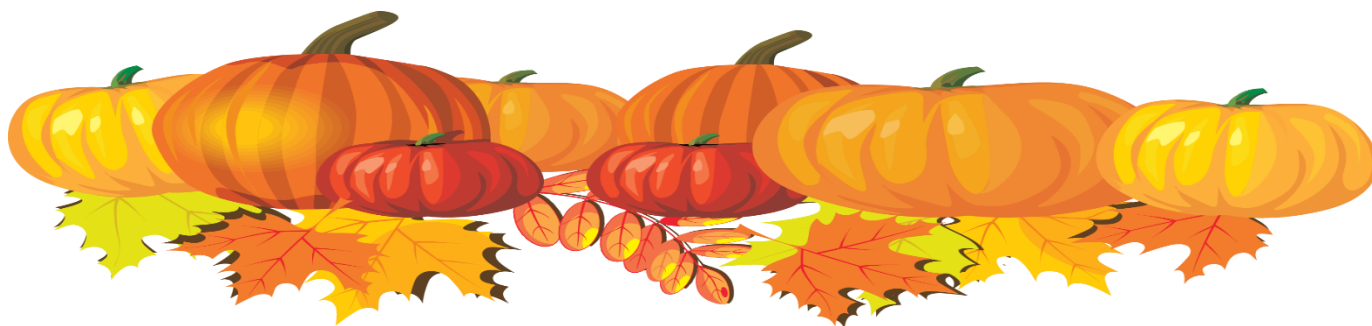


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HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREAT HOURS

The Village Board has set this year's Halloween "Trick or Treat" hours for Friday, October 31st, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Trick-or-Treaters are asked to only call on those houses with their porch lights turned on. In the event of inclement weather on Halloween, a rainout date has been set for Saturday, November 1st, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. For Halloween safety tips from the Thomasboro Police Department, please see pages 4-5.

VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS

The regular board meetings of the Thomasboro Village Board are held the first Monday of each month, at 7:00 pm, at the Village Hall, located at 101 Main Street (Gifford State Bank Building). Visitors are always welcome.

VILLAGE BOARD ELECTION – APRIL 2015

Thomasboro residents interested in serving the community as a member of the Village Board of Trustees may now pick up petition forms to become a candidate in the April 7, 2015 local election. Voters will be electing five trustee positions, with three 4-year terms and two 2-year terms available. To be eligible to run for office, you must be a registered voter having maintained a permanent residence in the Village of Thomasboro for at least 1 year before the date of the election. The period for filing petitions for office will begin at 8:00am on December 15, 2014 and will end at 5:00pm on December 22, 2014. For more information or to pick up petition forms, please contact Jeremy Reale at Village Hall, 643-2675.

UPDATE FROM THOMASBORO STREET DANCE COMMITTEE

The Street Dance Committee has been meeting and plans are well underway for the 2015 dance. Mark your calendars for a fun-filled day on **Saturday, June 6, 2015**. Although at this early date nothing has been set, discussion has included a return of the 5K Run/Walk (Friday evening at the park with DJ and food), a flea market/craft show, mechanical bull, bounce houses, car show, BBQ cook-off, music by Marvin Lee, and the street dance that evening.

Featured entertainment for the event will be tropical rock band The Boat Drunks, whose membership includes Thomasboro's very own Jake Tatar. From Champaign, Illinois, The Boat Drunks have opened for Jimmy Buffett, The Beach Boys and Little Feat, and have performed from coast to coast with nearly every member of Buffett's Coral Reefer Band. Their set includes many of your favorite Buffett hits, original music from their four studio albums, and other covers from The Beatles, The Eagles, Champaign's own REO Speedwagon, and many more. The Boat Drunks perform at many Parrothead venues across the country and receive regular airplay on Buffett's Radio Margaritaville, Sirius/XM Channel 24.

Anyone interested in participating in or helping with any of the events may contact Mayor Brad Morris or Fire Chief Paul Cundiff for further information. Please be sure to check out our Facebook page for current and up-to-date information:

https://www.facebook.com/pages/Thomasboro-ILsesquicentennial/278823312292423?hc_location=timeline

There are a few 2014 Sesquicentennial t-shirts and commemorative coins still available for purchase. For details, please contact Mayor Brad Morris or Chief Cundiff.

SECOND WATER METERS

With colder weather approaching, residents with second water meters are reminded to bring those meters inside during the winter months to prevent freeze damage. The second meters are your property and you are responsible for their maintenance – so please take care of them.

NEW OPTIONS FOR PAYING WATER & SEWER BILLS

In October, the Village of Thomasboro was authorized to begin participating in the Illinois E-Pay Program. This program will allow Thomasboro residents to make credit card payments on their water and sewer bills using a secure online site linked from the Village's own website. Village officials are currently in the process of setting up the program, and hope to have this option fully available to our residents within the coming months. More information will be available at the Village website:

<http://thomasboro.us>

Residents are also reminded that the Village offers the convenient Direct Debit option for water and sewer payments. If you participate in Direct Debit, the full amount of your monthly bill will be automatically deducted from your bank checking account on the 15th day of each month. For more information or to sign up for Direct Debit, please stop by Village Hall or call 643-2675.

BRUSH AND YARD WASTE DISPOSAL

After much discussion, the Village Board decided to allow residents to continue using the “dump site” off of North Thomas Street for the disposal of tree limbs, brush and other landscape waste. **There are new regulations in place for using this area.** Beginning in October, the Village will open the area to residents for disposing of yard waste twice each year during the spring and fall Community Cleanup weekends. **The area will be closed during the remainder of the year.** As always, the dumping of old furniture, tires and other auto parts, bulky items and household garbage is strictly prohibited and will be closely monitored by Village personnel.



THOMASBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT

For emergencies and crimes in progress, call **9-1-1**.
Use **(217) 333-8911** for non-emergency situations.

Back to school time is here and it is important to remember to drive safely and watch for children on their way to school. Obey the speed limits – especially in school zones. The school/speed zones are strictly enforced by the Police Department.

NEW POLICE OFFICER

The Thomasboro Police Department welcomes our new patrol officer, Ryan Umberger. Officer Umberger’s primary area assignment will be day shift patrol.



WHEN TO CALL THE POLICE

Many people hesitate about calling their local police departments even when faced with circumstances that, upon reflection, are highly suspicious. Some people think they are bothering us, some are not sure what they are seeing, but fortunately only a few don’t want to get involved. Use the following guidelines and your good common sense and judgment. There are highly trained and experienced communications personnel at the other end of the line to ask questions and help decide the right thing to do. For emergencies and crimes in progress, call **9-1-1**, or use **(217) 333-8911** for non-emergency situations.

Try to remember: what the suspect looked like (height, weight, hair color, eye color, scars, tattoos, etc.), what the suspect was wearing (describe clothing from top to bottom), the suspect’s direction of travel (north/south, down the alley, or which street), vehicle description (color, make, model, plate number and state, if possible).



**THOMASBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS:
*HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS***

CHILDREN SHOULD:

- Carry a flashlight
- Walk, don't run
- Stay on sidewalks
- Obey traffic signs
- Stay in familiar neighborhoods
- Don't cut across yards or driveways
- Wear a watch you can read in the dark
- Make sure costumes don't drag on the ground
- Shoes should fit (even if they don't go with your costume)
- Avoid wearing masks while walking from house to house
- Carry only flexible knives, swords or other props
- Walk on the left side of the road facing traffic (WHERE THERE ARE NO SIDEWALKS)
- Wear clothing with reflective markings or tape
- Approach only houses that are lit

PARENTS SHOULD:

- Make your child eat dinner before setting out
- Children should carry quarters so they can call home
- Ideally, young children of any age should be accompanied by an adult
- If your children go on their own, be sure they wear a watch, preferably one that can be read in the dark
- If you buy a costume, look for one made of flame-retardant material
- Older children should know where to reach you and when to be home
- You should know where your children are going
- Although tampering is rare, tell children to bring the candy home to be inspected before consuming anything

HOMEOWNERS:

- Make sure your yard is clear of such things as ladders, hoses, dog leashes and flower pots that can trip young ones
- Battery-powered jack o' lantern candles are preferable to real flame
- If you use candles, place the pumpkin well away from where trick-or-treaters will be walking or standing
- Make sure paper or cloth yard decorations won't be blown into a flaming candle
- Healthy food alternatives for trick-or-treaters include: sealed packages of low-fat crackers with cheese or peanut butter filling; single-serve boxes of cereal; packaged fruit rolls; mini boxes of raisins; and single-serve packets of low-fat popcorn that can be microwaved later
- Non-food treats to consider: plastic rings, pencils, stickers, erasers

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2 – TFPD Pancake & Sausage Breakfast, 8:00am – Noon
3 – Village Board Meeting, 7:00pm
4 – Election Day, Polls open 6:00am – 7:00pm
11 – Veterans Day, Village offices closed
27-28 – Thanksgiving holiday, Village offices closed
28 – TFPD Cookies with Santa, 6:00pm

DECEMBER 1 – Village Board Meeting, 7:00pm
15 – First day to file petitions for Village election, 8:00am
22 – Last day to file petitions for Village election, 5:00pm
25-26 – Christmas holiday, Village offices closed

JANUARY 1 – New Year's Day, Village offices closed
5 – Village Board Meeting, 7:00pm
19 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Village offices closed

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