



VILLAGE OF THIENSVILLE NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2016

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In May the Village website will have a new look and will be mobile friendly. The web address will stay the same and with the new look comes new features. One of these new features includes the introduction of the Village Voice, our electronic newsletter. This winter newsletter is the last mailed newsletter. If you prefer to receive a paper copy, feel free to stop in to the Village Hall for a copy. You can sign up now to receive important information from the Village on our website under the Notify Me tab. By utilizing this the Village will be able to communicate important information in a timely manner.



Dear Thiensvillians,

The Christmas lights are up in the downtown area once again. Our little Village is always beautiful – but never more so than during the Holiday season. Make sure you enjoy it.

In 2016 we continued to make improvements to our capital infrastructure. The Main Street reconstruction project is now complete and it should be good to go for the foreseeable future. When the new roadwork is combined with new businesses like Port Washington State Bank and Downtown Pizza on South Main, plus expanding businesses like Fiddleheads' new Garden Room, and continued public improvements, like the finishing touches that will be added to Molyneux Park in 2017, it is clear that our work on downtown revitalization and enhancement continues to bear fruit. The Village just keeps on improving.

And there are new opportunities for further improvement as well. For example, the Village is cooperating with MSP Properties in attempts to find a suitable business to locate in and utilize the old M&I Bank building at 200 Green Bay Road. If you know of any businesses that are interested in a great opportunity at that location, please direct them to contact Trustee Ron Heinritz, Village Administrator Dianne Robertson, or myself. Also, if you have potential development ideas or contacts for new businesses or development ideas in the Village, don't hesitate to contact me or Administrator Robertson.

On the eastern side of the Village we will soon be executing some storm sewer maintenance and rehabilitation work around Madero and Riverview. This work is being financed with a combination of Village and Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewer District funds. By completing it now we avoid bigger problems in the future.

The Village Park Re-imagined project keeps making progress – with the addition of some new walkways and entryway features as well as planning for further options. Contact Andy LaFond and/or Colleen Landisch-Hansen for more details.

The Village has noticed that the railroad crossing on Buntrock is too rough. We have been in contact with the Railroad as well as the Railroad Commissioner in attempts to have the Railroad maintain its crossing. We will keep you abreast of developments in this area.

In conclusion, 2016 was a great year for the Village of Thiensville. I look forward to seeing you around in 2017, which holds lots of promise as well.



Best wishes for the New Year!

President Van Mobley

DEAR THIENSVILLE RESIDENTS,

The tax bill that was sent to you was in a self-contained envelope that is folded and sealed. Sewer utility bills will be mailed soon. SEPARATE CHECKS FOR TAXES, SEWER UTILITY AND PET LICENSES ARE NECESSARY. DO NOT COMBINE THESE ON ONE CHECK.

The Village Board has adopted the 2017 budget with the resulting expenditures and revenues shown below. The Capital Equipment/Improvement Fund budget is \$1,064,584, \$3,400 for the Old Village Hall Fund and \$39,267 has been included for the Storm Water Management Fund, which is mandated by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. This fund manages storm water quality, not quantity. The budget, as adopted, will continue to provide Village services as in past years.

The tax rate for Village purposes is \$7.806 per thousand assessed. Below is a comparison of assessed tax rates of 2015 to 2016 and the net change by agency. The Village share of tax dollars will be \$.39 cents of each dollar the taxpayer will pay in 2016 taxes. The net tax rate is \$17.983 per thousand assessed which is a \$.226 per thousand increase on assessed value for all taxing agencies. Below is the tax dollar distribution, tax rates and changes by agencies.

You can pay taxes and sewer bills online at www.village.thiensville.wi.us. You will be charged a fee to pay online. For taxes, the charge is 2.39% of the amount paid and for sewer bills the charge is \$3.00 for every \$100.00 increment.

Dianne S. Robertson
Village Administrator

2017 EXPENDITURES

General Operations	\$ 95,252
Administrative Operations	385,040
Library	110,740
Unclassified	109,501
Insurance	137,153
Police	875,581
Fire	287,127
Inspection	26,000
DPW Street Operations	630,092
DPW Park Operations	74,772
Capital Projects Fund	1,064,584
Storm Water Mgmt Fund	311,267
Old Village Hall Fund	3,400
	\$4,110,509

Non-Tax Levy Funds

Fire Department Equip. Fund	144,250
Tax Increment District #1	780,406
Special Assessment Collection Fund	115,810

2017 REVENUES

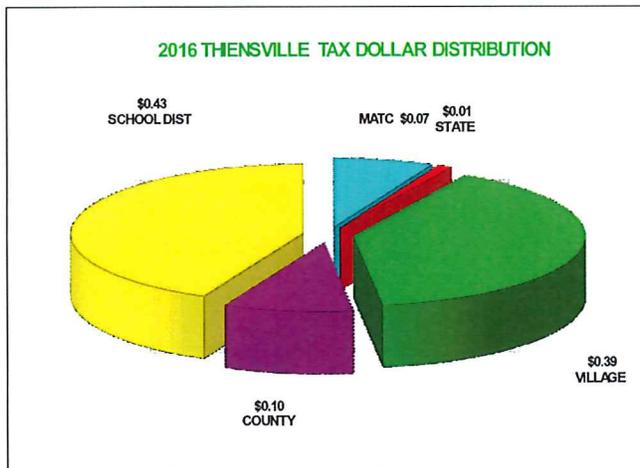
Property Tax Levy	
General Fund	\$1,892,517
Capital Projects	242,600
Storm Water Mgmt Fund	39,267
Old Village Hall Fund	3,400
Intergovernmental	386,926
Regulation & Compliance	124,800
Public Chgs. For Services	24,100
Commercial Revenues	35,495
Miscellaneous Revenues	267,420
Capital Projects Fund	821,984
	\$3,838,509

Non-Tax Levy Funds

Fire Department Equip. Fund	144,250
Tax Incremental District #1	782,356
Special Assessment Collection Fund	63,422

2016-2015 TAX RATES

	2016 <u>Assessed</u>	2015 <u>Assessed</u>	Rate Change <u>Assessed</u>
Village	7.806	7.696	+0.110
School	8.223	8.169	+0.054
County	1.819	1.825	- 0.006
State	.171	.169	+0.002
MATC	<u>1.271</u>	<u>1.250</u>	<u>+0.021</u>
	19.291	19.109	+0.182
School Credit	<u>1.308</u>	<u>1.352</u>	- 0.044
	17.983	17.757	+0.226



REAL ESTATE TAX PAYMENT PLAN

Property owners may elect to utilize the real estate tax installment plan by paying their taxes according to the following schedule:

Tax Payments Made in 2016

Taxpayers desiring an extra income tax deduction for 2016 must pay the tax bill by December 31, 2016 or, if paid by mail, the envelope must be postmarked on or before December 31, 2016. No exceptions will be made. The office will be open until noon on December 30, 2016.

Tax Due Dates

1st Half of Net Tax Bill due January 31, 2017 made payable to the **Village of Thiensville.**

2nd Half of Net Tax Bill due July 31, 2017 made payable to the **Ozaukee County Treasurer.**

If the installment plan is not utilized, full payment is due January 31, 2017.

No postdated checks will be accepted. Checks will be processed when they are received. Postdated checks will be returned to the taxpayer. A penalty in the amount of 1-1/2% per month will be assessed on the balance due from February 1st.

PAYING TAXES VILLAGE MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Village residents may pay their real estate taxes at the Village Municipal Building located at 250 Elm Street.

The office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

Please note the following holiday hours:

December 23, 2016	CLOSED
December 26, 2016	CLOSED
December 30, 2016	8:00 AM to 12:00 PM
January 2, 2017	CLOSED

Refund checks resulting from payment in excess of taxes owed will not be issued at the counter. A refund check will be mailed within ten working days from receipt of the tax payment.

PAYING TAXES BMO HARRIS BANK THIENSVILLE BRANCH ONLY (262) 242-4000

BMO Harris Bank, 201 North Main Street, Thiensville will collect taxes. Tax payments can only be made in the lobby. The bank will not issue any refunds. Only checks in the exact amount will be accepted.

Bank Hours are as Follows:

Monday	9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Tuesday	9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Wednesday	9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Thursday	9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Friday	9:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Saturday	9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Sunday	CLOSED

Saturday, December 24, 2016	9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Monday, December 26, 2016	CLOSED

Saturday, December 31, 2016	9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Monday, January 2, 2017	CLOSED

THIENSVILLE MEETING SCHEDULE



Committee of the Whole meets on the first Monday of the month
Plan Commission meets on the first Tuesday of the month after the Committee of the Whole
Board of Trustees meets the second Monday of the month
Historic Preservation Commission meets on the second Wednesday of the month
Zoning Board of Appeals meets as needed

Meetings are subject to change.

Please refer to the Village website or call the Village Hall if you have any questions.

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(262) 242-3720



OZAUKEE COUNTY NEWS

Season's Greetings Thiensvillians:

As I write this piece for the winter edition of the Village newsletter just before Thanksgiving, it is easy to be appreciative of our many gifts in this community. Ozaukee County is equally blessed.

To start with, we are the smallest county physically, the wealthiest, and the healthiest, and the County schools are exemplary. Thoughtful people will realize there is a relationship between these pluses and our high family incomes. All of these characteristics come together and play varying roles in the County budget for 2017 which was just put in place. Assuming your house is in the same configuration as last year, you can expect that the County property tax will not go up. We are expecting that we will see at least as high a sales tax revenue as 2016. Given that home values seem to have returned to pre-recession levels and property taxes are being paid in a timely fashion, the supervisors feel optimistic about our finances. Additional good news has come from Moody's Investors Service which this month said, "The credit position for Ozaukee County is superior," and we retained our AAA rating. Of course, the County has a solid tax base which continues to grow. Moody's also spoke positively of our reserves and modest level of borrowing.

The County's Health and Human Service Committee, which I have the pleasure of chairing, has followed with great interest the joining of the Washington and Ozaukee Health Departments, and I also serve on the Joint Committee that oversees these efforts. This is a historic first for Wisconsin, and it has not been without challenges; I would simply mention that state statute needed to be changed and financial and IT programs were not the same. Finally, there are very different "cultures" in the two Counties.

We are very pleased that the \$10M dollar rejuvenation of the 50 year old Lasata Care Center (nursing facility) has been completed on time and within budget. Give the Lasata folks a call and visit the independent, assisted, and nursing care (including memory care) buildings. Our Committee is pleased with the results. Organizations always have challenges ahead, and Ozaukee County is no different. For instance, Tom Meaux, our long time and excellent County Administrator, is retiring in March. Jason Dzwiniel who has been his Assistant for over ten years, will be the interim leader. By the way, he is a Homestead grad. Two other dedicated extended service people who will be retiring soon are: Karen Makoutz, the Treasurer, and Andy Lamb, the Finance Director. The good news is that we have fine experienced people who are stepping up to fill other key roles such as Liza Drake as Human Services Director and Jon Edgren who is Public Works Director and Highway Commissioner. We will continue to push forward on the prevention and treatment of addiction issues. Serving our high percentage of seniors will continue to be addressed. Highways are a continuing challenge. I recently had a citizen approach me in the grocery store to ask when we were going to do something about the rough condition of I-43 when coming into Ozaukee County from the north; after talking to the Highway Commissioner, I found that the earliest date the state would allocate money for it would be 2021 or 2022. Yes, there are always challenges.

Please let me end by extending you wishes for good health in 2017 and a hope that life does not present us too many challenging moments. Blessings to all!

Karl Hertz, Ozaukee County Supervisor, Thiensville



ALWAYS RECYCLE:



Metal Cans



Plastic Bottles & Containers 1-7



Glass Bottles & Jars



Paper



Flattened Cardboard & Paperboard



Dairy & Juice Cartons

DO NOT INCLUDE IN YOUR RECYCLING CART:



Plastic Bags



Sharps & Medical Waste



Foam Cups & Containers



Food Waste

Questions? Please contact Customer Service toll free at 1-888-960-0008.

2016 - 2017 Holiday Schedule:

- Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 24, 2016
Thursday & Friday service will be delayed by one day.
- Christmas Day - Sunday, December 25, 2016
No delay in service. Holiday falls on a Sunday.
- New Year's Day - Sunday, January 1, 2017
No delay in service. Holiday falls on a Sunday.
- Memorial Day - Monday, May 29, 2017
Service will be delayed by one day all week.
- Independence Day - Tuesday, July 4, 2017
Tuesday - Friday service will be delayed by one day.
- Labor Day - Monday, September 4, 2017
Service will be delayed by one day all week.
- Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 23, 2017
Thursday & Friday service will be delayed by one day.
- Christmas Day - Monday, December 25, 2017
Service will be delayed by one day all week.

Single SortSM Recycling

Every Other Week Recycling

■ Green Week
 ■ Holiday
 ■ Holiday Week

2017



January							July						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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February							August						
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April							October						
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May							November						
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June							December						
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How to Recycle:



Recycle bottles, cans and paper products only



Keep items clean and dry



No plastic bags

Roll cart to the end of your driveway every other week on your service day.

Face the lid toward the street and the handle toward the house.



THIENSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

I hope that everyone will have a great holiday season. Keep in mind the Village of Thiensville parking restrictions for the winter months. Parking is only allowed for 30 minutes on Village streets from 2:00 AM until 6:00 AM. In the event of a snow emergency, please watch the Village of Thiensville website for restrictions during the snow emergency.

I am very proud to announce three new officers joining our Department. Officer Glenn Janzer started in August, Officer Michael Stone in October and Officer Kaye Redeker will complete the police academy in early December and then will be in training for three months. If you see these Officers during your travels, please take a moment and welcome them to our community.

The holidays bring together family and friends; also, they bring burglaries and thefts to all communities. Most of the time, burglars look for an easy mark, unlocked doors, empty house and valuables left in plain sight for easy pickings. Alarm systems are great, but locking doors and windows, installing lights and asking the neighbors to pick up the mail and newspapers when you're gone, shows signs that your house is being lived in. Our Department will be more than happy to check your house on a daily basis and alert you if we find anything out of order.

A New Year's Resolution, be proactive to protect your property that you have worked so hard to get. Identity theft is on the rise and the following measures can be taken to guard against this terrible crime. Check your credit report. Monitoring your credit is the best way to keep up with any signs that your identity has been used illegally. Federal law allows a person to receive a FREE credit report from all three reporting agencies once a year. You may obtain your free credit report by visiting www.annualcreditreport.com. This site is the ONLY authorized source to get your free annual credit report under federal law.

Finally, the holidays bring wonderful gifts and an open invitation to a burglar if you don't use common sense practices. Leaving those empty boxes at the end of your driveway invites problems. Tear up the boxes and place them into your recycling container, and don't display all your new gifts under the Christmas tree that is located in the front window of your home.

The men and women of the Thiensville Police Department are here to answer any questions you may have for the holiday season or any other time of the year. According to Alarm System Reviews, the Village of Thiensville is the 20th safest community to live in for the year 2016. We are very proud of that rating and will do everything we can to keep our community safe.

Police Chief Scott Nicholson

COMMUNITY GIFT CERTIFICATES

Gift certificates are a plus for both local merchants and purchasers. You may purchase a gift certificate for any denomination to be used at local merchants. Recipients can choose from a wide variety of uses, from restaurants, spas and retail stores to practical items such as groceries and gasoline.



These can be purchased at the Mequon-Thiensville Chamber office during business hours on weekdays at 6331 West Mequon Road. You can also call ahead to place your order at 262-512-9358.

DOG AND CAT LICENSES

Dog and cat license fees must be paid **ONLY** at the Thiensville Municipal Building, 250 Elm Street. BMO Harris will not accept dog and cat license fees.

Un-neutered Male or Un-spayed Female	\$13.00
Neutered Male or Spayed Female	\$ 8.00



After April 1, 2017 a \$5.00 late fee will be added to the above fees.

A current rabies immunization statement from a veterinarian **MUST** be presented at the time the license is applied for. By Village Ordinance it is unlawful to harbor more than 3 dogs or 4 cats in any residence. Please use the application form included with this newsletter (see below).

VILLAGE OF THIENSVILLE
JAN. 1, 2017 to DEC. 31, 2017
DOG AND CAT LICENSE

License No. _____ (Assigned by Village Hall)

Pet Name _____ Color _____ Breed _____

Male = \$13.00 _____ Female = \$13.00 _____

Neutered Male = \$8.00 _____ Spayed Female = \$8.00 _____

Owner's Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

PROOF OF RABIES VACCINATION REQUIRED

Date of Shot _____ Vet Clinic Name _____

Rabies Tag No. _____ Rabies Expiration Date _____

Today's Date _____ After April 1st late fee of \$5.00

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Please do not use snow blowers to blow snow back onto the streets that have already been plowed by the Department of Public Works. Christmas trees will be picked up the same day as your garbage for three weeks after Christmas. Place trees at the curb. If you live in a condominium or apartment complex, the private contracted haulers will pick up the trees.

Trash may only be placed curbside no more than 24 hours prior to pick up. Your trash can must be put away within 24 hours of pick up and must be placed out of sight from the road. Just a reminder, trash cans can be no larger than 32 gallons and no heavier than 50 pounds. If placing noxious weeds curbside, please bundle, bag and label.



The excitement continues to build for the Village Park Reimagined Project. Plans to upgrade the Park and enhance it with new amenities will make it an even more desirable destination for residents, families and guests. Once completed, the Park will offer new gathering places and provide a safe place for children to play and learn. Plus, special community events held in the Park, including the annual Village Market, will benefit from a new layout and many Park upgrades.

Plans for a band shell and stage to be located near the river are moving forward. New playground equipment and seating areas will also be included in the Park's redesign. Also, a new pedestrian entry, archway and connector path between the two parking lots are slated to be finished in the spring. Additional features including an interactive water fountain and an ice skating rail are under consideration.

Funds have already been committed from the Junior Woman's Club of Mequon-Thiensville and the Thiensville-Mequon Lions Club, along with a grant from the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District to help fund the new play equipment and entry-way. There are a variety of ways to support this exciting project and help fund the many Park improvements: Help Plant and Grow the Donation Tree: A tree sculpture will be erected to honor the Village Park Reimagined donors; Special Donation: Designate your donation to a specific area of the Park or a special project. You can also donate in honor or memory of someone or give a one-time "Just Because I Love the Park" gift; Corporate Gifts: A company or business organization can sponsor an event, make in-kind donations or coordinate with the Village to underwrite a corporate volunteer day project for your employees.

The Village Park Reimagined Project depends on the generosity of those who care about it, and all gifts are valued and appreciated. Your investment will leave a legacy for generations to come. Please visit www.village.thiensville.wi.us/donate for more information and/or to make an online donation.

MEQUON-THIENSVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Historical Picture Calendars on Sale

The Mequon-Thiensville Historical Society's picture calendars for 2017 are now on sale at the Village Hall and Suburban Harley. The calendars are available for \$5 each or are free with a MTHS membership that start at only \$15 per year. The calendar, and the four newsletters that are part of MTHS membership, make great gifts for friends and neighbors. MTHS is a 501.c.3 non-profit organization, and membership fees are fully tax deductible.

Historical Society Receives a Challenge Grant

Several members of the MTHS have joined with MTHS board members to offer a \$4,000 matching grant challenge. Every dollar donated to the Society between now and the end of the year will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$4,000. Fully tax deductible donations can be mailed to the Society at 216 Green Bay Road in Thiensville or made online at www.mthistocialsociety.org.

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250 ELM STREET
HOURS: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

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