

TOWANDA TIMES

September 2025

MAYOR MINUTE

**“We will all realize more success when we work together and hold each other to a higher standard.
~SUCCESS**

It's been exciting seeing the successes of the newly added Farmers Market and community support.

This month we are proud to announce the Blue Star Marker dedication to the Village of Towanda. This is part of a memorial program to honor those who served in the U.S. Armed Forces, that is a living tribute to living and deceased service members placed within the community. More will be addressed on this honor in the coming month.

We are continuing to work out in the wide open, with cleaning up and other projects to begin.

We are also planning and working behind the scenes to make upcoming projects, events and community collaborations successful.

We've experienced some citizen input, discussions and overall communications and we appreciate you.

As always, if there are any questions regarding the village events, any general village questions, comments or concerns within the community...

Feel free to contact me personally or attend a Board Meeting for anything you would like to be addressed.

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4-H

The Towanda 4-H Club will start their new club year on Sunday Sept 21, 2025 with a family weiner roast and potluck dinner. This will be at Boyd Wesley Park at 5:00PM. The club will furnish hot dogs, buns and drinks. Please bring a dish to share and your table service. If you have roasting sticks please bring them. 4-H is open to girls and boys 8 to 18 years of age as of September 1, 2025 and Cloverbuds are for girls and boys 5 to 7 years of age by September 1, 2025. For more information please contact Carrie Vogel at 309 825-6248 or Jeanie Wager at 309 728-2852.

FUNERAL COMMITTEE

The Funeral Committee hosts receptions for our Village residents. Please let us know if we can be of help. Thank you to all those on the call list that continue to support this tradition. Also, we are looking for volunteers for our “call list” for food donations. Contact Tammy Pate call/text (309) 826-8776 or Janet Collins (309) 706-3390 for more information.

HCE

(Towanda Home and Community Education) will be having a busy September. Our first meeting of the 2025-2026 HCE year is Monday, September 8, 2025 at the Towanda Community Building. Our program will be Death by Chocolate, given by Kathleen Emery. The roll call will be, What is your favorite candy bar? The minor lesson will be on the International Study of South Africa - Nature, Wildlife and Tourism. For our community Outreach Project, we will be collecting 2 pocket folders and/or 8 1/2" x 11" copy paper reams for the Humane Society of Central Illinois that you can bring to meeting. For more information about Towanda HCE, Cindy Kelley, 309-824-4797. We look forward to having you come hear our excellent programs given throughout the year.

Many county HCE activities are occurring in September. HCE will have a bake sale booth at the Downs Village Market, Wednesday, Sept 10, 4-6 p.m. There will be a Read & Share the book, *The Women* by Kristin Hannah on Monday, Sept. 15, 2-3:30 p.m. at the McLean County Extension Office, [1615 Commerce Pkwy](#), BLM, 309-825-6558. HCE Community Service Day is Tuesday, Sep 16, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Farm Bureau Bldg, 2242 Westgate Dr, BLM where sewers and non sewers are welcome to come work on Christmas Stockings, Contact Betty for more info, 309-531-2183. The Sept HCE Local Leader Lesson, "Lets Talk Pumpkins", will be held Tuesday, Sept. 23, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. at the Farm Bureau Auditorium. Becky Toohill is the presenter.

The biggest HCE project for the month will be our **HCE ATTIC TREASURES AND BAKE SALE**, held on 2 days this year at the Interstate Center, Mini Expo Building: Thursday, Sept. 25, 3-7 p.m. and Friday, Sept. 26, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sale items include: fall decor, holiday items, small furniture, linens, dishes, jewelry, knick knacks, baskets, wall decor, toys, small appliances, crafts and so much MORE including delicious baked goods. We do NOT have clothing, but do have purses, hats, scarves. You may donate items to sell on Wednesday, Sept 24, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Please direct questions, 309-824-4797. Sale proceeds help to fund HCE Scholarships to McLean County 4-H members and many other HCE Community Outreach Programs.

This past July 1, a member from Towanda 4-H received one of the three scholarships given by HCE, thanks to proceeds from sales such as this and the many bake sale booths throughout the year that McLean County HCE holds.

TOWANDA AMERICAN LEGION

Thank you to those that support us, we greatly appreciate it!
email: towandalegion@gmail.com and find us on facebook

NEW MEMBERS: *We are looking for members!* Are you a Veteran, son of a Veteran, or would like to be in the Auxiliary? Join us for our **monthly meetings on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm** at the Towanda Legion.

RENTALS: The legion is a great place to rent for your events!
Text Sharon Engel 309/531-8898 or Email us: towandalegion@gmail.com

~ FALL/WINTER 2025 MENU ~

BREAKFAST: Saturday, 9/13/25 @ 8-10:30 a.m.

sausage, bacon, biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs,
pancakes, hash browns, drink \$12

Proceeds will go to ABTA (American Brain Tumor Association)

DINNER: Friday, 9/19/25 @ 5-7:00 p.m.

pork chop, french fries, green beans, roll, dessert & drink \$12
kids: hot dog, french fries, dessert & drink \$5

BREAKFAST: Saturday, 10/4/25 @ 8-10:30 a.m.

sausage, bacon, biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs,
pancakes, hash browns, drink \$12

DINNER: Friday, 10/17/25 @ 5-7:00 p.m.

steak &/or shrimp, baked potato, green beans, roll,
dessert & drink
steak & shrimp \$20, steak only \$15, shrimp only \$12
kids: hot dog, chips, dessert & drink \$5

All meals are subject to change without notice. Carry out available.

Thank you for your continued support!

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TOWANDA DISTRICT LIBRARY

The Towanda District Library has a full lineup of engaging programs this September for all ages. Our homeschool families are invited to join us on Monday, September 29 at 2:00 PM for a special “Exploring Norway” event. Tuesdays bring a variety of activities, starting with an Adult Craft Night featuring Pet Portraits on September 2 at 5:30 PM, followed by Lego Club on September 9 at 2:30 PM (sign-up required), and wrapping up with Adult Book Club on September 16 at 5:30 PM, with copies available for pickup now. Storytime lovers can enjoy themed sessions every Wednesday and Friday at 10:30 AM, with September’s themes including Fruits (September 3 & 5), Vegetables (September 10 & 12), Chickens (September 17 & 19), and Cats (September 24 & 26). We look forward to seeing you at the library for a month of creativity, learning, and community connection!



SEPTEMBER PROGRAM SCHEDULE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<u>9/29 @ 2:00 pm</u> Homeschool Event: Exploring Norway	<u>9/2 @ 5:30 pm</u> Adult Craft: Pet Portraits <u>9/9 @ 2:30 pm</u> Lego Club: Sign Up Only <u>9/16 @ 5:30 pm</u> Adult Book Club: Copies available for pickup!	<u>Storytimes</u> <u>every</u> <u>Wednesday at</u> <u>10:30 am!</u> <u>9/3-Fruits</u> <u>9/10-</u> <u>Vegetables</u> <u>9/17-Chickens</u> <u>9/24-Cats</u>		<u>Storytimes</u> <u>every Friday</u> <u>at 10:30 am!</u> <u>9/5-Fruits</u> <u>9/12-</u> <u>Vegetables</u> <u>9/19-Chickens</u> <u>9/26-Cats</u>

TOWANDA FIRE DEPARTMENT (TFD)

Come see us on the 1st (Officers Meeting), 2nd (Regular Meeting), 3rd (EMS Training), or 4th (Regular Meeting), Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm. Or join us on the last Monday of the month at 6:30 pm (Work Night/Business Meeting). Members of the Towanda Fire Department would like to thank the citizens of the Fire Protection District for their continued support.

Join us during our Open House on Saturday, September 6 from 4:00-6:00 pm.

TOWANDA HISTORICAL WALKWAY

If anyone is interested in purchasing a Memorial or Historical brick for their family or friends, please contact Virginia Lowery @ 309 825-6341 or vlowery1@hotmail.com. The bricks are \$50 each with up to three lines of print, 16 spaces per line. Feel free to call or email me with any questions. Next year will be the 100th anniversary of Route 66~ It's a good time to leave your "footprint" along old 66! Order your brick today!!! it's "**Towanda is a great little place to call HOME!!**"

TOWANDA LION'S CLUB

Towanda Lion's Club sponsors the Caring Cupboard which is located at the rear of the Community Building just south of the parking lot. This is a self-serve cupboard open 24 hours a day providing non-perishable foods, personal care products, and paper products for anyone in need. NO GLASS ITEMS PLEASE. You can leave items or take what you need. However, please do not leave any items outside of the cupboard. Take a blessing when you need one, give a blessing when you can, but above all be blessed.

Please consider joining our club! We are looking for new ideas, younger members, and forming new friendships. Contact Bob Hancock at (309) 282-1801 or email oldcars@frontiernet.net

TOWANDA ROUTE 66 PARKWAY

Please consider purchasing a t-shirt or sweatshirt to support our Route 66 Parkway. Short and long sleeve t-shirts are available in an assortment of colors and can be viewed and purchased at Rayburn Place located at 305 Pine Street in Normal located along Old Route 66. All proceeds go towards the maintenance of our beautiful Parkway. Contact Fred Walk at fwalk@frontiernet.net for additional information about the shirts and for donating to the Parkway.

VILLAGE OF TOWANDA CLERK

Dumpsters will be available Wednesday, September 17 through Wednesday, September 24. They will be located at the Village Maintenance Shed on West Washington Street. As a reminder, dumpsters are for Village of Towanda residents only.

VILLAGE OF TOWANDA SAFETY/ORDINANCE

The Village of Towanda Golf Cart & Utility Vehicle Ordinance ***requires*** registration. Reminder, **you MUST be 16 and over with a valid driver's license** to operate a golf cart and utility vehicle.

Please email: safety@villageoftowanda.org to set-up your appointment.

You will need:

- golf cart/utility vehicle (needed for inspection)
- driver's license
- current insurance info
- required: front & rear lights, brake lights, turn signals, rearview mirror, slow moving vehicle emblem, and horn

Fees:

\$25 one-time application fee (not needed if you paid last year)

\$50 yearly permit fee per vehicle

VILLAGE OF TOWANDA WATER CONFIDENCE REPORT

The annual water report is posted on the Village Bulletin Board.

WEDNESDAY WEEDERS ~ Route 66 Parkway

This is a group of volunteers who maintain the gardens on Route 66 Parkway. WE ARE IN NEED OF MORE HELP! The time commitment is one hour or less per Wednesday morning during the growing season. No green thumbs required! Contact Carol Myers (309) 533-0412.

SEPTEMBER 2025						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 LABOR DAY -Farmer's Market 5-7pm North Park	2 -Garbage	3 -Recycle -TFD Officer Meeting 6:30pm	4	5 -Towanda Sales	6 -TFD Open House 4-6pm -Towanda Sales
7 -Towanda Sales	8 --Towanda Board Meet 7:00pm CB -Towanda HCE 6:30pm CB -Farmer's Market 5-7pm North Park	9 -Garbage	10 -TFD Regular Meeting 6:30pm	11 -Lion's Club @ Fire Dept 6:30pm	12	13 -Legion Breakfast 8-10:30
14	15 -Farmer's Market 5-7pm North Park -Water bills due	16 -Garbage	17 -Recycle -TFD EMS Train 6:30 pm -Dumpsters	18 -Legion Meet 7:00pm -Dumpsters	19 -Legion Pork Chop Dinner 5-7pm -Dumpsters	20 -Dumpsters
21 -4-H 5:00pm Boyd Wesley Park -Dumpsters	22 -TFD Work Night 6:30pm -4th July 6:30pm CB -Farmer's Market 5-7pm N Park -Dumpsters	23 -Garbage -Dumpsters	24 -TFD Regular Meeting 6:30pm -Dumpsters	25	26	27 St. Jude Fundraiser @ BP
28	29	30				

**All information for the October 2025 Newsletter is due SEPTEMBER 20, please send to:
news@villageoftowanda.org**

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The Clerk's Office is open Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 12:00 pm

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