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ON THE COVER

The popular "Gathering on the Green" event, held each July in Mequon Rotary Park, is celebrating its 25th anniversary year this summer. Over the years, GOTG has grown into a much-loved tradition, attracting attendees from all over the state. Read more about this year's fascinating musical event (see pg. 34), including headliners Lee Brice and Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo, as seen on the cover. Also seen on the cover is the record-breaking performance of Kenny Loggins in 2017.



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WELLNESS

PROMOTING HEALTH AND WELLNESS WITH NEW COMMUNITY PROGRAM



It seems most everyone is looking for ways to promote healthy living and integrate healthy activities into their daily schedules. This concept is so popular in Thiensville that a new group was recently formed to take the idea to the next level. This new group – that is a part of the Thiensville Business Association (TBA) – has named itself the Thiensville Lifestyle Coalition (TLC).

It all started about a year ago when a number of Thiensville business owners felt compelled to meet and discuss the healthy Thiensville lifestyle. They quickly identified a list of criteria that would qualify Thiensville as a healthy community. The list included healthy minds, healthy activities and healthy food, among other qualifiers. So is the Village of Thiensville a healthy place to live in Wisconsin? You bet! But the TLC is committed to making it even better.

The original committee members included a dentist, dietitian, an artist, a chef, a psychologist, a representative of Thiensville Health Alliance, and the director of the Thiensville Business Association. Since then, more members – another artist, an acupuncturist, and a photography/video/IT specialist – have also become involved. As a result, great ideas to complement the TLC's mission have begun to emerge.

TLC has defined its mission as follows: The Thiensville Lifestyle Coalition (TLC) includes providers of health, wellness and

quality-of-life services and products who choose to locate their businesses in our community. Their goal is to recognize and promote health, Thiensville-style. The Thiensville Village Market, the Interurban Bike Path, the Thiensville Village Park, the Riverwalk, and the vibrant downtown support this important mission. Weekly walks, a speaker series, a group dance/movement class, food collections for local pantries, and more were all identified as ways to promote a healthy village lifestyle.

Now is the time to put their plans into action, so the TLC is currently planning the following events for Thiensville residents and their guests:

- **WEDNESDAY WALKS:** On the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month (starting June 12), community walks will begin at 7 p.m. from Village Park.

TLC members Karin Flodstrom and Jennifer Abraham are organizing walks that will each be constructed around a specific theme, and will last for about 45 minutes. The first walk in June, "Walk with Van Mobley" will be led by the Village of Thiensville president. Themes for future walks may include historic buildings, dog walking, arts, culture and nature. Walks are open to all ages (and dogs). Join your friends and neighbors for a healthy walk and enjoy the sights and sounds of the community.

More information about the walks can be found on the TLC's web page: thiensvillebusiness.com/thiensville-lifestyle-coalition/ and its Facebook page.

- **EXERCISE IN THE PARK (on Food Truck Thursdays):** Kristina Eckert is organizing exercise opportunities to be coordinated with the musical entertainment offered during these evenings (see related Food Truck story on page 8).

- **SPEAKER SERIES:** Maggie Kuhn, along with the Thiensville Health Alliance, is planning health-related speaker events to begin on Wednesdays this fall. Check the TLC web page for details about times and speakers. Ideas for healthy lifestyle topic speakers are welcomed.

- **FOOD DRIVE:** Karen Krchma, the dietitian member, is exploring ways to supply food to those in need. She is identifying benefactors and timing for a future food drive.

Thiensville wellness business owners who want to help fulfill the TLC mission are invited to join in. These members make up the current TLC planning committee:

- Dr. Jennifer Abraham-Dentist
- Jori Azinger-Acupuncturist, Heartspace
- Barkha Daily-Chef/Owner, The cheel
- Kristina Eckert-Village Trustee/glaze
- Dr. Karin Flodstrom-Psychologist



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- Carol Gengler-Artist, Interior Art Garden Studio
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- Rob Kos-Executive Director, Thiensville Business Association
- Karen D. Krchma-Registered Dietitian, Owner/New-Newtrition
- Maggie Kuhn-Representative of Thiensville Health Alliance

The Village of Thiensville wants to be known as a forward-thinking, healthy community that promotes wellness through all areas of living. "Creating community around wellness" is a great way to reach this goal. Join in the TLC's upcoming activities, and/or help plan future events. Let's put the spotlight on a healthy Thiensville!

Visit thiensvillebusiness.com/thiensville-lifestyle-coalition/.

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Olivia LaFond picking out her pig for her 4-H swine project. This Barrow will be almost 275 pounds by the County Fair in August.



You can view many of the 4-H projects at the Ozaukee County Fair.

4-H PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH THRIVE IN THIENSVILLE AND MEQUON

TWO SOUTHERN OZAUKEE CLUBS OFFER AMAZING VARIETY OF OPTIONS

ozaukee.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/

Since the early 1900s, 4-H Clubs have empowered and engaged America's youth in hands-on educational programs that teach life skills, leadership skills and the importance of community service. In Wisconsin today, 4-H has 150,000 youth members and 30,000 adult volunteers, making it the state's largest youth organization. And Ozaukee County is pleased to have two 4-H clubs in the Thiensville and Mequon communities: namely, the large, seasoned Lindenwood Club and the smaller, emerging North Shore Club.

It is exciting to have both a large club and a small club, an old club and new club serving our communities. This gives children a choice to learn in an environment best suited for them. A wonderful network of parents, friends and alumni volunteers gather to give these youth a broad network of opportunities to learn.

The 4-H program takes great pride in experiential learning whereby today's members can choose their own "hands-on" experiences guided by adults who understand and care about them. Boys and girls in grade 3 through grade 13 are eligible to join 4-H – and parents and other adults are encouraged

to be volunteer leaders. Each club meets monthly and offers a variety of projects. Some of the most popular have been air rifle and archery, sewing, basketry, cake decorating, dog training, art, bees, LEGOs and tie dying. Each project has its own set of deadlines. Some projects are seasonal, such as air rifle and archery, where others are dependent on when the volunteer leader can host the meetings.

No Farm, No Problem!

Although in the earlier years of 4-H, when most people lived on farms, the most important life skills for young people to learn were related to animal and plant sciences, times have changed. Yet, the organization's farm-related roots cause some people to hesitate joining 4-H today if they do not live on farms. That's unfortunate because today's demographics and lifestyles are dramatically different than the early days of 4-H, and it is no longer critical to live or work on a farm to participate. In fact, about 80% of 4-H members live in cities, villages or in rural non-farm homes. And the variety of projects have evolved over the years, too.

Today 4-H nationally offers 125 projects in eight different subject areas, but all 4-H

projects have these same things in common:

- The "4-H" designation stands for head, heart, hands and health, emphasizing the goal of 4-H is to educate the whole person.
- Since 4-H is a non-formal educational program, projects are chosen by the young people who participate in them.
- Whatever the project, all 4-H activities are designed to teach life skills that can be used long after the project is finished.
- 4-H projects use a "learn-by-doing" approach, based on the assumption that strong and lasting learning happens when you do something, reflect on what you do, and then apply what you've learned to your next effort.
- 4-H activities are led by leaders who create learning partnerships with youth, guided by basic principles of youth development. Young people learn best when they are guided by caring adults.

Dina Messina, leader of the North Shore 4-H Club, has personally seen 4-H "help a number of our youth become more confident in themselves, and try different experiences they never thought of trying in the past. For example, we have some members who tried air rifle for the first time or who learned how

Left: Painting and candle-making are popular theme projects.

Right: 4-H is definitely a family affair for the Gierachs. All seven Gierach children have participated in the program. Shown here (from left to right) are recent 4-H graduate Kevin, then Caleb, Timothy and Rebecca.

See more 4-H photos in the Out and About section on page 38.



to sew clothes, even though they had never before seen a sewing machine,” she explains.

“Our youth members also get the opportunity to speak in front of others, where their confidence continues to build,” Messina says, adding, “The best part is that our youth members are learning while they are having fun – and they don’t even know they are learning! I love the excitement when our youth get to try new experiences. It excites me to know that the youth are in projects that they have personally chosen to learn about. They come to their meetings excited to learn, and seeing the smiles on their faces when they succeed is why I volunteer for 4-H,” she offers proudly.



Madeline LaFond shows off her blue Ribbon.

According to Messina, the North Shore 4-H club, that held its first meeting in May 2018, is the newest club serving youth in both Thiensville and Mequon.

She “started North Shore 4-H because as a Thiensville resident, we were looking for a club to serve both Thiensville and the eastern part of Mequon. We are a bit informal due to our size with younger members (only one is in 9th grade and the rest are younger),” Messina further explains. “However, we have some very active members and our club is committed to community service and club bonding.”

North Shore 4-H’s community service projects have included collections for 4 Paws For Ability, a non-profit organization whose mission is to place service dogs with children with disabilities and veterans who have lost use of limbs or hearing. They also raised money to purchase pajamas and books for children in the Ozaukee County foster care

system. “Our most recent community service project was a book collection for Oriole Lane Elementary, to help the newer teachers expand their classroom libraries for their students,” Messina says.

In contrast, the Lindenwood 4-H Club has a slightly different focus. It is one of the oldest and largest in the county, celebrating its 90th year with close to 100 members. Whereas in the past, Lindenwood 4-H was a strong dairy project club, as the area evolved, so did the club. The saying “No Farm? No Problem!” is exhibited strongly in Lindenwood. Mequon now has only a handful of working dairy farms left. In response, members get involved in so much more without needing an animal. A focus on foods, photography, tie dye, archery, drawing and painting, leather craft, and sewing are some of the most popular themed projects. Kids learn life’s basic skills, and so much more – in fact, many times an occupation may later result from a 4-H project that was tried during a child’s youth.

According to Amy Gierach who is co-general leader for Lindenwood 4-H (along with Carol Boehlke, Jody Brzezinski and Peggy Schoessow). “It’s not just about the projects. Youth have opportunities to learn public speaking at our Communications Festival and Variety Show, and they lead our meetings. Kids are encouraged to develop leadership skills both on the club and county levels,” she explains.

“We also participate in community service events, such as spending time with nursing home residents playing bingo or singing. Our group has also helped the Jonathan Clark House in Mequon in its efforts to educate the public about our rich heritage (see story on pg. 32). Plus, we have been involved in the Adopt-a-Highway \project for many years, keeping Cedarburg Road clean and beautiful. Some of the \members are even developing a horticulture project that works with Master Gardeners. They keep a garden at the

fairgrounds and learn to produce food for themselves and to share their food with others,” says Gierach.

All leaders share in the common result of how 4-H has helped shape our children – to see shy, sometimes unruly, young children develop into responsible adults. “They find both their strengths and weaknesses, work with them, and then they grow up to find their life’s calling to become responsible citizens who make us proud,” Gierach notes.

According to parent Andy LaFond, “We appreciate the real-world experiences and hands-on projects that 4-H provides for our two girls. Our kids have been able to learn about, and participate in, projects that are typically not available to kids through the schools. This year our 11-year-old is learning tie dyeing, woodworking and LEGO building, and she is participating in the rabbit program. Our 13-year-old is enjoying foods, cake decorating, tie dye, photography, poultry and swine. There is such a diversity in projects to choose from!”

Indeed, 4-H is a family commitment. Families can join any time of the year, but participants will get the most out of 4-H if they can join up in September which is the beginning of the 4-H year. 4-H is open to anyone regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, disability, ancestry, age, sexual orientation, etc. Reach out to one of our 4-H groups and attend a meeting first to get a “feel” for the club. Then sign up for this amazing educational experience – your children will grow and thrive with 4-H!

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First Monday of month • 6:30 p.m.
Co-Leader Carol Boehlke (262) 242-4862
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North Shore 4-H Club
Location: Newcastle Place in Mequon
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Thiensville Traveling Food Truck Tour
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THIENSVILLE TRAVELING FOOD TRUCK TOUR RETURNS TO VILLAGE PARK



Save the dates above for this year's Food Truck events in Thiensville Village Park! There will be about 20 food trucks each evening, with a great variety of all kinds of foods, from your basic burgers to international delights there is something for everyone's taste buds. But it's not just about the food. Guests can enjoy live music, kids' activities and great camaraderie with neighbors and friends.

This is Thiensville second annual series of the Traveling Food Truck, and we expect the crowds to be bigger than ever. Why bother to cook at home when you have a myriad of tasty offerings and plenty of refreshing beverages to satisfy on a hot summer evening Bring the whole family down and enjoy the special amenities that Village Park has to offer. From beautiful views along the river to spectacular playground equipment for the kids, the Park is one of our "jewels" in Thiensville.

We have the Thiensville Business Association (TAB) to thank for coordinating and bringing the Food Truck Tour our way each summer. You can also thank the TBA for their help bringing other popular events to the community, including the Village Market (also held at Village Park, see below), an annual Village-wide Rummage Sale, the Business Trick-or-Treat event in October, and the new Thiensville Lifestyle Coalition (see pg. 4). Led by Executive Director Rob Kos, the TBA is comprised of a caring and dedicated group of business owners who take great pride in enhancing the business climate in Thiensville. The TBA continues to promote the Village with events and activities to shine the spotlight on the community and what a great place it is to live, work, shop and raise a family. Visit thiensvillebusiness.com.



Big crowds are expected for Thiensville's Traveling Food Truck Tours.

WHAT'S NEW AT THE MARKET?

It's time to get ready for another Thiensville Village Market at Village Park. This year's market opens on Tuesday, June 11, and runs every Tuesday thereafter until October 15. Visit the market from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. for the absolute freshest and best fruits and veggies, baked goods, meats, cheeses, honey, seafood, flowers and handmade arts and crafts. For the little ones, the Frank L. Weyenberg Library hosts storytelling each Tuesday at 11 a.m. Also, the Columbia St. Mary's mobile mammogram truck will also be offering free mammograms. It's best to register in advance on the CSM website, as the spaces get filled quickly. Have your lunch at the market, and listen to some live music to feed your soul! Thiensville's Village Market is THE #1 market in the area – don't miss it!





Breaking ground for the new River Stage at Thiensville Village Park (from left to right): Colleen Landisch-Hansen-Village Park Re-Imagined Co-Chair/Village Administrator; Kristina Eckert-Village Park Re-Imagined/Village Trustee; Heather Mader-Village Park Re-Imagined/Thiensville PWSB Branch Manager; James Schowalter-Senior Vice President PWSB; Van Mobley Thiensville Village President; Herb Hillman-Family Fun Before the Fourth Board President; Andy Ticcioni-Village Park Re-Imagined; and Andy LaFond-Village Park Re-Imagined Co Chair/Director of Community Services.

THE PORT WASHINGTON STATE BANK RIVER STAGE

The Village Park Re-Imagined project is building a multi-use band shell and stage that doubles as an additional park pavilion. This “River Stage” will serve the community as a venue for outdoor concerts and performances, movies in the park, and festivals. Designed as an open concept that will preserve views of the river, the structure’s frame will consist of steel with stone columns, plus a tongue-and-groove wood ceiling, and connections for electrical and sound. Beautiful new landscaping and walking paths will complement the River Stage, set to open in early summer. The contractor is J.H. Hassinger.

The Village Park Re-Imagined committee has a fundraising goal of \$225,000-\$250,000 for the stage, with \$190,000 already raised. Many thanks to Port Washington State Bank which donated \$65,000 for naming rights to the stage, to be officially called the Port Washington State Bank River Stage. We are also grateful for another generous donation of \$25,000 from the Family Fun Before the Fourth event.

Additional donations are still needed to reach our goal. Donations of any amount are greatly appreciated, and will not go unrecognized. Plus, more sponsorship levels are still available. Visit village.thiensville.wi.us.

GALA TO BENEFIT INTERACTIVE FOUNTAIN

As you are reading this issue of the Mequon-Thiensville Today magazine, it may be at the same time (Sat., June 1) that residents, guests and sponsors are enjoying the second annual Village Park Gala to benefit Thiensville Village Park. This year, proceeds from the event will be directed to the Interactive Fountain feature (splash pad) of Phase III of the Park’s renovation.

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Registered pharmacist and Welltopia owner Omar Eliwa.

THIENSVILLE BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: WELLTOPIA PHARMACY AN INDIVIDUALIZED APPROACH TO PHARMACEUTICAL CARE OZAUKEE COUNTY'S NEW PREMIER DESTINATION FOR INTEGRATIVE WELLNESS

Welltopia Pharmacy in Thiensville is Ozaukee County's new premier destination for integrative wellness. This unique business is much more than a traditional pharmacy that simply fills a prescription from your doctor. Instead, Welltopia Pharmacy combines the convenience of a typical pharmacy with a hands-on care of a wellness center.

Located in the Thiensville Health Alliance building at 136 N. Main Street, Welltopia's dedicated professionals offer individualized attention to patients with comprehensive pharmaceutical care. Additionally, its staff works closely with different healthcare practitioners to help develop a complex understanding of each patient's needs.

Welltopia Pharmacy has a wide range of wellness services – all geared toward improved patient health. Its dedication to patient-centered care includes top-of-the-line products and counseling services, and a convenient delivery service. Some of Welltopia's counseling services can even be

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Welltopia is owned by registered pharmacist Omar Eliwa, who has always had a passion for patient care, treating his patients like family members. Omar particularly enjoys exploring personalized medicinal options for his patients. He works closely with practitioners, creating specific compounds for patients or tailoring pharmacy services to suit the client's needs. On a typical day you can find him serving hospice care patients and senior citizens, and managing urgent patients' requests in a timely manner.

Added to his set of skills as an educator, health coach and leader, Omar works with top healthcare professionals to fill the gap between traditional healthcare and other

alternate wellness options. Omar believes it takes courage and proactivity to pull away from the main stream and conduct conversations with the patient and the prescriber to improve health outcomes. “Only one percent of prescriptions submitted to pharmacies today are custom-made preparations,” he explains. “But if you start compounding or creating custom medications from active ingredients, these personalized products fill the gap in all sorts of situations. For example, custom medications for a child who is allergic to commercial products. Or identifying a topical preparation that will make a patient less dependent on narcotics for pain.”

While generic medications can provide patients with an enormous range of benefits, they don’t work for everyone. It is Omar’s hope that more young graduates will adopt this type of creative thinking, customizing medications and offering consultations based on their intense pharmaceutical training. Unfortunately, according to Omar, the retail pharmaceutical industry continues to evolve in favor of Big Pharma, and the independent world is shrinking every day. “We must change the way we practice to be successful,” he claims.

Omar was not always sold on a career in pharmacy. Even though he first graduated from Cairo’s prestigious school of pharmacy, FOPCU in Egypt, he decided to take four years off to try something different (and against his family’s wishes). He studied film making and screenwriting in New York and had a lucrative contract to write a TV show (that he was not passionate about). But he made a hard career choice to come back to

pharmacy, moving to Wisconsin to be closer to his brother, who is also a pharmacist (other pharmacists in his family include an aunt, cousins and a sister). With the support of his family, he took the plunge to open his own business, Welltopia Pharmacy, in Thiensville.

His gorgeous pharmacy “showroom” in soft muted colors is brightly lit with natural light. It includes beautiful glass shelving to display the many healthcare products. The traditional cold, sterile world of medications has been replaced with the look of an upscale spa, where customers can linger and peruse a huge variety of vitamins, supplements and more in a relaxing, comfortable space.

Omar is quick to point out that the most enjoyable part of his job comes each time the phone rings or his message window pops up with a question from a patient. “I feel so honored that someone is trusting me to answer a question related to my area of expertise,” he proudly says. And he calls the Village of Thiensville his “golden” spot for opening his business in Wisconsin (rather than choosing a larger city like Chicago). “Small businesses are very unique here, owned by real people who are very successful. And residents support our local businesses and want to see us succeed. The area is safe and the community is very welcoming – I couldn’t wish for a better area for my ‘dream’ Welltopia business,” he says.



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Far left: Ahmed Salama, pharmacy intern and compounding genius.

Near left: The attractive Welltopia showroom is bright and visually appealing.

Former MATC student Marisa Klopp is now a business owner in Mequon and an educational assistant at MATC.



MATC PROGRAM HELPS NORTH SHORE NATIVE LAUNCH NEW CAREER AND BUSINESS

Going back to school to change careers doesn't have to be intimidating.

Mequon business owner and Milwaukee Area Technical College alumna Marisa Klopp, who held a bachelor's degree in business before completing the Aesthetician technical diploma program at MATC, puts it this way: "Life is short. Why hold back? Just do it."

She found her second career after a friend's daughter was taking aesthetician classes at MATC. Klopp visited the student at Skyn, the spa at MATC's Mequon Campus, for a facial treatment.

"I loved the environment and what was going on," Klopp says. "I've always wanted to do my own thing and nothing had ever jumped out as something I wanted to do until I came to MATC."

And so, after previous roles in retail management and a remodeling company, she enrolled in the Aesthetician program. Klopp started in August 2017 and graduated in May 2018.

Today, the Shorewood native owns Marisa Jill Aesthetics, located at 10134 N. Port Washington Road in Mequon (between Zedler Lane and Donges Bay Road). She also works as an educational assistant at MATC for the program that kickstarted her new career. "I liked it so much I never left," Klopp says with a smile.

The program provides a mix of classroom learning that includes chemistry, safety and cleanliness with direct experience working with clients at Skyn.

"All of the materials you need are right at your fingertips. The instructors are great," Klopp says. "I got a lot of support from them outside of class when I needed it."

When she took the state licensure exam to work in her field, Klopp says she could clearly identify the students inside the testing center who came from MATC – and those who did not.

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“I’ve always wanted to do my own thing and nothing had ever jumped out as something I wanted to do until I came to MATC.”

“We were so prepared, organized and neat. There was not one thing that wasn’t covered for the practical exam. The college has a 100% pass rate,” she says.

Today, she splits time between her business, offering services such as facials, hair removal, and lash and brow tinting, and helping students on the path she was on just one year ago.

The Aesthetician technical diploma program is offered exclusively at MATC’s Mequon Campus. Another program exclusive to that campus is the Environmental Health and Water Quality Technology associate degree, notes Acting Dean Brian Carlson. Other business-related options available include accounting, business management, information technology, and marketing programs.

In total, MATC Mequon offers more than 40 associate degree, technical diploma and certificate programs featuring smaller classes, high-quality hands-on instruction from expert instructors, affordable tuition and the opportunity to transfer credits to more than 35 four-year partners.

A growing number of Ozaukee County high schools as well as Germantown High School are partnering with Mequon Campus Vice President Dr. Wilma L. Bonaparte to offer courses that enable students to earn both high school and college credit and/or the Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) certificate.

MATC’s Mequon Campus students can also live in Concordia University Wisconsin campus housing through a college partnership.

For adult students considering a career change, Klopp says it never hurts to visit the campus and consider your options.

“For a program like ours, you can come in as a client, have services done and you can see what it’s like. You can see how the instructors and students work together, and you can see if it’s something that interests you,” she says. “Go for it. What do you have to lose?”

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Dr. Lynn Fitzsimmons escapes to Concordia's bluff to keep up her training and welcome the morning.



FIVE WAYS TO EXPERIENCE YOUR HOMETOWN UNIVERSITY

BY LISA ILJEGREN

Peruse any ranking of the most desired places to live in America and there will likely be a prevalence of college towns. The reason college towns are so appealing is, in part, because universities offer an influx of new people, and a host of opportunities for the community to learn and experience new ideas and enjoy more cultural and athletic activities. In 2005, when *CNN Money* ranked Mequon-Thiensville to be among the top 20 places to live in the nation, it was noted favorably that our community has two secondary education options: a university and a technical college.

To the roughly 8,000 current students, 35,000(+) alumni, tens of thousands of parents, hundreds of student athletes throughout our NCAA DIII conference, and according to college reference materials around the world, Mequon, Wis., is a college town. The community's many coffee shops, restaurants, shops and services help to fortify students with the comforts of home and become the backdrop to the most significant moments at the most significant times in their lives. Mequon, Wisconsin will forever be a special place for them.

In return, Concordia offers a rich tapestry of programs, cultural and athletic events, and learning opportunities that contribute to the unique Mequon-Thiensville way of life. While an invitation is not necessary to visit campus, here are five reasons to drop by and get connected with your hometown university:

1. COLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

Whether they're cheering on the Falcons, the Lakeshore Chinooks or a local high school tournament in the R. John Buuck Field House,

the Mueller family (Gary, Deb, Mia, Ty and Zoe) looks to Concordia University Wisconsin to catch a collegiate game and connect with their neighbors. With 32 varsity-level athletics offered during the school year, and a summer of wooden bat baseball hosted at Kapco Park, there are plenty of opportunities to cheer for our very own NCAA teams and enjoy the gorgeous grounds.

"Mequon-Thiensville is such a close-knit community that we know tons of people every time we come to a game at Concordia," says Gary Mueller, managing partner at BVK. "We've been coming to games with friends since our kids were little and played on the playground."



The Mueller family enjoys baseball at Kapco Park. From left to right: Deb-CUW alumna and personal fitness coach, Zoe-8th grade student at First Immanuel in Cedarburg, and Gary-managing partner at BVK. Missing from photo: son, Ty-a Homestead sophomore and daughter, Mia-a CUA freshman.



Retired executive, Dave Jackson (left), frequently visits with his friend, Dr. Lou Menchaca, chair of Concordia's music department.

2. PERFORMING ARTS

For many Mequon-Thiensville residents, including Dave Jackson, retired executive and active community volunteer, the Christmas season officially begins with the annual Christmas at Concordia concert. "What we like most about that concert is the breadth of all the different types of music in one beautiful evening," says Jackson. "There's jazz, strings, orchestra, band, choir and hand bells all performed by such talented students."

Concordia's music department is led by Chairman of 27 years and Mequon resident, Dr. Louis Menchaca. He oversees roughly 40 different concerts a year and many of them sell out quickly. Local residents in the know get their tickets early.

3. THE BLUFF

The community's most scenic way to burn calories also happens to be a trademark of Concordia's campus. Visit the bluff on a beautiful spring Saturday and you'll see dozens of neighbors, friends and students shaking out the winter cobwebs and reconnecting with the majestic Lake Michigan. All-American track and cross country athlete, Dr. Lynn Fitzsimmons, of River Bend Counseling, has been training on the bluff's unique winding paths and stairs for years. The previously ranked U.S. World Half-Marathon runner prefers to run as the sun rises to start her day off right.

"The bluff is so peaceful and beautiful that it takes me away," says Fitzsimmons (see photo top left on opposite page). "Even though it's so close to home, when I'm here I can escape to my own little world."

4. HOST OR ATTEND AN EVENT

Basketball camps, speaker series, Bible studies, civic forums, service projects ... there's always something happening at Concordia. As an institution of higher learning, the university strives to offer students unique opportunities to enrich their lives and engage in the world. Those opportunities are often extended to the community as well. Outside groups frequently look to Concordia for their special events. One of the highlights of spring is the annual Pinewood Derby hosted by Pack 3894.

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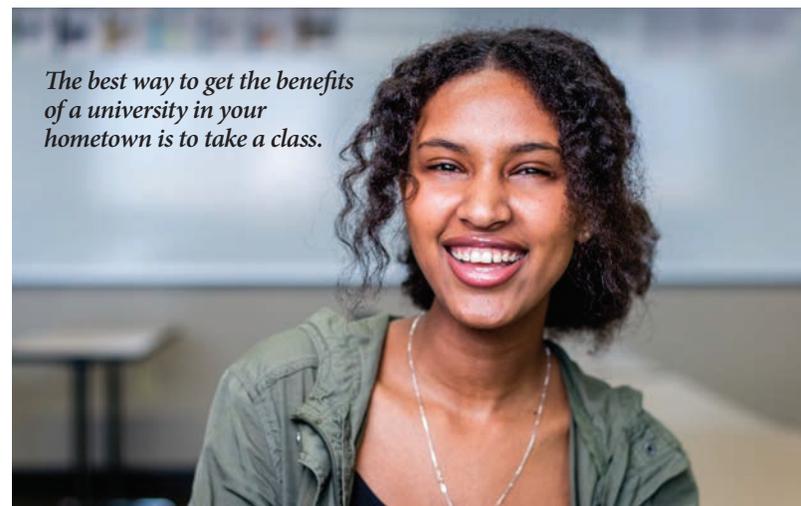
Members of Pack 3894 show off their wins at the annual Pinewood Derby.

According to Derby Race Master Joseph Berkhahn, "Our Scouts look forward to returning to Concordia's campus every year. The facilities are beautiful, they take great care of us, and our families enjoy the opportunity to be on a college campus and see college students as they go about their days. We are so lucky to have a university right in our own community."

5. TAKE A CLASS

Without a doubt, the best way to take advantage of having a world-class university in your backyard is to take a class. Take several classes. With more than 70 programs to choose from, many are available for busy adult learners and offered online, Concordia can help you stretch and grow in your current field, try something completely different, or simply fuel your curiosity.

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ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY IN A SHARED VISION FOR ITS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

COMMUNITY MEMBERS PROVIDE GUIDANCE IN MTSD'S LONG-RANGE FACILITIES PLANNING

In the February edition of *Mequon-Thiensville Today*, the Mequon-Thiensville School District shared news that it had begun work to develop a long-range plan for its facilities, or a “Framework for Our Future.” This comprehensive 10-year framework will provide MTSD and the School Board with a strategic direction that aligns the District’s current reality, projected future enrollment, educational vision, and the community’s priorities.

Enrollment Projections

Monitoring student enrollment and estimating future enrollment trends is essential to school planning, and a critical piece in developing a long-range plan. MTSD recently partnered with Applied Population Lab (APL), to produce enrollment projections for the next 10 years. The projections use a combination of historical enrollment data along with birth trends and housing turnover in

order to predict enrollment. APL projections indicate that enrollment will remain consistent at the middle school and high school levels, while significant enrollment growth is projected at the elementary level in the coming years.

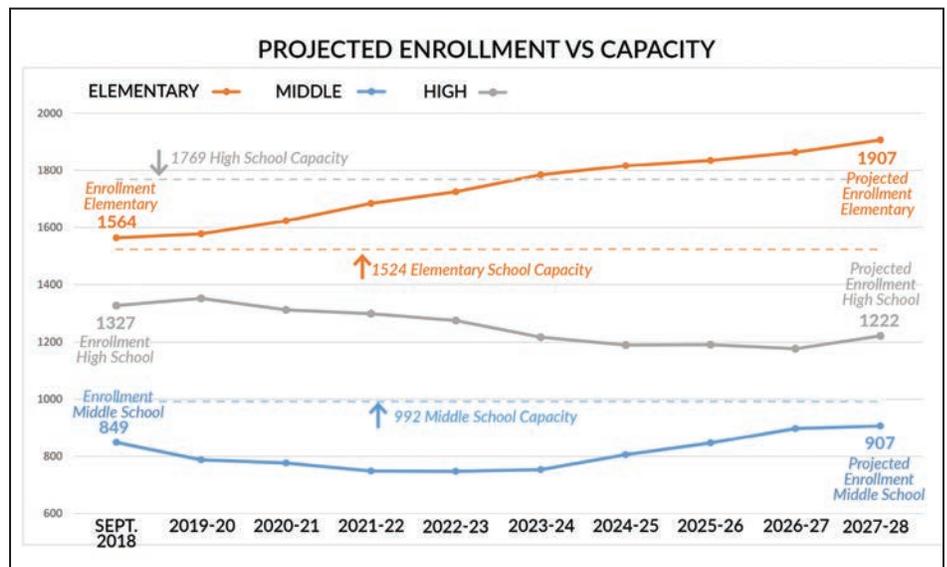
MTSD is also working to substantiate those enrollment projections by working with MDROffers Consulting. The firm will develop enrollment projections based on demographic changes and community

growth plans. Their analysis will include an assessment of the new residential development that is occurring in the communities of Mequon and Thiensville.

Building Condition, Capacity and Utilization

Assessing the condition, capacity and utilization of facilities is also a critical component in developing a long-range plan. In March, Eppstein Uhen Architects (EUA),

ENROLLMENT CHART (right)
 Applied Population Lab enrollment projections through 2027-28. Learn more about enrollment projections at mtsd.k12.wi.us/framework.



All of the information presented at the Community Workshops in April, as well as a summary of the community feedback received, is available at mtsd.k12.wi.us/Framework. Watch for additional opportunities to get involved in developing a Framework for Our Future!

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completed an analysis of the District's facilities and presented those findings to the MTSD Board of Education. A summary of the key findings follows.

Positives:

- MTSD has made good progress in addressing high priority safety issues.
- Secure entry sequences are in place at all schools.
- The buildings are well maintained and a process is in place for prioritized annual maintenance spending.
- Classroom technology and wireless infrastructure is largely in place.

Challenges:

- Based on the current and projected enrollment estimates, there are significant capacity issues at the elementary level, and it is likely that all elementary schools could be over capacity within two to three years.
- Current classrooms and learning environments were not designed for today's student-centered learning practices.
- Total gymnasium space is insufficient for extensive community, recreational and athletic uses.
- There are traffic safety and circulation challenges at all sites.

Community Participation and Input

MTSD is committed to creating opportunities for the public to participate and provide input throughout the planning process as it works to develop a shared long-range plan. This April, the District hosted three community workshops to gather the community's feedback on the findings of both APL's enrollment projections and EUA's facilities study in order to help guide the District's decision-making moving forward.

More than 60 community workshop participants provided input on the facility challenges they believed were the most important to address, as well as their opinion on creative funding solutions, including named sponsorships for some facilities projects.

Next Steps

During the months ahead, District leaders will incorporate the community's feedback into the planning process as they continue to work with our experts to evaluate high-level strategies and potential solutions to be included in a long-range facilities plan. Watch for additional opportunities to get involved in developing a Framework for Our Future!



MEQUON-THIENSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITY COMMITMENTS

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This spring, MTSD and transportation partner Go Riteway launched "Here Comes the Bus," an easy-to-use website and app that enables families to see the location of their child's school bus on a smartphone, tablet, or personal computer. By using this technology, families know when the bus is near their stop, so children can head to the bus stop at just the right time.

"We see this app as a service and convenience, enabled by innovative technology," notes Viera. "But more importantly, it is a tool in

enhancing student safety by reducing the time students need to wait outside for the bus, sometimes on the side of the road or in poor weather conditions."

With Global Positioning System (GPS) trackers standard on school buses, Here Comes the Bus translates that information into an easy to follow program and customizable map that allows families to see where the bus is and how close it is to their stop. Families are able to customize their secure, password-protected app to send notifications when the bus is near, reducing the time their child spends standing outside.

"The benefits of the technology extend beyond safety," explains Viera. "When children and families know when the bus will arrive, there are fewer missed pickups, or delays, which means routes run more quickly and efficiently – a win for the bottom line in reduced operating expenses."

MTSD families can find more information and instructions for using the app at mtsd.k12.wi.us/HereComesTheBus.

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SCHOOL DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Pages 24-25 contain some of the highlights from the Mequon-Thiensville School District as of April 2019. Stay current by following us on Facebook at facebook.com/MequonThiensvilleSchoolDistrict.

ACADEMICS

- ◆ Homestead High School students Jackson Rusch, Ethan Wang, Andrew Wang, and Julian Camacho placed second in the Marquette University Java/Python Programming Competition. Michael Schmich, Ally Rilling, and Kitty Nelson placed 4th in the AP Computer Science Principles division.
- ◆ Homestead juniors Bridget Brown and Dylan Bradley were honored as North Shore Rotary Service Above Self award winners.
- ◆ Homestead juniors Shubhan Mathur and Said Tfaili both earned a perfect 36 on the February ACT exam.
- ◆ Homestead senior Emily Cheng was named a 2019 Herb Kohl Student Excellence Scholarship winner. Cheng will be awarded a \$10,000 scholarship and is one of 188 graduating Wisconsin high school students to receive the honor.
- ◆ Homestead students Jake Yasonik, Andrew Wang, Jackson Rusch, Elizabeth Foster, and Erin Wei, on a team led by math teacher Joe Ordinans, earned an honorable mention in the national MathWorks Math Modeling Challenge.
- ◆ Homestead senior, Cody Williams, a member of the Grafton High School Autohawks, took first place at the state Technicians of Tomorrow competition. Cody competed in the national contest held in New York in April.
- ◆ The Steffen Middle School Forensics team earned medals in their last tournament of the season. First place medals were given to Owen Weiss, Nicole Zens, Cynthia Chen, and Ayanna Bennett. Second place medals went to Jamila Washington, Justin Robinson, Sophie Gerew, and Hana Nasir. Earning third place medals were Emily Sauer, Amelia Eichmeier, Luke Koenig, Ankita Hegde, Madeline Frank, and Blessing Kim.
- ◆ MTSD sent 9 elementary teams and 4 middle school teams to compete in the regional Destination Imagination tournament. Out of

the 13 teams, 5 teams from Oriole Lane, Wilson, and Lake Shore took either first or second place and advanced to the State Tournament held in Green Bay on April 13.

- ◆ Homestead's math team won the North Shore Conference math meet by 44 points to claim their third straight title. Julian Camacho, Jackson Rusch, Andrew Wang, and Ethan Wang tied for first place with perfect individual scores.
- ◆ Ten Homestead students qualified for DECA Internationals in Orlando-based on their top six finishes at State.
- ◆ Seven students from the Steffen MATHCOUNTS team advanced to the state competition with a third place team finish overall. Kevin Wan was second individually and won the Countdown Round.
- ◆ Homestead Latin students attended the WJCL Convention bringing home three second place Certamen finishes and a spirit award, electing two state officers, and receiving second place overall. Freshman Maggie Sehnert placed 9th out of 425 in Deckathon.
- ◆ Lake Shore Middle School held its first ever National Geographic GEOBEE. Nine students participated in after school practices and joined in the competition. Congratulations to the Lake Shore winner, Isaac Bloomgarden.
- ◆ Homestead Robotics team, Kraken Pinion, won the Thumb Wars FTC Robotics qualifying tournament as alliance captain with partners Great Scott and M.A.D (also Homestead teams). Kraken Pinion has risen to the #2 worldwide ranking among more than 6,000 teams.
- ◆ A number of students from the Homestead Debate Team performed well at the state championship: Tyler Gao (senior) and Zidao Wang (junior) won Varsity Policy Debate State, Said Tfaili (junior) and Siyu Li (freshmen) won Novice Policy Debate State, Isabel Klemmer and Erin Wei (juniors) were semifinalists, Jack Wypiszynski, Zidao Wang, Isabel Klemmer, Erin Wei won Varsity speaker awards. Speaker places for varsity included 4th Zidao Wang,

5th Erin Wei, 7th Isabelle Klemmer, 9th Jack Wypiszynski. Speaker places for novice included 5th Said Tfaili, 10th Siyu Li. Ian Patch and Rebecca Yang (freshmen) were also octafinalists for Novice State.

ARTS

- ◆ Homestead students Gavin Henry, Ethan Leaders, Isabella Meyer, James Valentino and Sophie Jensen were award winners at UW-Washington County's annual "Festival of Arts."
- ◆ The annual District Solo/Ensemble competition took place on Saturday, March 16 at Homestead, with standing ovations for the numerous students who qualified for state at the competition.
- ◆ *Soliloquy*, Homestead's Literary Magazine, recently won the highest ranking from the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) in the 2018 REALM Awards. There were a total of 358 entries across the nation.
- ◆ Artwork from 325 Homestead students was on display at the Milwaukee Art Museum as part of the Scholastic Art Awards. Featured categories included architecture, ceramics and glass, comic art, design, digital art, drawing, fashion, film and animation, jewelry, mixed media, painting, photography, printmaking, and sculpture. Twenty-four visual artists and art professionals carefully selected the works from more than 1,500 entries.

ATHLETICS

- ◆ In track and field: Ally Rilling finished 2nd in the High Jump at the Indoor State meet with a personal best of 5'4", Jared Schneider set a new HHS and North Shore Conference indoor record in the long jump with a mark of 23' 6". Drew Bosley set 2 HHS indoor records in the 800M 1:56.89 and the 1600M 4:09.15.
- ◆ In gymnastics: Taylor Raskin won the WIAA State Championship in the Uneven Bars with a score of 9.417, Annie Gebhardt, WIAA Sectional Champion in Vault, Taylor Raskin, WIAA Sectional Champion in Uneven Bars.
- ◆ Zach Teplin was named North Shore Conference Swimmer of the Year.



SCHOOL DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)

- ◆ In wrestling: Jacob Zupke, WIAA Individual State Qualifier in Wrestling at 182 lb. weight class, finished 5th at State, 2019 North Shore Conference Champion, completed his HHS career 2nd all-time in wins with 117.
- ◆ Boys Basketball finished its season as WIAA Regional Champions.
- ◆ Boys Ski team, consisting of Homestead students Alec Hering, Ryan Maxon, Will Doerr, Teddy Schall, Nate Williams, Calvin Koepke and Ethan Fuller, qualified for State. Students Cate Heilmann and Alec Hering both qualified for Individual Ski State.
- ◆ Boys Swim WIAA State Qualifiers: 200-yard Freestyle Relay: Luke Appazeller, Caden Bjornstad, Ben Lorenz, and Zach Teplin; 400-yard Freestyle Relay: Caden Bjornstad, Tyler Brown, Ben Lorenz, and Zach Teplin; Individual: Zach Teplin, 200-yard Freestyle and 100-yard Butterfly.

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HONORING CHERYL FIGG, LONGTIME RECREATION DEPARTMENT THEATRE DIRECTOR

Cheryl Figg had no way to foresee the impact her involvement as a theater director would have. But in the years since her idea for a theater program for young people became a reality, the program offered through the Mequon-Thiensville Recreation Department has grown to become its biggest and most popular children's offering. What's more than that, the program experience has made an indelible mark on the lives of hundreds of young people and their families in the community.

Figg began working as a teacher at Donges Bay Elementary School in the Mequon-Thiensville School District in 1987. She found opportunities to merge a background in dance and performance with student learning. Figg's students performed class plays and skits.

"Through performance, we brought history and literature to life," said Figg.

Figg also recognized that the reach of the experience extended beyond mastery of the lesson. She saw how students gained confidence, poise, and determination through the process. And that's where Figg's vision truly took hold.

A PROGRAM IS BORN

Cheryl Figg proposed her idea for a recreation department theater program for young people in grades 4-8 to then recreation director Charlie Gross, and the M-T

Recreation Theater Department was born. The very first production, "Annie Jr.," established the program.

Figg continued to teach at Donges Bay and direct musicals and plays, holding practices after school and on weekends. The program has continued to grow in popularity among children and families in Mequon and Thiensville in the 12 years since that inaugural performance of "Annie Jr."

"Today, the theater program is so wildly popular, we have to have a specific date and time for registration to open up," says Mike Schoemer, M-T recreation director. "When registration opens, we sit and watch it fill up in a matter of minutes. This is a testament to the quality of the program."

Figg was passionate about the arts and is grateful for the vibrant arts programs in the Mequon-Thiensville School District, and the opportunities available to children through the recreation program and by other organizations in our community. She firmly believed that the arts reflect our shared humanity, and experiences in the arts are essential for young people. But Figg was quick to point out that performance – especially opportunities for young people – provide other meaningful outcomes beyond aesthetic engagement.

"When young people get involved in theater, especially at a young age, they develop a

wealth of confidence. They know that if they can perform on stage, they can do anything. The transformation that I see occurring in young people can be like watching a bud opening slowly to become a beautiful flower."

Owen Gudex, a 6th grader at Lake Shore Middle School, explains the qualities that made Figg a perfect fit. "I always have felt encouraged by Ms. Figg. It is a wonderful feeling to know that someone believes in you like that. She helps me realize what it means to have passion for something in your life."

Figg also found ways to incorporate powerful life lessons in her work with her casts. She stressed, for example, that the secret of a successful performance lies in ensuring that everyone works together as a team.

"One of the most important things I learned from Ms. Figg was that everyone's part matters," described Lake Shore 7th grader, Greer Patten.

"As a parent, I am so grateful that Ms. Figg brought this confidence out in Greer," says Karen Patten, Greer's mother. "Cheryl has touched a countless number of children, who



Cheryl Figg

hold their heads a little bit higher because of what she has taught them.”

A love of the arts runs deep in Figg’s family. Both of her adult daughters were active in the theater program, and both credit those early experiences with their current success. Lillian Figg-Franzoi is a policy specialist with the United Nations Office for Projects Services, currently residing in Paris, France. She described how participating in theater programs nurtured a confidence that has made a lasting impact.

Closer to home, Figg’s daughter Amelia Figg-Franzoi leads the theater program at Homestead High School, her alma mater. Figg-Franzoi approaches the work with passion and creativity, and the caliber of performance at Homestead is second to none.

“I’m so proud of Amelia, and the outstanding program at Homestead,” said Figg. “It has been such a source of pride that Amelia and I have been able to touch the lives of so many young people in our community through performing arts.”

A LEGACY

In the fall of 2012 Figg was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. She courageously battled the disease, but after six-and-a-half years fighting her cancer, Figg’s health declined rapidly this winter.

She directed her last performance, “Once Upon a Mattress,” in December. She explained that it was tough to leave the program that she had built from the ground up, and harder still to imagine not working directly with young people.

When families and community members heard that Figg would not be able to continue directing the theater program, they found ways to pay tribute to Figg’s impact. They started a Facebook page in her honor. They sent cards and wrote letters thanking Figg, telling her just how much she meant to them. An ice cream social with Figg as the guest of honor was organized, and many current and



former performers and their families took the opportunity to thank and celebrate Figg.

“The outpouring of love and support I have received from this community has given me so much comfort and joy,” explained Figg.

Cheryl Figg passed away peacefully on May 9. A plaque now hangs in Figg’s honor in the Range Line corridor, along with show posters featuring the smiling faces of the many children she nurtured over the years. The plaque is inscribed with a sentiment that captures Figg’s far-reaching legacy:

“Cheryl found immense joy helping young performers develop skills that would expand their lives well beyond the stage.”

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SUMMER PROGRAMS AT THE FRANK L. WEYENBERG LIBRARY

The Frank L. Weyenberg Library of Mequon-Thiensville offers a variety of fun and free programs for all ages throughout the year. Check out the events below that are happening this season at the Library.

For more information, visit flwlib.org.

ADULT EVENTS

Plant & Gardening Series

June 25, July 23, August 27, September 24

All year long, the Library hosts monthly plant and gardening programs! Whether you like houseplants, outdoors plants, or vegetable gardening, there is sure to be a program for you! Meets the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. For the full program line-up, visit the Library's website or pick up our brochures!

“We’re Out Here for You:”

Birchbark Canoes and Wild Rice

June 4 • 6 p.m.

In 2015, students and staff of Lac du Flambeau Public School harvested wild rice from a local lake and paddled birchbark canoes built by the community. This presentation and 10-minute film show how one Wisconsin community developed a successful community-initiated program focusing on sustainability – both environmental and cultural.

Pot Luck Speaker Series

June 26 and July 24 • 2 p.m.

The Pot Luck Speaker Series is a joint presentation by Ovation Sarah Chudnow and the Frank L. Weyenberg Library covering a variety of topics, such as immigration, genealogy and history.

Keeping Yourself and Your Data Safe Online

July 2 • 6 p.m.

The internet can be a fun and interesting place, but used carelessly, it can make you vulnerable to untrustworthy people. Luckily, there are ways to keep yourself and your data safe. Learn more with Joseph Martinez, professor of Information System Security at MATC.

Philosophers in the Midst of History

August 6 • 6 p.m.

The projects of philosophers do not occur in a historical and cultural vacuum, and

understanding the situations they were living in illuminates their philosophical projects and works. This lecture series examines the historical contexts in which thinkers like Epictetus, Thomas Aquinas, and Simone de Beauvoir were writing. August's session will focus on Jean-Jacques Rousseau.

The Laurentian Great Lakes: A Regional Hotspot of Climate Change

September 3 • 6 p.m.

The Great Lakes Basin has been a regional hotspot of climate change, including rapid warming of the lake surfaces, rising air temperatures, declining ice cover, more extreme precipitation events, and long-term increases in lake-effect snowfall that have recently reversed. The presentation will focus on the fundamental science of anthropogenic climate change and the greenhouse effect, observed historical evidence of rapid climate change in the Great Lakes Basin, and climate model projections for this vital region.

ENJOY THESE MONTHLY PROGRAMS

After Hours Book Club, Mequon-Thiensville Community Book Club, Hook, Yarn & Stitch fiber arts group, and Weyenberg Movie Matinees.

TEEN EVENTS

TGIF Teen Movie

June 14, July 12 and August 9 at 2 p.m.

School's out and summer's here! Join us for popcorn and movies. Bring a friend, no registration required..

Make & Take: Teen Craft Night

June 14 and July 12 • 4 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon of crafting! All craft supplies will be provided. This program is open to grades 6-12 and registration is required as supplies are limited!

Game Night:

BINGO Scavenger Hunt

June 20 • 6 p.m.

Are you up to the task? Use your creativity to compete in the Bingo Scavenger Hunt! Complete a bingo card in the given time and pick your prize! This event is open to grades 6-12 and registration is required.

All Hands on Tech: Teen

June 25 and July 23 • 2 p.m.

Experiment, play, and learn in this interactive, hands-on program featuring the Library's tech kits. All Hands on Tech promotes important science, technology, engineering and math skills through free-play and experimentation with emerging technologies. This drop-in program is open for those in grades 6-12.

Game Night: Unlock-the-Box

July 18 • 6 p.m.

Come to the Library for a fun-filled evening! Do you love to follow clues and solve puzzles? Have you ever wanted to try an escape room? Then you'll love BreakoutEDU! Grab a friend and work as a team to beat the clock and open the box before it's too late. This program is open to grades 6-12. Registration required.

Battle of the Books: Summer Edition

July 24 • 6 p.m.

Take summer reading one step further and compete in the Frank L. Weyenberg Library's Battle of the Books: Summer Edition. Each team of 2 to 4 participants is responsible for reading the required booklist and participating in the end-of-summer battle. Registration is required and open May 6-June 22. This program is for those entering 5th-8th grades in the 2019-2020 school year.

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Village Market Storytimes

Tuesdays, June 11-October 8

10:30 a.m.

Enjoy stories, finger plays, and songs at the market at Village Park. A responsible adult should be present.

Bibliobop!

June 12, June 26, July 10, July 24,

August 7, August 21

Bop 'til you drop at this rhythm and movement-based storytime, Meets alternate Wednesdays in the summer at 10:30 a.m. A responsible adult should be present.

Royal Tea Party

June 19 • 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

You are cordially invited to attend the Frank L. Weyenberg Library's Royal Tea Party. All princesses and princes are encouraged to dress their royal best. Join us for special royal-themed activities, stories, and treats! For children age 8 and younger. Registration for this program begins June 1.

Superheroes vs. Villains Party

July 3 • 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Fly over to the Library to attend our Superheroes vs. Villains Party. Wear your best superhero/villain gear to participate in amazing activities and fantastic tales. For children age 10 and younger. Registration for this program begins June 1.

Messy Monday

July 8 • 11 a.m.

Join us for a morning of sensory art exploration and creation! This process-oriented art program encourages open-ended exploration of the materials provided. For children age 2 and older. We can't wait to see what you create!

Space Camp

July 17 • 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Looking for an out-of-this-world adventure? Blast off to Space Camp at the Frank L. Weyenberg Library! Join us throughout the day for a variety of fun and educational space-themed activities.

Harry Potter Birthday Bash!

July 31 • 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Grab your brooms and join us to celebrate Harry Potter's birthday! Activity stations will be set up throughout the library, so you can celebrate all things Harry Potter at your leisure. Costumes are encouraged.

Countdown to Kindergarten

5,4,3,2,1...Blast off to

Kindergarten!

August 14 at 10:30 a.m.

Pre-Kers are invited to explore and practice the skills they need for a smooth transition to kindergarten! We will also celebrate those children who have completed our 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Program with snacks and a graduation ceremony. Registration required.

ENJOY THESE MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Saturday LEGO Club, All Hands on Tech JR, Discovery Lab, Monday LEGO Club, Unlock the Box, Children's Craft Hour, Parachute Play, Family Film Fridays and Saturday Family Storytime.

Remember to sign up for the Summer Reading program! All ages are welcome to participate. This year's theme is "A Universe of Stories" and runs June 1-July 31!

CITY OF MEQUON LAUNCHES COMMUNITY-WIDE SURVEY



The City of Mequon has launched its 2019 Community-Wide Survey. The 2019 Survey builds on previous survey efforts to gauge community feedback in 2012, 2005 and 1998, with this year's survey again seeking input on a variety of topics, including land use, development, quality of life and satisfaction with City services.

During the week of May 6, the Strategic Research Institute of St. Norbert College sent all households a postcard in advance of the survey's delivery. The survey contains 30 questions, and all questionnaires must be completed and postmarked by Friday, June 14, 2019.

If a household contains more than one adult member, an additional copy can be filled out online by following the unique URL code listed on the survey's first page. Alternatively, if a household would like an additional paper copy of the survey or should residents have any questions, please contact Justin Schoenemann, Assistant City Administrator, at jschoenemann@ci.mequon.wi.us or (262) 236-2942. As indicated, the City has partnered with the Strategic Research Institute at St. Norbert College and Neighborhood Analytics,

LLC to ensure confidentiality and accurate data analyses.

Past survey results have played a significant role in shaping priorities for the community and launching important projects within the City. Following completion of the 2019 Community Survey, the Mequon Common Council will again refer to these results when considering various policy matters over the next several years.

All residents are encouraged to take some time to complete the survey to help ensure the results reflect the opinions of the entire community.



FREE APPLIANCE AND ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENTS SATURDAYS, JULY 27 AND OCTOBER 19

Disposal and recycling of large, bulky items is made easier during the City of Mequon's annual collection events. This year, the City will host two opportunities for all area residents and businesses to dispose of unwanted items* in a convenient and primarily free manner. **The collection events will be held on July 27 and October 19 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the parking lot at the Mequon Public Works Building on 10800 N. Industrial Dr.**

APPLIANCES

Air conditioners, boilers, dryers, dehumidifiers, exercise equipment, furnaces, grills, microwaves, range tops, small appliances, snow blowers, vending machines and wall ovens.

ELECTRONICS

Legacy Recycling will be onsite collecting electronics. There \$25 fee for TVs and a \$10 fee for all monitors being recycled. Sample items include: cell phones, computers, DVD/DVR/ Blue Ray players, fax machines , iPods, monitors, routers/modems, tablets, TVs, UPS, VCRs, and video game consoles.

* Vacuums, lamps, CD players, portable stereos, hair dryers and fans are not accepted at these events. These items can be thrown in the trash with regular refuse. For more information, please contact the City of Mequon's Parks Department at cdeuster@ci.mequon.wi.us.

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THE DAY'S SCHEDULE

10:30 a.m. – Parade
Special Guest: Members of the UW Marching Band (they will also perform in the parade and immediately afterward in the park.)

12:30-1 p.m. – The Milwaukee Flyers Gymnastics Team

1-2 p.m. – Badgerland Water Ski Show

2-2:30 p.m. – North Shore Dance Studio

2:30-3 p.m. – Beglan Academy of Irish Dance

3-3:30 p.m. – Homestead High School Dance Team

3:30-4 p.m. – BE Martial Arts

4-6:30 p.m. – Sawdust Symphony

6:30-9:30 p.m. – SEMPLE band

Dusk – Fireworks

Enjoy this day-long celebration honoring our nation's birthday! The event kicks off with a parade starting at the Frank L. Weyenberg Library and ending at Village Park. Then enjoy fun, food, entertainment and fireworks!



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PATRICK PRYOR PROMOTED TO MEQUON POLICE CHIEF



*New Mequon Police
Chief Patrick Pryor*

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On May 3, Patrick Pryor became the 9th person to be sworn in as the Chief of Police for the City of Mequon. Chief Pryor follows Chief Dan Buntrock, who served the City of Mequon for 28 years, with his final year serving as Chief of Police.

Chief Pryor has worked for the City of Mequon for almost 20 years. After graduating with a bachelor's degree in criminology and law studies from Marquette University, Chief Pryor began his career in law enforcement for the City of Milwaukee in December of 1995. In 1998, Chief Pryor, along with 300 other applicants, applied for patrol officer for the City of Mequon, and was one of only six hired from the group of 300.

In March 2005, he was promoted to sergeant. During his time as sergeant, he served as patrol sergeant, administrative sergeant and was the administrator of the Citizen's Police Academy. In addition, during this time, he attended and received certification from the Northwestern University-Police School of Staff and Command. In March 2017, when Captain Scott Tyler retired, Pryor was promoted to administrative captain.

Chief Pryor's years with the Mequon Police Department made him a natural choice to lead the Department. He is very familiar with the community and its residents and is looking forward to continuing his work in Mequon. During his tenure in Mequon, Chief Pryor has been instrumental in bringing significant technology advancements to the Department. He initiated the electronic citation and accident report system, brought in squad and body camera systems, and many other changes, making officer's jobs more efficient and professional. Chief Pryor has also been involved in the creation of a new dispatch supervisor position, a new records clerk position and the Emergency Medical Dispatch Program.

Chief Pryor is a state-certified emergency vehicle operations

instructor. He enjoys teaching his fellow officers safe driving practices, emergency driving techniques, and how to interpret and manage the Police Department's pursuit policy. Chief Pryor also served as the chairman of the Ozaukee County Radio Users Group for many years.

In 2018, when the position of chief was available after Chief Graff's retirement, Pryor began to think about being chief. When the Police and Fire Commission was ready to accept applications for Chief, Pryor felt it was time to step up and apply. After a lengthy application and interview process, Pryor was unanimously selected to become the Chief of Police by the Police and Fire Commission.

Chief Pryor is committed to the Mequon Community. He wants to continue to maintain the safe, family-friendly community that Mequon is known for.

Chief Pryor admits, "I am honored to be selected as the City's police chief and feel fortunate to be able to continue to serve this community in this new capacity." Chief Pryor will continue the relationships the Department has built in Mequon and supports the community policing philosophy. "I understand what it means to be a law enforcement officer in the 21st century and I know trust and legitimacy in the community is crucial to the success of the Department," he says.

On a personal side, Pryor is dedicated to his family, and enjoys spending time with his wife and two sons. The family enjoys the outdoors, and visiting state and national parks. He also enjoys volunteering his time at church and school to be closer to his boys as they grow up. Pryor has served as a basketball coach, a baseball coach, a robotics coach and a scout leader for his children's school and church.

Congratulations, Chief Pryor, and thanks for your ongoing commitment to the City of Mequon!



The Jonathan Clark House offers assorted activities this summer to learn more about living in the 1800s.

FUN FOR ALL AGES AT JONATHAN CLARK HOUSE

Step back in time and experience life in Mequon-Thiensville as it was in the 1850s. The Jonathan Clark House will host three events this summer where participants, of all ages, can learn skills and play games of the early settlers. Back by popular demand, the members of Lindenwood 4-H Club will help children interact with sheep, chickens and calves on the grounds of the Jonathan Clark House. The three events will be a great way for your family to enjoy a summer afternoon close to home!

Saturday, June 15 (12-3 p.m.) Dairy Farming Fun

June is Dairy Month! Join us as we explore the importance of dairy in our state. Take a turn learning how to churn butter and enjoy the sweet reward on a slice of bread. A Lindenwood 4-H dairy member will let you pet a calf and try your hand at milking a cow. End your afternoon with an old fashioned yard game and a snack.

Saturday, July 20 (12-3 p.m.) Sheep Woolly Adventure

Did you know that southern Wisconsin had more than one million sheep in the 1860s? Most landowners in our area raised sheep and sold their wool to either the Cedarburg or Grafton Woolen Mills. During this event, you'll have a chance to pet a sheep and learn to card wool and watch the spinning process. Lindenwood 4-H members will be volunteering once again by answering questions about their chickens and sheep.

Saturday, August 17 (12-3 p.m.) Early Settler Chores

The grounds surrounding the home will be filled with items used for chores typical of those in the 1850s. Learn to wash and dry clothes

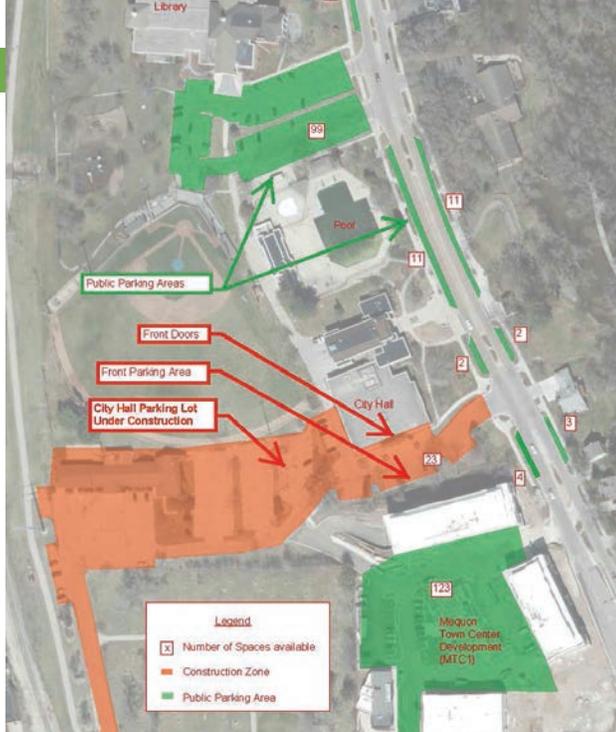
the old-fashioned way, or gather herbs from the garden for drying. Visitors will view old farm tools and learn about the Schnitzelbank, a useful woodworking tool used by various trades from farmers to wheelwrights.

All the events at the historic 1848 home include costumed docents telling intriguing stories of our early settlers such as Jonathan and Mark Clark, Mary's father Peter Turck and their neighbors, the Bonniwell Family. Yard games and refreshments are included in these free events. Children are encouraged to come in costume. Financial support of this series is generously provided by Richmond Investment Services of Mequon.

The Jonathan Clark House is located on the corner of Bonniwell and Cedarburg Roads in Mequon. The mission of this dynamic 501 (c) 3 organization is to collect, preserve and share the history of the Jonathan Clark House and the early settlers of Mequon-Thiensville.

Volunteer opportunities are available for this series as well as for other activities of the Friends of Jonathan Clark House. For more information, contact Nina Look, Executive Director, Friends of Jonathan Clark House at (262) 618-2051 or jchmuseum@gmail.com. You can also visit their website at jonathanclarkhouse.com.





NEW CITY HALL PARKING LOT UNDER CONSTRUCTION

If you have recently driven by Mequon City Hall at 11333 N. Cedarburg Road, you've probably noticed some construction. The parking lot in the rear that provides additional parking for the Civic Campus is closed for a reconstruction project that will add 53 parking spots. Construction began in April, and the project is expected to be finished by Labor Day. The project includes removing the existing lot and then adding new pervious paver brick, storm sewer, sidewalks, landscaping, lighting and asphalt.

The project will cost \$922,874, with the City providing \$400,996 in funding through the Mequon Town Center Tax Incremental Financing District. Another \$305,338 will come from the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District's Green Solutions grant program. Plus, the owner of the Mequon Town Center property has agreed to contribute \$216,540.

The cost of the reconstruction is about 15 percent less than the first time the City sought bids for the work. Much of the savings resulted from having the City's Department of Public Works remove trees and other vegetation from the site.

The parking area immediately south of the front door to City Hall will remain accessible whenever possible during construction. Also, the Mequon Town Center parking lot will remain open during construction, as will the shopping center's driveways on Cedarburg Road and Mequon Road.

During the project, the public can find parking adjacent to the Frank L. Weyenberg Library, 11345 N. Cedarburg Road. Drivers are also encouraged to park in one of the 39 on-street parking stalls on Cedarburg Road or one of the 17 spots on Division Street.

On behalf of the City, we'd like to thank residents and members of the public for working with the City through this construction phase. The new lot will improve additional access to parking and provide walkable connections to destinations in the Civic Campus area.

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MEQUON BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: GATHERING ON THE GREEN BRIDGING COMMUNITIES THROUGH MUSIC FOR 25 YEARS

Come July, one of the area's most popular special events – the annual Gathering on the Green – will mark its 25th year in great style. Set in scenic Mequon Rotary Park, this multiple-day festival combines the best musical entertainment around with the enjoyment of a beautiful summer evening under the stars. Gathering on the Green's mission is to serve our community by providing memorable experiences through top musical entertainment.

This year's program will feature special headliners on its weekend music program, but you can still count on the great attractions that have been the event's hallmark for the past quarter century – namely, a relaxing evening with family and friends in a handsome park setting right in our own neighborhood. All in all, you can also expect an event packed with rich musical performances by some of today's best musicians, a variety of delicious foods and beverages, and (hopefully), a beautiful summer night – or two – outside under the stars.

It's fun to look back and see how Gathering on the Green, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, has grown since its debut in 1994 to become one of Southeastern Wisconsin's premier summer spots to enjoy world-class entertainment. The event actually came to life 25 years ago, at the same time the Thiensville-Mequon Rotary Club had just built a beautiful, multi-use park in the City, including sports fields, a wooded walking area and a gazebo surrounded by ponds.

The grand opening of the gazebo was planned when John Riley, a Rotary Club member, recalled memories of the Boston Pops playing outdoor concerts on the Esplanade in Boston. Riley thought a similar concert would be the perfect opportunity to inaugurate the Rotary Park gazebo. So he joined forces with Milwaukee Ballet prima ballerina Anne Finch to promote a combined performance with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra (MSO) and the Milwaukee Ballet – something that had never been done before. On July 8, 1995, the first Gathering on the Green was performed – at the time, it was called “Music in Motion.”

In those early years, the focus was on the MSO, Milwaukee Ballet, Milwaukee Youth Symphony and other similar performing arts groups. But as the times changed, Gathering on the Green began moving in a more pop direction with its music, and included artists like Al Jarreau and Dionne Warwick. In 2016, when Huey Lewis and The News was the headliner act, they set a new attendance record for the event. Then in 2017, the record was shattered with the performances of Kenny Loggins and Michael McDonald.

Much More Than a Concert Weekend

Those familiar with the event know that Gathering on the Green is so much more than a musically inspired weekend in July. While GOTG is the main event and the largest fundraiser (more below about where

the money goes), it has expanded to include many other off-shoot activities throughout the year. For example, there are the recent “storytellers” events with artists such as Al Jarreau and John Oates. These are very special intimate evenings during the year where you get a personal glimpse into the artist through storytelling, music and conversation.

In addition, a “Sound Check Party” (held this year on May 3) is an annual fundraising dinner and auction to raise funds for the Music Together Program, that provides support to community youth in a variety of ways.

Led by Program Director Traci Cain, Music Together has four focuses: workforce development, master classes, music therapy and scholarships to support young talent in our community.

- **Workforce development:** Exposure to the music and entertainment business.
- **Master classes:** Intense clinics offered in a specific area of the performing arts.
- **Music therapy:** Using music as a tool for healing, social-emotional health and expression.
- **Scholarships:** Making scholarships available to students at Homestead High School, Concordia University and the MATC-Mequon campus to empower the next generation of performers, educators and leaders.

Behind the Scenes

With the magnitude of activities that

GATHERING ON THE GREEN 2019

For reserved or general admission seating, or a parking pass, visit gatheringonthegreen.org.

Sponsorship opportunities still available.

FRIDAY, JULY 12

**Lee Brice • 8 p.m.
(doors open at 4:40 p.m.)**

Lee Brice has achieved Gold and Platinum status on every album and single released, with “A Woman Like You” reaching Double Platinum status. Gold album certifications include “Love Like Crazy,” “Hard2Love” and “I Don’t Dance.” The “Rumor” singer is only the second country artist behind Keith Urban to receive the Pandora Billionaire plaque and puts Lee in company with not only Urban, but legends including Johnny Cash and Fleetwood Mac, and pop phenoms such as John Legend.

Lee is a GRAMMY nominee, a CMA nominee and a double ACM award winner. Garth Brooks, Jason Aldean, Kenny Chesney and others have recorded his songs and he’s performed on TV shows including NBC’s Today, ABC’s The Bachelor, NBC’s The Voice and FOX’s Miss USA 2018.

SATURDAY, JULY 13

**Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo:
40th Anniversary Tour 8 p.m.
(doors open at 4:40 p.m.)**

Benatar and Giraldo have been making music together for four decades. They met each other in 1979 for the first time in a small rehearsal room at SIR Studios in New York City and married in 1982. Benatar’s staggering vocals and “take-no-prisoners” attitude, along with Neil Giraldo’s trailblazing artistry as a guitarist, producer and songwriter forged the undeniable chemistry and unique sound that created some of rock’s most memorable hits, including “We Belong,” “Invincible,” “Love Is A Battlefield,” “Promises In The Dark” and “We Live For Love.” Together they have created two multi-platinum, five platinum and three gold albums, as well as 19 Top 40 hits. Giraldo and Benatar have sold more than 30 million records worldwide and have won an unprecedented four consecutive Grammy awards.

Gathering on the Green encompasses, you can only imagine the amount of work and people power needed to be successful. An active and engaged board of directors, including professionals from all walks of life, continues to keep GOTG running smoothly, and keeps it fresh and exciting each year. Executive Director Rob Kos has led this dedicated group since October 2015, taking over the position from Beth Bauer who preceded him for 16 years. Bauer was not the first GOTG executive director, but she certainly was the one who had an enormous effect on developing Gathering on the Green, and helping to make it what it is today.

The current Gathering on the Green Board of Directors includes:

- Greg Heitz, President-Exacto Spring Corp.
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- Angela Romersi, Treasurer-Scribner, Cohen & Company, S.C.
- Jim Lysaught, Secretary
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- David Gaskin, Associate Counsel-Artisan Partners Limited Partnership
- Matthew Richmond, President-Richmond Investment Services
- Gregory Sommersberger, Baird Private Wealth Management
- Tim Vertz, President,-Vertz Marketing

According to Kos, “The thing that I love most about my role are the long-term relationships I have built and the feeling of belonging to such an engaged community. There’s nothing better than knowing you are making a difference.”

Kos adds that since 2019 is GOTG’s 25th anniversary, plenty of work is being invested to make everything special this summer. “We are especially excited about our July headliners, country star Lee Brice on Friday night, July 12, and Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo celebrating their 40th Anniversary Tour with us on Saturday night, July 13.” (See sidebar to the right.)

So while many consider Gathering on the Green an enjoyable musical weekend in July, the event truly has grown and blossomed as a way to unite our community with music all year long. GOTG is always looking for sponsors and volunteers to join the cause: donate, sponsor, advertise or volunteer to help this amazing “jewel of the northshore” continue to succeed. Visit the website (gatheringonthegreen.org) for more information. See you in July!

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Suite 290 • Mequon
262-242-6187 • gatheringonthegreen.org**

**July Festival Location: Rotary Park
4100 W. Highland Rd. • Mequon**



Lee Brice



Neil Giraldo and Pat Benatar



DON'T FORGET ABOUT BICYCLIST AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Both walking and bicycling are very enjoyable, effective and popular ways for people to get and stay fit and healthy. For some people, bicycling or taking a walk isn't for any other purpose than recreation and enjoyment. Whether a person walks or takes a bicycle ride as a form of exercise or pleasure, it is important that everyone know how to do so safely. Now with warm weather returning to Wisconsin, it is a good time to review some of the important rules of the road for bikes and pedestrian travel in the Thiensville/ Mequon area.

Wisconsin defines a bicycle as a vehicle. This means bicyclists should break for stop signs and red lights if traveling in the street and riding on the same side of the road as other traffic that is going in the same direction. Bicyclists should also use the same hand signals as motorists.

Hand signals are required within 50 feet of turns. Motorists that pass bicycles are required to give the cyclist at least three feet of clearance for everyone's safety. Also, pedestrians are to walk on the

left side of the road where vehicles can see the pedestrians and walk against the flow of traffic. Both bicyclists and pedestrians should stay visible to motorists, particularly at night by wearing reflective gear and lights.

It is also important to keep an eye out for bicyclists and pedestrians in busy locations, such as the Town Center area around Mequon and Cedarburg Roads. The Interurban Trail crosses Mequon Road just west of Cedarburg Road and becomes frequently traveled by users of the trail during the summer months. When possible, motorists should yield for pedestrians and bicyclists attempting to navigate across Mequon Road at the trail's intersection.

With another beautiful Wisconsin summer upon us, keep bicyclists and pedestrians in mind to ensure everyone can enjoy all the outdoor activities Mequon has to offer safely.

Do you have thoughts or ideas about improving bike and pedestrian safety?

Contact the Mequon/Thiensville Pedestrian Commission by visiting the City of Mequon's website at ci.mequon.wi.us/bc-jm to share your feedback with the Commission.



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~ OUT AND ABOUT ~



SUMMER'S HERE!

We are SO excited to finally welcome summer! Our communities have plenty in store for you this season. See here what's been recently taking place – and then check out the summer calendar to the right. You'll want to mark your calendars for as many of these special events that you can fit into your schedule - ENJOY!



1. Kurt Zellmann (left) was sworn in as Mequon's new Deputy Fire Chief by Mayor John Wirth. **2.** The Mequon Nature Preserve is truly a gem in our community. Catch the MNP in full bloom this summer, with a variety of special events and family programming – or just stop by and take an inspiring walk through the grounds. Visit mequonnaturepreserve.com. **3 and 5.** There are two 4-H Clubs serving our northshore communities. Read all about this amazing program for boys and girls grades 3 through 13 on page 6 . Here we see Ashlyn (photo #3), who serves as president of the North Shore Club, leading a 4-H meeting. Photo #5 includes Lindenwood 4-H members who participated in the tie dying projects and are showing off their colorful projects. **4.** Are you ready for Family Fun Before the 4th on June 29? See page 30 for all the details! **6.** The new Foxtown Brewery in Mequon, now under construction, will be opening in summer 2019.





Community Calendar

DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CALL AHEAD TO CONFIRM EVENT DETAILS.
VISIT [MTSD.K12.WI.US/CALENDAR](https://www.mtsd.k12.wi.us/calendar) FOR INFORMATION ABOUT M-T SCHOOL DISTRICT EVENTS.

JUNE

- **Sat., June 1: Bikefest, 9 a.m.-12 noon** in Thiensville Village Park. Educate children about bike safety. Presented by the Thiensville Police Department. Bring your bike – free. Visit village.thiensville.wi.us
- **Sat., June 1: Village Park Reimagined Fundraiser, “Gala in the Park: A Night on the Riverwalk”** Thiensville Village Park. Visit village.thiensville.wi.us.
- **Wed., June 5: Annual Band Benefit Concert, 7 p.m.** James Barr Performing Arts Center at Homestead High School.
- **Thur., June 6: River Sounds, 7-10 p.m.** Featuring the Five Card Studs at Shully’s, 146 Green Bay Rd. in Thiensville. Free admission, bring two nonperishable food items for Family Sharing of Ozaukee County. Food/beverages available for purchase. Rain or shine – visit shullyscuisine.com.
- **Thur.-Sun., June 6-9: 55th Lionfest** in Thiensville Village Park. Presented by the Mequon-Thiensville Lions Club. Music, carnival rides, bingo, chicken dinners, softball tournament, raffles, and more! Free. See pg. 5 and visit tmlions.org.
- **Sat., June 8: Annual Choir Benefit Concert, 7 p.m.** James Barr Performing Arts Center, Homestead High School.
- **Mon., June 10: A Summer Art Experience** A 3-week creative, hands-on art experience for high school students. Visit cuw.edu/summerartexperience.
- **Tue., June 11: Opening Day Thiensville Village Market, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.** in Thiensville Village Park every Tuesday through mid-October. See pg. 18.
- **Thur., June 13: Last Day of School in M-T School District**
- **Thur., June 13: Traveling Food Truck Tour, 5-9 p.m.** A delicious mix of the area’s favorite food trucks, plus live music, at Thiensville Village Park. See pg. 8 and visit thiensvillebusiness.com.
- **Sat., June 15: Dairy Farming Fun, 12-3 p.m.** At Jonathan Clark House, 13615 N. Cedarburg Rd., Mequon, free. See pg. 32.
- **Sun., June 16: Homestead High School Graduation, 2 p.m.** Homestead High School Fieldhouse.
- **Sat., June 22: Thiensville Villagewide Rummage Sale, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.** Sponsored by the Thiensville Business Association. Maps with addresses will be available at Village Hall, 250 Elm St., beginning June 20. \$10 fee to be listed on the map – information must be submitted by June 15. Contact Rob Kos at robertjkos1@gmail.com.
- **Sun., June 23: Frogfest at glaze** 149 Green Bay Rd., Thiensville. Visit glazepottery.com.
- **Sat., June 29: Family Fun Before the Fourth, Parade starting at 10:30 a.m.** A fun-filled day of food, music and entertainment that culminates with fireworks to celebrate our nation’s birthday. See pg. 30 and visit familyfunbeforethefourth.com.

JULY 2019

- **Mon., July 1: Online Enrollment Opens in M-T School District** Visit [mtsд.k12.wi.us/enroll](https://www.mtsd.k12.wi.us/enroll).
- **Thur., July 11: River Sounds, 7-10 p.m.** featuring De La Buena at Shully’s, 146 Green Bay Rd. in Thiensville. Free admission, bring two nonperishable food items for Family Sharing of Ozaukee County. Food/beverages available for purchase. Rain or shine – visit shullyscuisine.com.
- **Fri., July 12: Mequon Community Blood Drive, 7 a.m.** Christine Nuernberg Hall at Mequon City Hall, 11333 N. Cedarburg Rd.

- **Fri.-Sat., July 12-13: Gathering on the Green** Festival of the performing arts at Rotary Park in Mequon to benefit music, arts and education programs for children with Lee Brice on Friday night and Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo on Saturday night. See pg. 34 and visit gatheringonthegreen.org.
- **Thur., July 18: Traveling Food Truck Tour, 5-9 p.m.** A delicious mix of the area’s favorite food trucks, plus music, at Thiensville Village Park. See pg. 8 and visit thiensvillebusiness.com.
- **Thur., July 18: Screen on the Green** Outdoor movie night at Thiensville Village Park presented by the Thiensville Business Renaissance Committee.
- **Sat., July 20: Sheep Woolly Adventure, 12-3 p.m.** At Jonathan Clark House, 13615 N. Cedarburg Rd., Mequon, free. See pg. 32.
- **Mon., July 22: M-T Schools Budget Hearing/Annual Meeting, 7 p.m.** Range Line School Conference Room. Visit mtsд.k12.wi.us/annualmeeting.
- **Sat., July 27: “Cheel-abration” at the cheel** 5th annual celebration in the cheel’s parking lot/garden, 105 S. Main St. Visit thecheel.com.
- **Sat., July 27: Appliance and Electronics Recycling Collection Event, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.** Mequon Public Works Building, 10800 North Industrial Dr. See pg. 30.

AUGUST 2019

- **Thur., Aug. 1: Dedication of Concordia University Wisconsin’s Robert W. Plaster Free Enterprise Center-School of Business**
- **Thur., Aug. 8: River Sounds, 7-10 p.m.** Featuring the Eddie Butts Band at Shully’s, 146 Green Bay Rd. in Thiensville. Free admission, bring two nonperishable food items for Family Sharing of Ozaukee County. Food/beverages available for purchase. Rain or shine – visit shullyscuisine.com.
- **Thur., Aug. 15: Traveling Food Truck Tour, 5-9 p.m.** A delicious mix of the area’s favorite food trucks, plus music at Thiensville Village Park. See pg. 8 and visit thiensvillebusiness.com.
- **Sat., Aug. 17: Skippyfest** at Skippy’s Sports Pub & Grub, 113 N. Green Bay Rd., Thiensville.
- **Sat., Aug. 17: Early Settlers’ Chores, 12-3 p.m.** At Jonathan Clark House, 13615 N. Cedarburg Rd., Mequon, free. See pg. 32.
- **Mon., Aug. 26: First Day of Undergraduate Classes** Concordia University

SEPTEMBER 2019

- **Mon., Sept. 2: Labor Day City, Village and School District Offices Closed**
- **Tue., Sept. 3: First Day of School** for MTSD students K through grade 12.
- **Thur., Sept. 5: First Day of School** for MTSD students in 4K.
- **Fri., Sept. 6: Mequon Community Blood Drive, 7 a.m.** Christine Nuernberg Hall at Mequon City Hall, 11333 N. Cedarburg Rd.
- **Sat., Sept. 7: Annual Taste of Mequon, 12-9 p.m.** in front of Mequon City Hall. Family-friendly community event featuring live music, food from local restaurants, art and crafts fair, and more. Visit mequonfestivals.org.
- **Thur., Sept. 12: Traveling Food Truck Tour, 5-9 p.m.** A delicious mix of the area’s favorite food trucks, plus live music, at Thiensville Village Park. See pg. 8 and visit thiensvillebusiness.com.
- **Sat., Sept. 21: Public Safety Day, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**, Walgreens’ parking lot, 278 N. Main St., Thiensville.
- **Sun., Sept. 22: Pancake Breakfast, 8 a.m.-12 noon** Thiensville Fire Department, 250 Elm St., sponsored by the Thiensville Fire Department.

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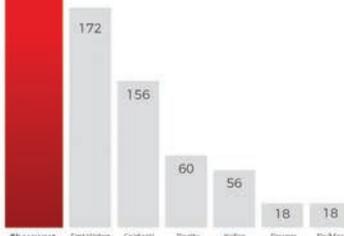
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