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DEAR THIENSVILLE RESIDENTS:

Construction season is upon us once again! The village has two projects in line for this summer. By the time you get this letter the road construction project in the northeastern portion of the village will be nearing completion - and later this summer the walking bridge across Pigeon Creek will be installed. The walking bridge across Pigeon Creek is like the “cherry” on the top of the ice cream sundae that is the Pigeon Creek project. This flood control project took a long time to envision and complete. Its performance in the last few flooding cycles indicates that it is working. So...while our engineer Mike Campbell tells us nothing is ever for certain (and he is of course correct), and we might get dunked in the future, the village board has decided to have a little celebration. Mark your calendars for Sunday October 5, when we will dedicate the Pigeon Creek Project as a whole, which includes the new walking bridge and the “Creekside Plaza” just north of the old fire station. We will be disseminating more information about the dedication celebration as October approaches.

On the private sector side of the equation Jesse and Barkha Daily continue to enhance their building at the corner of Buntrock and Main – and we look forward to the grand opening of their restaurant Cheel. Later this summer Dr. Lewis’s and Andrea Mayerson’s new building will begin to emerge on Main Street just north of the new Fiddleheads. In addition, numerous businesses continue to spruce things up with new signage and landscaping – like Calvary Lutheran’s little strip mall on South Main. Thanks go out to all of those who have chosen Thiensville as the spot to turn their dreams into reality. If you or someone you know would like to start or expand a business in Thiensville, and would like to talk to village officials about it, feel free to contact either myself or Dianne Robertson at (262) 242-3720.

Also, give us a call if you know of a business we could attempt to recruit. Village staff is also working to develop plans for future infrastructure maintenance/enhancement projects. In 2015 we plan to rebuild the bathrooms in Village Park and rehabilitate Main Street. We have already had, or will soon have, initial meetings concerning the design of both of these exciting projects. Check the village web page periodically for more information as the planning for them proceeds. You can also sign up for email updates on the Village’s website www.village.thiensville.wi.us. Simply click on the “Notify Me” tab. You can choose which topics you want to receive updates on.

In conclusion, there is no place better than Thiensville in the summer. I look forward to seeing you at the Village Market, Family Fun before the Fourth, a Harley event, or one of the other great events scheduled for the summer--or maybe just wandering around. Have a great summer!

President Van Mobley



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

**FARMERS MARKET - June 17 thru October 28
Village Park - Every Tuesday 9am to 6pm.**

**BUSINESS TO BUSINESS TRICK OR TREAT -
Thursday October 30 from 4 - 7PM**

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

**TBA TREE LIGHTING - Friday, December 5 from
6 - 8PM Walgreens Parking Lot**

**VILLAGE WIDE RUMMAGE SALE—Saturday Au-
gust 16, 2014 from 9am to 5pm**

**CHRISTMAS AROUND THE VILLAGE - The second
Thursday in November, November 13th. This will be an
annual event.**

**CELEBRATION OF PROJECTS AT CREEKSIDE
PLAZA—SUNDAY, OCTOBER, 5TH AT 2:00 PM.
(THE OLD FIREHOUSE/VILLAGE HALL)**

FARMER'S MARKET

This year our Market will be hosting more than 700 vendors with a new layout for the customers to visit the park! The Market now has a great view of the river, enhanced amenities and also has their own ATM! We'll be filling the park each Tuesday starting June 17th and running EVERY Tuesday from 9am - 6pm. We will offer an assortment of produce, cooked food, live music, crafts, activities, the Best "Dam" Chef and much more!

Last year we took off with resounding success - our goal this year is to be the biggest market in Southeast Wisconsin! Come see why many are calling this the best "dam" Market!

WELCOME COLLEEN LANDISCH!

The Village is happy to announce our new Finance Administrator/Assistant Administrator Colleen Landisch who came on board February 3, 2014. Colleen brings much experience to the Village as one of our auditors from her previous position with Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP. Colleen is a Milwaukee native and is the proud parent of two young children. Congratulations to Colleen!

FAMILY FUN BEFORE THE FOURTH!

Mark your calendars for June 28 for Thiensville and Mequon's annual Family Fun Before the Fourth. This annual fun-filled day will begin at 10:30 am with a parade that will begin at the Weyenberg Library and end up at Thiensville Village Park. This free event is fun for the entire family. Entertainment will be provided throughout the day and will include the bands, Myles Hayes Quintet and Christopher's Project and fun activities for the kids and adults including a boat parade. Don't miss out on all the fun—bring your family and friends! Leave your coolers at home and enjoy food and beverages from Chuck's Place, Prime Minister, The Chancery and WOW Dog. For more information, visit the website at <http://www.familyfunbeforethefourth.com>

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

9:30 - 10:30	Parade Setup
10:30 - 12:00	Parade - Free Ice Cream Village Park
12:00 - 12:30	Homestead High School Marching Band
12:30 - 3:00	Rock Climbing Wall
12:30 - 2:00	Badgerland Waterski Show
2:00 - 3:30	Taste of Talent
3:30 - 6:30	Sawdust Symphony
6:30 - Dusk	Christopher's Project
8:30 - 9:00	Venetian Boat Parade
Dusk	FIREWORKS



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Finally, summertime is upon us and all of us in the Thiensville Police Department are looking forward to a summer and fall full of great activities.

Lion Fest celebrated their 50th Anniversary this year in early June and the Farmer's Market begins Tuesday, June 17th and will be held every Tuesday through October 28th.

A few reminders, if you are planning a vacation please contact the police department and request a vacation "home watch". One of our officers will check your home daily to make sure everything is safe and sound. Luckily, there were only two burglaries reported in 2013 and in one case almost all of the contents were recovered and in the second case the burglar happened to be an inside job.

When riding your bicycle enjoy the sights but remember all the rules of the road. Bike riders are to ride "with" the traffic and use hand signals when turning. Bicycle licenses are available at the Thiensville Police Department. It is always a good idea to have your bicycle licensed in the event it is lost or stolen.

Remember that pedestrians have the right of way when crossing the street at the corners. Thiensville officers will be out making sure that walkers are safe when crossing the street.

Beware of scam artists. One of the latest is that residents are called or emailed and told that a family member or members are in jail or were robbed in a foreign country and you must send money to help. Another scam is that you are the winner of a contest but you must send thousands of dollars to cover the cost of the taxes and then the money will be sent to you.

After 35 years of dedication, Chris Koerner retired after the first of the year and we welcomed Heather Boesch as our new addition to the Police Department. Heather comes with years of experience from the Port Washington Police Department and the Ozaukee County Sheriff's Department. When you stop into the Village Hall, stop and say hi to Heather at the front window.

Another new addition is Officer Tim Sullivan who we welcomed in February. Tim comes to us from the New York City Police Department, and Alton, New Hampshire and now here to Thiensville. Tim has years of experience and we are very lucky to have him aboard. If you see Tim on the street, welcome him.

The members of the Thiensville Police Department take great pride in our community and are dedicated to making our community a safe place for our residents and visitors. If there is anything we can do for you, please stop into my office and contact any of our officers and we will do what we can to help.

Police Chief Scott Nicholson

ELECTIONS

Thank you to our volunteer poll workers for their time spent at the elections!! The August Primary Election will be Tuesday, August 12, 2014 and the General Election will be Tuesday, November 4, 2014.

MEQUON-THIENSVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY UPDATE

Cleaning out your Attic?

As you clean out your attics, please keep the Mequon-Thiensville Historical Society in mind. We are in need of family photos with identifiable subjects, family stories, genealogies (published or unpublished), property abstracts, school pictures, or a wide variety of other historic documents. These items can either be donated outright to our society, or we will scan them and return them to you. We maintain a "two-dimensional" collection that includes documents, maps, photos, scrapbooks, etc. If you have unique historical objects, please contact us for help in finding a group or museum that might be an appropriate recipient for your potential donation. Contact us at 262-242-3107 or by email at mthistory1839@gmail.com.

Jonathan Clark House 13615 N. Cedarburg Road

The Jonathan Clark House is located on the northwest corner of Cedarburg and Bonniwell Roads in Mequon. The house dates back to 1848, the year of Wisconsin's statehood. For many years, it was the site of Dr. Gregory Custer's dental practice.

Now, through the cooperation of Dr. Custer and the generosity of Mr. Jerry McGinnis, this significant piece of Ozaukee County heritage has been purchased by the Friends of Jonathan Clark House for preservation and community use. In addition to the age of the building, this property has historic importance to our community and to an important shared value; public education.

Tours are available of the Jonathan Clark House. Please contact Nina Look at 262-618-2051 or by email at jchmuseum@gmail.com.

MEQUON-THIENSVILLE CLEAN-UP 2014

MANY, MANY THANKS go out to Thiensville residents Jim and Katie Gennrich for organizing the efforts once again for the Spring Clean-up. There were many volunteers and most of the sites were cleaned up over a two week period. Thanks again Jim and Katie!!

OZAUKEE COUNTY NEWS

Dear Thiensvillians:

It is amazing that another six months have flown past since the last newsletter. The world seems to press upon us all sorts of news which is less than uplifting to say the least. However, it is my hope that this newsletter finds you enjoying summer after a winter season which definitely challenged us.

Kindly let me thank you again for allowing me to continue to serve the village on the Ozaukee County board. It is an honor. You might find it interesting that I serve on the Health and Human Services Committee, the Aging Resources Committee, the representative to the Marsh Country Consortium, the representative to the Wisconsin Counties Association - Health and Human Resources Committee, and as the county representative to the Thiensville TID. It is just enough to keep me from being arrested for loitering on the village streets.

Let me give you some county statistics which I find interesting. There are 86,823 people in the county in 34,067 households or about 2.5 people per setting. Ozaukee County's population is projected to increase by 18% from 2010 to 2035. The proportion of people over 65 is expected to go from 15.3% to 25.6% over the same period of time. Finally, 29% of OZ CO households have a high housing cost burden and spend more than 30% of their income on housing.

There are many ongoing projects that are receiving attention at the county level. As you may recall, in any given year about 75% of the county expenditures are funded by state and federal money because counties have historically been tasked with doing functions ranging from highways to veterans' issues. We will continue to work on roadways after a tough winter; the fairground's buildings will be getting more attention, and the challenge of heroin use in the county will continue to be addressed.

The HHS committee has oversight of LaSata as one of its responsibilities; we will be working to update the nursing section in matters from heating and air conditioning to shower facilities. It has been fascinating to watch how the care of our older citizens has evolved over the past 20 years. Both my parents spent significant years in care settings at the end of their lives, and I can attest to the changes in that endeavor over the years.

Our newspapers have given extensive coverage to the proposed I-43 changes including the Highland Road access topic. At this writing, there are still details to be addressed. However, paving issues on I-43 are receiving attention this summer while the larger proposal would not likely be done until 2020.

Let me close by saying that it has been interesting during my years on the village board and the county board to witness the cooperation between the two entities as they work their way to solutions; probably one of the best examples is the fish ladder. Cooperation, thoughtfulness, frugality, and kindness are ingredients for successfully doing what is best for the community.

Happy days during the pleasant summer months.

Karl Hertz
OZ CO Supervisor, Thiensville

VILLAGE WIDE RUMMAGE SALE!

All residents, businesses, and churches welcome to participate.

When: Saturday, August 16, 2014

Time: 9 am to 5 pm

Cost: None!

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

WELCOME NEW BUSINESS

Cheel, LLC
105 S. Main Street

VILLAGE WEBSITE

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

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

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

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 2014 4th of July holiday will not affect garbage pickup.

MAIN STREET REHABILITATION

In 2015, the Village will be undergoing much needed rehabilitation on Main Street. This project is being federally funded with WisDOT oversight which means they have oversight of the design and construction and must meet DOT standards and requirements during the process. The estimated construction cost is \$783,000 with approximately 80% being federally funded and 20% Village funded. Any costs over the \$681,000 grant will be paid by the Village.

The project is from Main Street south at Division Street all the way to Concord Place north. The bridge on Main Street will not be part of the construction. Main Street is a concrete roadway and was last reconstructed in 1987. The concrete panels are uneven and there are cracked panels & joints due to water damage and age. There will be spot replacements of curb and gutter and curb ramp replacements. The curb ramps must be upgraded to meet WisDOT standards and there is a landing required at the top of the curb ramps.

The diamond grinding is a maintenance practice where they will grind down $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of the road on all the concrete panels which will smooth out the road surface. Main Street will remain open to traffic at all times. The work will be limited to 1/3 of the roadway at a time where possible. There will be notices prior to any driveway closures and only one portion of a driveway at a time will be done. The diamond grinding will be a 2-4 hour closure and the concrete repair will be a 48-72 hour closure. Final design of the project must be done by October 2014, and the project bidding deadline will be March 2015. Construction will begin in July 2015 and the work is expected to be done by September 2015.

A portion of the Main Street project is in the historic district of Thiensville which is registered in the national registry. There will be no impact from the Main Street Rehabilitation to the historic district.

In regards to streetscape, the idea is to match or complement the existing style or theme. Island and bump outs will be created for beautification and pedestrian safety. Trees and planters will be used to fill in open spaces. There will be street light replacements and/or upgrades of some light poles and globes and additional decorative stamped concrete in crosswalks and terrace for beautification. New LED fixtures will be more energy efficient.

The Village will also be looking at enhancing the Village monuments and rehabilitating some of the existing monuments to make them stand out even more. There will also be some islands installed with the idea to not adversely affect traffic. This will be determined by the DOT traffic study. The intent is to add more green space, to beautify the road, protect pedestrians and to minimally affect traffic or improve traffic. Streetscape bump outs are being considered in front of Remington's across to the old lumberyard and near Fiddleheads Coffee Roasters and Dr. Lewis's building across to Schmit Ford. Additional planters and trees are also being considered along Main Street.

What is Stormwater Runoff?

Rain is great for our lawns and gardens but the extra water that isn't absorbed by the ground can cause problems for Lake Michigan, our rivers and small inland lakes.

Many people don't realize that rain water that runs off of driveways and parking lots and flows down streets and into storm sewers becomes contaminated. It picks up litter, yard waste, lawn and auto chemicals and other debris. That flow of polluted water travels through underground pipes that lead directly to our rivers, streams and Lake Michigan. Unlike sewage, this water isn't normally treated.

The polluted mix dumps into our waterways with the dog poop, lawn fertilizer, car oil, cigarette butts, plastic water bottles and anything else the water picked up along the way.

This mixture of rain water and pollution is call stormwater runoff. If you visit Lake Michigan or a river after it's rained, you can see stormwater spreading out into the surrounding clean water. It's noticeable because it's a muddy color and often carries litter with it.

Contaminated stormwater can lead to beach closings, fish die offs and detrimental ecological changes. The most effective way to reduce stormwater pollution is to stop it from entering the system in the first place.

Everyone can make a difference just by picking up after their dogs, keeping leaves and other yard waste out of the street, using less lawn fertilizer and chemicals, attending to car leaks and throwing away litter.

Those simple actions can have an enormous cumulative impact on our waterways. In reality, every little bit helps.

Source: www.respectourwaters.org

NOXIOUS WEEDS

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

RECYCLING

Newspapers, cans, glass bottles and jars, various plastics, and empty aerosol cans will **NOT** be collected with the regular garbage pickup. These items must be recycled. **ONLY** grass clippings, leaves and garden refuse may be disposed of at the Department of Public Works yard behind the Post Office. Residents may purchase a gate card at the Village Hall for only \$10.00. Waste oil may be deposited at the tank located at the DPW yard.

REAL ESTATE TAXES ARE DUE

The second real estate tax installment is due to the Ozaukee County Treasurer by July 31. Please contact the County Treasurer's office at 238-8280 with any questions.

SIREN

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

FALL HOMECOMING PARADE

The Homestead High School homecoming parade will be held Friday, October 10 at 4:30 PM. Football game follows at 7:00 PM. The parade starts at Walgreen's on Main Street.

VILLAGE PERMITS & DUMPSTERS

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

MEETINGS SCHEDULE

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

If you are remodeling, you are responsible for disposing of all previous old material from your home. Dumpsters are available at the Village Hall for \$95.00 or for remodeling projects and construction debris they are \$200.00.



MEQUON SWIMMING POOL

Mequon Pool Opens Saturday June 12—late August

The weekly schedule is:

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

Sunday 12:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Weather permitting

Special prices for Thiensville residents are the following:

Resident

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

Thiensville Family Member Pass \$135.00

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

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 available and can be purchased in any denomination at the Mequon-Thiensville Chamber of Commerce, 6331 W. Mequon Road in Mequon (262-512-9358) or online at www.mtchamber.org. They can be used at over 80 businesses!



Local Entrepreneurs Take Thiensville Back to the Future

Thiensville has a lot of intersections, but none is more historically important than Old Firehouse corner on Main Street. The four jewels on that corner are the Old Firehouse and Village Hall (1914), the Bublitz Furniture Store and Funeral Home (1913), the Oscar Bublitz Grocery Store (1920) and the Van Alten House (1890). Today, we identify these buildings as The Firehouse Museum, Stardust Records, Schmit Ford and “The Chinese Restaurant”.

The Chinese Restaurant was built in 1890 as a private home for the Van Alten family. Around the turn of the century, the building was converted into the Commercial House saloon and hotel by a man named Nick Wilson. Mr. Wilson operated his hotel as one of four popular resort hotels in Thiensville and also sold locally milled flour and general merchandise west of his hotel and along the railroad line. In more recent times, the Van Alten building has housed a number of businesses including French, Chinese, Italian and Mexican restaurants.

Starting this summer, the building will be home to a Nepalese-American fusion restaurant, “Cheel”, operated by Thiensville residents Jesse and Barkha Daily. The Daily’s own CORE Consulting on Green Bay Road and are two of the driving forces behind the successful move of the Farmers’ Market to Thiensville Park.

As self described “foodies”, the Daily’s will offer a variety of dishes including distinctive offerings from Barkha Daily’s native Nepal. While this restaurant will be a great addition to the community, their business plan includes an extensive restoration of the Van Alten home to its Victorian-era Queen Anne beauty. The landmark tower over the entryway will be returned to the structure and will be capped off with a bronze eagle by Thiensville artist Allen Caucutt.

And, as president of the Mequon-Thiensville Historical Society, I would like to thank Mr. Ken Moy for his many years of care and stewardship of the Van Alten home. Without his efforts, this jewel of our village may well have faced the wrecking ball years ago. And now, thanks to the efforts of Jesse and Barkha Daily, the Van Alten home/Commercial House Hotel will be restored and saved for future generations to admire and enjoy.

(This article is reprinted from the Spring edition of the Mequon-Thiensville Historical Society newsletter. The full newsletter and past editions can be found at www.mthistoricalsociety.org.)



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

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

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

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

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

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

Follow us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/ThiensvilleFireDepartment

Follow us on Twitter: [@thiensvillefd](https://twitter.com/thiensvillefd)



SAFE SUMMER FUN

Few seasons are appreciated like a Wisconsin summer. We all look forward to enjoying the sun filled days and warm evenings in many ways. Our summer vacations, camping trips, family reunions, picnics and holiday parties often include cookouts, campfires and fireworks – all of which are fun when handled responsibly and safely.

“After the winter we’ve endured, everyone is looking forward to getting out and having summer fun, myself included,” says Brian Reiels, Thiensville Fire Chief. “We want the people of our community to know that we’re here to help them be safe in whatever activity they’re enjoying.”

Several fire safety and prevention agencies, including the National Fire Prevention Association, have compiled lists of things to consider when enjoying our fantastic Wisconsin summer.

Grill Safety

According to the NFPA, gas and charcoal grills caused an average of 3,400 structure fires and 4,800 outdoor fires in or on home properties between 2005 and 2009, resulting in a combined direct property loss of \$75 million.

Keep all grills clean and in good working order.

Position your grill at least 10 feet away from other objects such as your house or bushes.

Check propane tanks and hoses for good connections and any leaks. Do not overfill the propane tank.

If the flame goes out on a gas grill, shut off the gas for at least 15 minutes and leave the lid open before attempting to re-light.

Do not leave any grill unattended when cooking.

Dispose of hot coals properly – douse them with plenty of water, and stir them to ensure that the fire is out. Never place them in plastic, paper or wooden containers.

Never grill/barbecue in enclosed areas – This is both a fire and carbon monoxide hazard.

Campfire Safety

If you are interested in building an in-ground campfire ring in the Village, please contact us prior to building it.

We will do a safety inspection of the area at no charge!

Remember that only wood can be burned.

Never start a fire in a strong wind.

Supervise children at all times when campfires are burning.

Keep a fire extinguisher, shovel and / or water near at all times.

Store extra firewood at least 6 feet away from the fire.

Keep your campfire small.

Fireworks Safety

According to the NFPA, the safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public display.

Never allow children to pick up exploded or left over fireworks. They can be extremely hot and dangerous.

The tip of a sparkler can burn at 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit, hot enough to cause second-degree burns. For comparison, wood burns at 575 degrees.

Two out of five fires reported on the Fourth of July are caused by fireworks.

Many municipalities have banned the use of fireworks.

“We look forward to seeing our neighbors out enjoying their favorite summer activities,” says Chief Reiels. “If you are having a block party or other gathering and would the fire department to participate, please do not hesitate to contact us. We’ll do our best to accommodate your request. All we ask is that you give us several weeks notice if at all possible”

The Thiensville Fire Department is proud to have served the community with the highest sense of civic duty and involvement for more than 150 years. The Department can be reached at 262.242.3393.

