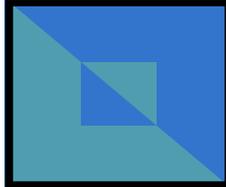


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A New Library for Cedarburg – Is this the Right Time?

By: David Salvaggio, Town Supervisor

A proposed new library for the Cedarburg community will be decided by the voters of the Town and City on Tuesday, April 4, 2006 when they vote on an advisory referendum on whether to approve the construction of an \$8.91 million facility. The advisory referendum will provide voters of both the Town and City an opportunity to directly tell their elected officials if this is the right time to undertake such a large and expensive capital project. There are definitely positives and negatives to this project and I feel obligated to articulate my thoughts to the Town voters prior to the referendum regarding this item.



David Salvaggio, Town Supervisor

Positives

The positives regarding this project are that interest rates are still near historic lows and that means less interest costs over the life of a proposed 15 year bond issue by the Town. Lower interest costs could mean interest savings of several hundreds of thousands of dollars over a fifteen year period. Also, even though construction material costs are currently high, they very well could be substantially higher in future years (assuming a new library will be constructed at some point in the future). This means a much smaller library could be constructed in future years at the same cost this library will cost us.

Negatives

The two (2) negatives I have heard regarding this project include – first, does the Cedarburg community need an almost \$9 million dollar library facility with the Internet providing resources ranging from online encyclopedias to search engines, etc., that allow you to research any topic imaginable?

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NOTES & REMINDERS

Town Hall will be closed on the following days in the spring/summer of 2006:

Friday, April 14, Monday, May 29, Tuesday, July 4 and Monday, September 4, 2006.

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

Town Ordinance prohibits the burning of yard waste and leaves. Only clean wood may be burned. Please compost or use the Town facility for the disposal of yard waste.

Open Book/May 5th from 9-11 a.m. at Town Hall

Board of Review/May 22nd from 6-8 p.m. at Town Hall

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Second, with the City of Cedarburg actively seeking to restrict the Town’s ability to develop the 5 Corners intersection and not allowing land divisions to create lots smaller than 35 acres, can the Town residents financially undertake a project of this size or nature?

Impact of Recent City Actions

If the City successfully grinds the Town’s development to a halt, this will mean the library project will cost Town residents more in taxes over the proposed fifteen year bond amortization than if the Town continued to grow at its historical pace. Without fully knowing the extent of the City’s actions, it is nearly impossible to quantify the tax impact, but there definitely will be a **significant** one for Town taxpayers.

Furthermore, the Town of Cedarburg is not obligated by any laws to provide funding to support the Cedarburg Library. In fact the Town, through a shared services agreement with the City, is providing over \$200,000 to the City of Cedarburg’s budget to assist with the operating costs of the library in 2006. The Town could save approximately \$30,000 annually if we paid the Ozaukee County library tax versus making our annual operating contribution to the Cedarburg library. In light of the City’s recent actions against the Town, this will be a policy discussion for the Town Board in the near future. The question I am currently struggling with is “Why should the Town continue to support and share costs with the City of Cedarburg when certain elected and appointed officials have been disingenuous when dealing with Town and City issues”?

To conclude, it is critical that every resident who has an opinion regarding this issue to vote on April 4, 2006. As one of your Town Supervisors, your vote will tell me how to vote on this very important issue.

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**Please Remove Trees in
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Canoeing on Cedar Creek is a popular pastime in the Town and it has been brought to our attention that there are some trees that have fallen into the creek. Wisconsin law provides that there shall be no obstructions in a navigable stream (Wis. Stats. 30.10[2]). Since Cedar Creek is a navigable stream, owners abutting the creek have the responsibility to maintain its navigability by removing obstructions since they normally own to the centerline of the creek.



Navigable waters are public, and while property owners cannot deny anyone access within the creek, they do not have the right to cross your property to enter the creek and must access it via public access points.

If you have property adjoining the creek, please check your property for trees that may have fallen into the creek and help us keep this waterway safe.

Planting on the Right-of-Way

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.



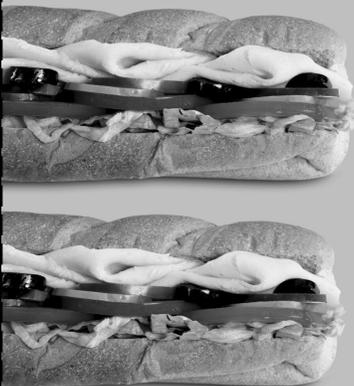
Bits & Pieces from Building Inspection

By: Roger Kison, Building Inspector



1. On interior stairways, balconies and on exterior decks, spacing between spindles (balusters) is now 4" (per State Code).
2. Smoke detectors are required in all bedrooms (per State Code) in addition to hallways and basement. If a new bedroom is created or existing bedrooms are remodeled a hard wired battery back-up smoke detector is required.
3. Please note that any work done without a proper permit will result in the charging of a double permit fee. This situation often arises upon sale of your home and includes building, electrical, plumbing & HVAC permits.
4. Residential roofing projects do not require a permit unless structural work is done such as the addition of skylights, rafter replacement, etc.
5. Permits are required for swimming pools, in ground and above ground. Check with the Building Inspector regarding fencing.

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Need a Building Permit?

By: Roger Kison, Building Inspector

If you need a building permit or are unsure if you need a building permit, please call Donna Huettl at Town Hall at 262/377-4509 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. to noon. Donna can help you determine permit requirements. Otherwise, you may call and leave a message for me on my business line - 262/375-1349.

If you need to fax a building permit or other permits to Town Hall, please fax it to 262/377-0308. Please be sure to include a cover sheet with any fax transmittals and include my name on the cover sheet to ensure the faxed documents are routed to me directly.

Some building permit information is located on the Town web page (www.town.cedarburg.wi.us). If you cannot find the applicable permit on the web page, please call Donna or myself at the telephone numbers noted above.



Upper Left - Cedarburg Fire Station No. 2 has a kitchen area for the volunteer firemen. The kitchen area is equipped with a stove, microwave, refrigerator and kitchen table.

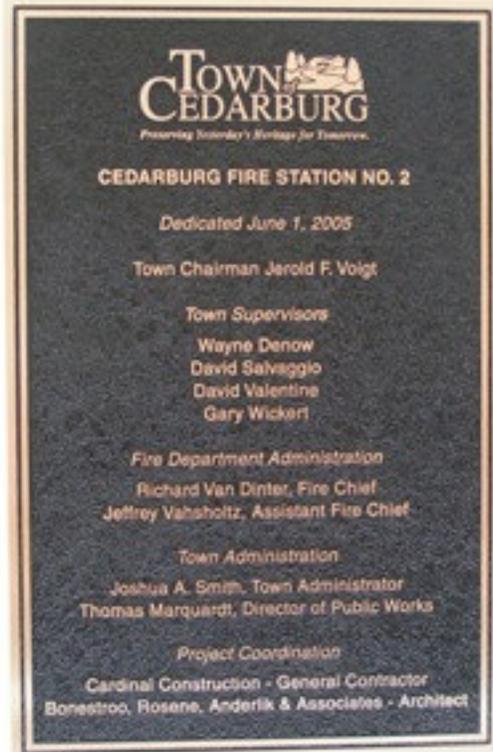
Below - The plaque below shows the Cedarburg Fire Station No. 2 was dedicated on June 1, 2005.



Left - Pictured is a fire truck housed at Cedarburg Fire Station No. 2. Other fire fighting apparatus is rotated between Stations No. 1 & No. 2



Lower Left - Cedarburg Fire Station No. 2 boasts a meeting room, which includes a 42" plasma television for PowerPoint and DVD presentations and other A/V equipment donated by town residents.



Town Development Update

By: Joshua A. Smith, Town Administrator

There have been several commercial businesses that have recently received building permits at The Commons at 5 Corners. Joining Subway and Grafton State Bank will be Manpower, Great China (Chinese restaurant), Aurora Pharmacy and Aurora Clinic. Phase II of The Commons at 5 Corners has been proposed as an 18,000+ square foot development, which may include a fitness center. The Plan Commission has reviewed the Phase II development and forwarded a positive recommendation to the Town Board to approve the site plan.

Other new residential developments recently final platted include Pleasant Valley Preserve (subdivision located at CTH I and Pleasant Valley Road) and Ridgeview Meadows (east of CTH I on Cedar Creek Road). The



Town will be considering a final plat for The Greystones, a 130 acre subdivision with 32 lots located at the corner of Western and Granville Roads, sometime during spring 2006. There is also a 20-acre active/passive park to be located adjacent to The Greystones Subdivision. The park plan is still being completed, but should include three ball diamonds and practice soccer fields. It should also include passive areas with an asphalt trail that would tie into the existing trail that was recently constructed to the east.

Watch the Town web page for updates!

Web Page Update

By: Joshua A. Smith, Town Administrator

The Town web page (www.town.cedarburg.wi.us or www.cedarburgtown.org) has been recently updated! New features include a “What’s Happening” scrolling box with up-to-date news, an interactive Town calendar, a site-map to help users navigate the site and a new, user-friendly look. Currently under construction is an agenda/minute database which will allow users to search by keyword for specific agenda and minute items.

If there are any features currently not on the web page that a Town resident may want, please email Town Ad-

ministrator Joshua Smith (jsmith@town.cedarburg.wi.us) with those suggestions/features so they can be considered for future web page updates.

Pleasant Valley Nature Park Shelter

By: Joshua A. Smith, Town Administrator

The Pleasant Valley Nature Park will see more improvements in 2006. The 5 Corners Lions Club and Cedarburg Lions Club have worked on the park for the past few years to make substantial improvements to the park’s in-



frastructure, including an observation platform, a boardwalk through wet areas and a shelter with bathroom facilities is currently under construction with a substantial completion date of May 1, 2006. The Pleasant Valley Nature Park is used in the winter for cross-country skiing and during the spring, summer and fall for nature observation, walking, picnicking and various other outdoor activities.



Brush Chipping Guidelines

The Town of Cedarburg provides brush chipping to its residents on a fee basis—\$70 per hour. 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.

New Brush Chipping Schedule

The Town of Cedarburg has modified its times for chipping brush. The Town will perform brush chipping from April 1st to October 15th. The volume of chipping requests received from October 15th to March 31st is so low that it is not cost effective to mobilize our brush chipping operation. The procedure for having your brush chipped will remain the same as in the past. Requests should be called in to the Town Hall. When there are a sufficient number of requests (usually 5 or 6), the crew is sent out with the chipper. The requests are processed according to date and location. Chips will be dumped at the Town

of Cedarburg recycling yard for public use.

Recycled Shoes?

The Town of Cedarburg was approached by the Cedarburg Junior Women’s Club with a unique idea to add to our community recycling program. The Nike Sports and Fitness Company has a program to recycle used athletic shoes into sports and play surfaces. Nike will provide the shoe collection containers that will be placed in the Town’s recycling building. The SE Wisconsin program is coordinated through the City of Milwaukee Department



of Public Works and will collect the containers when they are full. The Nikebiz web site describes the program as “Simply put, athletic shoes are gath-

ered, separated, and ground up into Nike Grind material for use in athletic surfaces and fields, called NikeGO Places, to help kids get moving. Some 16 million pairs have been recycled to date. NikeGO will increase physical activity in youth by offering thousands of children the motivation and means to help them discover the joy of movement and the fun of physical activity.” The Town feels this is a worthwhile program and hopes the residents of our community help it become a success.

Town E-mail Bulletin

Would you like to receive brief e-mails that inform of general interest topics to be addressed at upcoming meetings? The Town has such a bulletin now with over 300 e-mail addresses. The bulletins also provide rapid news on matters such as budget information and tax rates. The bulletins are sent out by Chairman, Jerry Voigt. Your address can be added by e-mailing your request to jvoigt@town.cedarburg.wi.us



Left - The Hamilton Historic district, located in the Town of Cedarburg, includes many historical buildings. You may view many of these building pictures on the Town web page.

How are we doing??

By: Town Chairman, Jerry Voigt

I would like to bring you up to date on a number of matters. If you have questions or comments, please email or call me.

Our town property tax for municipal services continues to drop (based on equalized valuation). It is currently \$2.27 per \$1000 of value. This is 1/3 as much as the City of Cedarburg and is likely the lowest tax rate in the state for the package of services we offer.

Debt service is 2.7% of the Town's budget. Our only debt is for the new fire station (\$950,000 investment). We still owe \$460,000.00. The debt will be retired in nine years—or less.

The town commissioned a study of our new residence impact fee in 2005. As a result of the study, we have raised the impact fee from \$2,074.00 to \$3,592.00. These fees are segregated into three funds—highways, parks, and municipal buildings.

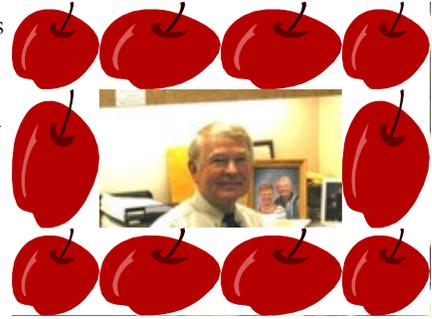
We have a six year plan in place for capital expenditures (generally highway equipment). In 2006 we will be purchasing a replacement dump truck/plow and a replacement concrete/asphalt saw. Through the good planning and oversight of our former engineer, Ken Roell, and our current head of public works, Tom Marquardt, we have an excellent fleet of trucks and minimal repair costs.

There are no new residential developments on the planning horizon. Greystones (MLG) will receive final approval to begin selling lots in spring or early summer. The roads, ditches, etc. were substantially completed last fall.

We thought we had a solution for the night-time visibility problem at the intersections of Highway 60 and Horns Corners Road, and Highway 60 and Granville Road. However, the State of Wisconsin DOT does not permit internally lit signs like the ones we selected. We feel the safety of these intersections would be markedly improved with the new lit signs, and thus we are appealing for an exception.

We continue to refine the plan for MLG park. We have just received a commitment for \$50,000 which includes park naming rights. Two donors have come forward with \$25,000 each for baseball fields. We are still looking for a T-ball field donor (\$15,000). Each field will be named for a person of the donor's choice, and that name will be prominently displayed on the backstop. We are planning to break ground this summer with a grand opening in 2007. It will be a wonderful facility for our children. I am proud to report that we are nearing completion of a visionary plan for development in the Five Corners area.

The plan
The plan was drafted by the Planning Design Institute (PDI) based on the guidance offered by a twelve person citizen



group, town professional staff, and several members of the Plan Commission and Town Board. The plan, along with building design standards, is exciting and I would be very happy to share the vision with each of you. A whole hearted thank you to the Five Corners Plan Focus Group, consisting of Anthony Coffey, Kevin Canney, Mike Groth, Maria Neufeld, Ed Trygstad, Mark McGaver, Ralph Luedtke, Patty Hansen, Jim Lee, Sharon Nieman-Koebert, Peter Hitler, and Jim Meinert.

You may have read comments in the media from people who are not knowledgeable about the plan or fully cognizant of the assets of the planning area. There isn't space here to refute all of the misinformation. I will say though that I have been drinking water from the well at the Town Hall for 30 years, and I intend to continue to enjoy the water here!

A Few Town of Cedarburg Facts from the 2000 Census

- ▶ 70.4% of adult residents have gone to college.
- ▶ The average number of residents per household is 2.93.
- ▶ The median household income is \$75,909.

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

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.



Refuse Cart Program

By: Thomas Marquardt

The Town of Cedarburg has implemented a new refuse cart program. The program was prompted by a series of injuries related to our public works employees over the past several years. Use of the semi-automated cart system is mandatory for all new homes receiving occupancy after January 1, 2006. All other residences have the option



whether or not to use the carts. The carts are available in three sizes – 95, 65 & 35 gallons. The carts are easy to move and have a higher weight capacity than is allowed with a standard 32 gallon garbage can. The warranty on the carts is ten years and any repairs will be done by the Town. Sales of the carts to non-mandatory residences have been increasing weekly. Order forms are available at the Town Hall or on the Town’s web site—www.town.cedarburg.wi.us.



Ozaukee County Household Hazardous Waste Collection

By: Joshua A. Smith, Town Administrator

The following materials are considered hazardous waste and are not collected with the Town’s refuse collection:

Kitchen & Bathroom

Acetone
 Antifreeze
 Artist paints/media
 Battery acid
 Brake fluid
 Car wax (solvent-based)
 Contact cement
 Fiberglass epoxy
 Gasoline & other fuels

Garage & Workshop

Drain cleaners—acid/alkaline
 Floor-care products
 Hair remover
 Nail polish remover
 Oven cleaner
 Solvent-based cleaners
 Lighter fluid
 Paint (except latex)
 Paint thinner/stripper
 Transmission fluid

Home & Garden

Aersol cans
 Dry cleaning solvent
 Fluorescent lamps
 Fungicide
 Furniture polish
 Insect spray
 Light ballasts
 Metal polish
 Pesticides
 Rat poison

Ozaukee County household hazardous waste collection is run by Onyx Special Services at 1275 Mineral Springs Drive, Port Washington, Wisconsin 53074. They may be reached by telephone at **800/482-9919**.

For a complete list of hazardous materials, please call Town Hall at **262/377-4509** and a list may be faxed to you or you may collect a list at Town Hall, 1293 Washington Avenue, Cedarburg.

Cedarburg Public Library Building Project

To accommodate Cedarburg's growing need for library services, the Joint Library Board has proposed a new 30,300 square foot library facility with 28,800 square feet of usable space. The building project will be on the April 4, 2006 ballot in both the City and Town.

What improvements will the new library offer?

The new building will more than double the size of the present library and will provide more space for adult and children's books, audio/visual material, reference and library programs. New spaces and amenities include:

- A program room that can seat 120
- A greatly enhanced Children's Library with a separate room for the youngest readers, expanded collections for older children, and its own reference desk
- A children's story and craft room
- A family restroom in the Children's Library
- A young adult area
- Three small-group study rooms
- A quiet reading area with comfortable chairs
- A Local History area
- 30 public access computers
- Comfortable reader seating and study tables throughout the library
- A drive-up book return
- Additional staff workspace
- 54 on-site parking spaces

Cedarburg's citizens clearly find the library to be a valuable resource.

The library is likely the most frequently used city building in Cedarburg: last year, 148,044 people walked through its doors, an average of about 430 per day. Circulation has increased 35% since 2000, and this number does not include use of library materials that aren't checked out. Reference questions and Internet registrations have both increased over 30% since 2000.

The current library is 10,812 square feet in size.

1971	2005
5 full-time staff	7 full-time & 9 part-time staff
0 computer workstations	18 public access computers
Open 42.5 hours/week	Open 62 - 66 hours/week

	20	40	60	80	100	120	140	160	180	200	
POPULATION SERVED	9,700										
	17,116										
ITEMS IN COLLECTION	35,000										
	95,397										
RESIDENT CARDHOLDERS	4,000										
	15,274										
REFERENCE QUESTIONS ANSWERED	6,000										
	35,932										
ITEMS CIRCULATED	50,000										
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