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## Garbage and Recycle Collection

Hello Indian Creek Residents,

At the last annual meeting I shared information about the possibility of partnering with the Village of Towanda and Lamplighter Subdivision to lower our garbage collection fees and procure recycling services. Due to a number of extenuating circumstances this partnership never materialized.

However, as a result of these discussions, Henson's Disposal our current garbage collector has agreed to **provide single stream recycling collection and lower our monthly rate from \$28 to \$20**. This results in an annual savings of \$96 for each homeowner. Recycling service occurring every other week at no additional cost will begin July 27. Henson's will continue to invoice on a quarterly basis. The new rate of \$20 per month will begin August 1. Residents will receive a credit on their fourth quarter invoice reflecting the difference in rates for August and September. Your third quarter invoice is due on July 15.

Henson's will be sending out a letter to all Indian Creek homeowners using their service the week of June 28. Important details will be provided about how the recycling service will be implemented and the billing process that takes in account the lower rates. Hopefully, this letter will answer any questions you might have. After reading this letter please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Fred Walk  
Grounds Chairman  
[fwalk@frontiernet.net](mailto:fwalk@frontiernet.net)

## Water System Information

Summer lawn watering - Please follow our recommended summer watering schedule by only watering on even or odd days corresponding to your street address number and limit watering to 3-4 hours. This will help ensure our well pump can replace water being used in our tower. Summer water usage typically is much higher than the rest of the year and can strain our water system capabilities. This guideline is especially important to follow this year with more people home during the daytime.

Chemical building - Bids to move chemical processing now being done inside the water tower to a separate building were requested from five contractors who expressed interest in the project. Only two contractors submitted completed bids, however, and both were considerably higher than estimates prepared by the Farnsworth Group. We are continuing to work with the Farnsworth Group to identify other contractors who are willing to do the work at a reasonable price. Construction activity in the area is extremely high this year, so we may rebid this work next year if we cannot obtain a bid with a reasonable cost estimate. We will be seeking bids this fall for the water tower refurbishing project to be completed in 2021.

Homeowners assessments - The Water Assessment and Annual Assessment rate changes presented at the March Homeowners meeting will be implemented with the July 1 homeowner's assessment notice. The quarterly assessment amounts are \$200 and \$25, respectively.

## Money Beach

Did you know Indian Creek has a beach? Yes, it's Money Creek Beach located just north east of the bridge and accessible by the trail.

Fred Walk - Grounds Chairman



Jeanette Jones and her children Skylar and Jayla enjoying the beach.



## Microwave Cable Box Removal

"This past spring Bob Herman, Randy Haag, Mark Miller, Keith Whittum, and Fred Walk removed over 25 obsolete microwave boxes from Indian Creek Grounds." The boxes were scrapped out and recycled."

Fred Walk

Grounds Chairman



## Picnic Table

A big thanks to Connie and Keith Whittum (sitting) for scraping and sanding the picnic table nearby the bridge. Another big thanks to Kathy and Rod Hinderliter (standing) for staining the picnic table.  
- Fred





## Honeysuckle Removal



Natalie and Nick Leathers helping with Honeysuckle removal.  
Their dad, Eric, also helped.



Keith Whittum and Jim Russel removing  
honeysuckle.



Susan and Randy Haag attacking the  
honeysuckle.





More of the crew - Michael, Christopher, Nancy, and Doug Braun. Bob Herman, Mark Miller, Connie Whittum, Fred Walk, Kathy Dumler.



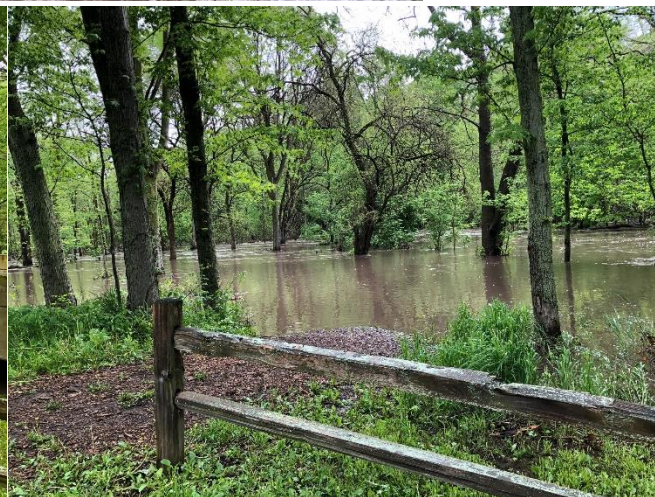
Greg and Carol Beneze helping with honeysuckle removal



David Meyer and Fred Walk



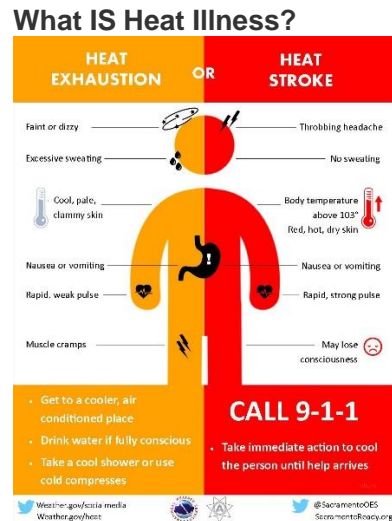
## 2020 Flood



Some photos of our recent flood.



# Heat Illness Prevention



Your body normally cools itself by sweating. During hot weather, especially when it is very humid, sweating just isn't enough to cool you off. Your body temperature can rise to dangerous levels and you can develop a heat illness.

Heat-related illnesses include:

## Heat Stroke

A life-threatening illness in which body temperature may rise above 106° F in minutes. Symptoms include dry skin, a rapid, strong pulse, dizziness, nausea, and confusion. If you see any of these signs, get medical help right away.

## Heat Exhaustion

An illness that can happen after several days of exposure to high temperatures and not enough fluids. Symptoms include heavy sweating, rapid breathing, and a fast, weak pulse. If it is not treated, it can turn into heat stroke.

## Heat Cramps

Muscle pains or spasms that happen during heavy exercise. You usually get them in your abdomen, arms, or legs.

**Remember these three simple words: Water, Rest, and Shade**

- Drink water every 15 minutes, even if you are not thirsty.
- Rest in the shade to cool down.
- Wear a hat and light-colored clothing.
- Learn the signs of heat illness and what to do in an emergency.
- Keep an eye on fellow workers and students

*If you have any questions regarding the Towanda Fire Department or would like some information in becoming a firefighter, please contact Chief Lueschen at 309.728.2353 or email: [towandachief@gmail.com](mailto:towandachief@gmail.com)*



# Yard Waste Composting



ecologyactioncenter.org

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE June 3, 2020**  
**CONTACT: Michael Brown, 309-454-3169 ext.11**

## **Ecology Action Center Encourages Residents to Compost Yard Waste** **#allinthistogether**

For the safety of all in slowing the spread of the Coronavirus, local public works staff are assigned to smaller teams. As a result, yard waste collection services are sometimes delayed in Bloomington-Normal. Residents can do their part to help by composting their own yard waste.

The Ecology Action Center, Town of Normal, and City of Bloomington all invite residents to explore new easy-to-use backyard composting instructions found at [CompostBN.org](https://compostbn.org). Backyard composting is an easy way to recycle yard waste into valuable soil-improving organic material. A new instructional flyer lists three simple steps to get started composting—it's that easy.

**COMPOSTBN.ORG**



Backyard composting is an easy and natural process that allows for recycling of natural materials into nutrient rich compost. It not only helps conserve natural resources, improve your garden, and reduce the direct costs of solid waste management, it also helps improve air quality. Proper composting of natural materials prevents the generation of harmful methane gas that is created when natural materials are landfilled instead, where little to nothing can break down. In addition, less yard waste to be picked up curbside means less truck emissions on residential streets and better air quality for all.

From compost bins designed and built in-house, to expert troubleshooting, to guidance on use of finished compost, the Ecology Action Center professional staff is available to support your composting effort. The EAC's composting workshops and other in-person educational offerings will resume in later reopening phases. Meanwhile, visit [ecologyactioncenter.org](https://ecologyactioncenter.org) for more information, or to order low-cost but durable composters. Local residential delivery fees are currently waived in order to maximize access to a pre-made composter for those who want one.

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# Racial Injustice



[ecologyactioncenter.org](http://ecologyactioncenter.org)

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE June 11, 2020**

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## **Ecology Action Center Statement on Racial Injustice**

The Ecology Action Center condemns the inordinate use of force against people of color across the country. The EAC recognizes the disproportionate impact of pollution and other environmental problems on communities of color due to systemic racism. The Ecology Action Center staff and board believe that black lives matter and pledges to actively partner with our local communities of color to address environmental issues.

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# Remote Education Opportunities for Youth



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## PRESS RELEASE

**For immediate release**

June 9, 2020

**Contact: Michael Brown**

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### **Summering from Home: Ecology Action Center Launches Online Kids' Programs**

The Ecology Action Center has launched two new free online programs to help keep kids connected and learning this summer.

The Wonder Ears Book Club features a new book each week, read aloud by our staff member. Just like a grown-up book club, participants discuss the reading afterwards, relating the characters' plights and actions to their own experiences, and sharing new ideas about how they can protect and enjoy our environment.

Watershed Down Storymakers gives kids a chance to play detective, converse with the animals, explore and even augment an imaginary landscape as they investigate real-world issues like litter and water quality. This live choose-your-own-adventure experience is perfect for kids who love to solve problems, embellish a story, or be part of a group working together.

Programs run about 25 minutes, and kids are encouraged to share their ideas and questions during or after each session. Both groups meet weekly, with new dates/times added as needed to ensure kids continue to benefit from interactive storytelling and discussion. Participatory portions of these programs are geared toward ages 7-12. Children of any age are invited to enjoy our read-aloud programs, which will be made available on our YouTube channel.

Residents can sign up for Watershed Down Storymakers Tuesdays at 10 am, and The Wonder Ears Book Club Thursdays at 10 am, at <https://ecologyactioncenter.org/bnarenevents/>

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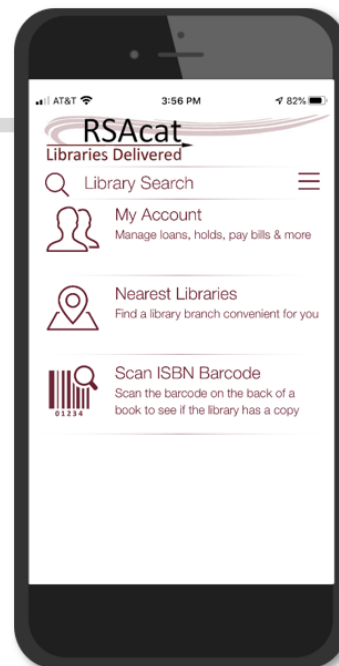
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# Towanda District Library

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### Browsing the library is as easy as 1, 2, 3!

- 1 Download the app for free on one or more devices:  
Visit your device's app store and search for "RSAcat Mobile."
- 2 Sign into the app with your Towanda District Library card and PIN.  
If you do not have this information, please call the library at (309) 728-2176 to speak with a friendly staff member.
- 3 Enjoy browsing the collection at your leisure! Place items on "hold" for curbside service. When prompted, choose "Towanda District Library" as your pickup location.

Towanda District Library is part of the **Resource Sharing Alliance**, a consortium of libraries in central and west central Illinois. This partnership allows Towanda District Library's patrons the opportunity to browse and borrow materials from over 190 libraries. While we miss having patrons visit the physical library building to browse the shelves, we are thankful for RSA's commitment to developing and delivering an updated, user-friendly app!



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### Phone & Curbside Service

#### Towanda District Library Hours

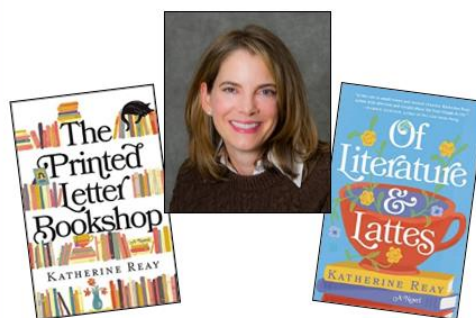
<b>Monday</b>	10:00 am - 2:00 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 am - 2:00 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
<b>Friday</b>	10:00 am - 2:00 pm
<b>Saturday</b>	10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Closed Sundays



### Programming Sneak Peek

#### Upcoming Book Discussion & Author Chat



Katherine Reay is a national bestselling and award-winning author of several titles, including *The Printed Letter Bookshop* and the recently-released sequel, *Of Literature & Lattes*. Katherine lives just outside of Chicago, Illinois, and her novels have been described as "love letters to books." Her character-driven stories are multigenerational and inspiring, and we look forward to revealing details related to her "virtual visit" soon!

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## Gardening Tips

It will soon be time for the Japanese beetles to appear in June and July. They are easy to spot with their glassy and metallic appearance. They like hollyhocks, roses, and hibiscus, along with many other plants and trees,

When they eat, they release a scent that attracts other nearby beetles. You will see several eating on a plant, eating around the large veins of the leaves leaving it to look like a lace-like skeleton. They can also completely cover a peach and just leave the bare seed.

In August and September, the female beetle will lay her eggs just below the soil surface in a grassy area. If the temperature remains warm and there is enough moisture, the young larvae will hatch quickly. The grubs will eat voraciously on the grassroots. If the grass turns brown, you can pull the sod up and find c-shaped grubs. When the weather turns cold the grubs will burrow deeper into the soil to protect them from the cold. In spring, they will continue eating grassroots before moving upward to pupate and transform into adults.

One way to control the beetles is to use commercially available bags that use the scent to attract the beetles. One disadvantage is it will draw a lot of beetles that could stop and eat in your yard. Also, it must be emptied every 2 days to be effective. If it is not emptied every 2 days, the scent of decaying beetles will overcome the scent of the lure.

You can handpick them by holding a container of soapy water under the beetle and touch its back. It will fold its legs and fall into the container. I use an oleo container, add a few drops of dish soap and water to half full. The soap covers the beetle so it can't crawl out. Check the plants in the morning while it is still cool,

You can also not water your lawn while the Japanese beetles are active. The eggs will dry up and die before they hatch. The grass will recover after you water.

If your mums, sedum, asters, and bee balm get too tall and fall over when they bloom, trim them back about 1/3 before July 4. They will send out new shoots and make a more attractive plant.

Now is the time to stop harvesting asparagus and fertilize it after the last harvest.

Clematis are heavy feeders that prefer full sun to produce best flower production, but, they like a cool root zone. You can grow a good ground cover in front of the plant or mulch heavy.

Turfgrass will not grow everywhere. It requires plenty of sun and moisture. Trees and shrubs in some areas shade the ground and compete with the grass for moisture. Tree feeder roots are close to the top of the soil and they absorb most of the moisture. Maple tree roots are very close to the top. It is best to use organic mulch or ground cover plants in places where you have trouble growing grass.

Remember to deadhead your flowers to encourage additional blooming and to prevent them from going to seed. You can let them go to seed later in the season so there will be food for the birds later.

Helen J. Leake  
Master Gardener Alumni

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## **For Hire:**

Need someone to take care of your pet while your away, call Bailee Harmon at (309) 530-5360. I have experience with animals at the Humane Society and have been pet sitting for two years. References provided upon request.

Brenna Schwamberger will be a junior at NCHS in the fall. She is available to babysit this summer if you're looking for a night out once in a while or you need someone full-time. She has taken Child Development at NCHS and completed the Red Cross Babysitting and Child Care course. If interested, call or text Brenna at 309-824-1410. Also, available to watch pets or water plants if you're out of town.

Aubrey Thomas is available for childcare and pet care. She has taken the Safe Sitter course and is experienced with taking care of several animals. Aubrey will be a Sophomore at NCHS in the fall. Please call or text her at 309-532-7522.

Lydia Lueschen is available for babysitting. She is 14 years old and has completed a babysitting course along with being CPR certified. Please call or text her mom - Dallas Lueschen- at 309-826-1868.

Jenacys Masters, 16, a Junior at NCHS is interested in doing any odd jobs to earn money for a car. Preferably in the Towanda area. She is offering dog walking/pet sitting, babysitting, running errands, or any other "teenager" type jobs. Please contact her at 813-943-2085. Cherish Pedraza  
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