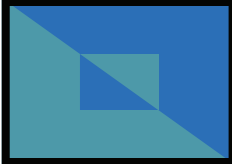


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**2008**

## Local Community Activism Decides Recycling Debate

By Gary Wickert, Town Supervisor

At the October 1<sup>st</sup> Town Board meeting, local residents turned out in droves in favor of keeping the recycling center open. Town Administrator Jim Culotta had recommended closing the center and engaging current Town employees to pick up recycling along with refuse. The recommendation came on the heels of a study which showed that Town pickup of recycling would save taxpayers \$42,987 annually over the status quo. Although supervisors reported receiving calls and emails from residents both for and against eliminating the recycling center, 100% of the residents who showed up at the meeting were in favor of keeping it. The Board voted unanimously to keep the center. The issue illustrates that representative democracy works and residents who become active in local politics can make a difference.



This means that the Town will operate curbside refuse collection only on a weekly basis, and residents can drop off items for recycling on Thursdays from Noon to 6:00pm and Saturdays from 9:00am - 2:00pm. The Town recycling center has been in operation for 26 years. The interest taken in what might otherwise have been considered a rather benign issue serves as a very subtle tribute to the special people which make up the special community of Cedarburg. A few residents who spoke out in favor of the keeping the center had questions about the study underlying the assumption that its elimination would save the Town money. But most residents who favored the status quo recognized that the recycling center constitutes one of the "little" things endemic to small communities which seem to be disappearing one by one from communities across the country.

It is undisputed that the recycling center loses money. Not a lot – about \$3,000 per year– but these days, it is rare that government actually looks for ways to save money, rather than spend it. Nonetheless, the Town Board listened to the residents and noted the conspicuous absence of any residents in favor of curbside single-stream recycling pickup by Town employees. Things worked out just the way they are supposed to. Town residents were put on notice, however, that the current recycling center sits on a prime piece of real estate which figures prominently into the Town's Five Corners Master Plan – a vision for the future which creates a much-needed business and commercial tax base and which will define the Town of Cedarburg for generations to come. Its highest and best use for taxpayers can hardly be opening it for a mere eleven hours

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### Winter Refuse Collection

The Public Works crew makes every effort to collect refuse on the scheduled collection day during the winter months. Unfortunately, winter storms don't cooperate with day to day operations. Residents should put their refuse at the roadside on the scheduled pick-up day. If the refuse is not picked up on the scheduled day, it will be collected as soon as weather conditions permit.

### New Polling Location!!!

Effective immediately, Town residents in **Wards 5 thru 9** will now vote at the Town of Cedarburg **Fire Station** on Covered Bridge Road, adjacent to Kohls Floor Covering and Wayne's Drive-In. Wards 5 thru 9 will no longer vote at the Country Keg. The address for the Fire Station is 1350 Covered Bridge Rd Cedarburg, WI 53012. Wards 1 thru 4 and 10 will continue to vote at Town Hall. Elections in 2009 include the Spring Primary on February 17<sup>th</sup> and the Spring Election on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

# Town Administrator's Desk

## Jim Culotta



The Town's Mission Statement is, **"The Town of Cedarburg will provide its residents and businesses with quality, essential services, performed in a modern, cost-effective and efficient manner."** In 2008, residents gave Town services high marks, according to our 2008 Performance Survey (see below). This survey helps Town staff monitor the quality of services provided to residents. The 2009 Performance Survey will be sent in the spring/summer newsletter.

Town Provided Services	% Rated as Either Excellent or Good	% Rated as Either Fair or Poor	No Opinion
Trash Collection	97%	3%	0%
Recycling	86%	8%	6%
Road Maintenance	78%	21%	1%
Snow/Ice Removal	88%	11%	1%
Brush Chipping	40%	9%	51%
Building Inspections	37%	5%	59%
Constable	28%	2%	70%
Elections	82%	5%	13%
Other Town Hall Services	59%	6%	36%

## FY 2009 Budget Approved – No Tax Rate Increase

On December 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Town Board unanimously approved the Fiscal Year 2009 budget as proposed. Next year's budget calls for the same property tax rate as 2008, which is \$2.65 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The 2009 budget includes expenditures of \$2,296,412, down 3% from 2008. Total revenues are estimated at \$2,296,639, down 3% from 2008.

A homeowner whose home is assessed at \$300,000 will pay approximately \$795 to the Town in 2009, which is same as in 2008 and \$9 less than in 2007. It's important to note that a property tax bill also includes taxes levied by several taxing jurisdictions other than the Town of Cedarburg, including the state, county, school district, and the Milwaukee Area Technical College.

The economy has impacted the Town as it has in most other communities. The most difficult budgetary decision was to reduce road improvement funding by approximately 66%, which was necessary to maintain a flat property tax rate next year. The generally good condition of our roads provides the Town an opportunity to decrease the number of road projects in 2009. The Town hopes to return to traditional road maintenance funding levels in 2010.

## Property Tax Payment Locations

Property taxes were mailed out the second week of December. The first half of the tax bill is due by January 31<sup>st</sup> and can be paid at Town Hall or mailed to the Ozaukee County Treasurer; full payment is also accepted by January 31<sup>st</sup> at Town Hall or mailed to the Ozaukee County Treasurer (see your tax bill for this address). Town Hall is open Monday through Friday 8:00am-4:30pm. The second half is due by July 31<sup>st</sup> and is payable to Ozaukee County; Town Hall does not accept the second payment.



Taxes can also be paid at several area banks, including: Harris Bank (City of Cedarburg and Five Corners location), Cornerstone Community Bank (Grafton lobby only), M&I Bank (Cedarburg lobby only), Tri-City Bank (Cedarburg lobby only and Grafton Pick 'n Save), and Bank Mutual (Thiensville & Grafton locations). If you have an escrow check larger than the total tax bill, the banks are able to issue a refund check on the spot!

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a week for recycling. Interest in the property by outside retail and commercial concerns has been high as excitement mounts over the entire Five Corners development. When this interest comes to fruition, the Town will probably look to sell or lease the current recycling property and relocate the recycling center to a more suitable location nearby.

The Five Corners Master Plan is a vibrant and pedestrian-friendly “Town Center” featuring mixed-use development and providing a focal point and gathering place for residents of Cedarburg. You can go to [www.town.cedarburg.wi.us](http://www.town.cedarburg.wi.us) and select “Planning” under the E-Government option at the top of the Homepage to see the plan. Part of the plan is to create a spectacular sports complex located behind Harris Bank on Highway 60 at Five Corners. This new Town park will be one of the largest of its kind in all of Southeastern Wisconsin. The park will offer a wide-array of active and passive recreational amenities for the entire family that include fields for soccer, baseball, softball, football, and other sports such as archery. A park facility of this magnitude will be able to host tournaments for Cedarburg area youth sport leagues. Future generations of Cedarburg residents – Town and City - will enjoy a spectacular commercial and retail center at Five Corners, reaping rewards from the planned Cedarburg Sports Complex. Weekly sports events and practices as well as weekend tournaments will bring in crowds of people from around the Midwest who will line up at businesses in the Five Corners area and in downtown Cedarburg. Many of them may even make Cedarburg their future home. The metal building which houses the recycling center may not fit into the future plans of Five Corners, but it certainly does fit into the definition of what’s special about the community of Cedarburg.

### Christmas Tree Recycling and Disposal of Artificial Trees

The Town’s Public Works crew will pick-up real and artificial Christmas trees between January 5th and January 16th, 2009. Real trees will be chipped for reuse in Town parks and will be available for residents to pick up at the Town Recycling Center. In order to recycle your Christmas tree, all ornaments, tinsel, and wire must be removed. The Town will pick-up trees that are placed at the end of the driveway on the house side of the ditch on your regular pick-up day. Please do not place trees where they may impede snow removal operations. Trees that are flocked (artificially frosted) cannot be recycled and will be picked up with the garbage between January 5th and 16th. Beginning January 3rd, residents may bring their tree to the compost area behind the Town Recycling Center during normal Recycling Center or Town Hall business hours.



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## Town Legislative Update

Over the past two years, the Town Board has adopted several ordinances relating to land use and accessory buildings. A few of these ordinances that you may not be aware of are summarized below.

Ordinance 2007-16 calls for “tent sheds,” or storage tents lacking a permanent foundation, to be regulated in the same manner as other traditional accessory buildings, including size and setback requirements. A building permit is needed for all accessory buildings.

Ordinance 2007-3 allows second single-family dwellings (“Grandmother Cottages”) in several residential districts as well as agricultural districts. These cottages are allowed by conditional use and may increase in popularity as the baby-boomer generation ages. Although they cannot be sold, rented, or leased, the cottages can be inhabited by up to four direct family members. The structures may be between 300 and 900 square feet depending on the size of the principal home, however, finished basement space is not counted into the total square footage.

Ordinances 2007-10 and 2008-12 allow and regulate the use of shared driveways in land divisions of seven or fewer parcels in all residential districts as well as planned unit developments. By permitting the creation of lots without street frontage served by a shared driveway, this non-traditional land development technique allows for greater flexibility in land use, lot configurations, and home placement in order to take advantage of the natural landscape and preserve the maximum amount of natural and historical features present.

Town staff is available to answer any questions on these and other ordinances. Copies of all ordinances are available online at [www.town.cedarburg.wi.us](http://www.town.cedarburg.wi.us) or at Town Hall.

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## Tips from the Building Inspector

*Roger Kison*

- ◆ When adding on to an existing building or building an accessory building, an Ozaukee County Shoreland Permit may be needed. Contact the Ozaukee County Department of Planning, Resources, & Land Management in Port Washington, for additional information at 262-238-8313.
- ◆ A heating/air conditioning permit (HVAC) is needed for the replacement of a furnace or an air conditioner or adding a first time unit. An electrical permit will also be needed.
- ◆ Permits for electrical, plumbing and HVAC are available online at [www.town.cedarburg.wi.us](http://www.town.cedarburg.wi.us).
- ◆ It is recommended that smoke detectors be installed in bedrooms, bedroom hallways, basements and on first as well as second floors, if applicable. Don't forget to clean chimneys and gutters. Outside water faucets should be drained for the winter too.
- ◆ Any questions about present and future building projects, please call the Building Inspector's office at 262-375-1349.

## Cedarburg School District - Adult Continuing Education Winter/Spring 2009

Our **Winter/Spring 2009 Adult Continuing Education Program Schedule** will be available on the Cedarburg School District website located at [www.cedarburg.k12.wi.us](http://www.cedarburg.k12.wi.us) as of November 17. Schedules may also be picked up at any public school or at the library, or mailed to your home if you give us a call at 262-376-6219. Registration will take place between November 17, 2008 and January 5, 2009. (If you miss the registration deadline or would like to check course status prior to registering, feel free to call the number listed above.)

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## Cedarburg Public Library Update

EasiCat has changed! Check out our new EasiCat catalog at [www.easicat.net](http://www.easicat.net) The new Polaris operating system provides a different look and new search capabilities. Some new features include: email notification when a new title by your favorite author or subject is added to EasiCat, lists of popular titles sent to you via RSS feeds, the ability to create reading lists, and access to reviews and summaries. If you haven't searched EasiCat lately, now is the time to explore!

### Special December Hours

Sunday, December 21	CLOSED	Monday & Tuesday, December 22 & 23	9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday & Thursday, December 24 & 25	CLOSED	Friday & Saturday December 26 & 27	10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 28	CLOSED	Monday & Tuesday, Dec 29 & 30	9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, & Thursday, December 31 & January 1	CLOSED		

### The Most Important Card – Your Library Card

Which library card is the most convenient for you? A wallet card, a key card or both? The Cedarburg Public Library is offering residents the opportunity to exchange their current card or replace a lost card free of charge in December. Customers may choose a wallet card, a key card, or a combo (card/keytag combination). This is a great way to thank the community for being so patient and cooperative during the recent installation of the upgrade on EasiCat. Once the New Year begins, the cost to replace a library card will be \$3.00.

### New Library Update

The Environmental Protection Agency has received the “Remedial Design Work Plan” for cleaning up the site for the future Cedarburg Public Library on Madison Avenue. Once the plan is approved, the bids will be let and the clean-up, which takes approximately four months, will begin. The EPA will also complete the Administrative Order on Consent so the ownership of the property can be transferred. Construction is to begin the spring of 2009!

## Cedarburg Fire Department News



Have you ever had the thought of becoming a firefighter or EMT (emergency medical technician)? Do you get personal satisfaction when you help people in need? Do you have extra time to help your community? If so, we have a position for you! Join the Cedarburg Volunteer Fire Department (ages 18 & up). We provide everything, all you need is dedication, courage, enthusiasm and a willingness to learn new skills and face challenges.

Are you ready to take your interest in the fire service to the next level? The Cedarburg Fire Department Explorer Post is looking for young men and women ages 14-18. Gear and uniform are provided; all you need is your willingness to learn. The explorers have a business meeting one Tuesday a month at 7pm and training one to two Saturdays a month starting at 8:30am. You will receive both hands on and classroom training. This is a great program to get you ready for joining the Cedarburg Fire Department. Please call (262) 375-7630 for more information.



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## The Constable's Corner



During the past six months, I have had a variety of different Service Requests. Most of the requests, however, had to do with reports of abandoned vehicles and other miscellaneous items on people's properties that, for lack of a better description, detract from the aesthetics of the area.

An abbreviated definition of an abandoned vehicle is any vehicle on private or public property that is not operable or has not moved from its location without sign of continuous use. This can be a car, truck, motorcycle, trailer, semi-trailer or motor home. If the vehicle is parked in an enclosed structure, it does not fall under this definition. Abandoned vehicles are considered a public nuisance. If an abandoned vehicle comes to the attention of the Town, I contact the owner and have them make arrangements for the vehicle to be towed away or to come into compliance with the code.

The Town of Cedarburg is well known for its natural beauty and well maintained properties. If you have a vehicle that fits the above definition, please bring it into compliance with the Town Code or get rid of it as soon as possible. If you have items on your property that may detract from the neighborhood, especially old tires, piles of concrete or other building materials, or other rusty, abandoned items you have been meaning to dispose of, please remove them as well.

## Leaf Burning Guidelines



Not only is leaf burning prohibited in the Town of Cedarburg, but it can have a negative effect on your health and others. It is most harmful to small children, the elderly, and people with respiratory or heart ailments. Leaf burning increases air pollution and creates a safety hazard by reducing visibility, soiling buildings and other property, and creates additional demands on local police and fire protection.

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## Message From the Town Chairman,

*By David Valentine, Town Chairman*

**TAXES.** This is a very important topic this time of year, especially since the news about Federal "Bail Outs" and dire state of the Wisconsin State budget deficit. A very small bright spot in this economy is your Town of Cedarburg Property Taxes for 2009. Our budget and taxing levy actually results in a decrease, small as it may be. With the cost of health care for Town employees, up and down energy costs and the cost of virtually everything going up, we managed to hold the line on taxes through planning, ingenuity and fiscal oversight. When you look at your tax bill, the Town will be the only constant.

There are looming Property Tax concerns for the next few years. The State of Wisconsin is in truly "Big Trouble." This could impact you and certainly the Town in the future. The State has been borrowing from the future, raiding every fund imaginable and operating on a "smoke and mirrors" budget for several years. This was inevitable, but the slowed economy that has reduced sales tax revenues, reduced income tax revenues to the State has hastened the current collapse. The result is potential reduced "shared revenues" with other governmental bodies and a very likely elimination of current "caps" on taxation by taxing authorities. I have no idea what the State is going to do, but it will have to be dramatic.

One last "taxing" note, MATC is still a torn in our side when it comes to taxes. They continue to raise taxes, with absolutely no way for the Town to have input or even representation. Germantown is trying to change from MATC to the Moraine Technical College, which has a lower tax rate and has shown much better fiscal responsibility. We are monitoring that situation closely and will act accordingly when the final result has been decided.

**Recycling.** Over the past 6 months this has been another topic of discussion and resulted in tremendous resident involvement and input. The involvement and input is ALWAYS welcome. In fact, I hope the involvement regarding the recycling issue has increased awareness of Town issues will carry over to other issues. The result of the published recycling study, numerous Public Hearings and hours of Town Board review is that currently there is no change in our recycling program. There never was even consideration of eliminating the recycling program. The issue was "how" we were going to recycle and/or "where" we were going to be recycling – never "if" we were going to continue recycling. There may be changes in the future for a lot of reasons, but before any decisions are made we will again seek resident input.

**Park.** The Park Subcommittee working on developing a plan for the multi-use park located at the old Prochnow Landfill site has been very active. The plan is starting to take shape. There

are still some major hurdles to clear, like getting clear ownership of the land. The Town Board and Town Staff is working on this front to expedite this process. After this issue is resolved, then we will be putting together both a short range and long range comprehensive financial plan. Unfortunately, all of these things take time. However, we are committed to accomplish the goal of a Town owned and operated multi-use park that we all will be proud of and it will become a focal point of the 5 Corners area development.

**Web Site.** Visit our Town of Cedarburg web site – [www.town.cedarburg.wi.us](http://www.town.cedarburg.wi.us). It is excellent and provides detailed information on all Town activities.

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# Public Works Notes

Bob Eichner, PE - Director of Public Works



## WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE

The season for slippery roads and cold temperatures are upon us again. The Town will strive to keep the roads in good winter driving condition. Here are a few things to keep in mind:

- ✓ **Park vehicle off of the road**, as soon as possible, if a storm is predicted. This includes during our clean up operations in the days following a storm.
- ✓ **Don't tailgate** the snowplows. Plow trucks stop and back up frequently, especially in intersections. State Statutes require staying back 200 feet.
- ✓ **Check your mailbox post** that it can withstand the force of plowed snow. If your mailbox is damaged by an orange Town plow truck, please call Town Hall at 262-377-4509.
- ✓ **Do not "push, blow, shove or in any way deposit any snow or ice onto any public street, alley, sidewalk, or public lands dedicated to public use."** §237-14 B(3) Town Code.

All of the Town's plow trucks are **orange**. If a red truck is plowing your road, it is an Ozaukee County plow. Each municipality has responsibility for its own roads and any damage that occurs as a result of plowing operations. When a storm occurs over night, our trucks are usually called out about 3:00 a.m. We have four plow routes and are generally completed with our first round before 7:30 a.m. The first round of plowing is not a full shoulder-to-shoulder clearing of the roadway. We make a single pass down each lane and a circle in the cul-de-sacs. Subsequent rounds will widen the roadways and clear the centers of the cul-de-sacs and intersections. Salting will be done in conjunction with the first round of plowing unless extremely cold temperatures or high winds would render the salt ineffective.

There are new winter parking regulations in effect this year. The Town of Cedarburg Code now states that "No person shall park any vehicle on any street, road, highway, public way, or public parking lot in the Town between the hours of 1:00a.m and 7:00 a.m. from November 15<sup>th</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>..." And, "No person shall park any vehicle on any street, road, highway, public way, or public parking lot during a (declared) snow emergency." Any vehicles parked in violation of these regulations may be removed, either by the Town or by a private service and the owners shall be responsible for all fines and charges associated with the removal, towing or storage of the vehicle.

Clearing the roads and making them as safe as practical for the traveling public takes precedence over other operations. When we have heavy snows or ice, the garbage routes may be delayed at least until the first round of plowing has been completed. **Please put your garbage out on the regular pick up day.**

## STORMWATER NEWS

Since 2006, the Town has been under a stormwater pollution abatement permit issued by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. As a condition of that permit, the Town has revised the ordinance regarding erosion control, stormwater runoff and flood control in new developments, and elimination of improper or unlawful discharges into the storm sewer system, which in our case comprises mainly of ditches, culverts and ponds that drain to wetlands, lakes and streams. The primary goal of the permit is to reduce the amount of suspended solids, dirt, sand, leaves, and grass, in our system by 40% by the year 2013. In order to achieve this goal there are a number of things that you, as Town residents, can do.

The Town's new illicit discharge ordinance prohibits the discharge from roof drains, yard drains and sump pumps from flowing directly into the stormwater system, in most cases the ditch. These drains must discharge at grade on private property. If the property is relatively flat, the discharge from the drains should be at least 10 feet from the top of the ditch. For steep yards, a recommended distance is 50 feet from the ditch. Having this discharge water run over the ground allows for some, if not all, of the suspended solids to filter out, reducing the amount entering into the ditch. A discharge back from the ditch also reduces the erosion of the ditch. This erosion also contributes to the amount of solids within the ditch and can alter the flow in the ditch.

As an alternate to discharging runoff over land to the ditches, residents may want to consider installing an infiltration system. These systems reduce the amount of surface drainage, reduce the amount of suspended solids in the stormwater system and can help recharge the groundwater in the area. An infiltration basin consists of a small catch basin

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## Hamilton Historic District - Past and Present

by Carol Boettcher, Town Landmark Commission member & Local History Researcher, 2008

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One of the earliest permanent residents to settle in Hamilton was Edward H. [Eduard] Janssen (1815-1877). He emigrated from Oldenburg, Germany arriving in Ozaukee County in 1840. He initially settled on 40 acres in section 23 in Mequon. He sold the property to Adolph Zimmermann in about 1853. He was one of the first school teachers while living in Mequon and conducted private lessons to teach new immigrants the English language.

He purchased acreage in Hamilton and set about to establish a grist mill on the banks of Cedar Creek located on the Green Bay Trail in 1853 with his brother, Theodore, and William Gaitzsch. The trio named the new structure the Concordia Grist Mill in tribute to "the accord and good will between the partners." It was located on the site of a former saw mill which was operating as early 1847.

After Edward's brother and his partner, Gaitzsch, both died, he was left with sole ownership of the mill, however, in about 1861, Janssen sold it. During his residence in Hamilton, Janssen served in several governmental positions including Register of Deeds of old Washington County. He was elected State Treasurer and it was during this time he ran into trouble. One of his duties involved school lands which were to be examined and appraised. This took him away from his official capacity in the capital. As the saying goes "when the cat is away the mice will play." A shortfall was uncovered of \$32,000, which, while he did not misappropriate, he was still personally responsible for. The incident was difficult to overcome, however, his friends and neighbors never believed in his guilt, although it stained his reputation for many years. In 1875, he was elected Superintendent of County Schools.

Janssen built a lovely stone home for himself in about 1854 and also a Turn Halle in 1867 for use by members of the Cedarburg Turn Verein. Both structures still stand.

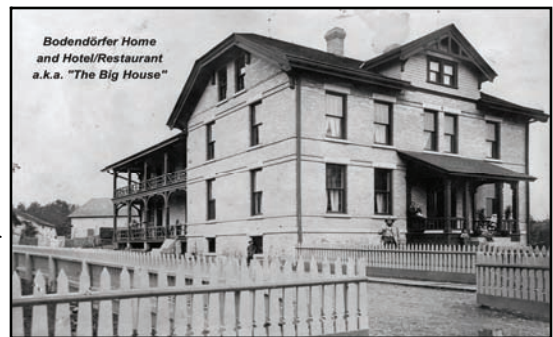
Andreas Bodendörfer (1828-1908) immigrated to the United States in July 1847 from the state of Bavaria with his parents, three brothers and one sister. The family originally settled in Mequon near present day Wauwatosa and Mequon roads. In 1852, Andreas decided the gold fields of California needed exploring and there he remained for two years. He then went to Australia, returning to America in 1856 where he took over his father's farm and married Henriette Hentschel.

In 1861, Bodendörfer purchased the Concordia Mill from E. Janssen. He was the sole owner in the mill until 1870 when Jacob Zaun became his partner. This lasted until 1878 at which time Bodendörfer purchased the interest of Zaun (who would then become an owner of the Columbia Mill). He ran his business solely until 1894 when he sold the mill interest to Kroehnke Bros. Between 1861 and 1873, he built a large home in which to house his growing family, in addition to several off and on boarders as well as workers who were employed in his mill. The *Big House*, as it was known, though built of brick, was unfortunately destroyed by fire in the late 1800's.

Although at this time it is not known who erected the Hamilton dance hall, it was built between 1873 and 1887 and was of frame construction. In August 1887, according to the Cedarburg News, "the old dance hall, long used as a grain elevator, will again be fitted up for its former purpose. Mr. Bodendorfer will reserve the basement for grain storage, but will convert the upper floor into a spacious dancing hall." The tavern and dance hall were purchased by Alfred and Jennie Schultz in about 1908. Both structures have since been torn down.

In about 1860, Eggert Lau (1836-1927) settled in Hamilton, purchasing the blacksmith shop. He is said to have built a charming stone home in the elegant Italianate style which still stands today. He is said to have emigrated from Schleswig-Holstein in 1854 and became a naturalized citizen in 1867. His shop was located across the road from his home, however, at some point it was torn down.

Another charming reminder of bygone days is the Apothecary Shop located on the Trail just north of Pioneer Rd (Hwy. C). It is said to have been built some time between 1860 and 1864 and functioned as a general store for its residents. At the close of the Civil War, as soldiers began returning home, it is said that this became one of their stops along the way home, to purchase supplies as needed. When its owner, Herman Lindner (1843-1911), passed away it slowly deteriorated from neglect. The structure was restored in 2007 as a private home and can continue to be enjoyed by future generations.



Bodendörfer Home and Hotel/Restaurant  
a.k.a. "The Big House"



Hamilton Dance Hall and Tavern



Eggert Lau Blacksmith shop

## Dog License Renewal by March 31st

All dogs must be licensed in the Town of Cedarburg. Licenses must also be renewed each year. Dog tags are currently available at Town Hall. Residents must present proof of current rabies vaccination before a license will be issued.

The 2009 fee is \$5 for spayed/neutered dogs and \$10 for non-spayed/neutered dogs. A \$5 late fee will be assessed for licenses issued after March 31st. Residents living on residential lots are limited to 3 dogs, while residents living on agricultural lots can have up to 5 dogs. When not indoors, all dogs must be kept in an enclosed area or on a leash!



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with no connecting pipe. Instead, the bottom of the basin is removed and a series of sand and gravel layers help remove the solids in the water as it seeps into the ground.

Rain gardens are another form of infiltration system. Rain gardens can be any size or shape. They consist of soils and plants that hold the water discharged from roof drains or sump pumps, then allow it to slowly seep into the ground.

Rain barrels are another alternative to standard drainage systems. These barrels, usually made from recycled materials, collect the runoff from roof drains, allow the solids to settle out and either store the water for irrigation purposes or slowly allow the water to discharge over land to a ditch or culvert.

Any of these systems, properly installed and maintained, will help to reduce the amount of suspended solids entering our drainage system and our streams, lakes and rivers. Please watch for additional information on these and other stormwater related issues in future newsletters.

### **GARBAGE & RECYCLING**

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. 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. Oil-based paint must be taken to the hazardous waste disposal site in Port Washington. Motor oils can be brought to the Town Hall during open recycling hours.

Speaking of recycling, there are a number of items that are not accepted at the recycling center. One such item is foam polystyrene plastic, better known as Styrofoam. Some of this plastic is marked with the recycling symbol with a #6 inside. Examples are packing materials, carry-out containers, drinking cups and dinnerware. This type of plastic is not recyclable and should be put out with other refuse. If the # 6 plastic is not Styrofoam, for example solo cup and clear plastic carry-out containers, the plastic may be brought to the recycling center. Most plastic toys, plastic piping, and plastic furniture is not marked with a recycling symbol and cannot be recycled and should be disposed of in the garbage. All other plastic marked with a recycling symbol and number should be brought to the recycling center.

Only glass bottles and jars should be brought to the recycling center. Glassware for drinking or cooking, mirror glass, window glass, lighting glass and glass aquariums and vases are all tempered glass that may not be recycled. China, stoneware and clay tile are also not recyclable.

Furniture, carpeting and construction materials are not to be brought to the recycling center. The Town will pick up furniture, appliances, carpeting and small bundles of scrap lumber. The carpeting and lumber should be in four foot or smaller lengths and bundled. If a special pick-up is required residents, are charged \$25 for the first item and \$15 for each additional item. There is an additional \$15 charge for refrigerators, freezers, microwaves and de-humidifiers. Appliances may be brought to the recycling center at no charge except for the \$15 for the appliances mentioned.

The recycling center does not accept brush of any size. Brush is chipped road side between April 1<sup>st</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup> by the Town for a fee. Residents may also burn clean wood on private property or have it chipped privately. The Town does not accept large amounts of waste construction lumber nor any amount of other construction material in the garbage or at the recycling center. Residents are encouraged to reuse this wood or dispose of it privately.

Finally, fluorescent light bulbs, regular and compact, are not recyclable, nor should they be placed in the refuse. Used compact bulbs may be taken to **Beyer's True Value Hardware**, W61N278 Washington Ave in Cedarburg for disposal. A list of items that are collected in the garbage, are accepted at the recycling center, are considered hazardous waste, or are not accepted as refuse or recycling material is available at Town Hall and the Recycling Center during business hours, or can be viewed on the Town website, [www.town.cedarburg.wi.us](http://www.town.cedarburg.wi.us).

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## Recycling Saves the Earth & Money!!!

### Recycling Center Hours:

Thursdays Noon - 6 P.M. & Saturdays 9 A.M. - 2 P.M.

**Recycling Center Closed on December 25th & January 1st**

Holiday Refuse Collection will remain on regular schedule.



**Town Hall Holiday Hours: Closed Dec. 24th, 25th, 31st, and Jan. 1st**