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## RIVER BARN PARK AND SOMMER PAVILION

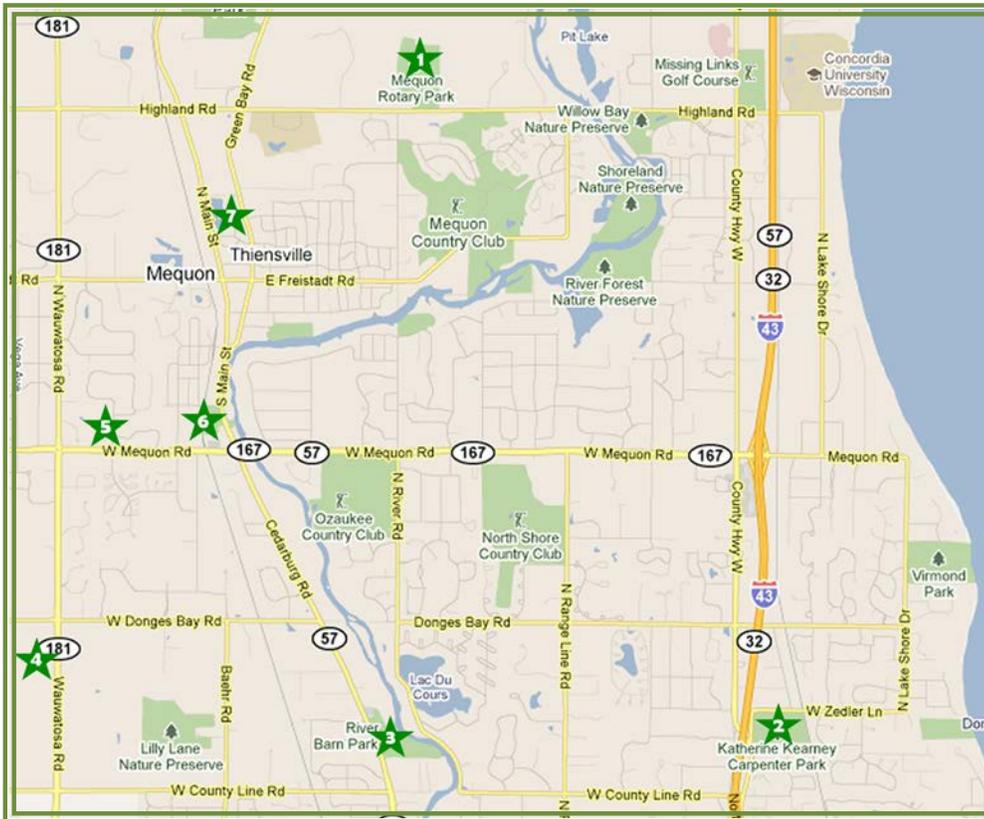
You may remember the old farm stand on the Green Bay Road just north of County Line Road and you may be familiar with the park and fields now actively used for sports and local organizations.

In 2003 Mequon Community Foundation raised the funds to build the Sommer Pavilion, which has become a valuable and well used asset. Did you know:

- \* Three different sport groups use the pavilion. Cardinal Football, Mequon-Thiensville Youth Baseball and two different soccer clubs use it for concessions, registration and meetings. (Exterior entrances make restrooms convenient and secure.)
- \* Central heat and air make it available for use 12 months a year.
- \* The Nicholas room inside is often the site for Park Board meetings.
- \* Community organizations such as Sunrise Rotary or Optimists hold meetings there.
- \* It is used for weddings, and private parties at Thanksgiving and other holidays.
- \* Rental fees generate revenue for the City.

MCF continues to be proud of the Sommer Pavilion at River Barn Park, and to appreciate the many donors who made the building possible. Acoustic tile has recently been added to the interior as provided by the Sommer family earlier this year.

**If you have not been there recently, please check it out!**



1. **Rotary Park** is one of the sites in Mequon where many community events are held. MCF was proud to be sponsors of such events as the City of Mequon Concerts on the Green, as well as many other projects held at the Park.

2. **Katherine Kearney Carpenter Park**. This site was donated to the City in 1967 subject only to the conditions that it be used for public park purposes and that children and pets be given unrestricted

access. MCF has donated over \$17,000 towards the upkeep of this park.

3. **River Barn Park** - Sommer Pavilion. MCF was instrumental in the construction of the Pavilion at River Barn Park. To date, this is the largest contribution we have made to our community, donating \$289,000 to the effort to build the Pavilion.

4. **Mequon Nature Preserve**. The Mequon Nature Preserve is an ongoing project to restore its lands to the deciduous forests and wetlands that existed prior to European settlement. MCF has donated over \$34,000 to the Nature Preserve.

5. **Logemann Community Center**. LCC is a gathering place for the recreational, social and educational activities of area residents, businesses, and organizations. MCF has donated to support its events and even acted as sponsors for fundraisers, socials, and other events at the center.

6. **Weyenberg Library** - Summer Reading Program. The Weyenberg Library has every year a summer reading program for kids. MCF donated over \$10,000 keeping these kinds of programs going at the Library.

7. **Rotary Riverwalk**. A joint project of the two sections of the Mequon Rotary Club, the Riverwalk is an endeavor meant to physically improve the area along the river, as well as draw in visitors. MCF has donated over \$10,000 to this project.



*Bill and Will Nimke are set to launch their canoe into the Milwaukee River at Garrison's Glen.*

Garrison's Glen is a 22 acre park site located in Mequon and named for Garrison Glen Adams, an 8-year-old Donges Bay School student who tragically passed away in January 2006. This beautiful land is located on Pioneer Road, just west of Port Washington Road. In addition to the canoe launch, the park features a walking trail and parking area.

**HIGHLIGHTING BOARD MEMBER - Mary Beustrin**

Mary was appointed to the Mequon Community Foundation upon its inception in 1999. Since then she has held the positions of Treasurer and Vice President. She continues as an active member today. Mary grew up in Wauwatosa, graduated from Valparaiso University with a degree in business administration and has resided in Mequon since she and her husband Tom were married. They have two adult children, Lisa and Tom. Her husband Tom's family moved from Wauwatosa to Mequon in 1958. His ancestors had migrated to Milwaukee from Prussia in 1839, and some had come north to Mequon in the late 1800's to farm near Freistadt and Mequon Roads.

"Mequon has been a lovely place to raise a family, and we both have loved it here because of the quality

of life, the peacefulness and having the ability to live in the country setting with an abundance of wildlife and Lake Michigan nearby."

Mary has always rolled up her sleeves to help out various organizations and has held leadership roles at local, national and international levels. She was a United States delegate to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in 2008. She has served on many National Committees including being a member of the Electoral College. Here in Wisconsin she is on the Wisconsin Historical Society's Board of Curators. In addition, she is currently Chairman of the Board of the Lutheran Home, Inc. and is always very active at Crossroads Church here in Mequon. MCF is very fortunate to have Mary on its Board.

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