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Don't miss this year's Village Market every Tuesday from June 16-October 27 in Thiensville's Village Park. See page 4 for all the details!

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Mequon-Thiensville Today is a community magazine providing useful information about the City of Mequon and the Village of Thiensville with news and feature stories about the people, businesses, places and events that make our communities very special places to live, work and do business.

Mequon-Thiensville Today is jointly published three times per year by the City of Mequon, the Village of Thiensville, and the Mequon-Thiensville School District. The magazine receives additional support from MATC and local advertisers.

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Welcome to Mequon-Thiensville Today!

Welcome to a new communication tool for our City and Village – *Mequon-Thiensville Today!*

We're very proud of our communities and are pleased to showcase them in this new and exciting magazine format. *Mequon-Thiensville Today* is a celebration of everything that makes us special – our friendly neighborhoods, award-winning schools, thriving businesses, visionary leadership and a unique spirit that sets us apart as an attractive place to live and do business.

Here's what you can expect from this and future issues of *Mequon-Thiensville Today*:

- **City and Village Leadership:** Behind-the-scenes updates on how City and Village government are working efficiently to provide public amenities, services and innovative programs to maintain and build on our high quality of life.
- **School District:** An inside look at Mequon-Thiensville schools and the educational advantages, programs and high standards that inspire students to be passionate learners, creative thinkers and innovative leaders.
- **Community Life:** Fascinating stories about our tightly knit communities – the citizens, businesses and professional establishments that add to our quality of life.

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We're very excited about *Mequon-Thiensville Today* and this attractive, new way to share the stories about our award-winning communities and schools. Your opinions and suggestions are very important to us as we develop future articles and features. Please enjoy this premier issue and let us hear from you (info@M-Tmagazine.com).



THIENSVILLE VILLAGE MARKET RETURNS THIS SEASON WITH TASTY, HEALTHY OFFERINGS

Village Park Is Site for Biggest Outdoor Market in Southeastern Wisconsin

With our winter woes behind us, everyone is looking forward to Tuesdays at Thiensville's Village Market. Now in its third season at Village Park, the Market has become the place to "Shop Local, Eat Local, Support Local" and get together just for the fun of it.

The Market's main claim to fame is the healthy, fresh-from-the-farm fruits and vegetables from local farmers. That's just the entree to a huge selection of food items including meats, cheeses, coffee, seafood, honey and freshly baked goods sold by a huge gathering of vendors. If this array of appealing fresh food makes you hungry,

you'll also find a taste-tempting variety of prepared items for purchase from vendors offering Thai, American, French, German, BBQ and other choices.

Billed as the biggest outdoor market in Southeastern

Wisconsin, the Village Market has something for everyone! When you're in the mood to shop you can visit the craft area to peruse the unique variety of handmade art and soaps created by talented local artisans. Or, watch local chefs working their culinary magic demonstrating creativity, originality and use of ingredients in a judged competition for the title of Best "Dam" Chef and Best "Dam" Jr. Chef. There are relaxing, stay healthy opportunities as well as open-air yoga classes held in the morning, with evening classes



added this season. The Columbia-St. Mary's van will stop by on several Tuesdays to provide free mammograms. A kids' area includes a place for children to express their creativity with paint. And as you wander, live music creates an appealing ambiance from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.

The Village Market is a 100% volunteer-run event organized by Barkha and Jesse Daily, co-owners of The Cheel restaurant in Thiensville; Marc Mrugala-Financial Advisor with Edward Jones in Thiensville, and additional support from the Village of Thiensville, Thiensville Business Association (TBA) and several local volunteers. "We are very excited that the Market will be starting its third year at Village Park this season," says Barkha. "This summer we'll have a record number of close to 100 vendors. It's an amazing success with more than 1,500 shoppers each week who come from not only the Thiensville and Mequon communities, but all over the North Shore."

Jesse Daily agrees that the Market at Village Park has become an important destination for the community. "Tuesdays are a busy day not only for our farmers and other vendors, but for Downtown retailers as well. The Market has been the catalyst for increased traffic throughout the business district, as customers go on throughout the Village to discover the best of Thiensville."

Join your friends and neighbors for this community celebration and shopping experience. Get out your calendar and "ink-in" the Thiensville Village Market at Village Park every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. starting June 16 through October 27. We hope to see you there!

Volunteers and corporate sponsors are still being solicited for the 2015 season. Email thiensvillefm@gmail.com with your interest.

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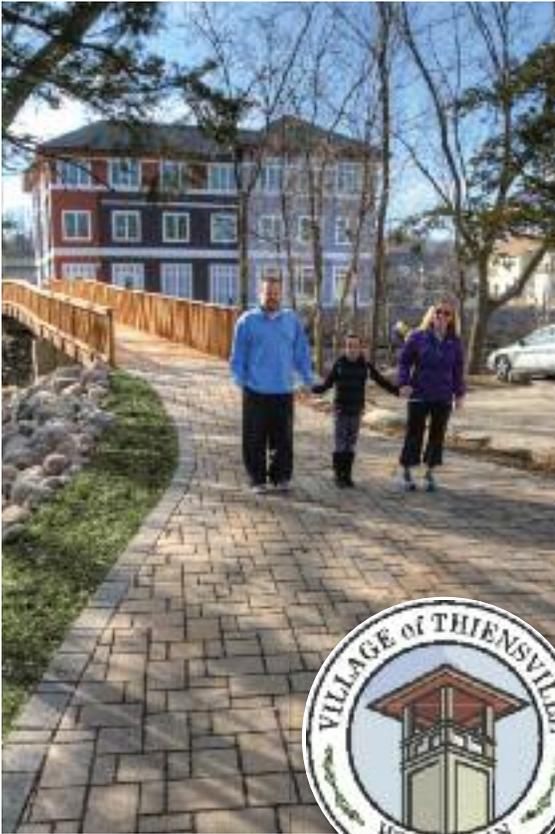
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Thiensville is on the move! The Village is experiencing an exciting commercial renaissance with interesting shops, restaurants and service businesses cropping up throughout our business districts from the North End to Mid-Town to the South Side and T-Ville.

As new and longstanding businesses receive accolades on being tops in their fields, the community has a renewed sense of pride. For example, The Cheel has been recognized as one of the Best New Restaurants by the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* and *onmilwaukee.com*. “glaze” has been chosen as the number-one kids’ activity in the Greater Milwaukee area on the WISN A-List. And Skippy’s Sports Bar & Grub was voted Best Neighborhood Bar on the WISN A-List.

The Thiensville Business Renaissance Committee (TBRC) is one of the driving forces behind the Village’s exhilarating momentum. Founded three years ago by Village Trustees Kim Beck and David Lange, the TBRC is comprised of 11 dedicated residents, business owners and Trustees. The committee is divided into three subgroups: Organization, Economic Restructuring and Promotions. Their mission is to support and contribute to the success of current businesses, attract new businesses and help the community thrive.

To get a clear focus on the best way to achieve those goals, the Economic Restructuring and Promotions groups conducted a survey of about 120 local businesses. The main concerns expressed were foot traffic, parking and communication with the Village. The TBRC stepped into action to address these issues and evidence of their responsiveness can be seen in many community initiatives.

Among TBRC’s efforts are its cooperative ventures with the Village and the Thiensville Business Association (TBA) to support the success of the Village Market.

Movie fans can thank the TBRC for “Screen on the Green” family movie night in Village Park. The series is continuing with two Saturday movie nights planned for this summer: July 18 and August 22. And with TBRC encouragement, the just-launched *Mequon-Thiensville Today* magazine is one of the ways the Village will be improving communications with businesses and residents.

As part of its mission to engage current and prospective business owners, the TBRC will present its second annual Business Forum at Village Hall on Wednesday, May 13 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The event will include round-table discussions as well as the presentation of a special award to a local Thiensville business. This year, Suburban Harley-Davidson will be honored for its long-term commitment to the Village. Refreshments will be served and it will be an opportunity to network with peers and have direct access to the people who make positive things happen in our community.

The TBRC is open to anyone who is interested in getting involved and helping Thiensville continue to grow and develop. For more information about the TBRC, contact Thiensville Village Trustee David Lange at dlange@village.thiensville.wi.us.

Join fellow business owners, prospective business owners, brokers/developers, Village officials and other community leaders to discuss how we can work together to support current businesses and contribute to their success, and attract new businesses to Thiensville’s vibrant business community.



Thiensville Village Administrator Dianne Robertson (far left) cuts the ribbon to officially open the bridge named in her honor.

NEW THIENSVILLE BRIDGE DEDICATED TO VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Dianne's Bridge Improves Walkability for Community

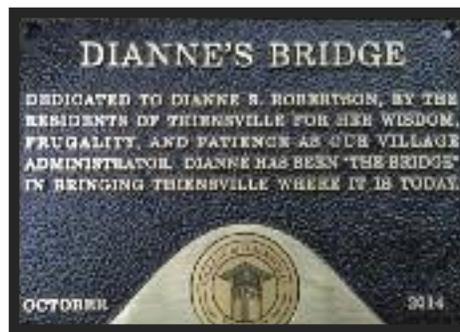
Dianne's Bridge has been part of the Village for only a few months, but it's caught on quickly as the way to walk in downtown Thiensville. The pedestrian bridge was constructed over Pigeon Creek to enhance walkability, increase parking options for Main Street and Green Bay Road businesses, and improve Downtown aesthetics.

Completed in the fall of 2014, the bridge was dedicated last November in the name of Thiensville Village administrator Dianne Robertson. Robertson has worked in local government for more than 42 years and has been the Thiensville Village Administrator for 18 years. Under her leadership the Village became, and remains, one of the few municipalities in the U.S. that is debt free.

Without the donation of temporary and permanent easements, the construction of Dianne's bridge and the adjacent walking trail would not have been possible. Three local businesses contributed easements to the project: Fiddleheads, "glaze" and Thiensville Health Alliance.

Kristina Eckert, who co-owns "glaze" with husband Phil, says the new pedestrian bridge is a gorgeous improvement to Thiensville. "We have always enjoyed the view from our shop but now it's almost breathtaking to look out over Pigeon Creek and admire the connection to Main Street. We are thrilled to have been chosen as the connecting destination and we were happy to have given the Village an easement in order to make the bridge a reality."

In addition, Robertson's tenacity, hard work and negotiating skills were paramount in the completion of the complex plan to revitalize the Downtown area around the confluences of Pigeon Creek and the Milwaukee River. The project was complex and involved gaining public acceptance, intense easement negotiations, design, financing, land acquisition and construction of the Pigeon Creek Flood Mitigation project.



In order to reduce the flood stage, Robertson worked with Ruekert/Mielke engineers and landscape architects. The firm created a plan that incorporated green concepts, improved and "naturalized" the low-flow channel to allow for fish passage, widened the creek and removed manmade obstructions to the flow, incorporated a site for flood storage that reduces flood flows by 5%, restored creek habitat, and prevented erosion.

Completed in 2009, the Pigeon Creek Flood Mitigation Project gave Pigeon Creek a totally new look. It removed approximately 20 percent of existing business properties

from the floodplain, which has greatly aided in redevelopment efforts. The flood reduction has encouraged business owners to expand and improve their properties, creating a new tax base. In turn, it is drawing new businesses into the Downtown area – and has led to increased visitors.

The new adjacent pocket park and public parking lot are also an important part of the project and were made possible by a collaborative effort between the Village and local business, Reuter's Insurance.

The Pigeon Creek project represented more than 75% of the Village's annual budget; so creative financing was necessary to make it possible. Robertson was successful in obtaining a FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant to fund approximately 2/3 of the project cost. The Village Board amended the Tax Incremental Financing District to assist with the remaining funds needed to defray project costs.

Dianne's Bridge stands as an incredible example of community and business united for success. With Robertson's leadership and the cooperation and land donations from businesses, projects like Dianne's Bridge, the new pocket park, the Pigeon Creek Flood Mitigation project and the redeployment of Main Street became possible. With a continued look to the future, the Village will begin a new project to rehabilitate Main Street and add new streetscape features later this year and into 2016.



SAFETY TOWN PREPARES CHILDREN FOR REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCES

It's never too early to learn about safety. That's a lesson the Safety Town Program has been teaching the children of our community for more than 35 years. The popular program is centered on children entering kindergarten, helping them learn safety measures that may prove to be valuable tools throughout their lives. Safety Town is sponsored by the Mequon/Thiensville Optimist Club, a service organization that supports the youth of our community, in conjunction with the Mequon and Thiensville Police Departments.

Police officers teach the course assisted by teenage instructors. Important lessons are learned through music, videos, activities and guest speakers. The course covers Internet security, stranger awareness, pool safety, animal awareness, poison safety, good touch/bad touch, and safe ways to cross a street, ride a bike and ride in a car. There are field trips to the Police and Fire Departments and a bus ride that demonstrates what to do in an emergency. And there are fun games like learning songs that re-enforce the lesson plans. One song, "Twinkle Twinkle Traffic Light" goes through the different colors of a traffic signal and what to do when the colors change.

The Safety Town experience also includes riding "big wheels" down the streets of the school playground's small town. The kids learn to obey traffic signals, use hand signals, be aware of pedestrian safety and get in the habit of fastening their seat belts. The program encourages interaction and ends with a final evaluation and graduation ceremony. After graduating children often ask their parents when they can come back to teach the course.

Thiensville Police Chief Scott Nicholson, who previously taught the program for about 18 years, believes it is the best way to prepare children for the real world. "Besides learning the safety aspects, the positive interaction of the

children with the officers is most important," says Nicholson. "These relationships build trust and respect that could come into play down the line when help or advice is needed from the Police Department."

The best testament to the program's success is the Safety Town parents who bring their children back to be part of the program. "At one graduation we had four generations represented at the ceremony," Nicholson says proudly. He emphasizes the popularity of Safety Town and the importance of planning ahead. "Many families start asking about the program a year in advance, and even try not to schedule vacations during program weeks."

The Safety Town program is held the last full week of July and the first week of August at Wilson Elementary School, and meets in two separate sessions. The early morning session is from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., and the late morning/early afternoon session is from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The class size is held to 42 children per session.

Registration for Safety Town takes place the first Monday in June at the Thiensville Police Department starting at 9 a.m. Registration deadline is July 24 (fee \$35). No early registrations are accepted.

Visit the Police Department section of the Village of Thiensville website (village.thiensville.wi.us) to download the registration form. For more information, please call the Thiensville Police Department (262-242-2100) between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.



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THIENSVILLE BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: EGELHOFF LAWN MOWER SERVICE A PROUD PART OF THIENSVILLE HISTORY

Way back in the early 1900s, who could have imagined that the little machine shop on the corner of Freistadt Road and Main Street would be going strong more than 100 years later? Although there have been some changes, Egelhoff's Lawnmower Service, Inc. is not only still around, it's growing and thriving – and five generations strong.

A Thiensville treasure, the business today is owned by husband and wife Andy and Nancy Egelhoff. Andy's great grandfather started the business in the early 1900s as a gas filling station. Andy's grandfather then turned the business into making machine parts for the war efforts. His father, Jerry, turned the business back into a filling station in the '40s and it changed to Egelhoff's Lawnmower Service in the early '60s. In 1989, Andy and his wife bought the business from his dad. Their son, Alex, a recent college graduate, also works in the business. Alex hasn't decided yet whether he will make the Egelhoff business his permanent career, but Andy and Nancy are hoping he will carry on the family tradition into the fifth generation.

Andy explains that customer service is the most important reason for the company's continuing success. "It has always been the guiding principle of our business. We carry a premium line of outdoor power equipment. You can buy from a 'big-box' store but you will never get the before- and after-sale support you get at Egelhoff's."

At Egelhoff's the service begins with helping customers select the correct products for their needs. "Our premium line of outdoor power equipment is backed by decades of experience from our long-tenured, full-time staff of 10. Everyone here is so knowledgeable about the business, they can do each other's job – and we are all committed to unparalleled service and support," Andy says proudly.

While Nancy Egelhoff comes from Sheboygan, Andy was born and raised in Thiensville and has lived there his entire life. He started working in the family business during high school and appreciates the

small-town feel of the community. "Everyone knows each other and there is an overriding feeling of neighborliness," says Andy.

Both Egelhoffs have noticed lots of change over the years, most recently the influx of many new businesses. "There is a renewed energy on Main Street," says Nancy, "as new and younger business owners bring with them creative ideas to benefit the entire Downtown area. We are pleased to see the area booming with new shops and restaurants."

From lawnmowers to snow blowers, chain saws to log splitters, chippers and shredders, Egelhoff's carries a full array of new and used equipment. Premier names include Ariens, Toro, Briggs & Stratton, Stihl and Kawasaki. Egelhoff's also carries the Fromm Family pet food line (for dogs), manufactured by a fifth-generation, family-owned artisan pet food company based in Mequon.

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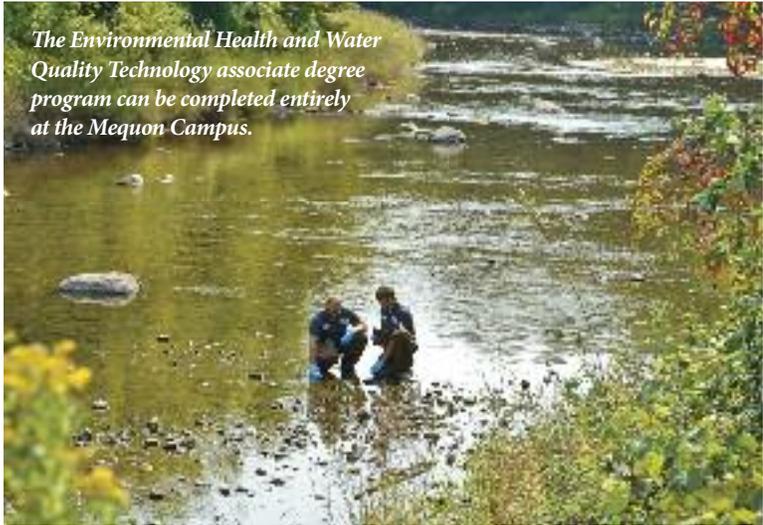
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Set on 174 acres off Highland Road, Milwaukee Area Technical College's Mequon Campus offers courses in 25 associate degree, 9 technical diploma and 15 certificate programs to help area residents prepare for careers that are essential to the success of southeastern Wisconsin's economy. The scenic and convenient full-service campus also features comprehensive student services, library, an academic support center and child care center.

"We are committed to providing an experience that will prepare our students for careers in southeastern Wisconsin," says Dr. Wilma L. Bonaparte, Mequon Campus vice president. "There are unlimited opportunities available at the Mequon Campus and we understand the importance of collaborating with so many valued business and community partners in Mequon and Thiensville."

Key among the academic offerings available at the Mequon Campus, which opened in 1976, are programs in business, health care and information technology. The Registered Nursing, Environmental Health and Water Quality Technology, Landscape Horticulture and five Information Technology associate degree programs can be completed entirely at the Mequon Campus. An Aesthetician technical diploma program, the first in the state, will begin in August 2015.

MATC is uniquely positioned to connect area residents with careers in industries that drive the economic prosperity of southeastern Wisconsin. Through practical, hands-on education, MATC prepares graduates for "middle-skill jobs," that require more than a high school diploma but not a four-year degree. The National Skills Coalition projects 51% of Wisconsin's job openings from 2010-2020 will require middle skills. Middle-skill jobs are recognized as vital to a thriving regional and national economy.

Each associate degree and technical diploma program has an Advisory Committee, comprised of local industry representatives, that helps ensure MATC's curriculum prepares graduates to successfully enter the workforce. The college also works closely with business leaders to forecast emerging industry trends, further ensuring that the college's graduates are well educated and career ready. MATC also offers programs for incumbent workers to upgrade their skills through customized training, coordinated by the Office for Workforce and Economic Development.

In late 2014, a new welding lab opened on the Mequon Campus. The 6,000-square-foot facility will support growth in the college's associate degree and technical diploma programs and is the result of growing demand for welders by manufacturers in the Ozaukee County area.

Through more than 400 agreements with four-year colleges and universities, students can complete the first two years of a bachelor's degree at MATC and then transfer the credits they have earned. MATC has partnerships with all University of Wisconsin System institutions, as well as a host of colleges/universities throughout the state.

The college's Pathways Project is a series of integrated programs and services designed to develop students' core academic, technical and employability skills. Relationships with area school districts, particularly those in Ozaukee County, have been strengthened – and the number of high school articulation agreements, through which high school students earn college credits, has increased.

Through its academic offerings and close relationships with business and civic partners, Milwaukee Area Technical College's Mequon Campus plays an important role in the success of the Mequon and Thiensville communities.

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- 75% of technical diploma graduates are employed within six months after graduation and earn an average annual salary of \$30,616.
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SCHOOL DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Registration for 2015-2016

Online registration for the 2015-2016 school year will open on August 1. All enrollment information including personalized passwords and school fees will be distributed to families via email at the end of July.

While MTSD requests that all families register online, we also encourage all families to visit their child's school building on Registration Day: Thursday, August 13, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. and 4-8 p.m. At Registration Day, student pictures will be taken, staff will be available to answer school-related

questions and computer kiosks will be set up for families who had not yet registered online. Additionally, MTSD's food service, transportation service and parent/community groups will be on hand to provide important information. At the high school level, schedules are obtained on this day.

New Transportation Service

The Mequon-Thiensville School District hired Riteway Bus Service to provide transportation services beginning August 2015. The contract will result in first-year savings of \$240,000. In addition, the bid

required gas prices to become the transportation contractor's responsibility, with additional savings realized by the District if fuel prices continue to remain low. Students in the District will experience significant vehicle improvements including all new vehicles, GPS units installed in all vehicles and cameras installed in large and small buses.

Donges Bay PTO Rummage Sale

The 4th Annual PTO Rummage Sale will take place on Saturday, April 25, in the Donges Bay gymnasium from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.



MTSD IS #1 IN WISCONSIN!

The Mequon-Thiensville School District ranked as the number one K-12 school district in the State of Wisconsin for the second consecutive year, according to the Department of Public Instruction issued district report card. Additionally, MTSD is the only school district in the state to have all of its schools receive an accountability rating of "Significantly Exceeds Expectations."



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MEQUON-THIENSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

School District Offices

5000 W. Mequon Rd., Mequon
262.238.8500
Dr. Demond A. Means, Superintendent

Donges Bay Elementary School

2401 W. Donges Bay Rd., Mequon
262.238.7920

Oriole Lane Elementary School

12850 N. Oriole Ln., Mequon
262.238.4220

Wilson Elementary School

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262.238.4600

Lake Shore Middle School

11036 N. Range Line Rd., Mequon
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NEW 4K PROGRAM EXCEEDS ENROLLMENT EXPECTATIONS

Enrollment for Mequon-Thiensville School District's new four-year-old kindergarten (4K) program has exceeded district expectations. More than 120 students are signed up for the program, scheduled to begin in fall 2015.

"The numbers are reassuring that the Mequon-Thiensville School District Board of Education made the right decision in approving a public 4K option for Mequon and Thiensville families," says Superintendent Demond A. Means.

A 2013 census shows approximately 167 4-year-old children living in Mequon and Thiensville. The School District administered a survey to all eligible 4K families and estimated enrollment of 90 students based on responses. Approximately 120 students are currently signed up. Families can enroll through the start of school; however, a child's placement will be subject to available space. All children eligible for the program will be accepted – no child will be turned away.

"The program is a win-win for the entire community," says Means. "It will increase enrollment, generate revenue and improve the quality of education in the School District. By having all students start in the same 4K program, it creates a more consistent classroom experience for those students as they head into higher grades. Additionally, a 4K program helps identify special education needs earlier in a child's education experience."

MTSD is offering half-day classes, Monday through Friday at all three elementary schools. The morning section is scheduled from

9 to 11:45 a.m. The afternoon section is scheduled from 1:15 to 4 p.m. Additionally, MTSD has partnered with Range Line Preschool & Childcare as a community partner site to offer 4K students the same curriculum as that which is presented at District schools, taught by a DPI-certified teacher and under the supervision of administrative staff from the District. If enrollment continues to grow, the District will seek additional community partners.

Currently, 95 percent of Wisconsin public school districts offer 4K.

4K AND 5K REGISTRATION

If you would like to register your child or children for 4K and/or 5K, visit the elementary school in your attendance area. The office assistant will assist you – or call Michelle Halloran at the School District Office to schedule an appointment: 262.238.8510.

SAVE THE DATE: 4K Open Houses

If your child is enrolled or considering enrollment in MTSD's 4K program, please join us for our 4K open houses on the following dates:

MAY 5: Donges Bay Elementary School, 2401 W. Donges Bay Rd.

MAY 6: Oriole Lane Elementary School, 12850 N. Oriole Ln.

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ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES OFFER TRUE COLLEGE PREP EXPERIENCE

Homestead High School is a college preparatory learning institution with 90 percent of graduates enrolling in post-secondary education annually.

Through a multi-phase process, Homestead has increased the number of Advanced Placement (AP) course options as one of many strategies utilized to prepare students for success beyond high school. In 2010, Homestead offered 14 AP courses. In 2015,

Homestead offers 22 AP courses.

“That puts us in the top tier of schools in the state for student access to AP curriculum,” says Brett Bowers, principal. “The intent is to narrow the gap from high school to college. When we can make the high school experience feel more like the collegiate experience, it makes it a step instead of a leap or a jump.”

Among the 22 AP course offerings, students can choose from traditional options

such as AP Biology and AP English Literature, plus unique options such as AP Music Theory and AP Human Geography. Additionally, Homestead offers every AP course that’s available in the areas of mathematics and science.

“In the AP Human Geography class and other AP classes, we give students the opportunity for college-level research work in the field,” explains Anna Mae Grimm,

	Number of Test Takers	Number of Test Takers Scoring 3+ on One or More Exams	% of Test Takers Scoring 3+ on One or More Exams	% of Seniors Who Scored 3+ on One or More Exams During High School
2012	283	239	84%	40.9%
2013	362	324	90%	50.1%
2014	371	334	90%	52.5%

teacher. "So many of our students come back and say "Thank you, I got out into the bigger world and I already had a slice of it through the classes I had at Homestead."

All students who plan to attend college are encouraged to enroll in an AP course during high school. Homestead teachers collaboratively develop and execute strategies to make first-time AP students feel comfortable in order to ensure student success.

"AP isn't just for the academically elite," says Bowers. "It's college prep for any student who plans to enroll in a university?"

In 2014 and 2015, Homestead High School was named to the College Board's AP District Honor Roll for increased AP test participation while simultaneously maintaining or increasing student performance on AP exams. In addition, *Newsweek* ranked Homestead as the top-performing high school in Wisconsin in 2014. The ranking was based on six indicators that included the number of college-level courses and exams.

While an increase in AP course offerings provides additional accolades, the motivation is student-focused.

"We have said over again that is not what it's about; it's about the experience of individual students – not whether we make the top of a list," says Bowers. "We look at data for the right reasons. You need to keep the student at the center – what's best for the student. If a magazine wants to validate that work, that's great, but that's not the driver."

Since the transition from a semester schedule to the innovative instructional trimester schedule, students have experienced substantial gains in AP test performance. 2012 was the last year of the Homestead's semester schedule; 2013 was the first year of the trimester schedule.



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LAKE SHORE MIDDLE SCHOOL NOMINATED FOR PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON AWARD

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction nominated Lake Shore Middle School for the 2015 National Blue Ribbon School Program, a coveted award that recognizes schools for student success.

The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes public and private elementary, middle, and high schools based on their overall academic excellence or their progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups. Lake Shore was nominated for its exemplary academic excellence.

“Recognition as a Blue Ribbon School is the highest honor a school can receive from the U.S. Department of Education.”

Lake Shore is among eight Wisconsin schools nominated and the only school in the metro Milwaukee area.

“The nomination reflects the dedication of our teachers who work tirelessly in order to provide academic excellence to all of our students,” says Lake Shore Middle School Principal Kate Dunning. “I’d like to thank our parents and community members for their continued support. They play an integral part in our nomination for this prestigious award.”

National Blue Ribbon Schools shine under a national spotlight acknowledging and validating the hard work of students, educators, families and communities in striving for – and attaining – exemplary achievement.

“Attaining Blue Ribbon status is a dream among educators because it reassures us that students are receiving the educational excellence that they deserve,” says Dunning.

Lake Shore completed a rigorous application process through the U.S. Department of Education. Winners will be announced in September. Lake Shore Middle School is located at 11036 N. Range Line Rd. in Mequon.





HOMESTEAD JUNIOR EARNs PERFECT ACT SCORE

Homestead High School junior Aaron Holman scored a perfect 36 on the ACT exam. Nationally, one-tenth of one percent of students who take the ACT earns the top score. In 2014, only 1,407 of nearly 1.8 million students earned a composite score of 36. Congratulations, Aaron!

MTEF 9th ANNUAL RUN/WALK

The Mequon-Thiensville Education Foundation will host its 9th Annual Run/Walk and Kids' 100 m Dash on Saturday, May 16, at Homestead High School.

MTEF's Run/Walk is one of several community-wide fundraising events held throughout the year that raises money to support the Mequon-Thiensville School District. Through the support of District families, community members and area businesses, the MTEF has awarded more than \$3.1 million in grants to MTSD's six schools since 1998.

For more information, visit mtef.org.

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SPRING/SUMMER PROGRAMS AT THE FRANK L. WEYENBERG LIBRARY

The Frank L. Weyenberg Library of Mequon-Thiensville offers a variety of fun and free programs for all ages throughout the year. Check out the events below that are happening this season at the Library. All the information is also listed on the Library's website and calendar – visit flwlib.org.

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Family Storytimes

Tue., Wed. and Sat. • 11 a.m.

Storytimes include stories, fingerplays and songs. A responsible adult should be present and participation in storytime is highly encouraged. No registration is required, and all are welcome!

Please note: Starting June 16, the Tuesday storytimes will be held at the Village Farmer's Market in Thiensville's Village Park

LEGO Club

Meets last Monday of the month at 4 p.m.
April 27, May 18, June 29, July 27,
August 31

Build up your creativity and Lego skills at the Library. Share ideas, work together and make new friends as we focus on a new theme each month. Children ages 5 and up are welcome

to attend. Bring a friend – no registration required!

Please note: The Library is closed for Memorial Day on May 25, so LEGO Club will be meeting on May 18 instead.

Superhero Training Camp

For children ages 8 and younger

Wed., July 1 • 11 a.m.

Tolzman Community Room

Attend a top secret Superhero Training

Camp! Come prepared in your best superhero gear to participate in super

activities and listen to superhero tales.

Pre-registration is required. Dressing up is encouraged. Please contact the Reference

Department at 262.242.2593, ext. 12 to reserve a spot.

A Royal Tea Party

For children ages 8 and younger

Wed., July 19 • 11 a.m.

Tolzman Community Room

All princesses and princes are encouraged to dress their royal best. Join us for special royal-themed activities, stories, and treats!

Pre-registration is required. Dressing up is encouraged! Please contact the Reference Department at 262.242.2593, ext. 12 to reserve a spot.

TEEN EVENTS

Teen Scavenger Hunt

For children in 6th-12th grade

Thur., June 25 • 6 p.m.

Combine resources, creativity and teamwork to compete in the Teen Summer Reading Program's Scavenger Hunt. Go on an adventure to complete all three levels of our

hunt to see what wild and wacky things you and your competitors come up with. Pre-registration is required. Sign-up as an individual (to be placed on a team) or as a team of 2-3 individuals. Each team is responsible for supplying their own camera to participate.

Harry Potter Birthday Bash Thur., July 30 • 6 p.m.

Help celebrate Harry Potter's birthday! Attendees will be sorted into their appropriate houses and then the games shall commence! Pre-registration is required. Must be 11 years old or older to enter Hogwarts School of Witchcraft & Wizardry. Costumes or wizard robes encouraged for all attendees.

Greek and Roman Mythology Trivia Bowl

For children in 6th-12th grade
Thur., Aug. 20 • 6 p.m.

How familiar are you with the wonderful worlds of Greek and Roman mythology – with their gods and goddesses, heroes and heroines, marvels and monsters? This event is perfect for those who read Rick Riordan and similar stories. Pre-registration is required. Sign up as an individual (to be placed on a team) or as a team of 3-5 individuals.

This event is for those in 6th-12th grade.

ADULT EVENTS

Twilight Book Club
Third Thursday of the month
6 p.m.

April 16, May 21, June 18*

Would you like to join a book club, but you work during the day? No worries! The Library is now offering an evening book club with selections ranging in

genre and audience. No registration is required.

* Future dates TBD

'Appy Hour

Second and Fourth Monday
of the month • 5:30 p.m.

April 13, April 27, May 11*

If you are looking to get the most out of your smart phone or tablet, join us for 'Appy Hour. This program will allow you to sample an assortment of apps on a variety of subjects. Each session will focus on a particular area: reading, music, health, etc. With a spotlight on a few apps that are best in their class, we will hit on a diverse selection so you can go home with new ideas and tools to make the technology in your life worth it!

* Future dates TBD

Shred Day!

Sat., April 25
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Free shredding as a part of the 2015 Money Smart Week. Drop off your documents in the CINTAS truck in the Library's parking lot. Only papers will be shredded. Bags, boxes or totes will be returned to participants. No CDs, floppy disks, hard drives, plastic materials or 3-ring binders will be accepted.

De-Clutter Today for a Carefree Tomorrow

Thur., May 28 • 6:30 p.m.

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MEQUON WELCOMES NEW CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Will Jones Brings 20 Years of Experience in Local Government Management

A passion for providing exceptional service to the community is the credo of William H. Jones, Jr., Mequon's new City administrator. The Mequon Common Council hired Jones in January to replace longtime administrator Lee Szymborski, who resigned last July.

Jones is well suited for his new position. In his 20 years of experience in local government management, he has held a variety of public service positions. Since 2011, he has served as assistant village manager in Glencoe, which has a population of 8,723. Prior to working in Glencoe, Jones spent 15 years in Highland Park, a Chicago suburb of nearly 30,000 people, serving as public information officer, human resources director, deputy finance director, acting finance director and assistant city manager.

Jones earned a bachelor's degree in political science and history from Boston College, and a master's degree in public affairs from Indiana University. He is a credentialed municipal manager through the International City/County Management Association. He is currently serving as the vice chair of the Committee on Economic Development and Capital Planning for the Government Finance Officers Association headquartered in Chicago.

Jones finds his new job an exciting challenge and is impressed with the City staff and their excellent qualifications. "Mequon has an

incredible group of dedicated public servants, both established veterans as well as a newer group of individuals bringing fresh ideas to the community. Our team provides a wide range of services, and working together is key to ensuring that our citizens receive consistent exemplary service in all areas." He says he has no immediate plans to make changes or enhancements. "My role is to learn, assess and understand the community first."

"I am thrilled to be a part of this forward-thinking community and while honoring the rich history of the city, I look forward to being one of the leaders in its bright future."

Jones is very familiar with the Milwaukee area, as his father was raised in Wauwatosa, and his mother was raised in Whitefish Bay. He also has relatives in Fox Point and Grafton. While his wife, Kathy, and four children (Hugh, 15; Gretchen, 13; Mary Bridget, 10; and Doug, 6) remain in their Winnetka, Ill. home until the end of the school year, Jones commutes back and forth to Mequon during the week. Their Illinois home is already on the market, and the family plans to relocate to Mequon in mid-2015.

"Mequon has an exceptional reputation as one of the Milwaukee area's premier communities. I am thrilled to be a part of this forward-thinking community and while honoring the rich history of the City I look forward to being one of the leaders in its bright future."

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SUMMER SEASON KICKS OFF WITH FAMILY FUN BEFORE THE FOURTH

Folks in Mequon and Thiensville have come to think of Family Fun Before the Fourth as their very own “big gig.” With so much going on all around the area, everyone looks forward staying right here in the community for this pre-celebration of our country’s birthday.

The popular event is always held on the Saturday before the 4th of July, this year on Saturday, June 27. It’s a fun-filled day that starts with families camping out early to get a prime spot for one of the area’s best parades, which includes marching bands, clowns and other entertainers. The parade begins at 10:30 a.m. on Cedarburg Road at the Frank L. Weyenberg Library and winds its way through both communities to Thiensville’s Village Park where all the festivities take place.

There’s something for everyone with free ice cream after the parade, then all-day entertainment and food for sale from a variety of eateries, including The Chancery, Chuck’s Place, Prime Minister, Wow Dogs, Lee’s Concessions, the World Famous Rotary Corn Stand and the Family Fun Beer and Wine Stand. Enjoy the excitement of the Badgerland Water Ski Show at 12:30 p.m. and the Bella Via Dance Studios. Plus, kids will love the challenge of the rock climbing wall and the thrills of S.E.A. Hamsters, a giant inflated ball that enables you to float, walk and jump on water. The festival comes to a spectacular finale with a dazzling fireworks display at dusk.

Family Fun Before the Fourth is operated by Community Fun Events, Inc., a non-profit organization comprised of dedicated volunteers. A 15-person board oversees the event, with dozens of enthusiastic volunteers helping out with everything from selling corn and refreshments to directing the parade.

“One of the reasons why we have some of the best entertainment around is because of our great local sponsors,” explains Ann Bolles, executive director of Community Fun Events. “It’s an excellent way for them to promote their businesses and goodwill in the community.”

Family Fun Before the Fourth is paid for entirely through sponsorships from area businesses and service organizations, the City of Mequon and the Village of Thiensville. More sponsors are welcome and volunteers are much needed. For sponsorship and volunteer information, visit familyfunbeforethefourth.com

Mequon and Thiensville are pleased to come together to celebrate our nation’s independence with this fun, exciting event that has something for all ages! Mark Saturday, June 27 on your calendar and join your community for this year’s Family Fun Before the Fourth.

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MEQUON TOWN CENTER MOVES FORWARD

Additional Developments To Enhance Community Living, Shopping

It's all about being in the right place at the right time. And for Mequon the right time is now! All around town there are signs of new development, new shops, new services and community togetherness. The City's vision of creating a friendly, neighborhood atmosphere is moving forward with the new Mequon Town Center.

Located directly adjacent to the civic campus at the corner of Mequon and Cedarburg Roads, the Center is designed to be a distinct neighborhood with multiple mixed-use buildings for a variety of commercial uses including 28 luxury apartments, and within walking distance of other varied housing options. Planned to create neighborhood identity and value, it has public activity spaces and is a walkable environment where residents are encouraged to walk to shops, services, riverfront park, the Mequon Pool, the Library and the Community Center and bike the Interurban Trail.

Private investment in development within the Town Center is more than \$25 million.

These fine businesses will call the Mequon Town Center their neighborhood:

- American Legion Post 457
- Cafe Hollander
- Collectivo
- Elements Massage
- Forward Dental

- Health In Balance
- Iconica Memory Care Home
- Joey Gerard's Supper Club
- Outpost Natural Foods
- Ruby Tap
- Sola Salon
- Spectrum Investment Advisors
- Supercuts

And there's much more progress underway throughout Mequon:

New Developments on Port Washington Road

- Marshalls department store and DSW have just opened in the Mequon Pavilions, at 10930 North Port Washington Road. The opening of these two national retailers is already creating interest and excitement.
- Two single-family homes located at 11409-11421 North Port Washington Road have been removed to make way for a new 13,900-sq.-ft. multi-tenant building that will include both retail and service-oriented uses. This site is immediately north of two other recently redeveloped sites that include the new Starbucks coffee shop and Kohler Credit Union.



Children’s Hospital Targets Mequon for New Medical Office Site

Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin plans to construct a 42,000-sq.-ft. medical facility on Mequon Road, just west of Market Street and the new Johnson Bank and Zarletti Restaurant. The City anticipates construction to start this spring with an opening in early 2016. Children’s Hospital plans to serve north shore families and children by offering greater convenience and access to their outstanding care and services.

“... Mequon will offer a wider variety of housing options, more retail shopping, increased professional services, greater job opportunities – and a true sense of community.”

Through effective planning and leadership, the City is generating a dynamic energy to create a more vibrant, vital community that will serve all residents. With a renewed emphasis on progress, Mequon will offer a wider variety of housing options, more retail shopping, increased professional services, greater job opportunities – and a true sense of community. Welcome to the Mequon of the future.

DON'T MISS ARBOR DAY!

Sunday, April 26 • 1-3 p.m.
Logemann Community Center
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This free event will include educational displays and free tree distribution. In addition, International Migratory Bird Day will be held in conjunction with Arbor Day. Visit logemanncenter.org.



SAVE THE DATE: THIRD ANNUAL TASTE OF MEQUON

Last September 13, the day started out chilly for the second annual Taste of Mequon, but it did not stop individuals from enjoying the crisp autumn day as they strolled down Cedarburg Road to enjoy the festivities.

Members of the Mequon Festivals Committee are in the process of planning another magical event for the community to enjoy this year on Saturday, September 12, from 12 noon-9 p.m. in front of Mequon City Hall. Admission is free.

Mark the date in your calendar right away and plan to attend this year’s event. Come and taste the delicious food served by area restaurants, discover the unique art by local artists, enjoy live music ongoing all day long, and meet and greet your friends and neighbors. Taste of Mequon has something for everyone!

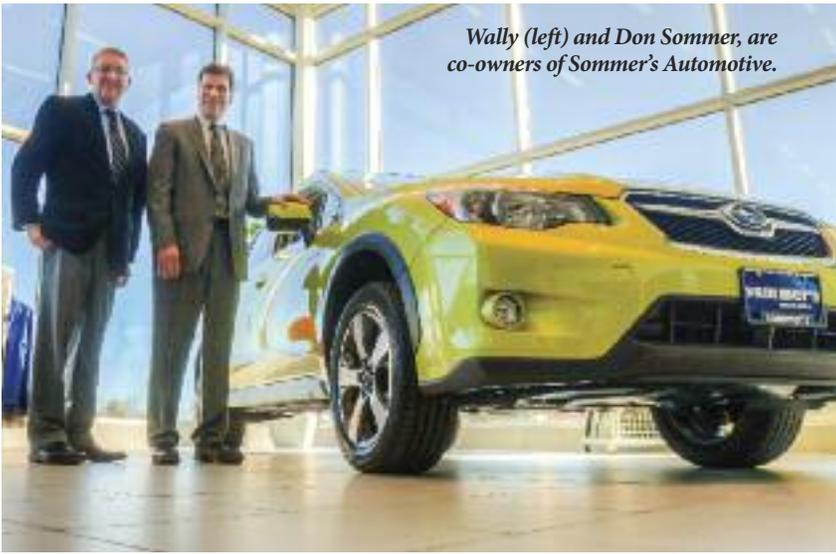
Past participating restaurants have already acknowledged they will be back for Taste of Mequon 2015, including Fiddleheads, Joey Gerard’s, Leonardo’s Pizza, Smokin Joe’s, The Cheel and Cafe Hollander.

Last year, David Fliss, a caricature artist, shared his experience by saying, “Participating in Taste of Mequon changed how I approach coloring a caricature and has made a profound change in the way I think of caricature altogether. The magic of Mequon ...” Be sure to join us for this free, family-friendly community event on September 12.

Updates on the event will be posted to the City of Mequon website as they become available. Visit ci.mequon.wi.us.



Wally (left) and Don Sommer, are co-owners of Sommer's Automotive.



Photos: John O'Hara

MEQUON BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: SOMMER'S AUTOMOTIVE GOING STRONG AFTER 70+ YEARS

Did you know that buying a car should be easy and fun? If that doesn't sound typical of the car buying experience, Sommer's Automotive is far from typical. "But neither are our customers," boasts Wally Sommer, who co-owns and manages the dealership with brother Don.

"Today's car buyer is extremely knowledgeable and our customers do extensive research before coming in. That challenges us to do a better job of knowing our products. We have a very dedicated and professional sales staff that takes great pride in going the extra mile to help buyers choose the vehicle that's right for them. Of course, competitive pricing is always important, so the reputation we've earned for solid customer support and excellent service definitely becomes a deciding factor," adds Wally.

This philosophy has been the Sommer's way of doing business since their father Wally and their uncle John opened a small garage and service station in 1943 at the corner of Mequon and Cedarburg Roads. "Our dad instilled in us the importance of earning customer trust and providing unparalleled service," says Wally.

These values, set forth more than 70 years ago, have proven to be a winning philosophy. Sommer's has become the Top Subaru dealer in Wisconsin, one of the Top 25 Subaru dealers in the country, the number six ranking in new car sales in Milwaukee, and number nine in Wisconsin. Even more important for Wally and Don is the customer

loyalty that's been built over the years.

"Customers feel comfortable and confident returning to purchase vehicles again and again from Sommer's and referring us to others. We are deeply grateful for our long-term, multi-generational clientele," says Don Sommer.

"...we appreciate the support of the Mequon-Thiensville community in helping our business grow since 1943."

The Sommer's dealership has moved since 1943, first to Main Street in Thiensville in 1949 and then to the current location at 7211 West Mequon Road in 1978. In 2011, the building was remodeled and now just four years later, thanks to continuing growth, another expansion is underway to double the size of the showroom and service areas, adding another 16,000 square feet.

"Adding more space and 20 more people to our team will further enhance the customer experience," Don explains. "As we move forward, we appreciate the support of the Mequon-Thiensville community in helping our business grow since 1943." Sommer's Automotive was recognized in

2012 as Mequon's Business of the Year by the Mequon-Thiensville Chamber of Commerce.

The Sommers family history in Mequon goes back to the 1850s when they moved to the area as farmers. Wally and Don, along with three sisters, were born and raised here and their families take great pride in their deep roots in the City. Giving back to the community they love is part of their philosophy.

Most recently, Sommer's Automotive gave a substantial donation to the Mequon-Thiensville School District to help underwrite the cost of a new pavilion at Homestead High School's outdoor athletic facilities. It will provide team rooms, restrooms, a concession stand, a spirit-wear shop and a location for ticket sales.

Sommer's Automotive also was instrumental in funding the Sommer Pavilion in River Barn Park, as well as providing support to Gathering on the Green, the Mequon Nature Preserve, Rotary Riverwalk and the Frank L. Weyenberg Library, among



The original Sommer's garage/service station opened in 1943.

other community projects. They also provide support for a variety of special community events, such as Family Fun Before the Fourth.

Besides providing financial support to various projects and non-profit groups, Wally and Don have served on a variety of charitable boards, including Rotary, the Columbia-St. Mary's Foundation and the Mequon-Thiensville Chamber of Commerce.

The Sommer's legacy in Mequon proudly continues with Wally's son Grant already working in the business and Don's daughter Elizabeth considering a role after she completes graduate school. The City of Mequon is grateful and appreciative for this important and generous business and community partner.

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What does it take to make a community special? In Mequon, it's all about residents who care! And here comes another way to show our community pride. The new Adopt-A-Roadway program is a volunteer opportunity to "adopt" a section of a Mequon roadway and make a contribution to the community by picking up roadside litter. It's a great way for local groups, schools, scout troops, churches, business or civic organizations, and families or neighborhoods to have fun together and maybe earn some recognition with Adopt-A-Roadway sponsor signs on their adopted section of their roadway.

The pickup schedule runs from April 1 to November 1. Check for complete details on the City website at ci.mequon.wi.us where the Adopt-A-Roadway program has its own page. Follow the link on the right side of the home page to the Adopt-A-Roadway page for a map of the available roadways, how to participate and an application form. Please note that there must be one adult leader for every six volunteers and all volunteers must be at least 11 years of age.

Spring is here – and so is the winter litter. Now is the time to get your group out in the fresh air and keep Mequon looking good!

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Community Calendar

The season is alive with exciting events and special opportunities to enjoy all that our two communities have to offer. Experience the City of Mequon and the Village of Thiensville this spring/summer – so much to discover and enjoy!

APRIL

- **Sat., April 25: Community Shred Day, 10 a.m.-12 noon**
Free shredding as part of the 2015 Money Smart Week. Frank L. Weyenberg Library parking lot, free. Visit flwlib.org
- **Sat., April 25: Donges Bay PTO Rummage Sale, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.**
Donges Bay Elementary School gymnasium, 2401 W. Donges Bay Rd.
- **Sun., April 26: City of Mequon Arbor Day, 1-3 p.m.** Learn through educational displays; free tree distribution. Logemann Community Center, 6100 W. Mequon Rd., free admission.
- **Mon., April 27: Observing Nature's Clockwork** Enjoy this collaborative Earth Day celebration at the Mequon Nature Preserve, 8200 W. County Line Rd. Visit mequonnaturepreserve.org
- **Mon., April 27: Mequon-Thiensville School District Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m.** Range Line conference room, 11040 Range Line Rd., Mequon.
- **Thur., April 30: Mequon-Thiensville Optimist Club Breakfast Meeting, 7:30-8:30 a.m.** Hear guest speaker Kate Dunning, the principal at Lakeshore Middle School. Schmidt & Bartelt community room, 10280 N. Port Washington Rd., free.

MAY

- **Fri., May 1-Sunday, May 3: "Arabian Nights" Homestead High School Spring Play** Homestead High School Auditorium.
- **Wed., May 13: Thiensville Business Forum, 5-6:30 p.m.** Thiensville Village Hall, 250 Elm St. (see pg. 7).
- **Thur., May 14: Mequon-Thiensville Optimist Club Breakfast Meeting, 7:30-8:30 a.m.** Hear guest speaker Xavi Fabregat Pous, an American Field Service exchange student from Spain. Schmidt & Bartelt community room, 10280 N. Port Washington Rd., free.
- **Mon., May 18: Mequon-Thiensville School District Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m.** Range Line conference room, 11040 Range Line Rd., Mequon.
- **Sun., May 31: Homestead High School 27th Annual Choral Benefit Concert, 7 p.m.** Homestead High School, 5000 W. Mequon Rd.

JUNE

- **Tue., June 2: 4th Annual Pillars of the Community Luncheon** Sponsored by the Mequon Community Foundation. Visit mcfives.org.
- **Sat., June 6: Bike Safety Day** Special bike safety day for kids at Thiensville Village Park. Safety inspections and supervised practice using obstacle courses. Presented by the Thiensville Police Department.
- **Thur., June 11: Last Day of School**
- **Thur., June 11: Shully's River Sounds, 7-10 p.m.** Live music from the 5 Card Studs at Shully's, 146 Green Bay Rd. in Thiensville. Free admission, bring two nonperishable food items for Family Sharing of Ozaukee County's Pantry. Food available for purchase or bring your own. Beer, wine or soda available for purchase (no carry-in beverages!). Rain or shine – concert will be inside the Watermark in case of inclement weather. Visit shullyscuisine.com.
- **Fri., Saturday, Sunday, June 12, 13 and 14: 51st Annual Lion Fest** Thiensville Village Park. Visit (see pg. 9).
- **Sun., June 13: Mequon Nature Preserve – Run Wild!** Mequon Nature Preserve. Visit mequonnaturepreserve.org.

- **Sun., June 14: Homestead High School Graduation, 2 p.m.** Homestead High School Fieldhouse.
- **Mon., June 15: Mequon-Thiensville School District Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m.** Range Line conference room, 11040 Range Line Rd., Mequon.
- **Sun., June 20: Treasures of Oz Eco-Tour 2015, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.** Discover seven natural treasure sites in Ozaukee County (preserves, parks, waterfowl areas and creek restoration) at this family-friendly event. Information available after May 1 at treasuresofoz.org.
- **Tue., June 16: Thiensville Village Market** Opening of weekly market, live music and more held every Tuesday until October 27 at Thiensville Village Park (see pg. 4).
- **Fri., June 26: Frog Fest at glaze** Customer appreciation day with activities, food and fun, 149 Green Bay Rd., Thiensville.
- **Sat., June 27: Family Fun before the Fourth of July** Annual parade with festival and fireworks at Thiensville Village Park (see pg. 25).

JULY

- **Thur., July 9: Shully's River Sounds, 7-10 p.m.** Featuring Streetlife with Warren Wiegatz at Shully's, 146 Green Bay Rd. in Thiensville. Visit shullyscuisine.com.
- **Fri., July 10: Gathering on the Green** Festival of the performing arts at Rotary Park in Mequon. Visit gatheringonthegreen.org (see pg. 9).
- **Sat., July 11: Gathering on the Green Morning 5K** "Run on the Green" and children's fun run followed by pancake breakfast, family activities, evening festival of the performing arts, plus fireworks finale at Rotary Park in Mequon. Visit gatheringonthegreen.org (see pg. 9).
- **Sat., July 11: Appliance, Electronics and Textile Recycling Collection, 9 am.-1 p.m.** Drop off all major household appliances, electronics and textiles at no charge, except TVs which are \$10 each. 6300 W. Mequon Rd., sponsored by the City of Mequon.
- **Sat., July 11: Suburban Motors Block Party** Annual celebration and block party on Main Street in Thiensville.
- **Sat., July 18: "Cheel-abration" at The Cheel** First annual celebration and party in The Cheel's parking lot/garden, 105 S. Main St., food specials and live music all day. Visit thecheel.com.
- **Sat., July 18: Screen on the Green** Outdoor movie night at Thiensville Village Park sponsored by the Thiensville Business Renaissance Committee (TBRC), free.
- **Mon., July 20: Mequon-Thiensville School District Board of Education Meeting, 5 p.m.** Egelhoff Conference Room at District Offices. **Also Budget Hearing/Annual Meeting, 7 p.m. in Auditorium.**

AUGUST

- **Thur., August 6: Shully's River Sounds, 7-10 p.m.** Featuring the Eddie Butts Band at Shully's, 146 Green Bay Rd. in Thiensville. Free admission. Visit shullyscuisine.com.
- **Sat., August 8: Lake Moon Festival, 4-10 p.m.** Free family celebration with a 5K run, music and food and on the bluff of Lake Michigan, presented by Concordia University (see pg. 23).
- **Sat., August 15: Village-Wide Rummage Sale** Shop the Village of Thiensville for many great offerings!

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