



# Indian Creek Newsletter

February 2026

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## **Indian Creek Homeowners and Water Association Annual Membership Meeting**

Make plans to attend the 2026 Annual Membership Meeting for the Indian Creek Homeowners and Water Association.

Date: Tuesday, March 3, 2026

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Towanda Community Center, 103 S Jefferson Street, Towanda, IL 61776

Information about the water system, grounds, and finances and a proxy vote related to a Water Fund Special Assessment will be presented. Please refer to the email sent on January 19, 2026, to review the complete meeting agenda, proxy vote, and related details. All residents are invited and encouraged to attend the Annual Membership Meeting.

## **Towanda 4-H**

The Towanda 4-H club will meet Feb 1, 2026 at 2:00pm at the Towanda Community Building. We will be having talks by Sathvik, Lynlee Moran, Holly Moran, Kaitlyn OKraski, and Carter OKraski. Ella Bauchmoyer, Alex Clause, and Rachel Miller will be doing a demonstration about their projects. Rachel Miller will be doing a program on Japan as well. It will be a great afternoon learning about so many incredible 4-H projects. Members are encouraged to get the project enrollments signed up.

For more information contact Jeanie Wager at 309 728-2852 or Carrie Green at 309 846-7888.

Sincerely,  
Holly Moran, reporter

## Water Hydrant Flushing Schedule – 2026

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 5:00 a.m. and 6:30 a.m. weather permitting. **Hydrants will not be flushed in freezing conditions or other inclement weather.**

Monday, January 26	Monday, May 25	Monday, September 28
Monday, February 23	Monday, June 29	Monday, October 26
Monday, March 30	Monday, July 27	Monday, November 30
Monday, April 27	Monday, August 31	Monday, December 28

Jim Larson – ICHWA Water Chairperson

# Towanda HCE

(Towanda Home and Community Education)

The Towanda Home and Community Education group will be meeting on Tuesday, February 9, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at the Towanda Community Building. The program "Food Labels and Food Storage" will be presented by Linda Conder. The minor lesson will be on the Caribbean Islands/Dominican Republic, Geography and Climate.

Members and guests are welcome to wear red and also bring or talk about their most memorable valentine. Members may bring the February Community Outreach project for the Humane Society of Central Illinois of liquid hand soap in February and bring toilet paper to March 9 meeting.

February 14 will be the county HCE Membership and Friendship Tea, held on **Saturday, February 14, 1-3 p.m.** at Christ Lutheran Church, 311 Hershey Rd, Normal. Members and guests will be treated to a program, "The Making of Miniatures" presented by Beverly Keller. Tickets: HCE members, \$10 and non-members, \$5. Enjoy tea and cookies and wonderful program. Non members are cordially welcome. RSVP by January 30, 2026 and tickets are limited to 80 people. Eastsiders HCE Unit is in charge of this event. Tickets are available from Cindy Kelley, [309-824-4797](tel:309-824-4797) or Debi Stoppkotte, [309-825-8458](tel:309-825-8458).

Other county HCE activities include "Read & Share" the book *The Clover Girls* by Viola Shipman on **Monday, Feb 16, 2-3:30 p.m.** at the Extension Office, 1615 Commerce Parkway, Bloomington. Community Service Day is Tuesday, **February 17, 9 am-2 pm** at the Extension Office, 1615 Commerce Parkway, Blm. **Tuesday, Feb 24, 12:30-1:30 p.m.** will be a class, "Where to Start: Declutter Your Home and Financial Information," presented by Sara Attig, Family Life Educator, UI Extension. This will held at the McLean County Farm Bureau. 2242 Westgate Dr, Bloomington. More information: Becky Toohill, [309-532-2125](tel:309-532-2125).

Questions about these programs or other information can be directed to Cindy, [309-824-4797](tel:309-824-4797). Come visit and explore your world with new ideas and learning about interesting topics.



(Left) L-R Pat Pulokas, Jeanie Wager, Cindy Kelley, Sandy Whalen

(Right) L-R Jeanie Wager, Cindy Kelley Pat Pulokas, Sandy Whalen

# Towanda Library

February is full of adventures at the Towanda District Library! We'll continue our weekly **Storytime at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays**, with themed sessions including *Being Brave*, *I Love My Family!*, *Chinese New Year*, and *Silly Sounds*.

Adults are invited to join us for an **Adult Craft Night on February 3 at 5:30 p.m.**, and **Book Club on February 17 at 5:30 p.m.** Homeschool families are welcome to our **Homeschool Event on February 23 at 2:00 p.m.**

Looking for something a little different? Don't miss **The Worst Book Club in the World on February 26 at 5:30 p.m.**, where we celebrate the joy of reading *questionable* books together.

Please note that the library will be **closed on February 16**. As always, we appreciate our wonderful community and look forward to seeing you in the library this month!

I appreciate your help! Stay Warm!

Rachel Ballenger  
Library Director  
Towanda District Library  
301 S. Taylor St. Towanda, IL 61776

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## February Schedule

**TOWANDA DISTRICT LIBRARY**

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
02/16- Closed  02/23- Homeschool Event 2:00 pm	02/03- Adult Craft 5:30 pm  02/17- Book Club 5:30 pm	Storytime 10:30 am 02/04- Being Brave 02/11- I love my Family! 02/18- Chinese New Year 02/25- Silly Sounds	02/26- The Worst Book Club In the World 5:30 pm	Storytime 10:30 am 02/06- Being Brave 02/13- I love my Family! 02/20- Chinese New Year 02/27- Silly Sounds		
<b>Hours:</b>	<u>Monday</u> 10:00-4:00	<u>Tuesday</u> 1:00-7:00	<u>Wednesday</u> 10:00-4:00	<u>Thursday</u> 1:00-7:00	<u>Friday</u> 10:00-4:00	<u>Saturday</u> 10:00-2:00

# TOWANDA AMERICAN LEGION

~ WINTER/SPRING 2026 MENU ~

**BREAKFAST: Saturday, 2/7/26 @ 8-10:30 a.m.**

sausage, bacon, biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs, pancakes, hash browns, drink \$14

**DINNER: Friday, 2/13/26 @ 5-7:00 p.m.**

chili or chili mac, hot dog, dessert & drink \$12 kids: hot dog, chips, dessert & drink \$5

**BREAKFAST: Saturday, 3/7/26 @ 8-10:30 a.m.**

sausage, bacon, biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs, pancakes, hash browns, drink \$14

**DINNER: Friday, 3/17/26 @ 4:30-7:00 p.m.**

corned beef & cabbage, potatoes/carrots, rye bread, dessert & drink \$15 kids: hot dog, chips, dessert & drink \$5

**BREAKFAST: Saturday, 4/4/26 @ 8-10:30 a.m.**

sausage, bacon, biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs, pancakes, hash browns, drink \$14

**DINNER: Friday, 4/17/26 @ 5-7:00 p.m.**

pork chop, bun, French fries, green beans, dessert & drink \$13 kids: hot dog, fries, dessert & drink \$5

**All meals subject to change without notice.**

**~Carry out available~**

***Thank you for your continued support!***

**207 Hely Street, Towanda**

**email: [towandalegion@gmail.com](mailto:towandalegion@gmail.com) ~ find us on facebook at:**

**<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100075695386647>**

## Press Release

For immediate release: December 1, 2025  
Contact: Michael Brown, 309-454-3169 x11

# PaintCare launches free statewide paint takeback program in Illinois

Effective December 1, 2025, McLean County has four drop-off locations for easy disposal of latex and oil-based paints. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency approved PaintCare's Illinois Paint Stewardship Program plan in October and has now announced 300 collection sites across the state. The full listing of all sites can be found at <https://www.paintcare.org/drop-off-sites/>. In McLean County, collection sites can be found on RecycleBN.org and include Sherwin Williams at 115 Krispy Kreme Drive in Bloomington, RP Lumber at 2440 S Main Street in Bloomington, Sherwin Williams at 1906 E College Avenue in Normal, and RP Lumber at 208 W Cherry Street in LeRoy. Other local sites are located in El Paso and Clinton. The PaintCare program is *not* limited to residential waste streams: it is open to anyone to utilize.

### Accepted materials include:

- Interior and exterior architectural paints: latex, acrylic, water-based, alkyd, oil-based, enamel (including textured coatings)
- Deck coatings, floor paints (including elastomeric)
- Primers, sealers, undercoaters
- Stains
- Shellacs, lacquers, varnishes, urethanes (single component)
- Waterproofing concrete/masonry/wood sealers and repellents (not tar or bitumen-based)
- Metal coatings, rust preventatives

### Not accepted materials include:

- Leaking or empty containers, or those without the original manufacturer's label
- Paint thinners, mineral spirits, solvents
- Aerosol paints (spray paint)
- Auto and marine paints
- Art and craft paints
- Caulking compounds, epoxies, glues, adhesives
- Paint additives, colorants, tints, resins
- Wood preservatives (containing pesticides)
- Roof patch and repair
- Asphalt, tar and bitumen-based products
- 2-component coatings
- Deck cleaners
- Traffic and road marking paints
- Industrial Maintenance (IM) coatings
- Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) (shop application) paints and finishes

PaintCare programs are funded by a fee which is applied to the purchase price of each container of new paint sold in the state. There is no charge for dropping off paint at a PaintCare drop-off site. The PaintCare fee is not a tax or a deposit. The fee funds all aspects of the paint stewardship program.

The Ecology Action Center is the solid waste agency for Bloomington, Normal, and McLean County and provides long term solid waste planning, recycling promotion, household hazardous waste coordination, education, and outreach. Information on residential recycling and community recycling programs, recycling of nontraditional materials, and information on disposal of household hazardous wastes is available by calling 309-454-3169 or visiting [ecologyactioncenter.org](http://ecologyactioncenter.org). Comprehensive recycling listings are available at **RecycleBN.org**.

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PO Box 97, Normal, Illinois 61761

309-454-3169

## Press Release

For immediate release: January 27, 2026

Contact: Michael Brown  
Ecology Action Center, 309-212-1724 x 11

### **Ecology Action Center Accepting Nominations for 2025 McLean County Green Awards**

The Ecology Action Center (EAC) is excited to announce the return of the annual McLean County Green Awards, which recognize individuals and organizations working to improve and protect our local environment. The EAC will present two awards for the 2025 year: the McLean County Recycling and Waste Reduction Award and the Anne McGowan Making a World of Difference Award.

The McLean County Recycling and Waste Reduction Award honors businesses, schools, or organizations with outstanding recycling programs or waste reduction efforts. Past recipients include the Bloomington-Normal Terracycle program, Home Sweet Home Ministries, and the Westminster Village Green Team.

The Anne McGowan Making a World of Difference Award recognizes outstanding projects, activities, or individuals in McLean County who promote environmental awareness or natural resource conservation. Past recipients include Henry Brockman of Brockman Family Farm, Sherrie Snyder of the Wild Ones, and Perry Mayer of the YWCA of McLean County.

Nominations are being accepted through 5 p.m. on Monday March 16, 2026 and can be submitted online at <https://ecologyactioncenter.org/greenawards/> or by visiting the Ecology Action Center at 202 W College Avenue in Normal. The award winners will be announced on Earth Day in April.



## **TOWANDA LIONS CLUB**

### **“We Serve”**

January 8, 2026

The Towanda Lions Club is offering two \$750 scholarships for current high school seniors and to students already pursuing an associate's or bachelor's degree . The scholarships are for applicants who live within the 61776 Towanda zip code area and/or live within the Towanda township.

1. The Steve Liebenow Memorial Scholarship for any college field of study
2. The Towanda Lions Memorial Scholarship for training/education in a trades field

Further details and applications for each of these scholarships are available on the Towanda, Illinois Lions website: [e-clubhouse.org/sites/towandail](http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/towandail) on the Home page, click on Scholarships listed in the upper-left of the screen.

Thank you!

Scholarship Committee co-chairmen:  
Jerry Bersche – phone: 309-838-1695  
Steve Shipley - phone: 309-830-1751



# Talkin' Trash

with Ron Metz

## Unofficial GFL 2026 Service Calendar

Below is a service calendar for our area provided by GFL Environmental. Mondays marked in green starting with Feb 2nd are our recycle weeks. No holidays are marked but are listed below. GFL stated they are working on an official 2026 service calendar that will be posted to their website (updating the 2025 calendar on the site now) but had no timeframe for when that will be completed.

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- May 25th - Memorial Day • July 4th - Independence Day • September 7th - Labor Day • November 26th - Thanksgiving Day • December 25th - Christmas Day

\* Collection services will be delayed by ONE day during the holiday week, beginning the date of the holiday.

- Place your trash can and recycling bin at the curb with the wheels facing your house and the lid opening into the street.

- Keep your garbage cans four feet apart and at least four feet or more from any obstacles such as mailboxes, cars, lamp posts, or power lines.
- Keep your container at the curb until the end of the day if it hasn't been collected. Sometimes the timing of our arrival changes, and we don't want to miss you if we come later than expected.
- It's generally best to put your container out the night before your collection day. That way even if we're early, you won't miss your pick-up.

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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 and/or pet sitting. Please call her cell at 309-808-9098.

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

Caden Lueschen is available for mowing, yard cleanup, and snow removal. Please call Brett Lueschen at 309-728-2353.

Hannah Safranek is available for pet-sitting, dog walking, watering flowers and other household chores. She can be reached at (309) 660-6418

Joey Safranek is available for pet-sitting, yard work, dog poop pickup and any other chores you might need. He can be reached at (309) 660-6405.