

Indian Creek Newsletter

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The Village of Towanda Now Has a Website!



A Towanda Village website is now available at <http://towandail.org>. Please pay us a visit. You will find lots of information about the Towanda area, upcoming events, organizations, services, businesses, schools, maps, and more.

If you are the contact person for an organization or a business and would like to be included on the website, please email or call the webmaster, Helen Mogill at hmogill@frontiernet.net, 728-2048.



Fall Work Day

Submitted by Jim Russell - Grounds Chair



The Indian Creek fall work day will be **Saturday, October 25** (rain date Saturday, November 1) from **1:00pm until 5:00pm**. We'll tackle our neighborhood's Adopt-A-Highway portion of Rt 29 from I-55 to Hudson Rd. This works best if there are 8 volunteers. If more than 8 people volunteer another group could also work in the Nature Area on honeysuckle control or blazing a trail bypass around a downed tree that is blocking the trail but is too big to cut up.

Please call me (728-8042) or email jf3b@frontiernet.net if you plan to volunteer and if you have other ideas for the work day.



Wednesday Morning Coffee

Around 15 people enjoyed the Wednesday morning gathering at Kay Liebenow's home in September. Ruth Parsons has extended an invitation to the neighborhood to meet again on **Wednesday, October 22, 10:00am**. Everyone is welcome – male, female, retired, or younger. Please let Ruth know if you are planning to come: 728-2768, parsons@frontiernet.net. Ruth lives at 2 Bent Tree Lane.



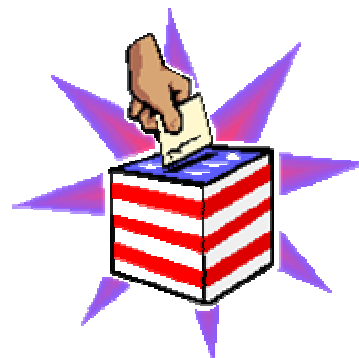
Election Information

Visit <http://www.co.mclean.il.us/CountyClerk> for more voter information.

Voter Registration Closes: Tuesday, October 7

Early Voting: October 14 - October 30.

Early voting is "no excuse needed" absentee voting. It will be available at the McLean County Clerk's office and additional satellite offices.



Absentee Voting:

Sept 25 - Begin taking applications for Absentee Ballots

Oct 14 - November 3 - Vote Absentee in person

Oct 27 - Last day to mail Military Absentees

Oct 30 - Last day to mail Absentee Ballots

Grace Period Voting - October 8 - October 21

Grace period voting is for those persons who did not register to vote or change their address before the close of registration. They may come into McLean County Clerks' office to register to vote or change their address during this period. If they intend to vote, they must vote in person at that time.

General Election - Tuesday, November 4



Music and Food at Kicks



Kick's will be featuring the Captain Ron Band on **Saturday, October 4, 5:00pm - 9:00pm**. Come on down and enjoy the entertainment. The Legion will be serving brat, hot dogs, rib eye and butterfly sandwiches. There is **NO** cover charge. Bring your own lawn chairs and enjoy the music.



American Legion Meals

The Towanda American Legion will have a **BREAKFAST** on **Sunday, October 5, 7:00am - 10:00am**. Breakfast will include pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns, biscuits and gravy, fresh fruit, toast, juice, coffee and milk. Cost: \$7.00. The public is invited



The Legion will be serving a **STEAK DINNER** on Friday, **October 10, 5:30pm to 7:30pm** at the Legion Building. Dinner consists of 10oz. rib eye, potato, salad, roll, dessert and drinks. Cost: \$10.00. The public is welcome and carry outs are available.

Towanda Library News

(on the web at <http://towandalibrary.org>)

Flickr Classes at the Library, Monday, October 6, 13, 20, 5:00pm

Managing digital photos can be a daunting task. There are several online resources that can help with corralling photo collections. **Flickr** is one of the most popular photo sharing tools. Michael Morrow will introduce class members to Flickr adaptations.



Columbus Day Activities, Monday, October 13, 11:00am – 8:00pm

Come to the Towanda District Library on Monday, October 13, where a Discovery Center will be set up. Parents are encouraged to take a break with their children during this “no school day.” Drop in anytime from 11:00am – 8:00pm.

Fright Night, Thursday, October 23, 5:00pm - 7:00pm

This event at the Towanda District Library is for Third through Fifth Graders **ONLY**. Are you braver than a 2nd Grader? Participants need to be at least as brave as a Third Grader to attend this scary event! Spooky stories and slimmmmy food are included at this party for the brave-of-heart. Bring your jacket for the party finale on the library lawn.



Ropp Road Roundup -- Fall Festival

Saturday, October 4, 9:00am - 5:30pm

Sunday, October 5, 11:00am - 5:30pm

on the web at: <http://roppcheese.com/>

Visit Ropp Cheese Farm and Rader's Pumpkin Patch this weekend for their fall festival. (Or you can visit anytime.) Kay Liebenow says they are charming and awesome, with wandering turkeys, new born calves, kittens, and puppies, and of course, cheese and pumpkins. Go west through Hudson under Interstate 39 and then two miles to a T-intersection at N 1200 East Road. Turn left and travel three miles to the Ropp Cheese Farm on your left (the road becomes Ropp Road) and another mile south to Rader's pumpkin patch.



Ropp's at 2936 Ropp Rd, Normal will have free activities: hay rides, milk a cow, watch cheese making, pet baby calves and a \$1 activity: a family scavenger hunt. Fall Items for sale at Ropp Jersey Cheese: cheese, ice cream, caramel apples, fall produce, and farm gifts.



Rader's Pumpkin Patch at 1238 Ropp Road, Normal will have free activities: straw maze, corn play area, farm animals, trike track and picnic area. Fall items for sale at Rader's Pumpkin Patch : pumpkins in barn & “you pick” pumpkins, fall arrangements, gourds, squash, Indian corn, straw bales, corn stalks, & local honey.

NCHS Homecoming Parade

Towanda Elementary School will be dismissed early for the NCHS Homecoming parade on **Friday, October 10**. The parade begins at **2:30pm**. The Parade Route (through the Eagle's Landing subdivision): Start at NCHS—West on Raab—South on Airport—West on Sheppard—North on Meadowlark—West on Butterfly—North on Agate Way—West on Turquoise Way—North on Lodge Pole Lane—East on Raab—End at NCHS. Candy will be distributed.



Fund Raisers

Boy Scout Popcorn Sale

The Towanda Scout Organization is selling popcorn again this fall. Scouts will be coming to your doors between **September 27 and October 19** to get your orders. Delivery will take place from November 8 to November 16 with payment upon delivery. Proceeds from this fundraiser support a wide variety of programs, activities, and outings in our local Pack and local Troop.



School Fundraiser

Towanda Elementary School students will be selling Katherine Beich candy, gift wrap, and other gift items as a fundraiser for their school, **Monday, October 6 - Friday, October 17**.



Lion's Club Candy Sale



Thursday, October 9, the Towanda Lion's club will be selling Nestle-Beich candy bars for \$1.00 each. They will go door-to-door in Towanda, Indian Creek and Lamplighter starting at **5:00pm**. All profits from this activity will go toward sight improvement programs sponsored by Lion's Foundation of Illinois.



Annual Fire Truck Parade



On **Sunday, October 5, 2008, 1:30pm**, a fire truck parade kicks off from Franklin Park and ends at State Farm Corporate. Watch the parade from your favorite spot on Washington Street. Parade watchers are invited to visit with the Firefighters and look at the Fire trucks until 3:00pm. Door Prizes will be raffled off so make sure you get your raffle ticket. The Towanda fire truck and fire fighters will be in the parade.

Halloween

Children's Community Halloween Party

The Children's Community Halloween Party will be held at the American Legion Hall on Hely Street on **Sunday, October 26, 3:00pm**. Judging will be at 3:00pm. The contest is for newborns to 5th grades. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each age group. There will be treat bags for all who come in costume. Call Heather Lueschen at 728-2840 for more information.



Halloween Parade around Towanda

The Towanda Elementary School students will participate in a Halloween parade around town on **Friday, October 31, 1:50pm - 2:20pm**. The route is: North on East St - East on Adams St - North on Taylor St - West on Monroe St - South on Madison St - East on Fremont St., ending at the school.



Trick or Treat

Village and area trick or treating will be on Halloween, **Friday, October 31, from 5:00pm - 8:00pm**. Drivers watch out for trick or treating children. The Baptist Church will be serving cookies, pop corn balls, treats and drinks at the Community Building from 5:00pm - 8:00pm. Come out and enjoy the fun.



Electronics-Recycling Program in Normal



Ever wonder how to recycling those no-longer needed electronic devices that seem to accumulate in closets, basements, and garages. You can take them to the Electronics Recycling Program in Normal, located near the Public Works Garage at 1301 Warriner St, Normal. They are open **7:00am to 2:00pm Monday through Friday**.

All recycled electronic items go to Recycle for Illinois, a not-for-profit group that revamps as many of the products as possible and gives them free to the needy or physically disabled. Some parts are sold to help keep the operation running. Unusable parts are sold to recyclers.

Damaged or nonfunctioning appliances will be accepted, and all donations are tax deductible. Large items like a washer, dryer, refrigerator are not accepted. Items they will take are:

Computers	Copiers	Microwaves
Monitors	Phone systems	Cameras
Computer components	Radios of all types	Blenders
Televisions	VCRs	Toasters

Playground Equipment

The Village of Towanda needs your help. On **October 11**, the Village personnel will be putting up new playground equipment. They need 15 volunteers to help them. If you can help with this project, please call the Village Clerk, Sharon at 728-2811.



Sugar Grove Autumn Celebration

<http://www.sugargrovenaturecenter.org>



The Sugar Grove Nature Center is hosting an autumn celebration at the center on **Saturday, October 18, 10am – 5pm**. It will feature music, nature crafts, blacksmith and woodturning demos, good eats, plenty of kids' activities, local artisans and crafters, & much more. Take the Shirley exit on RT 55 south of Bloomington and turn right and then left onto old Route 66 to Funks Grove and follow the signs. Admission \$2.00, children under 3 free.



JWP Audubon Talks



These talks will be held in C101 of the Center for Natural Science (CNS), 201 Beecher Street, Illinois Wesleyan University.

Rick Twait, City of Bloomington Superintendent of Water, will give a talk "**Protecting Water Quality at Its Source Through Watershed Planning**" on

Tuesday, October 7, 7:00pm. Rick will discuss efforts to reduce nutrient levels from farm runoff in Lakes Bloomington and Evergreen, which provide Bloomington's drinking water.

Pat Armstrong, vice-president of the Greater DuPage chapter of Wild Ones, will present a talk "**The Joys of a Totally Native Yard**" on **Thursday, October 30, 7:00pm**. Pat's presentation will focus on how she created her urban 1/3 acre native landscape of 330 species.



THCE News

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On **Wednesday, October 15, 5:00pm - 8:30pm**, a reversible "Quilt As You Go" class will be held at the Extension Auditorium. Class size is limited so call Carmen at 379-3141 for more information and supplies needed.

In place of their regular monthly meeting, HCE members and guests will attend an International Night program on **Thursday, October 16, 6:00pm**. The country "Belgium" will be studied with slides, information and foods.

Please contact Cindy Kelley, 663-4796 if you would like to attend this program.

On **Monday, October 20, 1:00 - 3:00pm** at the Extension Auditorium will be a "Maximizing Kitchen Appliances - Slow Cookers" program. This program is offered to the public but call ahead to secure a spot and program materials at 663-8306.