

# Village of Theresa Newsletter

May 2015

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Utility Payment  
Option Coming  
Soon!!
- ✓ 3% Sewer & Water  
Rate Increase
- ✓ Hydrant Flushing
- ✓ New Village Website  
Coming Soon!

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## Elections

*Elections are held at the Theresa  
Public Library, 290 Mayville Street,*

*Polls are open 7am – 8pm.*

*If you're a new resident, have  
experienced a name or address  
change; contact the Village Clerk to  
become a registered voter.*

*Registering ahead of time will help  
you save time. For more information  
regarding voter registration, visit the  
Government Accountability website  
at: <http://gab.wi.gov>.*

*Only one regular election is scheduled  
for 2015 (April 7<sup>th</sup>)*

## Meet Your Village Board Members

Village President:

George Marsh

Village Trustees

Jason Marsh

Jody Steger

Dave Brandenburg

JR Koenigs

Dick Palecek

Gene Koll

Village Board Meetings are held at the Village Hall (202 S. Milwaukee Street) on the first Monday of every month at 7pm. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Meeting agendas and minutes are posted on the Village of Theresa Website, Village Hall posting board, at the Theresa Post Office, TSB Bank (Theresa Branch) & the Theresa Public Library.

## Building Permits

If you're contemplating a remodeling, shed, fence, deck or any other construction project, be sure to check with the Building Inspector to find out what zoning requirements apply and/or to purchase a building permit. The Inspector (Paul) can be reached by calling 414-640-9523. Zoning & building codes can be found on the Village website [www.villageoftheresa.com](http://www.villageoftheresa.com). Failure to obtain a building permit in timely manner could result in double fees being assessed.

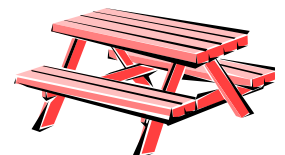
## Website Update – Coming Soon!

We are currently working on a new & improved Village of Theresa Website! Look for it at [www.villageoftheresa.com](http://www.villageoftheresa.com) soon!

## Visit Your Village Parks

Theresa Fireman's Park - River's Edge Park - Highlander Park & Willow Park

Theresa Fireman's Park is available for renting by calling Jason Stein at (414) 510-7354. River's Edge Park offers a boat landing, volleyball courts, basketball court, shelters and restrooms. There is NO ELECTRICITY at the park. The shelters at River's Edge Park may be reserved at no charge. Reservation forms are available at the Village Hall.



## OPEN BURNING

Per Village Ordinance 5-2-9, no person, firm or corporation shall build any outdoor fire within the Village limits. **This prohibition includes burning of GARBAGE, YARD WASTE, and CONSTRUCTION WASTE.** Exceptions to this section include ceremonial campfires, or outdoor cooking in/or over a fire contained in a device or structure approved by Fire Chief Warren Stanke at (920) 488- 5300 **BEFORE BURNING!!!!!!**



## Village of Theresa 2015 Calendar of Events

**Annual Village Wide Rummage Sale & Brat Fry** Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> Location of Brat Fry: American Legion Clubhouse-101 Church St Sponsored by: Theresa American Legion

**Community Band Concert** Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm Music by: "River City Blaskapelle" Location: West Rock River St Sponsored by: Theresa Community Development Corporation, Theresa American Legion & Theresa Historical Society Rain Date: Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>

**Theresa Fireman's Annual Picnic & Parade** June 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> - Parade at 11:00 am - Downtown Theresa Water-Barrel Fights & Chicken BBQ at Theresa Firemen's Park-Hwy 28 West

**Theresa Lion's Annual Tractor Pull** Saturday Afternoon, August 29<sup>th</sup> - For more information, please call Aaron Lindert at 920-904-1660 Location: Theresa Firemen's Park-Hwy 28 West

**Theresa Historical Society Ice-Cream Social** Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-4:30 pm Musical Entertainment Provided Location: Solomon Juneau House-South Milwaukee Street (Hwy 175)

Note: The Historical Museum/Solomon Juneau House is open Memorial Day & the last Sunday of the month-June thru September. Hours: 1:00 - 4:30 pm

**Theresa American Legion & Auxiliary Pioneer Days 5K Run/Walk, Kids Run, Spanferkel & Concert**

**Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>** - Pioneer Days Rendezvous from 11 am-4 pm

**Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>** - Run/Walk at 9 am Kids Run at 10 am Pork & Chicken on the spit, cake & ice cream at 11 am Concert by the Lomira High School Band at 1 pm Location: Theresa Firemen's Park-Hwy 28 West

## *THERESA AMERICAN LEGION POST 270*

*Information provided by: Virgil Krueger*



The Theresa American Legion Post 270 holds monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm, at the clubhouse located at 101 Church Street. Any veterans interested in joining the post should call (920) 488-2414. If no one answers, please leave a message and you will be contacted shortly. We are still accepting donations for the Theresa Area Veteran's Memorial ~ located at Firemen's Park.



### **PET INFORMATION**

All dogs and cats 6 months or older must be licensed by April 1, 2015. Proof of spaying/neutering and rabies vaccination is required. The cost of the license is \$15 for males/females and \$10 for spayed or neutered animals. Be a polite pet owner by picking up all solid feces from any street, sidewalk, alley or private or public property. Violators may be subject to fines & forfeiture. No person having ownership or possession of any animal shall allow the animal to run at large in the Village. For more information visit the Village website at [www.villageoftheresa.com](http://www.villageoftheresa.com).

### **Village Historical Society**

The newly restored Solomon Juneau Home, John Schiefer & Peter Reklau Homes will be open for tours on Memorial Day and the last Sunday of June, July, August & September from 1pm-4:30pm. On August 30<sup>th</sup> the Annual Ice Cream Social will be held with homemade desserts, ice cream and beverages. Group tours are given by appointment by calling (920)488-4784 or (920)488-5552. The Theresa Historical Society Park is located in the 200 block of S. Milwaukee Street (Hwy 175). Historical Society meetings are held at 6:30pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of February, May, August and November at the Theresa Public Library Reading Room. New members are always welcome!

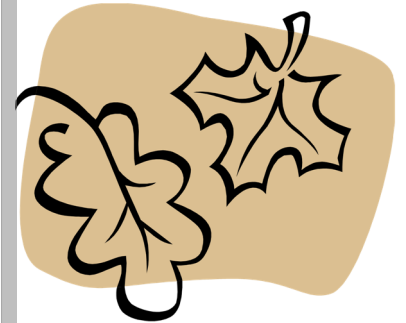
**BULK PICK-UP**

The Village holds two bulk pick-ups per year, one on the third Tuesday in April and one on the third Tuesday in October (10/20/2015). There will be a fee associated with the bulk pick-up of tires & appliances. The Village is no longer authorized to pick up computers, computer monitors, printers, fax machines, cell phones, TV's DVD players or VCR's. Other excluded items include recyclables, building waste, or other items that can be disposed of during regular weekly pick-up. **DO NOT PUT ITEMS ON THE CURB PRIOR TO THE WEEKEND BEFORE BULK PICK-UP.**

**YARD WASTE**

Leaves, lawn clippings, branches, etc. are not picked up during bulk pick-up or with the regular weekly pick up. Yard waste disposal site is located behind River's Edge Park. Brush goes on the brush pile. Lawn clippings, leaves, small plants and garden waste go on the yard waste pile. Please take your containers and bags with you. No timbers or landscaping edging allowed. No other items other than yard waste are to be dumped at this site! Dumping of garbage, furniture, carpeting, building material and/or any other non-yard waste items is prohibited!

**VIOLATORS WILL BE SUBJECT TO FINES AND FOREITURES!**



**Department of Public Works Report**

By: Nathan Bodden

Another winter is behind us, this one much milder than the last. This past winter Theresa DPW had four water main breaks and one leaking main valve. Four out of the five incidents occurred on Mayville St adding traffic to the difficulty of repair work. Street snow removal was handled by Kin-X construction again this year and overall went very well.

Projects upcoming for the Village include patching concrete and asphalt from repair work and plow damage, crack filling and line striping streets, resurfacing of the interior of the water tower, replacing a broken fire hydrant at the end of Church Street, placing new trash receptacles downtown and in parks, and purchasing and placement of new park equipment in River's Edge Park.

\*Please be advised the Village will be flushing fire hydrants May 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>.

Please plan accordingly and expect some rust-colored water during this time.

\*The compost dumpster east of River's Edge Park will not be placed this year, instead compost can be placed on the pile by the "Yard Waste Only" sign.

**3% Sewer & Water Rate Increase Effective 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Billing of 2015**



During the December 1, 2014 Regular Village Board Meeting, a motion was made and passed to approve a Public Service Commission (PSC) simplified rate increase application for a 3% sewer rate increase and a 3% water rate increase to go into

effect as of March 27, 2015. This increase will be visible on the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter utility bill (June 2015) and is necessary to reduce the existing deficiency in the present rates.

**Quarterly billing example:**

Average Residential Customer - usage of 9,000 gallons was














\$139.87 - revised rate is \$144.06. Large Residential Customer - usage of 18,000 gallons was \$239.59 -revised rate is \$246.77. If you have any questions about this rate increase please contact the Theresa Sewer & Water Utility Department by calling (920) 488-4003.

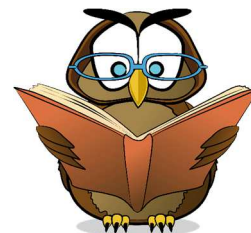
## JOIN US FOR "EVERY HERO HAS A STORY" at the THERESA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Information provided by: Mary Alice Bodden

Summer reading program begins June 8<sup>th</sup> and will run until July 31<sup>st</sup>

Activities for all ages include:

-  June 10<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 pm - Ice-Cream Floats Sponsored by Friends of the Library
-  June 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm - Horicon Marsh Presents: "Animals Have Super Powers"
-  Week of June 22<sup>nd</sup>-June 26<sup>th</sup> - Make a Rocket Ship &/or a Hovercraft
-  June 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 2:30 pm - Radical Reptiles Program
-  Week of July 6<sup>th</sup>-July 10<sup>th</sup> - Lego Building
-  July 7<sup>th</sup> Family Night at the Horicon Marsh
-  July 14<sup>th</sup> @ 2:30 pm - Singer Tom Kastle's Super-Hero Program  
Sponsored by the Mid-Wisconsin Federated Library System
-  July 15<sup>th</sup> @ 2:30 pm - Craft - Tissue paper projects
-  July 20<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 pm - Wisconsin Ghostbusters & Super-Hero Night
-  July 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 2:30 pm - Craft - Book mark projects
-  July 29<sup>th</sup> @ 2:30 pm - Craft - Duct tape projects
-  August 3<sup>rd</sup>-August 14<sup>th</sup> - Circuit Lab
-  August 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm - Terri Fisk, History of Comic Book Super-Heroes



### **Be Prepared for Voter Photo ID**

Info gathered by Pamela Koll

#### **New WI Voter Photo ID Rules – Major Changes**

Village of Theresa urges voters to plan now to make sure they have an acceptable photo ID for all upcoming elections.

Most voters already have one of the types of photo ID required to vote.

#### **Election Day**

On Election Day, voters must show one of the following photo IDs before they can cast a ballot:

- Wisconsin Driver License
- Wisconsin State ID Card
- Military ID Card
- U.S. Passport Book or Card

\* These IDs are still valid if expired after the date of the most recent general election which was November 4, 2014.

The following forms of photo ID are also acceptable:

- A Certificate of Naturalization, within two years of issuance
- Driver License Receipt issued by the WI DOT, within 45 days of issuance
- ID issued by a federally recognized Wisconsin Indian Tribe
- A photo ID issued by a Wisconsin accredited university or college, or technical college along with an enrollment verification document. Valid for two years from date of issuance. (Please contact your local clerk, the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board or your college or university for specifications)

\* An acceptable photo ID is not required to include a current address.

If you do not have a valid Wisconsin Driver License or State ID you can receive a free State ID from your local DMV if you specifically request a free ID for voting purposes. If you do not have a birth certificate, the DMV can help with that, too. Please contact your local DVM for more information.

#### **Absentee Voting**

During in-person absentee voting, voters must present photo ID just like on Election Day. In-person absentee voting can begin the third Monday before the election, and must end at 5 p.m. or the close of business, whichever is later, the Friday before the election.

When voters request an absentee ballot by mail, they must include a photocopy of their photo ID with the request, or the ballot cannot be mailed. However, voters who are "indefinitely confined" because of age, illness, infirmity or disability and voters in care facilities do not need a photo ID. Instead, the absentee witness verifies the voter's identity. Active members of the U.S. Armed Services who are away from home are also exempt from the photo ID requirement. Please contact your local clerk's office for more information.

For specific questions on how the new Voter ID law affects you please contact the Clerk's Office.

Voters are also encouraged to visit the Wisconsin Government Accountability's Photo ID website, [www.bringit.wisconsin.gov](http://www.bringit.wisconsin.gov) for information about the new law.

Theresa Community Ambulance Service

Information provided by Kevin Baerwald

The Theresa Area Community Ambulance Service was started in 1964 by a donation of a 1964 Dodge Power Station Wagon by Baker Canning Company and staffed by firemen with advanced first aid training by the American Red Cross. Today, 51-years later, Theresa Ambulance Service proudly services the communities of Theresa, Lomira, Town of Theresa and parts of the Town of Lomira with 26 dedicated volunteers. The Village of Theresa replaced their 2004 Ambulance with a new Ambulance in February of 2015. Theresa Ambulance Service is still very much a volunteer EMS organization. We are looking for day, night and weekend people. If you have ever thought of volunteering or have an interest in pre-hospital care, please call 488-6301. We will answer any questions you may have.



Theresa Fire Department Open House

May 16, 2015 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

FREE Blood Pressure Testing

FUN For the Whole Family!



- 👤 Junior Water Barrel Fight – 12 Noon
- 👤 Jaws, Rescue, Demo – 12 Noon
- 👤 EMS Area with IV Demos
- 👤 Kids Water Spraying Station
- 👤 Truck & Equipment Display
- 👤 Survive Alive Smokehouse

Door Prizes!

Burger & Brat Fry – All proceeds benefit the Fire Department Fund



BOOM ~ BANG

With July 4<sup>th</sup> just around the corner, please remember the purchase, possession or ignition of consumer fireworks can be unsafe and dangerous. Per State Law, any item that emits smoke, flies in the air or goes BOOM is illegal and may be subject to confiscation and or a fine being issued.

## **DEBIT AND CREDIT CARD UTILITY PAYMENT OPTION COMING SOON!!!!**



Due to an increasing demand from customers, the Village of Theresa Sewer & Water Utility is ***in the process*** of implementing a program which would allow customers to pay on their sewer & water utility account with a debit or credit



card. Please watch for further details and information on the Village website ([www.villageoftheresa.com](http://www.villageoftheresa.com)), in the Dodge County Pionier, postings at the Theresa Public Library, TSB Bank (Theresa branch), Theresa Post Office and Village Hall.

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