

# TOWN of CEDARBURG

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at Five Corners  
Beginning July 9th

(See page 7 for details)

## Town Newsletter Summer 2011

### “Of the people, by the people, and for the people”

This year marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of the Civil War, and these words, spoken by Abraham Lincoln during the famous Gettysburg address, are as important and powerful as ever. Of all governmental entities, I believe town government is the one that most closely follows this principle.



Joe Rintelman,  
Town Supervisor

#### Benefits of Town Government:

In town government, the power rests with the people, literally. Townships were formed when the landowners of an area came together and agreed to create a framework to govern themselves. Once established, state statutes call for an Annual Town Meeting. At this meeting each resident has the right to make motions, participate in discussion, and vote. This is direct democracy. Wisconsin statutes place some limits on Town Meeting actions, but allowed actions are substantial. For instance residents have the ability to approve the public works budget, set town board compensation, grant or rescind certain town board powers, and appropriate money for other purposes. Special Town Meetings can be called for business that needs to be taken up outside of the Annual Meeting. In the Town of Cedarburg we typically have a Special Town Meeting in November or December to pass the budget. If you are interested in learning more, read Chapter 60 of the Wisconsin State Statutes (<http://legis.wisconsin.gov/rsb/stats.html>) go to the UW-Extension's Local Government Center website (<http://lgc.uwex.edu/index.html>), or the Wisconsin Towns Association (<http://www.wisctowns.com/>).

When it comes to finances, towns do not have the demands for services that larger municipalities do. Therefore, residents do not bear the financial burden of sustaining the infrastructure those services require. Run properly, town government should be the most efficient, effective, and responsive form of government, offering high quality essential services only. If residents desire more, they can pursue those opportunities individually, but are not forced to participate through their taxes. Towns are also uniquely positioned to cooperate with larger governmental entities for services that residents expect but

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#### NOTES & REMINDERS

- Five Corners Farmers Market begins July 9th - see page 7 for more information
- See the Annual Performance Survey inside - Complete by August 1st
- Registration is now open for Cedarburg Flag Football League - see page 3 for more information

#### Town Hall will be closed:

- Monday, July 4th
- Monday, Sept. 5th
- Thursday, Nov. 24th
- Friday, Nov. 25th

#### Recycling Center will be closed:

- Thursday, Nov. 24th

# Town Administrator's Desk

Jim Culotta



## Annual Performance Survey - Due August 1st

Each year, the Town administers an Annual Performance Survey to gain anonymous feedback from residents on Town services. Last year, we had our highest response rate to date! Your anonymous input helps us identify our strengths and weaknesses. The enclosed survey is brief and should take just a few minutes to complete. Please return the survey by August 1st. Survey's can be mailed or dropped off at Town Hall or the Recycling Center during normal business hours. Thank you for your input!

## Town Recreation Receives Outstanding Program Award

The Town's self-supporting recreation program has just received the Wisconsin City/County Management Association Outstanding Program Award. This award program honors and acknowledges outstanding achievement in local government. Cedarburg Little League, the Town's largest recreation program, received the Wisconsin Good Government Award last year.

## Third Annual Touch-a-Truck on July 23rd

Children of all ages (and kids at heart) are invited to the Town of Cedarburg's third annual Touch-a-Truck event on **Saturday, July 23rd from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** at Wayne's Drive-In. This free event gives kids an opportunity to touch, climb and explore a variety of public works and public safety vehicles and heavy machinery. Vehicles and equipment on display will include a fire engine, police car, dump truck, backhoe, tractor, excavator and roller. Wayne's Drive-In is located just north of the Five Corners intersection at 1331 Covered Bridge Road.



## Rules of the Road Right of Way

by Bob Eichner, Director of Public Works

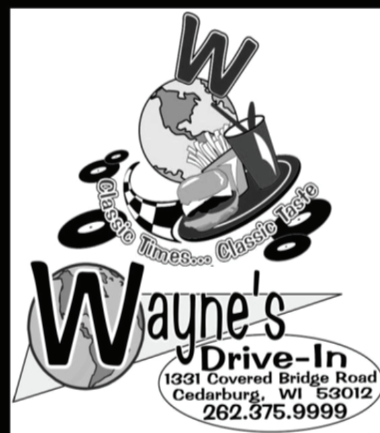
Every Town road lies within an area of land known as the right of way. On most roads in the Town, this right of way is 66 feet and runs from the top of the back slope of one ditch to the top of the back slope of the ditch on the other side of the road. Some of the older roads may have a right of way of only 60 feet and a few have a right of way of about 50 feet.

The right of way is public land, maintained by the Town of Cedarburg. This is why we plow and salt in the winter and mow the ditches in the summer and fall. Because this is public land, there are a few ordinances the must be followed by residents that front on a Town road

No structure, sign, fence, lighting, wall, pavement or other vehicle access nor any construction within or upon the Town highway right-of-way can be done without first obtaining a permit from the Town. The only exception to this is installation of a mailbox or newspaper box. These do not require a permit but should be installed in a proper location to minimize damage during winter months. A standard drawing for locating a mailbox is available on-line or at Town Hall.

Any work other than installing a mailbox must be permitted. A permit will only be allowed if the proposed construction does not interfere with plowing and snow removal operations or ditch mowing operations. We will also look at the proposed construction to verify that it will not impede the flow of water in the ditch and will not pose a threat to public safety. A permit costs \$35 and requires a \$200 to \$300 deposit depending on the required work. The deposit will be returned after the site has been adequately restored. If work is done without obtaining a permit, the property owner could be charged a double permit fee,

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# Recreation Notes

Eric Ryer - Director of Recreation & Planning



Town user/sponsor-financed recreation programming strives to meet the needs of area youth and fill service gaps.

## RECREATION PROGRAM SPONSORS

Since the beginning of our recreation programming in 2010, over \$38,500 has been given by sponsors and raised by the Little League Night at Miller Park fundraiser. The response has been humbling to Town officials. A BIG thank-you to businesses and individuals supporting us this year: American Signal, Ataco, 5 Corners Dodge Chrysler Jeep, Koehler Insurance, Levy & Levy, Cedarburg Quarry, 5 Corners Lions Club, Custom Service Hardware, M Squared Engineering, Schmidt Investment Management, Dave and Patty Flowers, Harris Bank, Cedar Creek Motorsports, Thierfelder Builders, Newman Chevrolet, VIP Photography, Anderson & Associates, Schultz & Molepske, Cedar Crest Ice Cream.

## CEDARBURG LITTLE LEAGUE

Over 315 boys and girls registered to play on 28 baseball/softball teams for Cedarburg Little League this season! Our softball teams are playing in a five community league with Grafton, Jackson, Richfield and Germantown to allow for a variety of competition. This season will feature Opening Day festivities, the opportunity for kids to walk in the 4th of July parade, and a pizza party at the end of the season. Thanks to all the coaches, parents, umpires, and other volunteers that are helping out this season!

## CONCESSIONS ADDED TO THE MENU IN 2011

The Five Corners Lions Club will sell concessions at Cedarburg Little League baseball and softball games played at the Fields at Five Corners in 2011. The operation will start small, as the club plans on adding choices to the menu based on input from parents and kids as the season progresses. This is an exciting addition to our Little League experience.



## CEDARBURG FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE

The Town is partnering with the Concordia University football team again in 2011 resulting in some unique experiences for the kids. Among them, a fall mini-camp will be held on the Concordia University football field, and players in uniform will be allowed free admission to any Concordia home game. Registration is now open at Town Hall, or registration forms can be printed off the Town website at [www.town.cedarburg.wi.us](http://www.town.cedarburg.wi.us). There is no non-resident fee (all participants pay \$28).

## DEEP WATER TONING

Our fourth season of deep water toning is underway and will end in August. Attendance for this class has been increasing each season since it began last fall. The one-hour classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday nights at the Cedarburg High School indoor pool, and are taught by Betty Schanz. The program is open to all area residents and there is no non-resident fee. See the Deep Water Toning webpage on the Town website for details.

## PARTNERSHIPS WITH CITY OF CEDARBURG & VILLAGE OF GRAFTON

This spring, the Town partnered with the City of Cedarburg on the Aquafina Pitch Hit Run and a Canoe/Kayak Race, and with the City of Cedarburg and Village of Grafton on the Hershey Track Meet.

## NATIONAL TRAILS DAY

The Town held the 2nd annual **Cedarburg Trails Day** at Pleasant Valley Nature Park on June 4<sup>th</sup>. This FREE event was a part of the American Hiking Society's National Trails Day®. Participants had the option to take guided walks led by staff from Riveredge Nature Center or "blaze their own trails" through the 88-acre park which features an elevated boardwalk path, observation platform, kettles, open prairie, bog, and Mole Creek!

## PICKLE BALL

We've added pickle ball to our recreation offerings beginning this spring. This tennis-like sport, which is great for all ages, was held at Thorson elementary school in May and June. Watch the Town website for future registration details.

**Town of Cedarburg & Finances**  
**by Chairman Dave Valentine**

The Town of Cedarburg is fiscally sound and on solid ground for the future. Actions taken in the past several years have resulted in reduced costs for employee health benefits, while still providing good coverage at a reasonable price to both the Town and Town employees. The Town certainly seems to be "ahead of the curve" on this idea. Purchasing equipment by planning ahead, saving and buying at a low price has kept borrowing for this purpose to a bare minimum. Our roads are evaluated annually and plans for maintaining the roads are developed to avoid high cost road replacements.

The Town has already completed an initial round of road crack filling this spring, which will have a positive long term impact on our roads and on future property taxes. The Town did an extensive evaluation of our trash removal system and determined our current system was the most economical and provided the most control of one of our highest rated services, as determined by the Town's Annual Performance Survey.

Next year will be challenging with reduced State of Wisconsin aid, but you can count on the Town Board to provide quality services at the best possible price. Cutting and reducing costs might sound like a new thing for many governmental bodies, but the Town has experience in this process.

The Town has embarked on a more involved role in active recreational activities. However, the guiding principle for these new recreational services is "user pays," with no additional burden on Town taxes. This policy and the programs we have developed so far have been extremely successful. The Town has already received a statewide award for our new baseball/softball program. Other programs have grown rapidly and show similar success. This is a credit to the Town Park and Recreation Committee, the Town Staff, local business sponsors and, as always, the committed volunteers. As recreational demands and opportunities expand, so will the Town programs. The basic principle of "user pays" will not change and taxpayers will not be footing the bills.

You may have heard the statement: "Shared services are the wave of the future." There certainly are instances where this can work effectively, like the fantastic Cedarburg Fire Department that serves both the Town and City. However, unless the Town has the ability to control costs and provide input into decision making, shared services can be very costly and increase taxes. The Town Board is fiscally conservative and looks at virtually all decisions with an eye on costs. Maybe that is why the Town is in such a good financial condition!

# Fireworks Permit!!!

Celebrate responsibly! Residents wishing to display fireworks must be issued a Fireworks Permit from the Town. Permit information is passed along to the Sheriff, Constable, and Cedarburg Fire Department. The permit application is available at Town Hall or online at [www.town.cedarburg.wi.us](http://www.town.cedarburg.wi.us)



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are not prudent for towns to autonomously provide.

**Drawbacks to Town Government:**

There are some drawbacks to town government as well; principally, towns are disadvantaged when it comes to protecting their borders and encouraging development. In the hierarchy of local government, Wisconsin law gives incorporated cities and villages far greater ability to obtain and control town lands than towns have to protect their land and the right to develop. Also, certain development incentives such as TIF districts are not available to towns, unless they participate in joint development with an incorporated municipality.

Land protection and development rights are the paramount issues between the Town and City of Cedarburg, as well as other cities and towns around the state. Other communities have worked out their differences, and I am confident we can too. First, it will require building trust among leaders. Secondly, we must find commonalities in our goals while acknowledging that we have unique conditions and requirements. Unfortunately, this process is going to take more time. In the past year the Town has engaged in two mediation sessions with the City. These sessions were held in public during a two-hour block on a weekday evening; they proved unfruitful. In this arrangement there is too great of an incentive to act for show and little motivation to move towards genuine compromise. We believe the best opportunity for success involves mediation over a longer block of time and arranges both parties in separate and private rooms with the mediator shuttling between. Any agreement that would be forged at this type of mediation session would need to be acted on in open session, providing opportunity for resident feedback. If mediation using this framework for success can be agreed upon, then we will be poised to move forward.

**Town Government - Only as Good as Its People:**

Town Government is only as good as its people. At the Annual Meeting in April, Town Hall was packed with over 80 residents. This was one of the most awe-inspiring experiences I've ever participated in. To witness a forum with a reasonable exchange of ideas and well considered discussion between residents was fantastic. In the end, residents voted to rescind the Town Board's general and continuing authority to purchase land and construct buildings. This means that residents must approve those actions at a Town Meeting prior to the Town Board moving forward. This was a bold move by Town residents, and it carries with it a responsibility to be involved and aware.

I am optimistic that April's Annual Meeting demonstrated a new interest in Town government. The Town of Cedarburg has many issues on the horizon, including the looming budget cuts. While we are already very efficient, these cuts will be felt. We need to analyze how services are provided and where changes can be made. One such topic will be recycling. Town staff is currently analyzing our recycling situation and alternative methods of collection. They are to report to the board in July. All options must be on the table including reduction of hours, moving to curbside recycling, or maintaining the status quo. These are big decisions that directly affect residents. These decisions need to be made, and unless residents make themselves aware and speak up, they will simply have to live with the outcome. When residents don't speak up, it is often viewed as affirmation of the actions taken.

**Getting Involved:**

In order to make our Town a better place I would like to challenge each resident to get involved in the next year. Here are some easy ways to do so:

- Go to the Town of Cedarburg website and read agendas and minutes
- Attend a monthly Town Board Meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month
- Sign up for the Town's e-notify system on our website
- Watch a meeting on CedarburgTV.com or Time Warner Channel 25
- Call or email your supervisor and introduce yourself
- District 4 residents can request to be added to my email updates list
- Attend the Annual Town Meeting the second Tuesday in April
- Attend the Special Town Meeting in fall to vote on the budget

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*(Rules of the Road continued from page 2)*

and may be required to remove any work completed without the permit.

Owners of advertizing signs or campaign signs placed within the right of way on a Town road will be notified to move the signs onto private property. If the signs remain 15 days after notification, Town staff is authorized to pull them and bring the back to Town Hall. The signs will be held for a short time if the owner wishes to reclaim them. If a sign is placed at the top of the slope on the back side or the ditch, it is usually outside of the right-of-way. Real estate signs must follow this rule as well.

Because we periodically re-grade ditches and gravel shoulders on many of the Town roads, sprinkler systems and electronic animal fences should not be placed in the road right of way and the Town will not be approve a permit to install these systems in the right of way. For any of these systems that currently exist in the right of way, damage caused by the Town's operations will be the responsibility of the property owner to repair. Those owners will also be directed to remove the system from the right of way.

The Town will also not permit a landscape feature that rises higher than the road shoulder within the right of way. These features may include a rock or brick retaining wall around a driveway culvert, a fence along the driveway or decorative planters placed on the edge of the driveway. These features may inhibit the plowing operation. If the feature is large enough, like a large rock, the feature can actually damage the plow.

Sump pump discharge pipes should be kept back from the right of way when ever possible (10 to 50 feet is recommended). Pipes that drain directly into the ditch can cause erosion in a portion of the ditch, affecting the flow of water in the ditch. Placing the discharge further back allows the water to drain over the yard before it reaches the ditch. This helps small bits of dirt, dust and sand to filter out of the water before it reaches the ditch. This results in cleaner run-off of storm water to our ponds, lakes and streams.

These rules only apply to Town roads. The County has jurisdiction on all County Trunk Highways, designated by letters (CTH I or CTH NN). The Wisconsin Department of Transportation has jurisdiction of State Trunk Highways designated with a number (STH 60 or STH 181). Both of these agencies have their own rules for working in the right of way. If you live on a County or State Trunk Highway, you can contact either the County Highway Department or State Department of Transportation for requirements for working within these rights of way.

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# The Constable's Corner

## Ryan Fitting, Town Constable



There's a new Constable in town. Ryan Fitting, a Village of Grafton resident who works full-time for the Cedarburg Police Department, was hired this past April. Ryan takes over for Terry Zimmerman, who stepped down after receiving a promotion with his full-time employer. Ryan grew up in the Cedarburg area and graduated from Concordia University Wisconsin with a Bachelors degree in Justice and Public Policy.

### CedarburgTV now features Town Board meetings

In response to results of last year's Annual Performance Survey, the Town is now broadcasting Town Board meetings on CedarburgTV, our government access channel. Fifty-seven percent of respondents said they'd like to watch Town Board meetings from home. CedarburgTV is broadcast on Time Warner (channel 25) in the Town, AT&T's U-verse (channel 99) throughout southeastern Wisconsin, and worldwide on the Internet at [www.cedarburgtv.com](http://www.cedarburgtv.com).

If you are interested in volunteering your time or talents to CedarburgTV or would like to sponsor the channel, please contact Jim Culotta, Town Administrator, at 377-4509 or [jculotta@town.cedarburg.wi.us](mailto:jculotta@town.cedarburg.wi.us).

### Five Corners Farmers Market begins July 9th

The Town Board has approved the creation of a farmers market in the Five Corners area. The market will be held on Saturday's from 9am to 2pm beginning July 9th and ending October 15th. The location of the market will be the parking lot of **Galioto's Twelve21** restaurant (1221 Wauwatosa Road) just south of Five Corners.

The market will offer a wide variety of locally grown products, including produce, grains, fruits, eggs, honey, flowers, plants, bakery and canned goods, vinegars, sauces, and jam/jelly.

Vendors should contact Jim Culotta, Town Administrator, for registration information.

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## “There’s Water in my Ditch!”

by Bob Eichner, Director of Public Works

This has been a frequent concern of many residents in the Town of Cedarburg. Most Town roads have a ditch on either side of the road, for the primary purpose of conveying storm water from private lands in the Town to the nearest wetland, pond, lake, or stream. Besides conveying water, ditches serve to clean the storm water of fine particles of dirt, sand and dust known as suspended solids. The Town is under a storm water pollution elimination permit from the DNR, requiring the reduction of these suspended solids in the storm water by 40% by 2013. Ditches that have a slope of about 1%, (1 foot of fall over 100 feet), or less are the most effective for this purpose.

While the shallow slope ditches are effective for reducing the suspended solids, over time the solids build up and raise the flow line of the ditch. After a number of years these ditches cease being effective even for the conveyance of water. In many cases, the standing water will slowly filter into the ground through sandy, or silt soils. But when the soil under a ditch is primarily clay, water very rarely seeps into the ground. This leads to standing water in the ditch in dry weather and moderate flooding in heavy rains or snow melt.

Usually the best solution for these problems is to re-grade the ditch. We generally look at this need on roads that are scheduled for repaving each year. However, there are many more ditches than those we fix with the paving projects. The Town has started compiling a list of ditches and other drainage facilities that need attention. The purpose of the list is to distinguish between the ‘easy fixes’ and the more difficult or costlier fixes and prioritize them. The Town will try to fix as many of these concerns in a construction season as possible. Ditches requiring re-grading only can be fixed in a few days, depending on the length. Some of these repairs, involving more than re-grading take longer to fix and may cost more than the Town has budgeted for in a year. Some repairs may require construction planning and could take several years to finally be repaired.

While our goal is to correct all existing problems, we can only fix those that we know about. If you have a concern about the function of the ditch or drainage easement adjacent to your property, please contact Bob Eichner, Director of Public Works at 262-377-4509, or leave a message on the Town’s Resident Request Center accessible on the Town’s webpage [www.town.cedarburg.wi.us](http://www.town.cedarburg.wi.us).






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# Public Works Notes

Bob Eichner, PE - Director of Public Works



## REFUSE COLLECTION CHANGES

Before this year, the Town used two refuse trucks that were loaded by hand at the rear of the truck to collect refuse in the Town. The workers have a mechanical lift (tipper) to assist with dumping with the Town carts. These trucks require a crew of two to collect the refuse.

In January 2011, we began using a new automated collection truck that requires only one operator. The system has an automated 'arm' that grabs the refuse cart, lifts it, dumps it, and replaces the cart back on the edge of the road. This new operation saves time in collection, and reduces the labor costs associated with refuse collection. The new truck also reduces injury claims, as the operator rarely has to leave the truck. The truck is currently used on three of the four weekly collection routes. The older, two-man truck is used one of the Tuesday routes.

Using the new truck has resulted in a few changes to the refuse collection ordinance. Only refuse that is in a cart will be collected. Extra bags, or overflow, that don't fit in the cart can be brought to Town Hall during normal working hours and deposited in spare refuse carts near the yard waste drop-off area. The extra refuse may also be dropped off during recycling hours. Residents must sign in at Town Hall or with a recycling center attendant before depositing the refuse. Please do not drop off bulk items, hazardous waste, or any recyclables.

The refuse collection crews no longer collect bulk items, such as furniture, carpeting, or small amounts of scrap lumber during the weekly refuse collection. These types of items, as well as large appliances or large recyclable items, require a special pick-up. These items must be called in by the residents. Town crews will collect these items and bill the property owner for the collection. There is a minimum charge of \$25 for this service. There is also an additional charge of \$1.67 per minute after 15 minutes. In most cases the items can be collected within the first 15 minutes and no additional cost will be charged. Carpeting must be cut into 4 foot lengths and tied. Scrap lumber should be bundled and tied as well.

## NEW TRUCK = NEW ROUTES & NEW COLLECTION DAYS FOR SOME

Beginning the week of July 11, 2011, there will be changes to the refuse collection routes. The second route on Tuesday will be divided among the other three routes so that all refuse can be collected with the new truck. The existing and proposed route maps are shown. Residents affected by this change will be notified by mail prior to the change taking affect. Combining these routes will save up to \$48,000 annually in refuse collection labor costs.

## RECYCLING CHANGES

In recycling news, the Town has begun a pilot program for Styrofoam recycling. Packaging Styrofoam can now be left at the recycling center during open hours. Only packaging Styrofoam is collected. Please do not leave packing peanuts, food containers, or beverage containers. These items should be placed in the weekly refuse for collection. Also, please remove any tape or stickers from the Styrofoam before dropping it off. For questions on these changes, or any other refuse or recycling questions, Please contact, Bob Eichner, Director of Public Works at 262-377-4509 or at [beichner@town.cedarburg.wi.us](mailto:beichner@town.cedarburg.wi.us).

## **Town Road Improvements for 2011**

The Town of Cedarburg will be resurfacing Andover Road and Sylmar Road in 2011. The work planned for these roads are to assess and address drainage concerns, such as old or deteriorated driveway culvert replacements and ditch re-grading. The existing asphalt pavement will then be pulverized and turned to gravel base and then the roads will be paved with 4 inches of new asphalt.

The Town will add 2 inches of asphalt on all the roads in the Ridgeview Meadows Subdivision, the Pleasant Valley Preserve Subdivision and the Greystones Subdivision. This work involves repair or replacement of the existing 2 inches of asphalt pavement and then adding 2 inches of new asphalt. Drainage work may be required in these subdivisions before the paving work begins in July. Residents along these roads will be notified in detail before any work begins. For specific questions, call Bob Eichner, Director of Public Works, at 377-4509.

***BRIEF HISTORY OF FIVE CORNERS . . . Continued from Winter 2010***

by William Malone

*(Note: William Malone (1913-2003) was the unsung historian of the Town of Cedarburg. He was born and reared on the Malone family farm just north of Five Corners. He was a wealth of information and provided this brief history to me several years before his passing. With the anticipated development of the Five Corners Sports Complex and Business District it is a fitting tribute to Mr. Malone to share his historical perspective. -- Carol Boettcher, Landmark Commission Chair)*

Also on the southwest corner is the location of the Cedarburg Town Hall. The original town hall property was also purchased from Arthur Wilhelmi in the 1920's. On this property a concrete block shed was erected to house the largest gasoline powered caterpillar tractor (model 60) built at this time. Purchased by the Town of Cedarburg to plow snow and pull a large grader for the grading and building of roads. The 'cat' had to be started by inserting a steel bar in the fly wheel. Later, more land was purchased from the Wilhelmi family for the construction of the present town hall and storage buildings plus a large steel building used for recycling.

The town of Cedarburg, which has 36 sections, or 23,004.24 acres, was surveyed in April of 1836. Highway 60 was surveyed in 1837-'38 by Jefferson Davis (future President of the Confederate States of America) from the Mississippi River to Lake Michigan for use as a military road. Roads in the town of Cedarburg were surveyed and laid out during 1840-'41. The Green Bay road (formerly an Indian trail) was surveyed north of Milwaukee in 1836-'37, north of Port Washington in 1839. Transportation was provided by stage coach which made regular stops in Hamilton.

The first meeting to organize the town of Cedarburg was held on April 23, 1849 in the home of George Fischer located on what is now Washington Avenue. He became the first town chairman. The Kehfuss family would later live in this home and it is currently owned and operated as a museum by the Cedarburg Cultural Center. Despite the fact that the Five Corners area is surrounded by German farmers, it was originally dominated by Irish immigrants who fled Ireland during the religious persecutions and potato famine of the 1840's.

The land owners in the Five Corners area were originally as follows: Patrick Halpin owned 140 acres on which the original District no. 5 Cedar Creek School stood. It was known as the Halpin District and was located on the Halpin farm. The second school [pictured right] was erected on the northwest corner of Highway 60 and Hwy I in 1876. This second school was built by a Mr. Caulson of Grafton on contract for \$600.00. The teachers were paid at the rate of \$15.00 per month out which they paid their own board. The original school was sold to Patrick Halpin for the sum of \$6.00 for use a wagon shed. This building is still being used as a garage or storage building on the present Roy Oberhau property [currently Cedar Creek Motorsports].



The largest land owner in the town was Brian Corrigan who farmed 240 acres. Sherwood Forest and Glencoe subdivisions are part of this farm. Michael Hickey occupied 120 acres which is now part of Covered Bridge Park. Thomas and Mary Malone owned 80 acres northwest of Five Corners which was purchased from the State in 1855 and now known as Century Homestead. Patrick Moran owned 60 acres and John Smith 80 acres, now Edge of Woods area. John Sullivan owned 160 acres southwest of Five Corners which now is part of Prochnow, the Black Wheel restaurant [currently Galioto's Vintage Grille] and Maletzke properties.

South of Five Corners Jeremiah Sullivan farmed 80 acres now Baehman's Driving Range [currently Ernisse Funeral Home]. Thomas Barrett owned 80 acres which is now Pine Shadows and Willowbrook subdivisions. At the southeast corner Mrs. Sullivan farmed 40 acres which is now A.A. Electric, Raymonds Auto Body, etc. Thomas and Michael Dunn farmed 120 acres on both sides of Highway 60, part of which is now Grob airport. John Lynch owned 100 acres which is the Geo. Kohlwey estate and Cedarburg Sand & Gravel.

Directly north of Five Corners the 17 acres of the remaining Halpin estate was purchased in 1968 by Fr. Leo Zingsheim for the sum of \$28,000 and became Divine Word Church (currently St. Francis Borgia - north). The original Halpin Cottage located at this site was donated and moved [Ozaukee County] Pioneer Village in Saukville. The small barn was purchased by Delbert Cook and converted to a dwelling located on Pleasant Valley Road in the town of Cedarburg. Church (currently St. Francis Borgia - north). The original Halpin Cottage located at this site was donated and moved [Ozaukee County] Pioneer Village in Saukville. The small barn was purchased by Delbert Cook and converted to a dwelling located on Pleasant Valley road in the town of Cedarburg.

## Town Issues Two Preservation Awards

The Town's Landmarks Commission consider two excellent applications for this year's Preservation Award. The Preservation Award recognizes individuals that preserve and restore buildings that are integral to the heritage of the Town. Due to the historic significance and high quality of each restoration/preservation project, the Commission chose to give awards to both applicants. The awards were presented by Landmarks Commission Chairwoman Carol Boettcher (below) this May in conjunction with National Historic Preservation Week. Photographs provided by Deb Kranitz.



**Marc & Grace Eernisse**

The Eernisse's purchased the 1855 Sullivan farmhouse (see article on page 10) from the Town last year and built a new funeral home. The original facade was preserved and architectural elements were used in the new addition.



**Paul Rasmussen**

The restoration of the Apothecary Shop, located on Green Bay Road just north of Pioneer Road, was truly a labor of love for Paul Rasmussen. This fieldstone structure was originally built sometime between 1860-1864.



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- Ask questions of your elected officials or offer your point of view
- Consider actively serving your community and demonstrate your interest by submitting your name to our "Talent Bank" – Go to the Town website – I Want To... – Volunteer

For a government, "of the people, by the people, and for the people", to survive, it needs the people! Please make yourself aware and get involved in a way that works for you. We can all be proud to be Town of Cedarburg residents; we have much to celebrate. We must be good stewards of what we've been entrusted with, and each one of us must do our part to ensure our government runs at its best.

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