



INDIAN CREEK NEWSLETTER

May 2022

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The Trees of Indian Creek – Maple

by Greg Beneze

Trees are the “lungs of the earth” – leafy organisms that produce the oxygen we breathe in and recycle the carbon dioxide we breathe out. And not only do trees clean the air we breathe, there is also evidence that spending time in the woods is calming and can be therapeutic. In fact, in some countries, it is not uncommon for doctors to prescribe time in the woods for their patients. We are very fortunate, in Indian Creek, to live surrounded by trees.

Among the many species in our woods is the maple tree, whose scientific name is Acer. Maple trees are the most common tree in the United States. There are over 130 different species of Maple, of which 13 are native to North America. Most of the maples in our woods are either Sugar Maples or Silver Maples, although Red Maples, Norway Maples, Japanese Maples, and the Autumn Blaze can be seen in the subdivision. Maple trees are easy to recognize because they have a distinctive leaf, and a seed that twirls in the wind like a helicopter when it falls.



In the spring, the Red Maple is one of the first trees to bud, producing a red flower, that is either male or female. In autumn, the maple leaves add yellow, orange, and red to our fall colors.



Maples are fast growing trees. The wood is commonly used in furniture making and flooring.

Maple is also considered a tonewood, which means that it carries sound waves well. Violins, violas, cellos, and double basses all have components made from maple. Drums and some woodwind instruments (like the bassoon) are made from maple. The necks on guitars and electric guitar bodies are often made using maple.

Maple trees are an important source of pollen for honeybees as they are waking up from hibernation in early spring.

But maple trees are probably most famous as the source for producing maple syrup. The Algonquian tribes of the northwestern United States and western Canada developed the art of processing maple sap into maple sugar, maple syrup, and taffy candy. Thank you! A maple tree must be around 30 years old before it is tapped for its sap. It takes between 40-50 gallons of sap to produce 1 gallon of syrup. Harvesting the maple tree's sap for syrup does not harm the tree.

Finally, for you whiskey drinkers, the charcoal made from maple trees is required in the making of Tennessee whiskey (like Jack Daniels) using the Lincoln County Process (the technique used for almost all Tennessee whiskey).

The next time you are waking the woods, take time to admire the grove of old maples. Find them by walking to the end of the gravel walking path (located near the bridge) and then turning left into the big open field.

Towanda HCE



Towanda Home & Community Education (HCE) will next meet on Monday, May 9, at 6:30 pm in the Towanda Community Building. We will learn about CSA's (Community Supported Agriculture), program presented by Jennifer Miller.

The minor lesson for May is: Canadian Territories of Yukon and Nunavut. Contact Cindy Kelley, 309-824-4797 for more information.

Plans are being made for the July 3rd Spaghetti Supper, 4:30-6:30 pm at the Towanda Community Building. Save the date! Details later.

Other May McLean County HCE activities to consider attending are listed below.

- May 1, 1-5p @ Old Rugged Barn, Towanda for May Day celebration and HCE has a bake sale booth. 309-824-4797.
- May 9, 9a-2p @ Farm Bureau for HCE Community Service Day where attendees will make fabric microwave bowls. These will be distributed to attendees at the June 30-July 3 2022 National IFYE Conference in Normal, 309-533-1135.
- May 16, 9a-12n @ Farm Bureau "Container Herb Gardening" class to learn about potting your very own herb garden, by master gardener, Jane Smith. Everyone to go home with a small pot of chives. Fees: HCE member/\$3, Guests/\$5. RSVP by May 9 to 309-825-8458.

2022 ~ Towanda Area SPRING GARAGE SALES

Days & Hours Vary by Sale & are Listed
Thursday, April 28 through Saturday, April 30, 2022

INDIAN CREEK SUBD. (2)

1) – 9 Timber Creek Ct

Thursday 10-6

Friday 8-5

Saturday 8-1

Kitchen table, dining table with 6 chairs, baker's rack, desk, 7-piece patio seating set with cushions (never outside), Crate & Barrel martini glasses, baby bouncer, baby bathtub, baby/toddler toys, floor lamp, child's flower table, wooden doll bench, rugs, pictures/frames, pots/pans, lots of household and decor misc., various office and craft supplies for free.

2) – 9 Fox Creek Road

Friday 9-3

Saturday 9-2

Calphalon bakeware, house décor (mostly wall décor), kitchen utensils and glassware, silverware, women clothes sizes medium-XL, baby clothes sizes newborn to 12 months (boys), baby and toddler toys, misc. garage items, daybed with a trundle (comes with 2 mattresses) tall oak dresser, and MORE!

TOWANDA (1)

3) - 201 W Washington Street

No sale if raining

Thursday 9-4

Friday 9-4

Saturday 8-12

Power washer, Ninja foodi grill, heat gun, vice, miter saw, hand sander, saber saw, misc. tools, lots of Vera Bradley purses, Die cast metal cars, glassware, dishes, lamps, lots of clothing, purses, holiday, bedding, LOTS of miscellaneous and MUCH MORE.

LAMPLIGHTER SUBD. (2)

4) – 506 Pearl Circle

Friday 8-4

Saturday 8-2

Kitchen Aid retro mix master, Toro power hoe, Bissell little green, CD's, CD rack, bag holder for golf cart, entry bench, toddler bed head and foot boards, clothes drying rack, misc. kitchen items

5) – 120 Fincham Way

Friday 8-3

Saturday 8-1:30

MULTI-family sale - Girls clothes size 3 months to size 5, kids toys, books, games, baby toys, tools, small furniture, accessories, & housewares, Men's small, med, XL clothing, Women's L/XL casual business, Juniors small-medium; Spartina, Vera, Bagallini handbags & fashion jewelry, bedding, classroom, teacher supplies. All priced to sell.

RURAL (1)

6) – 17443 N 2100 East Road

Thursday 8-2

Friday 8-2

Saturday 8-2

Indoor rummage sale
Tupperware and gift bags, toys, holidays, kitchenware, collectibles, barn siding, and so MUCH more.

Directions - Only 5 minutes....
from Lamplighter:

- Turn left (S) on Towanda Barnes Rd
- Take your first left (E) 1800
- Go to 2075 N, turn right (S) follow the curve
- Take first right (S)
- Sale is 3rd house on left (E)

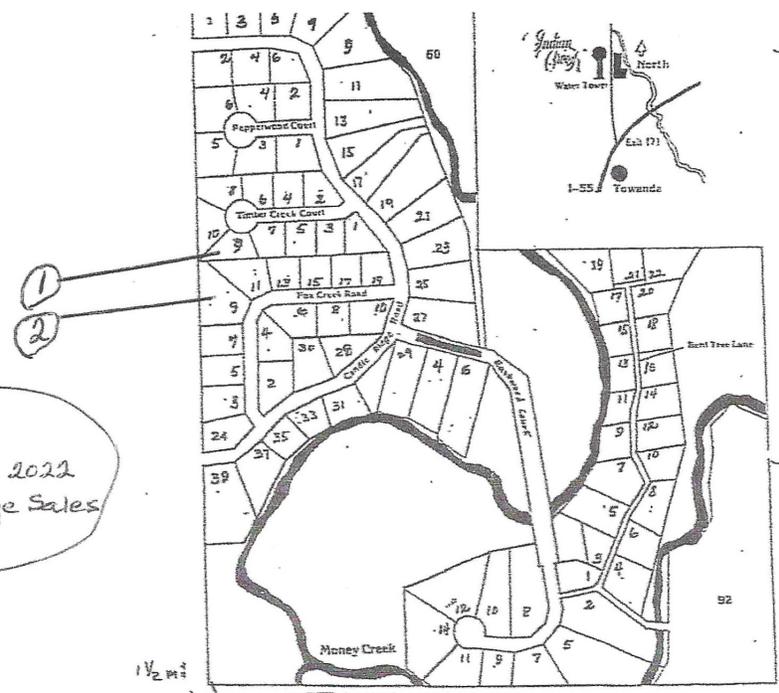
from Towanda School:

- Go left (E) on E 1900 North Road
- Turn right at 1st road (S), then
- Turn left at 1st road (E), then
- Turn right at 1st road (S), and go around the curve heading (E) again,
- Turn right at 1st road (S),
- Sale at 3rd house on the left (E)

from Towanda-Barnes Rd/Ft Jesse Rd:

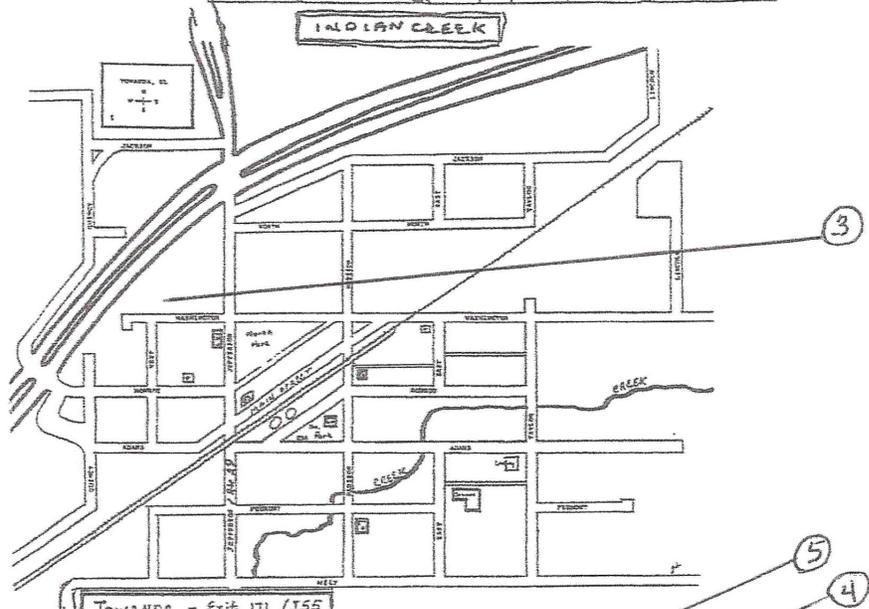
- Go (E) on Ft Jesse to 2100 East Rd
- Turn left (N) at 2100 East Road
- Go (N) to 17443 N 2100 East Road
- Sale is on the right (E)

INDIAN CREEK
2 miles North
on County 29

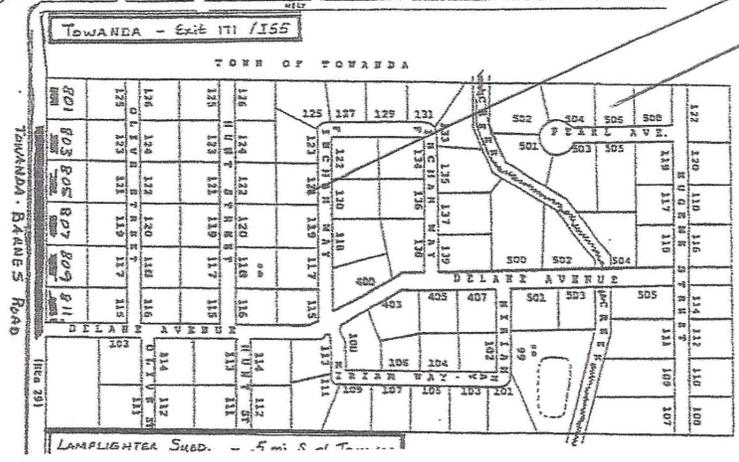


April 28-30 2022
Spring Garage Sales
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TOWANDA



LAMPLIGHTER



RURAL
East &
south-east
of school

Water Hydrant Flushing Schedule – 2022

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, May 30	Monday, September 26
Monday, June 27	Monday, October 31
Monday, May 30	Monday, November 28
Monday, July 25	Monday, December 26
Monday, August 29	

Jim Larson – ICHWA Water Chairperson

Call JULIE before digging (800-892-0123)

Please be sure to call JULIE to mark utility and water lines before doing any projects involving digging. If damage is done to any utility or water lines after marking it is critical you contact the vendor who marks the lines (USIC) and a Board member immediately. Additional information is available on our Indian Creek website (Information/Water – “When You Dig”).

Indian Creek Drivers

We have had some requests for folks to drive slower through the subdivision and to stop at the stop signs within the subdivision. Some people are driving very fast and several times when residents were walking their dogs, they witnessed people driving through stop signs. That's not a safe situation for kids who are out playing, people walking dogs, and/or kids riding their bikes. Given our group of young drivers in the subdivision, as parents remind your young drivers to be cautious, courteous and adhere to the stop signs. Thanks!



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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 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.