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**By: Jerry Voigt
 Town Chairman**

I'd like to share with you my great excitement. The town is about to have its first park to provide play areas for our children.

For many years we in the town have relied on the city, schools, and the private Cedarburg Soccer Club to provide areas for playing fields. Over the last few years it has become increasingly difficult to meet the demands, especially for baseball and soccer. In the town alone we have 1019 children between the ages of 5 and 14 (2000 census). Last year the town had 291 children in recreation baseball alone. There was a similar number in soccer and additional children in "select" baseball. The most severe shortages of play areas are for children from ages 4 to 6, and a baseball field for middle school age children. Today the town does not have a single baseball field.

This year we have received a terrific 20 acre piece of land (free) on the southeast corner of Granville and Western. This land is wonderfully suited for a play area but did not have soils suitable for residential septic systems.

After well over a year of study by our Park Commission, staff, and the Town Board, we have an approved concept plan for development (shown on the town web site and on page 9 of this newsletter). The 20 acres will include 10 acres for passive use and 10 acres with active play areas. There will be two T-ball fields (4-6 year olds), one baseball field for 12-14 year olds, and two U-10 soccer fields. Access to the parking lot will be from Granville Road.

But what about the cost?? The land was a gift. The town board has authorized \$5750 of impact fees to pay for a stormwater drainage plan and a survey. This information will allow us to detail the cost of grading and seeding. We know that the T-ball fields will cost approximately \$15,000 each, and the middle school age field



Jerry Voigt, Town Chairman

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The Town of Cedarburg is looking for pictures that reflect the town's heritage. The Town is collecting these pictures for an update to the Town web page. Please send applicable pictures to:
jsmith@town.cedarburg.wi.us

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING DATE

November 8, 2005
 7:00 P.M.

Budget Summary available on
 Town webpage:

www.town.cedarburg.wi.us

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\$25,000. We are currently looking for donors for each of the fields (with naming rights), and for the grading and seeding of the park. I am hoping that some of our older town families will be memorialized in the naming of the ballfields. We have some park impact fees but our hope is to spend little or no tax dollars. Please contact me for more information if you are a potential donor or for other information about the park (377-2861).

Maintenance will be a shared responsibility. The Cedarburg Soccer Club will take care of the two U-10 fields. The Cedarburg Recreation Department will maintain the baseball infields (dragging, marking, etc.), while the town will mow the grass. If funding is obtained, the current plan is to have the fields playable for the spring of 2007. At that time our town will have its own field of dreams for our children.

RALPH HUIRAS RETIRES AS TOWN ATTORNEY

Long-time Town Attorney Ralph Huiras retired from his position with the Town in August 2005. Prior to being Town Attorney, Mr. Huiras was elected Town Chairman in 1963 and served until 1973. He also served as Ozaukee Board of Supervisor Chairman for that same period. Mr. Huiras's generous donation in 2000 enabled the Town to build the current Town Hall without borrowing any money. Mr. Huiras will continue to keep regular hours at his law firm in Port Washington.

The Town Board will honor Mr. Huiras at the November 2, 2005 Town Board meeting by approving a resolution formally naming the Town Board room as the Ralph J. Huiras Town Board room.

RECODIFICATION OF TOWN ORDINANCES

The Town of Cedarburg Staff has been working on recodifying the Town's ordinances for the past six (6) months. Recodification is needed every few years to bring the Town's Code of Ordinances in compliance with amendments to the Wisconsin Statutes and to ensure the Town's other ordinances are up-to-date and correct. As part of the recodification effort, a Town Code database will be created and placed on the Town web page when this project is completed. The database should greatly simplify searching for various code sections by Town residents. Please email Town Administrator Joshua Smith at jsmith@town.cedarburg.wi.us or call Town Hall at 377-4509.

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USE OF TOWN RECYCLING CENTER

On May 4, 2005, the Town Board passed and adopted Ordinance No. 2005-3 regarding the use of the Town Recycling Center. The ordinance reads as follows:

The Town Recycling Center is located within the designated building south of the Town Hall and west of the Town Parking Lot adjacent to Washington Avenue. Persons may use the Town Recycling Center for the sole purpose of depositing permitted recyclable materials on Thursday afternoons (Noon to 6:00 p.m.) and Saturdays (9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.), and at such other times as designated by the Town. Recyclable items shall be placed and/or deposited only in the areas assigned to the respective recyclable materials. No other materials may be deposited, placed or left at the Town Recycling Center. To promote the safety and orderly use of the Town Recycling Center, no other activities, (business, personal, political or otherwise) shall take place at the Town Recycling Center and in the adjacent Town Parking Lot during the open hours of the Town Recycling Center. However, during the open hours of the Town Recycling Center, the Town Parking Lot shall also remain open for parking purposes only for persons who are attending to matters at the Town Hall.



PARK SHELTER AT THE PLEASANT VALLEY NATURE PARK

The Pleasant Valley Nature Park (PVNP) on Pleasant Valley Road will have a new addition by early next year – a park shelter with bathroom facilities. The PVNP shelter, estimated to cost approximately \$210,000, is being funded by a variety of sources, including an \$83,500 Wisconsin Department of Natural Resource grant, a \$20,000 donation from the Cedarburg Lions and impact fees collected by the Town from residents building new homes. The shelter will have handicapped accessible men and women’s bathrooms and six (6) picnic tables under the shelter’s roof. The bathrooms will have timer locks, and will be available at various times throughout the year. For further information on this project, please contact Town Administrator Joshua Smith at jsmith@town.cedarburg.wi.us or at 377-4509.

Please watch the Town web page for picture updates of this project!

APPLE BREAD

3 C. apples, peeled and diced
 1 C. butter, softened
 2 tsp. vanilla
 2 tsp. ground cinnamon
 1/2 tsp. salt

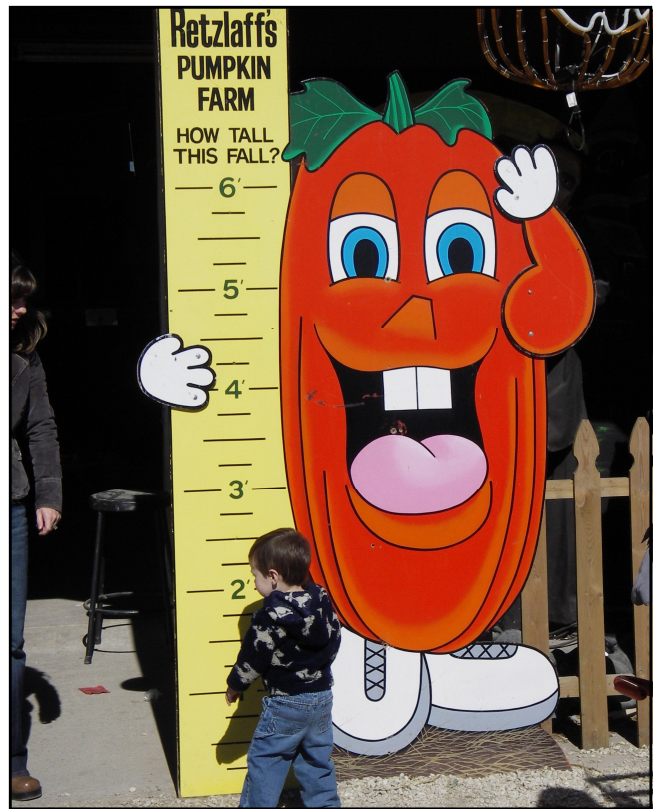
2 C. sugar
 3 large eggs, lightly beaten
 3 C. flour
 1 tsp. baking soda

Streusel: 1/3 C. softened butter, 1/2C. Brown sugar, 1 tsp. cinnamon (mix together and set aside)

Pre-heat oven to 350°. Beat together sugar, butter, eggs and vanilla. Add flour, cinnamon, baking soda and salt, stirring until just blended (batter will be stiff). Fold in apples. Can also put in 1 C. chopped pecans. Divide into 2 greased and floured 9" x 5" loaf pans. Sprinkle streusel on top and bake for 1 hour or until wooden pick comes out clean. Cool on wire racks.



Congratulations to the **Cedarburg Bulldogs** for their victory over the Port Washington Pirates on Wednesday, October 19th. That victory left Cedarburg with a regular season record of 5-4. By virtue of that victory, it propelled the Bulldogs into the playoffs again, after missing out last year for the 1st time in 10 years.



Braxton Prentice, (above) 2, of Plainfield, Illinois measures himself at the Retzlaff Pumpkin Farm on a sunny fall day. Retzlaff's, a long-time Cedarburg tradition, will close at their current location forever this fall. The City of Cedarburg recently annexed the property, which was sold to be developed into a residential subdivision.

Retzlaff's Farm drew people from surrounding states for their large "pick your own pumpkin" patch, live entertainment, animal exhibits and their eclectic fall/Halloween merchandise.

The 5 Corners Lions Club will be sponsoring the final Haunted Corn Maze from October 27th thru October 29th.

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“What If No One Answered the Call?”

Imagine . . . A storm breaks out unexpectedly in Cedarburg. Lightning causes a home to catch fire, power lines are down, and cars crash in the blinding rain. People of all ages call for help. What would happen if no one answered the call? Who would respond to protect the lives and property of the community? Who would be there to help?

Every day in Cedarburg, emergency responders answer the call of our families, friends, and neighbors who are in need of assistance. From car accidents to heart attacks, from house fires to technical rescues, CFD’s firefighters and emergency medical technicians are there to protect lives and property.

Emergency responders are a special type of people, with many different reasons for answering the call of duty. Some like the challenges and the adrenaline rush, while others like to sharpen their emergency skills and techniques. Every one of them answers the call so they can help someone in need.

Today’s emergency responders do far more than put out fires or bandage wounds. Firefighters and EMTs are the first line of defense in natural and man-made disasters. They respond to vehicle accidents, hazardous materials incidents, specialized rescue situations, and a vast array of emergency medical complaints.

In response to the growing need for new volunteer fire and emergency medical service providers, the Cedarburg Fire Department invites interested citizens to learn how to “answer the call” and serve their community.

To get more information and to pick up an application, please call the Department at 375-7630, stop in at Station 1 (W61 N631 Mequon Avenue), or visit us on the web at www.cedarburgfiredept.com.

Becoming a volunteer emergency responder can be the most rewarding experience of your life, and allows you to reach out to someone in need. Together with the Cedarburg Fire Department, you can ensure there is always someone to “answer the call.”



The Town of Cedarburg held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Cedarburg Fire Station No. 2 on June 1, 2005. Station No. 2 will provide quicker response times for emergency personnel for property north of downtown Cedarburg.

A special thanks to Cedarburg Fire Chief Richard Van Dinter and Town Director of Public Works Thomas Marquardt for their hard work on making this capital project a big success.

A very special thank-you to the Grob family for their generous donation of 3 acres of land for this project, which provided an excellent response location for the fire department and which also allowed the Town to minimize construction costs of Station No. 2.

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FY 2006 OPERATING BUDGET

The Town's FY 2006 Operating Budget process began in July of this year. To develop the expense side of the budget, the Town Administrator provides budget worksheets to the various departments to complete (e.g., Public Works, Town Administration, Public Safety, etc). On the revenue side, the Town Administrator, Town Treasurer, Town Building Inspector, Town Clerk and Town Director of Public Works form a Revenue Estimating Committee and develop revenue numbers for various line-items, including interest income, building permit fees, impact fees, etc. The total estimated revenues are then compared to the budgeted expenditures. Since budgeted expenditures are typically initially higher than estimated revenues, the Town Staff then must balance the budget by making the expenditures equal to or less than the estimated revenues. This balanced, draft budget is then presented to the Town Board for their review and amendments.

A major expense in the Town's FY 2006 Operating Budget is shared costs with the City of Cedarburg. Pursuant to an agreement with the City, the Town shares the costs of several City departments, including recreation/swimming pool, library and senior center. The estimated cost for sharing these services for FY 2006 is \$427,000.



A major challenge of the Town for next year's budget is the decision by the Wisconsin legislature to limit the ability of cities, villages and towns to levy additional mon-

ies for operations. During the 2005 state legislative session, the state legislature passed a bill that is known as Wisconsin Levy Limits legislation. The valuation factor in the 2005 Levy Limits for municipalities and counties is the percent arrived at by dividing the net new construction by the total 2004 Equalized Value of a municipality or county. The valuation factor for Levy Limits is this percent or two percent (2%), whichever is greater. For the Town of Cedarburg (utilizing the levy limit of 2%), this equates to an additional \$32,275 the Town may levy from FY 2005 to FY 2006 (e.g., FY 2005: \$1,613,784; FY 2006: \$1,646,059). Due to increasing costs for fuel, utilities and employee benefits, the Town will have to balance this year's budget by finding cuts in discretionary areas and by possibly using various fund surplus balances (e.g., general fund, special revenue funds, etc).

For further information regarding the Town's budget or budget process, please review information at <http://www.town.cedarburg.wi.us/BudgetFinancials/Index.htm>.

5 CORNERS MASTER PLAN UPDATE

In the summer of 2005, the Town of Cedarburg established an ad-hoc committee of twelve (12) Town residents to assist the Town Board & Plan Commission with creating a blueprint for the 5 Corners Business District. The blueprint will be in the form of a 5 Corners Master Plan, which is being drafted with the help of a professional planning firm from Milwaukee – Planning & Design Institute (PDI). The 5 Corners Master Plan will include several development components, including:

- architectural/design standards
- transportation elements (including non-vehicular)
- parks & recreation
- creating a new future land use map

Once completed, the 5 Corners Master Plan will be integrated into the Town's comprehensive plan and will assist in creating an aesthetically pleasing entrance to the Cedarburg community from the 5 Corners intersection. By addressing future transportation, land use and park & recreation needs now, it will minimize mistakes made when factoring future improvements to STH 60 and STH 181 and by new development. It will also assist in developing the area in a cohesive fashion. The Town will post periodic updates of the progress and agendas for future meetings on the Town's web site – www.town.cedarburg.wi.us. If you have any comments or suggestions for this process, please contact your Town Chair/Supervisor or the Town Administrator.

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING & TOWN MEETING

The Town will have a budget public hearing and town meeting on Tuesday, November 8, 2005 at 7:00 pm. The purposes of these meetings are to review any verbal and written comments on the proposed Fiscal Year 2006 budget and to have a meeting of the Town, so the Town may *raise money* (per Section 60.10 (2)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes). This act authorizes the Town Board to levy taxes to pay for Town expenses. For residents interested in further actions allowed at a Town meeting, Section 60.10 of the Wisconsin Statutes describes these actions in detail.

Brush Chipping Guidelines

The Town of Cedarburg provides brush chipping to its residents on a fee basis—\$70 per hour. Curbside brush chipping is performed year round. The Town has guidelines for the preparation of the brush to be chipped.

- Branches shall be neatly stacked on the backside of the gravel shoulder.
- The cut ends of the branches should be pointing towards the road.
- Leave the branches as long as possible.
- Maximum diameter of the branches is 6-inches.
- Stumps will not be chipped.
- Any brush or trees, which are cut or trimmed by private contractors, will not be chipped.
- No foreign matter (i.e. nails, wire or construction materials) should be placed in the brush. It can cause personal injury to workers and damage the brush chipper.
- The chipping crew is not authorized to dump chips at private residences.

Piles of brush along the roadway can be a distraction for drivers. Please keep piles of brush off of the roadside until you are ready to call for chipping. The public works employees will note brush piles along the roadways and notices will be sent to those residents whose piles have been at the roadside for more than a week or two without being called-in. Branches that have been sitting for a month or more will have grass and weeds growing within them. This makes it much more difficult to pick up and chip.

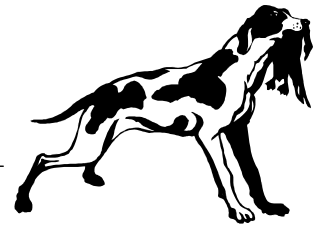
The fee for chipping is \$70 per hour with a minimum charge of \$35.



Looking for a place to cross country ski this winter?
Try the Pleasant Valley Nature Park, 0.5 miles east of CTH I on Pleasant Valley Road.

Hunting within the Town

As the Town continues to develop, the areas where it is permissible to hunt or discharge a firearm are becoming less numerous. Town ordinances (Section 9-2-1), state statutes and WDNR regulations provide the guidelines by which a person can hunt or discharge a firearm within the Town of Cedarburg. Several of the key Town Ordinance requirements are explained below. Please contact the Town Hall for a full copy of the Regulation of Firearms ordinance.



- No firearms shall be discharged within **150 yards** of any residence dwelling.
- No person shall hunt or discharge a firearm within the Town unless that person has in his/her possession a Firearm Discharge Permit signed by the person and the landowner of the property on which the firearm is being used.



The banks of Cedar Creek are private property. A person may walk and hunt from within the water of a navigable stream, following the WDNR's "Keep your feet wet" rule. Hunters must be aware that if

the game is shot while standing within the stream and lands on the bank of the stream, permission is required from the property owner to retrieve it.

According to s. 943.13, of the Wisconsin Statutes, it is illegal to:

- Enter land of another without the express or implied consent of the owner or occupant of the land. Enter or remain on land after having been notified by the owner or occupant not to enter or remain. A person has received notice from the owner or occupant if he or she has been notified personally, either orally or in writing, or if the land is posted.

Regulations will be enforced by Town Constables, the Ozaukee Sheriff's Department or WDNR wardens.

SNOW PLOWING—CHILDREN PLAYNG NEAR THE ROADSIDE

Removing snow from our roads and driveways is an essential function of our climate. One of the results of the snow removal operations are

large snow banks along our roadways and near the end of our driveways. These piles of snow are attractive for children to play on or build snow forts in. Occasionally, the



snow banks are pushed back into the ditches to provide more storage room. Please use caution when allowing children to play in the snow banks near the edges of the roadway. Severe injury could occur if a child hidden by a snow bank is struck by the snow plow.

SNOWMOBILES NOT ALLOWED ON BIKE PATHS

The paved trails in the Town of Cedarburg are designated for pedestrians and non-motorized vehicles only. Although the trails are not plowed in the winter, use of the trails by snowmobiles is prohibited.

PLANTING ON THE R/W

The maintenance of the road right-of-ways are ultimately the responsibility of the Town of Cedarburg. If adjacent property owners do not maintain the areas between the pavement edge and the property line in a fashion that promotes the free flow of storm water and adequate visibility for traveling public, the Town will mow or trim the trees and brush to achieve these results. When plantings are added to the right-of-way areas by private property owners, the maintenance to this area becomes unmanageable. The Town of Cedarburg is not responsible for damage to plantings that are located within the Town right-of-way. Mowing and trimming will be done throughout the year to ensure that there is satisfactory drainage and visibility.

2nd ANNUAL PRESERVATION AWARD

The Town awarded the Town of Cedarburg 2nd Annual Preservation Award to the Behrens Bed & Breakfast, located on CTH I. The Town Plan Commission and Town Board approved a conditional use permit for the Behrens Bed & Breakfast in the summer of 2004 to operate a bed & breakfast and small wedding chapel at the property. The owners of the bed & breakfast, Linda Steinke and Sandra Desjardin, restored an old summer kitchen into a small wedding chapel. With the help of The Behrens subdivision developer Kathy Pehowski, the bed & breakfast property was improved and has become a tremendous asset to the Cedarburg community.



Pictured above—The Town of Cedarburg Landmarks Commission (Chaired by F. Eric Utz) and Town Chairman Jerold Voigt present Linda Steinke and Sandra Desjardin the 2nd Annual Town of Cedarburg Preservation Award.

Entity	Web Address
Town	www.town.cedarburg.wi.us
City	www.ci.cedarburg.wi.us
Chamber	www.cedarburg.org
School	www.cedarburg.k12.wi.us

WEB PAGE INFORMATION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Ever need the web page for Cedarburg local government? Please find above the web addresses for the Town, City, Chamber and School district.



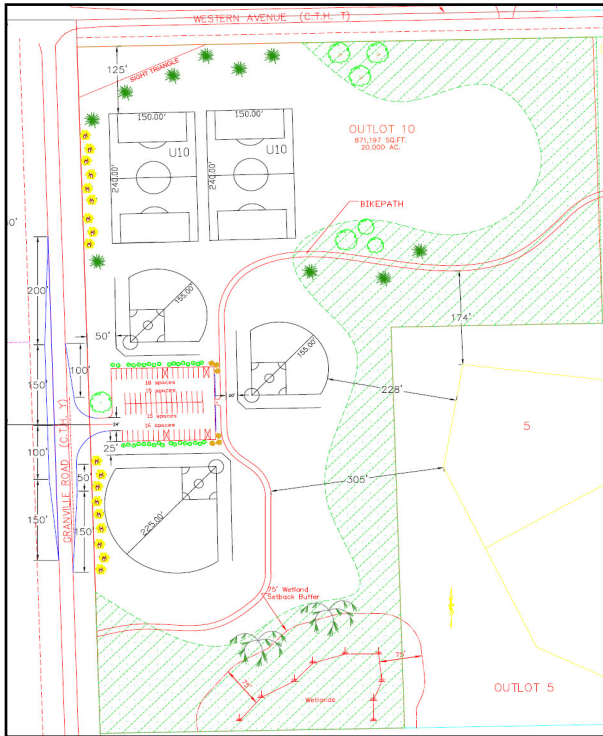
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SATURDAYS 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.



MLG PARK UPDATE

In coming years, residents will see activity commencing at the southeast corner of Granville Road and Western Avenue. This area has been designated as a town park by the Cedarburg Town Board, after a developer gave twenty acres to the Town for park purposes. The planned park will provide both active and passive park space. Three baseball/tee-ball fields, two soccer fields and an asphalt parking area will be located on approximately ten (10) acres in the active area. The passive area of the park will be planted with native vegetation and left natural, except for a winding, asphalt pedestrian/bike trail that will eventually connect to a future subdivision west of Granville Road. To view a larger copy of the preliminary site plan for the MLG Park, you may visit Town Hall or you may view the site plan at the Town's web page at:

<http://www.town.cedarburg.wi.us/PDF/MLGPark%20.pdf>



(Above-Cedar Creek) As fall comes, a reminder of the beautiful summer we enjoyed in Southeast Wisconsin.

NOTES & REMINDERS

The Town Hall will be closed on the following days:
Nov. 24 & 25, Friday, Dec. 23, Monday, Dec. 26, Friday, Dec. 30 and Monday, Jan. 2

Garbage collection will be delayed one day during the weeks of Christmas and New Years.

Hunting Permits are required in the Town of Cedarburg and are available at the Town Hall.

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Thomas Marquardt, PE - Director of Public Works



Concrete Driveways

Town Ordinance 4-4-1(c)(7) states that “Concrete pavements shall end a minimum of ten feet (10') from the Town road pavement.” The area between the concrete and the edge of the pavement shall be constructed of gravel or asphalt pavement. All new and reconstructed driveways shall be constructed in this manner.

The reasoning behind this ordinance stems from our snow plowing operations. When snow is plowed from the roadways, the shoulders are also cleared of ice and snow. As the plow blade or plow wing rides along the shoulder, it can easily slide over a gravel or asphalt driveway. If an asphalt driveway is projecting above the roadway or shoulder, the plow may catch its edge but the material is soft enough to be sheared off. This can give the plow driver quite a bump, but is not extremely damaging to the plow. If a concrete driveway projects above the roadway and is hit by the plow blade, it has no give and can cause extensive damage to the plow and possible injury to the driver. We have had instances where such an impact has broken the plow mount on the truck and require the vehicle to be taken out of service. The potential for damage or injury is reduced by keeping the concrete driveways 10 feet back from the edge of the pavement.

Weed Spraying

The Town of Cedarburg does several types of herbicide spraying within the town road right-of-ways. All of our sprays are “general use” herbicides that can be purchased from any lawn and garden store. The first spraying operation occurs in the spring, to control the weed growth around sign posts and markers where our mowers cannot reach. This is a non-selective Glyphosate product. It will control all weeds and grasses. We have a sprayer bar which attaches to the side of a truck. This setup is used to spray the roadway shoulders for control of weed growth along the roadway shoulders. This product is also used in a weaker solution during July and August to control the spread of Purple Loosestrife. The second type of spraying is for poison ivy in the roadside ditches. The herbicide used to control this plant is a 2,4-D, post emergent application from a wand sprayer. Records of sprayed areas are kept at the Town Hall and on-site markings are as shown in the photo.



Liquids, Oils and Paints in the Garbage

Refuse collection is not the cleanest operation by its nature. It is our desire to keep all of the waste materials (solid or liquid) within the refuse truck until it is emptied at the transfer station. Liquid waste, oil (cooking or motor) and paint are prohibited from collection by Town Ordinance 6-3-7(j). These materials will not pack like the solid refuse and collect in the bottom of the refuse truck causing leakage and spillage. Liquid waste, cooking oil and latex paints must be drained or soaked-up with a material such as cat litter. Motor oils can be brought to the Town Hall during open recycling hours. Oil-based paint must be taken to the hazardous waste disposal site in Port Washington. Please keep these materials out of our waste stream.

Clearing Driveways for Emergency Vehicles

It is the desire of many homeowners in the Town of Cedarburg to have a secluded residence connected to the roadway by a narrow tree-lined driveway. This scenario, while attractive, can create a life threatening situation when a fire truck or rescue squad must respond to the residence. A fire truck or rescue vehicle can be as much as 12 feet high and 8 feet-4 inches wide. Driveways should be cleared to accommodate a vehicle of this size. Tight turns in the driveway will require additional width to maneuver a 35 to 45 foot fire truck into a position where it can be used most effectively to fight a fire. The time to clear your driveways is before the need arises. If you have questions about the amount of clearance required, please contact the Town Hall or the Cedarburg Fire Department.

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WINTER HOURS

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Sunday 1 – 5 p.m. (Sept. – May)

Where can I see the design of the new Library?

Color renderings and a model of the new library are on display
at the Cedarburg Public Library

During the summer Joe Huberty and Tom Hofman of Engberg Anderson Design Architects, Inc. led 6 library design workshops.

The Joint Library Board decided to have a two-story building, which would be built on the Library’s current lot. They chose this option because:

1. it is the most cost effective to build.
2. it provides the most on-site parking of any of the options.
3. it allows for shared parking with the Ozaukee County Historical Society.
4. it has cost savings because the Emergency Government Center building remains.
5. it fits into the context of the neighborhood.
6. it provides the best and most cost effective means for expansion.
7. it allows the bike path to continue to the west of the buildings.

What is the next step in the library building project?

The Friends of the Library will have a fundraising drive. If interested in donating, please call the library at 375-7640.



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REFUSE (GARBAGE) CART ORDINANCE

The Town Board in August 2005 approved an ordinance mandating all residents by July 2006 would need to use an approved refuse cart, available in various sizes, when placing their refuse for collection. The cart system was originally proposed to the Town Board as a means to reduce worker compensation injuries being incurred by the Town's public works crew from repetitious motion, lifting heavy bags/cans and by lifting over 3 million tons of refuse annually.

Many town residents, however, have spoken out against the ordinance for a variety of reasons, including the difficulty of using refuse containers on long driveways that are common in the town, homeowners who have unpaved driveways and for elderly people who typically only have a single bag of garbage weekly. The Town Board, after hearing these concerns, instructed Town Staff to create an ad-hoc committee to examine these issues and to forward recommendations for possible amendments to the ordinance. At press time, the ad-hoc committee was still reviewing possible options. Please watch the Town web page and meeting agendas for further discussions on this issue. The Town Board will receive a report from the ad-hoc committee at the Wednesday, November 2, 2005 Town Board meeting.