

# NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

## *The Hand in Hand Community Project Newsletter*

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### Hand in Hand Community Project

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Kingston, IL 60145

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### Village of Kingston Board Meetings

Kingston Village Hall  
101 E. Railroad Street  
Kingston, IL 60145

7:00 PM

October 4 & 18  
November 1 & 15  
December 6 & 20

Open to the public.  
Masks required.

Agendas posted online:  
<http://www.villageofkingston.org/agendas.htm>

### Kingston Community Sharing Library

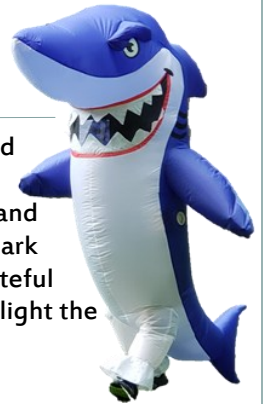
- **Library hours are:**  
Wednesdays 3-5 PM  
Saturdays 9-11 AM
- **Donations** accepted in January 2022:

- Books
- DVDs
- Audiobooks



## Our Shark in the Park Saves the Day!

The Shark in the Park saved the day as well as the colorful, candy-filled eggs for the gathering at Kingston Township Park in July. Children and their families eagerly hunted for the treasured eggs on a beautiful day and were treated to frosty ice cream cups and photo ops inside the giant Shark mouth or with the amazing Shark himself. The Easter Bunny is most grateful to the Shark for his help and hopes to be back next spring himself to delight the children once again.



## Our Awesome Community!

The heartbeat of every successful community is the support it gets from those who live within it. For many years, *Neighbor to Neighbor* has been printed at the Kingston Village Hall. However, with the reduction of staff hours, that is no longer possible. We wholeheartedly repeat our **THANKS** to the Village Board and staff for helping Hand in Hand reach out to our community for all these years. This collaboration has been wonderful!

So ... what to do? You gotta love serendipity. A recent conversation with Chad Poegel of Crown Exteriors ranged from buildings, roofs, AYSO soccer, and downtown Kingston to activities, organizations, and our newsletter. When told we were looking for options that would enable us to continue printing *Neighbor to Neighbor*, Chad said, "I can help you with that." It was like an angel from heaven arriving!! Chad's offer means that Crown Exteriors will print our newsletters and do so at no cost to us — a real saving grace as Hand in Hand has faced a diminishing budget over the past few years. **THANK YOU, CHAD!**

In addition to writing this newsletter, Hand in Hand operates the Kingston Library, offers events like the Easter in the Park Egg Hunt, maintains the Village Green, awards a college scholarship to a graduating G-K senior, and mails *Neighbor to Neighbor* to all of you. We need your donations and volunteer help to keep these grass roots efforts in our community alive and well. Got money? Got time? Email us at [kingstonhih@yahoo.com](mailto:kingstonhih@yahoo.com) or send your donations to Hand in Hand, PO Box 245, Kingston.



## Genoa Area Food Hub

Thank you so very much to all the good people who hosted, sponsored, volunteered, and/or attended Kishwaukee Valley Wanderers' Genoa VolksFest! Y'all donated \$1000 to G-K Feed the Need! This donation will go toward the purchase of the traditional holiday meal boxes that are distributed by our Community Food Hub. Holiday meal boxes will contain a turkey or ham plus all the trimmings for a family of 8.



Neighbor to Neighbor

Tom Harris  
Elsie Sanford  
G-K United Way  
Tom & Hilma O'Donnell

These generous donations covered the costs of postage for mailing one issue of this newsletter and the ice cream for Shark in the Park!



## DeKalb Community Gardens in Kingston

With the hard work and long hours contributed by Kayleen Anderson, Pennie Tasche, and Mitch Smith, the gardens next to the Kingston Library and those on Rt. 72 were particularly productive this season. Kayleen reports that they gave food, which included red and yellow tomatoes, zucchini, cucumbers, hot peppers, and green peppers, to 35 Kingston families! They picked 90 dozen ears of sweet corn from the Jon Aves farm and bought additional corn to offer to families. Vegetables were placed on a roadside table across from the Kingston Post Office, too, for free distribution. One of their neighbors also allowed them to pick pears to add to the bounty.



Kayleen and Pennie are already planning what to plant next year. Many thanks to them for all they did.

## Kingston Community Sharing Library

Thank you to those who donated dozens and dozens of books to enhance our collection and add selections to our on-going Book Sale. Because our space is limited, books are priced at 25¢ each or 5 for \$1 and many are FREE!



Our current hours are still:

**Wednesdays • 3:00 - 5:00 PM**

**Saturdays • 9:00 - 11:00 AM**

Additional volunteers would help us to open on Mondays once again. If you can lend a hand, please contact Lana: 815-751-3165.

Books may well be the only true magic. *Alice Hoffman*



are forming new troops in Genoa, Kingston, and Kirkland. Contact:

Stephanie

[SSengthonglay@girlscoutsni.org](mailto:SSengthonglay@girlscoutsni.org)



The 2022 Campaign is underway for the Genoa-Kingston United Way. Agencies requesting funding are asked to submit their applications by **October 15<sup>th</sup>**. Applications can be found on our website:

[www.gkunitiedway.com](http://www.gkunitiedway.com)

To help us meet the needs of local agencies, funding our 2022 campaign is also in full gear. We recently met with the G-K School District staff and appreciate their support and their continuing donations.

If YOU are able to help, please send your tax-deductible donation to:

G-K United Way  
PO Box 5  
Genoa, IL 60135





## What's Happenin' Around Town

### The Kingston United Methodist Church

121 W. First Street • Kingston, IL 60145  
815-784-2010



#### Saturday Drive Thru Suppers

Serving 4:00-6:00 PM

October 2	Pork Roast
November 6	Turkey
December 4	Roast Beef

Complete dinner including dessert!

Donation: \$12/adults • \$5/children  
(cash or check only)

Curbside pick-up held at:

**Kingston Friendship Center**

120 S Main Street • in the alley east of building

### Kingston Friendship Center

120 S Main Street, Kingston • 815-784-3921

#### Community Breakfast Schedule

Saturdays • 7:00 - 10:00 AM

October 16 • November 20 • December 18

Eggs cooked to order, pancakes, waffles, biscuits & gravy,  
corned beef hash, bacon, sausage patties, toast, fruit  
cups, English muffins, juice, milk & coffee



Suggested donation: \$7 adults; \$3 kids 4 & under

Carry-outs & gift certificates available

**\*\* NOTE:** Masks required  
until you are seated and served. \*\*



### Family Service Agency

*Strengthening Individuals & Families*

**\*\*\* Call 211 \*\*\***

**\*\* Get Connected \*\***

**\*\* Get Help \*\***

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### Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings

Kingston Friendship Center

CLOSED AA meetings

(only for people with a desire not to drink)



Wednesdays • 7 PM

Fridays • 8 PM

For more information:

[www.aadistrict71.org](http://www.aadistrict71.org)

[www.aa-nia.org/meetings.htm](http://www.aa-nia.org/meetings.htm)

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## HAND IN HAND COMMUNITY PROJECT

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### Kingston Village Hall

**Closed to the public.**

Office staff available:

Monday / Tuesday / Wednesday  
9:00 AM - Noon • 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM  
Thursday  
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

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**Kingston, IL 60145**



### Genoa Area Community Food Hub

9:00 - 11:00 AM • 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays  
4:30 - 6:30 PM • 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays

Visit their Facebook page to place orders online  
before each pick-up date.



**Kingston**

With regrets, the Grow Mobile Food Pantry has canceled their visits to Kingston until further notice. Due to staff shortages, the on-site visits have been limited to deliveries in areas with greater numbers of people in need of these services.

For ordering/pick-up or to shop, please contact:

Genoa Area Food Hub • 815-761-7313

Online Grow Mobile calendar:  
[dekalbgardens.org/food-needs/](http://dekalbgardens.org/food-needs/)



The newest DeKalb County Forest Preserve is officially open, located on Glidden Road just a half-mile north of Rt. 72. After considerable thought, planning, and discussion, Jim and Joretta Chambers (at the age of 90) decided to donate and sell their land now so that they will be able to see the conservation and recreation work while they are still alive.

With 50 acres seeded in native Illinois prairie flowers and grasses, Kishwaukee Forest Preserve is already attracting a variety of pollinators. Some of the land is in agricultural use, and wetland and oak savannah restoration work will continue over several years. The 179-acre piece provides a small parking lot, hiking trails, places for fishing off the banks, and an easy river access point for canoes and kayaks. Visit and explore this special space soon!