

Indian Creek Newsletter

October, 2004

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Cider-Making Fall Festival

At the Towanda District Library

<http://towandalibrary.org>

Oct. 22

See how old-fashioned cider is made on Friday, Oct. 22 from 5-8 pm in front of the library! David Williams, ISU biology professor and apple enthusiast, will demonstrate cider-making using an oak cider press. Children can take turns grinding the apples in the press. After the demonstration, there will be a hot-dog roast over an open fire: hot dogs and marshmallows provided for you to roast, special variety apples for baking, and also condiments, chips and pasteurized apple cider. After the meal there will be a showing of the "Abbot and Costello Meet Frankenstein" on the library lawn (or inside if it is too cold).

Please bring chairs, roasting sticks (there will be several if you don't have any), flashlights and blankets. Be sure to dress warmly. Registration is necessary. Call the library at 728-2176 now to register your family!



Chilling Stories and Creepy Crafts

At the Towanda District Library

Oct. 28



There will be a Chilling Stories and Creep Crafts program for 3rd-5th graders on Thursday, Oct. 28 from 7-8:30pm. This is the 4th annual spooky program for this age group. More details will arrive home with your child in mid-October.



Flu Vaccination Clinic

Oct. 29

Free flu vaccinations will be provided by the McLean County Health Department to Towanda area seniors who are on Medicare, but who do not have Premier Choice Insurance. If you have Premier Choice Insurance, you should go to your physician for the vaccination or you will have to pay the full price. Anyone under 60 years old must have a doctor's order to receive a vaccination. Supplies are limited to 100 vaccinations.

- Eligibility :** 60 years or older, on Medicare, but not Premium Choice Insurance
Registration: Call the Towanda Village Clerk, 728-2811
Date: October 29, 1:30pm – 3:30pm
Location: Towanda Community Center, 103 S. Jefferson, Towanda
Bring: Medicare Card

Towanda Senior Group

The Towanda area Seniors group meets monthly, the second Wednesday of each month, at 12:00 at the Towanda community center. The meeting consists of a pot luck luncheon and conversation. Some months there is a special program. The next meeting is October 13. Bring a dish to share. Meat and drinks will be provided. Donations are accepted, but not required. Anyone with questions may call Dave (Bud) McDaniels, 728-2175



Town of Towanda Halloween Party Oct. 31

The town of Towanda will host a Halloween party for kids at 2:00pm at the community center in Towanda, on Sunday, October. 31.

Towanda Elementary School Events

October 1: Fund Raiser - Kathryn Beich candy sale to raise funds for the school PTO, to be used for events such as school assemblies and special classroom supplies.

October 29: Fall Party - Costume parade at 2:00pm in the school vicinity.

November 19: VIP Day - 9:00am – 11:30am. Children may bring a person important to them to school: parent, sibling, grandparent, aunt or uncle or special friend. The guests may stay for lunch if they notify the school in advance. (728-2278)

November 24: Turkey Trot - 2:30pm. Playground, exercise event

December 8: 3rd Graders Sing for Seniors - Community building, 12:30pm

December 9: Winter Music Program - 7:00pm, Kindergarten through 2nd graders, at the school gym



The Subdivision Fall Picnic (Sept. 26)



The subdivision fall picnic was held on Sunday, September 26, at the soccer field. After a homeowners association business meeting, the group of 15 - 20 families enjoyed meeting new neighbors, conversation and a pot-luck supper with hot dogs, marshmallows, and s'mores cooked over an open camp fire. Many in the group then went for a hay rack ride around the subdivision. Many thanks to Jim Kellenberger for his contributions to the picnic. He not only provided his yard, picnic tables, and the camp fire, he also borrowed the hay rack, loaded the hay bales and drove the tractor for the great ride for all of us through the neighborhood.

The longest term residents in attendance were Jim and Ann Kellenberger who have resided at 27 Candle Ridge for the past 19 years. Their home was the fourth home built in the subdivision. The most recent residents in attendance were Jon and Lisa Rosenthal and daughter Lauren, who all moved to 13 Bent Tree Lane last April.



It has long been a tradition for the neighbors in the subdivision to light luminarias on a Sunday evening in December. When everyone participates, it creates a lovely vision for an evening walk or drive, especially if it has snowed. However, participation has been sparse the past couple of years and some are questioning whether we should continue this tradition. The homeowners at the fall picnic have decided to make this a test year. If there is good participation this year, we will continue the tradition. If not, we will look for other ways to foster a sense of community in the subdivision.

Luninaria date: Sunday, December 12, dusk until the candles burn out.

Sand and bags will be delivered the weekend of December 4-5 to those who put a pail at the end of their driveway. You can email or call Tim Mogill at tmogill@frontiernet.net or 728-2048 with questions or comments.



INDIAN CREEK
PRIVATE NATURE AREA
RESIDENTS AND GUESTS ONLY

(Above is the wording for the new sign planned for the gate to be installed at the entrance to the nature area on the fall work day – Saturday, October 23.)

The Indian Creek subdivision is a 160 acre parcel, subdivided in the late 70's. Due to the creek, a large portion of the land was identified as flood plain, and thereby unusable for home construction. The developers used all of the available "high spots" as building lots, with the remaining bottom land, about 60 acres, to be used in common by the homeowners. The Indian Creek common area is a unique neighborhood asset. Home to a variety of birds, deer, wildflowers, berry bushes, and senior trees such as burr oaks, red oaks, walnut, and hickory, it provides a welcome respite for neighborhood nature lovers. Its various trails lead to wooded areas, benches along the creek, or open meadow. Neighbors are always welcome to appreciate and care for our common nature area.

Recently Indian Creek Garden Club members Sue Arnold, Dennis Maze, John and Mary Ann Boyd, Helen Mogill and Jim Russell put up tree species identification tags throughout the Nature Area. One or two examples of every kind of tree in our Nature Area have been tagged with labels that contain both the common name and the Latin name of the tree. You can see photos of this event at the Indian Creek Garden Club web site: <http://www.frontiernet.net/~tmogill/GardenClub/Homepage.htm>. The Garden Club also built and installed birdhouses around the perimeter of the meadow in the Nature Area. Chuck Smalley built and installed birdhouses on either side of Eastwood.

The Towanda Cub Scout Pack #56, the Bear Den, cleared a large area of garlic mustard along the creek in the Nature Area during a spring work day. Den Leaders are Al and Kaye Schroeder and Bob and Candy Bly. Indian Creek Resident Bears are Matthew Bly, Kevin Krause, Keanan Schroeder, and Micah Young. Other Bears are DJ Kocar, Tyler Ramsey, Tristan Sutter, Brad Willett, and Philip Woodrum. Many thanks to Mike Cunningham, who cleared the huge tree that fell across the main trail in the Nature Area after one of our spring storms. You can read more about the common grounds and see a trail map and photos at the Indian Creek web site: <http://www.frontiernet.net/~indiancreek/>

Work Day: A work day is planned for Saturday, October 23, 9:00am. Four crews will be needed: to build and install the gate to the nature area; to cut and remove dead trees along Eastwood Court; to remove nests from the birdhouses; to pick up litter along Route 29. Kaye Schroeder volunteered the Bear Den Cub Scouts to do the bird nest removal. Jim Russell will be delivering a flier with details about the work day. The work crew will meet at the trail entrance of the Nature Area, located next to the bridge over Money Creek on Eastwood Court.

Your eMail Address



Faith Russell, the secretary of the Indian Creek Home Owners Association, sends email to residents regarding upcoming subdivision events or other announcements of interest to residents. If you are interested in receiving these announcements, email your email address to Faith at jf3b@frontiernet.net.

Welcome to New Neighbors



Please welcome Mike and Becky Emery who recently moved from Normal to 1 Pepperwood Court, with their two sons, Ryan, 16 and Chad, 14. Mike works in the Sheriff's department and Becky at Heartland College. They enjoy the quiet open setting here in Indian Creek and have enjoyed meeting the many residents who take their walks along Candle Ridge Road.

Please also welcome Jon and Lisa Rosenthal, their daughter Lauren, 8, and newly adopted kitten, Holly. They moved to 13 Bent Tree Lane from the east coast. Jon and Lisa both work at Illinois State University, Lisa teaching Italian and Jon as associate dean of Arts and Sciences. They were attracted to Indian Creek because it reminds them of the hills, trees and woods of the east coast. Special bonuses are Lauren's two pals, Natalie and Stephanie who live close by. You can often see the three girls playing together along Bent Tree Lane. Jon Rosenthal said that they feel fortunate to be here because of the nice folks and community spirit.

Indian Creek Web Page

<http://www.frontiernet.net/~indiancreek/>

The Indian Creek web page is a source of information about the subdivision. We have information on our water system, maps of the subdivision, important phone numbers, the garden club, the common grounds, newsletters, and the birds, wild animals, wild flowers, native trees, gardens, and pets of Indian Creek, as well as links to local area sites of interest. If you have garden, wild animal or pet photos that you are willing to share, email them to me, Helen Mogill, hmogill@frontiernet.net, or bring them by to me at 18 Bent Tree Lane. I can scan and return your photos. My phone is 728-2048.

Your Subdivision Board Members

The Indian Creek Homeowners Association board members deal with common interests of the members of the association. Board members serve a three year term, and are elected to their positions by the attendees of the March board meeting. Our thanks go to these people who volunteer their time to help make this such a wonderful place to live. Your current board members are:

- President – Steve Jurovic
- Secretary – Faith Russel
- Treasurer – Dave Schulthes
- Water Commissioner – Tim Mogill
- Maintenance of the Common Areas – Jim Russell



Your Newsletter

This newsletter is for you. If you have events or announcements you'd like to see in here, please contact me, Helen Mogill, email:hmogill@frontiernet.net, 728-2048.

Kids – contact me if you'd like me to include your name, phone, and a list of odd jobs that you are willing to do – babysitting, pet care, lawn mowing, etc.