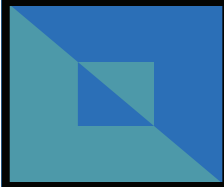


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TOWN NEWSLETTER

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SPRING/SUMMER

2008

Board Endorses Town Sports Complex

By: David Salvaggio, Town Supervisor

By now you may have heard that the Town Board has endorsed a conceptual plan for a 90 acre sports complex in the Town of Cedarburg.

The need for additional athletic fields is very real. We've heard from residents of both the Town and City of Cedarburg that many of our kids interested in playing soccer or baseball are turned away because there aren't enough fields.

Our goal is to create a park that will eliminate this field shortage and provide other amenities for all age groups. Athletic fields for soccer, baseball, softball, football, and a regulation archery range will be the focal point of the park and available to both Town and City residents. A park facility of this magnitude would be ideal to host tournaments for Cedarburg area youth sport leagues. Passive recreational opportunities will include an internal path/cross country ski trails that will serve as the hub for the Town's existing bike trail system. This new park will also include playgrounds, a concession building and other areas to picnic and enjoy the outdoors.

The park will be built on the former Prochnow landfill property, which is located south and west of the Five Corners intersection. The landfill portion of the property makes up only about 7 of the property's 95 total acres. The vast majority of this property is open farmland, woods and wetlands. The northern most five acres just west of the Grafton State Bank on STH 60 will likely be redeveloped for commercial purposes, which could help fund the development of the park.

When completed, this Town park will be one of the largest municipally-owned parks in all of southeastern Wisconsin that features both athletic fields and passive recreational amenities, such as trails. I think I speak for the whole Town Board when I say that our residents deserve one of the finest parks in all of southeastern Wisconsin. We will develop this park in a cost-efficient and environmentally responsible manner.

This plan is only conceptual and we need your input. The Town is hosting an Open House for the public on Tuesday, July 15th from 4pm to 8pm at Town Hall. I hope you and your family can attend.



Supervisor David Salvaggio

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2nd Annual

"My Town" Photo Contest

We're looking for your photographs that capture the unique character and charm of our town. Photographs can be old or new, taken during any season, and can feature people or places and buildings in the Town of Cedarburg. Photographs are due **August 1st**. Call Town Hall or check the Town website for details.

Town of Cedarburg Preservation Award

The Town is seeking applicants for its Fifth Annual Preservation Award. Nominations may be made by individuals who have completed the renovation of a historic structure or may be submitted by friends, relatives or neighbors. Please address a letter to F. Eric Utz, 1293 Washington Avenue, Cedarburg, WI 53012 and explain why your particular preservation project should be considered. Deadline for nominations is July 31, 2008.

Town Administrator's Desk

Jim Culotta



The Town is dedicated to providing efficient and high-quality services. In order to meet your needs and expectation, we need to know how well we are doing. The enclosed Annual Performance Survey has been created to give you an opportunity to provide anonymous feedback on our performance. The survey is only ten questions long and should take just a few minutes to complete. Please complete and return this short survey by August 1st.

Our goal of providing high-quality services is central to our refuse and recycling study. As you may have previously heard, we are studying the manner in which we provide these two services. The results of the study will be presented to the Town Board on August 6th at 7pm at Town Hall. We will also make the study available online and at Town Hall at that time.

Town Sports Complex – Conceptual Plan



PROPOSED PARK

CEDARBURG, WISCONSIN
July 1st, 2008



Town Clerk Retires

After serving 12 years as Cedarburg's Town Clerk, Karen Behrens retired on February 29th. We would like to thank her for her valuable contribution to the town. Residents and fellow employees could clearly see her devotion to her job. We offer good wishes and happiness on her well earned retirement.



Town Chairman Dave Valentine congratulates Karen Behrens on her retirement

Introducing the New Town Clerk


Dawn Priddy has been appointed the new Town Clerk. She has been a Town of Cedarburg resident for the past 7 years, living in Cedarburg for the past 19 years. She is married to Don Priddy and has two daughters Sarah (13) and Rachel (9). Dawn joins us with a financial and administrative background. She enjoys cooking for her family and friends, especially for the "Old-Timers" meeting at the Cedarburg Firehouse, and spending time outdoors. She is a member at First Immanuel Lutheran Church in Cedarburg and an active volunteer with the 5 Corners Lions Club.



Dawn Priddy, Town Clerk


New Speed Limits Posted

The Town has recently changed the speed limit on several roads. The speed limit has been lowered to 35 MPH on Kaehler's Mill Road and on Bridge Street between Wauwatosa Road and Granville Road. A speed limit of 45 MPH has been posted on Cedar Creek Road between Covered Bridge Road and County Highway NN and on Covered Bridge Road between Pleasant Valley Road and Cedar Sauk Road.




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Cedarburg Public Library Update 2008 Summer Library Program

All ages are invited to “Catch the Reading Bug @ the Cedarburg Public Library”. Registration begins Saturday, June 14th. Preschoolers receive prizes for being read to. Elementary school children and teens receive prizes for reading. The seven-week program includes special free events each Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. For more information call 375-7640.

Cedarburg Friends of the Library Book Sale

Thursday, July 24th, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Cedarburg Community Center Gym

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Donate your “gently used” items to the Friends during regular library hours.

New online Medical Encyclopedia now available.

Start using *Magill's Medical Guide* from your home. Go to the Cedarburg Public Library's website at: <http://www.cedarburg.lib.wi.us> then click on “reference help”, click on “Magill's Medical Guide”, click on “remote access login” and type your barcode number without spaces. This remote database is available to library cardholders of the Town and City of Cedarburg and at the Cedarburg Public Library.

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Aurora Health Center in Cedarburg

Offers a Team Approach to Your Family's Health Care

The Aurora Health Center in Cedarburg is pleased to offer a team of providers to address a variety of health needs for families of the community. Paul Blaskowski, MD, a board-certified family medicine physician, is joined by Kristi Durr, MSN, ANP, a nurse practitioner, John Weaver, OD, an optometrist, and Jason Gundrum, PharmD, the pharmacist at the on-site Aurora Pharmacy.

Dr. Blaskowski works closely with Kristi Durr, the nurse practitioner, to provide patients at the Cedarburg clinic easy access to wellness-focused health care. In addition, there are family-focused conveniences like an on-site Aurora Vision Center and Aurora Pharmacy that allow patients to address many of their health care needs in one location.



Paul Blaskowski, MD



Kristi Durr, MSN, ANP



Jason Gundrum, PharmD



John Weaver, OD



www.AuroraHealthCare.org

7861 State Highway 60
Cedarburg, WI 53012

To schedule an appointment at the
Aurora Health Center in Cedarburg,
please call 262-376-5960.

Historic Structures Inventory – We Need Your Help!

In July of 1996 the Town Landmarks Commission completed a “Barn Survey.” The survey contains 154 barns, 8 of which were not standing at the time. Of those barns, 90 had gabled roofs, 32 were Dutch gambrel style, and 20 were English gambrel style. In addition to a black and white photograph, the survey provides some basic information about each of the structures including: location, owner, age of the structure, style, size, present use, and other outbuildings associated with the structure.

One of the objectives of the recently adopted Comprehensive Plan is to update the 1996 “Barn Survey” and add stone silos and other historic stone agricultural structures. In an effort to get this update underway, we are asking for your help. If you have a barn, stone silo or other historic agricultural structure on your property, please call Town Hall at 262-377-4509 or email Eric at eryer@town.cedarburg.wi.us to provide some basic information for us. It will only take a minute and help the Town update this valuable cultural inventory!

From the Desk of 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 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.
- ◆ You cannot build over a well. It is recommended to stay 3 – 5 feet away from the well casing.

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Digger’s Hotline Reminder

Please remember that even though much of the Town of Cedarburg is rural, there are still buried utilities such as gas or telephone along Town roads and in private yards. These utilities can range in depth from a few inches to several feet below the ground. Anyone who is planning to do any type of excavation, even a few inches down, planting a tree, burying a dog fence, or installing decorative lighting for example, should call Digger’s Hotline at 1-800-242-8511 three working days before they dig. The site will be marked, identifying the utilities’ locations. All digging within 18 inches of the marked location must be done by hand. If you find an unmarked utility buried while digging, stop digging immediately and call Digger’s Hotline. Damage to marked utilities can result in fines and reimbursement to the utility company for the repair.

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Start Fighting Weeds Early

This is a reminder that every person is required by law to destroy all noxious weeds on lands in the Town which he owns, occupies or controls. The Town requires that all noxious weeds be destroyed before the plants mature to the bloom or flower state. The growth of noxious weeds in excess of eight inches in height from the ground surface is prohibited in the Town of Cedarburg. Noxious weeds include the following: *Cirsium arvense* (Canada Thistle), *Euphorbia esula* (Leafy Spurge), *Convolvulus arvensis* (Creeping Jenny/Field Bind Weed), *Cirsium vulgare* (Bull Thistle), *Lythrum salicaria* (Purple Loosestrife), *Alliaria petiolata* (Garlic Mustard). Pictures of these plants and methods of removal can be found on the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources website, <http://dnr.gov/invasives/plants.asp>



Please Remove Trees in Cedar Creek

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.

Fire Department Looking for Town Volunteers

Are you interested in helping your neighbors and keeping the Town of Cedarburg a safe place to live and work? If so, then you may want to consider becoming a member of the Cedarburg Fire Department.

Currently, the Department is seeking applications from Town residents who wish to serve their community as volunteer firefighters and emergency medical technicians.

The Town is home to one-third of the Department's service population and includes over 80% of the land within its jurisdiction. For these and other reasons, the Department's second operational station was constructed in the Town in 2005. Located on Covered Bridge Road, it currently houses one engine, one combination fire-rescue truck, and various equipment.

Without adequate personnel, however, the resources of this new station cannot fully and effectively serve the citizens of the Town. This is where you, as a Town resident, can make a real difference. If you are 18 or older, are in good health, and possess a high school diploma, please consider joining the men and women of the Cedarburg Fire Department in their mission to protect the lives and property of Cedarburg's residents.

Applications are available at Station 1 (located on Mequon Avenue station in the City) and Town Hall or online at www.cedarburgfiredept.com/Membership.htm. If you have any questions about the Cedarburg Fire Department and what membership entails, feel free to stop by Station 1 or to call the Department at 375-7630.



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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.



Terry Zimmerman, Town Constable

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.

Town Adopts Comprehensive Plan: 2035

At their April 2nd meeting, the Town Board adopted the Town of Cedarburg Comprehensive Plan: 2035. This final action capped off a multi-year planning process that involved cooperation with Ozaukee County, the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, and the Wisconsin Department of Administration. With the plan in place, the Town is now compliant with state statutes that require any County or local government that engages in zoning, subdivision control, and other land use related regulations and activities to have an adopted plan by January 1, 2010. In essence, the plan enables the Town to maintain control over land use decisions that would have otherwise been ceded to the County.

The Town plan involved numerous opportunities for public participation including a Town-wide survey that was mailed out on April 3, 2007, two public workshops and a public hearing before the Town Board allowing an opportunity for public questions and comments. The plan addresses nine elements: Issues and Opportunities, Housing, Transportation, Utilities and Community Facilities, Agricultural, Natural and Cultural Facilities, Economic Development, Intergovernmental Cooperation, Land Use, and Implementation.

So what impact will this plan have on the Town? Simply put, the plan has two types of information. The first type is a large amount of background information, basically an inventory of what makes up the Town as we know it today. The second type of information is goals, policies and objectives for what the Town is to be in the future. These are contained in the Implementation element. The policies are ranked by priority and assigned "responsible parties" that are most likely to advocate for the specific policy. By recording the goals, objectives and policies in the plan, the Town is writing a legally binding "roadmap for the future." This is not to say the plan is written in stone. Comprehensive plans are meant to be living, breathing documents allowing local governmental units the opportunity to make amendments should the community vision change. These amendments can be made through a formal process involving public noticing and a public hearing to ensure transparency.

In addition to the goals, objectives and policies, the plan contains the Future Land Use Map. This map, the centerpiece of the Comprehensive Plan, delineates broad land use categories in the form of various neighborhoods, districts and corridors on the map. Working in cooperation with the Future Land Use Map is a table itemizing the specific zoning classifications allowed within these broad categories. Any future rezoning will need to be consistent with the Future Land Use Map and table, which are easy to read, accessible and concise.

What's next? Now that the plan has been adopted, the Zoning chapter of the Town Code of Ordinances must be updated to be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. The Town has contracted the same consultant that worked on the plan, Planning and Design Institute out of Milwaukee, to coordinate with staff to complete this work.

Town staff would like to thank all involved in the development of the plan over the years. It was a lengthy, but rewarding process that will help guide the future of the Town in a manner that maintains a balance between economic growth and preservation of agricultural lands, open spaces, and historic properties. The complete comprehensive plan is available online at the town website (www.town.cedarburg.wi.us) and in hard copy at the Cedarburg Public Library and Town Hall.

Message From the Town Chairman, What You Don't See Can Be Important

By David Valentine, Town Chairman

It was quite a winter. That is no secret. I think just about all of us have had enough of winter this year. What you didn't see was a lot of snow on the Town roads. Sure there were times when we could not see the pavement and times when it was slippery. However, I personally would like to thank every Town employee who had a hand in completing the monumental and seemingly endless task of snowplowing. Their time, extra effort and expertise in keeping the Town roads safe this winter is greatly appreciated. We had only a small handful of complaints about road conditions from our almost 6,000 residents and in a near record year of snowfall.

What you didn't see was four Town residents volunteering their time and talent over the past two years to serve as Town representatives on the Joint Extra Territorial Zoning Committee (JETZCO) with the City. When you see Don Levy, Bill Henke, Mike Groth and Dave Flowers, please thank them for their support of the Town and the many hours of volunteer service to us all. The JETZCO process has recently ended and it served as a tool in opening up communications between the two municipalities. We certainly hope to continue the cooperative spirit for the good of the greater Cedarburg community.

Pat yourself on the back!! What you don't see is a lot of trash and litter at the Town Recycling Center. The Town of Ce-

darburg Recycling Center is one of the most successful in the entire State of Wisconsin. Our per capita recycling is fantastic and the envy of many communities. Collecting, storing and processing recyclables can be a messy situation. Each and every one of us who utilizes the Recycling facility and the many attendants keep the place neat and clean. Thank You!! Maybe you didn't know we also have a secure shredding program for disposal of the old sensitive personal records. We joined the City of Milwaukee's athletic shoe recycling program and it has really taken off. Clean out those closets and add to the shoe pile, then everyone wins.

What I don't see on trash collection day is enough of the "Blue Town Trash Bins." These bins help reduce the lifting done by the Town employees and help prevent painful and costly back injuries. The bins also help our collection crew to be more efficient. These trash bins will be mandatory for all Town residents by the end of 2010. They are inexpensive, warranted for 10 years and very efficient. Ask your neighbor who has one how they like it. The feedback on satisfaction with the Town trash containers has been all positive. Try it, you will like it. If you have to replace your trash container, the available sizes of the "Big Blue" containers are on display and for sale at the Town Hall. Bring home a container today or request free delivery.

If you ever want to see what is going on in Town government, visit our website at: www.town.cedarburg.wi.us We welcome all residents to attend a Town Board Meeting held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 PM at the Town Hall. I hope to see you there.

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The Town of Cedarburg float in this year's 4th of July parade included Cedarburg youth sport participants. The float helped announce the proposed Town Sports Complex to be located south and west of the Five Corners intersection. See pages 1 and 2 for additional information on the sports complex.

Public Works Notes

Bob Eichner, PE - Director of Public Works



Brush Chipping Available

The Town performs brush chipping from **April 1st to October 15th**. Requests for brush chipping should be called in to the Town Hall. Chipping is usually performed on a weekly basis or as needed. The requests are processed according to date and location. Chips will be dumped at the Town of Cedarburg recycling yard for public use. The fee for brush chipping is \$45.00 minimum (up to one-half hour) or \$90.00 per hour. Same week service cannot be guaranteed prior to Memorial Day or after Labor Day.

Summer Road Construction

This summer the Town will be reconstructing or resurfacing several roads. The northerly 2/3 of Williams Drive will be reconstructed and the southerly 1/3 will receive a 2 inch overlay. Settlers Road and Dove Court will receive 4 inch overlays and Green Bay Road between Pioneer Road and Hamilton Road will get a 2 inch overlay. In addition, Ozaukee County will be overlaying Cedar Creek Road between County Highway I and Sherwood Drive and reconstructing Pioneer Road/County Highway C from Green Bay Road to I-43. We will be doing some drainage improvements on most of these roads before the repaving. Residents along these roads will be provided with more information prior to any work beginning. Please call Bob Eichner, Director of Public Works at 262-377-4509 with any questions.



Street Use Permits

Town residents may apply for a street use permit to temporarily close a local residential street. The most common reason for this permit is a block party. A permit application, available at Town Hall, must be completed by a designated responsible party and the application must be signed by at least 75% of the residents on the section of road to be closed. A fee of \$25 must be paid at the time the application is submitted. If the permit is approved by the Town Administrator, public works crews will drop off barricades before the end of the last business day preceding the closure, and the crews will pick up the barricades the first business day after the closure. Because of snow concerns no permits will be issued between November 1st and April 1st.

New Refuse Cart Policy

In February of this year, the Town Board revised section 273 of the Town Code referring to garbage carts. Effective January 1, 2011, all residences in the Town of Cedarburg will be required to purchase either a Town provided garbage cart or any other garbage cart capable of being mechanically lifted by the Town's refuse truck. After the above date, we will only pick up garbage placed in the carts or in plastic bags no bigger than 32 gallons as overflow if the cart is full. For the complete section of the Town code information please review section 273 online at the Town's website. Select e-Government on the home page and then select Town Code. Please call the Public Works Department at 377-4509 with any questions.



Planting and Working in the Right-of-Way

The maintenance of Town-owned road right-of-ways is 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. Information on current road right-of-way widths is available at Town Hall. No private work is allowed in any town road right-of-way without a permit.

Hamilton Historic District - Past and Present

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

The name of this small community was originally known as *New Dublin* by the mostly Irish population which settled near this area. According to the United States Post Office, New Dublin was the fifth stop north of Milwaukee on the Green Bay trail mail run.¹



In the spring of 1848, this settlement became known as Hamilton. It has been said the name is in honor of William Stephen Hamilton (1797-1850) (*photo below*), son of Alexander Hamilton (1757-1804). His father was murdered in a duel with political opponent Aaron Burr less than one month before William's seventh birthday.² The loss of his father seemed to have a far reaching effect on his interactions with others. Being the son of an immensely talented and famous father must have had its drawbacks as well as its rewards. He attended the U. S. Military academy in West Point at the age of seven-

teen; however, he left before graduating in 1817.

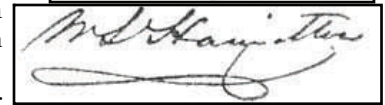
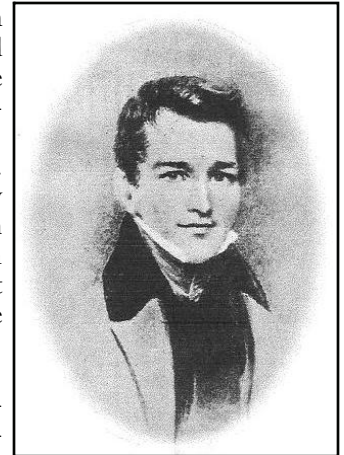
Hamilton spent several years in Illinois, primarily surveying and platting lands. While residing in Springfield and Peoria, he served as a state legislator, practiced law and was a colonel in the Winnebago War. He was known to have driven cattle from Sangamon County to Fort Dearborn then north to Fort Howard on a contract with the U.S. military through the Hamilton area in 1823 following the Green Bay trail. It has been said that of the large number of cattle he moved he only lost one during the drive.

He was known to have come to Wisconsin in late 1827 after having served in the Winnebago War, engaging in mining and smelting in the southeast area of the state establishing and platting a small settlement known as Hamilton's Diggings (aka Wiota) in about 1828. It is here his widowed mother (in her seventies) and sister visited him in 1837.³

Hamilton was commissioned a Colonel of the Militia in December 1836 by the Territorial Legislature. In May 1838, Governor Dodge wrote to the Secretary of War in Washington recommending Hamilton be appointed a Major General of the Wisconsin Militia. No action was taken by the President, however.⁴

Life for Hamilton in southwestern Wisconsin in the 1830's was not without its excitement. When the Black Hawk War broke out in 1832 he directed the building of a stockade surrounding the log homes occupied by his miners which became known as Fort Hamilton. This provided a refuge for white settlers fleeing the wrath of Black Hawk and his followers. He served in the capacity of coordinating the militia's indigenous allies against the Sauk. Sometime in December of 1836, a Winnebago, reportedly drunk, took a shot at him near the Wisconsin River. In late 1837, Governor Henry Dodge speculated in a letter to an associate that Hamilton was a possible candidate for territorial office, in addition to running a newspaper from September 1837 to March 1838 (*Miners' Free Press*) which he found to be "... an uphill business."⁵

It has been said Hamilton left Wisconsin to follow the gold rush of the 1840's, however that may not have been his only motive. He developed a 'cough' which could very well have been tuberculosis. This condition troubled him greatly and, believing he was "nearing the grave" unless he traveled to a more moderate climate, departed for California. He wrote to John H. Tweedy urging him to visit his mother on his behalf when he was in Washington.⁶



¹"Parental Stories of Pioneer Times", Dr. Bernard J. Cigrand; *Port Washington Star*, (Port Washington, WI) 30 December 1916

²Chernow, Ron, *Alexander Hamilton*, (New York, NY: The Penguin Press, 2004), p. 704

³*Wisconsin Magazine of History*, (Madison, WI: State Historical Society of Wisconsin) Vol. IV, No. 1, September 1920; Muscoda, 1763-1856; pgs. 34-38; also Vol. II, No. 3; Early History of Lafayette County

⁴ Bloom, John Porter, compiled and edited by; *The Territorial Papers of the United States, Vol. XXVII, Territory of Wisconsin Executive Journal 1836-1848, Papers 1836-1839*; (Washington, DC: National Archives and Records Service, 1969), p. 99, 1149.

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He and his friend, Barney Norris, set out for the gold fields, arriving in spring of 1849. They staked out a claim about 100 miles north of Sacramento which is reported to have yielded a good return. He started a store selling supplies to miners and was “\$10,000 ahead at the end of twelve months”, halfway to his goal of \$20,000 which he had set for himself to return to Wiotia.⁷

Another reason propelling him to California had its roots in his lead mining business. For the first few years shallow digging was all that was required to extract the lead. Gradually, deeper and deeper digging was needed. When this happened the holes began to fill with water. Hamilton wished to return with enough money to purchase and install pumps.

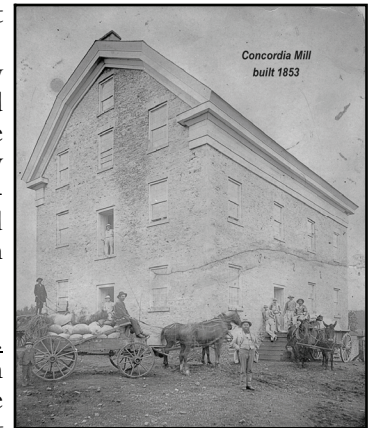
In July, 1850, Hamilton and Norris went to Sacramento where he had purchased an interest in a firm which were dealers in lumber and mining supplies. It proved to be a fateful for trip for him. He arrived in the city just as a cholera epidemic was in full swing. He contracted the dreaded, highly contagious disease and was ill for about two weeks before passing away 9 October 1850.

Due to the nature of cholera, the cause for which at the time was not yet known, victims were interred in a mass grave. When William’s brother was informed of his death he requested the removal and transport of the body to the East. Unfortunately, the transportation company refused to handle any cholera victims. For several years, William’s grave went unnoticed until his friend, Norris, returned at the request of a friend to identify it and he was interred in a marked grave in the Sacramento City Cemetery.



Joseph Gardiner (also known in early sources as “Miserly Joe”), is said to have been an early surveyor for the Green Bay trail, is said to have lived in a shack just off the trail. It is possible he may have lived in the small house which is currently on the Ladwig property (222A Green Bay, shown at left).

He was definitely living in Hamilton by 1845 and is shown on the 1850 census with a listed occupation of “*joiner*” along with his wife and three children. Both he and his wife were born in New York State. They were still living there in 1860, however, his occupation changed to that of farmer and his family size doubled. By 1870, the family disappeared and attempts to locate them have proved futile.⁸



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.

⁵Bloom, John Porter, compiled and edited by; *The Territorial Papers of the United States, Vol. XXVII, Territory of Wisconsin Executive Journal 1836-1848, Papers 1836-1839*; (Washington, DC: National Archives and Records Service, 1969), p. 736, 877, 975

⁶*Wisconsin Magazine of History*, (Madison, WI: State Historical Society of Wisconsin) Vol. VIII, No. 3, December 1925; Memories of John H. Tweedy, letters collection; p. 360

⁷Neighbor, L. B., The “*Some-Time-Back*” Series authored by; Dixon, IL, published in unknown newspaper about 1930

⁸“Joiner”, a workman who constructs and finishes interior woodwork, as doors, molding, stairs, etc. Neufeldt, Victoria, Editor-in-Chief, *Webster’s New World Dictionary, Third College Edition* (New York, NY: Simon & Schuster, Inc., 1988)

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