



**It's September and it seems we just survived the 4<sup>th</sup>!  
But it's time to think about July 4<sup>th</sup> 2026!**

**It's time for a BIG Celebration!**

**Our 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday!  
Celebrating our Freedom for 250 Years!  
And.....The Mother Road ~ Route 66 is Celebrating 100  
years of traveling from Chicago to California  
on Route 66!**

In honor of these two-mile markers the July 4<sup>th</sup> Committee is looking for ideas and volunteers to help us put Towanda on the map on the 4<sup>th</sup>!

We have enjoyed years of Fireworks, Flea Markets, Parades, good food and celebrating on the 4<sup>th</sup>!

This year we hope to bring back all the fun family activities from years gone by!

Remember the pet contest, the pie baking contest, photography contest, Miss & Master, watermelon eating contest, float contests, softball games and all the FUN we had in Towanda on the 4<sup>th</sup>?

**We are looking for ideas and volunteers! We need YOU!**

The committee meets each month on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at the Towanda Community Building at 6:30 pm.

Please stop by and join in the celebration! We need the community to help with the activities! Questions can be directed to [towandajuly4th@gmail.com](mailto:towandajuly4th@gmail.com), any Committee Member, or reach out to me, Virginia Lowery @ 309 825-6341 or [vlowery1@hotmail.com](mailto:vlowery1@hotmail.com).

**Come Share to Fun!**

We welcome your ideas and suggestions!

We have also begun raising fundraising for the 2026 Fireworks. Donations are needed and greatly appreciated!

Tax deductible donations can even be made directly from your IRA accounts! Please consider sending a donation today!

**Donations should be sent to:  
Towanda Township Fireworks Fund.  
P. O. Box 61 \* Towanda, IL 61776  
Questions: Mark Kraft, Township Supervisor at (309) 824-8092**