

Indian Creek Newsletter

December, 2004



LUMINARIES

Sunday, December 12



This year Indian Creek will welcome the holiday season with the annual luminary display on Sunday, December 12, from 5:00 pm until the candles burn out.

Sand and bags will be delivered to homes on Saturday/Sunday December 4th and 5th and on Saturday December 11th. Please leave a bucket near the end of your drive and a note with the number of bags you need. Generally the bags are placed about three feet apart. You may have bags remaining from previous years.

In years past this display has been a gracious and lovely way to begin the holidays and to meet fellow residents and visitors walking Indian Creek.

Questions? You can email or call Tim Mogill at tmogill@frontiernet.net or 728-2048.



Annual Indian Creek Fall Work Day



Seventeen neighbors spent a crisp, windy Saturday morning working outside during the Annual Indian Creek Fall Work Day. After being rained out on Oct. 23, everyone was ready to get to work on Oct. 30. Carol Beneze energized the volunteers with coffee and Krispy Kremes, and then the groups got busy.

One team installed fence posts for the new gate that now marks the entrance to the Indian Creek Nature Area. Another team cut down dead trees along Eastwood Court. A third group cleaned litter from the highway between Hudson Road and the I-55 overpass. And a final group cleared branches from the Nature Area trails. Besides getting a lot of work done, the neighborhood workers enjoyed themselves – being outside on a beautiful morning and spending time with neighbors they don't always see.

We're fortunate to have people in our neighborhood willing to devote their time to caring for areas we all enjoy. And we know that due to scheduling conflicts, not everyone who wanted to was able to participate. Maybe next year, even more people can join in.

Thanks to Jim Russell for organizing this event. And many thanks to all who volunteered their time and effort. These include:

Sue Arnold and Dennis Maze
Greg and Carol Beneze
Louis and Marilyn Blank
Mike Cunningham

Steve and Stephen Jurovic
Jim Kellenberger
Brian Krause
Kay Liebenow

Larry Meyer
John and Lisa Rosenthal
Todd Reeser
Jim Russell

Library News

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Towanda, IL 61776

309-728-2176
<http://towandalibrary.org/>

The library web page has been moved to a new location, with a new and easier to remember web address: <http://towandalibrary.org/>.

Children's Programs:

- **Tuesday, Dec. 21**, 6-7pm: Christmas story time for families
- **Wednesday, Dec. 29**, 1pm – Movie for grade school children
- **Monday, Jan 3**: Winter craft and movie for 3-7 year olds.

Teens: Duct Tape Revisited:

Wed., Dec 29, 3-4:30: You decide what to make and we provide the duct tape. We will have instruction books for you to follow or you can design your own duct tape art.

Preschool Story Time:

3-5 year olds, Weds:11:00-11:30

Early winter session: **Nov. 20 – Dec. 22**

Mid-winter session: **Jan. 12 – Mar. 10**

Spring session: **Mar. 31- May 19**

Please register. If there is interest, we will provide a story time for children between 18 months and 3 years. Contact the library.

Strained Glass Christmas Ornament

Saturday, Dec. 4, 10:00 to noon. Adults and children ages 8 and up join Linus Knue at the library to create your own stained glass ornament. \$5 fee to cover cost of materials. You **MUST** register for this program.

Towanda Reads:

Wednesday, Dec. 15 we will discuss *The All True Travels and Adventures of Lidie Newton*, by Jane Smiley, at 7pm at president Kay Liebenow's home. Call 728-2427 for directions. Read the book if you can, but if not, come anyway for cookies and a visit.

Board of Trustee openings:

There will be library board of trustee positions open for the consolidated elections in April of 2004 for the May 2005-2009 term. If you are interested in serving, please contact the library board president, Tim Mogill, 729-2048, or contact Mary Williams at the library. Deadline for filing petitions is **January 25**.



Towanda Elementary School Events

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



Welcome to New Neighbors



Please welcome **Stephanie and Brad Busing**, who moved to **5 Candle Ridge Road** this year. Brad works for State Farm, and Stephanie is a pre-school teacher at the Montessori School in Bloomington. They have a dog, Abby, and a cat, Hunter. Originally from central Illinois (both graduates of NCHS), they lived in Chicago for the past 3 years on assignment for Brad's work. Stephanie had lived in Indian Creek from junior high through mid-college, and her mom and stepfather continued to live in the subdivision until a couple years ago. Stephanie and Brad bought their house from her parents. Stephanie says, "I always enjoyed Indian Creek because it's a quiet, nice subdivision with large yards and more privacy than living in-town, yet we're close enough to town that you don't feel that far out." Brad and Stephanie are expecting their first child in May and will need a babysitter four days a week starting in July or August. If you are interested, or know of anyone in the subdivision or near by, please call Stephanie at 309-826-4557.

Also welcome **Stephen and Mary Leins** and their four children: Sammy (age 22), Dee (14), Danielle (11) and Katie (8) who moved to **3 Fox Creek Rd.** They moved to Illinois from Pennsylvania at the end of June as a result of a transfer related to Stephen's work (he is Vice President of Bernardi Italian Foods, a frozen foods manufacturer with one of their plants and offices located in Toluca). Stephen says, "Although we've relocated a number of times, this was the biggest move in terms of distance, and has also been the most exciting. So far everyone is adjusting well to the move, thanks to some very kind neighbors and their children, many of whom are the same age as our girls. We're most looking forward to finally emptying the last of our moving boxes (some of which are now adorned with 3 or 4 moving stickers from various moves), and meeting the rest of our neighbors in the weeks and months ahead!"

Welcome to **Rod and Kathy Hinderliter, 9 Candle Ridge Rd.** They have two dogs, Savannah, a bloodhound and a Blue Tick Coonhound, Guinness. Rod and Kathy are self employed and their business is a retail/service store in Bloomington on East Empire, Rod's Pool and Spa, Inc. They sell Hot Spring and Caldera spas and install and service spas and pools in the area. They also plow snow in the winter months. Kathy says they are "very happy to have gotten the chance to buy our house in Indian Creek. It's a great place to live and we just love it! The dogs love their new home also with the extra room, trees, and plenty of wildlife to look at! My husband, Rod, looked at the house at 9 Candle Ridge a few years ago and loved the location. When it became available on the market, our realtor called us and we went up and looked at it right away. It's exactly what we had been looking for in the trees, land, creek, but still close to town. It only takes us 10-15 minutes to get to the store, but we like the setting much better than being in Bloomington/Normal. We still have some work to do on the house but are enjoying our new home very much."

Also welcome to **Ryan and Jessica Bliss** and their 15 month old son Ian who moved to **6 Eastwood Court** in mid October from Southern California (near San Diego) because Ryan's family lives in the area and they want their son to grow up surrounded by family. Ryan and Jessica both work at home through their internet business (<http://www.digitalblasphemy.com>). They enjoy traveling, reading, and taking walks. Says Jessica, "We're very happy to have found a beautiful place to live in Central Illinois. We're currently looking for a play group for Ian in our neighborhood and we look forward to meeting all our neighbors."

Welcome to our newest new residents, **Terri and Phil Hayes** and children McKenzie (9) and Matthew (6) who have recently purchased the home at **37 Candle Ridge Road**. They have lived in Normal for 10 years, but Terri is originally from Joliet and Phil from Tuscola. Phil is a District Representative for Ashland Specialty Chemical, treating water in industrial plants. Phil enjoys all sports, but his favorite is golf. Terri is Aquatics Coordinator at the YWCA and has swum most of her life. She enjoys photography and is very excited about the opportunities that Indian Creek presents. She also enjoys scrap booking and knitting. She helps in her children's classrooms several times a month and leads her daughter's Brownie Troop. Both of the children swim competitively and are in Chess Club and Scouts. Terri says,

"The first time we drove through Indian Creek about 8 years ago it felt like 'home'. I grew up in a heavily wooded and secluded subdivision on the Du Page River, and Phil in a small town. We are so excited to be able to give our children similar experiences. Each day we find another reason to be excited about Indian Creek: the nature area, the website (those are some impressive photos), and general sense of community! We can't wait to move in!"



Kids at Work

Katie Jurovic, 728-2243: baby sitting
Stephen Jurovic, 728-2243: pet care, lawn care, snow shoveling
Travis Mason, 728-8008: pet care



Residents with Home Businesses

The Complete Fitness Experience, 30 Candle Ridge Road, email: tcfefit1@msn.com, phone: 824-TCFE (8233)

Cindi Lockhart, Registered Dietitian, ACE-Certified Personal Trainer, Certified Yoga Instructor

- One-on-one personal training
- Nutrition counseling & weight control packages
- Prepared menus & recipes & shopping lists
- Fitness & posture evaluations
- Group classes:
 - Women's Toning/Fat Loss classes, Mon & Thur 5:30-6:15 pm
 - Cardio/Tone classes, Tues & Fri 5:45-6:30 am
 - Yoga (through OSF & Heartland)
- Public speaking events
- Variety of adult education courses offered through Heartland in Jan-Feb 2005: Which diet is best for you?, Eating Out Healthfully, Superfoods, Stress Management in the 21st Century, Weigh to Health seminar for women
- Retail items for sale: nutrition supplements, resistance tubing, stability balls, pedometers, yoga blocks & straps & eye bags



Communications

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

Subdivision web page: Visit the subdivision web page at <http://www.frontiernet.net/~indiancreek/> for information about the subdivision, including 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.

Newsletter: 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. Adults, let us know about your home business.