlake Rd on a sunny afternoon.

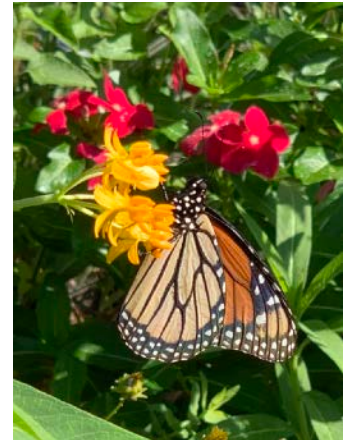
April Gordon, Butterfly Garden Manager (dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com)



Cloudless Sulphur on Scarlet



Gulf Fritillary on Marigold



Monarch on Milkweed



Zebra Longwing



Gulf Fritillary Caterpillars



Monarch Caterpillar

I'On Design Committee

The only IDC meeting in January will be on 1/19/2021. New applications should not be submitted until after 1/1/2021

Moving Your IDC Application Through the Process

Spending more time in our homes, low interest rates, and a busy real estate market across the Charleston area has meant that 2020 was a very busy year for the I'On Design Committee (IDC). Between April and November of this year, the IDC has had an average of 14 new submittals a month, several of which were for new construction. With so many submissions, here are a few considerations to help you move your application through the process:

- **Get Prepared** IDC members go through the bimonthly agendas line by line. It is their job to ask questions about details to make certain your plans will enhance the public realm, incorporate a Lowcountry design vernacular, be a good neighbor, and avoid future issues such as easement encroachment, material failure, or not having trash cans or other items screened. The more details you can provide up front, the quicker their questions can be answered.
- **Get an As-Built Survey** - If you are changing your lot coverage with new structure(s), including a fence, a recent as-built survey which identifies existing structure(s), trees more than 6" in diameter, and easements, as well as lot type and coverage allowances (defined by the [The I'On Code](#) and the Town of Mount Pleasant [Planning & Engineering Division](#)) will be required.
- **Use a professional** - While all IDC submittals do not require a professional, having one can be very helpful. Beyond offering their expertise, professionals understand the need and responsibility to address project details and develop a comprehensive set of plans.
- **Don't Rush It** - There are 2 IDC meetings a month. Submittal deadlines make it almost impossible to be heard at both meetings in one month. It is better to take time to get your application details together before submitting to minimize any questions the IDC may have.
- **Consider a Conceptual Review** - if you are hesitant to hire professionals or gather all of the details without hearing from the IDC on general concepts, consider a conceptual review. Conceptual reviews are simply cursory and will not result in an IDC approval, but they can provide some input about the IDC's concerns.
- **Know who does what** - The IDC includes two volunteer neighborhood representatives and three professionals who receive very small stipends for the time they spend reviewing plans. IDC members may (i) approve the application, with or without conditions; (ii) approve a portion of the application and disapprove other portions; or (iii) disapprove the application. The Neighborhood Design Coordinator, Dana Cutright, can approve like-for-like repairs/replacements/paint colors. She does not have a vote on the IDC. Her job is to prepare the applications, take minutes at the IDC meetings and prepare them for approval by the IDC members, and inform applicants of the IDC's decisions. [Julie Hussey](#), the I'On Assembly Board's IDC liaison, is available to address property owner questions/concerns about the IDC process. The board's IDC liaison attends IDC meetings as often as possible but does not have a vote in IDC decisions. Property owners can appeal final IDC decisions to the volunteer Board of Appeals.

The IDC wants to approve your project and the faster your application moves through the IDC process, the better it is for everyone. Spend the time upfront and you will see the return in the end.

The IDC, Dana Cutright, and the Assembly Board Liaison have been working to update and clarify I'On's Architectural and Landscape Guidelines for review and approval by the I'On Assembly Board. If you would like to review the draft guidelines and provide feedback prior to their approval by the IDC and consideration by the Assembly Board, please call (843-224-1096) or email [Julie Hussey](#).

Welcome New Neighbors

- Deborah & David Jojo - 26 Isle of Hope
- Jaime Pickle & Adam Epstein - 179 East Shipyard Road
- Amy & Bill Goldy - 51 Sowell Street
- Trudy & David Mylrea - 31 Saturday Road
- Ann O'Brien - 306 N Shelmore Blvd
- Laura Van Hove & James Mellinger - 175 Civitas Street
- Liz Fourchy & Peter Suomi - 28 Mobile Street
- Peggy Crockett - 130 Ionsborough St
- Dan & Chris Arnold - 179 Ionsborough St

Moving Around I'On

- Erin & Chad Dybowski - 40 Montrose Street
- Beth & Bill Strickland - 61 Ponsbury Street

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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!

BEST DRESSED HOLIDAY HOUSE - 2020

The Landscape Committee will be presenting our final award of the year to the homeowner of the Best Dressed Holiday House, and we need your help! Soon, many of our neighbors will be getting into "the spirit of the season" and decorating their homes. Choosing just one beautifully "dressed" house will, no doubt, prove difficult.

So, if you're out and about in the neighborhood and you notice a home that catches your eye because it looks particularly "festive", make a note of the address and nominate it for the award by sending an e-mail to Michele Wilson at: tenprowcc@gmail.com Nominations must be received by Tuesday, December 15th. Many thanks to **I'On Community Table** who have very generously agreed to be our sponsor this month.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy Holiday Season, and to thank you for embracing our Yard of the Month Award Program this year. Congratulations to all our 2020 award recipients and nominees. We are so appreciative of your hard work and the contribution you make to help improve the overall beautification of the I'On Landscape.

See you again in the Spring!

