

A photograph of a stone bridge over a creek, surrounded by lush green foliage. The title 'INDIAN CREEK NEWSLETTER' is overlaid in large, white, serif capital letters.

# INDIAN CREEK NEWSLETTER

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## Water Tower Refurbishing Project

The water tower refurbishing project has started. Our water is being supplied through a pressurized tank located near the water tower. The water is treated in the same way as when we use the water tower. A containment structure was constructed around the tower during the removal of the exterior paint because some of the layers contained lead. A primer layer of paint has been applied to the exterior.

**Significant issue identified:** A significant issue was discovered when sprayed on insulation covering the inside of the base of the tower was removed for the first time since the water tower was reassembled about 45 years ago. (The tower was originally purchased from a state park and moved to our subdivision.) Moisture appears to have formed behind the insulation layer resulting in severe deterioration of welds in the tower base. A structural engineer from our engineering firm (Farnsworth Group) has examined the tower base and recommendations are being developed. Work on the tower has been suspended pending the engineering review and repairs. This will delay completion of the project and increase costs. We will communicate additional information to residents by email as soon as possible.

**Boil Orders:** We experienced three issues requiring boil orders during the week the project started. When we switched to the pressurized water tank we were not able to maintain the required level of pressure in the system so a boil order was required. A short time later, a water line was struck when the contractor was placing anchors for the containment structure causing a disruption of service which also required a boil order. (We have discovered the water lines are not correctly drawn on our subdivision map and do not have tracer wires allowing for marking.) We then had a power outage causing yet another boil order. We appreciate everyone's understanding as we addressed these issues and responded as quickly as possible to remedy the problems.

### Temporary Water Usage Restrictions

The pressurized tank used during the refurbishing has less than 1/3rd the capacity of our water tower. It is critical we do not exceed the capacity of the temporary system in order ensure there are no disruptions in service and avoid boil orders. Please follow the instructions below and do what you reasonably can to reduce water usage during this period.

**Pools** - Other than small wading pools, new pools should not be filled during this time. Please use good judgment in topping off existing pools. Topping off late in the evening will reduce stress during high usage hours.

**Lawns** - We need to further restrict lawn watering from our normal summer guidelines. Lawn watering causes a large spike in summer water usage. Please water no more than twice a week for no more than two hours, only on odd/even days corresponding to your street address number. Please limit this as much as possible to avoid even tighter restrictions. Please also avoid high water usage times in the morning and late afternoon/early evening.

We greatly appreciate everyone's cooperation and understanding.

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## Water Hydrant Flushing Schedule – 2023

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:

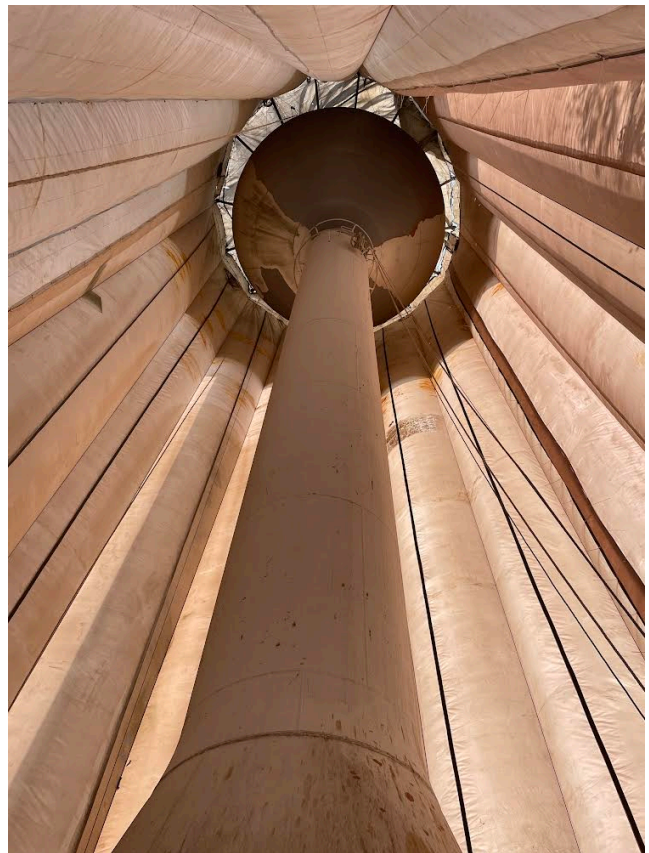
- Do not run water during the flushing time period.
- Following flushing, run water through faucets until clear. We recommend this be done by-passing any treatment/filtering system in your home because of the increased sediment stirred up during the flushing process.

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

Monday, August 28  
Monday, September 25  
Monday, October 30

Monday, November 27  
Monday, December 18

Jim Larson – ICHWA Water Chairperson





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## Tower Photos



Thank You and Welcome Back to School from the Towanda District Library

Thank you to everyone that participated in our Summer Reading Program! We had a blast! It's hard to imagine that it's already time to go back to school.

Coming up in August we will have regular storytimes Mondays at 2:30 pm and Fridays at 10:30 am. Starting August 17th we will also have a 3-5th grade program every Thursday from 2:20-5:00 pm called the "Power Hour". Themes will change weekly so keep an eye on Facebook! For adults, we have a craft on August 1st at 5:00 pm. Registration is required for this event. We are also restarting our "Tea Time Book Club" - the first book is currently available for pickup at the Library! Our first meeting is on August 15th at 5:00 pm. Refreshments and great discussions are included! Drop into the library if you have any questions.

We look forward to seeing you and wish everyone a fabulous return to school!

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## Towanda Area Fall Garage Sales

If you'd like to be included on a list of area sales and share in the cost of advertising (flyer with map and newspapers), please provide – by Friday, September 1 – for sales Thu.-Sat., Sept. 7-9, 2023 - the following information to [rgbriggs@frontiernet.net](mailto:rgbriggs@frontiernet.net)

1. sale location ~ 2) contact information ~ 3) days and times of your sale (it is not necessary to have your sale each day) ~ 4) list of items (include as much as you like, in priority order, and depending on space available, they will be listed on the flyer and by category in the newspaper ads) ~ 5) \$7 fee (for ad in newspapers), checks payable to Gail Ann Briggs (112 Hunt St, Towanda IL 61776). I will reply by email when I have received your information and payment.

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## Route 66 Quilt Raffle

A 60" x 70" Route 66 quilted throw is being raffled to create signage and maintain the Route Parkway and Deadman's Curve in Towanda. It was designed and donated by Nancy Daniels, quilted by Bob Chancellor, and is displayed at Ryburn Place, 305 Pine Street, Normal. Tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$25 and available at Ryburn Place, or from Fred Walk at [fwalk@frontiernet.net](mailto:fwalk@frontiernet.net). Drawing will be on Labor Day, September 4, or after reserve is met. Questions? Contact Terri at [ryburnplace66@gmail.com](mailto:ryburnplace66@gmail.com) or Fred at the above email address or by calling 309-830-2188.

Towanda Route 66 T-shirts and sweatshirts are still available to purchase. Please contact Fred Walk for colors, sizes, and cost. These items make great gifts and help to maintain our beautiful Route 66 Parkway.

Fred Walk



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## Towanda HCE

The Towanda Home and Community Education (HCE) group wants to thank the community for the great support of the July 3rd HCE Spaghetti Supper. If you were involved in any way or came out to enjoy the festivities, we appreciate your participation. In August, Towanda HCE and McLean County HCE will have a bake sale booth at the Downs Village Market on Wednesday, August 30, 4-6 p.m.

Our next HCE meeting will on Monday, September 11, 6:30 p.m. at the Towanda Community Building. More information will be in the September newsletter. Home and Community Education is an organization that presents lessons, demonstrations and activities that is for anyone who wishes to put knowledge gained to work in all areas of their life and work. For more information, contact our president, Cindy Kelley, 309-824-4797.

### **McLean County Waste Generation and Recycling Rates Continue to Grow**

McLean County's recycle rate continues to steadily increase. While the waste generated in McLean County in 2022 grew, the amount recycled grew even more to a total of 46.85%. The county is making progress towards its recycling rate goal of 50% set in the 20-year solid waste management plan. Although this goal has yet to be met, McLean County is well ahead of the 32.1% national recycling average.

Contributors to the county's recycling rate include successful recycling and waste diversion goals by large corporations and residential recycling accessibility. Some materials seeing significant increases can be attributed to growth of certain newer businesses in the area.

Along with curbside recycling offered in both Bloomington and Normal and some other smaller municipalities in the county, there are four community recycling drop off locations open to anyone and available 24 hours a day. These locations include; Heartland Community College, the Jewel Osco on Cottage, the Walmart on Greenbriar, and a relocation of the Chiddix Jr High drop off to the Crossroads Center in Bloomington coming in early July. The amount of single stream recycling collected in McLean County in 2022 rose by 14.7%.

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Total MSW Recycled (tons)	88,459	94,804	88,330	76,487	82,205	97,643
Total MSW Landfilled (tons)	124,364	109,467	104,772	104,919	105,442	112,264
Total MW Generated (tons)	211,230	204,271	193,102	181,406	187,647	209,907
<b>Recycling Rate</b>	<b>41.9%</b>	<b>46.4%</b>	<b>45.7%</b>	<b>42.16%</b>	<b>43.8%</b>	<b>46.85%</b>

Some areas that saw a decrease in recycling were organics, such as brush collected by the town and city, and tube fluorescent light bulbs. The large ice storm of 2021 caused a huge fluctuation in the amount of brush recycled due to downed trees and limbs during that year so as a result, the number has significantly decreased in 2022. The recycling of fluorescent bulbs decreased 34% in 2022 compared to 2021. This is likely due to the increased conversion to LED bulbs or failing to recycle.

The Ecology Action Center annually collects waste and recycling data to calculate the amount of municipal solid waste generated and recycled for all of McLean County as a lagging indicator of the impact of local recycling and outreach programs. Among other services, the EAC acts as the solid waste agency for Bloomington, Normal, and McLean County and provides technical assistance, recycling promotion, household hazardous waste coordination, education and outreach.

Information on residential recycling, recycling of nontraditional materials, and information on disposal of household hazardous wastes is available by calling (309) 454-3169 or visiting [ecologyactioncenter.org](https://ecologyactioncenter.org).



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## **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Returns to McLean County: Ecology Action Center opens registration for September 23, 2023 HHW Collection**

The Ecology Action Center (EAC) is pleased to announce a fall McLean County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection event for Saturday, September 23, 2023. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency is covering major costs for the HHW collection to be held at Heartland Community College from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. "The increased frequency of hazardous waste collection events locally will help increase participation and reduce the likelihood of improper disposal while also conserving local financial resources for taxpayers," said Michael Brown, Executive Director of the EAC.

**The HHW collection event will be appointment-only in order to regulate traffic to prevent long waits; residents must sign up for an appointment at [HHWmclean.org](https://HHWmclean.org).** Residents without computer access may call 309-GOTO-HHW, or (309) 468-6449 for assistance. For fastest service, registration by the website **[HHWmclean.org](https://HHWmclean.org)** is strongly encouraged. Participation is open to all Illinois residents at no cost. Illinois regulations mandate that only residential wastes may be collected—no business or commercially generated wastes are accepted. The deadline for HHW appointments is noon on Friday, September 15, 2023. Volunteers are needed to help with traffic control at the event; signup is available online at **[HHWmclean.org](https://HHWmclean.org)**.

**Accepted materials include:** Oil-based paints, Used Motor Oil, Herbicides, Pesticides, Insecticides, Old gasoline, Pool chemicals, Cleaning products, Mercury, Acids, Household batteries, Paint thinners, Lawn chemicals, Solvents, Antifreeze, Hobby chemicals, Aerosol paints and pesticides, Fluorescent lamp bulbs, Drain cleaners, and Corrosives.

**Unaccepted items include:** Latex paint, Agricultural wastes, business/commercial sector wastes, Explosives, Fireworks, Controlled substances, Lead acid batteries, Propane tanks, Smoke detectors, Farm machinery oil, Fire extinguishers, Biohazard waste, or Institutional or business waste.

The 2023 McLean County HHW Collection is made possible in partnership with Illinois EPA, support from the City of Bloomington, Town of Normal, McLean County, and BNWRD, and in-kind services provided by Republic Services.

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## Ecology Action Center Offers July Rain Barrel and Backyard Composting Workshops

The Ecology Action Center is offering workshops in July where residents can learn the basics of backyard composting and rain water harvesting. These workshops will help residents conserve water, reduce storm water runoff pollution, decrease greenhouse gas emissions, and reduce waste going to the landfill. Workshop fees includes materials, equipment, and instruction so that each participant goes home with a high-quality product and all the knowledge necessary to put their unit to work.

Spaces are available for the composting workshop held on Sunday, July 9 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. For \$35 attendees get a compost bin to take home. For \$110, attendees get a compost bin, a large thermometer to monitor compost pile temperature, and an aerator for stirring their compost pile. The Ecology Action Center's Composting Workshop will also provide information about which materials can be composted at home and how to build, maintain, and monitor the pile to minimize the threat from potential invaders like jumping worms.

Spaces are also available for the rain barrel workshop on Sunday, July 9 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. with the workshop costing \$55. EAC staff will provide step-by-step instruction on the installation process and show participants how to maintain their rain barrel's condition throughout the seasons, as well as ecological impacts and everyday use of rain barrels.

Workshop space is limited and pre-registration is required; online registration is available at [ecologyactioncenter.org/workshops](http://ecologyactioncenter.org/workshops).

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

## Tree Removal

A big thanks to Randy Haag, Mark Bertsche, Howard Rients, Jim Ferrier, and Fred Walk for cutting down and removing the dead ash tree that was leaning over the road just beyond the south entrance to the subdivision. July 6, 2023



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## Towanda 4-H

The Towanda 4-H Club will meet on Saturday Aug 5, 23 at 9:00AM at the Towanda Library. We will be weeding the landscape around the library for our community service project. We will meet later in August for an end of the year record workshop. Members will be notified of the date. For more information contact Scott Clement at 309 275-5910 or Jeanie Wager at 309 728-2852.

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### For Hire:

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

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 attending Heartland beginning in Fall 2023. Please call or text her at 309-532-7522. References available.

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.

Jaeden Proesel, 16, lives in subdivision, willing to do odd jobs such as dog walking, pet sitting, lawn care, etc. Please reach out! Would love to work this summer! 309-310-7470