



VILLAGE OF THIENSVILLE

Winter 2010

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DEAR THIENSVILLE RESIDENTS,

The tax bill that is sent to you will be in a self-contained envelope that is folded and sealed. Sewer Utility Bills will be mailed around the 15th of December. SEPARATE CHECKS FOR TAXES, SEWER UTILITY AND PET LICENSES ARE NECESSARY, DO NOT COMBINE THEM ON ONE CHECK.

The Village Board has adopted the 2011 budget with the resulting expenditures and revenues shown below. The Capital Equipment/Improvement Fund budget is \$1,709,049. The Capital Projects budget is artificially increased because it anticipates a state grant for road reconstruction. The village will not know until February whether the grant will be awarded. If the grant is not awarded both revenue and expenses will be adjusted. \$39,512 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 increase in expenditures is caused primarily by increases in energy costs, road reconstruction, equipment reserves and replacements and a significant decrease in interest income. The budget, as adopted, will continue to provide village services as in past years.

The tax rate for village purposes is \$7.42288 per thousand assessed. The village levy increased by 1.04%, well below the 3% allowed by state law. Below is a comparison of assessed tax rates of 2009 to 2010 and the net change by agency. The village share of tax dollars will be \$.36 cents of each dollar the taxpayer will pay in 2010 taxes which is the same since 2008. The net tax rate is \$19.072263 per thousand assessed which is a \$3.683 per thousand decrease on assessed value for all taxing agencies. Below is the tax dollar distribution, tax rates and changes by agencies. When reviewing and comparing all of the tax rates, please keep in mind that the tax rates decreased mainly due to the reassessment last year.

Dianne S. Robertson
Village Administrator

2011 EXPENDITURES

| | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| General Operations | \$ 92,202 |
| Administrative Operations | 339,932 |
| Library | 106,774 |
| Unclassified | 72,400 |
| Insurance | 107,153 |
| Police | 851,029 |
| Fire | 283,878 |
| Inspection | 19,200 |
| DPW Street Operations | 585,195 |
| DPW Park Operations | 65,857 |
| Capital Projects Fund | 1,709,049 |
| Storm Water Mgmt Fund | 39,512 |
| Old Village Hall Fund | 3,900 |
| | <u>\$ 4,276,081</u> |

Non-Tax Levy Funds

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|----------------------------------|---------|
| Fire Department Equip. Fund | 168,000 |
| Tax Increment District #1 | 756,425 |
| Detention Pond & Madero Drainage | 679,000 |

2011 REVENUES

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|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Property Tax Levy | |
| General Fund | \$ 1,841,740 |
| Capital Projects | 242,600 |
| Storm Water Mgmt Fund | 39,512 |
| Intergovernmental | 390,495 |
| Regulation & Compliance | 95,685 |
| Public Chgs. for Services | 14,700 |
| Commercial Revenues | 69,000 |
| Miscellaneous Revenues | 112,000 |
| Old Village Hall Fund | 3,900 |
| Capital Projects Fund | 1,466,449 |
| | <u>\$ 4,276,081</u> |

Non-Tax Levy Funds

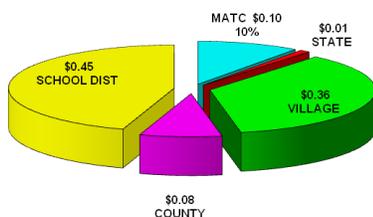
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2010 - 2009 TAX RATES

| | 2010 <u>Assessed</u> | 2009 <u>Assessed</u> | Rate Change <u>Assessed</u> |
|---------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Village | 7.423 | 8.876 | -1.453 |
| School | 9.121 | 10.906 | -1.785 |
| County | 1.767 | 2.098 | -0.331 |
| State | .172 | .212 | -0.040 |
| MATC | <u>1.946</u> | <u>2.386</u> | <u>-0.440</u> |
| | 20.429 | 24.478 | -4.049 |
| School | | | |
| Credit | <u>1.357</u> | <u>1.723</u> | <u>-0.366</u> |
| NET | 19.072 | 22.755 | -3.683 |

Decrease in rate mainly due to reassessment

2010 THIENSVILLE TAX DOLLAR DISTRIBUTION





Dear Thiensvillians:

It is once again wonderful to pen a few thoughts to you in the newsletter. As we come to the end of 2010, let me extend to all a sincere word of congratulations regarding the 100th birthday of our village. The actual celebration on September 26, 2010 was a special occasion, and we are so happy to have had a wonderful turnout on a pretty day.

While it is always dangerous to start thanking people by name lest you forget someone, I must thank most sincerely Heidi Hermann, Bonnie Heintskill, the Historic Preservation Commission members, and Dianne Robertson for all their volunteer hours. People loved the historic tent, the food, the music, the fish ladder, the games for the children, and the history book. We appreciated the participation of the public officials. The attention given to our festivities by the newspaper people was great. At the risk of appearing to be a shameless huckster, I do want to remind all of you that the history book is available at the village office for \$10 which is a bargain. It really should be part of your family history.

The state legislature passed a bill allowing municipalities to extend the time of their tax incremental finance districts to allow these entities to realize a full payback. This can only be done with the cooperation of other taxing bodies in the community; namely, the school district, MATC, and Ozaukee County must vote along with the village in order to extend the payback time. They all recently did just that, and we are most grateful. It will allow us to receive the money until about 2017.

Mark Roherty, a village resident for 20 years, retired this year as Homestead High School principal. Twenty years as a high school principal in one setting is an extraordinary achievement especially when it is done with the energy, dedication, grace, and thoughtfulness that Mr. Roherty brought to the position. He and his wife Laura and their three children have been wonderful assets to the community. The Chamber of Commerce recognized Mr. Roherty with a Distinguished Service Award. Enjoy your retirement Mark!

We are pleased to announce that the Village of Thiensville's Pigeon Creek Flood Mitigation project has been chosen as one of only ten projects nationwide to be awarded a "Top Project" designation by Storm Water Solutions magazine. The project will be featured in the November/December issue of the magazine and on their website at <http://estormwater.com/>. Congrats to Michael Campbell at Ruckert and Mielke, to Dianne Robertson, to Andy LaFond, and to the citizens of Thiensville.

In the past you have probably noticed that I love to highlight the areas of cooperation between our village and the other governmental entities. The library, the schools, the county, MATC, and the city are all players. Most recently Mequon and Thiensville have started an initiative to combine our efforts to retain our collective history. The city, county, DNR, and federal stimulus money came together with the village to stabilize the dam and put in the fish ladder. That job should be completed by the time this newsletter is in your hands.

There is more good news from the schools. Thankfully, it just keeps coming. Our young people had the highest ACT (college entrance exam) scores in the state. The scores across the board are super. The teachers, administrators, parents, and most important the students are doing a good job. There is a huge challenge financially for our schools, but many steps have been taken to deal with that situation. Congratulations continue to be in order for the music, art, forensic and all the other activities which all seem to be successful. Congrats to Homestead for being state champs in men's track last June. At this writing, the football team has completed the regular season undefeated and headed for the playoffs. The women's tennis team which was barely scored upon during the regular season has won its third straight state championship.

At this time we are working with a water co-op to help them try to find financing for their efforts to find another answer for water. The dramatic change in the acceptable level of arsenic in water may cause this to be a continuing challenge. We are also considering the extension of "Mequon water" to downtown Thiensville; it is currently at Willowbrook. The village has also received a grant for lining the Crescent detention pond and routing water that comes from the area where Madero was extended.

As you can see, there is much to do while we continue to get projects completed. I thank my colleagues on the village board and administrator Dianne. Please let me extend to each of you all the joy and blessings of this time of year. I recently saw this quote: "We love liberty while being nervous about where it will lead us." Let us not be nervous but brave!

Karl Hertz, Village President

LOTTERY CREDIT NOTICE

The lottery credit is applied to real estate tax bills where property owners have certified that they resided in the residence on January 1, 2010. The credit amount on your tax bill is based on the Mequon/Thiensville School tax rate. If you buy or sell a home, the lottery credit remains with the property. Ideally, the amount of the credit should be considered when pro-rating the property taxes between the buyer and the seller. If you missed the pre-certification deadline, contact the Thiensville Treasurer's office for a late claim form no later than January 31, 2011.

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 2010

Taxpayers desiring an extra income tax deduction for 2010 must pay the tax bill by December 31, 2010 or, if paid by mail, the envelope must be postmarked on or before December 31, 2010. No exceptions will be made. The office will be open until noon on December 31, 2010.

TAX DUE DATES

1st Half of Net Tax Bill January 31, 2011 made payable to the **Village of Thiensville.**

2nd Half of Net Tax Bill July 31, 2011 made payable to the **Ozaukee County Treasurer.**

If the installment plan is not utilized, full payment is due January 31, 2011.

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.

LOCATIONS FOR PAYING TAXES

Thiensville residents may pay their taxes at the following locations:

The Village Municipal Building, located at 250 Elm Street. Thiensville is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with exceptions on:

HOLIDAY HOURS:

| | |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| December 24, 2010 | CLOSED |
| December 27, 2010 | CLOSED |
| December 31, 2010 | 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM |
| January 3, 2011 | 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. There will be no cash refunds over \$100. If you would like an immediate refund, you may pay at Harris Bank or Bank Mutual. For your convenience, a drop box is located in the front of the Municipal Building. **NO CASH** in drop box, please.

PAYING TAXES AT HARRIS BANK AND BANK MUTUAL THIENSVILLE BRANCHES ONLY

Harris Bank, located at 201 N. Main Street, Thiensville and Thiensville Bank Mutual, located at 208 N. Main Street will collect taxes and will issue refunds while you wait for payments in excess of the amount owed. Exceptions to normal banking hours are:
Harris Hours: Friday, December 24, 2010 - 9:00am to noon in the lobby. Saturday, December 25, 2010 - Closed, Friday, December 31, 2010 - 9am - noon Saturday, January 1, 2011 - Closed

Bank Mutual Hours: Friday, December 24, 2010 - 9:00 to noon in the lobby. Saturday, December 25, 2010 Closed, Friday, December 31, 2010 - 9:00am to 5:00pm in the lobby and Saturday, January 1, 2011 - Closed

WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES

Fiddleheads Roasting Company
120 N. Main Street

Glaze
149 Green Bay Road

Flat Tire Pub
105 E. Freistadt Road

Thurrow Primary Healthcare
Moved to 216 Green Bay Road

**SUPPORT YOUR THIENSVILLE BUSINESSES
SHOP LOCALLY!!**



MANY THANKS to the Youth Group of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and to Chief Preston for volunteering their time to decorate the light poles for the holiday season. This group was recruited and organized by Joseph and Patricia Miller, 307 River-view Drive. Beautiful job!

Tidbits from the President

Candidates

More candidates (314) are running for the legislature this year than in decades. That is 29% more than in 2006 (243), the last gubernatorial election.

(excerpted from WI Taxpayer Nov. 2010)

Property Values

Residential property in WI dropped 3.5% during the past year. In Thiensville the figure was 1.89%.

Gaming

Indian gaming takes in about \$1.3 billion annually according to the Legislative Audit Bureau.

(excerpted from WI Taxpayer Nov. 2010)

Social Security

Social Security is the primary source of income for 64% of retirees...a third relied on social security for at least 90% of their income.

(Associated Press)

Are you eligible for Associate Degrees?

UW-Green Bay, Platteville, Stevens Point, and all UW two-year colleges are among 41 institutions looking to retroactively award associate degrees. Called Project Win-Win, the program is intended to identify students who left college but are eligible for, or are within a few credits of an associate degree. Did you leave college with a bachelor's degree not completed?

(excerpted from WI Taxpayer Sept, 2010)

Reserves

Badger State reserves deteriorated during the 2009 year to 0.7% (90m) of spending.

(excerpted from WI Taxpayer Aug. 2010)

Exemplary

The WI Department of Public Instruction has rated our middle schools, Steffan and Lake Shore as exemplary. Congrats to students and staff alike.

Signs, Property Alterations, Parking Lots

Please remember that the village requires that application be made for signs, alterations in properties, such as additions, porches and fences, as well as plans for parking lots.

Homestead Women Are State Champs

The Homestead High School Women's Tennis Team won the state championship for the third straight year by a score of 7-0. Don't be surprised if they are looking for a record four in a row this time next season.

Economy of Scale

Unlike manufacturing, service sharing, or even consolidation, economy of scale is less likely to produce savings in K-12 school instruction or municipal police/fire protection.

Good Old Thiensville

In 2010 WI towns, villages and cities levies increased on average by 3.2%. Thiensville went up only 1.05%.

100th Birthday Financial

Many thanks to the businesses and individuals who contributed to the Thiensville 100th Birthday Celebration. You made it possible for us to do the event without burdening the taxpayers.

Outdoor Activities Website

A Website focusing on the outdoor activities in the Thiensville-Mequon area is now available. It has information for biking, hiking, canoeing and other outdoor activities and can be looked up at mtoutdoors.org. The site, which has downloadable maps, was developed on a volunteer basis by members of the Mequon-Thiensville Biking/Pedestrian Commission with Village residents John Treffert, Jim Heyer, Jim Gennrich and Homestead Junior Cody Wade playing key roles. The City of Mequon Webmaster maintains the linkages. Check it out.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

I would like to begin this column by reminding everyone that if the deal seems too good to be true it probably is too good to be true. The department receives phone calls from residents every week inquiring about an offer where they have been notified they have won a large sum of money. The caller tells them they just need to pay the taxes on their winnings or they need to send several thousand dollars in good faith to receive a huge sum of money in return.

Any of these contacts are scams and the only people who make money on them are the criminals who receive money from victims who believe they have won more money than they could have ever dreamed of.

These con artists often change their scams but the results are always the same. You will only lose your money if you send them anything. Lotteries, sweepstakes and other prize awarding groups never send unsolicited checks to winners and never ask a winner to provide cash to pay taxes to receive the prize. If you do send money to one of these con artists the chances for us to recover your money are very slim.

We would also like to remind you that no bank, government or financial group will ever contact you and request personal identification by telephone. These institutions have no need for your personal identification like social security numbers, bank account numbers or other personal data such as computer passwords. The scam artists sound very convincing on the phone and will badger you for information to assist them. If you receive such a call hang-up and report the matter to the proper authorities.

As the holiday season approaches you will also be contacted by various charities asking for your assistance to help needy and deserving people during the holiday season. If you have any doubt about a charitable request ask the group to send you literature on the group. Any reputable charity will be happy to send you a brochure to allow you to decide if the group is a good fit for your donation. You might also want to call the local better business bureau to get information on the group. Don't be afraid to tell a caller no or to hang up on them.

Parents, please be diligent in monitoring your children, their activities and friends. Check to see what your children are doing on computers. Many social websites provide great enjoyment for children. Monitor computer use for appropriate websites and activities. If a child only wants to use their computer in private and will not show or discuss anything they are doing, a problem may exist. Sexual predators monitor every site they can for potential victims. Don't let your child become one.

It is also okay to be the parent who knows where your child is going and with whom. It is okay to verify that a party at someone's house will have adult chaperones. It is okay to set the time your child has to be home and who can be with them in your car. It is not okay to serve alcohol to children in your home because you will be there as a chaperone.

It is against the law and there can be serious consequences for this behavior.

Take time to enjoy the spirit of the holidays. People find so many different ways to enjoy with family and friends at what is certainly a fantastic time of the year.

Each season presents unique challenges for the department, and we will try our hardest to address those associated with winter and the holidays to keep Thiensville a great place to be any time of the year.

Drug Disposal

The Thiensville Police Department will accept unused or unwanted prescription and over the counter medications for disposal. The program was started by the department in 2010 to keep these medications out of landfills, water supplies and the wrong hands. If you have medications to dispose of contact the department to set up a time to bring them in. Sorry we cannot accept needles or medical waste as part of this program. You will need to contact your health care provider to find out how to properly dispose of them.

OZAUKEE COUNTY AGING SERVICES

Seniors interested in the locations of The Food and Friendship Dining Centers and/or to setup reservations should call (262) 238-8120.

Help out by volunteering to deliver meals to Ozaukee County's homebound elderly. Your commitment can be as little as 1-2 times per month. Just think, these seniors could be your parents, grandparents or close neighbors. With each delivery, you'll be bringing a hot nutritious meal and a smile to individuals who are homebound. Contact Mary Ferrell, Nutrition Program Manager Ozaukee County Aging Services Department (262)284-8120 or (262)238-8120

OZAUKEE COUNTY TRANSIT SERVICES

Ozaukee Express: (262) 238-8108.

Ozaukee County Shared Ride Taxi: (800) 925-9590

THIENSVILLE MEETING SCHEDULE

Committee of the Whole, first Monday of the month.
Plan Commission, first Tuesday of the month after COW.
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.

FIRE DEPARTMENT
“Keep the Wreath Red”



The Thiensville Fire Department has participated for many years in the holiday “Keep the Wreath Red” campaign. If a fire occurs involving holiday decorations, the red light in the holiday wreath will be replaced with a white bulb.

The men and women of the Thiensville Fire Department along with the National Fire Protection Association remind you to be safe during the upcoming holiday season.

Holiday Decorating:

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Use lights that have the label of an independent testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections.
- Connect no more than three strands of mini light sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs.
- Use clips, not nails to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.

Holiday Entertaining

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.

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. Joining the Thiensville Fire Department will be one of the most rewarding things you’ll ever do.

DOG AND CAT LICENSES

Dog and cat license fees must be paid **ONLY** at the Thiensville Municipal Building. The banks 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, 2011 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 APPLICATION FORMS IN THIS NEWSLETTER.



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Thiensville Historic Preservation Commission is selling the new 2010 History Book for \$10.00 and the old 1976 History Book for \$5.00 at the Village Hall. In addition, Thiensville Historic logo T-shirts are also for sale for \$10.00.

Happy Holidays from the Historic Preservation Commission.



WISCONSIN’S NEW E-WASTE LAW

This new recycling law went into effect January of 2010. What does this new law do?

- Prohibits the disposal of various electronic devices such as: computers, computer monitors, printers, televisions, VCRs, DVD players, and telephones with video displays.

- Requires manufacturers to collect or contract with others to collect eligible electronic devices (EEDs) from households and K-12 public schools.

- Provides an incentive to collect EEDs from rural counties. For every one pound of eligible electronic devices collected from households in one of the 39 rural counties defined in the bill the manufacturers can receive a credit of 1.25 pounds towards their recycling requirement.

Under this new law the Village of Thiensville will no longer be picking up these devices. These devices cannot be taken to the Village disposal area on Freistadt Road. The following collection site is available for disposal of these items: Veolia ES Technical Solutions, 1275 Mineral Springs Drive, Port Washington, WI 53074. Phone number is 262-284-6855. To learn more visit: dnr.wi.gov/ecyclewisconsin.

PIGEON CREEK

We are pleased to announce that the Village of Thiensville's Pigeon Creek Flood Mitigation project has been chosen as one of only 10 projects nation-wide to be awarded a "Top Project" designation by Storm Water Solutions magazine. The project will be featured in the November/December issue of the magazine and on their website at: <http://estormwater.com/>. In addition, Village Engineer Michael Campbell was given an Excellence in Project Design or Implementation Award from the Wisconsin Association for Floodplain, Stormwater and Coastal Management (WAFSCM) for his work on the Pigeon Creek Project.

Ruekert/Mielke has worked with the Village for almost 20 years to solve flooding in the downtown area. Mike Campbell deserves special recognition for seeing this project through to a successful completion. Flooding in downtown Thiensville has been a chronic problem for years. Since 1973 six major floods have occurred, four of which resulted in presidential disaster declarations. This flooding has resulted in street closures and major property damage, plus has negatively impacted the value of properties and economic redevelopment. A \$1,731,460 flood mitigation grant was awarded to the Village in 2006 by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to help fund the flood mitigation project. The grant and Tax Incremental District financing allowed the Village to take on a major project with no impact on property tax rates.

Extensive channel and bridge improvements projects included creation of a large flood storage basin in the creek headwaters. The Pigeon Creek channel between Main Street in the downtown area and the Milwaukee River was widened and the creek was restored to a more natural state to accommodate fish passage. Fill and sediment that had been placed or accumulated in the floodplain over the years was removed to increase the capacity of the creek. The restored gravel base is healthier for aquatic life, and the restrictions that inhibited fish spawning in the river and upstream watershed are now gone. In spring of 2010 the first steelhead trout caught in over 50 years was landed in Pigeon Creek.

FISH PASSAGE

The fish passage and dam repair project is nearing completion. The project is part of a county wide fish passage program that re-opens 158 miles of stream and river habitat to native fish. The construction also addresses structural and safety concerns discovered during an inspection of the dam. The majority of the project has been funded by grant money from multiple state and federal sources. The remainder of the project is funded by the city of Mequon and the Village through a dam maintenance agreement. The Village portion of the agreement is 25%. The fish passage consists of 1000 feet of stream with riffles and pools constructed in the former mill pond. The design allows fish to swim around the 6 foot tall dam.

A fish passage of this size and design is the first of its kind in the great lakes and has drawn a lot of attention. You may have seen feature stories on channel Four, Twelve, Outdoor Wisconsin on PBS, The Journal Sentinel, and the News Graphic. The project is expected to be completed the second week of December. For additional information on the Ozaukee County Fish Passage program click the link on the Ozaukee county website, www.co.ozaukee.wi.us



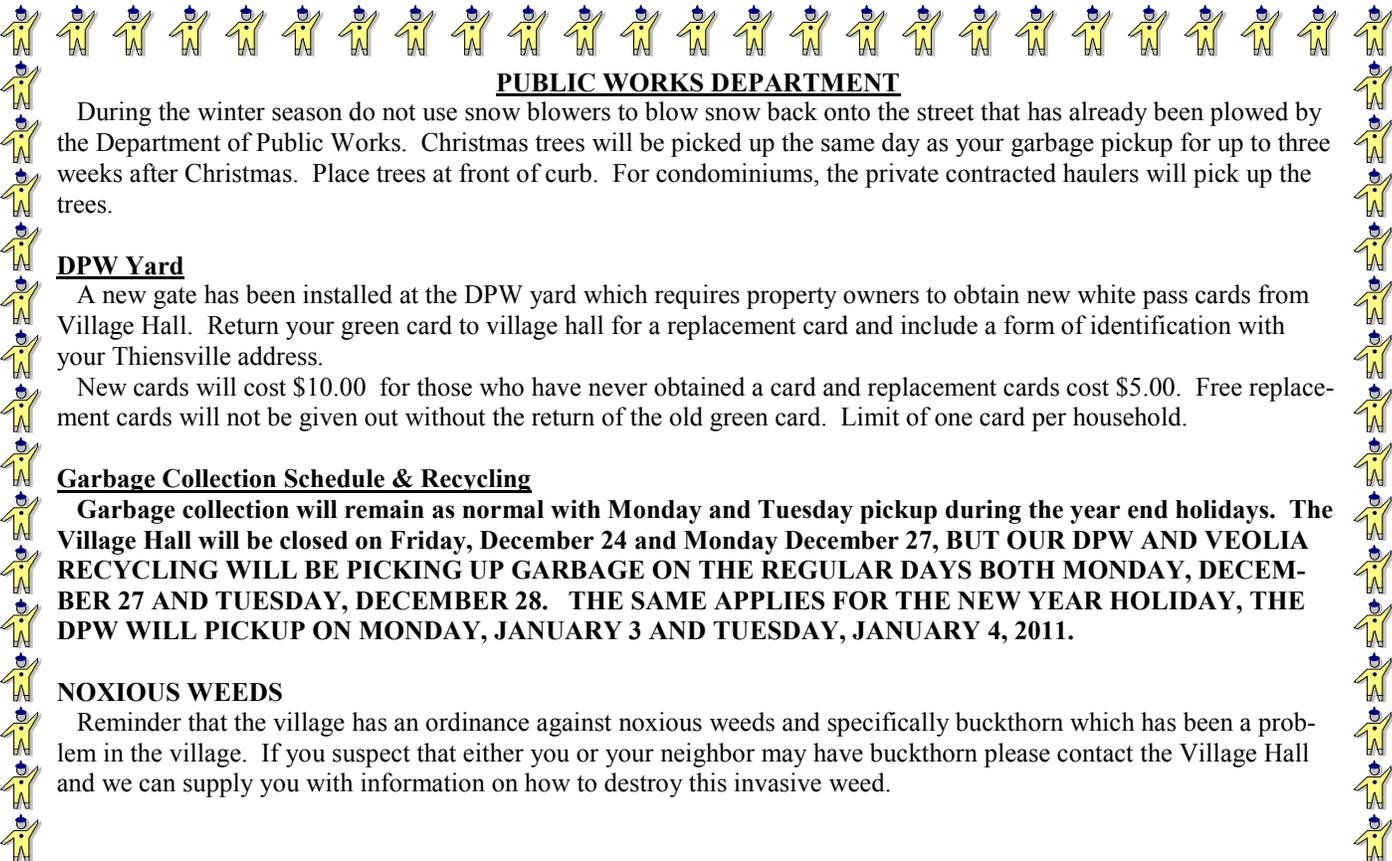
Overview: Assessments & Taxes in a Declining Market Village of Thiensville



Village Officials and the Assessor's Office staff continue to monitor the significant changes that are occurring in the national, regional and local real estate markets. Since 2010 was the last revaluation year for the Village, many property owners have expressed concerns as to how the unchanged assessments for the year 2010 in this declining market will impact their 2010 tax bills. The answer is that there is little, if any, direct impact on the individual property tax bills for existing homes and businesses. As long as uniformity and equity between property values is maintained in a non-revaluation year, an individual property owner's share of the overall tax burden within our community will remain about the same in a declining (or increasing) market. That is to say that an individual property owner's share or apportionment of the overall tax burden (via their tax payment) relative to other property owners' share of the tax burden will not change in non-revaluation years other than as affected by any new construction added or property removed from the tax rolls. The total cost to pay for all of the governmental services provided for in our approved annual budgets, called the tax levy, is not specifically impacted by either a good or bad economy [other than in the decisions that are made as to what services to provide, including any proposed additions or cuts].

Under Wisconsin law and as prescribed in the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP), mass appraisal is an ad valorem assessment process with checks and balances to aide in the uniform and equitable valuation of all properties within a municipality. The Assessor's Office completed our last revaluation with these principles in mind. The Department of Revenue has created a very insightful "Frequently Asked Questions" publication to help property owners understand the relationship between assessments and tax bills in a declining market, <http://www.dor.state.wi.us/faqs/slf/declmrkt.html>. Please take a few minutes to read through the questions and answers in this document to help understand how tax equity is maintained in a non-revaluation year, even when the current market is in decline. Essentially, we realize that we are all in the same boat and that we will do our best as your Village officials and staff to get through this economic storm.





PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

During the winter season do not use snow blowers to blow snow back onto the street that has already been plowed by the Department of Public Works. Christmas trees will be picked up the same day as your garbage pickup for up to three weeks after Christmas. Place trees at front of curb. For condominiums, the private contracted haulers will pick up the trees.

DPW Yard

A new gate has been installed at the DPW yard which requires property owners to obtain new white pass cards from Village Hall. Return your green card to village hall for a replacement card and include a form of identification with your Thiensville address.

New cards will cost \$10.00 for those who have never obtained a card and replacement cards cost \$5.00. Free replacement cards will not be given out without the return of the old green card. Limit of one card per household.

Garbage Collection Schedule & Recycling

Garbage collection will remain as normal with Monday and Tuesday pickup during the year end holidays. The Village Hall will be closed on Friday, December 24 and Monday December 27, BUT OUR DPW AND VEOLIA RECYCLING WILL BE PICKING UP GARBAGE ON THE REGULAR DAYS BOTH MONDAY, DECEMBER 27 AND TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28. THE SAME APPLIES FOR THE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY, THE DPW WILL PICKUP ON MONDAY, JANUARY 3 AND TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2011.

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.



HOME ENERGY PROGRAM

The Wisconsin Home Energy Program is available this winter to meet the high cost of home heating fuel for low-income households. Eligibility for the program is based on the household's gross monthly income in the three months preceding the month of application.

| Household Size | Gross Quarterly Income Limit |
|----------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | \$6,142.00 |
| 2 | \$8,032.00 |
| 3 | \$9,921.00 |
| 4 | \$11,811.00 |
| 5 | \$13,701.00 |
| 6 | \$15,591.00 |
| 7 | \$15,945.00 |
| 8 | \$16,300.00 |

Applications for the Energy Assistance Program are available at the Ozaukee County Department of Human Services, Administration Center, 121 W. Main Street, Port Washington. Those wishing to apply must call for an appointment at 284-8200 or 238-2800. The program runs October 1, 2010 to May 15, 2011.

Please contact the Ozaukee County Department of Human Services well in advance of any disconnection or refusal of fuel delivery. For an emergency during non-office hours, call 284-7172 or 377-7172, at any time 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



COMMUNITY GIFT CERTIFICATES

www.mtchamber.org

Community gift certificates are the perfect gift for anyone! They can be redeemed at over 170 area businesses for anything from soup to nuts, oil change to pedicure, golf to landscaping. It is a gift that helps support our local economy and at the same time allows the recipient to choose where they want to redeem their gift. These 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 the above website address.



VILLAGE OF THIENSVILLE

JAN. 1, 2011 to DEC. 31, 2011

DOG LICENSE

Lic. No. _____ (Assigned by Village Hall)

Pet Name _____ Color _____ Breed _____

_____ Male - \$13.00 _____ Neutered Male-\$8.00 _____ Female-\$13.00 _____ Spayed Female-\$8.00

Owner's Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

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Date of Shot _____ Veterinarian Clinic _____

Rabies Tag No. _____ Rabies Expiration Date _____

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VILLAGE OF THIENSVILLE

JAN. 1, 2011 to DEC. 31, 2011

CAT LICENSE

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