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## Towanda HCE

The Towanda Unit of the McLean County Home & Community Education group will meet on **Monday, Nov 8, at 6:30 p.m.** We will not be serving refreshments, but you can bring your own beverage to drink. Our major program "**How to Save on Travel**" will be given by Pat Pulokas. Our minor lesson will be on the **Canadian Province of British Columbia**. Towanda HCE had displays up at the Towanda and Hudson libraries and also posters and flyers up around the towns of Towanda, Hudson and Lexington during the month of October for HCE month. We also provided goody bags at the Towanda elevator to show our appreciation to our local farmers and "farmhershers". Guests are always welcome at our monthly meeting and also other activities in the county offered by our county HCE organization. For more information about Towanda HCE, contact Cindy, 309-824-4797. Come join us for fun and educational programs and our continuing lifelong learning.

On Saturday, October 30, 8a-2p, McLean County HCE is sponsoring "**Attic Treasures Sale**" at the Interstate Center, Cloverleaf Hall. Enter through the south entrance, follow signs/directions. There will be holiday, Christmas, and household items, books, small furniture, linens, crafts, outdoor items, toys, books, tapes, records, and baked goods. We do not sell footwear, clothing, but we do sell purses, scarves, jewelry. Too many types of things. We'll have something for everyone. Call Cindy, 309-824-4797 if questions. If you have items to add to the sale, you can bring **priced** items on Friday, Oct 29, 10a-3p to the Interstate Center. Proceeds benefit HCE Scholarships and community service projects and also the McLean County 4-H.

County HCE activities in November include Nov 8, 9a-12N, Farm Bureau Auditorium: **Cookie/Candy Exchange**, Ruth-309-287-8214 for more details on how much to bring etc and RSVP as class size is limited to 24. Nov 15, is **Community Service Day** when holiday stockings for seniors and also veterans will be put together. Also on Nov 15, **Read & Share-The Four Winds** by Kristin Hannah book will be discussed, meeting at the Extension Office, 1615 Commerce Pkwy, Blm, 2-3:30 p.m., LaVonne-309-825-6558. On Monday, Nov 22, 10am, Bloomington Spice Works, 507 N Center St, downtown Bloomington, a **local leader lesson** will be presented on spices entitled: "**From Agar to Az'atar**" given by Ruben Granados- 309-824-2784. Guests are welcome at all HCE activities.

### Attached Pictures descriptions:

October is HCE Month picture of Towanda HCE display at the Towanda District Library. Pictured with the display is Interim Director of Towanda District Library, Jen Zufall who is looking at directions on how to make a decorative pumpkin.

Display at the Towanda Grain Elevator of goody bags for our local men and women who help feed the world.



## Towanda 4-H

The Towanda 4-H Club will meet Tuesday November 2, 2021 at the Towanda Community Building at 6:30pm. The club's area of study this year will be Animal Science and Engineering. Club officers will be planning the yearly activities around these projects. Information about getting up to date news on our computer program will be shared at the November meeting. For more information contact Scott Clement at 309 275-5910 or Jeanie Wager at 309 728-2852. We welcome new members.

## Yard Waste Disposal Guidelines

It is that time of year with the leaves showing their colors and soon will be falling. You are encouraged to mulch or compost your leaves if possible. If you burn leaves, please be considerate of your neighbors who might have smoke related allergies or are bothered by the smoke.

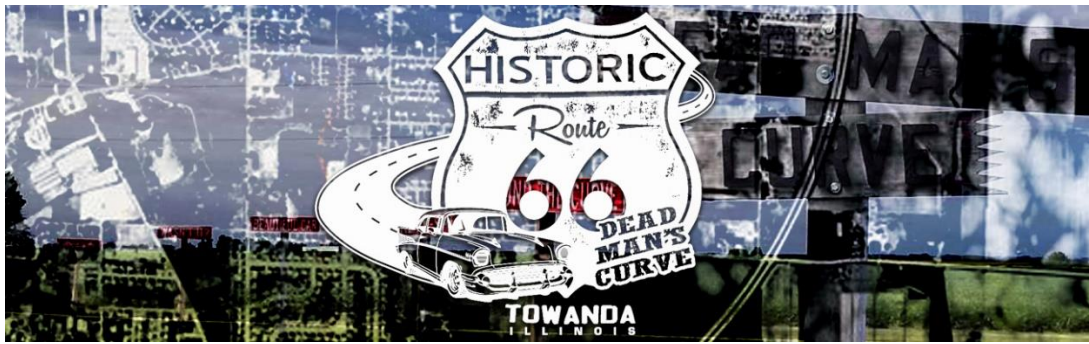
Leaves are not to be dumped onto the brush pile. You are encouraged to **spread leaves out in the woods** away from the trails. Do not put leaves on the trails or dump them in a pile. Please refrain from dumping grass clippings, dead mums, or plastic flower containers on the brush pile. Small cut up trees and tree branches are acceptable items for the brush pile.

Do not dispose your pumpkins into Money Creek. This is very unsightly for those walking our beautiful trails along the creek.

Fred Walk

IC Grounds Chair





The Holidays are right around the corner and a Towanda, IL Route 66 Dead Man's Curve T-shirt or hooded sweatshirt would make a great gift for all ages. All profits from T-shirt and sweatshirt sales will help maintain and enhance our beautiful historical Towanda, IL Route 66 Parkway. Please click on the link below to order your items now. The deadline to order is November 5. Your order will be available the first week of December. If you reside in the Bloomington-Normal area you can save on shipping costs by picking your order up at Meltdown Creative Works, located at [216 E Grove St, Bloomington, IL 61701](https://www.meltdowncreative.com/locations/bloomington). The Towanda, IL Route 66 Parkway is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization.

Fred Walk: Director, Towanda, IL Route 66 Parkway

Order your shirts here! <https://meltdowncreative.tuosystems.com/stores/towandart66>





## Gardening Tips

Now is a good time to start a compost pile. You can just use a corner of the garden on the ground, you can build an enclosed area or purchase a container. Used pallets wired together make good enclosures for a compost pile. You can place the debris from the garden and add the peelings from the kitchen. You can also add the leaves from the trees and shrubs. The leaves will break down faster if you run the mower over them to cut them into smaller pieces. You can also add rotten fruit. Do not add meat, because it could draw wildlife. Fall is when both nitrogen from the cool-season grass clippings and the carbon from the fallen leaves are readily available to improve the soil.

Some of the creeping Charlie hasn't sent its roots down yet. A good time to pull it to prevent it from spreading.

October 15 is the average date for the first frost. If you cover some plants to enjoy for a while, cover them with sheets, towels, etc. If you use plastic, it could transfer the cold to the plants.

The next time that you get the mower out it is not too early to get the snowblower out and get it ready to use. With climate change, who knows when the first snowfall is and how much there will be.

The trees are starting to show their pretty colors as they prepare for their long winter nap. Some are also starting to drop some leaves. It is easier to mow over the fallen leaves to break them down while you have a small amount.

You can also place cages made of chicken wire or hardware cloth around your trees and shrubs to protect them from winter rodents and deer damage. Also, the rabbits like to eat the tops of the raspberries when the ground is covered with snow. Make the fence high enough so that they can't reach them while standing on the snow.

It is time to stop fertilizing your house plants unless they are getting supplemental light. Their growth slows with less light in the fall. Because the humidity in the house is much lower than outdoors, you might want to provide a container of water near your group of plants. Or could place the plants on a shallow container filled with pebbles and water. You don't want the plant setting in water, that could cause the roots to rot. Keep the water just up to the top of the pebbles.

Many years ago, the homeowners on the corner planted a young tree. It grew to be a very attractive tree that also had sweet-smelling flowers in the spring. It had a problem; it leaned a little to the east. The people that planted it did not check on all 4 sides to see if it was straight before they added the soil that, did not bother the tree, it still did its jobs.

A few years ago, we had gotten a lot of rain and the soil was soft, we had some strong wind from the west and the tree started to lean more. As time went on with more wind storms the tree kept leaning a little more each time. Cars on the north side would slow down and look at the tree. Finally, another strong wind and rain came along and the leaning tree, along with some other trees and branches said, I have had it and laid down and said Goodbye.

Last summer, the homeowner and I looked at the hole to clean up the remains. We wanted to see if we could save a sucker from the tree. As he was pulling out dead roots, he pulled out something and said what is this?

It was, what appeared to be a big piece of cloth with a root trying to grow thru it. Originally it had been a B&B tree. That is a balled and burlap tree. Burlap is wrapped around the ball of soil and roots to hold them together until it is planted into the ground. Burlap used to be made of all cotton and could break down in time in the soil. Today plastic has been added to the cotton to make it stronger. The root that was trying to

push thru, is the root that stabilizes the tree, it could not hold the tree in place. The feeder roots are close to the top of the soil and they could get out and feed.

It is very important that you remove as much of the burlap or wire as you can. Before you add the soil, lean the tree over and cut off the burlap as you can. Before you add any soil, lean the tree over and cut off the burlap. It can extend the life and health of the tree.

The days and nights are getting colder, and it is time to bring all of your house plants inside. It will take some time for them to adjust to the lower humidity and different lighting. It is only natural for the hibiscus to drop leaves all winter.

The asparagus fern is an attractive plant outside. After it has been inside for some time, its shoots will grow longer and drop thin leaves. If you could run your hand thru the plant when you pass by it, it might stay short and bushy. When it is outside, the wind causes movement of the stems. That movement causes it to produce something to keep it shorter and more attractive.

As Mother Nature blows the leaves up under and around the shrubs and perennials, they are providing protective mulch to the crown and root from the changing warm and cold temperatures. Leave them there.

Helen J. Leake

## Calendar

Time changes from DST to Central Standard Time at 2:00 am on Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Set clocks back one hour and sleep in. 😊

Thursday, Nov.11 – Veterans Day

Unit 5:

Wednesday, November 10 – One hour late start (helpful for drivers to know that kids will be on the street at a different time)

Thanksgiving break is Wed-Fri, Nov. 24 – 26

Gail

# IC Website Updates

Over the past couple months several enhancements have been made to the IC website as well as some routine site maintenance.

**Newsletters:** Many newsletters that were published prior to the electronic versions we use now have been scanned and placed on the “Newsletters” page. We have newsletters up on the site going back to 1989! When you visit the page, you will notice that there are gaps in coverage (missing months) for some years. Couple reasons for this: 1) newsletters weren’t always published every month and 2) we may be missing some hard copy newsletters. If anyone has an old newsletter that is not currently on our site, please send it to Ron Metz at 23 Candle Ridge Rd. It will be scanned and returned to you.

**Annual ICHWA Meeting Minutes:** The Indian Creek Homeowners and Water Association Annual Meeting Minutes page has been reorganized with copies of meeting minutes scanned going back to 1986, the first meeting. Click on “IC Annual Meeting Minutes” to view the page.

**Phone Numbers Page:** This page had several out-of-date links which happens as external websites do their own updating and moving of content. The links we had to some of those sites/pages were no longer valid. The correct links were identified and placed into our site.

**Bylaws:** The bylaws page has been updated with the June 29 2021 copy.

**History:** The Indian Creek Homeowner Association Board Member History has been updated and a duplicate list on the site was removed.

Ron Metz



# HAPPY FALL, Y'ALL!

from

— TOWANDA DISTRICT LIBRARY —

*Fall is here!* Time to sip a mug of apple cider or pumpkin-spiced coffee, while relaxing on your favorite chair or couch... all cozy with a good book! Towanda District Library is getting new titles in each week, and we invite you to stop in and browse the expanding collection!

**New fiction and nonfiction** books are now displayed in a featured “nook” near the lobby, and all of the **2022 award nominees** for kindergarten through Grade 12 readers are available beside the Circulation Desk.

The latest **Book Page** is displayed and available for our patrons, too!



A new “curbside return box” was recently installed beside the final parking space facing the library, making it easily accessible for drivers to drop off items! All T.D.L. items and resources borrowed via interlibrary loan can be returned either here or in the lobby’s dropbox. **Unfortunately, since Bloomington Public Library does not participate in the RAILS consortium, we are unable to accept their items.**

Part of T.D.L.’s commitment to serving the community includes the ongoing process of considering which items to “save” and which to “weed.” While we use data to guide our decisions, we also value patron feedback! Toward that end, we have organized a “**Last Chance**” Cart to highlight items that haven’t been borrowed in at least five years.

The next time you stop by, please consider browsing the cart to see if there is a title worth checking out!

## LIBRARY HOURS

MONDAYS	10:00 am	—	4:00 pm
TUESDAYS	1:00 pm	—	6:00 pm
WEDNESDAYS	10:00 am	—	4:00 pm
THURSDAYS	1:00 pm	—	6:00 pm
FRIDAYS	10:00 am	—	4:00 pm
SATURDAYS	10:00 am	—	2:00 pm
CLOSED SUNDAYS			

## “Grab & Go” Visits and Phone/Curbside Service Options!

Towanda District Library’s hours and services may be adjusted in response to data shared by the Illinois Department of Public Health.

## SCHEDULED CLOSURES

Towanda District Library will be closed Wednesday, November 24 through Saturday, November 27 in observance of Thanksgiving. The library will reopen Monday, November 29 at 10:00 am.



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## Some Additional Updates & Events

[Regisiter Today For The Green Summit 2022 on March 24th and 25th - We have 20 more speakers, in-person in San Diego or live stream from anywhere around the world](#)

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Thank you again, we cannot wait to see you at: The 2022 Green Summit.

- Dylan Welch, and The Green.Org Team



# Water Hydrant Flushing Schedule – 2021

The six water hydrants located in Indian Creek subdivision will be flushed on the dates listed below. Water hydrants are flushed in order to reduce the build-up of sediments in our water system. This is an important process for improving water quality. Our water operator will flush one hydrant at a time and allow it to run for 10-15 minutes (the next in line hydrant is opened concurrently for a brief period to keep water flowing through the system). Water pressure in our system's lines is maintained by the 35,000 gallons of water in our tower, however, pressure in home lines will be reduced during flushing much like when multiple faucets are opened in your homes. Flushing the hydrants will also stir up sediments so please follow the procedures listed below:

- Do not run water during the flushing time period.
- Following flushing, run water through faucets until clear. We recommend this be done by-passing any treatment/filtering system in your home because of the increased sediment stirred up during the flushing process.

Please mark your calendars with the dates listed below. Flushing will be done between 5:00 a.m. and 6:30 a.m. weather permitting. **Hydrants will not be flushed in freezing conditions or other inclement weather.**

**No flushing in November**

**Wednesday, December 22**

## **Summer Lawn Watering**

Thanks to everyone for following our summer lawn watering guidelines!

Jim Larson – ICHWA Water Chairperson

## Plastic Silverware....It's everywhere!

When I open the sack containing my carryout order what do I see? Plastic knives, forks, and spoons. It does not matter that I said I did not need them; there they are and they are not recyclable. I have found a home for these wayward items. Miller Park Zoo can use them when they serve treats during their education programs. If you have a collection of these items and would like to donate them I am happy to transport.

Save them up and let me know when I can pick them up. You can call, e-mail, or text and I will relocate them.

Linda Garbe

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## **For Hire:**

Bailee Harmon is available to pet sit, babysit, and to do other household chores such as water plants/flowers and cleaning. Please contact Bailee at (309)530-8279 or her mom, Hallie Harmon at (309)530-5360

Aubrey Thomas is available for childcare and pet care. She has taken the Safe Sitter course and is experienced with taking care of several animals. Aubrey is a Junior at NCHS. Please call or text her at 309-532-7522.

Lydia Lueschen is available for babysitting. She is 16 years old and has completed a babysitting course along with being CPR certified. Please call or text her mom – Dallas Lueschen- at 309-826-1868.