



# VILLAGE OF THIENSVILLE NEWSLETTER JUNE 2010

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## WELCOME TO SUMMER IN THIENSVILLE!

As I sit down to write this message, it is a beautiful late May day. The summer projects are already underway. As always they fall into two categories, the planned and the surprises. Isn't that life?! Once again let me be sure to invite all of you to set aside September 26, 2010 to come to the Village Park for the celebration of our 100th birthday. Also, I want to thank most sincerely the members of the planning committee for this special day and those who have worked so hard to update the history of the village. The history book should be available on the day of the festivities; attend and pick up your copy.

We all know that these are difficult economic times. It is very important that all of you know that the village employees and the Ozaukee County employees in recognition of what is happening in the economy took 0% INCREASE IN SALARY. This is indeed an exceptional commitment as we try our best to hold the line on our costs, keep services in place, and with an eye on being just to our employees. We thank them most sincerely! If you are so inclined, you too might thank them.

Just a reminder, the village has a cable television channel; it is Channel 25, and it lists meetings and events. We do our best to keep it up to date. There is other pertinent information which may be helpful to you. I suspect it will not be as much fun as Jay Leno.

There are 160 businesses in Thiensville. Please do all you can to support them. It is so important that we realize that special people have faith that doing business in our community makes sense. If you need something, do check to see if someone is offering the service right here in the village. Whether it is stepping up to contribute to the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration or fixing up their property, these are Thiensville's business people.

Over the last ten years, the village has done many capital improvements. We certainly are proud of them; in some cases such as Pigeon Creek, they are easy to see. In other instances, such as manhole and sewer rehabilitation, sanitary sewer relays, or storm water management they are fairly invisible. Seven million dollars has been spent on these projects; a considerable portion of the dollars have come from grant money which has been obtained through the good work of our administrator and engineers. Recently we received a new \$679,000 grant to control water. Good job Dianne Robertson and Ruekert and Mielke!

One of our citizens asked that I include in the newsletter my brief words at the Memorial Day gathering after the parade. The following is the heart of that little talk:

It is very important that we come together here each year to remember the men and women who have served and continue to serve in the defense of our country. The prospect of that service being the ultimate sacrifice of their lives makes it incredibly significant and worthy of praise.

As we pause here today, we remember that these women and men were of all nationalities; they were brown, black, and white; they were Jews, Muslims, Protestants, Catholics, in fact all faiths, and people who brought no faith tradition with them; in some cases they were not even citizens, and in other instances, they were attempting to demonstrate that they were worthy of full citizenship. Some were people who left the fighting of their native lands because it didn't make sense to them, but when they came here, they related to the nobility of the cause before them and willingly joined in it.

So today we remember them with all of their differences, all their strength, all their optimism, all their courage, and all their sacrifice. For those who made it home safely, we are most grateful. For those who did not we say thank you, God speed, rest in peace forever.

In conclusion, I'd like to mention that we plan to finish the dam stabilization and fish ladder between the Fourth of July celebration and September 26<sup>th</sup> so that the project can be dedicated on that special occasion. Special thanks to any citizens who have been inconvenienced by our projects. I sincerely believe we will view them as great steps forward as we go into the future. Blessings to all!

Karl Hertz

Village President

## **THIENSVILLE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION NEWS!**

Congratulations to our 2009 TBA Scholarship winner, Barbara Grundl! Barbara is a resident of Thiensville and was selected to receive our annual \$1,000 merit scholarship. Her education focuses on Early Childhood Certification. We wish her much success!

The TBA is again offering both businesses and the community many events throughout the year. Starting the first Tuesday in June, the Farmers' Market gets into full swing. You can visit the market every Tuesday until the end of October in the parking lot just south of Walgreens. Thanks again to Mr. Phil Jennings for the space.

On August 19th the TBA will be sponsoring a picnic for the members from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

Get ready to be scared silly for the Business to Business trick or treat at the end of October. Ladies Night Out will happen on November 4th and the TBA Tree Lighting on December 3 at 6:30 pm on the corner of Main Street and Freistadt Road will wrap up the end of the year.

From all of our businesses have a safe summer and remember to "SHOP THIENSVILLE FIRST."

### **NEW BUSINESSES**

**Advanced Physician Solutions, LLC  
214 Green Bay Road**

**Boz's Closet LLC  
108 W. Freistadt Road**

**Lifestyle Homes of WI, LLC  
118 Green Bay Road**

### **SCORE**

Do you own a business? Are you thinking of starting a new business? There is an organization called SCORE that has business leaders available to assist you in many ways. They can help you complete a business plan, mentor you with decisions you are contemplating, provide financing alternatives and much more. Their services are free and confidential. Here is contact information:

**SCORE**

310 W. Wisconsin Avenue #425

Milwaukee, WI 53203. Phone 414-297-3942.

Website: [www.scoresewisconsin.org](http://www.scoresewisconsin.org) or

Email: [score@scoresewisconsin.org](mailto:score@scoresewisconsin.org) oore28@sbcglobal.net

## **FAMILY FUN BEFORE THE FOURTH!**

Thiensville and Mequon's annual Family Fun Before the Fourth is set for Saturday, June 26. This annual fun-filled day will begin at 10:30 am with a parade that starts at Division Street then winds its way through Thiensville and will once again go down Riverview Drive and end in Village Park. There will be a variety of food all day until the fireworks which will start at dusk. Don't miss out on all the fun—bring your family and friends! For more information, call the hotline at (414) 299-0104 or visit the website at <http://www.familyfunbeforethefourth.com>

### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**9:30 - 10:30 Parade Setup**

**10:30 - 12:00 Parade**

**12:00 - 12:30 Free Ice Cream**

**1:00 - 3:30 Taste of Thiensville-Mequon  
Talent—5 different local bands**

**3:30 - 5:00 Badgerland Ski Show at the River  
West Stage**

**5:00 - 7:30 Lovin Kind**

**7:30 - Dusk Hot Sauce**

**8:30 - 9:00 Venetian Boat Parade**

**Dusk FIREWORKS**

**10:30 -11:30 Hot Sauce**



## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

I am happy to report that there are no major road construction projects scheduled in the village this summer.

With summer approaching it is the beginning of the festival and events season in the village. Family Fun Before the Fourth events will be held on Saturday, June 26th. We again ask your patience and understanding during events which will create the need to impose special parking restrictions and reroute traffic. As always, we will do our best to minimize the disruptions.

On Friday, June 18th, 2010 the Fiddleheads Thiensville Criterion Bike Race will be held in Thiensville. This is the first time for the event and plans are underway to set-up the race schedule and course. We do know the race course will operate near Main Street and Freistadt Road and extend east into the subdivisions. Our officers will work with the race sponsors to insure safety for the riders and our residents once final details are worked out with the organizers.

The department would like to ask for everyone's help to avoid a repeat of a problem which occurred in our residential areas late last year. In December we had thirteen vehicles entered in an area at the north end of the village. All of the vehicles entered were vehicles parked on the driveways of homes and were unlocked. Our belief is that these incidents were crimes of opportunity for the actors and that locked vehicles would have been a very effective deterrent in most of the cases.

If you are going to be away from home please make sure you lock the house and shut the garage door. Preventative measures like this have been shown to reduce the potential for criminal conduct by as much as 50%. If you are going to be away for an extended period of time, call our department, and we will keep an eye on the house while you are gone. You might also want to alert a trusted neighbor or friend to keep an eye on the home as well.

Park activities abound during the summer. Thiensville Village Park is available to everyone daily from sunrise to sunset. One major change has been made in the park area this year. Skateboarding is not permitted under the park pavilion or on any bench or table in the park.

Curfew and night parking restrictions are in effect all year in the village. When school is not in session curfew is 12:00 AM for children under the age of 18. Night parking is prohibited for more than 30 minutes on village streets between 2:00-6:00 AM. If you need to park a vehicle on the street overnight, call our department to secure permission.

The department has entered into a new program in cooperation with the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewage District and Veolia Recycling.

We now accept unused or unwanted medications from residents for disposal at a special facility. Prescription and non-prescription medications along with a number of other over the counter products are accepted. An information sheet on this program is available at the municipal center or you can call our department for information. Disposing of drugs through this program keeps them out of our drinking water and landfills.

The Thiensville Police Department is here to serve the community. Officers conduct their patrols based not only on detection and apprehension but to insure quality of life in the village. Our goal is to provide the level of service the community expects of us in an efficient manner. Comments or suggestions on how to address issues which improves the overall environment are always welcome.

Call us with your concerns. We work for you and want to do the best job we can. Thanks for all of your support and have a great summer.

Chief Preston

### **Siren**

When the siren goes off at noon it is simply a test. The siren is used for one main reason; when we receive a severe weather warning from the National Weather Service, the siren is sounded for a longer period of time and people should take cover.

## Tidbits from the President

### **SAVE THE DATE! Thiensville's 100th Anniversary!**

We received a note from Judy Gilroy of the Thiensville 100th Anniversary Celebration Committee reminding all of us to save the date of September 26, 2010 to join in the festivities for the 100th birthday of our community. If you can help us as a volunteer on that day, kindly leave your name and phone number with the village office. The committee is pleased that businesses in the village have given \$6,400 to offset the costs of the event. Citizen donations are also accepted. If you would like to give, it's not too late.

No excuses for not coming to the park on Sunday, September 26th; the Packers are playing on Monday night.

### **In the future**

There is very early discussion of the possibility of a storm water utility to be developed for Thiensville. We have had a wonderful history of trying to set aside money for future needs; it is in this spirit that the thought has been introduced. It is not something which is going forward now, but the idea has been brought forward.

### **Schools take a hit & so do property taxes**

Facing mounting deficits, the 2009-11 state budget cut state aid to schools for the first time in modern memory. It also tightened the state's revenue limits on local school districts. The result for taxpayers will be an average potential school tax hike that could reach 7.8%.  
(excerpted from WI Taxpayer Alliance, Sept. 2009)

### **High School Districts**

A total of 36 districts, Mequon-Thiensville School Districts was one of them that had third-grade math proficiencies that topped 90% in 2005-2006. For these districts, showing progress as students moved through fourth, fifth, and sixth grades is difficult. However, 14 of the 36 (38.8%) had gains.  
(excerpted from WI Taxpayer, Sept. 2009)

### **Thanks Thiensville Employees**

The employees of Thiensville recognizing the financial challenges of our times, are taking no pay increase in 2010. Thank You!

### **UW Recognized**

Three UW System schools made Kiplinger's Personal Finance Top 100 Best Values among public universities list. UW-Madison was 14th, followed by UW-LaCrosse (43) and US-Eau Claire (67).  
(excerpted from WI Taxpayers, January 2010)

### **Thanks Ozaukee County Employees**

The Ozaukee County employees have accepted 0% pay increases in recognition of economic conditions. Thank You!

## State Output Grows Slowly

Wisconsin's gross domestic product (GDP), a measure of goods and services produced by the state, increased 3.0% in 2008, to \$240.4 billion. From 1998 to 2008, GDP rose 49.6%, or an average of 4.1% annually. At 3.0%, growth in 2008 was slower than in any of the past 10 years.

Of the major geographic regions of the country, the Great Lakes grew the least during the 10 years ending in 2008 (39.5%). GDP increased the most in the Southwest (90.4%), followed by the Rocky Mountains (80.1%), and Far West (70.8%).

(Excerpted from WI Taxpayers, December 2009)

### **Conservation Land**

Ozaukee County was one of the three lowest regarding number of acres in conservation land owned by federal, state and county government. (2006 statistic)  
(excerpted from WI Taxpayer, August 2009)

### **Deficit**

State government closed its 2008-09 books with a \$2.71 billion deficit in its general fund. This is \$445 per person. This has been building since the 1990's. By law, state government is supposed to balance its budget.  
(excerpted from WI Taxpayer, December 2009)

### **Redistricting**

With the 2010 census, Congressional and State legislative boundaries will be redrawn before the 2012 elections. In most states, including Wisconsin, that task is left to legislatures, a practice that draws conflict of interest charges from critics. Iowa, Arizona, and soon California all use some form of independent body rather than the legislature to do redistricting.  
(excerpted from WI Taxpayer, September 2009)

### **Did You Know?**

The founding fathers of the U.S. thought newspapers to be so important to the form of government we have that newspapers were delivered free by the postal service for the first 75 years of our country.  
(PBS)

### **Interesting!**

Over 500 village citizens picked up their new card to use the village brush area; only 300 people voted in the spring election.

### **Thanks Mr. Roherty!**

Homestead High School Principal, Mark Roherty, a 20 year resident of Thiensville, has announced his retirement after 20 years as leader of our high school. He has been wonderful!

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The men and women of the Thiensville Fire Department want you to start your grilling season off safely. Follow these facts and tips from the National Fire Protection Association. We wish you a happy summer and are always here when you need us for emergency and non-emergency help.

### **Facts:**

- Damage from grill fires caused \$30 million dollars in damage in 2002.
- Gas grills have a higher fire risk than charcoal grill (leaks and breaks in gas lines are the leading cause).
- Placing combustibles too close to heat, and leaving the cooking unattended are the two leading causes of charcoal grill home fires.
- Half of all gas and charcoal grill home fires begin on an exterior balcony or unenclosed porch.
- Structural member or framing, wall coverings, exterior trim and plants are the leading items first ignited in outdoor charcoal grill fires.

### **Safety Tips:**

- Grills must not be used on or under balconies.
- Position grills well away from siding, deck railing, eaves and overhanging branches.
- Place grills a safe distance from lawn games, play areas and foot traffic.
- Keep children and pets away from grill area; declare a three foot safe zone around the grill.
- Put out several long handled tools to give the chef plenty of clearance from heat and flames when flipping food.
- Periodically remove grease and fat buildup in trays below grill so it cannot be ignited by a hot grill.

We look forward to seeing you at many of our community events during the summer season, as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of our community.

### **Looking for Heroes**

We are looking for committed residents to join the Fire Department. Whether you are interested in fire fighting, rescue diving, emergency medical service, or assisting the department in other ways, such as fund raising efforts, we will provide all necessary training, and you provide the dedication. Please call 242-3393 for information. Men and women of all ages over 18 are encouraged to apply.

## **HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

The new 2010 History Books will be available at the 100th Anniversary Celebration and at Village Hall after the event for purchase.

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

### **Garbage Collection**

Containers cannot exceed 32 gallons with a maximum of 60 pounds and shall be at the roadside prior to 7AM on the day of pickup. Materials shall not be placed at the roadside more than 24 hours prior to pickup.

Trees, branches or shrubs with a diameter over three inches should be cut in lengths of two feet and stacked and tied at the roadside on the day of your garbage collection.

Grass clippings and leaves may be disposed of at the public works yard on W. Freistadt Road. You need to purchase a recycling gate card at the Village Hall, and the cost is \$10.00.

### **Does Your Home Have FOG?**

Fats, oil and grease (FOG) can be a main cause of sanitary sewer backups. FOG comes from meat scraps, cooking oil, lard, butter, gravy, mayonnaise, salad dressings, sour cream and other fatty items. They accumulate in sewer pipes and may lead to basement backups.

Do not pour FOG down the drain. You can prevent FOG from causing a sewer backup by following these simple disposal methods. Wipe grease from pots and pans before washing them or put the grease in a tightly sealed container and dispose of in the garbage. Large amounts of oil can be mixed with cat litter, sealed in a plastic bag and put in the garbage.

Running hot water after pouring FOG down the drain will only work for a short time. FOG cools rapidly and hardens either in your sanitary lateral or the Village's main line where it could cause a sewer backup for you or your neighbors.

### **RETURN THE STURGEON**

Over the last three years, Riveredge Nature Center has worked with the Wisconsin DNR, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other partners to pilot a long-term project to restore a breeding population of lake sturgeon to the Milwaukee River. Being the largest native fish in the great lakes, the lake sturgeon is a powerful symbol of the environment and culture in our region. The Potawatomi, Menominee, Winnebago, Ojibwa, Oneida and Sauk tribes all revered this giantfish.

The eggs are harvested from sturgeon spawning in the Wolf river and raised in the Streamside Rearing Facility (SRF) at Riveredge where they imprint on Milwaukee River water. The SRF is the only one operating in Wisconsin, with day-to-day operations carried out by volunteers. The 6-8" fingerlings will be released during the Return the Sturgeon Celebration, Saturday, October 2, at Thiensville Village Park. Individuals and families will have an opportunity to sponsor and release their own fish.

Anyone interested in volunteering for this project can contact Riveredge at 1-800-287-8098. For more information on the project and/or the event in October, visit [www.riveredge.us](http://www.riveredge.us).

### REGISTER TO VOTE

To avoid long lines on any Election Day, register early at the Village Hall between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Identification is needed with your current address. Examples include a driver's license, utility bill, property tax bill, or deed to your property or rental agreement. If you have moved or had a name change, you may change your voter registration information at the Village Hall or at the polls on Election Day.

Electors must provide their driver's license number. If the elector does not have a driver's license, he/she must provide the last four digits of their social security number. All Thiensville voters vote at the Thiensville Municipal Building, 250 Elm Street.

### REAL ESTATE TAXES ARE DUE

The second real estate tax installment is due to the Ozaukee County Treasurer by July 31. Please contact the County Treasurer's office at 238-8280 with any questions.

### FALL HOMECOMING PARADE

The Homestead High School homecoming parade will be held Friday, October 1 at 5:00 PM. Football game follows at 7:00 PM. The parade starts at Walgreen's on Main Street.

### MEETINGS SCHEDULE

Committee of the Whole - first Monday of the month, Plan Commission - first Tuesday of the month following the COW on Monday, Board of Trustees - third Monday of the month, Historic Preservation Commission - third Tuesday of the month, Zoning Board of Appeals - meets on call. Meetings subject to change.

### CLEAR WATER CODE COMPLIANCE

A Clear Water Code Compliance is necessary anytime you sell your home. The forms are available at the Village Hall, and the cost is \$40.00. This inspection protects the Village sanitary sewers from additional clear water making its way into the system.

### Community Gift Certificates

Community gift certificates are the perfect gift for anyone! They can be redeemed at over 170 businesses! Gift certificates can be purchased in any demonization at the Mequon-Thiensville Chamber of Commerce, 250 S. Main Street in Thiensville (262-512-9358) or online at [www.mtchamber.org](http://www.mtchamber.org)

### RECYCLING

Newspapers, cans, glass bottles and jars, various plastics, and empty aerosol cans will **NOT** be collected with the regular garbage pickup. These items must be recycled. **ONLY** grass clippings, leaves and garden refuse may be disposed of at the Department of Public Works yard behind the Post Office. A gate card may be purchased at the Village Hall for residents for only \$10.00. Waste oil may be deposited at the tank located at the DPW yard.

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Residents can take their household hazardous waste and old computers, monitors and keyboards to Onyx Environmental Services in Port Washington, 1275 Mineral Springs Drive. The fees are based on the item and quantity. Please call Hazardous Waste Hotline at (262) 243-8998 for further information.

### VILLAGE PERMITS & DUMPSTERS

Please remember that for any building, remodeling, fences, signs, electrical, heating/ventilation, and plumbing work done in your home or business a permit must be pulled, and they are available at the Village Hall. Avoid double fees by paying in advance.

If you are remodeling, you are responsible for disposing of all previous old material from your home. Dumpsters are available at the Village Hall for \$95.00 or for remodeling projects and construction debris they are \$200.00



### MEQUON SWIMMING POOL

#### Mequon Pool Opens Saturday June 5

The weekly schedule is:

Monday - Saturday 12:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Sunday 12:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Weather permitting

Special prices for Thiensville residents are the following:

	Resident		Non-resident guests	
	Daily	Season		
Under 3		Free	Free	
3 to 12	\$3.75	\$50.00	\$4.50	\$75.00
13 and Over	\$5.00	\$135.00	\$6.00	\$95.00

Thiensville Family Member Pass \$135.00

Phone: 262-236-2947

## 2010 THIENSVILLE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

**SAVE THE DATE!** Sunday, September 26, 2010 has been designated as the official date for celebrating Thiensville's 100th year. This celebration will be held at the Thiensville Village Park and begins at 11:30 AM and will end at 3:00 PM.

### Thanks to the following donors:

Suburban Rental	\$1,000.00
Do-Mo Management LLC	\$1,000.00
Suburban Motors	\$500.00
Shully's Cuisine	\$500.00 (food)
Bank Mutual	\$500.00
John Burbank	\$500.00
Houseman & Feind	\$500.00
Willowbrook Place	\$250.00
Murphy Marketing & Research	\$250.00
M & I Bank	\$250.00
Egelhoff Lawn Mower Service	\$250.00
Schmit Ford	\$100.00
Edward Jones Investments	\$100.00
Tom Mescher (MARS)	\$100.00
Thiensville Professional Park	\$100.00
Great Lakes Pool & Spa	\$100.00
Greg Mueller Upholstery	\$100.00
Bay Cleaners	\$100.00
Ruekert & Mielke	\$100.00
Karl & Carol Hertz	\$ 50.00
Pigeon Creek Antiques	\$ 25.00
Martinizing Dry Cleaners	\$ 25.00

If you can help as a volunteer, please contact the village office at 262-242-3720.



## VILLAGE DIRECTORY

### VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Karl V. Hertz, President 242-1201

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Farmers Market June 5 to  
October 30, 2010  
Hours are 9AM to 6PM

### VILLAGE DEPARTMENTS

EMERGENCY 911

Village Administrator  
Clerk-Treasurer  
Dianne S. Robertson 242-3720

Police Department, Non-Emergency  
Chief Richard W. Preston 242-2100

Fire Department, Non-Emergency  
Chief Brian Reiels 242-3393

Public Works  
Director Andrew J. LaFond 242-0180

Building Inspection (800) 422-5220  
Independent Inspections, Ltd  
Paul Mortimer, Building Inspector

Village Hall  
250 Elm Street 242-3720  
Hours 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM