



# *Indian Creek News*

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## **NEW BABY**

Howard and Martha Rients at the south entrance are proud first time parents of Grace Elizabeth Rients born October 3rd weighing in at 7# 13 oz.

## **NEW TOWANDA MART**

Towanda has a new store on the main street with groceries, hardware, and automotive. Hours are 7am-7pm Monday - Friday, 8am-5pm Saturday, and closed on Sunday.

## **HOLIDAY LUMINARIES**

Mark your calendars now for our 3rd Annual Luminaries on Sunday, December 15th, with bags and sand delivery on Saturday the 14th. If you participated last year, we will assume that you will participate again and we will order the same # of bags for you. If you did not participate last year, please call Jody Orrick (728-2128). Everyone will need to buy your own candles and place a bucket by your driveway on the 14th.

## **MONEY CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD**

Doug Reeves, who was appointed two years ago as a Trustee on the Money Creek Township Board, has informed me that there are many positions available on the Board to be voted on in the Spring election in April. Positions to be available are Township Supervisor, Township Clerk, Road Commissioner, and 2-3 Trustees. Nomination petitions are available from the County Clerk or the Township Clerk, Terry Giannoni (365-8564). Doug is up for re-election himself and welcomes any questions (728-2947).

## **PROPERTY TAX APPEALS**

Approximately 29 homeowners who filed appeals to the 1.0769 multiplier for Money Creek Township in July. To date, 22 of these homeowners have received notices from the State removing the multiplier, two received partial decreases, and one appeal is still outstanding. However, 4 unlucky homeowners still have hearings in December.

## **PHONE RATE INCREASE**

There is a cheaper way to call Bloomington-Normal - 5 digit "dial-around" codes within your Intra-Lata for rates 2-5 cents per minute. Call your long distance carrier for details.

**THIS NEWSLETTER MAILED MONTHLY TO INDIAN CREEK RESIDENTS  
BY ANNETTE HANCOCK, REALTOR  
COLDWELL BANKER HEART OF AMERICA REALTORS**



## Bent Tree Lane Home Association

Box 290

Towanda, IL 61776

November 1, 1996

### 10th Annual Wiener Roast & Association Meeting Minutes

10 families met at the Bob Hancock residence for wiener roast and association meeting. Meeting started at approximately 4:15 on October 26, 1996.

**Welcome and introductions** by Dave Schulthes

**Reading of the minutes from 1995 meeting** by Bob Hermann

**Treasurers Report** by Bob Hancock - Current balance \$3457.87

- Interest past year \$61.33

- Expenses: Snow removal \$120.00

Sand \$20.46

**Snow Removal** - We will continue to have Jim Whitwood remove snow when at least 4" of snow has fallen. Tom Nelson asked if he did individual homeowners. Bob Hancock to check with Mr. Whitwood to see if he was interested.

**Speed Control** - Dave reminded the group that the speed along the road is 20 MPH. Since we have a lot of trees and over growth along our narrow road it is important to watch for children playing and others walking on the road. Please remind others in your household or those visiting to watch their speed. A suggestion was made by a homeowner who couldn't make the meeting of putting speed bumps in at various parts of the road. If speed is still a concern at the next meeting, we can discuss the placing of speed bumps or other alternatives. Please watch your speed!

**Road Maintenance** - Dave Schulthes

- Discussed motion made last year to investigate the road at the end of the lane by Louis Blank. It was determined that putting drainage along side of road and cutting across road was too expensive. An alternative was to put a 2" topcoat on east side of road to let the water drain to the northwest. Received bid from McLean County to resurface approximately 75'. A 2" topcoat would run \$1138. If we chose to taper the edges the amount would be \$1708. These bids do not include additional expense for dirt and/or gravel along edge of road.

- Bill Roe would like a taller asphalt burm in front of his drive to direct the water on down the hill.

- Discussed sealing the cracks in the road.

Motion was made by Tom Nelson and seconded by Jim Stahly to have the association pay for the above improvements to the road. Motion carried! We will try to make these improvements this fall or next spring.

-see back for more info-



Further discussion on the road centered on sealing the entire road. Most homeowners were not pleased with the job done by Asphalt Sealing. Since we as homeowners are responsible for the road we should do whatever we can to maintain it. A motion was made by Bill Roe and seconded by Tom Nelson to seal the road on a routine basis. Motion carried! Group was reminded that each homeowner would need to be assessed to cover expenses. If we sealed the road every other year or every third year we will need to start saving now. Assessment to be determined by the directors.

**Leaf Burning/Fire Protection** - Dave reminded the group about leaf burning. Please be careful and use common sense.

### **Election of one new board member**

Bill Roe volunteered to serve as a director to replace Dave Schulthes. Motion made by Mike Cunningham and seconded by Wilbur Hofmann. Motion carried!

### **New Business**

Mike Cunningham suggested that we consider cutting some of road side back in certain places along the road to help with visibility and keep branches from scratching the side of vehicles. Mike volunteered to help with cutting back areas that are in need. I am sure others would be willing to help too. We are NOT talking about cutting huge areas away from the road. We will talk with each homeowner before attempting any cutting.

Neighborhood watch reminder. We have recently had two reports of theft in the subdivision. Both occurred in the front part of the subdivision, but we are not immune just because we are back in the woods on a private drive. Keep your doors locked and report anything suspicious to McLean County Police.

**Important** - We did not have enough homeowners present at the picnic to carry a majority vote for the association. Although all motions carried unanimously, we still need a majority for them to become official. This notice will serve as your vote. If you missed the meeting and oppose any of the motions made, please contact one of the directors by November 8, 1996. If you do not object to any of the motions, your silence will serve as a "YES" vote.

Please call one of the directors if you have any corrections to the meeting minutes.  
Thanks to all who attended.

Directors:

Dave Schulthes - President

Bob Hermann - Vice President

Bob Hancock - Secretary/Treasurer