

# Village of Theresa Newsletter

May 2014

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## 2014 Elections

### February 18<sup>th</sup>

*Lomira School District Referendum*

### April 1<sup>st</sup> – Spring Election

August 12<sup>th</sup> – Fall Partisan Primary

### November 4<sup>th</sup> – General Election

*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>. Elections are held at the Theresa Public Library, 290 Mayville Street, Polls are open 7am – 8pm.*

## 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 Hall posting board, at the Theresa Post Office, TSB Bank (Theresa Branch) and the Theresa Public Library.

## 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.



## 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.

## 2014 Calendar of Events

**All-U-Can Eat Pancake Breakfast** - Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.-Theresa Public School - Sponsored by: Theresa American Legion

**Annual Village Wide Rummage Sale & Brat Fry**- Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> - Location of Brat Fry: American Legion Clubhouse (101 Church St.) - Sponsored By: Theresa American Legion

**Community Band Concert** -Music By:“River City Blaskapelle”- Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 p.m -West Rock River Street, Theresa - Sponsored By: Theresa Community Development Corporation, Theresa American Legion & Theresa Historical Society - Rain Date: Wednesday June 25<sup>th</sup>

**Annual Theresa Firemen’s Picnic & Parade** - June 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, & 22<sup>nd</sup> - Parade at 11:00a.m. on Sunday June 22<sup>nd</sup> – Downtown Theresa - Water-Barrel Fights & Chicken BBQ at Park - Theresa Firemen’s Park, Hwy 28 West - Sponsored By: Theresa Fire Department

**Theresa Lion’s Annual Tractor Pull** - Saturday August 23<sup>rd</sup> -Gates Open at Noon – Pulls start at 3pm- Location: Theresa Firemen’s Park, Hwy 28 West - Sponsored By: Theresa Lion’s Club

**Theresa Historical Society Ice Cream Social** - Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup> - 1:00p.m-4:30p.m. - Entertainment: To be Announced at a Later Date - Location: Solomon Juneau House, South Milwaukee Street (Hwy 175) - **Note:** *The Historical Museum/Solomon Juneau House is open Memorial Day and the last Sunday of the Month June thru September - Hours: 1:00p.m.-4:30p.m.*

**Theresa American Legion & Auxiliary Pioneer Days**- Saturday September 6<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> - 11a.m.-4p.m. - Pork & Chicken on the spit, cake & ice cream, Flea Market, 5K Run/Walk - Band Concert by the Lomira High School Band - Theresa Firemen’s Park, Hwy 28 West

### 3% Sewer & Water Rate Increase Effective 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Billing of 2014



During the August 5, 2013 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 December 29, 2013. This increase will be visible on the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter utility bill (March 2014) and is necessary to reduce the existing deficiency in the present rates.

#### Quarterly billing example:

Average Residential Customer - usage of 9,000 gallons was

\$100.28 - revised rate is \$103.29. Large Residential Customer - usage of 18,000 gallons was \$174.81 -revised rate is \$180.06. If you have any questions about this rate increase please contact the Theresa Sewer & Water Utility Department by calling (920) 488-4003.

#### 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 31<sup>st</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!

#### PET INFORMATION

All dogs and cats 6months or older must be licensed by April 1, 2014. 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).

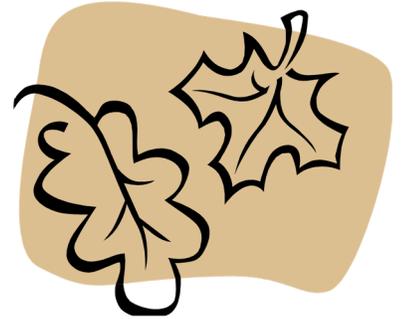
**BULK PICK UP**

The Village holds two bulk pick-ups per year, one on the third Tuesday in April (04/15) and on the third Tuesday in October (10/21). There may 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 may be disposed of during regular weekly 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 into the dumpster. Please take your containers and bags with you. No timbers, 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

This past winter has been tough for everyone but especially on sewer and water utilities across the country. Theresa had several issues including, a pump freeze up at the wastewater plant, five watermain breaks, two frozen water services and one frozen sewer lateral. In addition, seven different addresses were told to run water because of freezing concerns. Street snow removal this year was also unusually frequent although we did not have many large snowfalls. Plowing this winter was done by Kin-X Construction from Lomira and seemed to go very well.

The past year included the inspection of 13 private sewer laterals, of which 5 needed to be repaired and were completed. This process will continue to reduce the volume and associated costs of rain water entering the sanitary sewer system. We also continue to monitor and implement needed changes to comply with the new wastewater discharge limits for phosphorus. This will be an ongoing challenge over the next several years and may include adding additional wastewater treatment.

Last fall the water tower was inspected and cleaned as part of routine maintenance, this inspection showed the need for resurfacing the interior of the tower. This work is being planned for the summer of 2015.

Please be advised that the village will be **flushing hydrants this spring to take place on May 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>**. Please plan accordingly and expect some rust colored water during this time.

*The Village would like to thank a long time employee for his many years of dedicated service. Dennis Guelig will be retiring this July and his years of experience and hard work will be missed. In preparation for his departure, Tim Gutjahr started this February as the Water/Wastewater Operator.*

**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.

**Upcoming Event:** Pancake Breakfast on May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Theresa Public School located at 422 S. Milwaukee Street in Theresa.



## JOIN US FOR A SUMMER OF FIZZ, BOOM & READ at the THERESA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Information provided by: Mary Alice Bodden

Summer reading program begins June 9<sup>th</sup> and will run until August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Activities for all ages include:

- ❖ Ice Cream Social (date to be announced); Sponsored by Friends of the Library
- ❖ June 12<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm - Planting seeds with farmer JoEllen from Taste the Color CSA Lomira
- ❖ June 24<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm - Mr. D. Magician....enjoy magic and learn how to make balloon creatures by attending the balloon workshop
- ❖ July 15<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm - Family Fun Night at the Horicon Marsh
- ❖ July 28<sup>th</sup> @ 3pm - ZooZort ~ a wide variety of animals will visit the library. The animals may include: Kookaburra, Chameleon Bearded Dragon, Fennec Fox, Chinchilla and Hissing Roaches. This event is sponsored by Mid-Wisconsin Federated Library System. *Animals visiting the library may vary depending on the weather conditions.*



### **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!!!!!!**

### **News from the Office of the Village Clerk – Treasurer ~ Pamela Koll**

#### **CLOSURE OF TIF DISTRICT NO. 1**

In 1998 the Village created Tax Incremental District #1 to foster economic development in the Village. When the district was created, the value of the property within the district was a little over \$500,000. Over the course of 25 years, the Village was able to grow the value of the district to in excess of \$12 million!

In 2013, the Village Board took action to close the district. Due to the closure of TIF District #1, the "VILLAGE" tax mill rate dropped by \$0.65 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The Village also distributed excess proceeds from the operation of the TIF to the other taxing jurisdictions.

Over the course of the life of the TIF, tax increment projects included various street improvements, expansion of the water/wastewater treatment plant, water system improvements and various residential developments including Highlander Estates Subdivision and a portion of Valley Estates Subdivision and River View Hills Land Lease Community.

#### **ELECTION OFFICIALS**

Please welcome Cathy Weston and Shawn Krapfl as newly appointed election officials. I would like to take this opportunity to extend a great big thank you to all the Village Election Officials. You're to be commended for your hard work, professionalism and dedication. Your service to the residents of the Village of Theresa is greatly appreciated!



### **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, fly's in the air or goes BOOM is illegal and may be subject to confiscation and or a fine being issued.

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, 50-years later, Theresa Ambulance Service proudly services the communities of Theresa, Lomira, Town of Theresa and parts of the Town of Lomira with 20 dedicated volunteers. Theresa Ambulance Service is still very much a volunteer EMS organization. We are looking for day, nights 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.



4th Annual Kids Clothing Fund Raiser

Information provided by: RaChelle Lisiecki

This year, the clothing donations need to come from YOU, our community members!

PLEASE DONATE gently used "kids clothing" (no toys please). Items can be dropped off at 503 Sycamore Place or during normal business hours at the Village Hall (do not leave items by the front door of the Village Hall). Larger donations must be dropped off at 503 Sycamore Place. Please Drop items off by June 5th. The sale will be held during the Village Wide Rummage Sale on Saturday June 7th from 8am -4pm at 503 Sycamore Place in Theresa.

The funds we raise this year will be put towards a Little Free Library to be placed in the community as a literacy awareness project. See the LFL website for more information.

This sale is growing in popularity so get there early. As always, only \$0.50 per item. For more information contact RaChelle Lisiecki (920)488-2680.

Thank you for your support ☺



Theresa Fire Department

Information provided by: Gene Koll

Your Theresa Fire Department responded to 61 calls for service in 2013, an increase of 8 over the previous year. The Department had 98 training opportunities for 3,117 man hours spent on training, practices and meetings, or an increase of 825 hours over 2012. Members also spent 785 hours for maintenance and work nights at the station.

The Theresa Fire Dept. was the 2013 beneficiary of \$53,500 raised by the generous folks who sponsor the Lomira Area Fundraiser of which \$17,000 went to the Theresa EMS for a Lucas Chest Compression Device. The balance went to the Fire Dept. for the standby emergency generator to power the station during power outages and other small hand equipment. The Village and Township fund approximately \$85,000.00 for the Fire Dept.'s annual budget and the extra infusion every four years from the Lomira Fundraiser allows both the EMS and the Fire Dept. to get much needed equipment without the use of taxpayer monies! THANK YOU Lomira Area Fundraiser organizers!!!!!!

Every year the Department sponsors the Annual Theresa Fire Dept. Picnic and Parade during the third weekend in June to raise funds for other equipment needs not easily funded by the limits on annual budgeted monies. This year's picnic will take place June 20th, 21st, and 22nd at Fireman's park. We are extremely excited to announce that through generous donations from TSB Bank and Elite Construction & Services, a contingent of the UW-Madison Badger Marching Band will be performing in the parade and at Fireman's Park after the parade!!! Please come out and support your Fire Dept. and have some fun as well. Your Theresa Fire Department is always there for you!



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