

Indian Creek Newsletter

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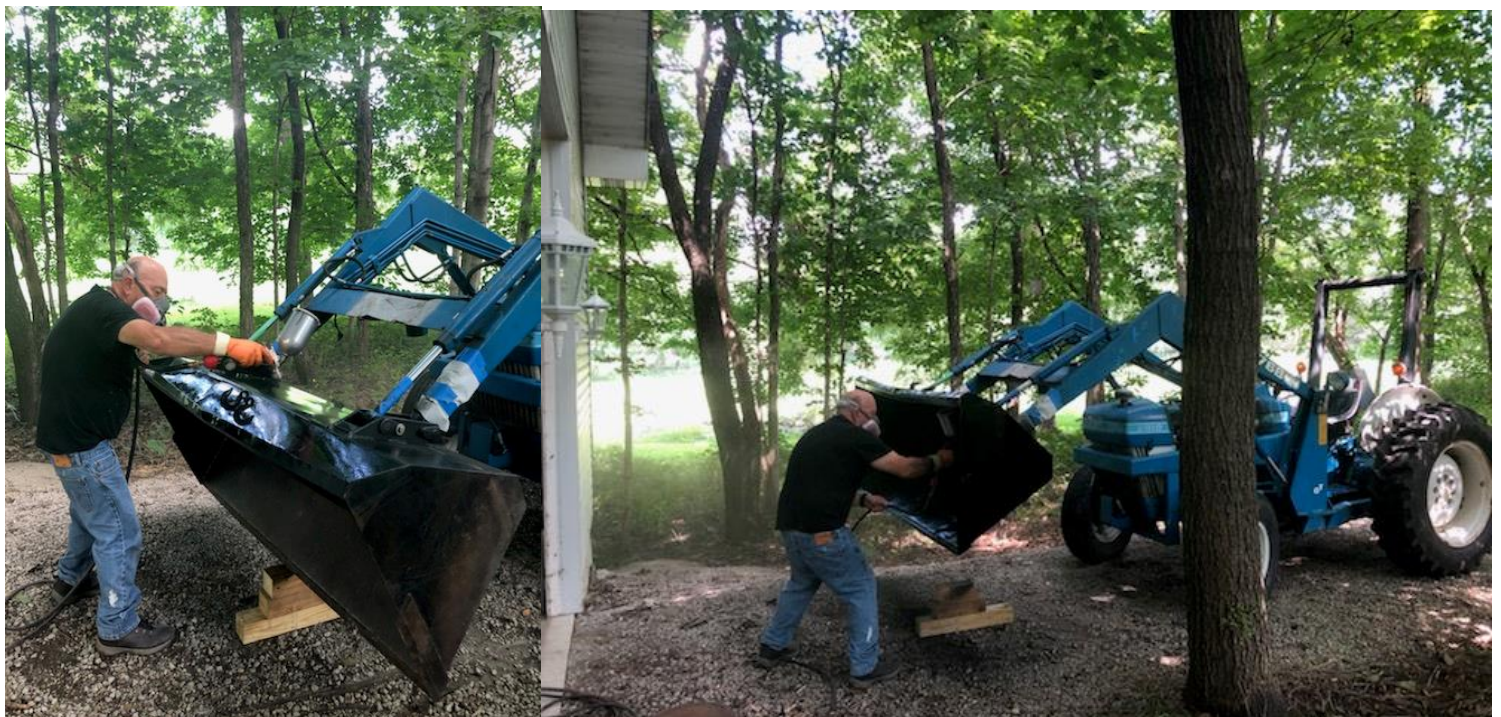
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Tractor Repairs

A big thanks to Jim Kellenberger and Keith Whittum for making repairs on our tractor. The power take-off hub, fan belt, and the power steering hydraulic cylinder were recently replaced and the bucket was painted. Hundreds of dollars were saved by not having to take the tractor into a repair shop

Just a reminder that if using the tractor to pay me \$5 per half hour use to cover the cost of diesel fuel.

Fred Walk
IC Grounds Chair



Fall has Arrived in Indian Creek

A big thank you to Kathy Dumler for all her work in landscaping around our entryway sign. Our sign provides a beautiful gateway into our community. Another thank you to Howard and Martha Rients for mowing and trimming around the sign area. Lastly, another thank you goes to Clinton and Debbie Brown for providing the corn stalks that were placed in front of the signs and split rail fences.

Our community is greatly enhanced by these neighbors who willingly contribute their time and efforts.

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Towanda Boy Scouts Recruitment Night



Do you enjoy the outdoors? Do you always do your best or enjoy doing a good turn daily? Care to learn how to cook over a fire, do First Aid, practice survival tricks inside a real log cabin, or understand what fun with a purpose is all about? The BSA could be perfect for you and no previous Cub Scout or Boy Scout experience necessary!

The Towanda Boy Scout Troop 56 is hosting a recruitment night for 5th-12 grade youth plus their parents on Saturday, October 23 from 5:30-7:30pm at Wesley Lodge (the "Scout Cabin") in Towanda located next to the water tower on W. Adams Street.

Activities include playing Gaga Ball, making s'mores, carving pumpkins, seeing a model campsite, and learning how you and your friends can be part of this amazing organization. If you like what you see you can submit an application the same night and join right away.

Questions about the event or the troop? Call Scoutmaster Mickey Lang 309.660.4323.

Towanda 4-H

The Towanda 4-H Club will be meeting on Tuesday Oct 5, 21 at 6:30 at the Community Building. We will be electing officers for the new year as well as selecting our area of study. Members who received Best of Class or Best of Show at the McLean Co Fair are going to bring their projects to encourage other members as to new projects they might be interested in taking. 4-H is open for boys and girls 8 to 18 as of Sept 1, 21. For more information contact Scott Clement at 309 275-5910 or Jeanie Wager leader of Cloverbuds 5-7 year of age at 309-728-2852



Gardening Tips

Autumn has arrived and it is time to bring those houseplants back inside. The Christmas cactus likes to stay out until the last one when it gets down to the low '50s at night. The Amaryllis should already be down for its nap. Before you bring your houseplants in, you should give them a good blast from the garden hose to remove all of the dust and pollen from the outside air.

Next, check the drain hole on the bottom. If the roots are growing out, it should be repotted. For some plants, you can just remove about an inch of soil and roots from the bottom and repot in the same container. If you need to place it in a larger container, only go up one size container.

Also, check the plant good for disease and insects

Last, but not least is to check the sides of the container and the bottom for insect nests. Spiders like to have a nest on the bottom.

Some plants will drop some leaves because of the change in light and humidity, but that is normal and they will grow new leaves.

Now is the time to remove the peony stems. You can cut them back to the ground. Do not put them in the compost pile if they have any sign of disease. If you notice an open space in the center of the plant, it is time to divide the plant.

Dig the plant up and divide the plant so that you have at least 3-5 eyes in each division. the eyes are the little pink new growth. Replant in full sun and so the eyes are no deeper than 2 inches. If they are planted too deep, they might not bloom. It is also a good time to plant new peonies. The tree peony does not need to be divided now.

You can bring your "summered" houseplants in before the temperatures drop below 50 degrees at night. Be sure to check for insect and disease problems. Also, rinse the leaves before bringing them in. Be sure to check the sides and bottom of the container for insect nests. Water the evergreens so they can be well hydrated for the winter winds.

We are hearing a lot about climate change and feeling some of the problems. It has been suggested as one way to make a difference as a gardener, could be to do cardboard gardening. This could save a lot of work and time by not having to till or hoe the garden. It could also help save money by not having to apply fertilizer or weed killer. When you till the soil, you bring up weed seeds and it disturbs the soil life.

One method would be to place large sheets of cardboard on the weedy ground that has been soaked with water, then dig holes about a foot in diameter. Fill them with well-aged compost and plant the tomatoes.

Another method would be to place compost directly on the untilled ground, lay cardboard over it, and soak it with water to soften it. Then cover it with well-aged wood chip mulch. You can poke holes about 2 inches in diameter to plant seedlings.

The third method would be to wet the ground, place the cardboard on the untilled ground, wet the cardboard, cover it with aged compost and sow your seeds.

While the plants are growing, the worms are eating the cardboard and breaking it down and leaving their carbon-rich castings in the soil while also turning and aerating the soil. The best food for plants is worm poop. You leave the cardboard on the ground all winter and the next year you start all over. For perennials, you can patch cardboard around them.

You could end up with some very rich soil.

It is time to start tidying up the garden and get it ready for its long winter nap. If your plants don't have a disease, you can leave them in place. The stems will collect leaves and snow to protect their crown and roots over the winter. They will also give you winter interest and a place for the winter wildlife to use., like the eggs the good insects have laid on the stems that will hatch next spring.

In your vegetable garden, if you don't have time or the energy to remove all of the weeds, at least remove the seed head and put it in the garbage. That will help prevent some of the weeds next year. You can sow winter rye as a cover crop for the winter now.

The leaves are starting to fall, mow over them to shred them and leave them on the ground so they can break down and become fertilizer or you can spread them on the garden.

Helen J. Leake

Towanda District Library

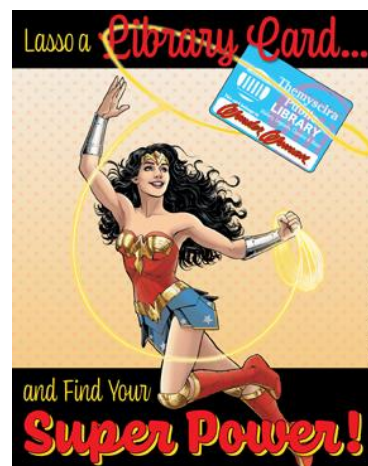
September is also known as “Library Card Sign-Up Month,” and we invite you to stop by Towanda District Library to “lasso” this resource! Signing up for a library card is **free** and typically takes fewer than 5 minutes. Please bring a photo ID and a **current utility bill** that verifies your residency to unlock this **superpower**!

The library’s **expanded hours of operation** are:

M, W, F: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm | T & Th: 1:00 – 6:00 pm | Sat.: 10:00 am – 2:00 p.m. *Closed Sundays*

Library visitors above the age of 2 are required to wear masks and follow “Grab & Go” guidelines; phone and curbside services continue to be offered!

Did you know your Towanda District Library card allows you to borrow materials from almost **200** other libraries across Illinois?!? This system, also known as “interlibrary loan,” is **free of charge**. Requests are typically fulfilled within a week. Simply call (309) 728-2176, and one of our friendly staff members will gladly track down an item on your behalf.



Calendar

- **Reminder:** Saturday, October 9 - Hazardous Waste Disposal
- **Fast Stop Station** annual cookout and bake sale to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is **Sun.Oct.10** from 11:00-4:00; hot dog meals (\$4.00) and Hamburger meals (\$5.00).

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.**

Saturday, October 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.

Jim Larson – ICHWA Water Chairperson

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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 is a Junior at NCHS. 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.