

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

- 02/02 IDC Review
- 02/11 Recycling Pickup
- 02/16 IDC Review
- 02/25 Recycling Pickup

Creek Club Dock Closures

- 02/05 4:25 - 4:55 pm
- 02/06 4:55 - 5:25 pm
- 02/21 3:55 - 4:25 pm
- 02/27 3:55 - 4:25 pm

I'On Board Meetings 2020

On the following date at 6:00pm:

- Feb. 15
- March 15
- April 19
- May 17
- June 21
- July 19
- Aug. 16
- Sept. 20
- Oct. 18
- Nov. 15
- Dec. 20



CIVITAS AWARD WINNERS

The Civitas Award has been given to an outstanding member or members of the I'On Community since 2003. It is awarded to a person or persons who has gone above and beyond the call of service. The word Civitas is Latin for citizenship; conveying a sense of community, responsibility, and a common purpose.

We would like to congratulate Michael Purcell and Becky Van Wie as the 2021 Civitas Award recipients! Michael and Becky's tireless efforts and community participation is exactly what makes I'On such a special community! This community would not be what it is today without all of the volunteers past, present, and future that keep the community thriving.



Michael Purcell receiving Civitas Award



Becky Van Wie

You Can Help

Volunteers needed for I'On Covenants Committee

The Covenants Committee is dedicated to assuring the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, & Restrictions for I'On, as well as other rules laid out in the I'On Governing Documents, are followed to the benefit of the homeowners in the community. This involves helping homeowners understand and comply with established rules as well as offering a path to resolve issues as they arise. If you are interested in being a volunteer on the Covenants Committee, or have questions about this role, please contact [Mary Fraser](#).



Notes from the Annual Meeting

We would like to thank everyone who called into the 2021 annual meeting! We would also like to thank all of the neighbors who voted online and submitted proxies prior to the meeting. The annual meeting cannot happen without the participation of the community!

We are happy to announce your 2021 Board of Director positions. Following the January 27, 2021 annual meeting, the Board held their Board Organizational Meeting. Tom O'Brien was elected to continue to serve as the Board President, Trey Mathisen was elected to continue to serve as the Vice President/Amenity Committee Chair, Johann von Asten was elected to continue to serve as Treasurer/Finance Committee Chair, and Julie Hussey was elected to serve as Secretary. Amy Sage, Chris Colen, and Michael McLaughlin round out the 2021 Board of Trustees, and will each head up various committees such as Landscaping and Infrastructure, Communications, Covenants, and IDC.

I'On Design Committee

The Lowdown on Gutters in I'On

Because of the proximity of homes and increased frequency of rain bombs, gutters are helpful in I'On. Gutters are recommended but not required. Like details on windows, doors and siding, the type and location of gutters makes a difference.

- Gutters in I'On should be constructed of aluminum or copper.
- Gutters and downspouts must be smooth, square or 1/2 round without ridges.
- K-style gutters and ridged downspouts are not being approved by the IDC.
- Downspouts should be located on secondary facades whenever possible.
- It is important to control the direction of waterflow to a point of outfall and not on adjacent properties. Downspouts need to tie into French drains with pop-up emitters. Gutters must not drain onto neighboring property or HOA property.

There are many examples of gutters in I'On that do not fit these requirements. Those gutters do not set a precedent for current IDC decisions and many were done without IDC approval. Just because a gutter installer says that they have worked in I'On does not mean that whatever they install will be approved. Should you begin to place non-conforming gutters (by style or location) without IDC permission, it is possible that you could have to remove, relocate or replace them.



This Month with The I'On Trust...

Love Your Neighbor

Food Drive for ECCO

(East Cooper Community Outreach)

Friday, February 12, Noon to 2pm

McDaniel side of Maybank Green

Food insecurity continues to be a challenge in our communities. We have been awed by the generosity of our neighbors and reach out again for your assistance.

WE CAN HELP

When doing your shopping before February 12th, please consider adding some of these most needed items to your grocery purchase:

- Cheerios
- Oatmeal (small container or box)
- Small Bagged Rice (1 lb)
- Canned Meat
- Canned Pasta Sauce
- Dry Beans
- Mashed Potatoes (box or pack)
- Beef Stew
- Hygiene Products (body soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, toiletries, etc)



Just drive up and drop off.

To ensure safety and social distancing, we will retrieve items to place directly in ECCO's van.

Thank you for helping our neighbors in need.



Hear ye, hear ye, all you potters, and painters, and candlestick makers!

Announcing The I'On Trust's first Artisan Craft market.

Slated for Saturday, March 20

The I'On Trust is hoping to create an opportunity for our community to see and learn more about our creative and innovative neighbors while enjoying a bit of shopping for those unique wares.

We hope to have a mix of handmade products including clothing, home made goods, jewelry, stationary, paintings, planters, and so much more.

This market event will be outdoors - perfect for social distancing.

If you are interested in participating in our first market, [CLICK HERE](#) to complete an application

Food Trucks are back!

Treat Yourself - No Cook Sunday

Sunday, February 21, Maybank Green, 4pm - 7pm



Click on the logos above to see menus & the possibility of ordering ahead.
Plan a pickup for home or with nice weather, a picnic in the park.

I'On at Home



I'On At Home, like many organizations, had to improvise over the last year to come up with new ways to safely help our members enjoy activities in these difficult times.

Being a vibrant group of neighborhood friends allowed us the flexibility to adapt quickly and enjoy Zoom get togethers, discussion groups and safely spaced outdoor activities like bike rides, hiking and concerts.

In January the sun shined on us and the weather warmed up for our IAH Spanish Wine Tasting lead by our very own sommelier, Lori Feehan, supported by her wine & cheese steward Carol Degnen.



Our I'On neighbor, Gary Headden, MD, Principal Investigator of the MUSC AstraZeneca vaccine trial updated us on the current status of the coronavirus.



This month, we'll take the chill off of winter with an outdoor Bourbon Tasting and celebrate the Year of the Ox with an on-line Chinese cooking demonstration.



February marks the start of a series of events featuring IAH members who are accomplished in a particular field. Our first presentation, "Re-Envisioning America Through Diversity", features Brady Anderson, Ben Tenille and Bill Sage who have been prominent in government, politics and law. They will discuss the White House transition and the most critical issues facing the Biden presidency.



Butterfly Garden

Winter Butterfly Garden Alive in Surprising Ways

In January's newsletter I wrote how butterflies, bees, and other creatures depend on the plant residues of the summer butterfly garden for vital resources over the winter. Dry seeds and berries provide food for birds, and hard-to-find flowers sustain Cloudless Sulphur butterflies. Plant stems and leaf litter become nesting places for bees and wasps and hiding places for butterfly chrysalises. Plant and leaf litter also serve as shelter from the cold for overwintering adult butterflies.

Once you are aware of these possibilities, you will notice that there is more life in the garden than you realized and can experience the excitement of discovering it. These are some of the sightings I have made in January: Cloudless Sulphur butterflies nectaring on scarlet salvia flowers on mild days and, much rarer, one in semi-hibernation clinging to a twig near the ground amidst protective leaves and brush on a cold day. I also found a Swallowtail chrysalis easily overlooked as a dead leaf on a plant stem (it will emerge as a butterfly in the spring). And much to my amazement, I discovered Gulf Fritillary caterpillars eating tattered passionvine leaves on the butterfly garden fence; with luck they may survive to become chrysalises and finally butterflies.

As the weather gradually warms in February, even more signs of life emerge. Green leaves begin to burst forth on the bare, dead-looking climbing asters, buttery yellow jessamine flowers beckon hungry Sulphurs, and wildflowers such as henbit and wild geranium cover the ground to nourish foraging bees. All of these are welcome harbingers of the spring and summer abundance of life that lies ahead.

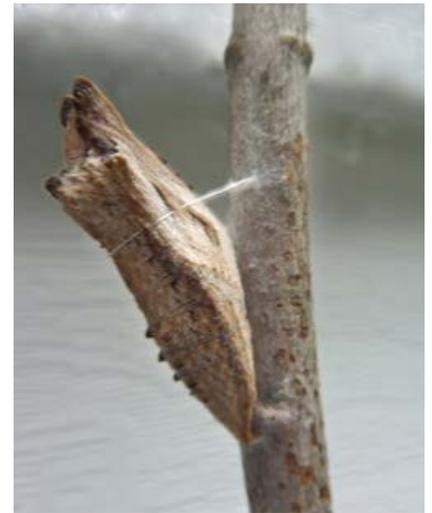
April Gordon Butterfly Garden Manager (dr.aprilgordon@gmail.com)



A Cloudless Sulphur Butterfly Stays Close to the Ground Waiting for Warmer Temperatures so It Can Fly



A Gulf Fritillary Caterpillar Eats Remnant Passionvine Leaves in Early January



A Swallowtail Chrysalis Looks Like a Leaf Attached to this Plant Stem

I'On Community Garden

Welcome New Neighbors

- Elizabeth & Jay Ackerman - 175 East Shipyard Road
- Cayce & Tracy Awe - 34 Isle of Hope Road
- David & Capucine Gooding - 51 Sanibel St
- William & Holly Kanich - 19 Perseverance St
- Matt & Danielle Marin - 31 Mises Street
- Jim & Gail Ritterhoff - 46 Fernandina St
- Bailey Spaulding & Ned Horneffer - 93 Jane Jacobs St
- Katarina and Niklas Vemdel - 170 N Shelmore Road

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

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Chris Hughes
Margaret Summers, I'On Trust
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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!

The Community Garden Opens in February for 2021

Registration for community garden plots began on January 1, and demand has been high. Crowds of I'On residents began camping out at the garden early on January 1 to ensure their access to one of the available plots.



Restive Crowd Vies for Access to Community Garden Plots (Real Fake News)

Think you missed your chance? Luckily, there are a few remaining spaces available on a first-come, first-served basis. For only \$50, fortunate applicants will have an 8' x 5' garden to fill with such wonderful crops as tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, basil, lettuce, kale, marigolds, sunflowers, and more. Early in February, pathways are being mulched. Garden amendments will be in place to help ensure healthy soil and plants, and straw mulch is being provided. So, don't wait to apply for the remaining plots.

Contact Garden Coordinator April Gordon (iongarden@gmail.com) now and request a registration form.