

# 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

01/14 Recycling Pickup  
01/19 IDC Review  
01/28 Recycling Pickup

## Creek Club Dock Closures

01/08 4:10 - 4:40 pm  
01/10 4:25 - 4:55 pm  
01/30 3:55 - 4:25 pm

## I'On Board Meetings 2020

On the following date at 6:00pm:

Jan 27, 2021



## I'On's Best Dressed Holiday Home - 2020

The Landscape Committee is pleased to present the final award of the Yard of the Month Program 2020 - I'On's Best Dressed Holiday Home - to the **Altergott family at 90 Jane Jacobs Street**. John and Connie delight in decorating their gorgeous home for the holidays, and start the day after Thanksgiving. Their beautiful fresh cut tree comes from Cardinal Farms, NC., and their mass of decorations are hauled down from their own 3rd floor! With the whole family pitching in, nutcrackers, reindeer, ornaments, wreaths and swags adorn their home inside and out. However, after John fell from the roof whilst hanging lights a couple of years ago, the Altergotts now outsource that task to a professional! The neighborhood kids enjoy getting in the decorating spirit too, and help hang the outside lighted candy canes. It's a real "team" effort getting the Altergott home ready for Christmas, and the neighborhood really appreciates all their hard work in making their home such a joy to behold for everyone who passes by.

Our sincere appreciation goes out to the **I'On Community Table** for offering a \$25 gift certificate to our winners, and special thanks to everyone who took the trouble to write in with nominations.

The Yard of the Month Award Program received enthusiastic support from the community in 2020, and we are looking forward to next Spring when we will again be recognizing those I'On residents who go the extra mile in maintaining their homes and gardens.

The Landscape Committee



## I'ON AT HOME

I'On At Home is excited to welcome in 2021 and new board leadership:

- President, Peg Higgins
- Vice President, Yannis Tsavalas
- Secretary/Treasurer, Jean Anglin



**Peg Higgins, new IAH President**



**IAH holiday stroll**

## **HAPPY NEW YEAR! REMEMBER THAT HOA BILL? IT'S DUE!**

The 2021 I'On Assembly Annual Assessment is due on January 1st, but don't fret, you have until January 31st to pay it...but not a day later! The annual budget is based on the assumption that all owners will pay by the due date. When they do not, it impacts the Assembly's ability to fulfill its obligations. You can find the approved collection policy on the I'On website or click [HERE](#). Questions? Email [Jessica Gosnell](mailto:Jessica.Gosnell@ravenelassociates.com). Please visit [www.ravenelassociates.com](http://www.ravenelassociates.com) to pay online or drop check payments off to the HOA office at 159 Civitas Street, Suite 211.

## **I'On Assembly Homeowners' 2021 VIRTUAL Annual Meeting & Election Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 6:00 PM**

The agenda for this year's meeting includes the 2021 Civitas Award and the Board of Trustee election. There are four candidates nominated for the four open Board seats. Each candidate would serve a two-year term. The candidates are: Chris Colen, Julie Hussey, Michael McLaughlin, and Amy Sage. Please read the Annual Meeting package that has been mailed to your home. If you do not receive a meeting packet in the coming weeks, please contact [Mary Fraser](#). The packet includes detailed information on each candidate, the meeting invitation, meeting agenda, Draft 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes, and annual committee reports. If you misplaced your annual meeting notice packet, please contact [Mary Fraser](#). For 2021, since we are holding the meeting virtually, homeowners must submit their votes electronically or via written proxy. If you choose to vote online, your online vote constitutes as proxy for purposes of attaining a quorum for the meeting. It is VERY important that each property submit a paper proxy or vote online so that we can attain quorum to hold the meeting. Paper proxy forms and online votes must be received by the HOA no later than 5:00 PM on, Tuesday January 26, 2021. We invite and encourage all homeowners to call in to the annual meeting!



## This Month with The I'On Trust...

# WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR OUR NEIGHBORS & OVERWHELMED BY YOUR GENEROUS SPIRIT!

A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO YOU ALL!!

This year's Giving Lights of I'On fundraiser exceeded all expectations!

At this year's Holiday Festival, The I'On Trust, on behalf of the I'On community, had the privilege to present Community in Schools a check for \$20,000. Record breaking!!

This year's Giving Lights of I'On fundraiser had almost 70% participation with 531 homes making a donation.

Volunteers put together and delivered 847 kits - that's 10,164 candles and bags!

We had over three and half yards of sand delivered.

And the night of the Holiday Festival almost 10,500 candles were lit - the neighborhood looked spectacular.



We want to express thanks to our army of volunteers that led the effort. The 39 luminary captains, GL Committee led by Cindy Smithy & Harriet Ripinsky, members Elizabeth Burch, Carol Degnen, Vicki Gillis and Mallory Norvell, AND a very special thank you to our neighbor Beatty Martin!

Beatty generously underwrote the cost of the luminary kit expenses. This means that all of the funds from the sale of the kits went directly to support Community in Schools.

We also wanted to share part of the thank you from Jennifer Harris, the Director of Organizational Development for Community in Schools. They were just amazed and so grateful for the support of the I'On community.

*Jamie, Aimee and I were truly blown away by the generosity and magnitude of the donation at the Giving Lights event at I'On last night! What a HUGE blessing that funding will be to the Communities In Schools program and the 7,000+ students and families that we serve ...*

*When my daughter and I rode through the neighborhood last night, I was so touched seeing the shining luminaries in front of the houses. I couldn't help but think that each bag represented a gift of hope in a moment of darkness for our students and families through the support of Communities In Schools. We can't thank you enough.*

We couldn't be more appreciative for the outpouring of support from our I'On neighbors this year. Thank you.

*Happy New Year*

**We are looking forward to 2021!  
Have a happy and safe New Year!**

## Butterfly Garden

### Winter at the Butterfly Garden: Lessons Learned

By January, the butterfly garden is well past its prime with dead plants and faded flowers replacing the vibrant greens and vivid colors of summer. Surely one might think, it is time to “clean” and “tidy up” by cutting down most of the unsightly plants and removing dead leaves and other plant debris. I thought so until I had to learn how to care for our butterfly garden. In a nutshell, I have learned that a healthy butterfly garden should mimic nature, which does not always coincide with our “civilized” garden aesthetic. If you come by the garden before spring, you will find that most of the plants are still standing, dead flowerheads are uncut, and the ground is covered with leaf and plant litter. Here’s why:

After the summer, meeting the needs of butterflies, moths, other beneficial insects, and the plants themselves does not end. But the way we are taught to clean up our gardens is actually counterproductive to meeting those needs. Instead of cutting dead plants down, letting them remain (unless they are unhealthy) through the winter provides both shelter and food for wildlife. For example, plants with seedheads such as coneflowers, Black-eyed Susans, coreopsis, and sunflowers provide nutrient-rich seeds for birds such as cardinals, sparrows, chickadees, and jays. Late blooming or overwintering flowers such as asters, scarlet salvia, Marguerite daisy, and Turk’s cap provide nectar for the wasps, bees, moths, and butterflies that continue to forage during the winter months.

Standing plants, plant stalks, and leaves or other plant remains are also valuable as nesting sites and shelter for bees, ladybugs, and other beneficial insects. Many butterflies overwinter as eggs, pupae, or adults in leaf litter, dead or living plant stems, groundcover, or logs and branches.

Many plants also benefit from being left unpruned until spring. Azaleas, for instance, set their flower buds in the summer; pruning them in the fall or winter results in cutting off next spring’s flowers. Climbing asters look dead over the winter but bloom in the spring on what appeared to be dead wood. Leaving the tops of perennial flowers and grasses protects their bases and roots from freezing or damage during cold weather.

So be patient with us and the relative messiness at the garden that will meet your eyes during the winter months. Come spring, your neighbors on Team BG, who help care for the garden, will be there with rakes, clippers, and pruning shears as the plants and the creatures sheltering in the garden begin to come to life for another season.

For more information about the garden or Team BG, contact April Gordon at [dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com](mailto:dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com).



**The flowers of Turk’s Cap provide nectar for bees and butterflies**



**Coneflower seedheads feed birds and the leaves protect its roots**

## I'On Community Garden

### *Happy New Year at the Community Garden 2021*

Begin the New Year with a garden plot in the I'On Community Garden, conveniently located on Eastlake Rd. Make a resolution you can keep: growing your own delicious, healthy produce (and flowers!) all year long. For only \$50, I'On residents are eligible for one of 27 available 5' x 8' raised bed gardens that are amended yearly and supplied with water and mulched pathways inside a fenced area. Garden and planting information are also provided. Garden plots are limited in number and available on a first come first serve basis, so apply now as an individual or with family or friends. Happy New Year and Happy Gardening!

Contact garden coordinator April Gordon at [iongarden@gmail.com](mailto:iongarden@gmail.com) to

### **Welcome New Neighbors**

- Suzanne Austin - 209 N Shelmore Blvd
- Judy Bade - 286 N Shelmore Blvd
- Kathryn Christmas - 171 Civitas St
- Julie & David Harari - 72 Sowell St
- Susie Swirbul - 190 Lonsborough St
- Tom Washburn & Luanna Carpenter - 32 Eastlake Rd
- Vicky & John Wynn - 174 N Shelmore Blvd

### **Moving Around I'On**

- Emmett & Debra O'Lunney - 23 Peverance St

### **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

Chris Colen, Communications Chair

Kathie Haas, Living In I'On Editor

Mary Kaplan, Ambassador Chair

Michael McLaughlin

Chris Hughes

Margaret Summers, I'On Trust

HOA Managers, Ravenel Associates:

Mary Fraser & Jessica Gosnell

### **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!



Community Garden  
surrounded by  
Butterfly Garden  
flowers