

# Indian Creek Newsletter

## July 2021

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### HCE News

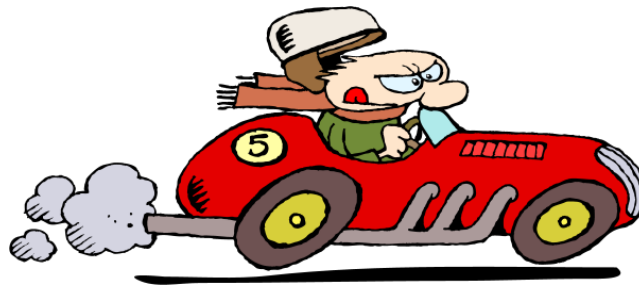
The Towanda HCE invites you to attend the Drive Thru Pick Up Meal on Saturday, July 3, 4:30-6:30 pm at the Towanda Community Building Parking Lot. Each meal is \$6 and includes ½ Avanti Gondola, chips, homemade treat. No advance tickets will be sold. The proceeds will benefit the many community service projects that Towanda HCE supports and contribute to. Questions to Cindy Kelley, 309-824-4797.

For County HCE Activities: The McLean County HCE will have their 103<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting at The Chateau on Tuesday, July 13, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with registration beginning at 8:30, followed by the annual meeting and a program “Photography for Fun” given by Robin Bagwell. At the same time there will be a Fine Arts & Craft Show of items created by county members. Tickets are \$15/members and \$20/guests and can be purchased by July 1 from Donna, 309-829-2537.

### Towanda 4-H

The Towanda 4-H members will continue our project area of Foods and Nutrition by touring the Ropp Jersey Cheese Business on July 6th at 5:30 p.m. Please contact Scott Clement at 309 275 5910 or Jeanie Wager at 309 728-2852 if you need directions or a ride. The members will be showing their projects at the McLean County Fair August 2nd through Aug. 6th, 2021.

### Please Slow Down



Just a friendly reminder to watch your speed while driving through the neighborhood. We have seen several fast cars driving around with people out walking dogs and kids riding bikes. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.



## Gardening Tips

The lilacs and spirea have finished blooming. so now is a good time to remove the old blooms and prune them. If you want to keep the size of the shrub under control you can safely remove up to 1/3 of the plant. You can also remove some of the older parts of the plant. Lilac and spirea bloom on new wood, so they can start on that after you prune within 6 weeks.

To have a healthy lawn you can add organic fertilizer or compost instead of synthetic fertilizer. That will encourage a healthy population of soil microbes to feed the roots of the plants. That way the healthier plants can fight off pests and diseases. You can apply organic fertilizer in late spring and again in the fall as the grass goes dormant.

Mow the grass no shorter than 3-3 1/2 inches. That will shade the roots, reduce moisture loss, help prevent weed seeds from reaching the soil. Leave the clippings on the lawn so they can return their nutrients to the soil. If you water the lawn, water deeply instead of often. That will encourage the roots to grow deep. Also, the grass might not turn brown so fast when the hot, dry time comes.

If you have had a problem with bagworms on your junipers, arborvitae, spruce, etc, be sure to check for bagworms. Now is the time the bagworms are out of the bag and you can spray them with Bt products. Also, check your euonymus for scale crawlers. You can also control corn earworms with mineral oil or Bt.

The peonies really put on a good show this year. They were so pretty before the rain forced the flowers to the ground. Now you can make the plant attractive again by cutting the flower stem off. You can cut that all the way off to the ground or just below the leave tops, that way the plant can start saving energy for next year's flowers. Don't remove the leaves until September.

Some places tell you that you should fertilize your lawn again in mid-June. It is often hot and dry at that time. Unless there is plenty of water, you should omit that application, it could do more damage than good.

Most of the plants at the garden centers appear to be root bound because we usually would have purchased them a month ago. It is OK to buy them as long as the roots aren't brown. Just pinch off the bottom 1/2 inch or so to remove the roots that are growing in a circle. The remaining roots can grow more straight that way. Be sure the crown of the plant is level with the soil.

In June, it is only natural for the apple and peach trees to drop some fruit because they know that the tree can not feed that much fruit to maturity. You can remove any real small fruit and any that is damaged now. By the end of the month, you can thin the fruit so that the fruit is only 6-9 inches along the branch. That will relieve the weight and improve the quality of the fruit.

It is about time for the Japanese beetles to hatch. The male hatches first and they could cluster together on the ground, waiting for the female to hatch. When you see them in the trees or on the plants, hold a small container with a little dish soap and water under one and touch its back. It will fold its legs and fall into the water. The soap coats its wings and it is hard to fly. Early in the morning or evening is the best time to catch them.

Remember to remove any stagnant water to avoid mosquito problems. Change the water in the birdbaths every other day.

Summer is here and that means hot, low humidity, windy days. That can really pull the moisture out of the plants. You might need to water the container plants daily and the small containers twice a day.

Most of the soil in the containers is mainly peat moss. When peat moss gets completely dry, it takes a long time for it to rehydrate again. The easiest way is to place the container in a pan of water so the "soil" can soak it up from the bottom. Another way would be to pour a little water on the top and let that soak in and repeat several times.

To water perennials, it is best to water in the early morning so you can soak the roots and not have a lot of evaporation of the water. They need about an inch of water per week. If you are using a garden hose to water, aim the water to the roots, not the top or the side of the plant.

Oscillating or impact sprinklers are OK, but you do lose a lot of water to evaporation, and sometimes the flowers can fall over to the excess weight of too much moisture.

Sometimes in the heat of the day, some plants look like they are wilted, but by morning they have perked up again. You can check the soil to see if it is dry by using a trowel and dig down a few inches near the roots.

Helen J. Leake

## **Towanda District Library**

- The library building is now open for "Grab & Go" visits! Patrons are invited to browse for up to 30 minutes, and appointments are not required.
- Registration for the 2021 Summer Reading Program, "Reading Colors Your World," is open to participants of all ages! Please call the library at (309) 728-2176 to reserve your reoccurring, weekly visit time, or drop by to register in person.
- Phone and curbside services will continue throughout the summer! Materials are currently being sanitized and checked in the same day they are returned.
- All visitors entering the building will be required to wear masks when children are present. This is to protect children ages 2 years to 11 years of age who, as of June 18, 2021, do not have access to a COVID-19 vaccine.
- The library's summer hours of operation (through Saturday, September 4) are:  
M & R: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm | T & W: 2:00 – 6:00 pm | F & Sat.: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

# July 4<sup>th</sup> Activities



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## Towanda 4<sup>th</sup> of JULY CELEBRATION – 2021

Website: <http://towandajuly4.com>

Facebook: <https://m.facebook.com/Towanda4thOfJulyCelebration/>

**Towanda, Illinois 61776**

(Exit 171 - on I-55; 7 miles North-East of Bloomington)

No Cover Charge! **Jodi Wharton (309) 728-2060.**

At a glance~...

### Saturday, July 3, 2021

4:30-6:30 pm **HCE Supper to go!** *Community Building*

6:00-9:00 pm **DANCE -Jim Blossoms Band at KICK'S**

Dusk **Fireworks**

### Sunday, July 4, 2021

All Day **Flea Market** *North & South Parks*

All Day **Food Concessions** *Community Bldg  
And Both Parks*

9:00-9:30 am **Parade Lineup** *Grade School*

10:00 am **Parade**

### FIREWORKS

Light up your evening with fireworks set off from the Towanda Township Building, east of Towanda. Parking and food vendor available at the school. Come and watch an awesome display to kickoff this year's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration. **Concessions Available at the School.**

### HONORARY SPOTLIGHT

**Alexander Manufacturing** will be recognized for their generous contributions to our Community. **Alexander's** is a long time Towanda area business that has donated promotional items to all the parade participants for almost 40 years. Over the years, the engraved pens have become a collector's item. Our heartfelt thanks to **Alexander Manufacturing** for their continuous support of the July 4<sup>th</sup> Activities!

**Saturday, July 3**

### HCE SUPPER TO GO!

Follow Signs at the Community Building for the drivethru, serving Avanti's ½ gondola, chips and homemade dessert for \$6! Serving 4:30 – 6:30 pm. Contact **Cindy Kelley** at [ckek71@frontier.com](mailto:ckek71@frontier.com), **824-4797**.

### DANCE

Get your **Kicks on '66!** Jim Blossoms Band at **KICK's!**

Come dance under the stars from 6:00 – 9:00 pm.

### Sunday, July 4

### FLEA MARKET

The Flea Market will be held all day in North and South Parks. Furniture, primitives, coins, art glass, pressed and cut glass, jewelry, brass and copper, handcrafted items, books, antiques, collectibles; and much, much more! Free admission, dealer space reserved @ \$40 per space. **Linda Potts at (309) 728-2384.**

## FOOD CONCESSIONS

We are the land of the free and full bellies! Towanda Scouts will be serving pork chop, hot dogs, and all the trimmings at the Community Bldg. Several other vendors and food trucks are available in both parks.

## PARADE “Fireworks

### \* Family \* Freedom”

9:00 am **Registration** and line up at Towanda School

9:30 am Grand Marshal Award presented to the **PreREGISTERED** float that best represents the parade theme.

10:00 am Parade ‘steps off’ from the school.

**Parade Route:** Adams & East Streets go West; Jefferson turn North; Washington go East; Madison turn South; Monroe go East; at Taylor go South; exit at Hely and the school grounds.

**Participants:** As Grand Marshall, we will be honoring **Laura Durflinger Egbers** posthumously. She will be represented by her loving family. Joining them are: Tin Lizzies, Calliope, elected dignitaries and candidates, local celebrities, floats, Towanda’s volunteer firemen, antique cars, tractors, other vehicles, bicyclers, walkers and more!

**50 Flags: Want to participate?** Join us in the spirit of the Towanda 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and carry a flag or sign up to ride the Trolley! Only 50 flags are available. **Contact Amy Witzig! 309 261-1360.**

**No fee to participate:** But donations are appreciated.

~~~~~For More Information ~~~~~

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Amy Witzig, [amy.witzig@gmail.com](mailto:amy.witzig@gmail.com) (309) 261-1360

## Fireworks – Saturday July 3<sup>rd</sup> at Dusk

Also a BRICK update.....The first order of over 90 bricks is completed and ready for installation. Eric Woodrum has dug the pathway. Scoutmaster Mickey Lang is in charge of the workday, and hopefully weather permitting, the walkway will be completed in the very near future.

Please share the news that bricks will continue to be added to the walkway in the years ahead. We need a minimum of 10 bricks to place an order.

If anyone has any questions or suggestions, they can contact me  
THANKS,  
Virginia

309 825-6341  
[vlowery1@hotmail.com](mailto:vlowery1@hotmail.com)

## Towanda Historical Brick Walkway –Order Form #2

- Take the opportunity **now** to become part of Towanda's visual History and order a brick(s) for the Towanda Village Walkway (*located along the old Route 66 Roadway*).
- Purchase a brick(s) for yourself, a family member, friend, someone you would like to honor, or make a donation to help purchase a brick as a memorial to someone.
- **Don't be left out!** – The initial 90+ bricks are installed in the walkway – BUT - more bricks will be added when an additional dozen bricks are ordered.

### Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Information on the 4" x 8" Brick:** Choose **ONE**, **TWO** or **THREE** lines of text.

**Maximum of 16 letters / punctuations / spaces** – on each line (*only one character or space*)

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Amount Enclosed:      #\_\_\_\_\_ of Bricks @ \$50.00 each brick:      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donation for Memorial Bricks      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL Amount Enclosed      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send Order Forms and Checks payable to Troop 56 to:

- Virginia Lowery, Treasurer, 101 Miriam Way, Towanda IL 61776  
[VLowery1@hotmail.com](mailto:VLowery1@hotmail.com) (309) 825-6341

*Sponsored by Towanda BSA Troop 56*

*Thank you!!*



# Water Hydrant Flushing Schedule – 2021

The six water hydrants located in Indian Creek subdivision will be flushed on the dates listed below. Water hydrants are flushed in order to reduce the build-up of sediments in our water system. This is an important process for improving water quality. Our water operator will flush one hydrant at a time and allow it to run for 10-15 minutes (the next in line hydrant is opened concurrently for a brief period to keep water flowing through the system). Water pressure in our system's lines is maintained by the 35,000 gallons of water in our tower, however, pressure in home lines will be reduced during flushing much like when multiple faucets are opened in your homes. Flushing the hydrants will also stir up sediments so please follow the procedures listed below:

- Do not run water during the flushing time period.
- Following flushing, run water through faucets until clear. We recommend this be done by-passing any treatment/filtering system in your home because of the increased sediment stirred up during the flushing process.

Please mark your calendars with the dates listed below. Flushing will be done between 5:00 a.m. and 6:30 a.m. weather permitting. **Hydrants will not be flushed in freezing conditions or other inclement weather.**

Wednesday, September 22

Monday, July 26

Saturday, October 23

Monday, August 23

No flushing in November

Wednesday, December 22

## 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.

## Water Hydrant Painting Volunteer Request

We need to wire brush and repaint the six fire hydrants in our neighborhood and the one by the water tower. We would like two teams of two individuals to help with this task. One team would be responsible for wire brushing the hydrants to remove flaking paint and rust, the other team would repaint the hydrants. All necessary tools/brushes/paint will be provided. Please email Jim Larson if you are interested at [JLARZ07@gmail.com](mailto:JLARZ07@gmail.com) Thank you!

Jim Larson – ICHWA Water Chairperson



# Indian Creek Heroes!

When Ilona was heading out this particular morning, (6/7/2021), she saw this owl hanging on a fishing line over the creek. We assume the line was cast over the tree limb and broke off with the hook intact. The owl was still alive. My son and I took a look and, being the ever-compassionate types, cut it down, attempting to keep it from drowning in the creek. See pictures attached. If anyone was wondering if owls can swim, the answer is "YES!!" She/he seemed pretty strong, gliding several feet and swimming to the edge. She starred at us until we left and was no longer there a few hours later. Maybe she can still heal up..... ?

Parker C. Scheuermann  
Managing Director  
Zero Waste Logistics  
Office – 309-834-3501





## Casting Fishing Line Near Trees

by JOE OVERLOCK

If you have ever watched professional tournament anglers on TV you've noticed them spending a lot of time making short casts around docks, trees, weeds, etc. That's because fish love places that give them cover from other predators and shade from direct sunlight, depending on the season.

Sometimes you can make a short normal cast to deliver your lure to these areas; other times, you'll find that you want to get that lure into a very tight area such as under a dock, a submerged log, etc. This is when knowing how to pitch your lures becomes a useful skill.

The cast is a fairly simple one. Start by pulling an arm's length of line off your reel and keep it pinched in your fingers; either lock the reel or keep your thumb on the reel to stop more line from spooling off. Swing your jog forward and let the line slide out of your non-casting hand. This is a cast that you'll want to practice either on the water or at home.

Here's a fun game to play to practice at home on the lawn. Use a heavy jig (1/2 oz to 3/4 oz, preferably weedless to help prevent snags). Place a hula hoop about 10 to 15 feet in front of

you. In the middle of the hoop place a full pitcher of water. Once you get to the point of landing it in that pitcher cast after cast, start changing up your distance to the pitcher by taking a few steps back or forward. You can also switch to lighter or heavier jigs if you really want to have fun with it. [www.fix.com/blog/rod-tips-for-tricky-situations/](http://www.fix.com/blog/rod-tips-for-tricky-situations/)

# Towanda Fire Dept.



## Leave Fireworks to the Experts



Summer is synonymous with barbecues, parades and fireworks. The National Safety Council advises everyone to enjoy fireworks at public displays conducted by professionals, and not to use any fireworks at home.

In 2020, eight people died and over 12,000 were injured badly enough to require medical treatment after fireworks-related incidents. Of these, 50% of the injuries were to children and young adults under age 20. Over two-thirds (67%) of injuries took place from June 16 to July 16. And while the majority of these incidents were due to amateurs attempting to use professional-grade, homemade or other illegal fireworks or explosives, an estimated 1,200 injuries were from less powerful devices like small firecrackers and sparklers. Additionally, fireworks start an average of 18,500 fires each year, including 1,300 structure fires, 300 vehicle fires and nearly 17,000 other fires.

### If You Choose to Use Legal Fireworks

If consumer fireworks are legal to buy where you live and you choose to use them, be sure to follow the following safety tips:

- Never allow young children to handle fireworks
- Older children should use them only under close adult supervision
- Never use fireworks while impaired by drugs or alcohol
- Anyone using fireworks or standing nearby should wear protective eyewear
- Never hold lighted fireworks in your hands
- Never light them indoors
- Only use them away from people, houses and flammable material
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person
- Only light one device at a time and maintain a safe distance after lighting
- Never ignite devices in a container
- Do not try to re-light or handle malfunctioning fireworks
- Soak both spent and unused fireworks in water for a few hours before discarding
- Keep a bucket of water nearby to fully extinguish fireworks that don't go off or in case of fire
- Never use illegal fireworks

**Be safe!**

*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)*



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## **For Hire:**

Bailee Harmon is available to pet sit, babysit, and to do other household chores such as water plants/flowers and cleaning. Please contact Bailee at (309) 530-8279 or her mom, Hallie Harmon at (309)530-5360

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.