



# Village of Thomasboro

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## FALL NEWSLETTER 2016

### **VILLAGE CHANGES TO REPUBLIC SERVICES AS TRASH HAULER – OCT 1**

Over the last several months, the Village Board has researched and solicited bids from several area trash collection companies and has now contracted with Republic Services to serve the Village of Thomasboro as its single residential trash collector. **This change will take effect October 1<sup>st</sup> and the first pickup date will be Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.**

The bill for the trash collection will now be part of your Village water bill each month. Republic will be delivering containers to each residence on or around September 26<sup>th</sup>. Representatives from Republic will be going around each neighborhood to explain the service and hand out information on how the containers should be placed on the street, pickup dates, etc. **Please note that all containers will now need to be placed on the street side of your property for curbside pickup, as Republic trucks will be unable to pickup in alleyways.**

The Village has been receiving numerous calls about this change and what it means for our residents. On the following pages, I have included information from Republic Services that covers most of the frequently asked questions that you can refer to as a guide. I did want to cover a couple of questions that are commonly asked:

***“I already paid my trash service through the end of the year – what am I supposed to do?”***

It will be your responsibility to contact your current trash hauler to cancel your service and to request a refund for any services that have already been paid.

***“Does Republic Services offer recycling?”***

Yes. They offer recycling, which will be picked up on a biweekly basis. You will not automatically receive a container for recycling. You will need to opt into the recycling program, but this can be done at any time just by contacting Republic. There is no additional charge for participating in the recycling.

**Contact Information for Republic Services:**

Phone: 217-554-7007

Email: [Thomasboro@republicservices.com](mailto:Thomasboro@republicservices.com)

I would like to thank Republic Services for making a donation into our park fund that will greatly assist in the purchase of new park equipment soon to be installed at West Side Park.

Brad Morris, Village President

# Effective October 1, 2016 Republic Services and The Village of Thomasboro IL have entered into a partnership for **Waste/Recycling collection** for IN TOWN Village of Thomasboro residents!

## What that means to you?

**How do I sign up for Trash service?** You don't need to. You will be auto enrolled, based on your address and water meter with the village.

**What day will my waste be picked up?** Wednesdays

**What day will my recycling be picked up?** Wednesdays - EVERY OTHER WEEK.

**How do I know what Wednesday is the 'ON WEEK' for recycling?** Below is a copy of the next 12 months to help explain services. Or, feel free to stop by Village hall for a calendar of collection!

**How do I pay Republic?** The charge will be on your Water bill, with services effective **10-1-16**.

**I have a different hauler today, what do I do?** Call your hauler, let them know the village has entered into a municipal agreement, and cancel service effective 10.1.16. If you currently have service with Republic, Republic will close the account and continue services thru the municipal agreement.

**When will I receive my garbage/recycling Toter from Republic?**

- We plan on delivering the **Waste** toters the week of **SEPTEMBER 26**. If you don't receive one during that week, simply email/call us at 1-217-554-7007 or [Thomasboro@republicservices.com](mailto:Thomasboro@republicservices.com)
- If you have 'opted in' for **Recycling** services prior to 10/1/16, your recycle toter will be delivered to your home the same day as your waste toter. If you 'opt in' for recycling services after 10.1.16, you should receive your recycle toter within 1 week from requesting to start this service.

**If I chose to not 'opt in' for recycling services at this time, can I 'opt in' at a later date?**

Absolutely! Simply call 1-217-554-7007 and we will start your recycling services!

**What is the first day of trash collection?** Wednesday, October 5, 2016!

**What is the first day of recycling collection (if I have 'opted in')?** Wednesday, October 5, 2016!

**What time do I need my toter(s) to be at the curb for collection?** By **6am on your service day**

**Must I use the provided Toter for waste/recycling?** Yes. Utilizing the toters allows for automated collection, improving efficiencies, productivity, and general aesthetics.

**I'm in a town home/apartment, how does this affect me?** Any dwellings with 4 or less units will be enrolled as part of the Municipal contract. Any dwellings with 5 or more units can contact Republic Services at 1-217-554-7007 for commercial services.

**My house is outside city limits, does this affect me?** No, but please contact Republic if you would like their services at 1-217-554-7007.

**Can my container be put in the alley for collection?** Sorry, we offer curbside collection and curbside is where your toters are needed for your waste and recycling to be collected. Please do not assume toters will be collected in the alley, as our trucks will not be collecting in the alley.

**What if I can't wait for my next collection day for a pick up?** Contact republic direct for an extra pick up.

**What if I have waste outside the provided Republic Services toter?** Simply call the Village office **PRIOR** to your service day. The information will be gathered, and sent to Republic in advance of collection.

**If I need a 2<sup>nd</sup> waste or recycling toter, how do I get one?** Simply contact village hall or Republic, and a delivery will be scheduled!

**What if I have questions??** Email/Call [Thomasboro@republicservices.com](mailto:Thomasboro@republicservices.com) or 1-217-554-7007

**How do I get rid of Electronic Devices??** Take a peek at [www.RepublicServices.com](http://www.RepublicServices.com)

**Who do I contact with a complaint?** Please give us a call at 1-217-554-7007 and we would be happy to assist

**What CAN be recycled, and what CAN NOT be recycled?** We thought you might ask! Here is a standard list that will help explain the CAN and CAN NOT's!

# VILLAGE OF THOMASBORO RECYCLING PROGRAM

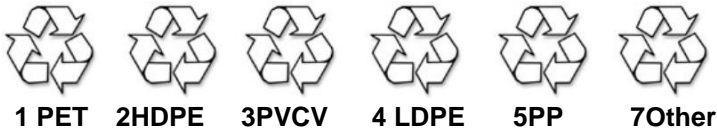
## RECYCLABLES ACCEPTED / NOT ACCEPTED:

### NEWSPAPERS ACCEPTED

Anything that comes in the newspaper

### PLASTICS ACCEPTED

Check the plastic containers identified by the following codes:



PLEASE THOROUGHLY RINSE, REMOVE CAPS, AND

IF POSSIBLE, FLATTEN.

### PLASTICS NOT ACCEPTED:

Plastic bags, sheets, film or tarps

Motor Oil, Insecticide or Herbicide Containers  
Styrofoam Blocks 6PS Styrofoam Peanuts

Expanded foam and clear polystyrene (#6 plastic)

### ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:

Food Covered Items	Hard Cover Books
Food Waste	Paper Towels
Waxed Paper	Paper Plates
Wax Cardboard	Pots & Pans
Fabrics	Wire
Wood	Toys
Electronics	Soiled Pizza Boxes
Carbon Paper	Aluminum Siding



### ALUMINUM CANS ACCEPTED

Please rinse and if possible, flatten  
Aluminum foil & pie plates

### TIN/ STEEL ACCEPTED

Cookie Tins or other decorative tins

Food and empty aerosol cans  
Please rinse, and if possible, flatten  
Please remove labels  
*No paint or household chemicals cans*

### MIXED PAPER ACCEPTED

Examples are: Magazines/Telephone  
Book/Catalogs Junk Mail/ Envelopes

Brown Paper Grocery Bags  
Typing, Computer Printout Paper, Note  
Paper Frozen food trays and boxes  
Chip board, i.e. Cereal boxes (with liner removed)  
Gift boxes, Small boxes (unwaxed), paper tubes  
Corrugated Boxes

***\*\*Please remove packing peanuts and all plastic materials from shipping boxes.***

Wet strength carrier stock

Office Paper/ School Paper, Annual Reports  
MLS Books, NCR Forms  
**FOR OFFICE USE: Please remove plastic covers and steel binders.**

### GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS ACCEPTED:

Clear, brown, green and blue Please rinse

You DO NOT need to remove labels

*No window glass, ceramics, mirrors, light bulbs, Pyrex, drinking glasses, or dishes.*

Note: With "Single Stream Recycling", all recyclable items can be commingled in the same recycling cart.

## **COMMUNITY WIDE TRASH COLLECTION DAY – OCTOBER 15**

Once again, we are planning our community-wide trash collection day for the morning of October 15th, from 8:00am to 12:00pm. This is a service that we would really like to continue to offer our residents; however, it has been met with its challenges in the past. We are requesting that anyone dropping off trash on cleanup day provide a water bill or other current proof of residency in the Village of Thomasboro to ensure that we are only serving our residents. We also ask that residents bring a reasonable amount of trash to the site. In years past, people have brought large amounts of trash and debris from personal construction projects which then limits our available space and the amount of residents we can serve. The Village will no longer be providing pick-up service from resident's home on this date. With Republic Services being contracted as our community trash hauler as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, residents can always contact Republic Services ([Thomasboro@republicservices.com](mailto:Thomasboro@republicservices.com) or 217-554-7007) and they will be able to pick up large or bulk items upon request. (Additional fees will apply.) As always, we do not require payment for the community cleanup service, but any cash donations would be greatly appreciated to help offset our costs for providing the service.

## **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 2017**

Beginning September 20, 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 4, 2017 local election. Voters will be electing a Village President and 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 before the date of the election. The period for filing petitions for office will begin at 8:00am on December 12, 2016 and will end at 5:00pm on December 19, 2016. For more information or to pick up petition forms, please contact Village Hall at 643-2675.

## **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.

## **BRUSH AND YARD WASTE DISPOSAL**

After much discussion, the Village Board has decided that residents will no longer be permitted to continue using the “dump site” off of North Thomas Street for the disposal of tree limbs, brush and other landscape waste.

## COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE – OCTOBER 8

The Thomasboro Community Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</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!

## PARKING ORDINANCE CHANGES

With the winter months approaching, the Village of Thomasboro wants to remind all residents of our winter parking restrictions. **No vehicles will be permitted to park on any Village street following a snowfall of 2 inches or more.** These restrictions are in place to allow for Village personnel to easily clear roadways without obstruction.

**Parking on Private Property:** No vehicles shall be parked on private property except on a weed-free surface made of gravel, crushed stone, asphalt, Portland cement concrete or brick pavers. No person shall park any motor vehicle in the yard of any lot containing a structure except on a weed-free surface.

**Parking in Excess of 72 hours:** Parking any vehicle in excess of 72 consecutive hours on any street, alleyway or Village-owned parking lot is prohibited. Moving the vehicle to a different location on the same street, alleyway or parking lot does not restart or extend the 72-hour parking limitation.

## WATER MAIN FLUSHING

Village personnel will be flushing water mains from October 3<sup>rd</sup> through October 7<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.

## PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESCHOOL NEWS

Little Disciples of Peace Preschool would like to thank the Urbana Recycling Center for their donation of mulch to the playground area at Peace Lutheran Church. We also want to thank Deem Landscaping for hauling and spreading the mulch.

We have openings for three and four-year-old children who are potty-trained. The curriculum includes both academic preparation as well as Christian beliefs and Bible stories. Our teacher is Missy Buhr, who is a certified elementary teacher with eight years of preschool experience. Please call 643-6605 for more information.

## TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT – OCTOBER 29

Once again, Peace Lutheran Church will be sponsoring with the TIA Hall a “Trunk or Treat” event on October 29<sup>th</sup>. The Trunk or Treat will be held from 3:00pm to 4:30pm, with the judging of costumes to be held from 4:30pm to 5:00pm in the TIA Hall. Chili, hot dogs, and other refreshments will be served following the costume judging. Beer will be served after 5:00pm.

## **JAKE'S BOYS CONCERT – DECEMBER 4**

Jake's Boys, a musical group from the Gibson City area, will present a concert at Peace Lutheran Church on December 4<sup>th</sup>. The time will be announced at a later date. Watch for information at Casey's, Gifford State Bank, the Post Office, and Thomasboro Grocery. Everyone who attended last year's concert enjoyed it tremendously!

## **THOMASBORO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NEWS**

The Thomasboro Fire Department continues to look for volunteers interested in serving their neighbors and community as firefighters. If you would like to be considered, please stop by the fire station on any Tuesday evening and pick up an application.

The next sausage and pancake breakfast will be Sunday, November 6th from 8:00am to noon.

## **WEST SIDE PARK NEWS**

The Village of Thomasboro wants to thank everyone who participated in the surveys about the updates to West Side Park. With the information received from you, we were able to prioritize the types of updates to the park. The first priority chosen was the addition of playground equipment. We let the students at TGS vote for their favorite playground. After we received all of the information, we went ahead and ordered the equipment. By the time this newsletter reaches you, we should have the equipment in our possession. Our next task, as a community, is to build the park. That being said, we are planning on a community build toward the end of October. We do not have an official date chosen yet; more information will be given at the October Board meeting. If you have any questions or thoughts pertaining to West Side Park, please attend the Board meeting on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm. Donations may be made to the West Side Park at Gifford State Bank. Again, thank you for your help so far to the renovations of West Side Park.

Dustin Rhodes  
Chairman, Civil Defense & Parks Committee

## **HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREAT HOURS**

The Village Board has set this year's Halloween "Trick or Treat" hours for Monday, 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. In the event of inclement weather on Halloween, a rainout date has been set for Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Halloween safety tips from the Thomasboro Police Department are provided on the next page.



**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

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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- SEPTEMBER** 5 – Labor Day, Village offices closed  
6 – Village Board Meeting, 7:00pm  
20 – First day to circulate petitions for Village election
- OCTOBER** 3 – Village Board Meeting, 7:00pm  
3-7 – Hydrant flushing  
8 – Community Garage Sales  
15 – Fall Community Cleanup Day, 8:00am – 12:00pm  
31 – Halloween, Trick or Treat hours from 6:00pm – 8:00pm
- NOVEMBER** 7 – Village Board Meeting, 7:00pm  
8 – Election Day, Polls open 6:00am – 7:00pm  
11 – Veterans Day, Village offices closed  
24-25 – Thanksgiving holiday, Village offices closed
- DECEMBER** 5 – Village Board Meeting, 7:00pm  
12 – First day to file petitions for Village election, 8:00am  
19 – Last day to file petitions for Village election, 5:00pm  
26 – Christmas holiday, Village offices closed

## **THOMASBORO VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

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