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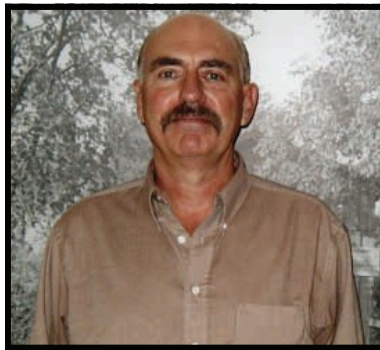
2007

Town Government is Working for You

By: Larry Lechner, Town Supervisor

I want to thank all of you who voted in the past April 2006 election. Your vote does count and does affect you, especially in a local election.

We now have two new members of the Town Board, David Flowers and myself. We also have a new chairman, David Valentine, who brings with him experience and knowledge in Town affairs. The two new members and the experience of David Salvaggio and Gary Wickert and the new chairman bring an exciting tone and future to the Town of Cedarburg. We all bring positive and open ideas to the table.



Larry Lechner (pictured above)

As you will read in Chairman Valentine's article in this newsletter, the Town Board is looking at protecting your future as citizens in the Town. We, the Town Board, are making important decisions to keep our tax base healthy. We are here to help citizens in their needs and rights. We want to help Town businesses succeed and grow. We will maintain the character that is the Town. The Five Corners District will be a benefit for people in cities and towns for miles around.

We also have reorganized and placed new members on the Planning Commission. David Valentine is Chairman and was a past commissioner. New members include: Glen Ziebell, a 30-year police officer; Thomas Martin, an expert in real estate development; David Salvaggio, a builder and contractor; Anthony Polston, an insurance representative; and as anchors Bill Henke, longtime Cedarburg businessman, and Paul Waldo, a computer executive. All of these gentlemen bring years of knowledge and experience to the new Plan Commission. They also have a vision for a positive and productive plan for the Town's future in both commercial and residential decisions and also to maintain rural character. We have before us exciting times, searching for future park sites. We are hopeful in gaining agreements with our neighbors that will be fair to the Town and to preserve what we have and design for the future.

We, as Board members, encourage you to attend Town Board and Plan Commis-

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NOTES & REMINDERS

Town Hall will be closed on the following days:

- Friday, April 6
- Monday, May 28
- Wednesday, July 4
- Monday, September 3

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Town Ordinance prohibits the burning of yard waste and leaves. Only clean wood may be burned. Please compost or use the Town facility for the disposal of yard waste.

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All new signage for commercial businesses must be approved by the Building Inspector, Plan Commission and Town Board. Please allow 30 to 60 days for approval. Contact the Building Inspector (262-375-1349) for questions and further information.

WANTED

Volunteer to care for flowers at the Town Hall during the 2007 growing season. Please call the Town Hall (377-4509) if you are interested in donating your time to help beautify the Town Hall.

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sion meetings. If you have questions or comments, please call your Town supervisors. We, as supervisors, want to hear from you.

Another very important factor in our new Town government is that we are very fortunate to have Jim Culotta as our new Town Administrator. Jim brings to the Town a great personality with years of administrative experience, common sense and a positive attitude for our Town's future. We still have our reliable and experienced staff: Karen Behrens, Donna Huettl and Adam Helms. We can thank Tom Marquardt, Director of Public Works, and the entire crew for their long hours in fighting our great Wisconsin snowstorms. We have to remember that weather conditions can be unpredictable and the crew does everything possible to keep the Town roads clear and safe. Tom will attack the storm from all angles. We are constantly working to improve service to you along with a brand new plow truck (which by the way, I voted against purchasing). These are the names of the Town crew who work hard for you: Andy Bartley, Dan Benicke, Jamie Butschlick, Dan DelCamp, Niel Filter, and Bob Heidtke.

You can feel confident that your Plan Commission and Town Board are doing the very best for you and the remaining Town land. We hope to hear from you and see you at Plan Commission and Town Board meetings.

Canoeing on Cedar Creek

The view most people get of Cedar Creek is what they can see as they cross the roadway bridges. There are many more scenic areas that can only be accessed by canoe. The Town of Cedarburg has three designated canoe access points along Cedar Creek.

The first point is at Creekside Park on Cedar Creek Road, just west of Horns Corners Road. This is an unimproved access with a gravel parking area. The second point is on Pleasant Valley Road near the Covered Bridge Road inter-

A Message from the Town Administrator

By Jim Culotta, Town Administrator

I would like to take this opportunity to briefly introduce myself. I was selected by the Town Board last November to serve as the Town Administrator. My family and I are very happy to live and work in the Town of Cedarburg. We appreciate the warm welcome we have received from so many of you.



It is truly an exciting time for the Town of Cedarburg. We have just begun a year long effort to update the Town's Comprehensive Plan. The purpose of the Comprehensive Plan is to develop a common vision for the Town's future. I urge you to take advantage of this unique opportunity to help shape the Town's future by completing the enclosed community survey and participating in the monthly Comprehensive Plan meetings. Additional information on this planning effort can be found on the Town's website. If you have any questions regarding the community survey, Comprehensive Plan or any other Town related issue, please don't hesitate to call me at Town Hall or e-mail.

section. This is also an unimproved access with a widened paved shoulder that will accommodate parking of two to three vehicles. The unimproved accesses consist of a dirt trail to the creek's edge where a canoe can enter the water. The third access point is off of Robin Court in the Cedar Creek Farms subdivision. This is an improved access point with a wooden dock area and a paved parking lot. Water depth controls when you can canoe the creek. The best canoeing is found in the spring during April and May.

<p>Take Out or Inside Seating</p>  <p>Hours: Mon-Thurs: 11am-9:30pm Fri & Sat: 11am-10pm Sunday: 12 Noon-9pm</p>	<p>NOW OPEN IN CEDARBURG</p> <h1>Great China</h1> <p>Szechuan, Hunan and Cantonese</p> <p>Cedarburg • 7825 Hwy. 60 (1 block west of 5 CORNERS)</p> <p>Tel. 262-375-3388 Fax. 262-375-2363</p> 	<p>10% OFF Any Purchase 1 Coupon Per Customer Per Visit. Cannot Be Combined With Other Offers. Expires 4-10-07</p> <p>10% OFF Any Purchase 1 Coupon Per Customer Per Visit. Cannot Be Combined With Other Offers. Expires 4-10-07</p>
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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



Aurora Health Center*

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.

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Cedarburg Public Library

2007 Summer Reading Program

All ages are invited to "Get a Clue @ the Cedarburg Public Library". Registration begins Saturday, June 9th. Pre-schoolers 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.

Got Internet?

Bookmark the Library's website www.cedarburg.lib.wi.us to use your library card to access these remote databases:

AskAway – 24/7 online reference service

Chilton Library – automobile repair manuals

Genealogy Databases - Proquest Obituaries and HeritageQuest

p4a – Price and info on antiques, collectibles, fine art and historic Americana

Reference USA – Detailed info on 12 million businesses and 120 million households

xreferplus – online reference books 24/7

Cedarburg Public Library Hours
Mon-Thurs 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Fri and Sat 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sun 1 – 5 p.m. (Sept–May)

Other databases include Contemporary Authors, Contemporary Literary Criticism, and the News Graphic, selected articles going back to 1990.

We thought you'd like to know that 154,245 customers visited the library in 2006.



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CEDARBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT

How the Cedarburg Fire Department Protects Town Residents

By Scott Idelman, Fire Prevention Officer, Cedarburg Fire Department

As Town of Cedarburg residents, you should know the many ways that your fire department ensures the protection of you, your family, and your property. What follows is an overview of some of the major ways that this protection is delivered.

Fire safety begins with education and prevention. Accordingly, the fire department offers a wide array of services and events that further these goals. At our annual Safety Day, usually the second Saturday of October, over two dozen public safety agencies and businesses provide exhibits, demonstrations, and handouts. In the latter half of June, we also participate in the Safety Town program for preschoolers. During the rest of the year, we offer Survive Alive instruction to all second graders, kitchen safety and fire extinguisher training for all fifth graders, and basic fire safety education to several youth organizations that visit our main station. In addition, we provide a number of outreach services such as fire extinguisher training for local businesses and the seasonal publication of fire safety articles in local newspapers. Finally, located at the department is the Town's Fire Inspector, who ensures that commercial facilities fully comply with state and local laws.

When a fire does occur, the department makes sure that it can provide a timely response with adequate personnel, equipment, and other resources. The department has about 80 active members. These personnel are divided into three groups, each of which is on duty every three weeks for nights and weekends. When the department's services are needed, the Cedarburg police dispatcher activates special pagers that department members ordinarily carry with them. Fire personnel then report to one of our two stations, though some officers will go directly to the fire scene and establish a command structure, assess the scene, call for the necessary resources, and relay information to incoming vehicles. If an incident potentially requires more personnel or equipment than the department can muster, the incident commander will request mutual aid from neighboring fire departments. All nine Ozaukee County fire departments are participants in a mutual aid agreement and are more than willing to provide whatever resources are needed at the fire scene.

If the fire is away from the city's border and not close to a hydrant, then the department will establish what it calls a water shuttling operation. A portable tank, which is basically a 3,000 gallon pool, is set up next to one of our engines. Tankers – ours and those of neighboring departments – proceed one after the other to the closest reliable water source and then return to the scene and dump their water into the tank. Such sources include in-ground cisterns each containing up to 30,000 gallons of water, city hydrants, and surface waters. The engine next to the portable tank then draws the water from the tank and pumps it to an engine that is supplying water to the hoselines. This shuttling process can operate as long as necessary in order to fully extinguish the fire.

Other services that are available at a fire scene can include the medical assessment and treatment of residents, the removal of necessary or valuable belongings from a dwelling, the prevention of additional environmental damage, and the preliminary determination of the fire's initial location and cause.

Because of these many ways that the fire department protects your life and property, the Insurance Services Organization (ISO) recently gave the Town of Cedarburg a rating of 6, which is one of the best possible ratings for an area without hydrants. Even more important than this rating, however, is the manifest commitment of the Cedarburg Fire Department's personnel to you, your family, and the community. Members—who are all volunteer—engage in countless hours of training, equipment maintenance, fire safety education, and, of course, responses to calls for assistance, whether they come at 3:00 p.m. or 3:00 a.m. and regardless of how challenging the circumstances may be.

If you would like to learn more about your fire department, please call us at our main station at 375-7630.



RECYCLING CENTER HOURS
THURSDAYS Noon - 6:00 P.M.
SATURDAYS 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.



Town Development & Planning

By Dave Valentine, Town Chairman

Despite the Extra Territorial Zoning freeze imposed on the Town of Cedarburg by the City of Cedarburg, the Town continues with long range planning and both short-term and long-term development goals.

As you probably already know, the City imposed an Extra Territorial Zoning freeze on portions of the Town in March 2006 and that runs for two (2) years. The Town and City each named three (3) members to a Joint Committee to try to resolve the zoning issues that attempt to limit zoning changes in portions of the Town, basically around the commercial/retail area of 5 Corners. This is progressing very slowly, as it does in almost every Town/City dispute of this type in the entire State. The Town representatives to this Joint Committee are doing an excellent job in representing the Town's vital interest and protecting virtually our entire commercial/retail tax base.

At a Special Meeting of the Electorate on November 2006, the citizens of the Town approved a financing plan that allows the Town to purchase properties in the Town that are crucial to the development of the Town. This initiative has been progressing with two (2) properties purchased to date.

The Town purchased approximately five (5) acres directly behind the Recycling Center, which is also behind the 5 Corners Commons development on Highway 60. It is an extremely rare opportunity to have land adjacent to the Town Hall complex available. This land will be developed based on the 5 Corners Master Plan. With the Town in control of this property, we can have direct input on planning the core of the entire Master Plan area and provide an example of the vision expressed for the future of the commercial/retail development of the Town.

The second property purchased was an 1860's stone farmstead on Washington Avenue that is zoned business and has been occupied as residential for several years. The owner approached the Town in an attempt to preserve this unique farmstead. The Town's main objective in purchasing this property is to preserve our heritage and rural character by protecting this historical structure and also promoting business development in the Town's commercial/retail area. Again, the Town's direct involvement and control of this property will ensure the development fits our vision of mixing our rich history with new development.

Another exciting initiative in the Town is the development of a Master Plan for the entire Town, similar to the 5 Cor-

ners Master Plan. This is partially mandated by the State of Wisconsin through its Smart Growth requirements that must be in place by 2010. However by using this requirement wisely and building on our experience obtained in the development of the 5 Corners Master Plan, the Town citizens can have enormous input in the future of our Town. We have appointed a committee to help shape the plan and we invite everyone to be part of the process. These volunteers are to be applauded for their involvement and commitment. The high level of expertise and diversity of backgrounds of the committee members leaves no doubt that the new Town Master Plan will provide a clear roadmap to the future of our Town.

In addition to an open invitation to Town and/or City residents to attend any/all meetings, we are asking for direct Town resident input into our planning by the survey included in this Newsletter. I urge everyone to take a few minutes and fill out the survey and return it to the Town Hall or the Recycling Center. This information is crucial to establishing the basic vision, goals and objectives to be used in the entire planning process.

The Town of Cedarburg is progressing with implementation of the 5 Corners Master Plan and looking to establish new plans that will shape our future. Sure there are stumbling blocks placed in our way. There are unexpected roadblocks that at times seem insurmountable. There are other governmental bodies that make achieving our goals more difficult. We certainly have financial constraints that the Town Board considers in every decision. We have done a great job in controlling Town taxes and we will continue to be as frugal as possible. With a clear vision of our objectives, we will succeed in protecting our borders and continue controlled development, as well as expand our tax base

Please Remove Trees in Cedar Creek

Canoeing on Cedar Creek is a popular pastime in the Town. 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 are required 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, it is not permissible to cross private property to enter the creek. 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.

Public Works Notes

Thomas Marquardt, PE - Director of Public Works



Roadside Clean-Up

The Town of Cedarburg has had an Adopt-A-Road Program for roadside clean-up for five years. Volunteer groups have adopted sections of Town roads and provided litter clean-up at least three times per year.

This program has been successful, with almost half of the available road sections being adopted. The Adopt-A-Road Program does not cover all of the Town's 65 plus miles of road. Many of our local roads and subdivision roads are not being cleaned-up on a regular schedule.

The Public Works Department is requesting that those property owners with large rural road frontages police the roadsides of their property for the accumulation of discarded trash. If a group of neighbors, your family or a subdivision association desires to have a clean-up event, please contact the Public Works Department (377-4509). The Town will provide all of the materials needed for a roadside clean-up. When the event is completed, the Town will pick-up any bags or discarded items. We can keep our rural roadsides looking good with a little help from residents and property owners.

Driveways

Driveways are the access points where private properties connect to public roadways. The Town's driveway ordinance (279-6) governs how these connections can be made.

The issuance of a Driveway Permit is required by the Town for each new driveway or for the modification of a driveway that involves the extension or replacement of the culvert pipe. Each property owner is responsible for the cost of installation and maintenance of their driveway. Key elements reviewed on a driveway installation are flowline elevations, the surface material of the last ten feet of the driveway and the height of driveway and/or edge treatments within the last ten feet. **The surface material within ten feet of the roadway pavement must be asphalt or gravel.** Concrete, stone or brick create an immovable object that may catch the edge of the snow plow blade. Contact with such objects has caused damage to our equipment and could result in injury to our employees. Snow plowing hazards are the reason all culvert end

treatments and landscaping within ten feet of the roadway must be kept below the driveway surface.

The Town attempts to inform contractors of the above regulations prior to construction of a driveway to avoid unnecessary reconstruction of a finished driveway access. If you have questions regarding driveway installation, please contact the Town Hall (377-4509).

Brush Chipping

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.



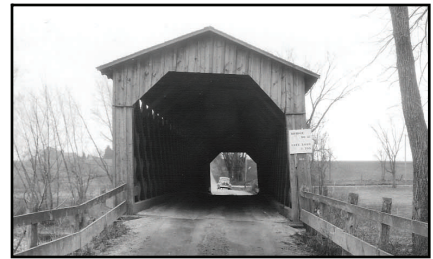
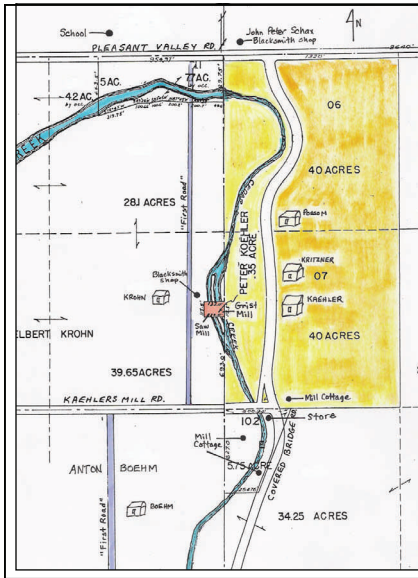
Dan DelCamp Reaches 30th Anniversary with Town!

Dan DelCamp reached a milestone of 30 years as a member of the Town's Public Works crew on February 15th. Dan was presented with a cake and a gift certificate as tokens of appreciation for his years of dedicated service to the Town.

Last Covered Bridge in Wisconsin

A Pictorial Look

by Carol Boettcher, Town Landmark Commission member and Local History Researcher



Beginning in the 1840's, the area surrounding the Covered Bridge settled rapidly with the majority being of Irish and German descent (Corrigan, Halpin, Malone, Groth, Behrens, Krohn, etc.). Traveling north was difficult before the present bridge was built. To bypass this area "First road" had been used extensively as it bisected the Behrens, Boehm and Krohn farms between Cedar Creek and Pleasant Valleys roads. Once travelers reached the north end of the Krohn farm they forded the creek at a point which was narrow and shallow.

Simply building a bridge was not an easy task. First, area residents petitioned the town. Once that was accomplished bids would be sought and the funds needed to be raised (typically in the form of a special tax). In 1850, Mike Hickey was paid \$38.00 to build a bridge near his residence. While details are not officially available it was most likely a simple structure with a railing on both sides. Bridges were frequently damaged needing constant repairs.

Finally, in the spring of 1876, a flood destroyed the existing structure. Th. Kliefoth, Ferd. Mintzloff, Fritz Knickelbein, Patrick Hemlock, J. F. Ohm, Henry Wachtmann, John Kliefoth, J. Burhop, Ernst Schuh and Henry Ropeter petitioned the town to replace it explaining "The said bridge is a comfort for all the Citizens in the north part of the town, not only for local communication. It saves them a mile in going to the village of Cedarburg and to any place South."

The structure style selected is known as *Town lattice*. The planking and timber was obtained from a mill located near Baraboo which cut and squared all lumber. White pine was the specie of choice for the 120 foot single span. (The lumber was transported over 75 miles.) The original builder added board and batten siding which seems to have helped the bridge withstand the harsh winters of our northern climate. Many questions have arisen over time with regard as to why it was 'covered'. One theory entertained was when a farmer with a load of hay or straw went through it would 'level off' the contents. It was more likely the choice concerned horses and oxen - horses were more likely to cross a structure which they perceived as 'solid' and therefore 'safe'. Open bridges provided more risk. Another benefit of being 'covered' is that it provided protection from inclement weather while traveling, plus helping to stave off deterioration of the decking.

When originally constructed in 1876 there was no center support. With the advent of the automobile and gasoline powered farm equipment a concrete center support was added in 1927 to facilitate heavier loads. The bridge came under the jurisdiction of the county highway department in the 1940's. The Port Washington chapter of the D.A.R. officially recognized the historic nature of the bridge with the installation of a bronze plaque in 1955 on the south entrance. With the advent of heavier and increased vehicular traffic linked to the growing urbanization of the area it was determined to build a concrete span next to the Covered Bridge thereby retiring it from service in 1962. In 1965, the bridge was recognized in a ceremony as the "Last Covered Bridge in Wisconsin" with a state marker, unveiled by Mrs. James McCray, then president of the county historical society.

Photographs: *Top left* - area map showing location of "First road" (left side of Cedar Creek); *Top middle* - earliest known photo of Bridge circa 1930; *Top right* - looking north (1959); *Middle lower* - standing in present day 'Boy Scout park' looking southwest (1940's); *Middle right* - look-

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2007 MAXWELL STREET DAYS

Firemen's Park—Washington Avenue (Just North of downtown Cedarburg)

May 27

July 15

September 2

October 7

Gates open at 6:00 a.m. - Rain/Shine

For more information: Call 262-377-8412