



VILLAGE OF THIENSVILLE NEWSLETTER JUNE 2012

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DEAR THIENSVILLE RESIDENTS:

Electioneering occupied much of our time and energy during the first half of 2012. The Village staff and volunteers executed three elections flawlessly. We have two more to go (primary election on August 14, and general election on November 6) and then the political activity should subside. If you see one of our poll workers around the Village this summer give them a “thank you”. The mechanism of the Republic is in these volunteer’s hands – and they are capable hands indeed.

At the polls this spring voters reconfirmed Governor Walker as the state’s chief executive. On a local level they elected Van Mobley as Village President and Kim Beck and Ken Kucharski as Trustees. Subsequently David Lange was appointed to fill the remainder of the term of the Trustee seat vacated when I was elected Village President. Since there was a great deal of turnover on the Village Board this seems like a good spot to remind you of the names of the Trustees. They are: Kim Beck, Ron Heinritz, Rob Holyoke, Ken Kucharski, David Lange, John Treffert, and Village President Van Mobley. As always the Village’s elected officials are available to hear of your ideas and concerns. Their contact information is located on the back page of this newsletter. Also, if you are interested in serving on one of the Village’s appointed boards or committees please drop by to see me at the Village Hall, give me a call at 262-242-3720, or send me an email at vmobley@village.thiensville.wi.us

Thanks go out to Karl Hertz, who stepped down as Village President in April, as well as Trustees Don Molyneux and Toni Ihler, who also left the Board at that time. Since Karl still serves as the Village’s representative on the Ozaukee County Board, Don still serves on an appointed board, and Toni still serves as a member of the Fire Department, Village residents continue to enjoy the benefits of their service. Karl, Don and Toni are wonderful assets to our community.

This spring the Village Board appointed Scott Nicholson as the new Police Chief. Mr. Nicholson has served as a police officer in the Village for 26 years. He has a variety of ideas derived from his extensive experience and intimate knowledge of the Village concerning how to keep costs in line while at the same time maintaining the high quality village police service we have come to expect. At the same time, he is eager to play a larger role in our common endeavor to attract businesses into and revitalize the Main Street corridor. Scott’s appointment is a heartfelt acknowledgment of the years of service and commitment provided by him, as well as all the members of our current police force. They do a fine job and we are thankful for all of them.

On the construction front, the work on the retention pond at the north end of the Village was completed successfully this spring. By lining the basin with clay we should further decrease flooding in the residential areas directly east of Green Bay Road. In addition, even as I write other projects continue to be planned, like the reconstruction of north Green Bay Road, maintenance work along Main Street, and some finishing touches along Pigeon Creek. In its deliberations concerning when and how to execute necessary and/or beneficial construction/reconstruction/redevelopment projects the Village Board and staff seek to acquire the highest quality product for the Village--at the lowest cost and with the least disruption to residents and businesses. We will keep you informed as these projects unfold.

In conclusion let me thank you for electing me your Village President. Thiensville is already a great place to live and I look forward to working with all of you to make it even better. Don’t hesitate to contact me if I can be of service.

Take care,
Van Mobley
President

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

**FARMERS MARKET - June 5 thru October 30
Walgreens - Every Tuesday**

**BUSINESS TO BUSINESS TRICK OR TREAT -
Friday, October 26 from 5 - 7PM**

**LADIES NIGHT OUT - Thursday, November 1 from 4
- 8PM**

**TBA TREE LIGHTING - Friday, December 7 from 6 -
8PM Walgreens Parking Lot**

SIDEWALK SALE—Saturday August 11, 2012

NEW BUSINESSES

**Studio 83 Designs
166 Green Bay Road**

**A Right Path Wellness
180 S. Main Street**

**Material Matters (A Quilt Store)
217 - 219 N. Main Street**

MEQUON-THIENSVILLE CLEAN-UP 2012

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

FAMILY FUN BEFORE THE FOURTH!

Mark your calendars for June 30 for Thiensville and Mequon's annual Family Fun Before the Fourth. This annual fun-filled day will begin at 10:30 am with a parade that will begin at the Weyenberg Library and end up at Thiensville Village Park. This free event is fun for the entire family. Entertainment will be provided throughout the day and will include the bands The No Nothings and Christopher's Project and fun activities for the kids and adults including a boat parade. Don't miss out on all the fun—bring your family and friends! Leave your coolers at home and enjoy food and beverages from Chuck's Place, Prime Minister, The Chancery and WOW Dog. For more information, visit the website at <http://www.familyfunbeforethefourth.com>

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

9:30 - 10:30	Parade Setup
10:30 - 12:00	Parade
12:00 - 12:30	Free Ice Cream
12:30 - 3:30	Taste of Thiensville- Mequon Talent & Rock Climbing Wall
3:30 - 5:00	Badgerland Water Ski Show on the River
5:00 - 7:00	The No Nothings
7:00 - Dusk	Christopher's Project
8:30 - 9:00	Venetian Boat Parade
Dusk	FIREWORKS



POLICE DEPARTMENT

I am honored to be able to write my first newsletter article to the citizens of Thiensville as your new Police Chief. My officers and department will be very approachable and my door will always open for anyone to stop in and tell me their concerns or positive stories about our department. Our department is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and we are here to serve our residents and guests in our wonderful community.

A few tips for summertime; this time of year get out and enjoy what Thiensville has to offer whether it be by foot, bicycle, motorcycle or car. Please take the time to attend our festivals, farmer's market and all the other events during the year.

Sadly, the bad guys also know that summer is the time for vacations and time away from home. Please, if you are planning a vacation, call the police department and give us the dates you will be gone and any other information that would assist our department. Our officers will check your home on a regular basis and contact you if anything looks out of order. If you are just stepping out for a few minutes, please close your garage door and lock your doors. Be careful not to post any information about your vacation on the social media sites because criminals monitor those sites and may know about your vacation plans.

If you're enjoying Thiensville by bicycle, remember the rules of the road apply to you as well as when you are driving a car. We always recommend wearing a bicycle helmet and have your bicycle licensed. A bike license can be purchased at the Police Department during normal business hours, Monday through Friday and the cost is \$5.00 per bicycle.

For all the kids, our Milwaukee Brewer trading cards just arrived, contact an officer while he is driving in your neighborhood and ask him for the entire team. Our department also offers advise on home security, whether it is the need for an alarm system, a close circuit TV camera or updated locks for entry doors. Please call the department and we will review or help you with your plans and suggest ideas to fit your needs, free of charge. For new residents to our community, a police officer will be stopping at your home to introduce himself and give you maps, change of address information for your license plates and driver's license, contact information about the Village and Ozaukee County and other miscellaneous information we feel would help you as a new resident. If we missed you, please call us and set up a time to stop by.

Your police department is here to serve you as a resident and will strive to fulfill your needs and help you as best we can. If there is anything I can do for you, please stop at the station or call 262-242-2100.

Police Chief Scott Nicholson

ELECTION INFORMATION

Whew! What a year for elections and there are two more to come. August 14, 2012 will be the Partisan Primary and November 6, 2012 is the General Presidential Election.

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 to our volunteer poll workers for their time spent at the elections!!

MEQUON-THIENSVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY UPDATE

As many of you know by now, the 25 year old Mequon Historical Society recently changed its name to The Mequon-Thiensville Historical Society. The Society is located in Logemann Community Center and is open on Thursday afternoons from 2-5 PM and by appointment. Memberships are available for as little as \$10 per person or \$15 per family for which you will receive the Society's quarterly newsletter and other benefits.

If you have any old pictures, letters, documents, genealogies, or other items of potential historical significance, please consider donating them to the Village or the MT Historical Society or loaning them to the Society for reproduction and placement in our archives. And if you have an interest in local history, please consider becoming one of our valued volunteers.

We invite you to learn more about the Society by visiting our website, mthistoricalsociety.org, which is underwritten by our friends at Sommer's Automotive.

The new 2010 History Books are available at Village Hall for \$10.00. The old history books from 1976-2010 are \$5.00 and the Walking Tour Booklet is \$3.00.

OZAUKEE COUNTY

It is a pleasure to pen these tidbits of Ozaukee County happenings, and I certainly appreciate the village's willingness to include them in the newsletter. April was the start of my fifth year of service on the Ozaukee County Board, and I'm thankful to the citizens of Thiensville for that opportunity.

As you may know, following the 2010 census, the county board downsized, and that meant that all of Thiensville is now represented by one person. In the recent past, about twenty percent of Thiensville, east of Green Bay and north of Heidel, was represented by a supervisor from Mequon. The reorganization led to some sitting supervisors facing off against each other and for some districts to have no registered candidates in the last election.

In the first few months following the election, the reorganization has been taking place. Personally, I feel we will get along very nicely with the reduced number.

The positive aspects for our county right now are many, among them being its beautiful setting on Lake Michigan with a combination of rural, small town, and suburban locations, and it is in close proximity to Milwaukee with all its advantages. Ozaukee County normally has the lowest tax rate and is considered the healthiest county in the state and was recently designated the second best county in the entire United States.

Do we have challenges and projects? Yes, we do. We are building a facility at the county fairgrounds, through a private-public partnership, which will house curling in the winter and a variety of events in the summer; as I understand it, there are already horse shows booked for 2013. We also have the challenge of adjusting to having fewer "boarders" in our county jail. Those individuals have been a source of income for the County since the facility was built in 2000.

Finally, I would like to invite you to visit with me at the Thiensville Village Hall from 3:30 to 4:30 on July 16 about any questions you may have regarding the future direction of Ozaukee County. I will also try to give you a snapshot of what I have learned as a supervisor.

All the best and again thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Karl Hertz
Supervisor, District 22

1ST ANNUAL VILLAGE WIDE RUMMAGE SALE!

All residents, businesses, and churches welcome to participate.

When: Saturday, August 11, 2012

Time: 9 am to 4 pm

Cost: None!

What to do: Put out an American Flag at the end of your driveway, set your items out and be ready to sell. This is the same day as the business sidewalk sale.

For more information you may contact Susan or Steve at 262-242-2054 or email at stesphole@yahoo.com

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.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Grilling Safety Tips On-Line

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

Firework Safety Reminders

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

PROCEED WITH CAUTION!

Leave fireworks to the professionals.

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

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

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

Are Sparklers harmless?

Water boils 212 degrees Fahrenheit

Cakes bake at 350 degrees Fahrenheit

Wood Burns at 575 degrees Fahrenheit

Glass melts at 900 degrees Fahrenheit

Sparklers burn at 1200 degrees Fahrenheit!!!!

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Music in the Park

The Thiensville Fire Department is planning to do Music in the Park on July 13, July 27 and August 10. Music, food and beverages will be available.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Garbage Collection

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

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

Grass clippings and leaves may be disposed of at the public works yard on W. Freistadt Road. You need to purchase a recycling gate card at the Village Hall, and the cost is \$10.00. The 2012 4th of July holiday will not affect garbage pickup.

**RETURN THE STURGEON
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2012 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.

SIREN

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

FALL HOMECOMING PARADE

The Homestead High School homecoming parade will be held Friday, September 21 at 4:30 PM. Football game follows at 7:00 PM. The parade starts at Walgreen's on Main Street.

VILLAGE PERMITS & DUMPSTERS

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

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 2—late August

The weekly schedule is:

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

Sunday 12:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Weather permitting

Special prices for Thiensville residents are the following:

	Resident		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	\$80.00	\$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

BATTLING BUCKTHORN

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

INVASIVE GARLIC MUSTARD

Garlic Mustard is an exotic species introduced from Europe presumably by early settlers for its supposed medicinal properties and for use in cooking. This species is a biennial that produces hundreds of seeds per plant. The seeds are believed to be dispersed on the fur of large animals such as deer, horses, and squirrels, by flowing water and by human activities.

Garlic Mustard is a rapidly spreading woodland weed that is displacing native woodland wildflowers in Wisconsin. It dominates the forest floor and can displace most native herbaceous species within ten years. This plant is a major threat to the survival of Wisconsin's woodland herbaceous floor and the wildlife that depend on it. Unlike other plants that invade disturbed habitats, garlic mustard readily spreads into high quality forests. Minor infestations can be eradicated by hand pulling at or before the onset of flowering, or by cutting the flower stalk as close to the soil surface as possible just as flowering begins. Cutting prior to this time may promote resprouting. Cutting flowering plants at the ground level has resulted in 99% mortality and eliminates seed production.

Herbicides may be used and is safest for native plants if done during the dormant season, as garlic mustard will grow as long as there is no snow cover and the temperature is greater than 35°F. Again, you may visit the Wisconsin DNR website <http://dnr.wi.gov/> and search "Garlic Mustard"



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

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

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

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

Questions about what we do? Go to www.Thiensvillefd.com or call us at (262) 242-3393 for more information.

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

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