

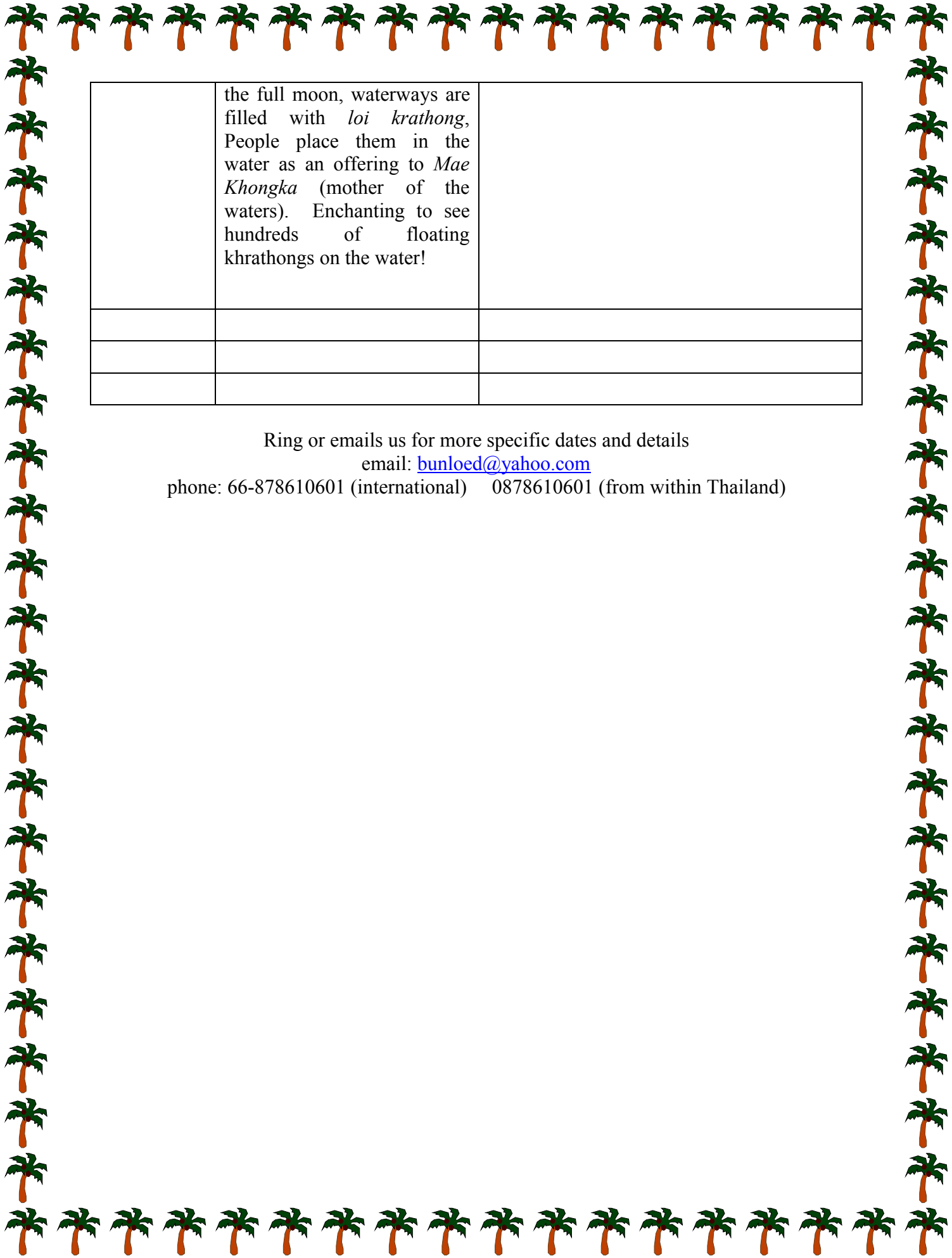
Approximate Dates of Annual Festivals and Events at
 “Village of the Little Tamarind”

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Thailand is known as a land of holidays. There are many special holidays throughout the year because Thailand has a long history and culture. Many of these days are celebrations and memorials related to Buddhism. Most dates below are approximate and are connected to the date of the full moon. Enquire for exact dates or check the full moon. Unscheduled events often happen in the village, just ask.

Date	Festival / Event	Picture
31 Dec – 1 Jan	Western New Year The Thai’s celebrate not only their own holidays, but other peoples as well. Good fun in the village!	
3 Mar	Annual Village Street Dance Lots of fun! The procession, led by an Isan band, starts in the afternoon and winds through the village streets at a slow pace, picking up people along the way, and ending at the temple. See our video. Street dances can also occur at any time of year.	
13 – 15 April	Thai New Year (Songkran) Water Festival Originating in cleansing ceremonies for Buddha images, nowadays people use bowls, water guns and hoses to soak each other and anyone who happens to pass by! Carry your belongings in plastic bags if you are traveling! Buddha’s are carried through the streets of	

	<p>some cities so that people can throw cleansing water on them. People drive around in pickup trucks throwing water on everyone and having water thrown on them.</p>	
<p>Sep 14-16</p>	<p>Annual Boat Races Races in wooden long boats on the Mekong River near the village. You can even participate in the races if you are here on the right day. People come over from Laos to join in.</p>	
<p>26 Oct</p>	<p>Naga Fireballs The phenomena take place in Nongkhai Province and other areas along the Mekong. It celebrates the unexplained phenomena of the Naga fireballs. Rising from the waters of the Mekong, the glowing Naga fireballs draw thousands to the river every year. With no smell, sound, or smoke, the egg-size fireballs rise sometimes several hundred meters in the air before disappearing! It must be seen to be believed!</p>	
<p>24 Nov (lunar)</p>	<p>Loi Krathong A krathong is a little cup shaped like a lotus flower made from banana leaves with a candle and incense stick inside. Many people spend days creating beautiful and elaborate krathongs. On</p>	



	the full moon, waterways are filled with <i>loi krathong</i> , People place them in the water as an offering to <i>Mae Khongka</i> (mother of the waters). Enchanting to see hundreds of floating khrathongs on the water!	

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