



DECEMBER 2019

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2019: A year of accomplishments in Thiensville

Dear Thiensvillians,

Another year has gone by and things keep improving in the village. This year we added the Port Washington State Bank River Stage to Village Park and completed sewer repairs and maintenance at the lift station behind the BMO bank building. Sewer repairs are invisible but you would know it if we let the sewer system slip into disrepair. So we keep pecking away at it. This winter, we will join with our neighbors in Mequon and do some large scale and expensive maintenance on a sewer “interceptor” that runs adjacent to Cedarburg Road south of Thiensville. We will keep you abreast of that project.

In 2020, we look forward to a redevelopment project on the old Lumen Christi site off Buntrock Avenue. I am confident the proposal we have before us is a good one. At the beginning of December, the Plan Commission reviewed the early stages of the plan and forwarded it on to the Village Board. More meetings regarding this proposal are scheduled for January and the hope is that the site will begin to be transformed by spring. Stay tuned for further details and schedules regarding this exciting new development!

2020 will also see road and sewer work around the intersection of Sunny Lane and Woodside Lane. The contract for that work has yet to be bid out so I can't give you a time frame concerning when it will be accomplished but watch the Village webpage for further details. Likewise, pay attention to the Village webpage — or go to the Village website and sign up for Village Voice, our e-letter — for updates on all construction projects as well as dates for all the great events we enjoy here every year.

Over the last 10 years, the Village's downtown area and South Main Street have been transformed by the completion of the Pigeon Creek Project and the demolition and subsequent redevelopment of numerous parcels. For example, the Village is often complimented for the enhancements at the two Fiddleheads locations, Shully's, glaze, Reuters, the Thiensville Health Alliance, E-Collectique, the cheel, Remington's, Skippy's, the new Port Washington State Bank building, multiple pocket park enhancements, etc. It was a good 10 years for the Village in that area — and now we have begun to turn our gaze to the north.

Over the next year the Village Board will be considering the future of the area around the intersection of Main Street and Freistadt Road — as well as what the Village can do to help make that future especially bright. For example, we have already thought extensively about how or whether to create a bike path or walkway along Freistadt Road east of the downtown area. Expect more thoughts along those lines and maybe some action. Also, there is no doubt many of the parcels in that area are underutilized. We will be looking to accelerate the process by which they fulfill their potential. We will keep you informed as we devise and execute plans to move the Village further into the new century — while at the same time maintaining all the historic charm that attracted us all to Thiensville in the first place.

In conclusion, have a Merry Christmas! Enjoy the lights and I look forward to seeing you in what promises to be a great 2020!



Van Mobley

Van Mobley, Village President

PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS

Property owners may use the real estate tax installment plan by paying their taxes according to the following schedule:

Tax payments made in 2019

Taxpayers desiring an extra income tax deduction for 2019 must pay their tax bill by December 31, 2019. If paid by mail, the envelope must be postmarked on or before December 31, 2019. No exceptions will be made. Tax payments may not be combined on the same check with other payments, such as sewer bills.

Tax due dates

FIRST HALF of net tax bill due January 31, 2020. Make checks payable to **Village of Thiensville**.

SECOND HALF of net tax bill due July 31, 2020, made payable and mailed to **Ozaukee County Treasurer**.

If the installment plan is not utilized, full payment is due January 31, 2020.

No postdated checks will be accepted. Checks will be processed when they are received. Postdated checks will be returned to the taxpayer. A penalty in the amount of 1-1/2% per month will be assessed on the balance due from February 1, 2020.

PAYING TAXES AT VILLAGE HALL

250 Elm Street
(262) 242-3720



Village residents may pay their real estate taxes at Village Hall, which is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Please note the following holiday hours:

Tuesday, Dec. 24	CLOSED
Wednesday, Dec. 25	CLOSED
Tuesday, Dec. 31	8 A.M. TO NOON
Wednesday, Jan. 1	CLOSED

If refund due is less than \$100, a refund will be given at the counter. Refund checks resulting from payment in excess of \$100 will be mailed within 10 working days from receipt of the tax payment.

PAYING TAXES AT BMO HARRIS



201 N. Main Street (262) 242-4000

Tax payments may be made at the Thiensville branch of BMO Harris Bank. The bank will not issue refunds. Only checks in the exact amount will be accepted. Payments will be accepted until a half hour before closing time.

Bank hours are:

Monday-Thursday	9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Friday	9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m.-noon

HOLIDAY HOURS ARE: Tuesday, Dec. 24, 9 a.m. to noon; Wednesday, Dec. 25, Closed; Tuesday, Dec. 31, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Wednesday, Jan. 1, Closed.

PAYING TAXES AT PORT WASHINGTON STATE BANK



Port Washington State Bank will collect taxes. Refunds will be given right away.

Bank hours: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon.

Holiday hours: Tuesday, Dec. 24, 9 a.m. to noon; Wednesday, Dec. 25, Closed; Tuesday, Dec. 31, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Wednesday, Jan. 1, Closed.

197 S. Main St.
Thiensville

(262) 242-0598

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

As 2019 comes to a close and we reflect on the accomplishments of this past year, the Village has already been very busy planning for a successful 2020. The Village Board has adopted the 2020 budget with only a 0.18% tax rate increase while continuing the high level of services that we currently provide our residents. For an average home in the Village, this increase equated to about an additional \$3.00 for the Village of Thiensville portion on your tax bill. The tax rate for Village purposes is \$7.28 per \$1,000 assessed. A summary of the 2020 Budget operating revenues and expenditures can be found below.

Every dollar of your property tax bill is split among four overlapping taxing entities: Ozaukee County, the Village of Thiensville, the Mequon-Thiensville School District and the Milwaukee Area Technical College. The Village's share is 37 cents of each dollar.



	2020		2020
<u>OPERATING REVENUES</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
PROPERTY TAX LEVY		GENERAL OPERATIONS	94,409
GENERAL FUND	1,921,500	ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS	325,247
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	400,000	LIBRARY	123,400
STORMWATER MGMT FUND	42,000	UNCLASSIFIED	148,250
OLD VILLAGE HALL FUND	3,000	INSURANCE	120,827
INTERGOV'T REVENUES	319,004	POLICE OPERATIONS	981,420
REGULATION & COMPLIANCE	167,296	FIRE OPERATIONS	270,060
PUBLIC CHARGES FOR SERVICES	26,600	INSPECTION SERVICES	29,000
COMMERCIAL REVENUES	102,000	DPW STREET OPERATIONS	616,811
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	290,000	DPW PARK OPERATIONS	116,976
FIRE EQUIPMENT/AMBULANCE	170,000	FIRE EQUIPMENT/AMBULANCE	182,274
PARK IMPROVEMENT FUND	105,500	PARK IMPROVEMENT FUND	40,000
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	203,897	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	603,897
SPECIAL ASSESS. COLLECT. FUND	51,086	OLD VILLAGE HALL FUND	3,000
TOTAL	3,801,883	STORMWATER MGMT FUND	42,000
		SPECIAL ASSESS. COLLECT. FUND	102,918
		TOTAL	3,800,489

The Village continues to operate on a solid foundation thanks to our conscientious Village Board and dedicated Village staff. Looking ahead to 2020, I am anticipating an exciting year!

Colleen Landisch-Hansen
Village Administrator

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



The Village picks up trash every week on Mondays or Tuesdays. Please place your trash at the curb no later than 7 a.m. Trash may not be put out more than 24 hours before the pickup. Your trash can must be put away within 24 hours. Trash cans must be stored out of sight of the road.

Trash cans may be no larger than 32 gallons and no heavier than 50 pounds. If placing noxious weeds curbside, please bundle, bag and label.

Christmas trees will be collected the same day as your garbage for three weeks after Christmas. Place trees at the curb. If you live in a condominium or apartment complex, check with your condo association or management company to ask about tree disposal.



Recycling bins will be collected by Waste Management on the regular schedule the week of Christmas. Please remember: Your recycling bin must be stored out of sight from the road.

Residents with Monday garbage pickup will have their normal pickup on Monday, Dec. 23.

Residents with a usual Tuesday pickup will have their garbage picked up on Thursday, Dec. 26.

Please do not use snowblowers to blow snow back onto streets that already have been plowed by the Village Department of Public Works.

GET COUNTED BY THE U.S CENSUS

Every 10 years, the United States conducts its Census, an official count of every person in the nation.

It is very important that every resident of the village gets counted because a variety of funding formulas are tied to population. The districts of elected representatives for local and state offices, as well as Congress, are drawn based on the Census.

Please look for an invitation in the mail to participate in the Census between March 12 and March 20. You may be given the option to respond online. You also will be provided with options for a paper questionnaire or a reply by telephone. Census takers will then go door-to-door in June and July to count people who have not responded.



PET LICENSES AVAILABLE AFTER JAN. 1

Village residents many have up to four cats or no more than a total of five dogs and cats. All dogs and cats older than five months must have a license. Pet owners must provide proof of an annual rabies vaccination every year.

License fees are \$10 for spayed or neutered dogs or cats and \$15 for non-spayed dogs and cats. A late fee of \$5 applies to all licenses sold after April 1.

Licenses may be obtained at Village Hall, 250 Elm St. They are available by mail with a self-addressed, stamped envelope.





Support Village Park ReImagined

The work of Village Park ReImagined continues after the completion in June of the Port Washington State Bank River Stage. Your contribution will help realize the next goal of building a splash pad in the park. Your purchase of a \$250 leaf on the

Giving Tree or a tax-deductible donation of any size will help realize the ongoing efforts in Village Park. Checks to Village Park ReImagined may be sent to Thiensville Village Hall, 250 Elm St., Thiensville, WI 53092.

COUNTY SUPERVISOR ROB HOLYOKE'S REPORT

As 2019 comes to an end, I have now served the residents of Thiensville on the Ozaukee County Board for more than 1-1/2 years. I've come to a much greater appreciation as to what Ozaukee County does for its residents. County services encompass more than most of us can imagine.

One is the Lasata Senior Living Campus. The County now has three levels of service, but the County is exploring adding another level to create a continuum of care. The progression of service being assisted living, residential care apartment complex, community-based residential facility (currently missing) and lastly a skilled nursing facility. Hopefully, the coming year will see some progress in this area. Stay tuned!

Another is the Planning and Parks Department. Maybe you've noticed construction equipment at the old sod farm at 9104 W. Mequon Road. The Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District bought this land for water retention while, in partnership, the County obtained numerous grants to restore the Little Menomonee River to a more natural state. The river, back in the 1800s, had been straightened out to make basically a drainage ditch. Maybe the best news from this is MMSD, at no cost to the County, has deeded this property to the County. It will most likely become a passive County park for all to hike and enjoy nature. All this was done at no cost to County residents.

The County portion on 2020 property tax bill was reduced from \$1.77 per \$1,000 to \$1.70, which equates to a \$3.41 decrease

on the average Ozaukee County house. The County levy is up 1.1%, while the tax rate decreases 3.7%.

And while we're on the subject of taxes, Ozaukee County collects a half-percent sales tax. This year, the County is on track to collect \$8.9 million and next year, we're projected to collect \$9.1 million. The County uses the sales tax to defray property taxes. It should be noted that residents and nonresidents both pay the sales tax.



Rob Holyoke

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any County concerns. My phone number is (414) 507-8552. My County email is rjholyoke@co.ozaukee.wi.us. In ending, I wish you a joyous holiday season and happiness in 2020!

Rob Holyoke

Ozaukee County Supervisor, District 22

M-T HISTORICAL CALENDAR

The Mequon-Thiensville Historical Society's calendar for 2020 is on sale at Village Hall, Chuck's Place and both the Mequon and Thiensville Port Washington State Bank branch-

es. The calendars are \$5 each or included with a MTHS membership that starts at \$15 a year. The calendar features a variety of historic photos of the Thiensville-Mequon area.

MEQUON - THIENSVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2020 CALENDAR



Looking north on Main Street in Thiensville in about 1930. Photo from Don Molyneux donated by Neil Trilling.



The Village Voice email newsletter is a great way to keep up with happenings in Thiensville.

Sign up for the free newsletter to get five updates a month – an email every Tuesday with news about events in the village and a once-a-month “President’s Edition” report from President Van Mobley.

Sign up by going to the Village website – www.village.thiensville.wi.us. Click on “Notify Me” at the bottom of the page and follow the prompts to sign up for Village Voice.

Also follow the Village on social media:

Facebook – ThiensvilleWI

Twitter – @ThiensvilleWI



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Members of the community are welcome to attend all open-session Village meetings.

Committee of the Whole – First Monday

Board of Trustees – Third Monday

Plan Commission – First Tuesday

Historic Preservation Commission – Second Wednesday

Other boards and commissions – As needed

Meeting schedules are subject to change. For details click on “Agendas and Minutes” on the Village website or call Village Hall.

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THIENSVILLE MEETINGS



Thiensville residents can save a stamp or a visit to Village Hall by signing up for automatic payment of their quarterly sewer bill.

The form to sign up for auto-pay is available at Village Hall, 250 Elm St., or online at www.village.thiensville.wi.us/

188/Sewer-Utility-Billing. The completed form must be returned to Village Hall with a voided check. Once enrolled in auto-pay, the sewer bill payment will be deducted from your checking account on the due date. Residents will continue to receive the quarterly sewer statement in the mail as a reminder of the upcoming deduction.

SIGN UP FOR AUTO-PAYMENT OF SEWER BILL

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