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## Towanda HCE News

The Towanda Home and Community Education group will meet Monday, Oct 8, 7 p.m. at the Towanda Community Building. Hostesses will be Robin Pearson and Sandy Whalen. The program will be "How Illinois Became a State." The Fact Find will be on the histories of Cumberland and Shelby Counties. Our Fact Finds for 2018-2019 year will inform us about Illinois and we will study the counties in our Illinois Association for Home and Community Education, District 5 each month. Guests are warmly welcomed and for more information, contact president Cindy Kelley, 824-4797.

Other county activities are available to guests as well. International Day will be Thursday, October 4, 11am to 2 pm at the Farm Bureau, Westgate Drive where we will study the country of Australia. A talk will be given by Bob Willerton and there will be food samples to taste- Karen C, 826-9559. Cultural Enrichment will be Oct 8, 9a-12n when participants will make a "Gift in a Mason Jar," Eileen N, 533-1135, RSVP by Oct 5/more info. Community Service Day at Farm Bureau, Oct 15, 9a-2p when we will work on soldier Operation Santa stockings-Eileen 533-1135 for more info. We will hold our Attic Treasures and Bake Sale on Saturday, Oct. 20, 8am – 2pm, at the Trinity Lutheran Church Gym, 801 S Madison, Bloomington, 824-4797. There will be amazing bargains and great baked goods. Members should take their priced items on Friday, Oct 19, 11-3. Tuesday, October 23, 1-3pm, Farm Bureau, there will be a program on "Super Foods to the Rescue." The public is invited to attend, questions to Kathleen Emery, 824-2784.

## New Gate Post



The post at the gate to the well road was broken but replaced by this hardworking crew. Busting up the concrete that the corner post was set in was a lot of hard work. Thanks to them for that back breaking work and keeping our subdivision repaired and updated!

The following comprise the crew: Jim Larson, Greg Beneze, Bob Hancock and Fred Walk



## Gardening Tips

It is not too late to start a compost pile. You have the nitrogen from the grass clippings and the carbon from the fallen leaves. It is best to add grass clipping, vegetable peelings, even the over ripe vegetables. Dry leaves and even paper napkins and paper towels to the pile. A mixture of wet and dry works better. The earthworms and other bugs will eat them and return their casting to the soil. Do not add weeds with seeds. Some seeds can lay dormant for years, then when you use the "black gold" soil, the seed will grow. Some people have gotten some interesting produce from the old pumpkin, squash, and cucumbers that they have added to the compost pile.

You can start with just a pile of rhubarb leaves, onion tops, etc. in the corner of the garden or yard. Then in the spring, dig out some soil from the edge of the pile to use and continue adding to the pile. Or you can build or buy a fancy container.

Chop the fallen leaves with the lawn mower. That will return nutrients to the soil. If you think they are too deep, add some of them to the compost pile. The rain will push the clippings into the ground.

Don't cut your perennials down now. The birds will eat the seeds as long as they don't have a disease. The standing plants will add winter interest to the garden. They will also collect blowing leaves and snow in place that will help protect the plant crowns from the bitter cold.

Evergreens dropping needles now is normal. Evergreens commonly shed their less productive or older needles in the fall.

When the night temperatures are down in the low 60's or 50's degrees, it is time to bring the houseplants inside. The orchids and Christmas cactus can stay out into the 40's to help set the buds. Check the bottom of the containers to see if the roots are growing out of the drain hole. If they are, it is time to replant it. You can place it in a container just one size larger or you can remove some of the bottom roots and put it back in the same container. Replace the soil with good potting soil. Most potting mix is just peat moss and perlite. You can mix potting mix with some potting soil and compost.

Before you bring your plants inside, check for insects. A good blast of water from the garden hose can remove a lot of them. Also check the bottom of the container, and under the rim for spiders.

You can also bring in your geranium, hibiscus, and Mandavila. Don't be surprised if they all drop some leaves. It is a shock to the plants leaving the cool evenings, bright light, and high humidity and going into a warm, low light, and dry house. Place them close to a bright, sunny window. They will drop leaves, but they will be replaced with new ones that are used to the inside air. You can enjoy the flowers for several weeks.

You can also dig up some impatiens, begonias, and coleus and place them in pots to bring inside. Pinch the flowers off of the coleus. Place them in a sunny window and keep watered. Late next winter, you can take cuttings for new plants to place in the ground after danger of frost has past.

Now is a good time to divide or move your perennials. A good way to do it is to push a shovel in all around the plant. That will cut the roots making it easier to lift the whole plant out. Place the shovel or spade under the plant and lift it out. Using a sharp knife, cut the plant into 2-4 pieces, depending on the size of it. Or you can just cut off a small chunk to share. Place the remaining chunk back into the hole and fill in with more soil. Place the new piece into its hole at the same depth as it was before. Water deeply.

When transplanting peonies, be sure to have at least 3-4 eyes, pink little new shoots, in the new clump and plant it so the eyes are only 1 1/2 - 2 inches below ground or they might not bloom.' Also peonies need full sun to bloom.

Now is the time to put your Amaryllis plant down for its nap, if you want it to bloom for Christmas. Lay the plant on its side so you remember not to water it, and place it in a dry, cool place until December.

Winter squash should be picked when the rind is hard and they have turned to their natural color. Also pick them before the first heavy frost. Cut the squash from the vine leaving at least a two inch stem. Handle it carefully so you don't bruise it. Let it cure in a warm, dry place before moving it to a cool, well ventilated place for storage

When you pick your pumpkin, cut the stem leaving at least two inch stem. Do not carry the pumpkin by the stem. You could break it off and then the pumpkin will spoil sooner. You could use a permanent marker and draw a design on the pumpkin.

Helen J. Leake

# Ecology Action Center News

## PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

September 25, 2018

### **McLean County Landfill to Reach Capacity and To Begin Closure September 30**

Republic Services/Allied Waste/American Disposal Service announced the closure of the McLean County Landfill, anticipated to take place on September 30, 2018.

The McLean County Transfer Station, which accepts non-hazardous solid waste for landfilling, will remain in operation with no changes in the current services offered. Going forward, municipal solid waste collected at the transfer station will be landfilled at the Livingston County Landfill outside of Pontiac. The Livingston County landfill has an estimated 50 years of capacity remaining.

The closure of the McLean County Landfill has been anticipated for nearly 10 years. Michael Brown, Executive Director of the Ecology Action Center and Solid Waste Coordinator for McLean County, noted that the impending closure was a significant factor among focus groups and stakeholders in discussing strategies to be included in the new 20-year waste management plan for the community. Brown explained that, “while landfill capacity in central Illinois remains high, there is interest in building upon decades of successful recycling programs to divert more from the landfill for economic benefit where possible instead of shipping it further away for landfilling.”

Dan Winters of Republic Services started his career at the landfill almost 40 years ago as a heavy equipment operator. Winters, now general manager of the West Central Illinois of Republic Services, remarked on the long and positive relationship between Republic Services and the local community. He noted that disposal costs for local municipalities are not anticipated to increase with the change to disposal at Livingston County Landfill. The City of Bloomington and the Town of Normal are under a 2014 agreement with Republic Services for waste disposal with a set price schedule that adjusts annually. This agreement is automatically renewed on an annual basis through 2021.

Please direct any questions to the McLean County Solid Waste Coordinator or to Republic Services.

#### **Contact:**

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x.11

## PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release September 16, 2018

Contact: Michael Brown, 309-454-3169 x.11

### **Illinois EPA Schedules Fall One-Day Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events**

Last week the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency released a short schedule of one-day Household Hazardous Waste Collection events for September and October. While McLean County is not on the list and will not have a HHW collection this fall, all Illinois residents with residentially-generated Household Hazardous Wastes (not waste from any business or organization) are welcome to attend the HHW collection events in the schedule that follows. These events are free of charge, funded by the State of Illinois. While regular state-funded HHW collections used to be the norm, these are infrequent and irregular nowadays. The EAC encourages local residents to take advantage of these collection events.

The following one-day collections are open to all Illinois residents and operate from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the following Saturdays:

- September 29, 2018 – Danville Area Community College, 2000 E. Main Street, Danville, Illinois 61832. Cosponsored by Vermilion County Health Department.
- October 6, 2018 – Fayette County Health Department, 509 W. Edwards Street, Vandalia, Illinois 62471. Cosponsored by Fayette County Health Department.
- October 13, 2018 – Park and Ride Parking Lot, Station Road (north of Mill Road), Oswego, Illinois. Cosponsored by Fox Metro Water Reclamation District.
- October 27, 2018 – Progress City USA, E. Mound Road, Decatur, Illinois 62521. Cosponsored by Macon County Environmental Management Department. Decatur event only, must pre-register at [www.MaconGreen.com](http://www.MaconGreen.com) or by calling (217) 425-4505.

With support from local government funding and private donations to the McLean County HHW Fund, the EAC routinely has financial resources to provide for a HHW collection every other year. The next McLean County HHW collection will likely take place in fall of 2019. Donations to support the local private-public partnership are now being accepted at <https://ecologyactioncenter.org/hhw/hhw-donate/>.

*The Ecology Action Center is a not-for-profit environmental agency with a mission to inspire and assist residents of McLean County in creating, strengthening and preserving a healthy environment. The EAC acts as a central resource for environmental education, information, outreach, and technical assistance in McLean County.*

## TFD News

"Did you know that one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime? Help bring awareness to this by participating in Octobers Breast Cancer Awareness Month by wearing pink. When you are wearing pink you are showing support for those who are currently fighting, those who have won the battle or those who have lost the battle with this cancer. We were fortunate enough to have the "Pink Heals Tour" make a stop to visit Marsha Kocar, wife of Captain Alan Kocar. If you want more information about the tour and their stop here visit our Facebook page. We recently had a member attend a Hazardous Materials Awareness course in Bloomington Township to bring back knowledge and skills to pass on to other members of the department. In the month of August, we ran six fire and seven medical calls putting our year to date total at 97."

## Legion News

The Towanda American Legion will have a breakfast on Sunday October 14th from 8:00 – 11:00. Breakfast includes eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns, pancakes, French toast, fresh fruit, biscuits and gravy, juice, milk and coffee for \$9

The American Legion will have a pork chop dinner on Friday October 19th from 5:00 to 7:00.

Dinner will include pork chop sandwich, French fries, green beans, applesauce, dessert and drink for \$9.

Legion, Sons of the Legion and the Legion Auxiliary will have their regular meeting on Thursday September 20th at 7:00 at the Post. The Legion is available for rent for reunions, parties and meeting. For more information contact Mike Potts at 728-2384 or Tom Wagner at 287-7861.

## Towanda Library

### Library Announcements and Program updates:

As summer takes flight and makes way for us to properly usher in fall, we continue to make improvements throughout the building, as well as within the collection. Please contact the library or email me directly; [director@towandalibrary.org](mailto:director@towandalibrary.org) if there is a particular book, movie, music cd, or audio book that you would like us to acquire. In between projects we are hoping to plan a few special events. We will keep you posted through the Indian Creek Newsletter, our website, and Facebook page. We will be launching a new website later this fall. While we anticipate it to be visually pleasing, it will also be highly functional and much more user friendly for our patrons. We will hold programs to navigate the new site once it goes live. We will also offer programs that explore our new digital services and offerings.

**Knitters and Crochet Group:** We are happy to welcome Knitters and Crochet group every Tuesday at 5pm. Come join us!

**Read to Dogs:** Read to Dogs will be Tuesday evenings 5:30 to 6:30. Pre-registration is required for your child's 15 minute individualized appointment. Please call the library at (309) 728-2176 to make a "Reading Reservation" for your child. Remaining 2018 Fall Dates: October 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30.

**Bulldog Builders' Lego Club:** 2018 Remaining Fall Dates: October 1, 15, 22.

**Towanda Reads Book Discussion Group:** Our first title for the 2018 and 2019 season is "Fly Girls" by Keith O'Brien. All are welcome to join us to discuss this title at 5pm on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

The New York Times Book Review for Fly Girls: <https://nyti.ms/2BIKcxN>

Enjoy a PBS interview with Mr. O'brien and a discussion of Fly Girls. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jmpa0c\\_qvSw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jmpa0c_qvSw)

## Towanda 4-H

The Towanda Busy Bees 4-H Club's September meeting included making blankets to donated to My Loveable Angels & TLC Fosters at the Pet Adoption Event hosted by Crowne Realty.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Towanda Community Building. The Program will be a T shirt designing activity. The club focus for the year is STEAM-

Science, Engineering, Art and Math. 4-H is open to all youth ages 8-18 and new members are always welcome. For more information contact: Martha Rients 728-2178 or hrients@frontiernet.net

## Calendar

Unit 5 Schools

Friday, October 5 – Homecoming Game

Monday, October 8 – Columbus Day – Unit 5 no school

Tuesday, October 9 – Teacher Institute – Unit 5 no school for students

Wednesday, October 17 – 1-hour late Start – Unit 5

Friday, October 19 – Parent-Teacher Conferences – Unit 5 no school for students

Wednesday, October 31 - Halloween

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13 Bent Tree has some items to sell and/or go to a good home:

Ping pong table (free)

Delta Table Saw (\$75 or best offer)

Antique treadle New Home sewing machine (\$50 or best offer)

Antique chest of drawers (\$75 or best offer)

Call Lisa Rosenthal 309-287-6626

Thanks.

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## **For Hire:**

Need help taking care of your pet while your away, call Bailee Harmon at (309) 530-5360. "I love animals and have been volunteering at the Humane Society for almost six months. I would love to help take care of your animals".

Do you need a babysitter? Do you need your house cleaned? Or, just an extra set of hands to help out around the house? Anna Kraft is willing to help! She is a sophomore at NCHS and can be contacted at 728-8088 (home) or (309) 830-7721 (cell).