

TOWANDA TIMES

MARCH 2026

MAYOR MINUTE

There have been some questions regarding the water and billing process for the village. I wanted to share some highlighted ordinance information.

WATER SERVICE

BILLING FOR SERVICE.

All water meters shall be read the end of each month as is practicable. Notice shall be sent as close to the beginning of the month as is practicable. All bills for water service are due and payable on or before the fifteenth day of each month; if unpaid on said due date, the bill shall be delinquent and a delinquency charge of 10% of the outstanding balance on the account shall be added to said bill. Failure to receive the monthly bill shall not be deemed an excuse for the nonpayment of the bill.

WATER RATES. All property having a connection with any mains or pipes used in connection with the village water system shall pay according to the following values and their assigned Property Multiplier (PM) monthly: The first 1,500 gallons, or less, are charged at a rate of \$40.68 x Property Multiplier. This is the minimum charge of water usage, monthly

Additional gallons are charged at a rate of additional gallons/1,000 x \$10.08 x Property Multiplier

- a. Household, single family dwellings – Property Multiplier 1.0
- b. Apartment Complex / Multi-family dwellings – single meter – Property Multiplier 1.2
- c. Commercial – Property Multiplier 1.5
- d. Village Properties – Property Multiplier 0.0
- e. For properties outside the village limits, add 0.3 to the appropriate Property Multiplier

NON-PAYMENT OF WATER CHARGES.

No village water shall be supplied to any premises upon the application of any person who is in default as to any water payment due the village, regardless at which premises the default occurred until such person has paid such back water rent in full, including all charges and penalties.

Penalties for Delinquent Payments.

(b) Turning off Service. The village shall be under no obligation to furnish water to any premises for which a delinquent water bill remains unpaid, and shall have the full power and authority to enter said premises and to turn off, disconnect, or otherwise terminate water service, and water service shall not be resumed until the delinquent water bill and turn-on charge is paid in full. Whenever a water service is turned off by reason of nonpayment or at the direction of the landowner as hereinafter provided, a turn-on charge shall be added to the delinquent bill. The turn-on charge shall be \$20.00.

The process for water within the village is as follows:

Month 1

Bill sent for billing period, bill due on the 15th. If payment is not received, fees are implemented by ordinance.

Month 2

Bill sent reflecting payment for the 1st month, late fees, and 2nd month. Bill is due on the 15th.

If payment is not received, fees are implemented again by ordinance.

Letters from the village will be sent approx. the 17th – 18th of that month.

The village will distribute door knockers to residence 4 days after letters are mailed.

Month 3

Disconnection of water service 3 days before reading of the month's meter reading.

Don Williams
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309/275-0435

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

4TH OF JULY

Our next meeting is Monday, February 23, 2026 at 6:30 pm at the Community Building.
Questions can be directed to: towardajuly4th@gmail.com

2026 Towanda 4th of July TWO DAY EVENT!

HOURS OF VENDOR & FLEA MARKET:

July 3rd

12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. - Vendor & Flea Market at North Park

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. - DJ at South Park

Dusk - Fireworks at the school

July 4th

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Vendor & Flea Market at North Park

10:00 a.m. - Annual Parade

More details to come!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VENDORS! Please email towardajuly4th@gmail.com for more information. Vendors can sign-up for one OR two days.

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)

Towanda Home and Community Education group (HCE) will meet on Monday, March 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Towanda Community Building. The program will be, "De-clutter Your Home & Financial Information," presented by Bev Hornickel. Our Minor lesson is Caribbean Islands/Dominican Republic: Agriculture and Economy. The Community Outreach project is to collect toilet paper for the Humane Society of Central Illinois that you can bring to this meeting. For more information about Towanda HCE: 309-824-4797.

McLean County HCE programs:

- **Community Service Day** at McLean County Extension at [1615 Commerce Parkway](#), Blm, to work on various projects to assist with needs in the community. Next meet up is on Tuesday, March 10 when they will work on clothing protectors and making Easter/spring greeting cards for nursing homes. You can also attend and bring your own projects to work on. For more information, 309-830-6232.
- A Cultural Enrichment Activity called "**Sharing of the Greens**," lunch and fun activities will be held on Thursday, March 12, 9a-1p at the Farm Bureau Auditorium, [2242 Westgate Dr, Bloomington](#). Bring Irish soup, bread or dessert food item and recipe to share OR pay \$5. We'll also have a table of "green elephant" items that YOU may bring "**green**" items to share. RSVP/questions by March 10 to Debi, 309-825-8458 or email- gaitedgal54@gmail.com. Tell her if you'll be bringing a food item.

- On March 24, 12:30-1:30 p.m. the program, "**Enjoying Gardening as We Age,**" is open to the public 309-532-2125, and will be held at the Farm Bureau auditorium.
- McLean HCE will hold a **Fanny May Fundraiser** on Friday, March 20, 12-4 p.m. where HCE will receive 30% of the proceeds. Come shop for all your Easter candy.

There's always more things to learn about when attending HCE classes and workshops or our Towanda Unit meeting. Check us out for wonderful lifelong learning. 309-824-4797.

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

~ MARCH DINING @ the Legion ~

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

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

DINNER: Tuesday, 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

All meals subject to change without notice.

~Carry out available~

TOWANDA AMERICAN LEGION
now accepting donations for the
McLean County Veteran's Affairs Pantry, Bloomington, IL

Please bring donations to any of our breakfasts, dinners, or meetings.
The Legion will distribute donations to the pantry. List will be updated as needed.

HYGIENE

toothbrushes	deodorant	shave cream	toothpaste	body wash
body wipes	3-blade razors	shampoo	hand sanitizer	bar soap

Tylenol/Ibuprofen

HOUSEHOLD

toilet paper	dish soap	AA batteries	paper towels	detergent (pods)
tissues	dryer sheets			

CLEANING SUPPLIES

basic cleaning	cleaning sprays	sponges	anti-bacterial	wipes
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room sprays

FOOD

microwave popcorn

~ Thank you ~

TOWANDA DISTRICT LIBRARY

March is packed with creativity, conversation, and a little bit of fun for everyone!

Our **Wednesday and Friday Storytimes at 10:30 am** continue with festive weekly themes including **Pi Day, St. Patrick's Day, Space, and Spring** — perfect for little learners ready to read, sing, and explore.

Adults can get crafty on **Tuesday, March 3rd at 5:30 pm** with **Bedazzled Bookmarks**, or join us again on **March 17th at 5:30 pm** for **Adult Book Club**.

Looking for a spring break activity? Join us for a **Spring Break Slime Workshop on March 24th @ 2:00 pm!**

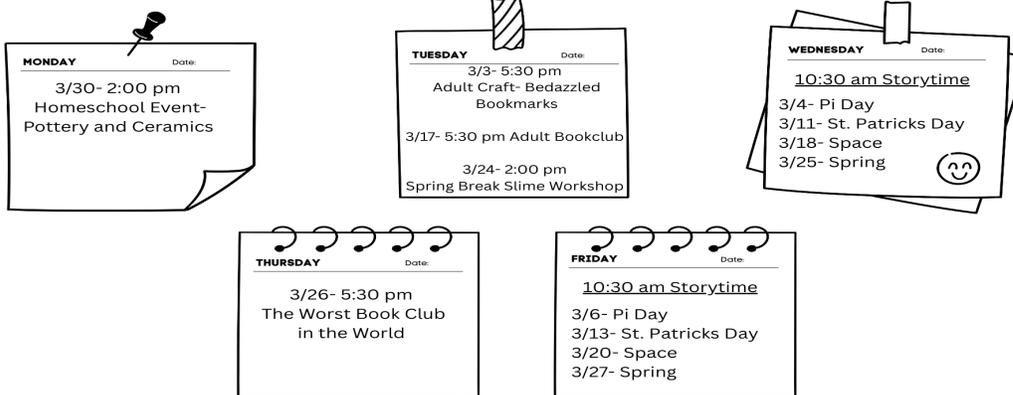
Homeschool families won't want to miss our **Pottery & Ceramics event on Monday, March 30th at 2:00 pm** — a hands-on creative experience!

And mark your calendars for **Thursday, March 26th at 5:30 pm** when **The Worst Book Club in the World** returns. (Terrible taste... excellent company.) Come ready to discuss books under 3 stars and laugh your way through literary disappointments together.

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



March Events



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.

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. This year 2026, is the 100th anniversary of Route 66 ~ It's a good time to leave your "footprint" along old 66! Order your brick today!!! **"Towanda is a great little place to call HOME!"**

TOWANDA LION'S CLUB

We would like to thank all those who have kept the Caring Cupboard stocked during this past year. It is definitely being used and has helped several families this year. You may have noticed that canned goods have been temporarily removed because of the extreme cold. As the temperatures warm up you will see them back in the cupboard. There are still other items in the cupboard that are not temperature sensitive.

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 On the Home page, click on Scholarships listed in the upper-left of the screen.

Scholarship Committee co-chairmen:

Jerry Bersche – phone: 309-838-1695

Steve Shipley – phone: 309-830-1751

Also, please consider joining our club. We meet the second Thursday of each month @ 6:30 at the Towanda Fire Department. 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 and sweatshirts are available in an assortment of colors and sizes. They can be viewed and purchased at the McLean County Museum of History in downtown Bloomington throughout the year and at Ryburn Place located at 305 Pine Street in Normal located along Old Route 66 from March-December. 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 ORDINANCE

It's time to register or renew!

**** CURRENT STICKERS EXPIRE MARCH 2026 ****

The Village of Towanda Golf Cart & Utility Vehicle Ordinance *requires* registration.

New & Renewal Registration Open House

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Please email: safety@villageoftowanda.org if you have questions. If you are unable to attend the Open House, you may set up an appointment.

You will need:

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| ● golf cart/utility vehicle | driver's license | proof of liability insurance |
| ● brake lights | turn signals | headlights |
| ● rear view mirror | taillights | slow moving vehicle emblem 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.

MARCH 2026						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 -4-H @ 2:00pm CB	2 -Towanda Board Meet 7:00pm CB	3 -Garbage	4 -Recycle -TFD Officer Meeting 6:30pm	5	6	7 -Legion Breakfast 8-10:30am
8 Daylight Savings	9 -Towanda HCE 6:30pm CB	10 -Garbage	11 -TFD Regular Meeting 6:30pm	12 -Lion's Club @ Fire Dept 6:30pm	13	14
15 -Water Bills Due	16	17 St. Patrick's Day -Garbage -Legion Corned Beef & Cabbage 4:30-7:00pm	18 -Recycle -TFD EMS Train 6:30pm	19 -Legion Meet 7:00pm	20	21
22	23 -4th July Meet 6:30pm @ CB	24 -Garbage	25 -TFD Regular Meeting @ 6:30pm -Golf Cart registration 5:00pm-6:00pm	26	27	28
29	30 -TFD Work Night 6:30pm	31 -Garbage				

**All information for the APRIL 2026 Newsletter is due MARCH 20, please send to:
news@villageoftowanda.org**

Village Contact Information

Mayor: Don Williams mayor@villageoftowanda.org 309/275-0435	Village Clerk: Lula Zimmerman clerk@villageoftowanda.org 309/728-2811	Village Treasurer: Bonnie Smith treasurer@villageoftowanda.org 309/728-2811
Community Building: Deb Kinsella calendar@villageoftowanda.org 309/275-9857	Water: Scott Flack water@villageoftowanda.org 309/750-0486	Zoning: Evan Thomas zoning@villageoftowanda.org 309/275-0717
Safety/Ordinance: Tammy Pate safety@villageoftowanda.org 309/826-8776	Parks: Janet Collins parks@villageoftowanda.org 309/706-3390	Streets: Gary Smith streets@villageoftowanda.org 309/275-7123

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

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