



# Village of Thomasboro

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## SPRING NEWSLETTER 2014

# 150 YEARS 1864 - 2014

### VILLAGE SESQUICENTENNIAL EVENTS PLANNED FOR JUNE

The Village of Thomasboro will be celebrating its 2014 Sesquicentennial (150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) with a series of events on Friday, June 13th and Saturday, June 14th:

#### **June 13, 2014 – FRIDAY NIGHT FREE EVENT**

West Side Park will be the location for Kids' Night, from 5:00pm to 9:00pm. Bring the family for a DJ/dance, hot dogs, chips, popcorn, and drinks.

#### **June 14, 2014 – MORNING & AFTERNOON EVENTS**

Start your morning with a 5k run! Registration begins at 7:00am, with the run scheduled to start at 8:00am. Registration fee is \$20.00.

Enjoy a day at the park from 10:00am to 4:00pm, with bounce houses, a dunk tank, face painting, games, Fire Safety House, Storm Troopers Star Wars group, and Monster Truck rides.

#### **June 14, 2014 – EVENING EVENTS**

At 4:00pm, head over to Main Street where you can purchase food prepared by our Thomasboro firefighters and take a stroll through the Fire Museum. The tent/gate opens at 4:00pm, with a \$5.00 cover charge for admission. Admission is only open to those 21 and older. Under the tent events include a concert by Marvin Lee from 5:00pm to 6:30pm, with Ryan Ideus and the Feudin' Hillbillies performing at 8:30pm.

T-shirts are being sold to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the Village of Thomasboro. T-shirts may be pre-ordered at Village Hall for \$20.00, payable upon placement of the order. Buy a shirt and wear it to the dance on Saturday night – you'll get in for free!

All proceeds from the event will support the Thomasboro Firefighters, the Thomasboro Improvement Association (TIA), and the Thomasboro Grade School.

Visit us on Facebook: [Thomasboro, IL Sesquicentennial](#)

## **MESSAGE FROM MAYOR BRAD MORRIS**

The Village of Thomasboro should be extra proud this year because we will be celebrating 150 years since its founding. Along with that there are many activities that will be planned for the night of June 13 and all day June 14. We will be looking for some volunteers to assist in these activities, so if you are interested please leave me a message at the Village Hall at 643-2675. More importantly keep your calendars free for that weekend to help us celebrate.

I believe that I share the same sentiment has all of you that we are ready to come out of our hibernation from this long and hard winter and begin to enjoy the activities that warmer temperatures will bring. Looking back at the winter I have had many citizens compliment the snow removal and would like to say thanks to Jay Arnold for all the long hours he has put in clearing our streets. I would also like to thank Leon Albers our Village Treasurer who has over 10 years of service for the village. Leon has recently expressed to the board that he will be retiring, he has been an asset to myself and the Village of Thomasboro. While he will be leaving us we have made some additions, recently we have hired Police Officers Jennifer Smoot, Zach Milt, and Jeff Metzler. They all bring great qualifications to their position and I am grateful to have them in our community.

As I spoke about in previous newsletters one of the common complaints in town has been unsightly properties. I have seen many improvements in town, and with the approach of warmer weather I hope to see this continue. Our trash collection day on May 17<sup>th</sup> will be a great opportunity to get rid of that trash around our homes. Please do not hesitate to leave a message at the Village Hall if there are items that you need assistance in hauling to the dumpster. The other issue that I would like to address faces our Public Works Department and clearing our sewer pumps of debris that should not be finding its way into the system to begin with. If I could ask for your assistance in NOT flushing items such as diapers and rags down your toilet it would be much appreciated. These items eventually find their way to the pumps clogging them, which in turn becomes labor intensive to fix. I think that we all would like to use our resources towards other village improvement projects other than clearing our pumps of this debris.

I am looking forward to a fun summer here in our village. As always if you have any concerns please reach me by calling Village Hall or sending me an email to [tboro.brad@gmail.com](mailto:tboro.brad@gmail.com).

Thank You,

Brad Morris

## **SPRING COMMUNITY CLEANUP DAY – MAY 17**

The Village Board has set our seasonal Community Cleanup for Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00am to 12:00 noon. The Village has been working very hard to clean up our community, and this is your opportunity 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 are asking participants for a freewill donation to help defray the costs of having the dumpsters and semi on site. Trustees will monitor dumpsters, as there are a few items which will not be permitted, i.e. hazardous chemicals, automobiles, tree limbs, yard waste and raw garbage. No one is to leave anything at the site before May 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am or after the dumpsters have been filled and covered. Trustees ask that you enter from Schluter Street and exit from Central Avenue. TIRES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

## **FREE COUNTYWIDE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING**

Champaign County will be offering the next free countywide home electronics collection on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00am to 12:00 noon in Lot M-4 at Parkland College, 2400 W. Bradley Avenue, Champaign. For more details and a list of acceptable materials to be collected, please call the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission at 328-3313, or visit [www.ccrpc.org](http://www.ccrpc.org).

## **SPRING COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE**

The Thomasboro Community Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Village will be handling the advertising for the event; however, you may also place your own advertisement if you like. There is no need to register your sale. Participants are encouraged to mark their garage sales with balloons or signs tied to your mailboxes or lamp posts to help draw attention to your sale. We hope that everyone has a successful sale!

## **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.

## **WATER MAIN FLUSHING**

Village personnel will be flushing water mains on April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<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.

## **ESDA LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS**

Our Emergency Service and Disaster Agency (ESDA) is looking for volunteers to become trained for storm spotting and other emergency situations. Training sessions take place monthly. Participants must be at least 18 years old and have a valid driver's license and insurance. For more information, please call ESDA Coordinator Laurel Zook, at 217-979-2736.

## **THOMASBORO COMMUNITY BUILDING NEWS**

TIA meetings are held the last Thursday evening of each month, starting with dinner at 6:30pm and meeting following. New members are always welcome; annual membership is asked each year. Consider joining us – it's a great way to meet new friends and get involved in community events. To leave a phone message at the Community Building, please call 643-2220.

If you are interested in renting the building, please contact Ronda Scott at 643-7472 to schedule your birthday, anniversary parties, reunions, business meetings, wedding reception and weddings etc. The hall can accommodate up to 240 guests.

## **PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESCHOOL NEWS**

Little Disciples Preschool, located at Peace Lutheran Church, 200 W. Arnold, is currently accepting registrations for the 2014-2015 school year.

- Low student-teacher ratio
- Kindergarten readiness
- Loving, Christian environment
- Classes meet Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from 9:00-11:00am
- Open to children ages 3-4; must be potty-trained

Call 643-3265 for more information or to set up a time to meet our preschool teacher and tour the facility.

## **ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT**

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at Peace Lutheran Church. Registration will begin at 9:30am, with the event kicking off at 10:00am. Please bring your own basket. Drawings will also be held for other prizes for the participants. Age groups will include: 3 years and under; 4-5 years; 6-7 years; and 8-10 years. Coffee, juice, and donuts will be served for all ages. Hope to see you there!

## **COMMUNITY MOTHER/DAUGHTER SUPPER**

Peace Lutheran Ladies will be hosting a Community Mother/Daughter Salad Supper on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Thomasboro Community Building. We will have a great program planned beginning at 4:00pm – you won't want to miss it! Please RSVP to Ronda Scott at 643-7472.

## **PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH BIBLE SCHOOL**

Need some fun in your summer? Want to have a five-day adventure?? Join us at Peace Lutheran Church here in Thomasboro for our Bible School. Children ages 3 (must be potty-trained) to 12 years may attend. We will meet from 6:00pm to 8:00pm on June 23<sup>rd</sup> through June 27<sup>th</sup>. Learn Bible stories, sing new songs, enjoy crafts, and a snack. Think of the things you can tell Mom and Dad! We hope to see you there!

Registration will be held from 5:30 to 6:00pm on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at the church. For more information, please contact Peace Lutheran Church at 643-3265.

## THOMASBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS



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

### **New Police Officers**

The Thomasboro Police Department welcomes three new officers, Jennifer McCombs-Smoot, Zachary Milt, and Jeffrey Metzler.

Jennifer McCombs Smoot and Zachary Milt have prior police experience and were sworn in on February 3, 2014.

Jeffrey Metzler is currently attending the Illinois Police Training Part-Time Academy. Officer Metzler was sworn in on September 17, 2013.

### **Thomasboro Police Monitoring School Zones**

The Thomasboro Police Department will be monitoring school zones, and wish to remind drivers to be watchful of school students. Police will monitor for: violations of school speed zones, using a cellular device in school zone, passing stopped school bus, and disobeying school crossing guard.

Thomasboro Police Chief Keith Willis, recommends motorist give themselves a little bit of extra time on the roads, and pay close attention while driving, with the approaching warm weather there will be an increased number of children walking and riding their bicycles to school.

### **Vacation Security Check**

The Thomasboro Police Department offers Vacation Security Checks to all Thomasboro residents. While you are away on vacation, officers from the Police Department 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. This is a free, but invaluable service provided by the Thomasboro Police Department to the citizens of Thomasboro.

Please stop by the Thomasboro Municipal Building and complete a Vacation Security Check request form.

## Volo Superfast Internet, Phone Update

A little more construction,  
new branding,  
and lower prices!

After a hiatus due to the brutal winter, Volo is planning to start construction again in the first week of April, with free installation for those that sign up by April 15<sup>th</sup>, and new, lower phone service prices.

“Our plan is to finish the western Thomasboro backbone during April, and have everyone online by May 15<sup>th</sup>,” explained Tony Grilo, Thomasboro resident & Operations Manager at Volo.

With the network being completed in May, Volo is offering some discounts: “To thank everyone for putting up with our dust, we are offering **free installation to anyone who signs up for service prior to April 15,**” according to Peter Folk, Volo’s CEO.

And that’s not the only cost saving now available to Volo customers. “We have also **lowered the price of our phone service to \$12.95**, and we are now offering it to all residents of Thomasboro, not just those on Volo Internet” continued Folk. Current Volo subscribers should have seen that savings on their most recent Volo bill.

“The winter was definitely a good test of the network,” commented Grilo. “We found some problems with the cold and fixed them; we’re now confident that the network is very stable and able to take anything Mother Nature throws at it!”

Volo Broadband Superfast Internet and phone was previously known as Digital Water. Internet service, with speeds up to 1000mbps for \$29.95 and up, is the lowest cost service in the nation with such fast speeds. Volo also offers DirecTV and Dish Networks TV services.

Tired of slow internet and outdated technology? Shoveling out payments for limited and unreliable service?

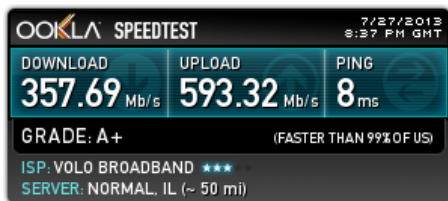
# Say hello to Volo!

Whether you’re a household with simple needs or a business family with multiple users using many devices for you.

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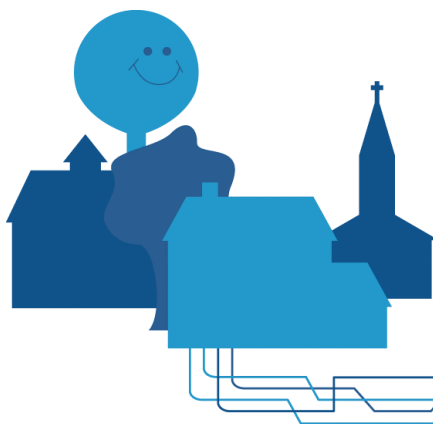
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## **VILLAGE OFFERS DIRECT DEBIT FOR WATER & SEWER BILLS**

The Village of Thomasboro offers Direct Debit payments for water and sewer bills. **This is a free service to Village residents.** If you choose to participate, you will still receive a monthly bill as usual and your bill will indicate “Direct Debit” as a reminder to you. The amount due will be deducted from your bank account on the due date of the 15th of each month. Any bank checking account with routing number and account number is acceptable. Call Leon or Jeremy at 643-2675 for an application.

## **NEWSLETTER ITEMS**

The Village is always looking for news items, stories and events to be included in the seasonal community newsletters. If you have any information you would like to have included in the next newsletter, please send it to Jeremy at the Village Hall, 101 W. Main / P.O. Box 488, or email to [clerk@thomasboro.us](mailto:clerk@thomasboro.us). Copies of Village newsletters are also available on the Village’s website so you can access them at any time.

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## **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

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### **APRIL**

- 7 – Village Board Meeting, 7:00pm
- 9 & 10 – Water Main Flushing
- 12 – Countywide Residential Electronics Recycling at Parkland College, 8:00am-12:00pm
- 19 – Community Easter Egg Hunt, 9:30am registration

### **MAY**

- 3 – Thomasboro Garage Sales, 8:00am-12:00pm
- 4 – Community Mother/Daughter Salad Supper, 4:00pm
- 5 – Village Board Meeting, 7:00pm
- 17 – Village Clean-up Day, 8:00am-12:00pm

### **JUNE**

- 2 – Village Board Meeting, 7:00pm
- 13 & 14 – Village Sesquicentennial Celebration Events
- 23-27 – Peace Lutheran Church Bible School

## **THOMASBORO VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

### **VILLAGE PRESIDENT**

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