



VILLAGE OF THIENSVILLE NEWSLETTER JUNE 2011

www.village.thiensville.wi.us



DEAR THIENSVILLE RESIDENTS:

The coming of the summer months always seems to bring a sense of optimism, renewal, and joy within the community. Once again this year Jim and Katie Gennrich helped us kick off the spring season with the spring cleanup of the parks and roadways. We certainly hope that each resident will continue this pride in our community and keep Thiensville looking spiffy.

By the time you receive this letter, the community festivities will have begun with the Memorial Day observance. Upcoming fun will include Lion's Fest on June 10, 11, and 12, the Bike Race on June 17, Family Fun Before the 4th on June 25th and the Harley Event on July 9th. Clearly these occasions are driven by community groups, and the village is pleased to be supportive.

As you have been reading in the papers, Thiensville will be receiving less revenue from the state; both shared revenue and transportation money will decline, and even though we do not have all the details at the time of this writing, it appears that we will receive about \$33,000 less. The State of Wisconsin definitely has a debt problem which must be attacked; the solution calls for sacrifice by public employees; it is also evident that this fifteen year old state problem comes from numerous actions so there is plenty of "blame" to go around. The village trustees will do all they can not to diminish services.

We eagerly await the 2010 census figures and thank each of you for doing your part in getting the government your information. At this point, we know that the village declined by nineteen people over the past ten years to 3,235; Ozaukee County grew by 4,078 to 86,395. More details will be forthcoming.

At the time of this writing, we are looking forward to the Mequon-Thiensville Community Conversation event. It will have taken place on May 25, 2011 at Concordia University. The idea is to create a forum for the community governance groups to share information about the current state of the city, village, school district, and businesses. Please check village, school district, and library websites to stay informed about the ongoing efforts.

This summer we plan to be working on the last of the flood abatement projects. It will entail directing water that comes through Caridel Lane properties and have it go through one of the previously built ponds on MATC property which have worked so well. There would also be relining done in the detention pond at the west end of Crescent. We thank Mequon and MATC for their cooperation. Again, we are grateful for a grant to do this work. The trustees are also looking at a possible project regarding updating some aspects of the village hall. The prodigious fund raisers in the fire service have already accumulated about half of the funds. We are once again looking for grant possibilities since some of this work would include energy savings. At this point we are asking for bids on the work.

Congratulations to our partners at the Mequon-Thiensville School District and the Weyenberg Library for their great service to the communities. We especially commend MTSD on having the highest ACT scores in the state and being named by Milwaukee Magazine as the best suburban school district in the metro area.

Finally, congratulations to Ron Heinritz and Rob Holyoke for their continuing willingness to serve the community as trustees. Oh, one other item of note, the television program Outdoor Wisconsin will feature the Thiensville-Mequon Fish Passage on the program on June 30, and it will be repeated on July 2. Of course, it should be mentioned that the same project stabilized the dam for many years to come. What a win win!

All the best to all of you as you enjoy the warm months.

Karl Hertz
Village President

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

FARMERS MARKET - June 7 thru October 25
Walgreens

RIVER JAM - Friday, August 5 from 3 - 9:30PM
Food & Music!! Village Park

BUSINESS TO BUSINESS TRICK OR TREAT -
Friday, October 21 from 4 - 6PM

LADIES NIGHT OUT - Thursday, November 3
from 4 - 8PM

TBA TREE LIGHTING - Friday, December 2
from 6 - 8PM Walgreens Parking Lot

NEW BUSINESSES

Senior Social Club
249 N. Main Street

B-1 Burger
105 W. Freistadt Road

Elaine S. Harvey
Certified Nutritionist
180 S. Main Street

Charlton Chiropractic
180 S. Main Street

Riveredge Gallery, LLC
184 S. Main street

SCORE

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

SCORE

310 W. Wisconsin Avenue #425

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

Website: www.scoresewisconsin.org or

Email: score@scoresewisconsin.org oore28@sbcglobal.net

FAMILY FUN BEFORE THE FOURTH!

Mark your calendars for June 25 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 band Hot Sauce 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, Piggly Wiggly, Prime Minister, The Chancery and Wow Dogs. 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

12:00 - 12:30 Free Ice Cream

12:30 - 1:00 Yankee Dutchmen

1:00 - 3:00 Taste of Thiensville-Mequon
Talent

3:00 - 4:30 Badgerland Water Ski Show on
the River

4:30 - 7:00 Mission River Band

7:00 - Dusk Hot Sauce

8:30 - 9:00 Venetian Boat Parade

Dusk FIREWORKS



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Once again we welcome summer and all of the activities it brings to the Village. One of the nice things we will not have to face this summer is any type of major construction in the community. Traffic should be able to move smoothly with the exception of some minor delays. As always, we ask that drivers be responsible and courteous.

Three major events are planned in Thiensville this summer. The annual T-M Lions Club Picnic is June 10-12th in the Village Park, the Dairyland Bicycle Races will be held on Friday, June 17th and Family Fun Before the Fourth is on Saturday, June 25th. Each of these events bring special entertainment to our community which we invite you to attend and enjoy. These events do cause traffic and parking problems, and we are already planning to address these problems and minimize inconvenience. Please bear with us. We will try to get information out to everyone on detours and parking for each event.

Wisconsin now has a mandatory insurance requirement for automobiles. The operator of a motor vehicle must have a valid insurance card for the car which could be presented to an officer when contacted. Failure to do so could result in a fine of as much as \$114.00.

The Thiensville Village Park is open everyday from sunrise to sunset. Groups wishing to use the park for special functions must apply through the municipal center, Sundays excluded. We certainly hope you will take the opportunity to use the facilities. We remind you that motor vehicles may not be operated on any of the paths in the park and parking is restricted to the paved parking areas. You may bring beer and wine coolers into the park, but wine and hard liquor is prohibited.

The Police Department tries to keep up with all of the different con games and scams which victimize residents all too often. With proliferation of internet con games it is almost impossible to do so. We do offer these general guidelines: never provide your personal information to anyone on the telephone or computer unless you are the person who contacted someone with the intent to do so. If you are contacted with any type of sweepstakes prize where you have to send money to get the prize, it is a scam. If you receive a letter from overseas asking your help to get millions of dollars out of a war torn country with a promise of a huge return on your investment, it is a scam.

I urge you to use caution in reviewing any request for money from any organization. Take the time to make sure that the organization seeking your donation is really legitimate.

The Police Department has placed a green collection box in the lobby of the municipal center for the disposal of unused or unwanted medications. You may drop medications in the box during normal business hours. Guidelines for what are accepted are on the front of the container. This cooperative effort involves all of the law enforcement agencies in Ozaukee County to keep these medications out of landfills, our water system and the wrong hands. There is not a charge for this service.

Summer is here and the snow from a few months ago is only a memory. Enjoy the weather and the variety of activities in the Village this summer, and if our department can be of help to you, please feel free to call on us; we are always open.

Richard Preston, Chief of Police

ELECTION INFORMATION

A special election is tentatively scheduled for July 12th for the senate seat. Please follow the local news for confirmation of the date.

Reminder to register early at the Village Hall between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm Monday-Friday. Please bring proper identification with your Thiensville address. This I.D. can be a driver's license, utility bill, lease, bank statement, or property tax bill.

In addition, please remember that on any election day please use consideration if you must pencil in any write-ins on a ballot or even circling the oval next to a write-in blank line. Many people don't realize the extensive additional time this creates for the election workers after the polls close. Many of the write-ins in the past have been cartoon characters or people that have absolutely no affiliation or desire to be named on a ballot.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND PLEASE PASS THIS ON TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

Siren

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

Tidbits from the President

Census Information

WI population grew to 5.69 million or 6.1% since 2000. The WI growth rate was 34th highest of the states. Overall, WI was the 20th most populous state compared to 18th in 2000.

(excerpted, WI Taxpayers Alliance)

Mequon-Thiensville School District

An article about school tax levies going up which appeared in "Focus" referenced the twenty-five largest school districts. There were only two of the twenty-five where the levy went down; one was the Mequon-Thiensville School District. Congrats!

Retirement and Bankruptcies

People ages 55 and over now account for more than 20 percent of all bankruptcies in the U.S. More people today are retiring before they pay off their debts as compared with prior generations; 56 percent of retirees had outstanding debts when they left the workforce.

(Newsweek)

Binge Drinking

The American Health Rankings rate Wisconsin as the number one state in America for binge drinking which is defined as "slugging down" five or more drinks in a sitting for men and four for women.

(Newsweek)

Paved Roads Back to Gravel

Several counties across the country are going back to the Stone Age—turning asphalt roads back to gravel as rising costs outstrip their ability to maintain their pavements. Counties in Iowa, Michigan, California and South Dakota are among those that have decided either to stop maintaining a percentage of their asphalt roads or to pulverize some paved roads and downgrade them to gravel.

(Source, Wisconsin Counties Association)

Cost Goes Up

Spending on state legislative races exceeded \$19 million in 2010. Spending was up from \$13m spent on 2006 legislative races according to the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign.

(WI Taxpayers Alliance)

Thiensville Statistic

In 2000 the village had 719 children 1-18 years old. In 2010 the number was 508.

(M-T School District)

Fish Passage

The Thiensville-Mequon Fish Passage and Dam will be on Outlook Wisconsin television program on June 30 and repeated on July 2.

Village Hall/Municipal Building Renovations

At the time of this writing, the Village is considering renovations to the Municipal Building. The Fire Department has already raised the money for approximately half of the cost for portions which will be TFD related. Of course, we hope there will be economy found in doing other needed upgrades such as heating, lighting, windows, and changes to the main entrance.

The Village is pursuing grant money related to energy savings which are a significant portion of the project. The M-T Junior Women's League has given a generous donation for the project; an anonymous donor has given as well. We welcome donations from other citizens in the community.

Mequon-Thiensville Recreation Department Community Open House

Where: Range Line School

Date: Saturday, June 4, 2011

Time: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Come and see the updates that have transformed the school and see demonstrations of a few of our class offerings. Programs will be occurring throughout the day and all are encouraged to take part. The open house will feature Tai Chi, Crafts for young people, Sports Spectacular, Nature Nymphs, Pickleball, Bridge, Digital Photography, Basic Drawing, Travel Show, Watercolor Karate, Acrylics and Fitness, and both senior dance aerobics as well as adult dance aerobics. Refreshments will be provided by Piggly Wiggly, Harris Bank, Tour and Travel, McDonalds on Port Washington Road and Columbia/St. Mary's. All are encouraged to attend and this is an excellent way to get connected to the community. Questions? Please contact 262-238-7535.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

The new 2010 History Books are available at Village Hall for \$10.00. The old history books from 1976-2010 are \$5.00.

Cleaning out your house? If you have old, **historic** items that might be of interest to the Village of Thiensville think twice before throwing them out! Bring them to the Village Hall at 250 Elm Street for the Historic Preservation Commission to look at.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

After a very long winter, we're all ready to fire up the grill, fill the lawnmower, and fuel up the boat - and TFD wants to help you do so safely.

Propane is heavier than air so the vapors will follow the contour of the area and eventually find the ignition source and flash back to the tank.

Keep storage tanks away from structures - do not store them in the garage or basement. Avoid storing them in direct sunlight, keep them upright and never assume that the tank is empty. Test all tank connections with a soapy water solution to make sure there are no leaks. If you see small bubbles at the connections, there's a leak. Turn off the gas and check connections. Connections should be tightened with a wrench, not your hands. Remember, flammable gas cylinders have left-handed threads and tighten by turning counter clockwise. Keep the cylinder valve closed when the grill is not in use. When disposing of an empty tank, return it to a facility that refills them.

Gasoline should be used as motor fuel only and not for stain removal because the vapors are highly combustible. Gasoline is extremely hazardous to use because its vapors are invisible, travel quickly and can be ignited by a single spark resulting in a flash fire. Be aware that a pilot light or spark caused by turning on a light switch can ignite accumulated gasoline vapors. Never store gasoline in the home!

Fueling requires you to extinguish all smoking material while filling up. Use containers with tight fitting caps and never use glass or thin plastic bottles to store gasoline or other flammable liquids. Never fill your fuel container while it is in the trunk of your car or truck; fill only when the container is on level ground. If you can do so safely, make sure your trunk or truck bed is well ventilated when transporting gasoline. Always remember to secure the gasoline container and NEVER store gasoline in your vehicle. Clean up spills with an absorbent material such as traditional clay cat litter.

Fueling Boats should be done only when all motors, fans and heating devices are shut off. Make sure the fueling nozzle is grounded to the fuel intake and that you don't fill to capacity - leave room for fuel expansion. Wipe all spills immediately and check for any leaks or fuel odors in the bilge. After fueling and before starting the motor, ventilate with the blower for at least four minutes or according to manufacturer's recommendations.

The men and women of the Thiensville Fire Department wish you a safe and happy Summer!

Looking for Heroes

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

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Garbage Collection

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

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

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

Does Your Home Have FOG?

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

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

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

RETURN THE STURGEON



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2011 10AM—2PM

Sponsor and release your own sturgeon in the Milwaukee River. Visit www.riveredge.us to register online.

Family event with fun children's activities.

Special Ceremonial Drumming by the Forest County Potawatomi.

Food available for purchase by the T-M Lions Club.

For more details call Riveredge at 262-375-2715

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.

4TH OF JULY GARBAGE PICK-UP SCHEDULE

Due to July 4th falling on a Monday, normal pick-up for garbage and recycling will be Tuesday for the normal Monday pick-up and Wednesday for the normal Tuesday pick-up. PLEASE MAKE A NOTE!!

FALL HOMECOMING PARADE

The Homestead High School homecoming parade will be held Friday, September 16 at 5:00 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.

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

MEETINGS SCHEDULE

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



MEQUON SWIMMING POOL

Mequon Pool Opens Saturday June 11

The weekly schedule is:

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

Sunday 12:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Weather permitting

Special prices for Thiensville residents are the following:

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

Thiensville Family Member Pass \$135.00

Phone: 262-236-2947

CLEAR WATER CODE COMPLIANCE

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

Community Gift Certificates

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

NEW RULES IN PLACE FOR OIL FILTER DISPOSAL

Effective January 1, 2011 a new state law now bans the disposal of oil filters and rags and other absorbent material in landfills. That means it's illegal to throw away an oil filter, oil absorbents or items such as cat litter and newspapers that contain oil. Used motor oil has been banned from landfills for years.

There are sites for recycling, but the law might have moved faster than the ability of some people to find a location for disposal, the Department of Natural Resources says. If you live in a community that is part of the Metropolitan Sewerage District, filters and absorbents can be recycled at three year-round facilities:

- 1) The City of Milwaukee's self-help station at 3879 W. Lincoln Avenue. (You don't have to be a Milwaukee resident to recycle hazardous waste.)
- 2) Veolia Environmental Services, W124 N9451 N. 124th St. in Menomonee Falls
- 3) Veolia Environmental Services, 10518 S. 124th Street in Franklin.

Also, at least two companies have statewide policies for stores to accept used oil filters at no cost. They are: O'Reilly Auto Parts, and Walmart stores with Tire Lube Express locations.

The DNR said other stores accept oil filters but don't have statewide policies. The law is intended to keep the products from being mixed into leachate, the liquid collected in landfills and processed at wastewater treatment facilities.

The DNR estimates that Wisconsin residents throw away 187,000 gallons of oil in used oil filters and 1.6 million gallons of oil in absorbents. Used oil can be a source of fuel supplements. The DNR says the metal from the filters can be recycled.

The 9 million filters that now go to landfills can be recycled into 4.5 million pounds of metal.
(Milwaukee Journal Sentinel)

NEW LAW REQUIRES CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS ON EVERY LEVEL OF HOME

A new state law requiring carbon monoxide detectors in all one and two family homes has gone into effect Feb. 1, 2011. Anyone owning a house that has an attached garage or any fuel burning appliances must install the detectors on every level of the house, excluding the garage and attic but including the basement. The gas build up can cause flu-like symptoms, shortness of breath, headaches, nausea and dizziness. It can be fatal. Furnaces that are poorly vented can cause a CO buildup. Another common cause is people warming up cars in cold weather without opening the garage door. Sometimes, even with the garage door open, wind can blow the fumes into homes.

More information about the detectors can be found at nsfire.org.

OZAUKEE COUNTY'S REVERSE EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION ALERTING SYSTEM

Residents of Ozaukee County have long known that they may call 911 for police, fire or medical assistance. What you may not be aware of is that the Ozaukee County Sheriff's Office, Ozaukee County Public Health Department and Ozaukee County Emergency Management participate within a mass alert notification system similar to a reverse of the 911 system. They have the ability to send voice and text-to-text messages that alert the community to a variety of emergency and non-emergency circumstances. Such messages may be community wide or very specific geographically.

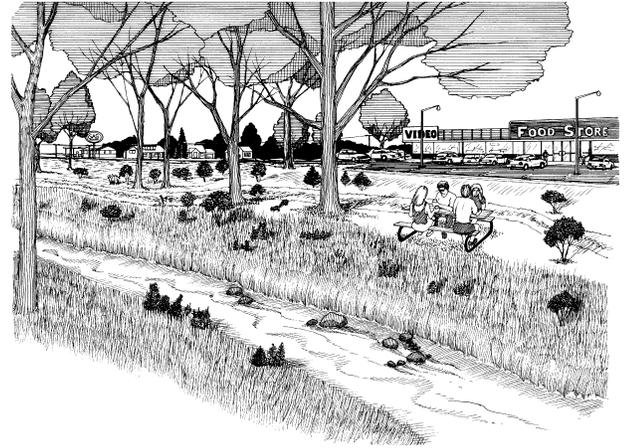
The alert notification system is provided by MyStateUSA - AlertSense. Any such system is only as effective as the database of contacts allows. For example, many land line, cell phone telephone numbers and pagers are unpublished or unlisted. Those numbers may not be in the data base and as such you would not receive emergency notification through our system.

MyStateUsa has a simple process in place that enhances our opportunity to contact you via your cell phone, Blackberry, pager and email. The website is www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/sheriff and enter the portal <https://mystateusa.com/alertSignup.aspx?region=21328>.

Please complete the following sections; Basic Information, Select Alerts, Send Message To and Submit. We stress that you provide your unpublished and unlisted land line phones as well as your cell exchange. We also strongly urge that you enter your full address as that information will sync your cell phone exchange with a physical location. Once submitted the information is now added to the database. This information enhances our ability to contact you.

Please note that the information you are adding is confidential and you are not giving permission to private or political solicitation of any kind. Be aware, your standard text messaging rates apply and you may unsubscribe at any time. The capability to disseminate critical information in a very rapid manner equates to safety for residents and businesses alike. If you have any question, you may contact Captain David Guss, 262-377-7172 or 262-284-7172.

Protecting Local Streams



By Stormie, Stormwater expert

Streams, even small channels that only contain moving water seasonally, provide food and shelter for a diverse mix of plants and animals. Many components come together to make a healthy stream. In suburban areas the land next to the stream, called the stream corridor, plays a critical roll as well.

The stream corridor is a transitional place where land gives way to water. It's a kind of mud room for the stream where runoff is filtered and slowed before it enters the waterway.

Ideally, the corridor is large, at least 30 feet or wider, although narrower strips of land that contain a diverse mix of vegetation can provide a great deal of protection for the stream as well. A healthy stream corridor can remove runoff pollutants, like sediment and phosphorus, carried in stormwater runoff and also reduce streambank erosion. Protecting stream corridors will go a long way toward keeping local waterways from getting any worse. Restoring streams to the way they were before in the Village of Thiensville will take additional action above the stream corridor, especially in new and existing developments where stormwater can be encouraged to soak into the ground.

Where does the water in local streams come from?

Basically, there are two sources, groundwater seepage (underground flow) or runoff-water (overland flow). Around 100 years ago, groundwater provided a stable source of clean water for local streams. Back then, runoff rarely reached local waterways because the forests, prairies and wetlands (open-space) that covered this part of Wisconsin acted like gigantic paper towels, absorbing the rainwater from all but the largest storms and slowly releasing it into the ground. Gradually, as more and more open-space was covered by croplands, residential neighborhoods and commercial centers, the amount of runoff-water increased and the ability of the land to absorb this water decreased. In many parts of Thiensville runoff is now captured by extensive networks of underground storm sewers that empty into local streams. Today, waterways that once carried a constant flow of cool clean groundwater now run nearly dry, except following rain storms, when stormwater fills them suddenly with destructive results including stream bank erosion, mud covered stream bottoms, non-point pollution and localized flooding.

Beyond protecting stream corridors, what can residents do to help local waterways?

There is no quick-fix that will restore local streams to the groundwater based systems they were 100 years ago, but there are steps communities and individuals can take to eventually accomplish this goal. Newer commercial and residential developments now do a much better job managing the runoff they generate by building stormwater retention ponds that keep stormwater from flushing into local storm sewers. Increasingly, developers are moving a step beyond simple stormwater storage by building landscaping features that actually help stormwater soak into the ground. These so-called "infiltration" practices can go a long way toward maintaining groundwater levels around new developments, but restoring groundwater infiltration in developed parts of Thiensville is more challenging. An increasingly popular step homeowners can take to retain and infiltrate the stormwater is to build a Rain Garden. See Stormie's Stream Friendly tips for more ideas.

Protecting local streams involves protecting the land around them by following Stormie's Stream Friendly Tips.

Stormie's Stream Friendly Tips

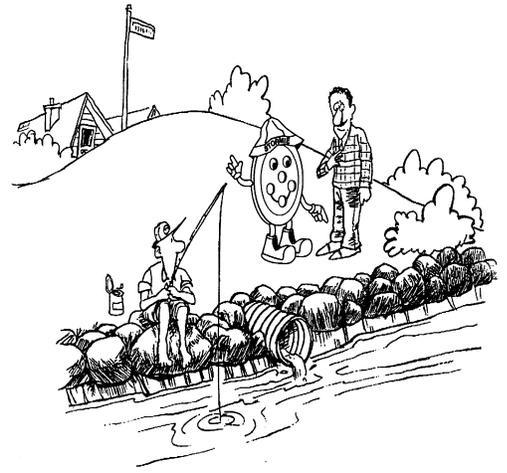
Steps to retain and infiltrate stormwater runoff from residential property.

Redirect downspouts from paved areas to vegetated areas.

Water from downspouts has a much better chance of soaking into a lawn compared with an asphalt driveway.

Plant trees, shrubs, or ground covers to encourage more water to soak into the ground.

Natural areas, especially if they are mulched, are much better than lawns for infiltrating stormwater runoff.



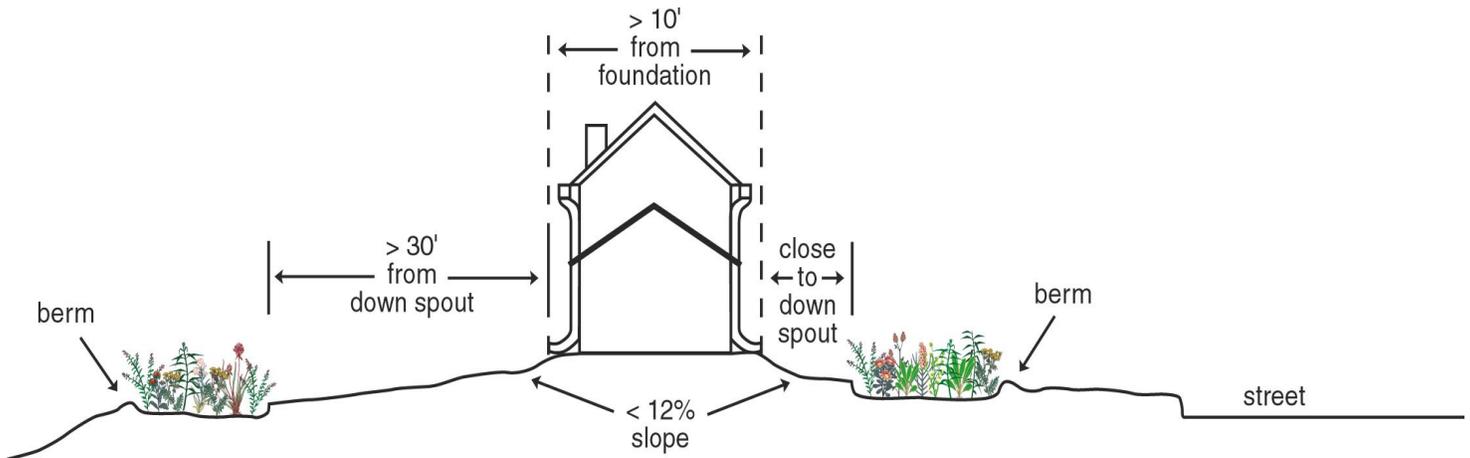
Because storm sewers drain directly into local streams every resident with a storm sewer inlet on their street owns, in effect, stream side property.

Install a Rain-Barrel under your downspouts to hold clean stormwater on your lot.

Each rain-barrel is really a mini stormwater retention pond, keeping stormwater out of the storm sewer system.

Install a Rain Garden to retain and infiltrate rainwater on your lot.

A rain garden is a flat-bottomed shallow depression (3-6 inches) planted with native flowers and grasses. Besides being nice to look at, rain gardens are designed to hold and infiltrate the rain water that washes off a rooftop, driveway or patio. Rain gardens also attract birds and butterflies. To read a guide about rain gardens visit: <http://clean-water.uwex.edu/pubs/home.htm#rain>.



Share these tips with your friends and neighbors so your efforts add up when it comes to controlling stormwater.

Visit the UW-Extension [Clean Water Web Site](http://clean-water.uwex.edu/pubs/) (<http://clean-water.uwex.edu/pubs/>) to learn more stormwater tips, or call the Milwaukee County UW-Extension office, 414-290-2431.

VILLAGE DIRECTORY

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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VILLAGE DEPARTMENTS

EMERGENCY	911
Village Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Dianne S. Robertson	242-3720
Police Department, Non-Emergency Chief Richard W. Preston	242-2100
Fire Department, Non-Emergency Chief Brian Reiels	242-3393
Public Works Director Andrew J. LaFond	242-0180
Building Inspection Independent Inspections, Ltd Paul Mortimer, Building Inspector	(800) 422-5220

Farmers Market every
Tuesday from June 7 to
October 25, 2011

Village Hall
250 Elm Street
Hours 8:00 AM—4:30 PM