



Indian Creek Newsletter

October 2023

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Towanda HCE

Towanda Home & Community Education group will next meet on Monday, October 9, 6:30 pm at the Towanda Community Building. The program will be "Pearls, Hidden Gems From the Sea" given by Bev Hornickel. The minor lesson will be on the Republic of Egypt: Egyptian Food. October, our community service project is to bring individually wrapped tooth brushes to be given to Home Sweet Home Mission. For more info about Towanda HCE, contact Cindy, 309-824-4797. In celebration of HCE Month in McLean County, Towanda HCE will be bringing treats to the local elevators and have displays up at the Towanda and Hudson Libraries.

McLean County HCE will be celebrating HCE MONTH with many interesting programs. Thursday, October 5, 11a-1p, will be International Day: "Welcome to Egypt" with speaker, Colleen Harris at the Farm Bureau Building, 2242 Westgate Dr, Bloomington. Tuesday, October 12, Cultural Enrichment activity will be heading to Atlanta for lunch at Chubby's Bar & Grill at 11am, then on to tour the Werthiem's Gardens at 1pm where people will be making herbal tea bags and brittle candy/chocolate dipping (for a fee along) with visiting the herbal and commercial gardens there. Contact Candace, 309-824-2346 to RSVP/more info. There is also a Local Leader Lesson, "Fill your pantry: Canning with Confidence" on October presented by Jenna Smith, U of I Extension Educator for Nutrition and Wellness at the Farm Bureau Building, All programs are free unless stated otherwise. Guests are always welcome to these events. Call for more information.

On Saturday, October 21, is the annual Attic Treasure & Bake Sale at the Interstate Center, Mini Expo Building. You are welcome to donate marked items for sale on Friday, 9a-3p at the Mini Expo Building. We don't sell clothing, shoes or large furniture, but do accept purses, scarves, and jewelry. We also have large amounts of holidays, Christmas, household, books, small furniture, linens, crafts, baked goods and so much more. Proceeds of this event support HCE community service projects and the scholarship fund.



There are so many interesting programs in October. Check our Facebook for more information at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064693418356>

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, October 30

Monday, November 27

Monday, December 18

Water Tower Refurbishing Project

The work to repair damaged weld joints in the water tower base has been completed. Steel plates were welded inside and outside the four weld seams that had significant corrosion. The water tower refurbishing contractor is back onsite and anticipates completing the project by about October 8th weather permitting. An email will be sent to residents when we have switched our water system from the pressurization tank back to the water tower.

The unexpected water tower repairs have added about \$85 thousand to our refurbishing costs. We are paying for these additional expenses through our own funds. The EPA would have required us to redo the entire loan process in order to increase the loan we are receiving from them. This would have resulted in a significant increase in legal and engineering expenses without the benefit of any additional grant funding.

The total cost of the water tower refurbishing project will be approximately \$400 thousand including the additional repairs. We have a \$315 thousand loan (.93% interest rate for 20 years) through the EPA and will receive a grant for 50% of the loan amount. The cost to build the chemical building was \$80,000. We also plan to repair/replace plumbing in the water tower once the refurbishing has been completed. We have experienced a number of problems during the past several years due to aging plumbing. Additional information on the total costs of all of this work and our financial position will be provided in a future newsletter.

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.

Jim Larson – ICHWA Water Chairperson

Towanda 4-H

The Towanda 4-H Club will meet Tuesday Oct 3, 2023 at the Towanda Community Building at 6:30pm. We will be electing our officers for the new 4-H year as well as selecting our 4-H area of study for this year. New members are welcome to attend. 4-H is for boys and girls 8 to 18 years of age by Sept 1, 2023 and Cloverbuds are for boys and girls 5 to 7 years of age. For more information contact Scott Clement at 309 275-5910 or Jeanie Wager at 309 728-2852.

Towanda District Library

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Program Schedule

Monday

2:30 pm
Storytimes!

Tuesday

Oct. 3rd- 5:00
Adult craft
Oct. 24th- 5:00
Book Club

Wednesday

Oct. 18th- 10:30 am
Homeschool Activity
Oct. 25th- 10:30 am
Illinois Art Station

Thursday

Oct. 26th- 2:30 pm
3-5th grade Power
Hours!

Friday

10:30 am
Storytimes!

Saturday

Oct. 21st- 12:00 pm
Fall Cookie
Decorating!



Special Event: Tuesday October 31st at 5:00 pm will be the Library Halloween party! Stop by for treats, games, crafts, and more!

" Fall has arrived and we are so excited here at the library! Join us on Mondays at 2:30 pm and Fridays at 10:30 am for some fall-themed **storytimes!** Our **book club** meeting this month is October 24th at 5:00 pm. Did you know that a **solar eclipse** is happening on October 14th? Visit the library and witness the event with friends! We have special glasses to give away to safely view the event. If you are unable to visit

during the event please stop by and get your special viewing glasses beforehand. Safety first! On Saturday the 21st at noon bring the family to **decorate some fall cookies**. **Illinois Art Station** is returning to the library this fall! This month they will be here at 10:30 am on October 25th. Get ready with your best costumes because on October 31st the library is having a **Halloween Party!** Stop by while you're out trick or treating for some games, treats, crafts, and more! "

Thank you very much for your help and have a splendid rest of your day!

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Many thanks to Randy Haag for scraping, sanding, priming and then painting the Indian Creek sign with a new coat of paint. It looks so much better!

PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release: September 19, 2023

Contact: Katie Vogler (309) 454-3169 x13

EAC Issues Last Call for Rain Barrel and Composting Workshops

The Ecology Action Center ends its fall water-conservation and waste-reduction workshops in October, with sessions on rain-harvesting and composting systems for your garden or yard. The EAC provides all the materials and training so that each participant goes home with a high-quality unit and all the knowledge necessary to use it, at a low price.

Final seasonal rain harvesting workshops will be held on Monday, October 9 at 5:30 p.m. and Saturday, October 21 at 9:00 a.m. with workshops costing \$55.00 for general public and \$45.00 for EAC members. EAC staff will provide step-by-step instruction on initial installation and show participants how to maintain their rain barrel's condition throughout the seasons.

Spaces are also available for composting workshops held on Thursday, October 5 at 5:30 p.m. and Saturday, October 21 at 1:00 p.m. For \$35.00 (\$25.00 for EAC members) attendees get a compost bin to take home, while for \$110.00, attendees get a compost bin to take home, a composting thermometer, and an aerator. The workshop will cover topics including proper materials and how to build, maintain, and monitor to minimize the threat from potential invaders like jumping worms.

The EAC is additionally hosting a vermicomposting (composting with worms) workshop on Saturday, October 21 at 11:00 a.m. The vermicomposting workshop costs \$35.00 to participate and includes everything needed to successfully begin vermicomposting including worms.

Workshop space is limited and pre-registration is required; online registration is available at ecologyactioncenter.org/workshops/.

The Ecology Action Center is a not-for-profit environmental agency with a mission to inspire and assist residents of McLean County in creating, strengthening and preserving a healthy environment. The EAC acts as a central resource for environmental education, information, outreach, and technical assistance in McLean County.

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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 is a Junior at NCHS. Please call or text her at 309-532-7522.

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