



Village of Theresa
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Meet Your Village Board Members

Village President:
 George Marsh

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 Jason Marsh
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 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) and the Theresa Public Library.

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>.

2016 ELECTIONS

- Tuesday - **February 16th** - Spring Primary
- Tuesday - **April 5th** - Presidential Preference & Spring Election
- Tuesday - **August 9th** - Partisan Primary
- Tuesday - **November 8th** - General Election

Visit our New & Improved Village of Theresa Website!

We now have tabs for Election Info & printable application forms for Building Permits, River's Edge Park Reservations, Pet Licensing, Parking Permits, Conditional Use/Rezoning Permits, & Operator's License Permits.

Look on: www.villageoftheresa.com!



Visit Your Village Parks

Theresa Firemen's Park
 River's Edge Park
 Highlander Park
 Willow Park

Theresa Firemen's Park is available for renting by calling Jason Stein at (414) 510-7354. **River's Edge Park** offers a boat landing, volleyball court, basketball court, shelters & 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 online on the Village of Theresa Website & at the Village Hall.

Voter Registration Drives

Watch for details regarding upcoming Voter Registration Drives to be held late summer-early fall. More information to be posted on Village Hall posting board, Village website & more!

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Village of Theresa 2016 Calendar of Events

All-U-Can Eat Pancake Breakfast 🍳 (with all the trimmings) Sunday, May 1st 8:00 am – 12:30 pm Location: Theresa Elementary Learning Center (Theresa Public School) Sponsored by: Theresa American Legion

Annual Village-Wide Rummage Sale & Brat Fry Saturday, June 4th Location of Brat Fry: American Legion Clubhouse - 101 Church St Sponsored by: Theresa American Legion

Community Band Concert Wednesday, June 22nd 7:00 pm 🎵 Music by: "River City Blaskapelle" Location: West Rock River St, Theresa Sponsored by: Theresa Community Development Corporation, Theresa American Legion & Theresa Historical Society ☔ Rain Date: Wednesday, June 29th

Theresa Fireman's Annual Picnic & Parade June 24th, 25th & 26th Sunday, June 26th - Parade at 11:00 am - Downtown Theresa Water-Barrel Fights & Chicken BBQ at Park Location: Theresa Firemen's Park - Hwy 28 West

Theresa Lion's Annual Tractor Pull Saturday Afternoon, August 27th 🚗 For more information, please call Aaron Lindert at 920-904-1660 Location: Theresa Firemen's Park - Hwy 28 West

Theresa Historical Society Cake & Ice-Cream Social Sunday, August 28th 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 the last Sunday of the month - May thru September. Hours: 1:00 - 4:30 pm

Theresa American Legion & Auxiliary Pioneer Days 5K Run/Walk, Kids Run, Spanferkel & Concert Saturday, September 10th - Pioneer Days Rendezvous 11 am - 4 pm Sunday, September 11th - 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



TERESA 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. If any veteran would like to have their name put on the wall, contact American Legion Post 270 @ 488-2414 – feel free to leave a message. We are still accepting donations for the Theresa Area Veteran's Memorial ~ located at Firemen's Park.

Village of Theresa Regulation of Length of Lawn and Grasses

Village Ordinance Section 127-3

Purpose: This section is adopted due to the unique nature of the problems associated with lawns, grasses & noxious weeds being allowed to grow to excessive length in the Village of Theresa

Public Nuisance: The Village of Theresa finds that lawns, grasses & noxious weeds on nonagricultural lots or parcels of land, which exceed six (6) inches in length, adversely affect the public health & safety of the public. For that reason, any nonagricultural lawn, grass or weed on a lot or other parcel of land, which exceed six (6) inches in length, will hereby be considered a public nuisance.

Inspection: The Weed Commissioner or his designee shall inspect or cause to be inspected all premises & places within the Village to determine whether any public nuisance exists. The Weed Commissioner shall immediately cause a five-day written notice to be served that the Village proposes to have the weeds or lawn cut so as to conform with this section. Only one notice, per year, shall be served upon the owner or occupant. 

DEBIT & CREDIT CARD UTILITY PAYMENTS NOW AVAILABLE!

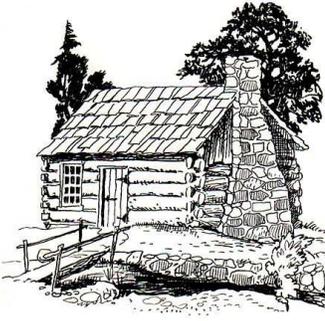


The Village of Theresa Sewer & Water Utility now has a program with which customers can pay on their sewer & water utility account with a debit or credit card 24/7! You may pay on your account online at the Village website, (www.villageoftheresa.com) click Resources, then click Payments, on the Payments page, click the green GovPayNet box to start the process.

Please note that GovPayNet charges a non-refundable service fee.

This newsletter was created by Susan Fink - Deputy Clerk

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Village Historical Society

The newly restored Solomon Juneau, John Schiefer, Peter Reklau Homes & Beck Tourist Cabin will be open for tours on the last Sunday of May, June, July, August & September from 1pm-4:30pm. On August 28th the Annual Ice Cream Social will be held with homemade desserts, ice cream and beverages, with musical entertainment provided. 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 1st Monday of February, May, August & November at the Theresa Public Library Reading Room. New members are always welcome!

How Does It Make You Feel To Lose Local Control??

My name is Gene Koll and I am a Trustee on the Village of Theresa Board. I am writing this to inform Village residents of my frustration with regard to the State of Wisconsin Legislature and legislation passed that was obscurely inserted into the last State Budget Bill "Wisconsin Legislative Act 55" passed late last summer.

The Legislation passed in the budget bill prohibits municipalities from requiring inspections in connection with the sale or transfer of property. The Village Board began work in 2006 on what it believed was a fair and equitable solution to the problem of groundwater infiltrating into resident's sewer laterals because the Wisconsin DNR informed the Village that it must reduce the "clean" groundwater leaking into the sanitary sewer system. Hundreds of man-hours of meetings and work and several thousand dollars of taxpayer's money were spent on legal and consulting fees and several public informational meetings were held to address the DNR mandate.

The result of the Board's efforts was an ordinance passed in August of 2012 that required residents to video camera their sewer lateral at time of sale or transfer of their property and repair or replace any defective laterals. It was believed by me and a majority of the Board that most homeowners would have enough equity in their property that this would not create an undue financial burden and funds could come directly from the sale transaction. This plan was accepted by the DNR as well.

Residents of the Village of Theresa, this was a State BUDGET BILL however, some Legislator(s) saw fit to tuck this virtually unknown amendment into the budget bill so it would get virtually no scrutiny! So, on one hand we had the DNR directing the Village to act on a mandate and on the other hand the Legislature that struck down our ordinance with the stroke of a pen on completely unrelated legislation!!

The Village Board is now in the process of trying to amend the sewer lateral inspection ordinance to comply with the DNR mandate and State of Wisconsin Law, and we are trying to find the best way to do this so it does not create an undue financial burden on Village property owners. Any resident who would like to offer suggestions on how to accomplish this, I would encourage you to come and address the Village Board under public comments at any monthly meeting held on the first Monday of each month at 7:00pm.

Finally, if you think that this situation is as absurd as I do, I would encourage all of you to contact our 13th Senate District representative Senator Scott Fitzgerald at (608) 266-5660 or email at Sen.Fitzgerald@legis.wisconsin.gov and 39th Assembly District representative, Representative Mark Born at (608) 266-2540 or email at Rep.Born@legis.wisconsin.gov and tell them to restore local control over matters that the State should have no concern with!!! Thank you for listening! Gene Koll, Trustee Theresa Village Board.

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 (Doc) can be reached by calling (262)-364-9597. Zoning & building codes & printable building permit application can be found on the Village website www.villageoftheresa.com. Failure to obtain a building permit in timely manner could result in double fees being assessed.

BOOM ~ BANG!



With July 4th 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.

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Theresa Community Ambulance Service

Information provided by Kevin Baerwald

Theresa Ambulance had another busy year, responding to 247 calls for 2015. We had a slight decrease over 2014 by 8 calls. We also ran 4 intercepts with Fond du Lac paramedics, 4 intercepts with West Bend paramedics and 5 calls with Flight for Life.

We recently had 2 folks complete their EMT basic training and now are fully licensed EMTs with our service. They are Bob Goldaspke and Kelly Wondra, and also completing her Advanced EMT training is Kasie Knoll, who is also one of our part-time EMTs on days. Both Bob and Kelly took the accelerated EMT basic course, doing it in one semester by going 3 times a week, from 6-10 pm, for a total of 12 hours a week to complete basic training, for a total of 192 hours. We currently have 3 students who are completing some of their field work and should be testing in May of this year. Of the three, two are basic students and one is an advanced EMT student.

Theresa Ambulance Service also has hired another full-time EMT for days. Mike Elack joins Kevin Baerwald as the second full-time EMT for our service, with Kasie Knoll and Mitch Matuszewski being hired as part-time help on days.

Last fall, River View Hills did a fund raiser for our service and they raised close to \$5,000.00. With the money from this fund raiser we were able to purchase equipment for the delivery of nitrous oxide for those patients requiring pain relief. A big thank you to the residents of River View Hills for this donation. We got approval from the State EMS office on February 15th, and put it into service on February 17th.

EMS week is May 15-21, and we will be at TLC for a school visit. This spring we will be having a meet and greet at the libraries in Theresa and Lomira. Classes start in August, if you have ever thought of volunteering as an EMT, or ever had an interest in pre-hospital care, please let us know. Give us a call at 488-6301 and we will be more than happy to discuss it with you.

BULK PICK-UP

The Village holds two bulk pick-ups per year, one on the third Tuesday in April (4/19/2016) & one on the third Tuesday in October (10/18/2016). 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, TVs DVD players or VCRs. Other excluded items include recyclables, building waste, or other items that can be disposed of during regular weekly pick-up. Garbage bags laying on the ground or near the waste cart will NOT be picked up unless they are placed in the green waste cart, cardboard boxes must be broken down & placed in, or near the recycling bin, yard waste should be disposed of at the yard waste/brush site near River's Edge Park.

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!



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 & 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!!!!!!



Hello From the Village Clerk – Treasurer's Office

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Pamela Koll. It's hard to believe that in January of this year I celebrated my 13th year as Clerk – Treasurer for the Village of Theresa. Needless to say, a lot has certainly changed since I first started working for the Village as the part-time Deputy Clerk-Treasurer in 1995. My years of municipal experience in addition to continuing education hours, have given me the opportunity to earn my Municipal Clerk and Municipal Treasurer certification.

Susan Fink was appointed to the position of part-time Deputy Clerk-Treasurer in June of 2014. Susan is a great addition to the Village workforce. She is very pleasant, sociable, detailed oriented and always willing to help. Please take the time to stop by our office any time you have a question or concern, or just to meet Susan and/or myself. Our goal as Clerk – Treasurer and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer for the Village is to provide accurate information in a timely manner along with friendly and courteous service.

We would like to remind you, as you head to the polls that **WISCONSIN NOW REQUIRES VOTER PHOTO ID**. So, we urge all voters to plan ahead by making sure they have an acceptable PHOTO ID for all upcoming elections. For detailed information regarding photo ID please visit the Government Accountability Board's Photo ID website, www.bringit.wisconsin.gov. If you're eligible to vote and you DON'T HAVE A PHOTO ID you may obtain a FREE ID card from the Department of Motor Vehicles. For more information visit <http://wisconsin.gov> (click on the DMV tab), visit your nearest DMV, or call the Department of Motor Vehicles (608)264-7447. There's also a photo ID informational brochure available at the Theresa Public Library, at the Village Hall (202 S. Milwaukee Street) and on the Village website www.villageoftheresa.com – click on the elections tab, then reference and/or print the brochure.

In 2015, a new tax collection and pet licensing program was implemented by the county and is currently being used by all municipalities in Dodge County. There are many benefits to this program, one of which includes the ability for residents, realtors, assessors....etc. to access maps, tax bill copies, assessment information and tax payment information directly from the Dodge County website at <http://www.co.dodge.wi.us/>. When you enter the site, click on the **Online Services** tab then **Land Information Search Tool**. Read the terms and agreement and click **Accept**. You can perform a search in several ways, such as by address, parcel number, or name; then click **Search** for parcel information. To obtain tax information, click on **Taxes** located on the left side of the screen. In this screen, you can change the tax year (left top) and then scroll down to Print a Tax Bill or Print Tax Details; which includes tax payment information. Please keep in mind while you do your search for current year tax payment information, that payments made to the village are updated on two occasions during the village's tax collection period; at the beginning of January and at the beginning of February. Payments made directly to Dodge County, are updated immediately after the payment is entered.

I would like to encourage everyone to visit the new and improved Village of Theresa website at: www.villageoftheresa.com. The website provides a wide range of information pertaining to the village such as; code of ordinances, meeting minutes and agendas, various forms and applications, a calendar of events, bulk pick-up information and much, much more!

PET INFORMATION

All dogs and cats 6 months or older must be licensed by April 1, 2016. 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. There is now a pet licensing application form on the Forms page on the Village of Theresa website.

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.



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JOIN US FOR UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES at the THERESA PUBLIC LIBRARY!

Information provided by: Mary Alice Bodden

- ◆ May 16th-20th: Fairy Gardens & Pirate Bogs: We will provide the container, stones, sand, shells, soil, plant & fairy or pirate. We will have supplies available during open hours, with clean up starting a half hour before closing.
- ◆ Summer Reading Program Starts June 6th-July 29th. Read & earn prizes. We will be making kites, bristlebots, mazes & doing several STEM Activities: We will post the activity dates on our webpage & Facebook page.
- ◆ June 6th-10th: Come in & watch our butterflies hatch. We will have supplies out for many wonderful butterfly crafts!
- ◆ June 13th-17th: Kite Making-Preschoolers can make bag kites & others will be able to make confetti kites.
- ◆ June 14th at 2 pm: Wildlife Olympic Program - Liz Herzmann from the Horicon Marsh - Soon we get to view the Olympics. Join us to learn about the different athletes right outside your window. Who is the fastest? Who jumps farthest? Who has the best sense of smell? See which athletes will take home the gold in the Wildlife Olympics!
- ◆ June 20th-24th: Come in & make a box kite.
- ◆ June 22nd from 2-4 pm: Ice Cream Floats at the Library! - Sponsored by Friends of the Theresa Public Library.
- ◆ June 27th-July 1st: Try your hand at making a catapult with craft sticks and rubber bands, then try your catapult out shooting a pom-pom into a cup Angry-Bird style!
- ◆ July 19th at 2 pm: The Zany Inventor is on the lookout for creative inventors! During the program, the audience will participate in demonstrations, watch experiments, & experience discovery! Kids will become inventors themselves!
- ◆ We have lots going on at the library monthly: Please check out the monthly activities on our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/theresalibrary> or website: <http://www.theresa.lib.wi.us/>
- ◆ You are able to order books, DVDs, CDs, & more 24/7 through our Trio catalog on our webpage. All you need is a library card. <https://trio.ent.sirsi.net/client/default>
- ◆ Our hours are Monday-Thursday 12:30-7:30, Friday 12:30-5 & Saturday, until May 14th, 10-Noon

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