



# Village of Thomasboro

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## SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2014



### MESSAGE FROM MAYOR BRAD MORRIS

*"Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty."*

*John F. Kennedy*

Patriotism (noun): devoted, love, support and defense of one's country; national loyalty.

It is so easy to get lost in our daily lives with work, family, and activities which we are involved in that we forget the many freedoms which we are afforded or take for granted. It is also easy to focus on the many problems which the country faces when scanning all the 24-hour news cable channels which tell us how bad the economy is doing or the country is in a war that we should not be fighting. All of this tends to give a person a negative outlook on life where it is hard to find the "good". In my position, I have been given the great opportunity to meet many of our citizens of Thomasboro and know for a fact that there are great people out there. I want to thank Don Cler for his raising of the flag every day at Casey's General Store. When I spoke to Don and his wife, Lavon, there have been many people who have stopped and made positive comments or even stopped to salute as the flag was being raised.

Many of our citizens have served or have family that have or are currently serving in the military defending our country. As we celebrate July 4<sup>th</sup> with fireworks and cookouts with family and friends, let's remember those that have gone before us and thank those who are actively serving to protect the freedoms of our great nation. I cannot think of a better way of doing that than flying the American Flag. I have made arrangements with Rural King and they have agreed to give a 10% discount on all flags and flag-related items if you bring in this newsletter. Showing our patriotism should not be limited to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, but something that we should be reminded of daily.

Mayor Brad Morris

## 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 October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<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.

## REPORTING STREET LIGHT PROBLEMS

Have you noticed a street light in your area not working properly or in need of repairs? Please call Ameren Illinois at 1-800-755-5000 to report any issues with street lights. The toll free Answer Center is available to Ameren customers 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Ameren personnel will complete normal street light repairs such as bulb or eye replacement within 2 working days.

## SECOND WATER METERS

Residents who have second water meters, or “lawn meters”, are reminded that Village personnel are no longer able to get readings from these meters when they read your main meters each month. To ensure that your account is properly credited for any outside water usage, please report your readings to Village Hall before the 25<sup>th</sup> day of the month and Jeremy will make an adjustment to your next bill. You can report your second meter reading by calling 643-2675 (leave a voice message after hours), in person at Village Hall during regular business hours, or by sending an email to [clerk@thomasboro.us](mailto:clerk@thomasboro.us). When you report your readings, please include your name, address, and the entire meter reading number (including any zeroes).

## PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESCHOOL NEWS



Peace Lutheran Church preschool, Little Disciples of Peace, has openings for the fall for children ages 3 and 4. School will begin the Tuesday after Labor Day. Students attend Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00am to 11:00am and are taught a Christian curriculum as well as academic skills in preparation for kindergarten. Erika Liestman, a certified elementary teacher, is starting her fourth year as the teacher/director. Children must be potty trained. Tuition is \$80 per month. For further information, please contact the church at 643-3265 or Mrs. Liestman at 217-897-6805 (home) or 217-377-4258 (cell).

## UPDATE FROM THOMASBORO STREET DANCE COMMITTEE

The Thomasboro Street Dance Committee would like to thank the businesses that sponsored the 2014 Sesquicentennial Celebration. Those businesses were:

Hoveln Heating & Cooling	Shields Auto Group	Central Tavern
Altamont	Premier Coop	Gifford State Bank
Heartland Dry Cleaners	Road Ready, Inc.	Bank of Rantoul
Fred's Plumbing	Reynolds Towing	Fraternal Order of Police
Thomasboro Market	Just Because Massage	Waters Electric
Sam's Club	McDonald's of Rantoul	Hicksgas

The Committee would also like to thank the volunteers that came out and helped with various events held over the weekend. Unfortunately – or fortunately, because we had so many – those people are too numerous to name.

Plans for next year's celebration are in full swing. The tentative dates will be June 5-6, 2015, so mark your calendars. If you are willing to volunteer to work the event in 2015, please contact any member of the committee, Mayor Brad Morris, or Fire Chief Paul Cundiff.

## BRUSH AND YARD WASTE DISPOSAL

Residents may have noticed that Village crews have been working recently to clean up the accumulation of landscape waste and other rubbish from the "dump area" off of North Thomas Street. The Village Board wants to encourage residents to continue maintaining their yards and properties in good condition, as this improves the overall appearance and quality of life in our community. Therefore, we are in the process of looking for a more suitable location for residents to drop off tree limbs, brush, and other yard waste for disposal. **In the meantime, we are asking residents to please discontinue placing these items at this site until further notice. Please also note that dumping of old furniture, tires and other auto parts, and household garbage is strictly prohibited and will be closely monitored!**

## THOMASBORO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NEWS

The Thomasboro Fire Protection District is looking for volunteers to join the department. To apply, please visit the fire station any Tuesday evening after 6:00pm.

The fire department is in the process of adding to its fleet. The department is purchasing a used pumper from Cornbelt Fire Protection District (Mahomet). This pumper has twice the pump power and carries twice the water as the current one that will be moved into reserve.

The next pancake and sausage breakfast will be on Sunday, November 2, 2014, from 8:00am to 12:00 noon. Cookies with Santa will be on Friday, November 28, 2014. Doors open at 5:00pm. Santa will arrive at 6:00pm. Bring the kids for pictures with Santa, along with free chili, hot dogs, and cookies.

## **VOLO BROADBAND UPDATE**

What does it mean that Volo Broadband’s fiber optic Internet and phone services are available in Thomasboro? Quite simply, your home now has access to the fastest internet speeds available anywhere in the USA, at the lowest prices of any Thomasboro provider: extremely affordable, Super-fast Internet with reliable service and local support.

Who is making this possible? Volo Broadband has been providing Internet and other services in Champaign County for twelve years, but it’s Thomasboro native Anthony Grilo who, as Volo’s Director of Operations, lead the construction effort and is responsible for keeping the Thomasboro network running. In addition to Grilo, two members of the construction crew that built Volo’s Thomasboro network are local to Thomasboro.

Volo’s goal is to provide the fastest Internet, friendly, local support, and the lowest pricing in the marketplace to the entire Thomasboro community, with Internet-only pricing starting at \$29.95 per month and internet, TV and phone combined for as little as \$64.95 per month. Volo CEO Peter Folk notes, “These are not promotional prices that expire at the end of a year – the price you sign up with is the price you keep unless *you* decide to change services. We are committed to providing you fair prices on the exact services you need: no more, no less.”

Over the month of August, Volo staff will be installing service throughout Thomasboro. Grilo and Folk encourage Thomasboro residents to reach out to any Volo technicians or customer sales representatives they see for answers to questions or to schedule an installation. You can also reach local Volo staff by phone 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, at 217-367-8656, and find more information at [volo.net/tboro](http://volo.net/tboro).

## **THOMASBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS**

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT**

- **Your Village**
- **Your Community**
- **Keep it Safe & Clean**

For emergencies and crimes in progress, call <b>9-1-1</b> . Use <b>(217) 333-8911</b> for non-emergency situations.
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The Village of Thomasboro has employed a part-time code enforcement officer, assigned to the Police Department. Kendra Ward was appointed at the May board meeting, and her duties will include enforcing certain aspects of the Thomasboro Municipal Code.

Code compliance deals with a range of neighborhood issues from inoperable motor vehicles parked in yards and driveways to health and sanitation, which include garbage, trash, and public appearance. Other issues related to the code enforcement officer are weeds and foliage control.

Should the officer see a violation on a resident's property, a letter will be sent to the resident outlining the issue and a copy of the ordinance will be included, along with an explanation of what the resident needs to do to come into compliance.

The goal of code enforcement is maintaining the quality of life in your neighborhood. Residents can do their part by observing community standards and neighbor friendly items.

**SAFETY TIPS & VACATION SECURITY**

Though we are fortunate to enjoy a low crime rate in Thomasboro, we do experience crime such as theft, burglary, and vandalism. Vacation time is not a time to forget about basic safety and security. Think proactively, don't be a victim.

**IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS, CALL THE POLICE IMMEDIATELY!**

The police are available to respond to suspicious activity 24 hours a day. Calling the police the following day will be too late for us to stop a crime in progress.

- Remember to always lock your house and vehicle doors
- Secure all property left outside your house such as bikes, scooters, and motorcycles
- Never leave valuables unattended
- Always be aware of your surroundings and watch out for your neighbors
- If you are leaving town for vacation, stop by the Village Hall and fill out a vacation courtesy patrol slip

**FACEBOOK**

In the very near future, the Thomasboro Police Department will have a Facebook page. Look for us soon on Facebook!

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

**AUGUST**      4 – Village Board Meeting, 7:00pm

**SEPTEMBER**    1 – Labor Day Observance, Village offices closed  
                      2 – Village Board Meeting, 7:00pm

**OCTOBER**      6 – Village Board Meeting, 7:00pm  
                      8 – Water Main Flushing  
                      9 – Water Main Flushing

## **THOMASBORO VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

### **VILLAGE PRESIDENT**

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### **VILLAGE TREASURER**

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### **POLICE CHIEF**

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## **TRUSTEES**

### **POLICE AND SAFETY**

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

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### **HEALTH, SANITATION & PUBLIC RELATIONS**

TBD

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