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## Towanda HCE News

Towanda Home and Community Education group will meet Monday, November 11, 7 p.m. at the Towanda Community Building. The program, **The Art of Altering Healthy snacks for Holiday Recipes** will be given by Kathleen Emery as well as the Minor lesson on Japanese Immigration to the U.S. Hostesses are Linda Conder and Sandy Whalen.

Other county HCE programs include the Monday, Nov 18 Read & Share: *The Ragged Edge of Night* by Olivia Hawker, held at the Extension Office, 1615 Commerce Pkwy, Bloomington.

All programs are open to the public and contact Cindy Kelley for additional information- 309-824-4797

## TFD News

Colder weather is quickly approaching. Before turning on your furnace make sure you check it is in working order. Cleaning the heat exchange vents, making sure the filters are changed out, and ensuring there are no leaks in the system will set you up for a warm winter season. Save the date to join us for the Chili Supper on November 9th. With about a month left in our fiscal year we have already exceeded the number of calls that we ran last year. In September we ran 7 medical and 6 fire calls putting the total at 157.

## Calendar

- Sun. Nov 3 – 2am CST becomes effective
- Wed. Nov 20 – 1-hr late start in Unit 5
- Wed-Fri. Nov 27-29 – Thanksgiving – no school in Unit 5

# Towanda Library

## Library Announcements and Program Updates for November:

I hope you all are enjoying our tiptoe into fall. We look forward to seeing you before it gets too cold.

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. We will keep you posted through the Indian Creek Newsletter, our website, and Facebook page. We will be launching a new website in late 2019. 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 offer programs in early 2020 that will explore our new digital services and offerings. We have some exciting programming coming up this fall. Stay tuned for dates and times.

**Knitters and Crochet Group:** We are happy to welcome Knitters and Crochet group every Tuesday afternoon at 3pm. Come join us!

**Pre-School Story Time:** Story Time with Miss Holly is on Wednesdays at 10:30. This year's theme will be following the Very Ready Reader Curriculum. Our November Story Time Dates are 6, 13, 20. Come join in on the fun!



**Read to Dogs:** Read to Dogs is on Tuesdays at 5:30. The remaining fall program dates are November 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>. Please call the library to schedule your child's 15 minute "Reading Reservation" 309-728-2176.

**Bulldog Builders' Lego Club:** LEGO Club is an opportunity for students to learn from an experienced, talented professional who uses stories as inspiration for connected building activities. The club is offered free of charge to registered 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students! Participation is limited to 25 students, and registration forms will be processed in the order in which they are received. November dates are 7, 14, 21.

**Towanda Reads Book Discussion Group:** Our November title is Maybe You Should Talk to Someone by Lori Gottlieb. We will be meeting at the library to discuss this title on Tuesday November 12 at 5pm. Please check out our Facebook page for our Towanda Reads Book Discussion Group. You will be able to post questions and comments that will only be seen by other members.

**Queen Bee Christmas Market:** Please join us on Saturday November 16 at 10am to enjoy our local artisans and their marvelous creations. They will feature handcrafted jewelry, sea glass, pebble art, and handmade holiday ornaments.

2nd Annual  
Old Rugged Barn

Holiday

Craft VENDOR Fair

DEC 14  
10 - 3

DOG ADOPTIONS!

FREE

BARN -- LOFT  
PAVILION

Handcrafted Gifts Vintage

One of a kinds

Rope Making 50/50

Leashed dogs  
welcome!!

Food Music Santa

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Queen Bee

# CHRISTMAS MARKET



NOVEMBER 16  
10 AM - 2 PM



Towanda Public Library

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Handcrafted Jewelry | Sea Glass and Pebble Art  
Handmade Holiday Ornaments

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#### UNIQUELY ECLECTIC

Bohemian inspired, beaded jewelry by  
Marcia Hirst and Marylynn Meredith

#### SUE NECESSARY DESIGNS

Sea glass/pebble framed art and ornaments  
Sea glass and beach inspired jewelry

#### GRACE NOTES

Modern design and traditionally crafted jewelry  
by Karen Monhardt



*Cash appreciated. PayPal/Venmo/CC available with select vendors.*



Fall 2019

## BULLDOG BUILDERS' LEGO CLUB



**Towanda District Library is pleased to announce the  
Fall 2019 dates for Bulldog Builders' LEGO Club:  
Thursday afternoons, 2:30 – 3:30 pm | November 7, 14, 21; December 5, 12**

LEGO Club is an opportunity for students to learn from an experienced, talented professional who uses engaging stories as inspiration for connected building activities. This club is offered free of charge to registered 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students!

**Participation is limited to 25 students, and registration forms will be processed in the order in which they are received.**

Should you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Amy Oberts, T.D.L. Youth Librarian, at (309) 728-2176 or by email at amy\_o@towandalibrary.org.

**We can't wait to see what your child will create!**

In the case of inclement weather, Towanda District Library follows Unit 5 closures. If school is canceled on the day of a scheduled LEGO Club date, parents/guardians will be notified by email to confirm the group is not meeting.

Towanda District Library | (309) 728-2176 | [www.towandalibrary.org](http://www.towandalibrary.org) | Explore. Share. Read. Discover.

## Midwest Food Bank Benefit

Towanda Girl Scout Troops and Towanda Elementary Student Council are partnering for a food drive that will benefit Midwest Food Bank. They need your help to donate non-perishable foods. Drop off location and hours are at Towanda Elementary starting November 11-22 from 8am to 2 pm. Or, don't hesitate to schedule a local pickup with Lori Hoskins, Girl Scout Leader and Indian Creek resident; her cell phone is [217-417-4649](tel:217-417-4649).

Thank you for helping us serve our community and making a difference!



## Gardening Tips

The tropical plants and houseplants have spent the summer outside enjoying the cool night, the rains, the high humidity, bright sunshine, and tender breezes. It is getting time to start bringing them inside for the winter. It is time to bring them in when the night temperatures get down in the '50s. The Christmas cactus and orchids like to stay out until it gets down to the '40s.

Before you bring the plant in, be sure to check them for insects, especially spiders. Spiders like to make a nest on the bottom of the container and under the lip around the top of the container.

Once you bring the plants in, give them some fertilizer because about the end of October, the plants go dormant for the winter and you do not fertilize them during that period.

Some plants want to be near a bright window and some want a filtered light. It is only natural for some of the plants to drop some leaves after the move, they will replace them.

Every time you water the plants, turn the container about 1/4 of the way. Plants and flowers tend to lean toward the light this way they can stay straighter and even all the way around.

You could bring some plants, such as geranium, inpatients, and coleus in to enjoy for the winter. Then late winter, you could take some clippings and have some new plant for next summer.

Cold weather is on its way and the mice are looking for a warm place to spend the winter. Walk around the outside of your house checking to see if there are any cracks in the foundation or around any pipes entering the house. Mice can enter through a crack as small as 1/4 of an inch.

Another place for mice to get into the house is through the attached garage. Either while the big door is open or maybe it doesn't close completely. Check the door between the house and garage.

Some people place D-Con or other rodenticides out to kill mice. D-Con contains warfarin which is a blood thinner. It takes some time before the mouse bleeds to death and it could die outdoors. If a cat, dog, or bird ate enough of those mice, they could also become sick and die. If you see a dead mouse, pick it up and put it in the garbage.

When using a mouse trap indoors be sure to place it next to the wall where the mice travel. The wooden traps are much easier to set now. If you place some cheese or peanut butter on them the smell will draw the mice.

If you have trouble with skunks, raccoon opossums, or other animals wanting to move in under the porch or corner of a shed, soak some cotton balls in ammonia and toss them under there. They don't like the odor.

The leaves will soon be falling and piling up everywhere. The wind needs time to blow a lot of leaves up and around the shrubs and perennials, insulating the roots for the winter cold. That will give the plants a good mulch as the leaves break own, just try to keep the leaves back a little from the trunks so it can breathe. The birds will also be able to scratch around looking for food

If you are planning on turning some grassy area into a flower or vegetable area, now is a good time to start. First, mow the area very short, cover it with cardboard, brown paper bags, or 8-10 sheets of



newspaper. Wet that down. Cover it with several inches of leaves... Wet it again to keep the leaves from blowing. Next spring, plant in holes in the new bed.

Another thing you can do with the leaves is to put a layer of leaves in a big black garbage bag, wet it down. Continue these layers until the bag is full. Leave the bag on open ground so it doesn't kill the grass. Next spring you should have some good mulch to place around your plants.

The simplest way to run the mower over the leaves and leave the chopped leaves to break down to the lawn or bag them up and spread them on your vegetable or flower garden.

If you must burn the leaves, do not burn them on the blacktop street. Do not burn early in the morning while the leaves are damp from the dew. That will produce too much smoke.

Fall has arrived and we need to get ready for winter. We have enjoyed all the pretty flowers and shrubs. The trees have given us a lot of benefits. Now they need to rest so they can do it all over again next year.

That lawn and garden without a leaf or weed insight look neat and attractive to people, but to the birds and wildlife, it says Keep Out no food. If we leave plants like coneflower sedums, black-eyed Susan, bee balm, etc, standing and not deadhead them the birds will like the seeds. The insects can lay their eggs on the leaves and stems. Some beneficial insects and spiders spend the winter in some of the stems. Also, the standing stems will catch the blowing leaves that can pile up around them and help insulate their crown from the bitter cold. Later the snow will add more insulation and beauty.

Do not deadhead the mums, they have a square stem and by removing the spent flower, you are opening the door for the cold air to get down to the crowns and damage them.

If you must cut the stems off, lay them on the garden so the insects can complete their cycle.

By leaving the leaves pile up around the perennials and shrubs, the birds that spend the winter here can scratch around in the leaves and find insects and eggs to eat. Also, the earthworms can eat on the leaves and deposit good fertilizer down around the feeder roots.

Next spring the birds will be able to find more material to build their nests and the birds will be happy to have tasty insects to feed their young.

If you haven't dug your summer blooming bulbs yet, you need to dig them now so you can plant and enjoy them again next year. They should be dug before a hard frost.

The gladioli and caladium bulbs can be dug and just shake the soil off. You don't need to cut the tops off. Simply, place them in a brown paper bag and store them in the basement. During the winter the tops will dry up and fall off.

Cut the dahlias and begonias back to about 5-6 inches. Dig the plant up and shake the soil off. Some people wash the corms, but you don't need to. Place them in a box and cover with paper or peat moss. Store them in the basement.

The canna lilies and elephant ears should be cut back to about 5-6 inches. Place them in a single layer in a cardboard box. Also, store them in the basement.

All of these bulbs need to be in a cool, dark place, such as the basement or a cool closet so they can cure for the next year's season.

If your tulips, daffodils, or paperwhites did not bloom well this summer, it could be that the bulbs are too crowded. The bulbs do multiply some every year. The more crowded they are, the less they will bloom. Now is the best time to dig them up and share some of the bulbs with a friend or move them to a new spot. You do not need to add bone meal to the hole when you plant the bulbs.

Helen J. Leake

## PRESS RELEASE

**For immediate release**

September 30, 2019

**Contact: Michael Brown**

Phone: (309) 454-3169 x.11

**Ecology Action Center seeks nominations for McLean County Green Awards**

The Ecology Action Center presents the annual McLean County Green Awards to recognize local efforts to improve our environment. Nominations are now being accepted for the 2019 awards, with recipients being named in November at the EAC's annual fall event, the Sustainable Gourmet.

**The McLean County Recycling and Waste Reduction Award** identifies businesses, schools or organizations with outstanding recycling programs or waste reduction efforts or individuals who have played a role in a successful program or effort. While nominations will be accepted for any recycling or waste reduction project, areas of growing interest include source reduction efforts, especially alternatives to single use items (plastic or paper grocery bags,

**The Anne McGowan Making a World of Difference Award** recognizes outstanding projects, activities, or individuals in McLean County who promote environmental awareness or natural resource conservation. The EAC dedicated the World of Difference Award in memory of McGowan, an early director of the EAC, due to her ability to inspire and motivate others to take action. Former EAC Executive Director Michelle Covi described Anne as a catalyst for action.

*She was energetic and never hesitated to get her hands dirty. Her natural curiosity and love of the natural world fueled her passion for wildlife exploration and preservation. She shared her love with children and adults alike when she conducted nature walks, wildflower walks, and nature programs. She inspired and nurtured life-long dedication to environmental awareness and conservation in children, college students, and adults whose lives she touched.*

In the spirit of Anne, the EAC seeks nominations of worthy projects, organizations, or individuals in nomination for the Anne McGowan Making World of Difference Award or the McLean County Recycling and Waste Reduction Award. Current EAC Executive Director Michael Brown suggested, "if more of us followed the outstanding example set by Anne McGowan, the world would be a much better place."



Nominations may be made online at [ecologyactioncenter.org/green-awards/](http://ecologyactioncenter.org/green-awards/) or by stopping by the

Ecology Action Center at 202 W College Avenue in Normal; all submissions are due by Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 5 p.m. The recipients of the 2019 awards will be named at the EAC's annual Sustainable Gourmet event on Thursday, November 14, 2019.

*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.*

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202 W College Avenue, Normal, Illinois 61761

309-454-3169

## Water Shutoff Info

### Indian Creek

Sun 10/27/2019 3:21 PM

A number of residents have had questions about locating their water shutoffs. The ICWHA Board has contacted a vendor who is willing to provide location services for a \$25 fee to interested residents. If you are interested in having your water shutoff located please read the following:

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All homes have an indoor water shutoff usually in the basement or crawl space. Residents of Indian Creek also have a water shutoff (also called a curb stop) located where the residents' water lines connect with our Indian Creek water system lines. The shutoffs in some cases may have been covered when lawns were graded, by landscaping or possibly in some cases by driveways.

Shutoffs are marked on a subdivision map kept by our ICWHA Board. Copies of this map have been provided to JULIE and the vendor JULIE uses (USIC) to have utilities marked. Locating the shutoffs can be challenging because only the cap and shutoff itself are metal and the map may not be accurate in some cases, especially if homeowners moved the shutoff when building their house. Water lines are plastic so they cannot be detected using a metal detector.

Our Indian Creek website ([Indiancreeksubdivision.org](http://Indiancreeksubdivision.org)) has detailed information about our water system under the "Information/Water" section including instructions on how to contact JULIE when doing any digging. If you contact JULIE you should specifically ask that the water shutoff be marked if there is any chance the work being done may impact water lines. Contacting JULIE works fine when digging is planned, however, in an emergency situation it can take a period of time to have the marking vendor locate utility services. Many plumbers should also be able to locate shutoffs at the expense of the resident.

Due to resident requests, the ICWHA Board has contacted USIC who has agreed to mark water shutoffs for a \$25 cost to individual residents who request this service. A blue flag will be placed where the shutoff is located. If the shutoff is buried, USIC will dig a small hole to confirm what is detected is the shutoff. If the shutoff appears to be under a driveway or other structure USIC will not paint or otherwise mark the spot, but will inform the homeowner.

Examples of why it is important to know where your shutoff is located include:

- a. There is a break in a resident's water line between the curb shutoff and interior shutoff valve. Residents own their water line past the shutoff and are financially responsible for this type of problem.
- b. A resident wants to replace the interior shutoff valve or the valve is inoperable and the resident needs to shutoff water to the house. (We have heard plumbers have alternative ways to shutoff the water flow inside the house.)

If you wish USIC to attempt to find your shutoff please send a check for \$25 payable to ICWHA no later than November 8th to:

Jim Larson  
[12 Bent Tree Lane](#)  
[Towanda, IL. 61776-7512](#)

Please also include the following information:

- Name**
- Address**
- Lot number if you know it**
- Phone number where a message can be left**
- Email address**

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Annette Hancock

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Pinterest Recipes - [www.pinterest.com/ahancock0935](http://www.pinterest.com/ahancock0935)



## For Hire:

Need someone to take care of your pet while your away, call Bailee Harmon at (309) 530-5360. I have experience with animals at the Humane Society and have been pet sitting for two years. References provided upon request.

Brenna Schwamberger is available for babysitting. She will be a sophomore next year at NCHS and has completed her Red Cross Babysitting class. You can contact her at 728-2857 (h) or (309) 824-1410 (c).

Are you looking for someone to take care of your pets or children? Do you need someone to do housework or cleaning so weekends can be spent relaxing? Call me, Aubrey Thomas, and I will help you out! I will be a freshman at NCHS in the fall. I love animals of all kinds. I have completed the Safe Sitter course and will make sure I watch your children carefully. Mother makes sure I get plenty of opportunities to practice my cleaning skills. I can be reached at 309-728-2246 (home) or 309-532-7522(cell). Reasonable rates.