

Indian Creek Newsletter

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Neighborhood Morning Coffee & Cookie Exchange



Marilyn Blank has extended an invitation to the Indian Creek neighborhood to meet on **Friday, December 19, 10:00am** for refreshments and good company. All Indian Creekers are welcome. There will be an optional Christmas cookie exchange for those wishing to participate. Bring one or two dozen cookies and take home one or two dozen of a variety of cookies.

Please let Marilyn know if you are planning to come: 728-2662, mfblank@frontiernet.net. The Blanks live at 20 Bent Tree Lane.



Legion Commemorative Breakfast



December 7, 1941, was described by Franklin Roosevelt as "a date that will live in infamy", in response to the attack on Pearl Harbor. To commemorate the significance of these events and to pay tribute to 292,000 men and women who gave their lives in World War II and the 16,000,000 who served the Allied Forces abroad, the Towanda American Legion will be hosting a breakfast on **Sunday, December 7, 7:30am -**

10:30am.

Scrambled eggs, hash browns, sausage, bacon, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, fresh fruit, orange juice, coffee, and milk will be available for \$7.00 per person. Carry outs are available. The public is welcome.



Legion Pork Chop Supper

The Legion will hold its regularly scheduled 2nd Friday dinner on **Friday, December 12, 5:30pm - 7:30pm**. A pork chop sandwich, fries, green beans, applesauce, dessert, and drink are available for \$7.00. Kids' meals will be available for \$3.00. The public is welcome and carry outs are available.



Water News

Submitted by Bob Hancock, Water Chairman



In October, based on a recommendation from Farnsworth Group, Inc. we had the following portions of the inside tank repainted with a protective coating: the underside of the ladders within the tank; ladder support brackets; lower condensate ceiling; and upper platform access tube, overflow support brackets, and base bell valves and piping. At our annual Homeowners Association meeting we hope to be able to provide more details on the events that took place when the tower was being repainted.

Water Usage:

How much water does Indian Creek use every day? This time of year the average usage is about 20,000 gallons a day. During the summer months the average is about 25,000 gallons per day with some peak usage reaching 50,000 per day. We all need to conserve this precious resource.

Gallons per month used Jan – Sept, 2008:

Jan. 609,700 Feb. 592,000, Mar. 603,100, April 617,800, May 671,100, June 693,900, July 713,700, Aug 759,900, Sept. 596,400

Water Problems:

What should you do if you notice low or no water pressure? First, check your outside water faucet if the temperatures allow you to do so. If the water flow is normal, most likely it is an internal problem inside your house. Water softeners and/or filtering systems can get clogged and may require service. If you are unable to check the outside faucet because of weather, check with your neighbors to see if they have water pressure. Also, the system is flushed on the last Thursday of every month. If you are home during that time period, you may notice a drop in water pressure. If all else fails, call Bob Hancock @ 728-2990 or any other board member.

Warning Lights:

There are two lights installed on the side of the tower. A green light is always on whenever electricity is available to the water tower. If the green light is not on, it means either that no power is available – or that the bulb has burned out. A red light will turn on whenever the water pressure falls below a critical level. Please notify the water chairman @ 728-2990 or any board member if you ever notice that the green light is NOT on, or the red light IS on.

Before you dig:

Remember before you dig, call Julie @ 1-800-892-0123. However, if you just need to locate the outside water main line and shut-off because your main shut-off into the house needs to be replaced, you can call Tri-County Locators @ 815-973-4568. Tri-County is responsible to mark the water main(s) and the water shut-off which are ICWHA assets. The Homeowners Association will pay for these markings.

If the homeowner would like any water lines coming out of the shut-off which lead into the home marked, the locate costs associated with marking those assets are the property of the homeowner and will be paid by the homeowner.

Towanda Library News

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

New Hours at the Library – starting December 1, 2008

Monday	10a – 7p
Tuesday	1p - 7p
Wednesday	10a – 7p
Thursday	1p – 6p
Friday	3p – 6p
Saturday	9a – noon



Mitten Tree

The library will again collect mittens, coats, and other warm winter items for donation to charity this year.

December is a fine-free month.

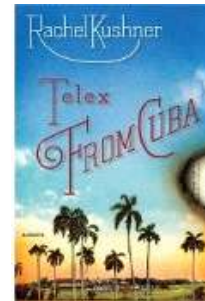
People may return overdue items and receive amnesty for their fines by donating a non-perishable food item -- which will be donated to a food pantry.

Family Movie Night: Fri. Dec 12 at 6:30pm

Enjoy “*Santa Clause is Comin' to Town*”.

Friends of the Library and Towanda Reads, Wed, Dec 10, 6:00pm

The next meeting of the Friends of the Library and the Towanda Reads book club will be Wednesday, December 10, at 6:00pm at the home of Kay Liebenow, 33 Candle Ridge Road. The book to be discussed will be [Telex from Cuba](#) by Rachel Kushner. The meeting will be a holiday party with each attendee bringing either an appetizer or a desert. Contact the library for more information.



Buying children's books as gifts?

You can help support the Towanda Library by purchasing your books through the Friend's of the Library online book sale at *Usborne Books*. A percentage of each sale will go to benefit the library. Go to the library website for a link to the book sale website.



Classifieds

For Sale:

Towanda District Library, 728-2176, towandalib@yahoo.com

A large selection of VHS tapes - both adult and children's titles

The Emerys, 728-2991

Brand new 8GB Ipod Touch. Still in original packaging complete with Apple store bag. Asking 200.00.



Fire Department News



The Towanda Fire Department will be hosting an open house on Saturday, **December 13, 1:00pm – 3:00pm** for all members of the community. EMT's and Firefighters will be present to check vitals including; blood pressure and blood sugar. Members of the department will also be available to answer questions regarding winter fire safety. Refreshments will be served. We hope to see you there. The Fire Department is located at 203 W Jackson St, behind the FS Fast-Stop service station in Towanda.

The Junior Firefighter Program is currently in progress, but we are still seeking new members. The program is open to young adults ages 15-17 and currently meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month. Contact Tom Wagner at (309) 319-0130 or by email at wagbo616@hotmail.com for questions.

The Towanda Fire Department is looking for new members to join the department. The Department requires that you hold a minimum of a first responder license, or be willing to take the steps necessary to become a first responder.

An EMT course held by the Towanda Fire Department will begin on **Tuesday, December 2, 6:00 -10:00pm** This course will be held on Tuesday and Thursday each week with five additional Saturday classes.

A First Responder course will begin **Monday, January 7 at 6:00pm** at the Station and continue for the next ten Mondays.

The cost for these courses will be covered by the department if the student agrees to serve the department for a minimum of one year.



Open House and Trunk Show

Indian Creek resident, **Linda Garbe**, will be showing her jewelry at an Annual Holiday Open House and Trunk Show on **Saturday, December 6, 10:00am to 5:00pm**. The show is hosted by Stan and Janetta Bauer. Stan and Janetta use fiber sheered from the alpacas they raise to create clothing and handspun yarns.

Linda uses beads and polymer clay to create Art-to-Wear Jewelry.

Located at der Bauernhof Farms on Route 9
5 miles east of Bloomington at the corner of
Bentown/Holder Road and Route 9.
24073 East 1400 Road.



Towanda Area Historical Society

The Towanda Area Historical Society is planning a program for **Tuesday, January 27 at 7:00pm** at the Towanda Community Building. Some of the core volunteers who put together the 2004 El Paso Historical Book will be presenting a program they have given to other towns and will pass on their experiences both good and bad to help give us impetus to complete our own updated historical book to the present time. Questions can be directed to Pat Pulokas, 728-2118.



Ron Parsons, who served during the Viet Nam war.

New materials are being added to our website including interviews with some community veterans representing all branches of the armed forces. Indian Creek resident, Ron Parsons, is one of the first interviewees to be featured. Stay tuned as more interviews are added to the website over the next few months.

To see the new veteran entries, search for the topic 'Veterans' at our website (<http://towandahistory.org>). Want to be included? Check at the library or at the website at <http://towandahistory.org/Veterans/veteranproject.htm> for information and forms.



Christmas Open House at Curly Willow Junction



The Curly Willow Junction, located at 110 Main Street, Towanda, is holding a Christmas open house on **Saturday, December 6, 10:00am - 4:00pm**. Stop by and meet owner Barb Johnson and see her variety of handmade items. There will be refreshments and door prizes.



THCE Programs

by Pat Pulokas, 728-2118; palp@mchsi.com



The Towanda HCE will have their holiday potluck party on **Monday, December 8, 6:30pm** at the home of Sylvia Gibson. Members and guests should bring: a dessert or salad dish, a "homemade" gift exchange and/or a gift/donation for the Brotherhood Tree. Please RSVP to hostesses Sylvia Gibson, 728-2484 or Clara Lehan, 728-2374 by Sunday, Dec. 7.

Any questions and membership information about Towanda Home and Community Education group should contact Cindy Kelley, 663-4796 or Robin Pearson, 815-579-1650.

Scholarship



Anyone who lives in our Senate District and will be attending a four year state university next fall may apply for the 2009 -2010 Illinois General Assembly Scholarship

Applications and instructions are accessible from Senator Dan Rutherford's website. For instructions go to

<http://www.danrutherford.com/GA%20Scholarship%20Info%202009.pdf>. For the application go to <http://www.danrutherford.com/GA%20Final%20Scholarship%20App%20Form%202009.pdf>.

Completed applications, along with letters of recommendation, must be returned to Senator Rutherford's district office no later than January 19, 2009.

The General Assembly Scholarship is a one-year tuition waiver to a state university in Illinois. To qualify, applicants must live in the 53rd Senate District, which includes all or parts of Champaign, Ford, Iroquois, LaSalle, Livingston, McLean, Tazewell, Vermilion, and Woodford counties. Rules for eligibility are posted on the website.



Towanda Seniors

The Towanda Seniors will be meeting at the Community Building for a **noon** potluck on **Wednesday, December 10**. Meat and drinks will be provided. Please bring your own table service. There will be a \$5.00 gift exchange for those who wish to join in. The third graders of Towanda Grade School will perform music after the meal. If you have any questions, please call Beverly Meginnis at 728-2769.



Email and On-line Resident Directory



If you would like to receive email notifications for the newsletter and for other subdivision news, and do not currently receive them, send me your email address at hmogill@frontiernet.net.

Reminder: the Indian Creek resident directory is available on-line at the Phone Numbers page at the Indian Creek website, or directly at

http://www.frontiernet.net/~indiancreek/numbers_files/Indian%20Creek%20Directory.pdf. I will send the password via email, or you may call me at 728-2048. If you do not have computer access and would like a printed copy of the current directory, please contact me at 728-2048,



Village of Towanda Website

Want to know the phone number of a local business? A contact person for a local organization? The cost of renting the Community Building? And much more! Visit <http://towandail.org>.