



# Village of Thomasboro

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## **FALL NEWSLETTER 2018**

### **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.

### **FALL GARAGE/YARD SALES TO BE HELD OCTOBER 6**

The Village Board has set our community garage/yard sales for Saturday, Oct. 6. Participating households are encouraged to mark their garage/yard sales with balloons or signs attached to your mailboxes or lamp posts to help draw attention to your sale.

### **FALL COMMUNITY CLEANUP DAY – OCTOBER 13**

The Village Board has set our seasonal Community Cleanup for Saturday, Oct. 13 from 8:00am to noon. The Village has been working very hard to clean up our community, and this is an opportunity for residents to help us in our goal of making Thomasboro more attractive for residents and visitors alike. Dumpsters will be located at the water plant at 606 W. Central Avenue. This program is open to all Thomasboro residents, and participants will be required to show a current driver's license with a Village of Thomasboro address. Once again, we will be asking participants for a freewill donation to help defray the costs of having the dumpsters and recycling semi-trailer on site. Village officials will be monitoring the dumpsters, as there are a few items which will not be permitted (including, but not necessarily limited to: hazardous chemicals, paint, automobiles, tires, tree limbs, yard waste, batteries, electronics, and raw garbage.) No one is allowed to leave anything at the site before Oct. 13 at 8:00am or after the dumpsters have been filled and covered. Trustees ask that you enter the parking lot from the Schluter Street side and exit onto Central.

### **WATER MAIN FLUSHING**

Village personnel will be flushing water mains from October 1st through October 5<sup>th</sup>. During this process, residents should not be alarmed if they notice a slight discoloration in the water as a result of the flushing. The condition is temporary and should clear shortly thereafter.

## THOMASBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Code Enforcement

With cooler weather upon us, the Thomasboro Police Department will be spending a larger amount of time focusing on code enforcement. Code compliance deals with a wide variety of issues. Our largest complaints deal with Inoperable Motor Vehicles, weeds and foliage, and Health and Sanitation issues including garbage, trash, and public appearance. The Thomasboro Police Department encourages all residents to visit the Village Codes & Ordinances page of the Village website at [http://thomasboro.us/?page\\_id=25](http://thomasboro.us/?page_id=25). Here you can find all the details regarding ordinances enforced by the Police Department. Remember that the goal of Code Enforcement is maintaining the quality of life in your neighborhood. Residents can do their part by observing community standards and neighborhood friendly items.

### VACATION WATCH

The Thomasboro Police Department offers Vacation Security Checks to all Thomasboro residents. While you are away on vacation or during holidays, officers will periodically stop by your home to check for open doors, broken windows, or any other suspicious circumstances. This is another added security precaution you can utilize to safeguard your possessions and assure your peace of mind while you are on vacation. Please stop by the Thomasboro Municipal Building and complete a Vacation Security Check request form. If you have completed these forms in the past and your contact information has not changed, feel free to call or email your request to [police@thomasboro.us](mailto:police@thomasboro.us)

### HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREAT HOURS

The Village Board has set this year's Halloween "Trick or Treat" hours for Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Trick-or-Treaters are asked to only call on those houses with their porch lights turned on. The Village of Thomasboro Police Department encourages all parents and children to have a safe and happy Halloween. In order to make Halloween safe and pleasant for everyone, we would like to offer the following Halloween safety recommendations.

- Wear light-colored clothing short enough to prevent tripping and add reflective items.
- Paint faces or make sure your children can see and breathe well through face mask.
- Do not trick or treat alone.
- Young children should be accompanied by an adult.
- Take a flashlight with you while trick or treating.
- Only visit homes you know and which have their porch light on.
- Watch for vehicle traffic when walking on the street, as well as crossing the street.
- Only give or accept wrapped or packaged candy.
- Examine all candy before allowing children to eat it.
- Children, do not accept rides from people you do not know.

Have a scary and safe Halloween!!!

For emergencies and crimes  
in progress, call **9-1-1**.  
Use **(217) 333-8911** for  
Non-emergency situations.  
Thomasboro office: 643-2089

## **TIA-THOMASBORO COMMUNITY BUILDING**

Meetings are held the last Thursday evening of the month starting with a meal at 6:30pm and meeting to follow. The annual membership fee is \$20 per member.

## **BURNING OF LEAVES**

Reminder that leaves are not to be burned on the street or in the street gutters.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The Thomasboro Fire Fighters will be hosting our semi-annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast Sunday November 4<sup>th</sup> 2018, 0800 to noon. We thank you for your continued support. The money from past breakfasts helped to purchase all new firefighting helmets for our members. The cost was over \$7000 for this project. By the standards we must follow they have to be replaced every 10 years or if they become damaged. Without your support it would make harder to update this and other equipment. Our next project is to update the meters we use to measure the air quality at fire and rescue as well as in buildings that have carbon dioxide detectors sounding to ensure it is safe to occupy the building or homes.

It is very important that we can find you and have access to your home. Please have your homes well marked with the address and keep your driveways and lanes kept clear of tree limbs and debris. We must have 14' of clearance for our engines to pass under, and at least 10' wide.

We are currently taking applications for Volunteer Fire Fighters. It is very rewarding to help your community members in their time of need. We are always looking for additional volunteers, so stop by on a Tuesday evening if you would like to find out what it's all about.

**October 7-13 is National Fire Prevention week.**

### **2018 Campaign**

This year's FPW campaign is, "Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere," works to educate people about three basic but essential steps to take to reduce the likelihood of having a fire—and how to escape safely in the event of one:

"LOOK" for places fire could start. Take a good look around your home. Identify potential fire hazards and take care of them.

"LISTEN" for the sound of the smoke alarm. You could have only minutes to escape safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Go to your outside meeting place, which should be a safe distance from the home and where everyone should know to meet.

"LEARN" two ways out of every room and make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily and are free of clutter. Also, Sparky the Fire Dog® has a new friend, Simon, who is helping teach this

year's FPW messages – He's a smart, resourceful character who will join Sparky in spreading fire-safety Messages to adults and children alike



Cookies with Santa is Friday 11/23 with Santa arriving at 6pm. Bring the kids and get you picture with Santa. Also enjoy hot dogs, chilly and hot chocolate.

### **VILLAGE BOARD ELECTION-APRIL 2019**

Beginning September 18, Thomasboro residents interested in serving the community as a member of the Village Board of Trustees may pick up petition forms to become a candidate in the April 2, 2019 local election. Voters will be electing three Village Trustee positions for four-year terms. 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 prior to the date of the election. The period for filing petitions will begin at 8:00am on December 10 and will end at 5:00pm on December 17. Petition forms may be picked up at Village Hall during regular office hours. For more information, please contact Village Clerk Jeremy Reale at 417-5063 or by email to [clerk@thomasboro.us](mailto:clerk@thomasboro.us).

### **ONLINE WATER PAYMENTS**

The State of Illinois has changed our third party payment partner for online payments for the water bills. The link can be found at [www.thomasboro.us](http://www.thomasboro.us). Click on "utility billing", scroll down to the red Illinois Funds E-Pay, and select "Make a one-time payment". Follow the directions from the payment site. You will find that the payment now accepts VISA, MasterCard and American Express. There is a transaction fee for using this service.

-----**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**-----

- OCTOBER**    1 – Village Board Meeting, 7:00pm  
                  16 – School Board Meeting, 6:00pm  
                  25 – TIA Meeting, 6:30pm  
                  31-Trick or Treat
- NOVEMBER**    4– Pancake and Sausage Breakfast  
                  5– Village Board Meeting, 7:00pm  
                  20– School Board Meeting, 6:00pm  
                  22 & 23– Thanksgiving, Village offices closed  
                  23-Cookies with Santa 6:00pm  
                  29 – TIA Meeting, 6:30pm
- DECEMBER**    3– Village Board Meeting, 7:00pm  
                  18– School Board Meeting, 6:00pm  
                  24 & 25– Christmas, Village offices closed  
                  27 – TIA Meeting, 6:30pm

**THE FOLLOWING ARE PAID ADVERTISEMENTS**

## **THOMASBORO VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

### **VILLAGE PRESIDENT**

Tyler Evans – mayor@thomasboro.us

### **VILLAGE TREASURER**

Leon Albers – treasurer@thomasboro.us

### **POLICE CHIEF**

Mike Martinez - mmartinez@thomasboro.us

### **OFFICE MANAGER/WATER DEPT**

Deanne Wattjes – office@thomasboro.us

## **TRUSTEES**

### **POLICE AND SAFETY**

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### **BUILDING PERMIT & LIQUOR LICENSE**

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### **WATERWORKS & SEWER**

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### **VILLAGE CLERK**

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### **PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT**

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### **ESDA**

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### **CIVIL DEFENSE & PARKS**

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### **PERSONNEL**

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### **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

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