



VILLAGE OF THIENSVILLE NEWSLETTER JUNE 2013

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DEAR THIENSVILLE RESIDENTS:

As you well know we are in the middle of construction season. By the time you get this newsletter the water project in the Laurel Acres Water Trust and the Green Bay Road reconstruction project will be nearing completion. Later this summer the resurfacing of a number of roads in the northeastern corner of the village will commence, as will the work designed to put the finishing touches on the Pigeon Creek Project and beautify the area around the old village fire station. It would be nice to have firm dates on when the work in the northeastern corner of the village and around the old fire station will begin and end, but that information is simply not available yet. As soon as it is we will post it on the website.

We intend to demolish the buildings which the village purchased on Main Street (132,134,136 Main Street) as soon as possible. The village has received three proposals concerning potential uses for the combined site and will be evaluating these proposals, as well as other ideas, during the course of the summer. We look forward to settling on an excellent use for the site and have and will continue to invite citizen comments and participation as we move toward a decision on what to do with these properties. Check the website for information concerning progress in this area.

Recently a number of businesses in Thiensville have invested in upgrading and/or maintaining their facilities. The work on Shully's and Reuter's has been visible from the road, but an equally profound transformation has occurred inside Suburban Harley, Extreme Ski and Bike, and the new Round Two: Horse and Rider Consignment Shop. It was a pleasure to spend time this spring gawking at the great improvements at these fine businesses. If you are in the market for the wares they sell, or the goods and services sold by any of Thiensville's fine businesses, make sure you give them a chance at earning your patronage. It is also encouraging to see local property owners in the commercial corridor, like Tom Montaine of 116 S. Main Street, Mark Wildhagen of 139-141 Green Bay Road, and Ted Hagen at Chuck's Place refreshed their establishments with some paint and repairs. Thanks guys!

Thiensville is a great place to live and do business. No wonder great ideas for improvement flourish here. Don't imagine that the village's elected officials, or professional staff, necessarily know anymore than residents do about the emergence of redevelopment or commercial ideas that will shape Thiensville's future. These ideas emerge and blossom, or wither, as a result of many factors, only a few of which are controlled by village officials. Thus, we, like you, look forward to seeing how some of these ideas, like the change in location of the Farmer's Market from the Walgreen's parking lot to village park, or the proposed biergarten in village park, will eventually manifest themselves. It should be an exciting summer! If you have development ideas or contacts feel free to send them to me or Dianne Robertson. Our email addresses and phone numbers can be found on the website.

Finally, have a great summer!

Van Mobley
President

**THIENSVILLE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION
CALENDAR OF EVENTS
www.thiensvillebusiness.com**

**FARMERS MARKET - June 11 thru October 29
Village Park - Every Tuesday 8am to 7pm**

**BUSINESS TO BUSINESS TRICK OR TREAT -
Friday, October 25 from 4 - 7PM**

**LADIES NIGHT OUT - Thursday, October 10 from 4 -
8PM**

**TBA TREE LIGHTING - Friday, December 6 from 6 -
8PM Walgreens Parking Lot**

**SIDEWALK SALE—Saturday August 10, 2013 from
9am to 5pm**

NEW LOCATION FOR FARMER'S MARKET

Since the early 90's the Thiensville Business Association (TBA) in partnership with many local Farmers have hosted a very successful Farmers Market in the Village of Thiensville. In response to concerns from our participants about the venue, accommodations and overall perception of our Market, the TBA (with support from our vendors) worked with the Village Trustees and its members to move the location of the Market to our beautiful Village Park. With this change brings a plethora of enhancements including: electricity, shade, playgrounds, restrooms, parking, scenery and most of all, utilization of one of our most significant assets; the Village Park. Other enhancements for 2013 include a diversified market—offering “of more than just veggies”, live music, several cooked food options (think lunch AND dinner folks) and extended operating hours starting June 11 thru October 29, every Tuesday from 8am to 7pm. Yes, you can make it to the market on your way home from work!

With participation from several volunteers across the Thiensville business community and our local residents we are proud to host what we hope will be “the Best Dam” Market around! We look forward to seeing you at the Park!!

Jesse Daily—Village Farmers Market Director

FAMILY FUN BEFORE THE FOURTH!

Mark your calendars for June 29 for Thiensville and Mequon's annual Family Fun Before the Fourth. This annual fun-filled day will begin at 10:30 am with a parade that will begin at the Weyenberg Library and end up at Thiensville Village Park. This free event is fun for the entire family. Entertainment will be provided throughout the day and will include the bands, Myles Hayes Quintet and Christopher's Project and fun activities for the kids and adults including a boat parade. Don't miss out on all the fun—bring your family and friends! Leave your coolers at home and enjoy food and beverages from Chuck's Place, Prime Minister, The Chancery and WOW Dog. For more information, visit the website at <http://www.familyfunbeforethefourth.com>

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
(may be subject to change)**

9:30 - 10:30	Parade Setup
10:30 - 12:00	Parade - Free Ice Cream Village Park
12:00 - 12:30	Homestead High School Marching Band
12:00 - 3:00	Rock Climbing Wall
12:30 - 2:00	Badgerland Waterski Show
2:00 - 3:30	Taste of Talent
3:30 - 4:30	Life in a Tree
4:30 - 7:00	Myles Hayes Quintet
7:00 - Dusk	Christopher's Project
8:30 - 9:00	Venetian Boat Parade
Dusk	FIREWORDS



POLICE DEPARTMENT

As residents and visitors spend more time enjoying our Village, the Police Department would like to remind everyone to take precautions to ensure that no one becomes a victim of a crime.

Right around Easter, numerous vehicles parked in resident's driveways were entered and personal items were removed. Every one of the vehicles were left unlocked and had expensive items out for the taking in plain view. Our department arrested two people, not from the area, responsible for the thefts. When interviewed, both of the people said they know people in this area do not lock their cars and leave valuables inside. These crimes were crimes of opportunity and everyone needs to take a few preventative measures and lock their cars and houses even though Thiensville is a very safe community.

Summer is the time for vacations and being away with family and friends. If you're planning a vacation, or will be away from home for more than a day, please call our department and request a special house watch. We will check your house daily and we will have a contact number in the event something is out of order.

The Village is a great place for riding bicycles and the department recommends getting a bicycle license which costs only \$5.00 so in the event your bicycle is stolen, we have a record of the bike and are able to report the theft to other departments and enter the bicycle into the National Crime data base.

With the Summer season brings a whole new array of scams. The newest in our community is the call about your grandson or grand-daughter away in a foreign land needing money due to a recent arrest. Some of our residents have fallen victim to this scam, either call your family to verify the story or call our department immediately to assist you. Identity theft is still one of the most prevalent crimes. Remember, if you are a victim no matter where the theft occurs, contact the police department to file a police report. The theft may have occurred in another town but we can still connect the investigations to bring the person to justice. If you have any questions or tips about identity theft, please give our department a call.

The Harley Davidson 110th anniversary will be in Thiensville Labor Day weekend. This will bring a large group of visitors and motorcycle riders to our community. Special events will be planned for that weekend and there may be some traffic delays also. Please come to join in the celebration and meet new people that are visiting our community.

The men and women of the Thiensville Police Department are dedicated to making this a happy and safe summer for all residents and visitors. We will continue to provide exemplary service to the community we serve.

Chief Scott Nicholson

ELECTIONS

Thank you to our volunteer poll workers for their time spent at the elections!! There will be no elections for the remainder of 2013.

MEQUON-THIENSVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY UPDATE

Cleaning out your Attic?

As you clean out your attics, please keep the Mequon-Thiensville Historical Society in mind. We are in need of family photos with identifiable subjects, family stories, genealogies (published or unpublished), property abstracts, school pictures, or a wide variety of other historic documents. These items can either be donated outright to our society, or we will scan them and return them to you. Please understand that we do not accept artifacts or objects, no matter how unique or valuable. We maintain a "two-dimensional" collection that includes documents, maps, photos, scrapbooks, etc. If you have unique historical objects, please contact us for help in finding a group or museum that might be an appropriate recipient for your potential donation. Contact us at 262-242-3107 or by email at mthistory1839@gmail.com.

Some great summer reading

The Mequon-Thiensville Historical Society and the Weyenberg Library joined with the University of Wisconsin Digitization Project to make several historical documents available online. One of the most interesting documents is the real estate abstract documenting John Henry Thien's 1842 purchase of a quarter section of land that was to become the center of present day Thiensville. The 230-page abstract follows the Thien family's land sales, will problems, marriages and bankruptcy following the 1874 mill fire. The saga of the Thien family and the land that now makes up Thiensville's Green Bay Road strip spans nearly 80 years from 1839 to the 1920's. Interested? Go to our website, www.mthistoricalsociety.org and follow the link.

MEQUON-THIENSVILLE CLEAN-UP 2013

MANY, MANY THANKS go out to Thiensvillians, Jim and Katie Gennrich for organizing the efforts once again for the Spring Clean-up. Even though it was a rainy day there were many volunteers and most of the sites were cleaned up over a two week period. Thanks again Jim and Katie!!

OZAUKEE COUNTY NEWS

Greetings, summer is finally here! The update on Ozaukee County has so many interesting initiatives that will serve all the people in a frugal yet thoughtful manner.

Just as is the case in our village, the county is going to be working on roads, buildings, and infrastructure. We hope these projects are not too much of an inconvenience; however, I am amazed how the road projects today seem to be able to keep traffic moving to a remarkable degree.

The county board continues to try to balance the tremendous interest in land preservation with the need to keep property on the tax rolls. In some cases, it is a matter of farm preservation while in other instances, we are addressing the need for parks and recreation areas. So far, I think, we have thoughtfully addressed both goals.

Our fine staff has been moving us forward with a "paperless initiative." We are sure it will save money and give more access to records. For instance, municipalities and the county have been working on sharing land information records. This will help businesses and individuals to access this information. Discussions are continuing regarding the potential for a common emergency dispatch system, and Thiensville has been involved.

The Lasata campus, as you know, serves the elderly of Ozaukee County. It is set up as an "enterprise fund" which means the county property tax levy is not used to support it. To give you a little background, the health care facility, which is the oldest building, is in need of some repairs and updating to accommodate the people and to parallel current laws. There will be considerable discussion of the best way to accomplish this task over the upcoming months. It is a pleasure to mention that both the independent living apartments and the assisted living units are doing very well. The care center will continue to serve the people as they have come to expect.

You may have read in the papers that we have been making improvements at the fairgrounds. The exciting part of this has been the business/private/public partnerships that have come together to allow this to happen. There is good news which I received the first of May; a film company is going to rent the Columbia St. Mary's exhibition facility this summer to make a movie. More is very likely to be in the paper soon.

Kindly let me remind you that the county offices can provide wonderful assistance for the aging, veterans, people with disabilities, people who need meals, rides, and general information. Please remember that these services are extended to all regardless of their financial situation.

Each day, each month, each year, Ozaukee County balances costs with fulfilling its responsibilities. It is a worthy exercise done with a desire to maintain our infrastructure, provide services, often mandated by other governmental bodies, and keep the taxes modest. It is an exciting challenge, and I thank you for letting me continue to serve.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer in our lovely village and county.

Karl Hertz
Ozaukee County Supervisor, District 22

VILLAGE WIDE RUMMAGE SALE!

All residents, businesses, and churches welcome to participate.

When: Saturday, August 10, 2013

Time: 9 am to 4 pm

Cost: None!

What to do: Put out an American Flag at the end of your driveway, set your items out and be ready to sell. This is the same day as the business sidewalk sale. You also may place a yard sale sign on your property

WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES

Natural Cleaners
108 E. Freistadt

Lil Bees Babysitting Service
131 Green Bay Road

Round Two: Horse and Rider Consignment
Tack Shop
229 N. Main Street

VILLAGE WEBSITE

Village Website Features: www.village.thiensville.wi.us
Stay connected! Subscribe to Notify Me to receive updates and information about community news and happenings. Notify Me allows you to subscribe to an unlimited number of email lists. Receive email or text message updates regarding the information you have requested.

Keep in Touch! Stay in touch with us by following us on Twitter, becoming our friend on Facebook, or subscribing to one of our RSS Feeds.

Website Personalization Now Available! With the launch of the new MyDashboard feature, visitors to our website can now customize their viewing experience! By clicking "Log In" on the MyDashboard bar at the top of the screen, users may create a login for the site or use their Facebook profile to access MyDashboard. Once logged in, visitors can choose the modules, features and keywords that they'd like to see most often, including calendars, news items and emergency alerts. Site users can also save favorite pages within MyDashboard, encouraging more-frequent visits and making important information even easier to find!

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Grilling Safety Tips On-Line

Now that summer has finally arrived, the men and women of the Thiensville Fire Department remind Village residents to make sure they check out the Thiensville Fire Department website for grilling safety tip. Visit the Fire Department page of the Thiensville Website at www.village.thiensville.wi.us for more information. Remember grilling on or underneath multi-family building patios is illegal.

Firework Safety Reminders

Fireworks during the Fourth of July are as American as apple-pie, but did you know that more than twice the number of fires are reported on that day than on any other day of the year in the United States? Two out of five of these fires are caused by fireworks. The good news is you can enjoy your holiday and the fireworks, with just a few simple safety tips:

PROCEED WITH CAUTION!

Leave fireworks to the professionals.

Do not use consumer fireworks. 80% of firework injuries are caused by consumer grade fireworks.

The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public display conducted by trained professionals.

After the firework display, children should never pick up fireworks that may be left over...they may still be active.

Are Sparklers harmless?

Water boils 212 degrees Fahrenheit

Cakes bake at 350 degrees Fahrenheit

Wood Burns at 575 degrees Fahrenheit

Glass melts at 900 degrees Fahrenheit

Sparklers burn at 1200 degrees Fahrenheit!!!!

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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. The 2013 4th of July holiday will not affect garbage pickup.

Recycling Plastics!

The Village recycling contractor now accepts plastics labeled 1-7!



NOXIOUS WEEDS

Reminder that the Village has an ordinance against noxious weeds and specifically buckthorn which has been a problem in the Village. If you suspect that either you or your neighbor may have buckthorn please contact the Village Hall, and we can supply you with information on how to destroy this invasive weed.

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. Residents may purchase a gate card at the Village Hall for only \$10.00. Waste oil may be deposited at the tank located at the DPW yard.

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.

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.

FALL HOMECOMING PARADE

The Homestead High School homecoming parade will be held Friday, October 4 at 4:30 PM. Football game follows at 7:00 PM. The parade starts at Walgreen's on Main Street.

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.

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 - second Wednesday of the month, Zoning Board of Appeals - meets on call. Meetings subject to change.

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.

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.



MEQUON SWIMMING POOL

Mequon Pool Opens Saturday June 8—late August

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			<u>Non-resident guests</u>	
	<u>Daily</u>	<u>Season</u>			
Under 3		Free	Free		
3 to 12	\$3.75	\$50.00	\$4.50	\$75.00	
13 and Over	\$5.00	\$80.00	\$6.00	\$95.00	

Thiensville Family Member Pass \$135.00

Phone: 262-236-2945 Pool phone: 262-242-9923

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 denomination at the Mequon-Thiensville Chamber of Commerce, 6331 W. Mequon Road in Mequon (262-512-9358) or online at www.mtchamber.org

INVASIVE SPECIES/NOXIOUS WEEDS

GARLIC MUSTARD BASICS

Life cycle: Biennial, meaning it has a two-year life cycle.

Year one: The plants are low growing, forming clusters of leaves with rounded and scalloped edges.

Year two: Plants take off, growing from 1 foot to 4 feet high. The leaves, especially those near the tiny white flowers, are triangular with saw-toothed edges. Some leaves might retain more of a heart shape.

Making certain it's garlic mustard: Take some leaves and crush them. They should smell like garlic.

Other characteristics: The flowers have four petals. The plant's root is a long taproot with an S curve at the top. Seeds form along the petiole of the leaf—that's the small stalk that extends from the main stem to the leaf itself. Each plant produces hundreds of seeds.

How to deal with Garlic Mustard

Experts agree using a mix of approaches works best to combat the evil weed.

-- Early spring herbicide use. Garlic mustard grows as soon as the temperature is above freezing and the snow cover is gone. It's often the first plant out of the ground in the spring.

Plants can be killed with a product containing glyphosate, the active ingredient in herbicides such as Roundup.

Apply the chemical carefully. Remember that more is not better and that Roundup kills plants indiscriminately.

A herbicide with a wick applicator can give you the control you need.

-- Hand pulling. Pull the plants, getting as much of root system as you can. A dandelion digger can help with that. If you work on a damp day, roots will come out of the ground easier. If you pull plants before they have flowered, scatter them on the ground and let them dry out.

Garlic mustard left in a pile can continue to develop.

If the plants already have flowered, they must be bagged securely. Garlic mustard seeds can ripen and spread even after plants are pulled.

DO NOT put garlic mustard in home compost. Most compost heaps don't get hot enough to destroy seeds.

DO NOT take the garlic mustard to the Thiensville compost facility.

In Thiensville, garlic mustard should be bagged, marked as garlic mustard and put out with the regular trash.

Many experts say that hand pulling is the best option.

BATTLING BUCKTHORN

Common buckthorn is a non-native shrub or small tree. It was originally brought to this country to be used as a hedge for planting around homes and farms. Buckthorn is a shrub which produces copious amounts of berries which the birds eat and drop throughout the woodland. In the spring, before the native trees get their leaves, and in the fall, after the native trees lose their leaves, buckthorn will still be green. Buckthorn's fast growth characteristics and ability to re-sprout from a root system allow it to out-compete many of our native trees and shrubs. This is a perfect time to identify it and eradicate it on your property. Simply cut the stem or trunk of the plant close to the ground and treat it with an application of high concentration Round-Up. This may have to be done a couple of times over the next few years to completely kill it.

Buckthorn is all too common throughout the many properties in Thiensville. Buckthorn and many other invasive species are against village ordinance and if left unchecked, this aggressive weed will prevent our native trees and shrubs from regenerating naturally from seed. This means that, as time goes by, the quality of our native forests and open lands will deteriorate until only buckthorn remains.

Fortunately, many proactive Thiensville residents have found that with a little bit of work and some follow up maintenance, buckthorn can be effectively eradicated. Since there are no permits required to remove buckthorn in the Village, Thiensville residents can improve the natural health of their property by executing the following "3-Step Buckthorn Eradication Process":

Remove all of the buckthorn. A chain saw works best, but hand saws or pruners will work well on the smaller plants. special "weed Wrench" pullers are also available. If you have a hard time identifying buckthorn, wait until late fall to start your eradication efforts. Buckthorn maintains green leaves longer than the native vegetation, making it easier to identify as winter approaches.

Apply herbicide to the stumps and small buckthorn sprouts. The herbicide applications will be most successful when applied as soon as possible after cutting. Round-Up, Trimec, and Garlon 4 are three common herbicides that work well. Herbicides are poison, so remember to read and follow the directions on the product label. Carelessness or misuse of herbicides could cause damage to surrounding vegetation.

Continue to apply herbicide to re-sprouts as needed. Buckthorn will adamantly resist any eradication attempts by vigorously re-sprouting from the cut stumps. Monitor your property 3 - 4 times a year and spray any sprouts or fresh seedlings that you find.

Buckthorn may be bundled and placed at the roadside for pick up on your regular garbage day, or it can be dropped off at the DPW brush and compost collection yard.

For more information and buckthorn photos please visit the Wisconsin DNR website <http://dnr.wi.gov/> and search "Buckthorn"



Have you ever said, “I want to make a difference in my community”? If so, the Thiensville Fire Department can give you that opportunity.

Thiensville Fire Department is looking for dedicated men and women to join the Department as entry level Firefighters and Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs). State certified Firefighters, EMTs and Paramedics are strongly urged to apply, but training and equipment will be provided to those without experience.

Located in Ozaukee County, Wisconsin, the Thiensville Fire Department (TFD) is a paid-on-call department which provides fire and emergency medical services throughout the county. At TFD, we share the vision of continuing to meet and exceed the expectations of our community and ourselves while honoring and exemplifying the traditions of the fire service.

Our mission is simple: to provide exceptional fire suppression, protection, and prevention education in tandem with exceptional EMS service to our community and neighbors. Our ongoing commitment to training, community service, and skill development has made us one of Ozaukee County's premier services for over 153 years.

Questions about what we do? Visit the Fire Department page of the Thiensville Website at www.village.thiensville.wi.us or call us at (262) 242-3393 for more information.

Applications are available online or at the Thiensville Fire Department or Village Hall during normal business hours.

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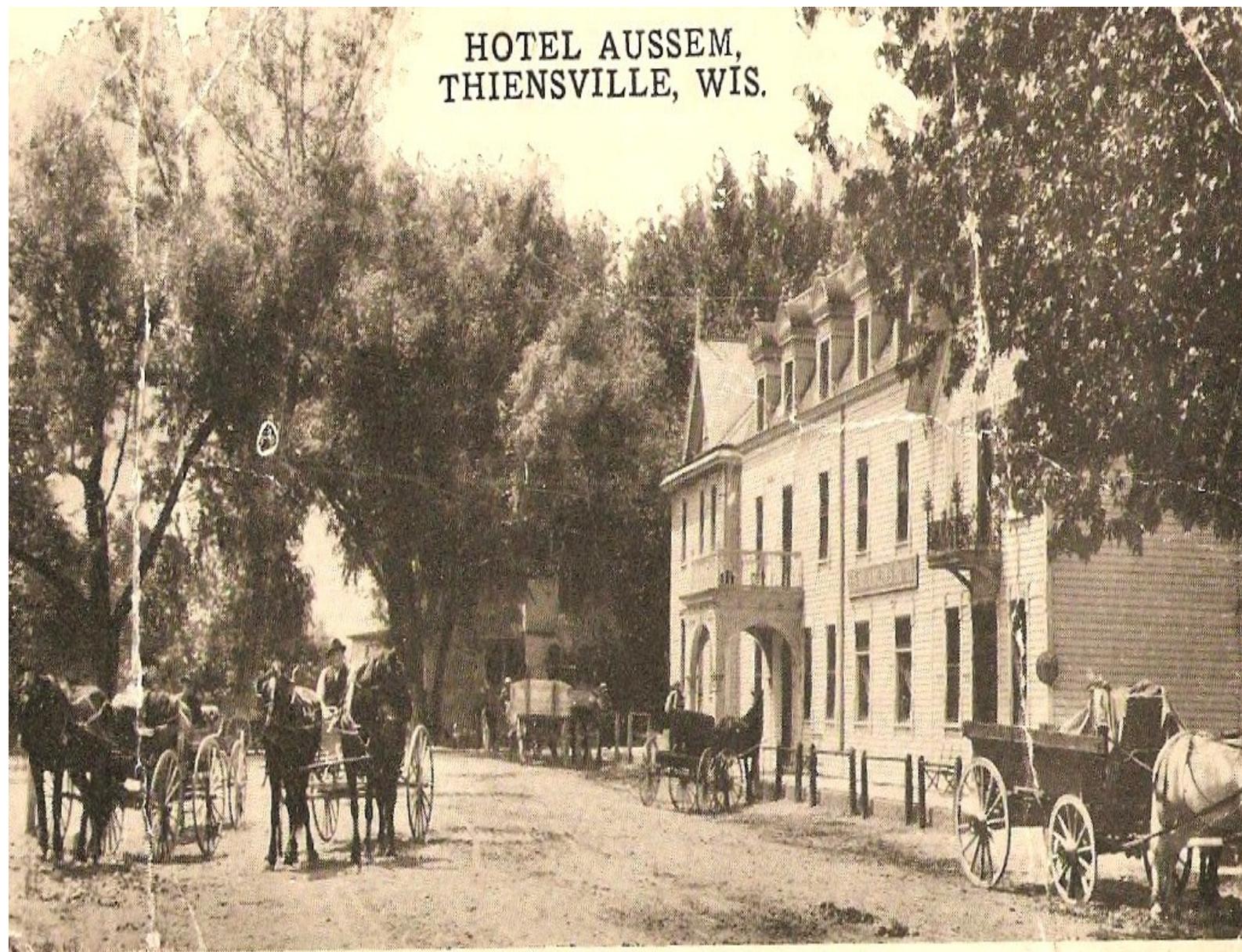


MEMMLER HOTEL

F.G. Memmler and his wife, Maria built the hotel in 1886. In 1892, they added a dining room, a ladies room and an additional 25 sleeping rooms. In 1911, the hotel was sold to Gerhard Aussem and thanks to the recreational activities on the Milwaukee River was billed as "The Most Popular Summer Resort in the State."

By the end of WWII, the building was in disrepair and was later sold by the Aussem estate. Various businesses came and went, but the building was eventually condemned and razed in 1963. A small strip mall was built on the site of the hotel and now includes A Floral Affair and other businesses.

HOTEL AUSSEM, THIENSVILLE, WIS.



Eleven Miles North of Milwaukee, on C. M. & St. P. R. R., and Milwaukee Northern Electric R. R., Also on Green Bay and Cedarburg Plank Road. The Most Popular Summer Resort in the State.

