



INDIAN CREEK NEWSLETTER

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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 date 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, December 22

Jim Larson – ICHWA Water Chairperson

Towanda HCE

The Towanda HCE will be meeting for a Holiday Potluck Party on Monday, December 13, 6:30 p.m. at the Towanda Community Building. Please bring a dish to share. Meat, drink, and table service will be provided. If you wish to participate, bring a \$10 gift exchange. The hostesses are Bev Hornickel and Clara Lehan.

For more information and to RSVP, contact Clara, 309-826-8044 or Bev, 309-830-4810 by Saturday, December 11. Join us for a festive time and good fellowship.



Towanda Fire News for December, 2021

WINTER DRIVING TIPS

Severe weather can be both frightening and dangerous for travelers. Winter storms, bad weather and sloppy road conditions are a factor in nearly half a million crashes and more than 2,000 road deaths every winter, according to research by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. Drivers should know the safety rules for dealing with winter road emergencies. AAA urges drivers to be cautious while driving in adverse weather.

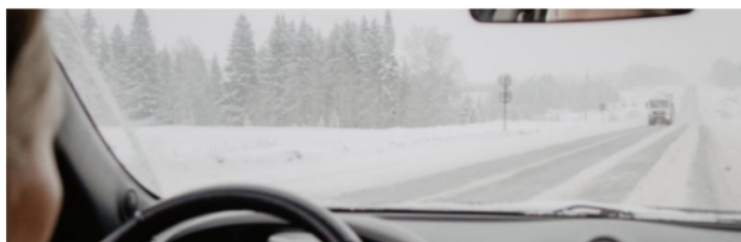
Cold Weather Driving Tips

- Keep a bundle of cold-weather gear in your car, such as extra food and water, warm clothing, a flashlight, a glass scraper, blankets, medications, and more.
- Make certain your tires are properly inflated and have plenty of tread.
- Keep at least half a tank of fuel in your vehicle at all times.
- Never warm up a vehicle in an enclosed area, such as a garage.
- Do not use cruise control when driving on any slippery surface, such as on ice and snow.

Tips for Driving in the Snow

- Stay home. Only go out if necessary. Even if you can drive well in bad weather, it's better to avoid taking unnecessary risks by venturing out.
- Drive slowly. Always adjust your speed down to account for lower traction when driving on snow or ice.
- Accelerate and decelerate slowly. Apply the gas slowly to regain traction and avoid skids. Don't try to get moving in a hurry and take time to slow down for a stoplight. Remember: It takes longer to slow down on icy roads.
- Increase your following distance to five to six seconds. This increased margin of safety will provide the longer distance needed if you have to stop.
- Know your brakes. Whether you have antilock brakes or not, keep the heel of your foot on the floor and use the ball of your foot to apply firm, steady pressure on the brake pedal.
- Don't stop if you can avoid it. There's a big difference in the amount of inertia it takes to start moving from a full stop versus how much it takes to get moving while still rolling. If you can slow down enough to keep rolling until a traffic light changes, do it.
- Don't power up hills. Applying extra gas on snow-covered roads will just make your wheels spin. Try to get a little inertia going before you reach the hill and let that inertia carry you to the top. As you reach the crest of the hill, reduce your speed and proceed downhill slowly.
- Don't stop going up a hill. There's nothing worse than trying to get moving up a hill on an icy road. Get some inertia going on a flat roadway before you take on the hill.

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



Garden Tips

by Helen Leake



While the temperatures are above freezing, you might want to apply anti-desiccant to the evergreens and broadleaf evergreens like azaleas, boxwoods, and hollies. That will help prevent the needles from losing so much moisture. You might also want to place a rope around the Arbor Vitae to prevent ice and heavy snow from damaging it by pulling the branches down.

It is time to check your Amaryllis bulb. If you just have the bulb, it is time to plant it. Be sure to leave the top third of the bulb uncovered. Also, it likes to be crowded in the container. If you put last year's Amaryllis down for its nap, check to see if it has started to grow. Water it and place it in a bright light area. Not in direct sun. The flower stem usually comes up first. Every time that you water it, turn the container a quarter turn. That will prevent the flower from leaning toward the light.

Once the ground has frozen, you can pile the leaves up and around the perennials. Also, pile leaves up and around the roses to protect the crown from fluctuating winter temperatures.

When you purchase the pretty plants and flowers in the stores, be sure to protect them when leaving the store. Just a few moments of bitterly cold air and wind can cause injury. The plant could drop its flowers because of the shock of cold air. At checkout, ask for a paper bag and then cover the top with another bag. Also, do not leave the plant in the cold or cooling car while you finish your shopping.

Don't forget to turn off your sprinkler system and your water in the water garden.

Don't forget to leave a pile of debris in the garden for the wildlife shelter. Remember some of those stalks that you want to destroy could hold next year's crop of good insects.

You can remove your asparagus stalks now. I like to leave mine for winter shelter to wildlife. It also adds winter interest to the garden.

If you enjoy using fresh garlic in your cooking, you can grow garlic indoors. Plant garlic cloves in containers. As the leaves grow, you can snip them off for seasoning in your food.

You can heavily prune your red and yellow dogwood to use for decoration indoors and outdoors.

Bring our garden statues and decorations in to reduce the weathering.

The excess leaves can be shredded and put aside to use as mulch around perennials and the garden bed, once the ground freezes.

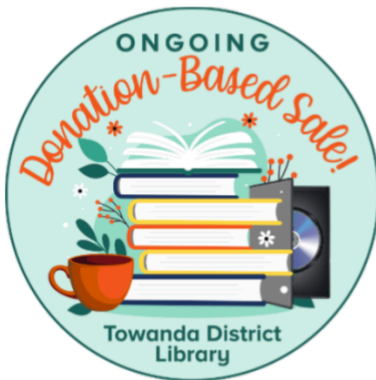
Towanda 4-H

The Towanda 4-H Club will meet December 7, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. for their Christmas party. We will be decorating the Towanda Community Building for Christmas. We will also be making Christmas cards and favors for the residents of Mercy Creek. For more information contact Scott Clement at 309-275-5910 or Jeanie Wager at 309-728-2852.

Plastic Silverware

To donate your plastic silverware to the Miller Park Zoo, call, e-mail, or text Linda Garbe at: Lhgarbe46@mail.com or 309 728-2236.

Towanda District Library



December brings something new to Towanda District Library... an **ongoing, donation-based sale!** Upon entering the library's lobby, you will find shelves filled with books, movies, and a few other surprises. Our goal is to find "happy homes" for these items, while also collecting donations to help fund new purchases. Books and more will be rotated on a regular basis, so there will be new titles and items to explore each time you visit. Simply select the item(s) you want, pop into the library, and drop your donation in the small, black lockbox on the Circulation Desk. **You choose the items, as well as how much to pay!** We invite you to browse this display soon.

This year, Towanda District Library's scheduled closure during the winter holidays will follow the McLean County Unit 5 school calendar. **The library will be closed Thursday, December 23, 2021 through Saturday, January 1, 2022.** Items returned to T.D.L.'s dropboxes will be periodically disinfected/checked-in during the holiday closure, but may take up to 3 business days to completely process. We look forward to starting our "2022 story" with you beginning Monday, January 3 when the library's doors reopen at 10:00 am. **Seasons' readings!**



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For Hire:

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 16 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.

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.

Businesses:

Pampered Chef features cooking shows, catalog parties, freezer meal workshops, bridal showers & fundraisers!

Contact your local Indian Creek consultant for these events.

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