



# Indian Creek Newsletter

## June 2024

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### ICWHA Board Minutes

Indian Creek Water and Homeowners Association  
Board Meeting to Vote Proxies on Water Rate Increase  
Thursday, May 6, 2024, 7 p.m.  
Zoom Conference Call

#### I. Call to Order - President Barb Leathers

The purpose of this meeting is to review the Indian Creek residents' proxy votes on the water rate increase as proposed at the 2024 Annual Meeting and as set forth in our Indian Creek Newsletter.

All residents of Indian Creek were invited to join this zoom meeting. In addition to Barb, those attending included VP/Secretary Barbara Ulbrich, Treasurer Dave Schulthes, Water Chair Jim Larson, and Grounds Chair Fred Walk. No other residents joined.

#### II. Report on Votes:

Dave counted the proxies. Out of the 88 residences, we received 63 proxy votes (one vote per residence): 60 "yes" and 3 "no". Twenty-five residents did not vote.

Barb Leathers asked if any attending had any questions. No questions were submitted.

#### III. Voting of Proxies

Jim made a motion for Barb to vote the proxies. Barbara seconded. Barb formally voted.

Per the Covenants, a change requires "...approval of a majority of all votes of eligible members of the homeowners and water association"; since this was the case, the increase carried and the Quarterly Water Assessment will go into effect on October 1, 2024, as follows:

from \$200 per quarter to \$210 per quarter effective October 1, 2024; and  
from \$210 per quarter to \$215 per quarter effective October 1, 2025; and  
from \$215 per quarter to \$220 per quarter effective October 1, 2026.

The assessment increase will be reflected in billing statements sent later this fall to residents.

#### IV. Adjournment

Seeing no further business, Barb moved to adjourn; Fred seconded.

The following email was sent to IC residents on May 6:

From: Indian Creek <indiancreeknews@hotmail.com>  
Subject: IC Proxy votes result  
Date: May 6, 2024 at 9:17:35 PM CDT

During a meeting held on Monday, May 6, 2024, the Indian Creek Board met to record the proxy votes related to increasing the Quarterly Water Assessment.

There are 88 residences/homes in Indian Creek.  
63 proxy votes were received (one vote per residence).  
The ICHWA Board President served as the designee to vote in accordance with the proxy votes submitted by residents.

Of the 63 proxy votes received, there were 60 YES votes and 3 NO votes.

In accordance with the vote outcome, the Quarterly Water Assessment will increase:

from \$200 per quarter to \$210 per quarter effective October 1, 2024; and

from \$210 per quarter to \$215 per quarter effective October 1, 2025; and

from \$215 per quarter to \$220 per quarter effective October 1, 2026.

The assessment increase will be reflected in billing statements sent later this fall to residents. Thank you to everyone who participated in the voting process.

From Barb Leathers, obo Indian Creek Board

## Call JULIE before digging (800-892-0123)

Please be sure to call JULIE to mark utility and water lines (shutoff valve) 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”).

## Water Hydrant Flushing Schedule – 2024

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, June 24

Monday, September 30

Monday, November 25

Monday, July 29

Monday, October 28

Monday, December 30

Monday, August 26

## 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.

## Water Assessment Increase Vote Results

The results of residents' votes on the water assessment increase recommendation were emailed to residents by our ICHWA Board President, Barb Leathers, on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Of the 63 proxy votes received, there were 60 Yes votes, 3 No votes with 25 residences not voting. As a result, the recommended water assessment increases will be implemented beginning with this year's October 1<sup>st</sup> assessment notice.



Additional information is available in the IC 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes which were included in the April Newsletter and are posted to the IC website.

The ICHWA Board appreciates the support of our residents in maintaining a reliable, safe and financially sound water system.

Jim Larson – ICHWA Water Chairperson

## Indian Creek Spring Bird Count

On May 4th the local chapter of the National Audubon Society conducted a spring bird count by traversing the trails of our common grounds. The organizer of the board count shared the following: "We tallied 40 species during the 1 1/2 hours we allocated for the count. We did have great looks at a Barred Owl and saw my first Scarlet Tanager of the year. It's always a treat to bird Indian Creek, and I very much appreciate the opportunity to do so."

I encourage you to walk our beautiful trails and see how many birds, and other wildlife, you can discover.

Fred Walk  
Interim Grounds Chair

Date: 5/4/24 Observer(s) McKinley, O'Brien # of observers 2  
Location Indian Creek Nature Preserve  
Earliest birding time 6:40 am; Latest birding time 8:21 am Owling hours — hrs — mins —  
Daylight party hours walked: 1.5 hrs mins; Daylight party hours driven: — hrs — mins Daylight  
party miles: 1.5 walked — driven; Other party hours: —; Other party miles: — (Explain: —)  
\*Record number of bird species in front of bird name and if species is not listed add as addition on back\*

	Snow Goose	Greater Yellowlegs	Yellow-throated Vireo	Henslow's Sparrow
<b>1</b>	Canada Goose	Lesser Yellowlegs	Blue-headed Vireo	<b>1</b> Song Sparrow
	Mute Swan	Bonaparte's Gull	Philadelphia Vireo	Lincoln's Sparrow
	Trumpeter Swan**	Ring-billed Gull	<b>2</b> Warbling Vireo	Swamp Sparrow
	Wood Duck	Herring Gull	<b>3</b> Red-eyed Vireo	Eastern Towhee
	Blue-winged Teal	Caspian Tern	Loggerhead Shrike	Yellow-breasted Chat
	Northern Shoveler	Common Tern	<b>2</b> Blue Jay	Yellow-headed Blackbird
	Gadwall	Forster's Tern	<b>4</b> American Crow	Bobolink
	American Wigeon	Common Loon	Fish Crow	Western Meadowlark
<b>2</b>	Mallard	Double-crstd Cormorant	Carolina Chickadee	Eastern Meadowlark
	Northern Pintail	American White Pelican	<b>5</b> Black-capped Chickadee	Orchard Oriole
	Green-winged Teal	American Bittern	Chickadee sp.	<b>2</b> Baltimore Oriole
	Canvasback	Least Bittern	<b>6</b> Tufted Titmouse	<b>1</b> Red-winged Blackbird
	Redhead	Great Blue Heron	Horned Lark	<b>2</b> Brown-headed Cowbird
	Ring-necked Duck	Great Egret	N. Rough-winged Swallow	Brewer's Blackbird
	Lesser Scaup	Snowy Egret	Purple Martin	Common Grackle
	Hooded Merganser	Little Blue Heron	Tree Swallow	Ovenbird
	Common Merganser	Cattle Egret	Bank Swallow	Worm-eating Warbler
	Red-breasted Merganser	Green Heron	Barn Swallow	Louisiana Waterthrush
	Ruddy Duck	Black-crwnd Nt-Heron	Cliff Swallow	Northern Waterthrush
	Northern Bobwhite	Yellow-crwnd Nt-Heron	<b>1</b> Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Golden-winged Warbler
	Wild Turkey	Black Vulture*	Red-breasted Nuthatch	Blue-winged Warbler
	Ring-necked Pheasant	<b>2</b> Turkey Vulture	<b>3</b> White-breasted Nuthatch	Black-and-white Warbler
	Pied-billed Grebe	Osprey	Brown Creeper	Prothonotary Warbler
	Rock Pigeon	Mississippi Kite	<b>2</b> Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	<b>5</b> Tennessee Warbler
	Eurasian Collared-Dove	Northern Harrier	<b>7</b> House Wren	Orange-crowned Warbler
<b>3</b>	Mourning Dove	Sharp-shinned Hawk	Sedge Wren	<b>2</b> Nashville Warbler
	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Cooper's Hawk	Marsh Wren	Mourning Warbler
	Black-billed Cuckoo	Bald Eagle	<b>1</b> Carolina Wren	Kentucky Warbler
	Common Nighthawk	Red-shouldered Hawk	European Starling	Common Yellowthroat
	Chuck-will's-widow	Broad-winged Hawk	<b>2</b> Gray Catbird	Hooded Warbler
	Eastern Whip-poor-will	Red-tailed Hawk	Brown Thrasher	<b>2</b> American Redstart
	Chimney Swift	Barn Owl**	Northern Mockingbird	Cape May Warbler
	Ruby-thrt'd Hummingbird	Eastern Screech-Owl	Eastern Bluebird	Cerulean Warbler
	Virginia Rail	Great Horned Owl	Veery	<b>3</b> Northern Parula



Additional Species (write-ins)	Documentation Species	Documentation Comments
	Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	Only internal documentation to SBC State Compilers
	Ross's Goose	Only internal documentation to SBC State Compilers
	Cackling Goose	Only internal documentation to SBC State Compilers
	Cinnamon Teal	Send documentation to IORC if observation is of female bird(s)
	Harlequin Duck	Send documentation to IORC if sighting is away from Lake Michigan.
	Surf Scoter	Only internal documentation to SBC State Compilers
	White-winged Scoter	Only internal documentation to SBC State Compilers
	Black Scoter	Only internal documentation to SBC State Compilers
	Long-tailed Duck	Only internal documentation to SBC State Compilers
	Ruffed Grouse	Send documentation to IORC for all observations.
	Gray Partridge	Send documentation to IORC for all observations.
	Red-necked Grebe	Only internal documentation to SBC State Compilers
	White-winged Dove	Only internal documentation to SBC State Compilers
	Broad-billed Hummingbird	Send documentation to IORC for all observations.
	Purple Gallinule	Send documentation to IORC for all observations.
	Black Rail	Send documentation to IORC for all observations.
Record any comments below.	Whooping Crane	Send documentation to IORC only if the assertion is made that the bird(s) is from the Wood Buffalo - AR – natural occurring population.
	Snowy Plover	Send documentation to IORC for all observations.
	Piping Plover	Only internal documentation to SBC State Compilers
	Ruff	Send documentation to IORC for all observations.
	Buff-breasted Sandpiper	Only internal documentation to SBC State Compilers
	Black-legged Kittiwake	Only internal documentation to SBC State Compilers
	Little Gull	Only internal documentation to SBC State Compilers
	California Gull	Only internal documentation to SBC State Compilers
	Arctic Tern	Send documentation to IORC for all observations.
	Anhinga	Send documentation to IORC only if observation in central or northern IL.
	Neotropic Cormorant	Only internal documentation to SBC State Compilers
	Brown Pelican	Send documentation to IORC for all observations.
	Tricolored Heron	Send documentation to IORC for all observations.
	White-tailed Kite	Send documentation to IORC for all observations.
	Swallow-tailed Kite	Only internal documentation to SBC State Compilers
	Golden Eagle	Only internal documentation to SBC State Compilers
	Northern Goshawk	Only internal documentation to SBC State Compilers
	Rough-legged Hawk	Only internal documentation to SBC State Compilers
	Barn Owl	Only internal documentation to SBC State Compilers
	Lewis's Woodpecker	Send documentation to IORC for all observations.
	Prairie Falcon	Send documentation to IORC for all observations.
	Say's Phoebe	Send documentation to IORC for all observations.
	Black-billed Magpie	Send documentation to IORC for all observations.
	Violet-green Swallow	Send documentation to IORC for all observations.
	Bewick's Wren	Send documentation to IORC for all observations except those from Siloam Springs S.P.
	Evening Grosbeak	Only internal documentation to SBC State Compilers
	Common Redpoll	Only internal documentation to SBC State Compilers
	White-winged Crossbill	Only internal documentation to SBC State Compilers
	Bachman's Sparrow	Send documentation to IORC for all observations.
	Lark Bunting	Send documentation to IORC for all observations.
	Harris's Sparrow	Only internal documentation to SBC State Compilers
	Nelson's Sparrow	Only internal documentation to SBC State Compilers
	Spotted Towhee	Only internal documentation to SBC State Compilers
	Bullock's Oriole	Send documentation to IORC for all observations.
	Rusty Blackbird	Only internal documentation to SBC State Compilers
	Great-tailed Grackle	Send documentation to IORC for all observations.
	Swainson's Warbler	Send documentation to IORC for all observations.
	Black-throated Gray Warbler	Send documentation to IORC for all observations.
	Townsend's Warbler	Send documentation to IORC for all observations.
	Western Tanager	Only internal documentation to SBC State Compilers
	Painted Bunting	Send documentation to IORC for all observations unless from the East St. Louis (St. Clair County) area.



## Photos taken by Nick Mullett

Photo 1. Wood Duck perched in a tree on Bent Tree Lane

Photo 2. Groundhog enjoying a salad on Bent Tree Lane.

Photo 3. Barred Owl staring at the camera on Bent Tree Lane





## Brush Pile Burning

During the first week of May the newly located community brush pile was burned down and cleaned up. A dedicated group of volunteers took the initiative to burn down the very large pile. A big thanks to the following Indian Creek residents who gave many hours of their time and labor to complete this task. Scott Anderson, Mark Bertsche, Doug Braun, Randy Haag, Zac Himmel, Rod Hinderliter, and Fred Walk. If you are bringing brush to the pile, please adhere to the following brush pile guidelines below.

Fred Walk

Interim Ground Chair



## Brush Pile Guidelines

Do not place the following on the brush pile:

\*Any type of construction materials. Shingles, boards, electrical wire, flooring, Styrofoam, drywall, etc. are prohibited.

\*Grass clippings, leaves, ornamental grasses, mums, pumpkins, shrub trimmings and any other yard waste. Leaves and grass clipping can be disposed in wooded common ground areas by **spreading** them around the ground. Do not dump them in piles and do not place them on or near the trails.

\*Large tree limbs. If you have a tree removed by a contractor have them chip the brush and haul away the wood. The pile is for small branches two-three inches in diameter and 3-4 feet in length. If you have wooded areas on your property, use this space to dispose of your brush by cutting it up into small pieces. This creates a good habitat for birds, etc. The goal is to minimize the amount of brush brought to the pile and to restrict the number of times the pile needs to be burned.

Do not dump brush away from the pile or spread it around the area. Throw the brush up onto the pile.

Do not bring brush to the pile when the ground is soft or wet. This will avert ruts from forming on the common ground and prevent residents from getting stuck.

Close the gate to the well road after dropping off your brush.

## New Brush Pile

The old brush pile has been eliminated and a new brush pile area has been established just beyond the original pile. This space was cleared of multiflora rose, honeysuckle, and other undesirable brush. Follow the signs to the new brush pile area.



## Picking up after your Dog

An Indian Creek resident asked to have this included in the newsletter:

I just saw these when trimming by the bridge. Properly dispose of these bags!



## Towanda 4-H

The Towanda 4-H Club will be meeting on Tuesday June 4th, 2024 in the Towanda Community Building. Master Naturalist Terrie Howard will be presenting the program on Invasive plants as well as her work with Parklands Foundation. We will discuss a date for a hike that will be guided by Terrie Howard. Fair entries are due before June 15th. The day we will be working on the Butterfly Garden in front of the Towanda Library will be June 8th from 8 AM -12 PM. For more information, please call Scott Clement at (309) 275 - 5910 or Jeanie Wagner at (309) 728 - 2852.

- Belle Teufel

## Towanda HCE

The **Towanda Home and Community Education** group are looking forward to their June Outing. We will meet on Monday, June 17 at 11 a.m. at Lake Bloomington's Green Gables for lunch. After lunch we will go to tour of Midwest Food Bank in north Normal. Please call Cindy at 309-824-4797 to RSVP. Guests are welcomed. Join us for some fun time and education about the most recent activities of the Midwest Food Bank.

Upcoming activities of the county HCE include the following: Thursday, June 13 is a tour experience at the Ropp Jersey Cheese facility. Cost for tour is \$5 and includes cheese samples and time to shop at the

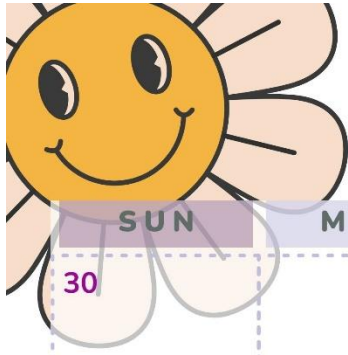
Cheese Store (bring a cooler). Following the tour we will meet for lunch at 12 noon at Pizza Ranch, 1211 Holiday Dr, Bloomington. RSVP for one or both by texting 309-339-9930. **Read & Share** will be held June 17, 2-3:30 p.m., McLean County Extension Office, 1615 Commerce Parkway, Bloomington where discussion of the book ***The Spanish Daughter*** by Loren Hughes, 309-825-6558. **HCE Community Service Day** is Tuesday, June 18, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the McLean County Farm Bureau, 2242 Westgate Dr, Bloomington, making walker bags, 309-531-2183. HCE will have a bake sale booth at the downtown Bloomington Farmers Market, Saturday, June 29, 7:30 a.m. to 12 noon, 309-829-2537. Guests are welcome to all HCE activities. Call for more information and/or to RSVP to individual numbers listed.

## Towanda District Library

School's out and it's getting warmer outside. What does that mean? **SUMMER READING at the Towanda District Library!** Our Kick Off Party on May 31<sup>st</sup> from 5-7 starts the 8 week reading voyage with pizza, balloon artists, face painting, friends, and fun!

The reading adventure starts Rio De Janeiro for Carnivale, goes through New Zealand, Japan, and many other countries, and arrives back in Towanda at the end of July. Each week everyone has a chance to win fabulous prizes just by reading (or listening to audiobooks). Programs are scheduled for all ages and almost every day of the week during the summer. Just a few of these events include an Incredible Bats Show, Digeridoo Down Under Music Show, and the Dan Gogh Art and Magic Show. We hope to see you there!





# JUNE 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30					5-7 pm Summer Reading Opening Carnivale	1
2 Rio De Janeiro, Brazil	3	4 5:30 pm- Adult Craft	5 10:30- Storytime 4:00- Incredible Bats Animal Extravaganza	6 3:30- Storytime	7 11:00- Yoga Lab with Maggie	8 10:30- Storytime at the park!
9 Wellington, New Zealand	10	11 2:30- Lego Club 2-4 Inside Out Accessible Art	12 10:30- Storytime	13 5:30 pm- Digeridoo Down Under!	14 11:00- Rock Painting Party	15 12:00- Water Day
16 Tokyo, Japan	17	18 5:30- Songs of the Swarm Cicada Adventure	19 10:30- Storytime	20 3:30- stuffed Animal sleepover Storytime	21 All Day- Lego Free Build Day	22 12:00- Build Your Own Robot
23 Cairo, Egypt	24	25 5-6 pm Read to Dogs	26 10:30- Storytime	27 5:00- Family Bingo Night	28 All Day- Sensory Trail	29 12:00- Exploring Ancient Egypt

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### For Hire:

Millie Harmon is available for both pet sitting and babysitting. Millie has experience pet sitting, is a member of the Junior Zookeepers at Miller Park Zoo and is part of the equestrian team at Lone Ridge Farm. Millie has completed a safe sitter's course and enjoys being with children. She can be reached at 309-665-9053 (Millie) or 309-530-5360 (parent).

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.

Jaeden Proesel - Age 16 is willing to do odd jobs such as dog walking, pet sitting, lawn care, etc. Please reach out! 309-310-7470

### **For Sale/Free:**



Old cement blocks-Free to the first person to pick them up. Take some or all. Phone (309) 830-0861