

Application Form

Profile

Mary

First Name

F

Middle
Initial

Thorson

Last Name

What district do you live in? *

☒ District 4

Please look at the vacancy page before applying. Some Boards, Committees and Commissions have requirements that they are looking for in an applicant, such as specific skills or member types such as Adult or Student.

The Vacancy page can be found here:

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Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Historic Preservation Commission: Submitted

Why are interested in joining this Board, Committee or Commission?

[Resume.pdf.pdf](#)

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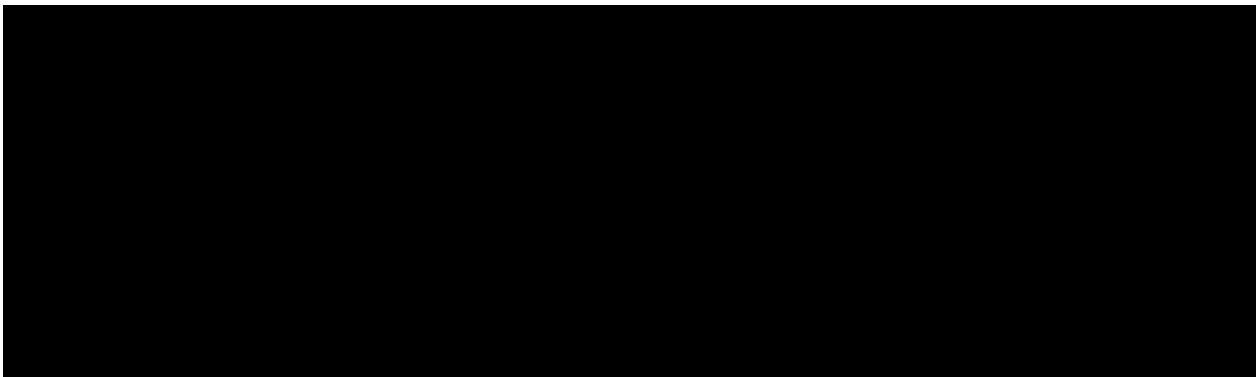
If you have issues uploading your resume, email it to Deyanira Nevarez at dnevarez@wauwatosa.net

If you need to send your resume separately, complete the remainder of the application, save it, and we will submit both the application and resume for you.

Mary F Thorson

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

I was born, raised, educated, and currently reside in Wauwatosa. I spent my summers volunteering at the firefly art fair, watching the Tosa 4th of July Parade, and walking through our beautiful and historic neighborhoods. I sang in the Underwood Baptist Church choir where I learned about the parish's history in the Abolitionist movement, and then, later the Civil Rights movement. I graduated from Wauwatosa East High School in 2006. This all formed the idea of Wauwatosa that I know and love. I worked as a journalist at TMJ4 for seven years before moving into education. During my time at TMJ4, I wrote and produced a segment that celebrated the history of Milwaukee County, including a piece on the Kneeland-Walker House. At the height of the pandemic, my family found one of the oldest homes in Wauwatosa and I couldn't buy it fast enough. It would be a privilege to serve on the the Board of Historic Preservation to help keep telling the story of Wauwatosa for the generations that will come after us.





Education

MFA in Writing, June 2017

Pacific University – *Forest Grove, OR*

Concentrations: fiction; short story form; Historical American fiction; contemporary realism; Midwestern Literature; Ghost Story

Bachelor of Arts in English–Creative Writing, May 2014

University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee – *Milwaukee, WI*

Concentrations: Fiction; short story; Early English Literature; John Milton; Midwestern Literature; History of the Novel

High School Diploma, 2006

Wauwatosa East High School – *Wauwatosa, WI*

Teaching Experience

August of 2022–Present

Tenor Journal Square High School, Seeds of Health

Writer’s Workshop & Curriculum Designer

English 11

November 2018 - June 2022

Carmen Northwest High School of Science and Technology

English Grammar and Composition Course Lead & Curriculum Designer

English Grammar and Composition Teacher (Grade 9)

Advanced Placement Language & Composition (Grade 12), College Board-certified course.

Maya Angelou Teacher of the Year, 2022

Other Experience

Journalist, Today’s TMJ4, Jan 2012–August 2018

Roles: Assignment Editor, Content Writer, Historic Milwaukee Producer & Writer, Video Editor, Field Producer