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NOTES & REMINDERS

- Town Hall is closed on December 24th, 25th, 31st and January 1st.
- Refuse collections on Tuesdays & Wednesdays will be delayed 2 days the weeks of Christmas and New Year.
- All dog licenses must be renewed by March 31, 2014. The fee is \$10 for male or female; \$5 for neutered male or spayed female. Current rabies is required.

Check status of your tax payment at
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LandRecords/PropertyListing/
RealEstateTaxParcel](http://www.ascent.co.ozaukee.wi.us/LandRecords/PropertyListing/RealEstateTaxParcel)

UPCOMING ELECTIONS

- Spring Primary: February 18th *
 - Spring Election: April 1st
 - Partisan Primary: August 12th *
 - General Election: November 4th
- *If needed

Almost three years ago, I was privileged to be addressed as the new Town of Cedarburg Supervisor. Now as winter approaches, I reflect upon my duties, responsibilities and the progression of the Town throughout the past three years. As a lifetime Town resident, I've had the ability to watch the Town of Cedarburg flourish and mature from a quaint village into a prosperous, interconnected community. It is truly an honor to take part in the decision-making process in the one and only home I have ever had.



Wayne Pipkorn
Supervisor Seat 1

As a Town Supervisor Board Member, I and my fellow board members wield the responsibilities of contributing to the formulation of town policies and budgets. This means we as a Board influence the principles and foundations of what comprises the Town. We also take part in the hiring and advocating of town employees, who are ALL imperative in keeping the local government running smooth and efficiently. One of our most prominent obligations is the act of responding to community complaints and suggestions, and voting on issues that affect all us. This of course leads to the complication that not everyone will be content with our decision making. But we consider and comprehend all possible options, and sincerely try our best to appeal to the majority. With an array of problems, and a number of residents with contrasting viewpoints, we can only hope to make everyone happy. We see every quandary and predicament as an opportunity to make the Town of Cedarburg, an environment worth living in, a Town in which every citizen has a voice which will be heard and respected.

In the past few years the board has made significant progress on all regions of the Town's conservation and wellbeing.

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No Tax Rate Increase for 7th Year

On December 4th, the Cedarburg Town Board approved a 2014 budget that will maintain a high level of service without increasing the tax rate for the seventh consecutive year. The Town is the only municipality in Ozaukee County to not raise its tax rate for the past seven years.

The budget calls for a tax levy of \$1,885,977, an increase of \$15,033. The levy increase is directly attributed to the rise in assessed value from new construction. The approved tax rate is \$2.32 per \$1,000 of assessed value. A home assessed for \$300,000 will pay \$697 in property taxes to the Town, which has not changed since 2010. (Note: see the website on page 1 to check the status of your tax payment)

The 2014 budget funds the annual pavement maintenance program, which will include repaving Horns Corners from Sherman Road north 2,500 feet, the southern portion of Cedar Creek Parkway, and Bridge Street from STH 181 west 2,200 feet. The budget will retire the debt on the fire station and the automated refuse truck purchased three years ago.

“The Board’s unanimous approval of the 2014 budget reflects our commitment to providing residents and businesses with quality essential services in a cost-effective manner. Being the only municipality in the county to not raise taxes over the last seven years is not an accident. The Board and staff have prudently managed taxpayer dollars and embraced technology when it can improve our efficiency,” stated Chairman Valentine.

The Board also adopted a five-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) that identifies future infrastructure and equipment needs. The budget and CIP are available online and at Town Hall.

Welcoming Citizen Involvement

Citizen participation is a hallmark of our democracy and an important element of any local government. Over the past year, we’ve started the following four initiatives to make it easier for you to participate in Town government.



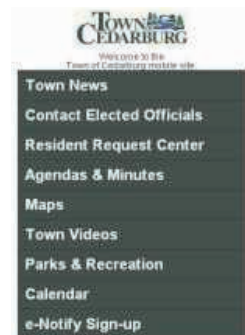
The Development Application Tracker is a new online tool detailing pending and recently approved applications to re-zone or divide land, conditional use permits, variances, and other related petitions. The Tracker also notes when a town meeting on the application will be held. Click on the Tracker icon on the Town’s homepage.



Yellow signs like the one above are now posted on properties in which a public hearing will be held. Check the Development Tracker or call Town Hall for details.



Credit & debit card payments are now accepted at Town Hall and online for certain services, including invoiced services a new refuse carts.



Our new mobile website www.town.cedarburg.wi.us/mobile/ enables you to access our most popular resources in a user-friendly format for mobile devices.

These four new initiatives and our existing tools, including this newsletter, website, e-Notify, CedarburgTV, and the Town’s channel on YouTube are all geared to making it easier to stay informed and do business with the Town. If you are interested in serving on a board or commission, contact Town Hall or sign up for our Talent Bank on the Volunteer page under the **I Want To ...** drop down menu at the top on the far right of our homepage.



REGISTRATION OPEN JAN. 6TH - FEB. 28TH

FULL TRANSITION TO ONLINE REGISTRATION IN 2014

Little League registration will take place January 6th - February 28th. This year will mark a full transition from paper to online registration at www.cedarburglittleleague.com. Town Hall will also have a computer available for registration if it's more convenient for you. New in 2014: if you live outside the Little League boundary area (different than municipal lines) but your child attends a school within the boundary area, you simply need to bring an official & current school document showing proof of enrollment, dated before October 1, 2013. Families that live outside of the Cedarburg Little League boundary area and do not attend a school within the boundary area must fill out a residency waiver at Town Hall. View the boundary map at www.cedarburglittleleague.com.

CITY OF CEDARBURG DROPS YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

Cedarburg Little League will be the only non-tryout program next season. The City of Cedarburg has discontinued its youth baseball/softball program. Individuals that were otherwise planning on registering at City Hall should now register online through Cedarburg Little League. As a result, the program could grow to over 500 boys and girls in 2014!

SPONSORSHIPS CRITICAL TO PROGRAM SUCCESS

Over \$100,000 has been raised since the inception of Town recreation program four years ago, with over \$32,750 raised in 2013. Monetary donations significantly reduce registration fees and allow us to improve our facilities. Other donations such as our concessions stand, pitching machines, and hitting tunnel further build the Little League. Our sponsorship flyer outlining categories is available at www.cedarburglittleleague.com. We are also looking for sponsors of items found on the field improvement plan (found at the Little League website) including bleachers, scoreboards, a play structure, and fencing. Naming rights are also available for Field #2. Contact Eric at Town Hall at 377-4509 for details.



The Cedarburg Flag Football League wrapped up another great season with championship games played on the Concordia turf field on October 19th. A record **number of boys and girls** played in four divisions ranging from 4-11 year olds. The \$35 fee included a mini camp put on by the Concordia University players and coaches on their turf field (picture below) and a dry-wick personalized player jersey.



DEEP WATER TONING/ PICKLE BALL

The winter/spring 2014 deep water toning season runs from January 7th to May 1st. The cost is \$55 for 29 sessions. Registration will be open at Town Hall beginning December 2nd. Registration forms also available on the Town website. The one-hour classes are held on Tuesday/Thursday nights at the Cedarburg High School indoor pool. The program is open to all area residents.

The Town will also offer pickle ball in the spring, holding the tennis-like game at Thorson elementary school. Look for more information on the Town website in January.

CHAIRMAN VALENTINE



OVERDUE THANKS

The Town of Cedarburg has many residents who work behind the scenes and get little recognition for their invaluable service and support of community activities. I am not necessarily talking about the Town elected officials, or even our great and dedicated Town staff. The elected officials do put in many hours and their service is certainly greatly appreciated. Our Town staff is efficient and effective in executing their responsibilities. The Town staff provides the services that are visible, like trash removal, snowplowing, road maintenance, brush removal, recycling, etc. etc. Unfortunately, these many services at times are only recognized and appreciated when they are not done. The Town staff does a great job!!!

However, there are many other residents who donate their time, talents and expertise that are seldom given a “pat on the back” for their efforts.

Do you know who is on the Zoning Board of Appeals? Do you know what they do? It is a very important board that requires common sense and judgment to help resolve specific conflicts between residents specific needs/ desires and our codes and ordinances. They need to be fair and consistent, while recognizing special situations. It is a tough job weighing the needs/ desires of an individual against the common good of all residents.

The Landmarks Committee has several duties and responsibilities that include trying to safeguard our heritage, preserving our rural culture and promoting the history of the Town. These residents have to make impactful decisions balancing inevitable changes and developments looking forward, with an eye to the past. Their recommendations to the Town Board help guide the final decisions on things that many times cannot be reversed. Their goal is to help keep the Town the Town.

The Park & Recreation Committee have been very active in developing our “user pays” philosophy while expanding opportunities for community residents. In this case, there has been some recognition with state-wide awards for excellence. If you don’t know about our fantastic ball park facility for baseball/softball activities, flag football, pickle ball and deep water toning — you should. This has all been accomplished through foresight, planning, dedication and hard work. Almost as amazing as the facilities is that this has been done without taxpayer dollars.

The Town is still a part owner of the Cedarburg Community Pool and we have residents who have volunteered to represent the Town interests in operating the Community Pool in an efficient and economical manner. My bet is there are quite a few Town residents who even do not know the Town is part owner, much less that we have Town residents who volunteer to provide oversight.

The Plan Commission does a lot of “heavy lifting” for the Town. They are a key group making recommendations to the Town Board on everything from new or updated ordinances to cell towers to animal controls to adult-oriented businesses to signs to a myriad of Conditional Use Permits guiding occupancy/operation of Town businesses. Just reading the monthly meeting packets with all the details of proposals deserves to be applauded.

How about a committee you probably never even heard of? The Finance Committee. This committee consists of three Town Board members who have the unenviable task of recommending a budget for the Town. How are they doing? FANTASTIC!!! 2014 is the seventh—yes, 7th year in a row without a Town of Cedarburg property tax rate increase. This is unheard of in local government, yet accomplished with the guidance of our Finance Committee. THANK YOU.

There are more residents who provide quality of life services that really go unnoticed. A good example are groups who pick up litter along our roads. Residents and businesses who donate trees and flowers for our Town Hall and parks receive little notice, but are greatly appreciated, but seldom recognized.

As Town of Cedarburg Chairman, representing all the residents of the Town, I extend our thanks to each of the many individuals whose contributions and dedication help make this a great place to live. THANK YOU!!!

PIPKORN CONTINUED . . .

We've planned and dealt with financial decisions concerns ranging from newsletter printing to road maintenance and all expenditures in between, which has resulted in benefits for the public, chief of among these being steady tax rates. Although not everyone can agree on the direction to take on certain financial facets, we can all be happy knowing that increased taxation has not happened in the past seven years.

Having the opportunity to serve my hometown and everyone who resides in it has been a privilege. Thank you for your sincerity and opinions, thank you for being a part of the process.

2014 Election Update

There may be four Town elections in 2014. The Town Board consists of five members: one Chairman and four Supervisors. All elected officials have two year terms and represent the entire town. Eligible voters may vote for the chair and each supervisor seat.

In 2014, Supervisor Seat 2 and 4 are up for election. If you are interest in running for one of these positions, you must file a Campaign Registration Statement before circulating nomination papers. All candidates must also file a Declaration of Candidacy and completed nomination papers with the Town Clerk by 5 pm Tuesday, January 7, 2014. For more information, contact Clerk Debra Otto or the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board at <http://gab.wi.gov/>.

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BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT

TOWN BOARD APPOINTS NEW BUILDING INSPECTOR

Effective January 1, 2014, Paul Mortimer of Independent Inspections, Ltd. (ILL) will serve as Building Inspector for the Town of Cedarburg, providing residential and commercial permit and inspection services.

To better serve you, Paul will be available for face-to-face assistance at the Cedarburg Town Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM. He can also be reached outside those office hours on his cell phone at 414-640-9523. All inspection requests must be made by calling 1-800-422-5220.



**Paul Mortimer,
Building Inspector**

ILL (www.independentinspections.com) is a State Certified inspection agency, fully licensed, bonded and insured. As an experienced Building Inspection contractor, ILL will provide complete and professional service.

DESIGN GUIDELINES UNDER REVIEW

The Plan Commission is currently crafting binding design guidelines for multi-family, senior care facilities, commercial and industrial projects, and all developments taking place in the Five Corners Town Center and Planned Unit Developments in other areas of Town. These guidelines are meant to be simple, attract high-quality growth, and expand the Town's tax base. The Town Board will likely consider the Plan Commission's recommendation in early 2014. Your input is welcome!

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Measuring Service Satisfaction

The Town's Annual Performance Survey is one way we measure our efforts to serve residents and businesses. The response rate to the 2013 survey was the highest it's been in the last five years; we appreciate your participation.

The survey asked what are the five most important services the Town provides. Respondents ranked the services as follows: Trash Collection, Snow/Ice Removal, Road Maintenance, Recycling, and Elections.

As you can see in the table below, the five most important services received high Excellent/Good ratings. For example, ninety-seven percent of respondents felt Trash Collection was excellent or good. Eighty-five percent said Elections were either excellent or good. High satisfaction scores such as these is encouraging. We hope to not only maintain, but also improve these satisfaction scores in 2014.

Five Most Important Town Services

1. Trash Collection
2. Snow/Ice Removal
3. Road Maintenance
4. Recycling
5. Elections

Town Services	Excellent/ Good	Fair/Poor	No Opinion
Trash Collection	97%	2%	1%
Recycling	72%	23%	5%
Road Maintenance	60%	38%	1%
Ditch Maintenance	58%	34%	8%
Snow/Ice Removal	80%	18%	1%
Recreation	48%	9%	42%
Park Maintenance	43%	4%	43%
Brush Chipping	38%	15%	48%
Building Inspections	34%	7%	56%
Constable	21%	9%	71%
Elections	85%	7%	7%
Property Assessment	46%	35%	19%
Other Town Hall Services	60%	8%	33%

NEW LAWS ADOPTED IN 2013

The Town Code is where you can find laws passed by the Town Board. The following is a selection of new laws, also known as ordinances, that were approved in 2013:

Ord. 2013-1: Fencing: This ordinance made several changes to how fences are regulated, including fences surrounding swimming pools. It deleted the requirement that fences be on or within three feet of the property line, and now allows property owners to install the finished side of the fence inward facing their home. It increases the allowable fence height to allow for decorative caps and accounts for the fact that fences are most always installed a few inches off the ground. It establishes a legally compliant grade from which to measure fence height, and includes berms and retaining walls in total fence height. Also, vegetation is no longer classified as a fence.

Ord. 2013-2: Adult Oriented Establishments: This ordinance creates a new chapter in the Town Code: Chapter 195 regulating Adult Oriented Establishments. The goal of this chapter is to proactively limit this type of use should one ever wish to locate in the Town. It is not possible to ban all adult oriented establishments without violating the First Amendment to the US Constitution.

Ord. 2013-5: Farm Animals in Residential Districts: This ordinance clarifies only dogs and cats may be kept in residential districts; there is no exception for farm/wild animals associated with 4-H projects or agricultural fairs.

Ord. 2013-8: Honey Bee-Keeping Allowed in Residential Districts: This ordinance allows for the keeping of honey bees on residentially zoned properties with the issuance of a license from Town Hall. Applicants must submit a proposed site plan and a sworn statement that he/she has notified all owners/occupants of properties located within 500 feet. Restrictions include: a maximum of 10 hives being no larger than 20 cubic feet each, located no closer than 25 feet from any property line & must be in the rear or side yard. Private restrictions, land covenants, or homeowners association and/or subdivision rules may supersede this Town ordinance.

Ord. 2013-9: Digital Electronic Signs: This ordinance allows for digital electronic signs in business districts, or for government, institutional or religious use in any zoning district with the following limitations:

- Maximum size of 32 square feet.
- Animation, flashing or scrolling is prohibited.
- Only one color allowed, and one such sign per site.
- Messages can change once per day. The exception is time & temp which can change once every 30 seconds.

Ord. 2013-14: Self-Storage Facilities: This ordinance allows for self-storage facilities in the M-2 Planned Industrial & Mixed Use zoning district with a conditional use permit.

Failed Ordinance

Chickens in Residential Districts: This ordinance would have allowed chickens in ALL residential districts. Although the Plan Commission recommended approval of the proposed ordinance, it failed by a 3-2 vote at the Town Board. **NOTE:** chickens and farm animals continue to be allowed in the **E-1 Estate residential district** as a non-commercial accessory use by family members residing on the property. They are still prohibited in all other residential zoning districts, regardless of lot size.

Town Hunting Rules

As the Town continues to develop, the areas where it is permissible to hunt or discharge a firearm are becoming less numerous. [Town Code](#), [state statutes](#), and [WDNR regulations](#) provide the guidelines for hunting or discharging a firearm in the Town.

In addition to the required license, any individual intending on discharging firearms within the Town must have the discharge of firearms permit signed by the property owner. This permit is available online and at Town Hall. It does not need to be filed at Town Hall and the Town doesn't collect a permit fee.

What are the regulations for shooting?

No bullet (or shot or missile) can enter or pass over a neighboring property or public highway or grounds.

How far away from houses & subdivisions do I have to be when hunting?

No firearm can be discharged within the limits of a subdivision or within 150 yards of any home. Also, when within those distances, any firearm must be unloaded and knocked down or enclosed in a carrying case or other suitable container.

Is hunting allowed in Town parks?

No. Hunting is prohibited in all Town parks and recreational areas.

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WINTER HAS ARRIVED

The Public Works department makes certain Town roads safe. But we need property owners to help by blowing, shoveling, or plowing their snow **onto their own property – not in the road.** These restrictions are detailed in Town code § 237-14 B. (3) *“Snow and ice removal. No person shall 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.”* Putting the snow in the street creates a dangerous situation because it can become compacted, freezing into large lumps of ice. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Parking

Winter parking restrictions are as follows: No person shall park any vehicle on any street, road, highway, public way, or public parking lot in the Town between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. from November 15 through March 31.

Refuse Collection

During the winter months on trash collection day, do not set refuse or recycling containers out before 6 a.m. Please place containers behind the roadway edge but within 10 feet of the road so plows don't hit them. Snow plow drivers want to clear the streets for your safety and obstacles, such as refuse carts, need to be out of the way. To ensure mail delivery, please clear snow away from the front of your mailbox.

Driving

When driving, remain at least 70 feet back from a snowplow. Plows, loaded with salt, weigh 33,000 pounds and an average vehicle weighs only 3,000 pounds. As a reminder Town trucks are orange, County trucks are red, and City trucks are canary yellow.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP/ DROP-OFF






The Town is picking-up real/non-artificial Christmas trees that are placed at the end of the driveway on the house side of the ditch until January 24, 2014.

Please don't place trees where they may impede refuse collection or snow removal. All ornaments, tinsel, wire, and lights must be removed.

Real trees will be chipped for reuse in parks & will be available for residents to pick up behind the Recycling Center. Residents may also bring their tree to the compost area behind the Center during normal Recycling Center hours. Artificial trees may not be dropped-off.

REFUSE CART REMINDERS

Moving to an automated collection system in 2011 has resulted in a tremendous improvement in our operational efficiency. Here are a few reminders to help us maximize the benefits of this system.

-  **Location, Location, Location: End of driveway, no more than 10 feet from road, handle on house side, 3 feet between carts**
-  **Timing: Put out by 6:30 a.m. on scheduled collection day**
-  **Number of Carts Allowed: Up to 3 approved carts of any size**
-  **Too Big For My Cart?: Request special pickup through the online Resident Request Center <http://rrc.town.cedarburg.wi.us/> or call Town Hall at 262-377-4509**
-  **If it's not inside the cart, it will not be collected.**



New Loan Program Supports Business Growth

In October, the Town Board approved the formation of the Business Development Loan Program to promote business growth. Through a partnership with Port Washington State Bank, this new program offers below market rates (currently 1%) and favorable terms for new and existing Town businesses.

"The Town of Cedarburg is very committed to being "business friendly" and proactively establishing incentives for businesses to locate and/or expand in the Town. This loan program is just another option," explained Chairman Dave Valentine. "Our objective is to expand our tax base so we can continue our policy of no property tax rate increases."

A loan pool of \$250,000 has been established by Port Washington State Bank. Loans may range from \$5,000 to \$50,000, subject to the availability of funds in the loan pool. Eligible loan activities include the acquisition and/or the improvement of land/buildings, facilities and equipment including new construction or renovation, demolition and site preparation.

The loan program application is available at Town Hall or online. Interested applicants should contact Jim Culotta, Town Administrator.

SNOW FORT ALERT

Parents - please make sure your child's snow fort is set well back from the road and driveway. It is dangerous to build snow forts in the mound of snow left by plowing, since plow drivers cannot see the children in the fort.

Plows trucks will often plow additional snow into those same areas as they make their rounds through the Town. Children are attracted to mounds of snow but please keep them from playing on areas along roads or in the middle of cul-de-sacs where vehicles frequent and visibility could be impaired.

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Preserving Yesterday's Heritage for Tomorrow

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