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ANNUAL PERFORMANCE SURVEY

There are two ways to take this survey. You can take it online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2014PerformanceSurvey>

Or you can fill out the survey on page 7 and return it to Town Hall or the Recycling Center. You may also mail or fax 262/377-0308. The survey deadline is September 19th.

NOTES & REMINDERS

- Town Hall will be closed on September 1st.
- The General Election will be held on November 4th.
- Please put your refuse cart out by 7am.

Washington, D.C., the state of Illinois, and the city of Detroit could all learn something important from the Town of Cedarburg. All government entities, no matter how big or how small, must live within their means. The Town of Cedarburg is the only municipality in Ozaukee County to not raise its property tax rate for 7 years in a row. Last month the town again froze its 2014 property tax rate at \$2.32, one of the lowest of the 16 municipalities in Ozaukee County. It continues to be a shining example to local, state, and federal government agencies across the country which have fallen prey to the Svengali-like lure of out-of-control tax and spend policies and unnecessary growth and spending. The Town of Cedarburg has been able to do this for one simple reason – its board is made up of conservative business owners who remain steadfast to the simple, inexorable policy of running government like any other business. The results are undeniable.



**Gary Wickert
Supervisor Seat 3**

The Town Board is not acting in a vacuum, however. Town Administrator Jim Culotta is an economically-conservative town employee and understands what the board is doing. What's more, town residents also become involved in insisting that the town continue to live within its means. The hard-working non-union Town of Cedarburg employees understand shared sacrifice – the price necessary to live and work in a great community like Cedarburg. When towns pass a budget, residents of the community have a right to vote on the budget. Towns are the only form of government in Wisconsin, as well as in most of the rest of the world, where citizens have the ability to self-govern by *directly* voting for their own property tax rate, among other things. Town of Cedarburg residents flood Town Hall once a year for the meeting of electors to hold their representatives accountable. And it works. Imagine the restraint we'd see if Washington D.C. had to put the non-stop charade of raising the federal debt ceiling to a popular vote, or if residents of the state of Illinois could vote on whether to continue to pay exorbitant pensions, unheard of in the private sector, to public-sector employees who haven't worked in decades.

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STRONG RESPONSE TO BUSINESS LOAN PROGRAM

Since its creation last fall, three loans totaling \$125,000 has been given to local businesses through the Town's Business Development Loan program. The Town Board created this loan program in conjunction with Port Washington State Bank to promote business growth. The Loan Program offers below market rates (currently 1%) and favorable terms for new and existing businesses located in the Town.

"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. The minimum loan amount is \$5,000 and the maximum loan may not be greater than \$50,000, subject to the availability of funds in the loan pool. Generally speaking, 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. Loan applications are available at Town Hall or [online](#). Interested applicants should contact Jim Culotta, Town Administrator (jculotta@town.cedarburg.wi.us).

TOWN BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVES SWITCH TO CURBSIDE RECYCLING

On June 4th, the Town Board unanimously voted to implement a curbside recycling program beginning in January 2015.

The Board's decision followed a community survey and curbside collection pilot program. In the survey, most respondents (69%) said they were willing to pay between \$3.00 - \$3.50 per month for curbside collection, which mirrored proposals received from recyclers. About half (48%) of all residents said their family would recycle more with curbside collection.

Last November, the Town and Advanced Disposal conducted a pilot program to collect recyclables from fifty homes. When recyclables were collected curbside, residents in the pilot program recycled more than they did when using the Recycling Center (47% increase in tonnage) and also threw away less trash (23% decrease in tonnage).

Waste Management, the recycler selected by the Town Board, will soon mail to each household an informational brochure and cart selection form. Households can choose either a 96 or 64 gallon cart. For those that don't return the selection form, a 96 gallon cart will be provided. Carts will be delivered to each home around Christmas at no charge. There will be no fee to rent the cart and additional carts are available upon request.

NEW TOWN CLERK

The Town is pleased to welcome our new Clerk, Karen Couillard. Karen has nine years of municipal government experience, including Deputy Clerk for Hales Corners. Most recently, she worked for UW-Milwaukee.



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CEDARBURG LITTLE LEAGUE SEASON WRAP-UP

Over 455 boys and girls played on 37 softball and baseball teams in 2014. The weather didn't always cooperate this year, so the patience of parents and coaches was much appreciated. Despite the wet conditions, the purchase of a specialized infield groomer allowed the fields to be maintained at high level.

Field #2 at the Orthopaedic Hospital of Wisconsin Fields was named "Allison Kasten Field" as part of the festivities on Opening Day on June 2nd. Also, a few Eagle Scouts made notable donations this season: Kevin Glomski built a new equipment shed, and Brad Ebacher is constructing two scoreboards.

Our program also entered a 9-10 year old Minor division team in the Little League International Tournament (tournament team photo at right).

Registration for the 2015 season will launch in January!



Left to right all rows. Front row: Max Lewis, Brett Torbeck, Gabe Stephens, Landon Wiebe. Second Row: Kyle Holland, Adrian Graef, Jack Alore, Josh Helm, Sean Callen, Spencer Dahl, Chatton Haws, Tucker Keiller, Owen Balisteri. Not pictured: Andrew Groppe. Coaches: Mike Dahl, Randy Haws, Craig Kasten, Keith Torbeck

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Over \$41,000 was raised this year from local businesses, private donors, and other fundraising efforts to support our recreation program! Thanks to the following sponsors:

CHAIRMAN VALENTINE



"I told you so" - Really?

From time to time the Town Board hears from concerned and interested residents about a wide variety of items. Many of the situations are beyond the control of the Town Board and others are extremely unique. However, the Town Board has a duty to listen and make the best decision possible with the information available. To complicate matters, there are County, State and Federal laws and restrictions that impact our decisions. The Town Board certainly welcomes and encourages resident input on all agenda items.

The reason for the title of this article is to update Town of Cedarburg residents on several such items that caused concern over the past few years. The Town Board heard: *"The Recycling Center will never close, too many people want it the way it is now."* Really? As a result of a Recycling Pilot Project and extensive survey of residents, the Recycling Center will be closed in January. The recycling survey found 69% were willing to pay \$3-\$3.50/month for curbside collection. Curbside pick-up of co-mingled recyclables will begin in January. The attitudes and desires of residents changed significantly and the Town Board responded accordingly. This will also allow the Town to save money on "tipping fees" charged when the Town dumps trash at a landfill. It will increase recycling and reduce the tonnage placed in landfills. There still will be recycling for specific items at the Town yard area. This will be fully communicated and promoted in the coming months.

The Town Board heard: *"The State DOT will do whatever they want and there is nothing we can do about it."* Really? A group of concerned residents formed the "Mi60" group to fight the by-pass around 5 Corners and minimize the impact of the planned Hwy 60 expansion. In addition, the Town Board meet with the DOT, enlisted support from other area governmental bodies and passed resolutions to emphasize our concerns and provide specific facts. The State DOT has now abandoned the 5 Corners by-pass option and has been working closely with the Town. There may not be a perfect solution, but at least the Town of Cedarburg did impact the DOT decision-making process. The contribution of "Mi60" cannot be minimized. They provided the impetus and ground game needed to get the attention of the DOT. Thank You!!

The Town Board heard: *"If the Town Board allows rifle hunting for deer in the Town it will be a war zone."* Really? The State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) changed the rules on rifle hunting for deer for the 2013 hunting season. The Town Board opted not to further restrict these new statewide rules. As a result, not one incident and not one complaint as a result of the 2013 deer hunting season.

The Town Board heard: *"Why are you working on an Adult Entertainment regulation? Is there an application? Is there a problem?"* Really? The answer is "No" the Town does not have a problem. "No" there has not been an application for an Adult Entertainment establishment at the Town. So "Why?" Very simple, if we wait until there is an establishment or an application, it is too late to do much about it. Ask the Town of Trenton if they wished they had acted before an establishment opened - across the street from their Town Hall. The same can be said for the growing potential for "Wind Farms." The Town will update our regulations in order to stay ahead of the curve. There are plenty State and Federal laws and regulations, but the Town will do whatever it can to establish the best controls allowed by these laws and regulations.

The Town Board hears: *"There is animosity and in-fighting between the City of Cedarburg and the Town of Cedarburg."* Really? Actually, the City and Town have been working quite well together to forward our community. Examples? The Fire Department is jointly supported. The swimming pool is jointly supported. The 4th of July celebration is jointly supported. The recreational baseball, T-ball, flag football, deep water toning and other recreational activities are open to everyone in the City and Town at the same fees. The City passed resolutions to support the Town in the Hwy 60 by-pass issue with the State DOT. The City & Town share equipment for specialty public works projects. The City & Town have been working together to resolve the Prochnow landfill problem. I would agree that several years ago there were some Town vs. City conflicts, but I feel we have passed that stage and are working together for the good of all of CEDARBURG.

Common sense works if given a chance. People stop being involved in government only when they feel as though they can't make a difference.

In the Town of Waukesha recently, a town resident showed up and proposed to set the 2014 tax levy at the same amount as in 2013 – essentially a property tax freeze. According to Mark Belling's radio talk show, Town Supervisor Brian Fischer responded by saying he believes in taxing to the maximum amount allowed by law. This is just an example of a serious mistake that is continually made by elected government officials across all levels of government. Once elected, politicians often become cozy with and sentimental toward the public employees they rub elbows with. In the Town of Cedarburg, as in a few other conservatively-run municipalities and government entities across Wisconsin, its elected officials continually remind themselves that they represent the taxpayers. While taxes and government spending is necessary to providing basic government services we need in a civilized society, including police protection, road maintenance, and garbage collection, elected officials represent the wishes and desires of the taxpayer. Retaining good public sector employees is also important, just as it is in the private sector. But getting too chummy with public sector employees requesting pay raises, new equipment, new programs, the creation of new positions, or assumption of their health care premiums, can cloud the elected representative's judgment and put him or her in somewhat of a conflict of interest.

Many say that you cannot and should not run government like a private business – that this is conflating apples and oranges. They claim that efficiency in the private sector means higher profits and that to ask that government be run like business is tantamount to asking that it turn a profit. But this is simply a specious turf-protection argument on the part of many public sector apologists. Government requires a budget too. And businesses must still turn a profit even when revenues are down. If a private business fails to show the discipline necessary to do so,

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DEEP WATER TONING/ PICKLE BALL

The fall deep water toning session will run from early September through the end of December. Registration will open in August at Town Hall. 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 this fall, holding the tennis-like game at Thorson elementary school, with the fall season running from September through December. Registration will open at Town Hall in August for this program. Interested individuals should visit the Town website for more on these activities.



Bentz Farmstead Receives Preservation Award

The 2014 Preservation Award was given to Roger and Fran Bentz for their farmstead at a Town Landmarks Commission meeting this summer. The farmstead, located at 1051 Wauwatosa Road, was purchased by Roger's great-great-grandfather in 1865 upon returning from service in the Civil War. The existing home was built in 1888 and was the fourth built on the property. A barn and smokehouse were both constructed in or around 1885.

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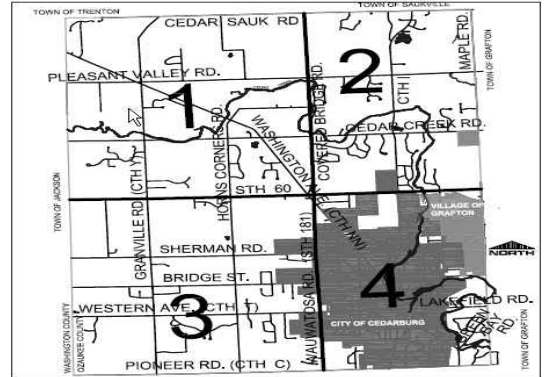
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Complete Below or Online: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2014PerformanceSurvey>

The Town is dedicated to providing efficient and high quality services. This survey gives you an opportunity to provide anonymous feedback that will help us to better meet your needs & expectations. Please complete one survey per person.

- 1.) What is your gender? Male _____ Female _____
- 2.) What is your age? 18-24 _____ 25-34 _____ 35-44 _____
45-54 _____ 55-64 _____ 65-74 _____ 75+ _____
- 3.) How many children under the age of 18 live in your home?
0 _____ 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4+ _____
- 4.) How do you receive info on Town issues? Check all that apply.
- | | | |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| News Graphic _____ | Journal Sentinel _____ | Town Newsletter _____ |
| Town website _____ | Town e-Notify _____ | Public meetings _____ |
| Word of mouth _____ | CedarburgTV _____ | Town Facebook _____ |
| Town Twitter _____ | MyCedarburgOnline _____ | |

5.) Circle the number where you live.



6.) How do you rate the following Town services? Please check one for each service listed.

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	No Opinion
Trash Collection	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Recycling	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Road Maintenance	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ditch Maintenance	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Snow/Ice Removal	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Recreation	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Park Maintenance	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Brush Chipping	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Building Inspections	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Constable	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Elections	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Property Assessment	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other Town Hall Services	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Comment/Road in Need of Repair: _____

7.) Please rate the Town on the following:

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	No Opinion
Quality of info provided on policies/services	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Town website (user friendliness)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
E-Notify (content & timeliness)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Town Newsletter	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Recreation Opportunities	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Welcoming citizen involvement	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

8.) Have you watched CedarburgTV, the Town's government access channel, in the past twelve months?
Yes, I've watched CedarburgTV _____ No, I haven't watched CedarburgTV _____

9.) How likely or unlikely are you to recommend living in the Town to someone who asks?
Very Likely _____ Somewhat Likely _____ Somewhat Unlikely _____ Very Unlikely _____ No Opinion _____

10.) General Comments: _____

Thank You For Completing This Survey! Please Return to Town Hall by September 19th.

it ceases to exist. Simply because government doesn't technically turn a profit doesn't mean you can't adhere to tight budgets, remember the difference between "needs" and wants", and treat government employees the same as private sector employees. The Town of Cedarburg's revenue fell 14.9% from 2013 to 2014 due to reorganization of our budget and creation of a debt service fund. So we dropped our budgeted expenditures by 15.1%. Public or private, life is simple if you live within your means. Little things matter.

A big part of the problem is that it is deceptively easy for government to increase its revenue. My company can only increase its annual revenue by marketing, developing new clients, billing more hours, and/or increasing our hourly rates. Government increases its revenue by pulling out a pencil and writing a bigger number (known as a tax levy) on a piece of paper. Hard-working taxpayers are then left making cuts in their own personal and family budgets to compensate for the inability of their local representatives to do the same thing.

Seven years of flat taxes in the Town of Cedarburg doesn't come without making many hard choices. As you would in any private business, we must stretch the useful life expectancy of equipment and vehicles before we replace them with shiny new ones. We must double up job titles and workloads before we hire more employees. It is more than coincidence that if you travel back in time seven years you'll find the Cedarburg Town Board tightening its belt in many such areas, including voting town employees who take family health premiums (10% for single coverage), employees pay, but right on par with of their employees. It was not, and still is employees. At the time, local and state their premiums, yet elected officials often decisions that any private business fac-

Seven years of flat taxes in the Town of Cedarburg . . .

that beginning January 1, 2007, all new insurance coverage must pay 50% of their dramatically more than most public what most private sector businesses require not, a popular decision with town employees contributed less than 6% of refuse to make the difficult but inescapable ing growing deficits would have to make.

Efficiency also doesn't have to come at the expense of quality or services. Unlike any other municipality of its size, the town operates its own Department of Public Works. In 2014 the Town of Cedarburg has budgeted for road construction at Horns Corners north of Sherman, and Bridge Street west of Wauwatosa. We have plans for a new field groomer for a growing recreation program that has over 650 participants across three different sports, yet is supported entirely by fundraising efforts, advertising and sponsorships, and the fees paid by its participants. By the end of 2014 we will have paid off all remaining debt for our Fire Station and new automated refuse truck. We have improved efficiency by using a new road shouldering technique and partnering with Ozaukee County on certain projects. We made improvements to 6.2 miles of roads and shoulders and replaced 17 culverts. Our 2013 service satisfaction survey revealed that the "fundamental" government services which should be expected of a municipality (trash collection, snow/ice removal, recycling, and road maintenance) received "Excellent/Good" ratings by 97%, 80%, 72%, and 60% of respondents respectively.

It's easy to spend money that isn't yours. Just ask anyone in Illinois, California, Detroit, or Washington, D.C. But it will take more than the Town of Cedarburg to hold down your taxes. Ozaukee County residents have already received a 2014 tax bill which, sadly, contains tax increases from the State of Wisconsin (1.1%), Ozaukee County (5.4%), the local school district (9.8% for Cedarburg), and MATC (1.5%). Despite growing more than any previous year since 2005 (23 new single-family home permits in 2013), the Town of Cedarburg tax increase percentage shown on your 2014 tax bill should be an embarrassment to the other municipalities and taxing bodies – 0.0%.

It should be no surprise that the Town of Cedarburg's mission statement both explains and reflects the success we've had holding down taxes: "The Town of Cedarburg will provide its residents and businesses with quality, essential services, performed in a modern, cost-effective and efficient manner." It is nothing more than the mission statement any private business must adhere to. Your voice makes a difference. Hold accountable those who spend your hard-earned tax dollars. Seven years of flat town taxes should serve as a shining testimonial to the philosophy that government should strive to be more efficient (like a growing business), provide value (like a sustainable business), and make prudent fiscal decisions (like a lasting business). Anything less and you eventually end up with Detroit.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

NEW SCHOOL UNDER CONSTRUCTION

St. Francis Borgia has just begun construction of a 61,000 square foot parish activity and education center (top right) on a 37 acre property just north of the Five Corners intersection. The new building will accommodate over 350 students from preschool to 8th grade. School entrances will be located on both Covered Bridge Road and CTH NN.

Town Supervisor David Salvaggio (bottom right) congratulated St. Francis Borgia at their groundbreaking ceremony on August 10th. Construction is expected to be completed next summer.



Larger Accessory Buildings Allowed

Two new ordinances have increased the allowable size for detached accessory structures to 1,000 square feet for the first acre plus 100 square feet for each additional 1/4 over one acre up to 1,500 square feet total for six districts. Previously, these zoning districts allowed between 600-1,000 sq. ft. of detached accessory structure space based on lot size.

Other changes to roof pitch and height requirements for the TR, TR-2, R-1, R-2 and R-3 districts were also made. For additional information, please consult the Town Code or Town staff.

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Doesn't the Town Maintain that Road?

Over the past several years, our area has been inundated with road paving and reconstruction projects, including the addition of two roundabouts. Within our jurisdiction, the Town owns and maintains 120 lane miles of road. However, there are many miles of road within the Town's border that are owned and maintained by other jurisdictions. Below is a quick overview of State, County, and Local roadways including who to contact if you have questions about road construction, drainage concerns, culverts, or damaged property i.e. mail boxes during snow/ice control operations.

State Trunk Highway (STH): Wauwatosa Road (STH 181) and STH 60.

County Trunk Highway (CTH): Sheboygan Rd (CTH I), Pioneer Road (CTH C), Western Avenue (CTH T), Washington Ave (CTH NN), and Granville Road (CTH Y).

Town of Cedarburg: Roadways other than STH and CTH.

All State and County roads are maintained and managed by the Ozaukee County Highway Department and can be reached at (262)238-8335. Local roads are maintained by the Town of Cedarburg's Public Works Department at (262) 377-4509.

REFUSE CART REMINDERS

Moving to an automated collection system in 2011 has tremendously improved 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 7:00 a.m. on scheduled collection day.
- **Spacing:** Place multiple carts 3 feet apart or it can't be collected.
- **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.



Handle on house side &
3 feet between carts






CAN I BURN THAT?

As fall rapidly approaches it's important to review what may be burned within the Town of Cedarburg. Per our Town Code 273-29 *Burning; It shall be unlawful to burn or bury solid waste and recyclables by residential and nonresidential sectors and at construction sites, except open burning shall be permitted of clean wood (defined as any wood that has not been chemically treated in any way) and paper products and diseased vegetation, such as but not limited to anthracnose, to control the spread of such vegetation.*

Please remember that burning green leaves, grasses, and other green vegetation not only affects your neighbors next door and down the street but is also illegal in the Town. Leaf smoke can irritate the eyes, nose and throat for healthy adults. It can be much more harmful to small children, the elderly, and people with asthma or other lung or heart diseases. The Town offers a yard waste drop off behind Town Hall and a brush collection service that you can sign up for on the Town website at <http://rrc.town.cedarburg.wi.us/>.

DO I NEED A PERMIT?

Ever wonder if a permit was needed for a project you wanted to complete? A permit is not needed for the following: fence, roof reshingle if there's no rafter work, tennis court, kid's playset (but must be 10' from property line). A permit is needed if you want to alter, relocate, or install new any of the items listed below. Contact Building Inspector Paul Mortimer at (414) 640-9523 with questions.

 <p>Building Permits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition • Alteration • Skylight • Deck • Pool • Window & siding replacement • Rafter/Truss modification • Foundation/Structural Work • Shed • Raze/Demo • Garage 	 <p>Plumbing Permits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sink • Tub • Shower • Toilet • Drain • Dishwasher • Garbage disposal • Pump • Sprinkler • Water Meter • Water Heater • Well connection 	 <p>Electrical Permits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fixture • Outlet • Switch • Fan • Hood • Washer • Dryer • Furnace • A/C • Electric Water Heater • Motor 	 <p>HVAC Permits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heat Pump • Boiler • A/C • Geothermal • Forced Air • Radiant 	 <p>Right-of-Way</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace or add culvert • Add driveway access • Any work in ditch other than mowing • Install signage • Close a street (i.e. block party)
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