

TOWANDA TIMES

December 2025

MAYOR MINUTE

Before anything else, preparation is the key to success.
~ Alexander Graham Bell

There isn't much out loud this month, as we internally plan and await the anticipated grant opportunities for the upcoming events.

The village is taking the time to prepare for the upcoming cold and weather.

As you prepare for the upcoming weather, be safe, take time to enjoy your family time, and celebrate the holidays.

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.

Don Williams
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4-H

The Towanda 4-H Club will meet December 7, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at the Towanda Community Building. We will be decorating the Community Building and Christmas tree as well as making Christmas cards for senior citizens. It will be a fun time for everyone.

4-H is for boys and girls 8 to 18 years of age as of September 1, 2025 and Cloverbuds is for boys and girls 5 to 7 years of age as of September 1, 2025. For more information contact Jeanie Wager at (309) 728-2852.

4TH OF JULY

Our next meeting is Monday, January 26, 2026 at 6:30 pm at the Community Building. Questions can be directed to: towandajuly4th@gmail.com and Virginia Lowery at vlowery1@hotmail.com or 309-825-6341.

DUNCAN MANOR

There is a lot happening this season at Duncan Manor and our newly opened event space, The Meadows, and we'd love to welcome you to one of our upcoming experiences. Here's what's coming up:

- Dec. 2 at 10:30 AM & Dec. 4 at 6:30 PM — Zen at the Manor Yoga with Nancy - A gentle, beginner-friendly hour of movement, breathwork, and meditation to reset your mind and body.
- Dec. 7 from 12–2 PM — Wreath-Making Workshop with Kira - Create a lush, garden-inspired holiday wreath with local Peoria flower farmer Kira using premium seasonal greenery.
- Dec. 7 at 7 PM — Sound Bath with Tandy - A deeply restorative sound healing experience designed to dissolve stress and leave you feeling grounded and renewed.

We close out the month with our beloved Annual Holiday Open House on Dec. 13 (2–6 PM) and Dec. 14 (12–2 PM). Explore the Manor and The Meadows fully decorated for the season, shop local vendors, enjoy music, seasonal drinks, mini astrology readings, and festive treats. It's one of our favorite community traditions, and we hope to see you there!

All class and event tickets are available on our website: www.duncanmanorhouse.com

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)

The Towanda Home and Community Education group will meet Monday, December 8, 2025 at 6 p.m. for a Potluck Supper & Christmas party at the Towanda Community Building. Members are to bring a dish to pass. Chicken, drinks and table service will be provided.

There will be a \$10 gift exchange if you wish to participate. We will make a Christmas craft and we'll play Christmas Bingo. The hostess committee planning this event is Bev Hornickel, Clara Lehan, Sandy Whalen and Karen Wyant. RSVP by Saturday, Dec 6 to Clara: 309-826-5503. Please join us for a festive good time!

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

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!

Saturday, 12/13/25 @ 8-10:00 a.m.

pancakes, sausage, & drink
free/donations appreciated!

~No dinner in December~

TOWANDA DISTRICT LIBRARY



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DECEMBER AT A GLANCE

The Library has so many things in store this month! Our weekly storytimes, as usual, are **Wednesday and Friday** mornings at **10:30 am**. The **Adult Craft** is **Dec. 2nd at 5:30 pm** and our monthly **bookclub meeting** is **Dec. 16th at 5:30pm!**

SUMMER READING FUNDRAISER!

Handmade Holiday Wreaths!
All proceeds go towards our Summer Reading Program!

\$20 per Wreath

HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Kids Toy Give & Take- Dec. 6th
Adults 8am-10 am
Family 10am-2 pm

Build a Christmas Buddy- Dec. 13th @ 11:00 am (Sign up only)

Storytime with Santa- Dec. 17th @ 3:00 pm (Sign up only)

Storytime with Santa- Dec. 22nd @ 10:30 am (Sign up only)

TOY GIVE AND TAKE

LIGHT UP THE HOLIDAYS

DONATIONS NEEDED NOW UNTIL DEC. 5TH

NO STUFFED ANIMALS PLEASE
TOYS MUST BE IN GOOD, CLEAN, WORKING CONDITION

Bring gently used toys your family no longer needs and take home something "new-to-you." It's a fun, eco-friendly way to refresh your toy collection, share with the community, and spread some holiday cheer. All ages are welcome—stop by anytime and join the giving spirit!

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Dec. 24th-25th
Dec. 31st - Jan 1st

www.towandalibrary.org

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. 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

Caring Cupboard - The cupboard continues to amaze us; however, we could use canned fruit, toilet/facial tissue, noodles, oatmeal, and hand soap.

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 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.

TOWANDA AMERICAN LEGION

This year for our annual Christmas Collection, we are collecting for the Veteran's nursing home in Danville, IL.

They are in need of all men's sizes.

- t-shirts
- underwear
- socks
- sweatshirts/sweatpants
- pajamas, pajama pants
- slippers
- robes
- lap blankets/throws

Hygiene Items:

- soap
- deodorant
- toothbrush/toothpaste
- mouthwash
- lotion
- combs
- chapstick
- razors/shave cream

NEW items can be taken to Towanda BP gas station starting November 24 through Christmas. And also brought to the Towanda Legion on Saturday, December 13 at our Pancakes with Santa event 8-10 am.

Questions can be directed to a Legion member or
email: towandalegion@gmail.com

207 Hely Street, Towanda
~THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!~

TOWANDA AMERICAN LEGION

~ WINTER/SPRING 2026 MENU ~

BREAKFAST: Saturday, 1/3/26 @ 8-10:30 a.m.

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

DINNER: Friday, 1/16/26 @ 5-7:00 p.m.

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

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!

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DECEMBER 2025						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 -Towanda Board Meet 7:00pm CB	2 -Garbage	3 -TFD Officer Meeting 6:30pm	4	5	6
7 -4-H @ 2:00pm CB	8 -Towanda HCE 6:30pm CB	9 -Garbage	10 -Recycle -TFD Regular Meeting 6:30pm	11 -Lion's Club @ Fire Dept 6:30pm	12	13 -Legion Breakfast with Santa 8-10am
14	15 -Water Bills Due	16 -Garbage	17 -TFD EMS Train 6:30 pm	18 -Legion Meet 7:00pm	19	20
21	22	23 -Garbage	24 -Recycle <i>CHRISTMAS EVE</i>	25 <i>MERRY CHRISTMAS!</i>	26	27
28	29 -TFD Work Night 6:30pm	30 -Garbage	31 <i>NEW YEAR'S EVE</i>	<i>HAPPY NEW YEAR! 2026</i>		

All information for the JANUARY 2026 Newsletter is due DECEMBER 20, please send to:
news@villageoftowanda.org

Village Contact Information

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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

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each month information changes.
We strive to keep our residents updated & informed!