



Village of Thornton Newsletter

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Hours

Monday - Friday
9am - 5pm

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7:00pm Committee and
7:15pm Board Meetings
will be conducted at Vil-
lage Hall on the first and
third Monday of each
month.

The Planning and De-
velopment Commission
Meetings are held the
second Wednesday of
each month at Village
Hall.

Hello to all our Residents and Businesses!

It's hard to believe how fast the spring and summer months come and go. Hopefully everyone was able to take advantage of family and vacation time during the summer months. Thornton students have already been back in school for over a month! Unfortunately, it's time for everyone to start preparing for the colder weather in the coming months.

Village Staff is currently planning the annual Holiday Happenings Weekend Dec. 2- 4. Please join us at Village Hall for our annual Christmas tree lighting on Friday, December 2nd at 7:30pm. The Christmas tree lighting begins an exciting weekend of events in our Village, look for the schedule in this newsletter!

I would like to thank our Elected Officials, Administrator, Department Heads, and Staff for recent Village accomplishments!

- In May, the Board approved a one year extension of a Use Agreement with Gallagher Asphalt, an increase in the fee for Economic Development Ordinance, the purchase of a Stryker Auto-Pulse machine and a new chassis for our Fire Dept. Ambulance, and the slate of Village Appointments for fiscal year 2023.
- In June, the Board approved a TIF Inducement Resolution for 101 Juliette St. and the sale of 102 W Eleanor.
- In July, the Board approved a proposal for a water leak survey from Astera, the sale of 309 N Hunter, the 2022-23 Appropriation Ordinance and a proposal for water improvements by Robinson Engineering. South Suburban Mayors and Managers and I met with CSX, CNN, UP railroads regarding train traffic and stoppages.
- In August, the Village of Thornton celebrated the grand opening of Nabors Funeral Home with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Congratulations and Best of Luck to Nabors Funeral Home. The Board approved the fiscal year 22 Annual Report, and the purchase of a new Ford police vehicle.
- In September, the Board approved a Lease agreement with Jack CSI, a sale contract for three parcels with Skyline Furniture, our Village employee's health insurance contributions for 2022-2023, the repair of Fire Engine #45, a class 8 resolution for Nabors Funeral Home and DSL Realty and an I.T. fiber upgrade with Comcast.

As a reminder, please be aware of our school kids when traveling! Always be respectful of your neighbors by maintaining your property, PLEASE KEEP THORNTON BEAUTIFUL!!

Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone,

Bob

OCTOBER 2022

Rules and Entry Form

Thornton Holiday Decorating Contest

All homes within the Village of Thornton are welcome to participate. Judging will not take place in Unincorporated Lansing.

All entries must be received at Village Hall by 4:00 pm December 1, 2022. Homes will be judged on the curbside appeal only. Judges will not enter the property. Judging will take place on Friday, December 2nd after 5:00 PM. Winners will be announced at Recreation's Free Family Bingo on Saturday, December 3rd. Winners need not be present.

Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	

Please check the box next to the category description you think best matches your home display. The winner in each category will receive a monetary prize and yard sign for display.

- The Best Lawn Display (Inflated / Animated)
- The Griswold (Most lights / Fun)
- The Martha Stewart (Traditional / Classic)
- The Best Theme Throughout (Consistent or Cultural)

Please sign here to agree to allow photographs of your display to be posted on Village social media.

Homeowner's Signature: _____

THORNTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Although the museum is closed for renovations, the back hall remains open for events and programs:

Holiday Open House, 114 N. Hunter St.

December 4th 2-4:00 p.m.

Santa and lots of Homemade Goodies! Always an enjoyable time. Once again, we will feature a bazaar where you can purchase unique items such as Thornton Coverlets, T-shirts, Quarry & Brewery books, Thornton Christmas cards, notecards and much more. They make great Christmas gifts. We hope to see you there, bring the kids!

VILLAGE CLERK

Debra Pisarzewski, Village Clerk/Collector

Patti Ott, Deputy Clerk

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FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE:

Hi Everyone . . .

Election – Remember to vote in the Election on November 8. The polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. If you are registered in Thornton and live on the north side of Queens, you vote at the Community Center. If you live south of Queens, you vote at the Village Hall. To check to make sure you are registered, go to ova.elections.il.gov



Holiday Happenings – Holiday Happenings was such a success last year, we're doing the same this year!! On Friday, December 2, the Fire Department will be kicking off the weekend with its customary parade – bringing Santa into town. If you want to participate in the parade, line up at the Methodist Church at 5:30 p.m. The parade begins at 6:00 p.m. and winds its way through town, eventually ending up in front of the Village Hall. We will once again be having our Candy Cane Hunt at 6:30; followed by Mayor Bob and Santa leading everyone in a Christmas carol or two before lighting the Christmas tree. There will be hot chocolate and cookies for everyone. The Village will be having a Poinsettia Raffle for all those in attendance at the Tree Lighting Friday night. It's free, and you could go home with a beautiful holiday poinsettia!! Hope to see you there!

Additionally, on Saturday, the PTA will be sponsoring a craft show/pancake breakfast with Santa at Wolcott School, 200 North Wolcott.

Halloween Hours will be on October 31 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Yard Waste Pickup ends December 2. Try to get as much of your yard waste and leaves out by then.

Village Hall Closed – The Clerk's office will be closed the following dates:

- *Veterans Day, November 11
- *Thanksgiving, November 24 & 25
- *Christmas, December 23 & 26
- *New Year's, December 30, 2022 & January 2, 2023

Water Bills will be mailed November 15 and due December 5. We have seen many residents signing up for the autopay program. It's easy and forms are available on line and at the Village Hall.

Have a Safe Fall Season and Happy Holidays to All!
Debbie & Patti



THORNTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



Glenn Beckman, Chief of Police

700 Park Avenue
Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8am to 4pm
(708) 877-2531 Non-Emergency
(708) 877-4440 Records
(708) 877-5525 Fax



Happy fall everyone! Hopefully everyone is preparing for the change in scenery and of course, the change in the weather. There are a couple of reminders the police department would like to share.

Chapter 9 in the village code states:

Storing, parking or leaving dismantled or other such motor vehicle prohibited; and declared nuisance; exceptions.

No person shall park, store, leave or permit the parking, storing or leaving of any motor vehicle of any kind which is in an abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, inoperative, rusted, junked or partially dismantled condition whether attended or not, upon any public or private property within the Village. The presence of an abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, inoperative, rusted, junked or partially dismantled vehicle or parts thereof on private property is hereby declared a public nuisance which may be abated as such in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. This section shall not apply to any vehicle enclosed within a building on private property or to any vehicle held in connection with a business enterprise, lawfully licensed by the Village and properly operated in the appropriate business zone, pursuant to the zoning laws of the Village, or to any motor vehicle in operable condition specifically adopted or designed for operation on drag strips or raceways, or any vehicle retained by the owner for antique collection purposes.

Additionally, please be mindful about the 2" snowfall parking ban:

Every owner, lessee or other person having charge of any motor vehicle in the village shall remove said vehicle from any street or highway within the geographical limits of said village in accordance with the following provisions:

- A. Each time a snowfall of two (2) or more inches occurs, said motor vehicle shall be removed within two (2) hours from the time the snowfall accumulates to the extent of two (2) inches.
- B. The said motor vehicle shall be removed from the street or highway until the snow removal operations of the village are completed and the snow is removed from said street or highway.

For each succeeding snowfall of two (2) or more inches the provisions referred to in (A) and (B) herein shall apply.

Penalties:

For every violation, the owner, lessee or other person having charge of said motor vehicle shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars (**\$25.00**) nor more than fifty dollars (**\$50.00**) for each offense, payable to the clerk of the village.

For each subsequent violation, the owner, lessee or other person having charge of said motor vehicle shall be fined not less than fifty dollars (**\$50.00**) nor more than one hundred dollars (**\$100.00**) for each offense, payable to the clerk of the village.

RECREATION & COMMUNITY CENTER



Sharlee Dunlop, Director of Parks and Recreation
Amy Potwin, Assistant Director

701 Highland Avenue
(708) 877-4454
(708) 564-5078 Fax
thorntonrec@thorntonil.us



Nason Park Path
7 laps = 1 mile.

The Fitness Center is open Mon/Fri 9a-6p and Tue/Wed/Thu 9a-8p

FREE PROGRAMS

Alcoholics Anonymous
Senior Pinochle
Hand and Foot Card club
Senior Fitness Center (65+)

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Charles P Nason Park, Highland Avenue
Walter Diekelman Park N Kinzie Street
Marian Mikrut Memorial Park, Pawnee Drive
Hubbard Park, N Hubbard Street
Skate Park, Park Avenue
Memorial Park, Williams and Eleanor

COMMUNITY SERVICES

T.O.P.S.
Party, Meeting, Field and Pavilion Rentals
Table and Chair Rentals
Emergency Warming/Cooling Center

Memorial Brick Program

Brick requests may be made all year however, brick placement will take place only twice per year; Spring and Fall. The standard 4" x 8" brick is attractively engraved with your message and placed in the Memorial Park Patio at the corner of Williams and Eleanor. Each brick cost \$75.

Senior Bingo Lunch 12:30 pm \$10

November 9

December 14

Pet of the Month

All kinds of pets!
Email us at:

thorntonrec@thorntonil.us

With your pet's Name, Age, Gender, Owner, Street Likes and Dislikes



A 2022 Holiday Happenings event...

FREE FAMILY BINGO!

Win prizes
FUN FOR ALL AGES
one card per person

SATURDAY, DEC. 3
4-7PM



NO need to pre-register!
concessions available — nachos, chili, pretzels, popcorn, cotton candy, beverages, and more!

Don't want to have a meeting or party at your house?

Residents can rent our space!

Call for more information.



YOU ARE INVITED!
SENIOR PINOCHLE
EVERY THURSDAY 1:00 PM
CANASTA
EVERY FRIDAY 1:00 PM

THREE or more food pantry donations will get you a 2nd Bingo card!

Proceeds donated to Alicia's House Food Pantry.
<http://www.aliciashouse.org>



3/\$1 raffle tickets

THORNTON FIRE DEPARTMENT



Art Schweitzer, Fire Chief
Rick Triemstra, Deputy Fire Chief

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(708) 877-1506 Fax

4 Halloween Candy Safety Tips For Kids

1. **Never let them go inside a home to accept candy**, especially now with social distancing requirements.
2. **Inspect candy before eating.** Check the contents of their bags and buckets for choking hazards and make sure candy is all properly sealed (throw away anything that's been opened or is not packaged). It's best to wait until you get home to indulge so you have better light to properly inspect each item.
3. **Have an allergy-safe Halloween.** Review each label for any potentially harmful ingredients like peanuts, tree nuts, dairy, or gluten.

Brush your teeth before bed. No one wants to suffer from a toothache from too much sugar or chocolate!

8 Ways To Stay Safe On Halloween



Don't keep candles burning in Jack-o'-lanterns or luminaries. Consider using [battery-operated flames](#).

1. You might also opt for a **safer pumpkin "carving"** by painting them or decorating with stickers.

2. **Look for flame-resistant costumes, wigs, and accessories** and make sure your dress or outfit is the proper length

and fit, so you don't trip or catch fire.

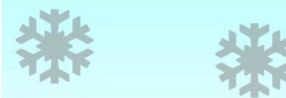
3. **If applying face paint**, be careful around the eyes and test for any skin allergies before using it.
4. **Avoid using contact lenses** that alter the look or color of your eyes as they can be hazardous to your eye health.
5. Use a flashlight, LED light, or apply reflective tape to your costume to **see and be seen by others, including cars.**
6. If you wear a mask, **test for full visibility out of the eye holes and proper breathability.**

If your costume requires a sword or weapon, do not swing it around and keep the pointed part away from yourself and others.

Heat Your Home Safely



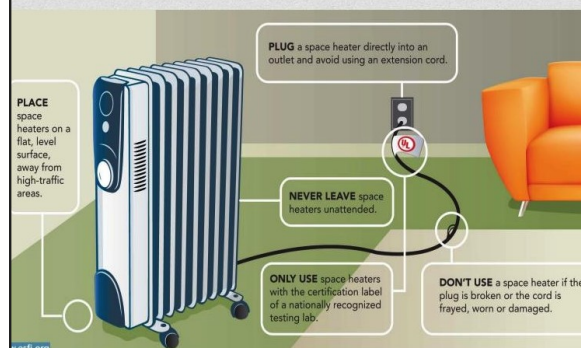
32% of all House Fires are caused by Space Heaters



MORE HOME FIRES OCCUR during the cold winter months than any other time of year.



Make sure to follow these tips before you plug in.



HOLIDAY HOME SAFETY TIPS



THORNTON PUBLIC WORKS



Bryan Roberts, Superintendent
Regan Ruchala - Jonathan Swetlik - Wayne DeGraff

121 N Wolcott Street
Office Hours: Monday – Friday 7:00am - 3:00pm
After hours: Call (708) 877-2531
Maintenance tech is on call 24 hours, 7 days a week.

(708) 877-4462 (708) 877-1627 Fax

Residential Water Freezing Policy:

The Village of Thornton is committed to providing high-quality services to its residents in a responsive and cost-effective manner. Cost-effectiveness also includes fairness amongst all tax-payers. Homeowners are ultimately responsible for repairs/maintenance to their own homes. The Village recognizes that extreme emergencies may arise, but homeowners should do their best to properly prepare for such emergencies and look into available coverage if needed.

The policy establishes a standardized response by all Village employees in the event of a homeowner contacting the Village for assistance with frozen water lines.

Thawing Frozen Lines

The Village will not attempt to unthaw any frozen water line. Nor will the Village pay for a contracted company to come out and thaw a frozen water line. The Village shall upon the request of a homeowner, give information regarding current licensed plumbers that may provide such assistance.

Sec. 10-1-16 Snow onto streets:

No property owner, occupant or other person shall move or permit to be moved snow or ice from private property onto the streets, highways, alleys or public ways within the Village.



**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 29th**

**LITTLE ONES
PUMPKIN HUNT**

4:30 PM - Ages 0-4
\$5.00 Bring a bag.

**FLASHLIGHT
PUMPKIN HUNT**

6:30 PM - Ages 5-10
\$5.00 Bring a flashlight & bag

PRE-REGISTER by October 24th
Rain or Shine! Events will be
held outside, please dress
accordingly.



**2ND ANNUAL HALLOWEEN BASH
(ADULTS) & MOVIE NIGHT**

**PRESENTED BY THORNTON LIBRARY
COME DRESSED IN YOUR BEST COSTUME**

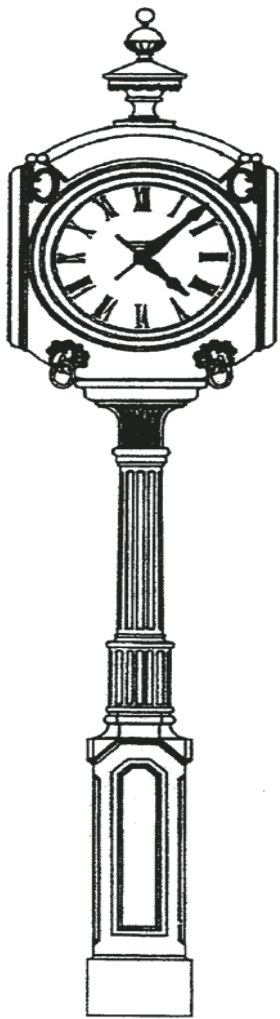
FRIDAY OCTOBER 28TH 7:00PM

THORNTON AMERICAN LEGION

SCARECROW STROLL

**October 24 through Nov 1st
Nason Park**

Registration for the Scarecrow Stroll is now open! Any individual, family, organization, school or business is welcome.



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THORNTON HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

FRIDAY, DEC 2	SATURDAY, DEC 3	SUNDAY, DEC 4
<p>6:00 Santa Parade through the Village</p>  <p>6:30 candy cane hunt</p> <p>7:30 Tree Lighting and cookies at Village Hall</p> <p>Free poinsettia raffle!</p> 	<p>Wolcott Community PTA Pancake Breakfast with Santa! 8-12</p> <p>Craft Fair 8:30-1pm</p>   <p>Thornton Rec FREE Family Bingo with concessions 4-7pm</p> <p>Any 3 Food pantry donations will get you a 2nd bingo card!</p> <p>Proceeds go to Alicia's House</p>	<p>Thornton Historical Society Open House with Santa 2-4pm</p> <p>Shop the Thornton Bazaar to purchase unique Thornton items!</p>  <p>2022</p>