

Indian Creek News

November 2024



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Well Pump Replacement

We replaced our 20 year old well pump and 83 feet of 40+ year old galvanized drop pipe during the second week in October. We are also going to replace the well cap so we can add an EPA required casing vent as soon as the parts come in. A casing vent allows a well pump to run more efficiently and should increase its useful life. The total cost of this project will be about \$19,000.



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, November 25 Monday, December 30

Jim Larson – ICHWA Water Chairperson

Kellenberger Coffee Gathering 10-12-24



Indian Creek Brush Pile

Recently there have been Indian Creek residents bringing yard waste to the brush pile. Shrub and grass clippings, dead green plants, mums, leaves, and pumpkins should **NOT** be brought to the brush pile. These items do not burn well and create a lot of smoldering smoke and make it difficult to clean up. Our community brush pile is not to be used as a personal dump site for individual yard waste. See the guidelines below for how to dispose of these items. Please adhere to the following brush pile guidelines.

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 of in the 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. Please contact me for places to spread out these items in the common ground area. Another option is to create a compost pile to dispose of these items.

*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 in 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.

Fred Walk

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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release: October 28, 2024

Contact: Katie Vogler (309) 454-3169 x 13

Protect our Local Water Supplies with Proper Leaf Management

For many Bloomington-Normal residents, leaf-raking efforts are underway. While raking leaves isn't rocket science, some leaf-raking practices can be harmful. Raking leaves into the street clogs storm drains, causing street flooding; if they don't clog but rather wash down into the storm drains they become a storm water pollutant. The additional nutrients from the massive amounts of leaves decomposing in creeks, streams, or lakes removes oxygen from the water, suffocating plants and wildlife, and causing algae blooms that can result in bad odors and unpleasant tastes in drinking water. The Ecology Action Center urges residents to help keep our local waters clean by using the following leaf management practices:

1. **Curb your leaves!** If you rake your leaves for curbside pick-up, the municipalities require that you rake them to the curb, but **NOT into the street**.
2. **Let leaves lie!** Leaving your leaves where they fall is zero effort and beneficial for your lawn. Many residents dislike the look of fallen leaves and thus choose to use a mower to break them into smaller pieces as you get some of the same benefit with less visual mess. Leaves make great mulch to protect flower beds from harsh winter weather and also allow earthworms and other microorganisms to decompose the leaves and turn them into plant-usable organic matter.
3. **Compost your leaves!** Leaves are a great source of carbon and an important dry component to a healthy compost pile. Starting a compost pile reduces landfill waste, keeps waterways clean, and is an easy generator of free fertilizer for your lawn and garden. Find helpful instructions to start your compost pile at **CompostBN.org**.
4. **Don't break the cycle!** The above two options keep your organic material on-site, rejuvenating your soil with valuable nutrients just like the nutrient cycle occurring in nature. Removing your leaves each year can gradually deplete your soil, leaving your lawn, your trees, and your garden hungry for nutrients. Keeping these materials on-site also helps reduce demand for collection, conserving financial resources for other municipal services.

Information on protecting our local watersheds is available at **mCLEANwater.org**, a clearinghouse of local resources about our water and efforts to protect it.

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.

Towanda 4-H

The Towanda 4-H Club will meet on Sunday, November 10th, 2024 at 5:00 pm at the Towanda Community Building. Members are to bring canned goods for the county food drive sponsored by the 4-H Hunger Ambassadors.

November 12th, 2024 is the County Award of Excellence at the Interstate Center and members need to RSVP by November 1st, 2024 if attending.

4-H is open to boys and girls 5-18 years of age as of September 1st, 2024.

For more information contact Carrie Vogel 309-825-6248 or Jeanie Wager 309-728-2852.

Reporter

Harper Almquist

Towanda District Library

Happy November from the Towanda District Library! Join us for our weekly story and activity times:

Wednesdays at 10:30 AM and Fridays at 11 AM

Please note, there will be no story/activity time on November 1st.

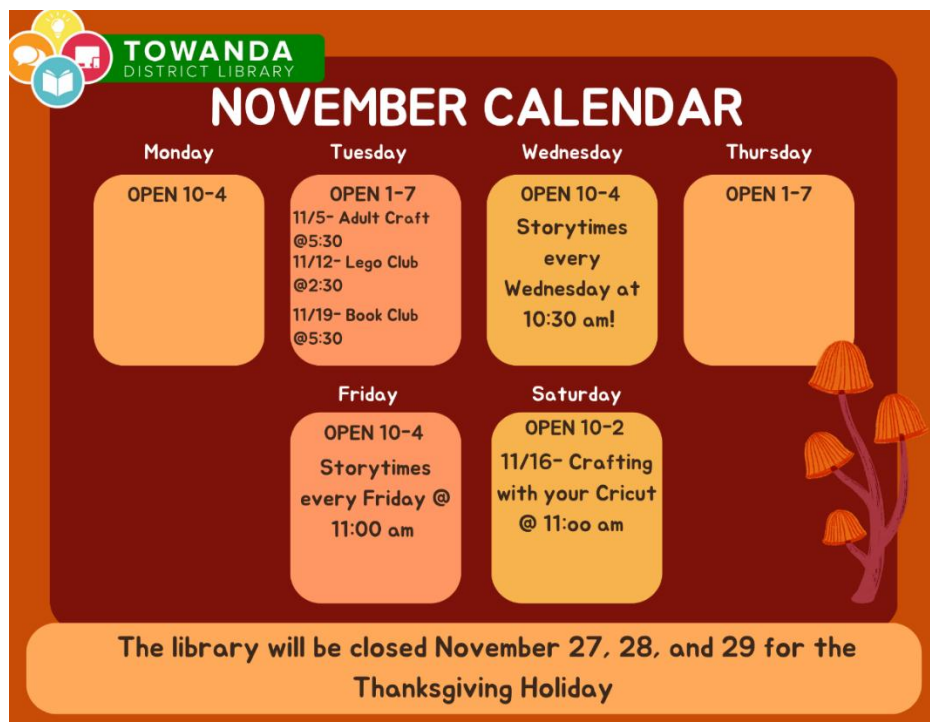
Lego Club (registration required) is coming up on November 12th at 2:30 PM! Don't miss out on the fun!

Join us for an Adult Craft session (it's a surprise!) on November 5th at 5:30 PM.

Mark your calendars for a special class on Crafting with your Cricut on Saturday, November 16th! Stay tuned for more details on our website and Facebook!

The library will be closed from November 27th-29th for Thanksgiving.

We can't wait to see you at the library!



Indian Creek Fall Colors

Some gorgeous fall colors here at IC



Towanda HCE

Towanda Home & Community Education group will meet on Monday, November 11, 6:30 pm at the Towanda Community Building. The program, "McLean County Holiday Stories," will be given by Pat Pulokas. Pat attended a program given to HCE unit presenters by Greg Koos of the McLean County Historical Museum to tell about historical holiday stories from the past. The minor lesson will be on Malaysia: People and Demographics. November's **HCE** community service project is to bring any brand of canned cat food and/or poop bags to be given to the Humane Society of Central Illinois. For more information about Towanda **HCE**, contact Cindy, 309-824-4797.

McLean County Association for Home & Community Education has many programs occurring in November. HCE Cookie Exchange, is Thursday, Nov 14, 9a.m. - 12noon, 309-825-8458 to RSVP and send cookie recipe(grppoppe@frontier.com), by Oct 30, bring 3 dozen cookies to exchange and extra containers to take cookies home. Monday, Nov 18, 2-3:30 pm, is Read & Share the book, *Bright Young Women* by Jessica Knoll, at Extension Office, 1615 Commerce Pkwy, Bloomington (309-825-6558). HCE Community Service Day is Tuesday, Nov 19, 9 am to 2 pm at the Farm Bureau Auditorium to work on doll blankets for Toys for Tots (309-531-2183).

On Nov. 26, 12:30-1:30 pm, **HCE** will have a program on "Hold That Thought" given by Extension Family Life Educator, Sara Attig at the Farm Bureau Auditorium, 2242 Westgate Drive, Bloomington. Guests are always welcome to attend ALL **HCE** activities and programs. Call Kathleen, 309-824-2784 or Becky, 309-532-2125 for more information about **HCE** and the programs that **HCE** offers.

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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