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WE WISH TO REMIND YOU THAT WE HAVE COMPLETED OUR TRANSITION TO ALL-DIGITAL COMMUNICATION -
Please visit our web site <https://thalianeighbors.com/contact> .

WHAT A SUMMER!

It might be me, but it seems like this was one wild summer season, now seemingly followed by an uncertain and unusual "hurricane season". Coupled with "the other" anxiety-producers, it's a wonder that we survive at all... Which brings me to my point: Bonded (or banded) together, we are stronger and more capable of dealing with uncertainty. It is "safe" to note there is uncertainty in everyone's lives, much of it beyond our capacity to resolve on our own.

The function of the Thalia Civic League is to serve its members through the good and maybe not-so-good times. We don't (shouldn't) need an enemy at the gate to spur us on to action, but that seems to be the state of society today. *Your* Civic League is most effective when its members are *active* and *involved*. This action and involvement should occur naturally and regularly without the stimulation of a crisis. When we are banded together in the good times, we will be stronger in the presence of a challenge. (Believe me when I say that there are plenty of local challenges on the Civic League radar, many publicly unseen now, but coming soon...) In summation, I guess what I am saying is: Join or renew your membership in the Civic League, stand up and be counted and help us maintain the Thalia sense of community that makes it a great (and coveted) place to live! It all comes down to preserving our suburban lifestyle...

A membership application is available on our website: <https://thalianeighbors.com/members>
When you complete your membership application, please fill in your email address, and allow us to directly send Civic League ONLY information to you on an occasional basis.

IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING EMAIL FROM THE THALIA CIVIC LEAGUE:

We occasionally send out email "blasts" to our list of members and former members who have given us permission to do so; we do this through a provider named *MailChimp* . Some addressees have not received these emails. It likely ended up in your SPAM folder. To remedy this, go to the SPAM folder, find the email, right click, and choose "never block...". Our apologies; we are investigating comparable products for our future use.

CONTINUING PUBLIC SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT

Summer is fading and so has the light at night. We still see an alarming number of individuals walking on the wrong side of the road, many also texting and/or listening to tunes with ear buds in. Many wear clothing that is not reflective on a dark road. These are habits that merit changing. Don't be "that person" walking who doesn't hear or see approaching drivers.

WHILE WALKING ABOUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLEASE REMEMBER:

WEAR LIGHT-COLORED/REFLECTIVE CLOTHING and WALK OPPOSITE (FACING) TRAFFIC.

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OCTOBER MEETING NOTES

Our next general meeting is October 17, 2022 we have been planning several events, not the least of which is the election of civic league officers and board members for the 2023/2024 operating years. This will be a primary topic of discussion at the meeting, with the hope that such discussion will stimulate interest both in membership and in volunteer-ism.

Don't forget the general election in November when we will vote for a district council member under the new districting maps (Thalia is District 8). We also vote for VB school board and state and federal candidates.

Do your research and get out your vote! If you want action, take action...

Holiday Decorating Contest

It's time to get your holiday decorations out of storage and plan your displays for the **Thalia Civic League 2nd Annual Holiday Home & Yard Decorating Contest!** Deck your walls, windows, rooftop, and yard with the brightest of lights and your most dazzling decorations! This is your chance to nominate *your* holiday house for a chance to win a VISA gift card! (Two prizes will be awarded in each category.)

This year there will be three categories:

- **Spirit of the Holidays** – a traditional display that captures a classic holiday motif
- **A Clark Griswold Holiday** – “over the top” use of lights and decorations (reference: National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation)
- **Old-fashioned Celebration** – a display that captures a classic holiday motif *without the use of lights* (this category will be judged during the day)

Homes eligible to compete are sited on the streets within the boundaries defined in the Civic League Constitution. Contestants need not be civic league members to participate (but you can easily join – see our website for a membership application.)

The complete rules and schedule for judging will be posted soon on our website:

<https://thalianeighbors.com/events>

FINAL NOTE: Do you own, operate, or want to publicize a small business? We are looking at the possibility of creating a neighborhood "recommended" list of small businesses to help Thalia newcomers and "old-timers" alike. We are in the "Hey, that's a good idea!" phase - be an early adopter and help us make a useful (read: *not spam*) community resource tool!

Thanks for reading this! - Mike