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RECYCLING SURVEY

The Town Board wants your input on how recycling services should be provided. The survey is on page 7 of this newsletter or at the following website: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CedarburgRecycles>

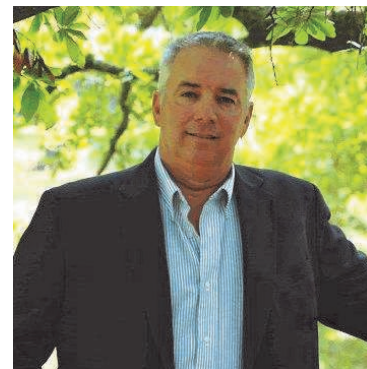
NOTES & REMINDERS

- Congrats to Supervisors Rintelman & Salvaggio on their reelection.
- Thank You: Bob Heidtke, public works employee, for 30 years of dedicated service.
- Town Hall will be closed on May 26th, and July 4th
- Five Corners Farmers Market returns June 14th at Wayne's Drive-In. Vendor registration forms are now available online and at Town Hall

TOWN LITTLE LEAGUE ENTERS 5TH SEASON

Five years ago we started our Recreation Program with two promises. We would provide play opportunity to ALL community youth and we would build and run our program through user fees and sponsorships, NOT tax dollars. We have delivered on these promises and 457 participants make this our biggest year yet.

The Town survey of Aug. 2013 indicated the frequency of use of our Town parks. Of particular interest to the Park & Recreation Committee was the number of residents not familiar with the *Orthopedic Hospital of Wisconsin* baseball fields at 5 Corners. This is understandable, unless you have kids in the program why would you be? If you are a resident who hasn't seen this Town gem, let me introduce you.



David Salvaggio
Supervisor Seat 2

- *Orthopedic Hospital of Wisconsin* fields, located at the end of 5 Corners Drive, just west of the Town Hall.
- Each week, upwards of 20 teams play four games a day, Mon. through Thursday, with practice on weekends.
- Naming sponsorships include *Orthopedic Hospital of Wisconsin*-general field. *Gary VandenBerg Field*- Field #1, *Allison Kasten Field* - Field #2.
- Program sponsorships by our local businesses are recognized on banners surrounding our fields.
- Eagle Scout projects completed or underway this year include additional equipment shed, scoreboard and four dugouts.
- 5 Corners Lions Club provide and operate the concession stand during games.
- Parking lot expansion and landscaping were completed last year.

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TOWN RECEIVES BOND RATING UPGRADE

Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, an independent credit rating agency, has upgraded the Town's bond rating one notch from 'AA to AA+'. A bond rating is a measure of a bond issuer's ability and willingness to meet financial obligations in full and on time. The rating upgrade was made following an in-depth review of the Town's financial condition and management policies/practices.

According to Standard & Poor's, a rating of 'AA+' differs from the highest-rated obligations only to a small degree and indicates the Town's capacity to meet its financial commitments is very strong. In their [report on the upgrade](#), Standard & Poor's says the 'AA+' rating reflects the Town's:

- ◆ Very strong local economy
- ◆ Very strong budgetary flexibility
- ◆ Strong management conditions based on "strong revenue and expenditure assumptions in the budgeting process, strong oversight in terms of monitoring progress against the budget during the year, a long-term capital plan, and a formal policy to maintain general fund reserves at 20%-25% of expenditures."
- ◆ Strong budgetary performance

The Town received an 'AA' bond rating in 2009 when two short-term notes were refinanced into a long-term borrowing. That 'AA' rating was affirmed by Standard & Poor's in 2012.

Standard & Poor's has given the Town a "stable outlook" because it believes the Town "will maintain very strong budgetary flexibility and liquidity, and at least balanced operations, for the next two years".

WHAT'S BOARD OF REVIEW?

Wisconsin law requires most taxable property be assessed at full market value as of January 1st each year. Assessments at a percentage of full market value are acceptable when applied uniformly. To determine if your assessment is fair, you must analyze it in relation to full market value. This is done by dividing your assessment by the general level of assessment for your municipality, which is estimated to be 102.00%.

To learn more about your assessment, you can directly contact the Town Assessor Grotta Appraisals (262-253-1143). Questions can be asked anytime, phone or email is best (kyle@wi-assessor.com or mike@wi-assessor.com). Minor errors and misunderstandings can often be corrected with the assessor instead of making a formal appeal. If you prefer, you may email the assessor prior to the Open Book at: .

To file a formal appeal of your assessment, complete and file an Objection Form with the Board of Review (BOR) clerk at least 48 hours before. During the first two hours of the BOR's first scheduled meeting, a property owner may request a waiver of the 48-hour notice requirement by showing good cause for failure to meet that requirement. Make sure you file a completed Objection Form or the BOR may not review your appeal. The Board of Review will consider appeals on May 12, 2014 beginning at 6pm at Town Hall.

For more information on the appeal process:

- Call Clerk Debra Otto at 262-377-4509 to receive the Objection Form for Real Property Assessment.
- Review the "Property Assessment Appeal Guide for Wisconsin Real Property Owners". This guide can be found at www.revenue.wi.gov by searching for the keywords "Assessment Appeal". You can also request a copy by contacting the Department of Revenue, Office of Technical and Assessment Services, Box 8972, Madison, WI 53708-8971.

Touch-a-Truck



Children of all ages are invited to the Town of Cedarburg's sixth annual Touch-a-Truck!

**Saturday, July 26th
1 p.m. - 3 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 & heavy equipment.

- Free Ice Cream
- Bounce House
- Hula Hoop Contest
- Live DJ

REGISTRATION OPENS IN MAY!!!



Registration will open in May and be done online this season. Practices and games will be held weekly on Tuesday nights at the Webster and PAC fields by Cedarburg High School. Our league features dry-wick personalized player jerseys and a free mini-camp lead by Concordia University coaches and players. Division championship games will also be held at Concordia. Over 140 boys and girls ranging from 4-11 year olds played last season. Visit the Town website for more details.

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MILWAUKEE BREWER & LAKESHORE CHINOOKS GAMES

Town Hall is selling tickets to two baseball games this summer **to the general public** as fundraisers for our Little League program.

Brewers vs. Washington Nationals

June 23rd at 7:10pm.

Ticket prices range from \$15-\$42 based on seating section.

Lakeshore Chinooks vs. La Crosse Loggers @ Kapco Park

July 11th at 7:05pm

Tickets cost \$17 and include a free Chinooks hat.

These fundraisers help keep registration fees low. Go to www.cedarburglittleleague.com to place your order.

DEEP WATER TONING/ PICKLE BALL

In late April, registration will open for the May 13 - August 28 season. Registration forms will be available at Town Hall and 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 again this fall each Tuesday night starting in September at Thorson elementary school. Registration will open in August. Look for more information on the Town website.



RECYCLE OR NOT TO RECYCLE

Enclosed in this newsletter (page 7) is a resident survey about the Town of Cedarburg's Recycling Program. I encourage you to take 2-3 minutes, fill out the survey and return it to the Town. The survey can also be accessed on the Town website and it was sent to over 1,000 e-mail addresses through the Town's E-Notify.

The purpose of this survey is to provide resident input into how the Town will recycle in the future. The Town currently has a drop-off system with limited hours, as you know. However, well over 200 homes already pay to have their recycling picked up by a private contractor and that number continues to grow. The Town also knows many homes do not recycle at all, due to the hassle with storing, sorting and driving the recyclables to the drop off site. This is a growing concern, as the fees the Town must pay to dump our trash at landfills continues to climb. Add this to the fact that at least some of that trash is actually recyclable material, the Town costs will continue to climb.

The Town has not raised the property tax rate in the past 7 years. The goal is to continue this trend. To do so, every possible method of cutting costs while still providing top notch services to residents must be explored. Cutting cost is one of the positives for Curbside Recycling for home owners and businesses too. Think about all the gasoline it takes for all the residents to go to the Recycling Center every week, every two weeks or even once per month. Gasoline is not inexpensive and there is no reason to believe the price will go down.

Another positive is the time saved by all the residents in not sorting recyclables, not driving to and from the Recycling Center. There still will be limited hours to drop off items outside at the Town for items not collected by a contractor. However, these items tend to be items that need to only be dropped off occasionally, not weekly.

The Recycling Center operation has been a success, no question. Many residents like the process and enjoy the "teachable moment" with children or the social contact with fellow residents. What the Town needs to evaluate is the effectiveness of the system and the long term costs.

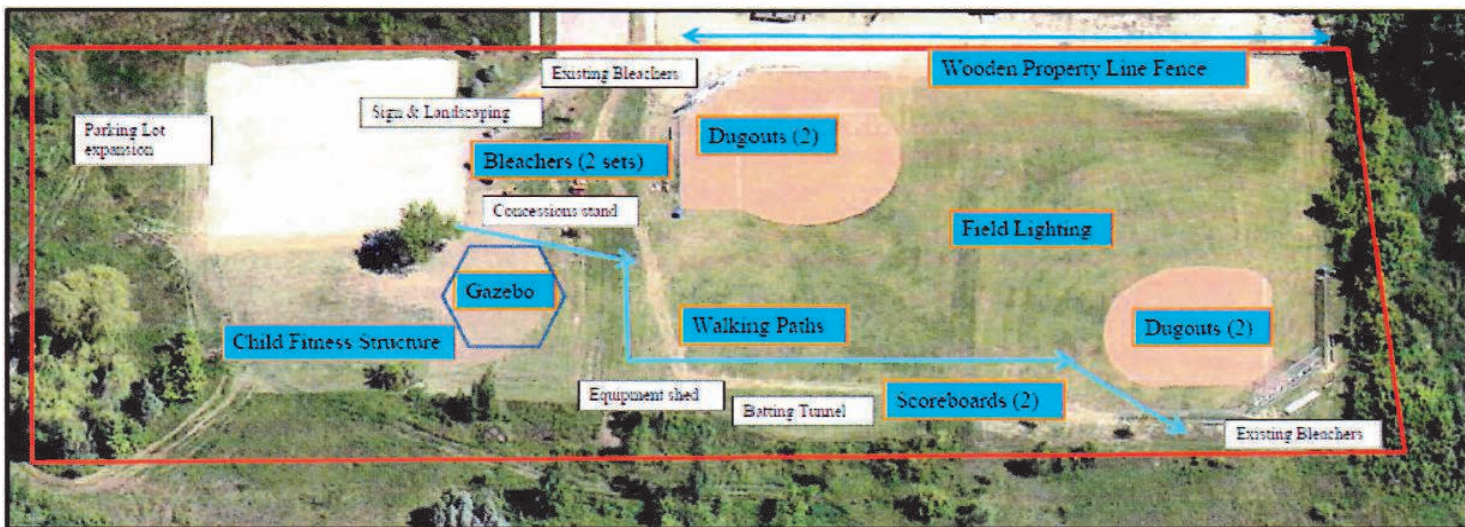
The Town conducted a Pilot Program on Curbside Recycling and it was very successful (see page 7 for details). Now is the time to see what as many residents as possible think of the idea. If Curbside Recycling is implemented, it will not start until January 2015.

Again, please let your desires on the future of Town Recycling be heard with the survey.

On a completely different topic: I would like to thank the entire Town Department of Public Works for their efforts this past winter. There has been a lot of snow, a lot of cold and many hours plowing and salting. Unfortunately, the Town roads have really taken a beating from the cold and frost. Road repairs will start when (and if) the weather ever allows. Please be patient.

SUP. SALVAGGIO CONTINUED

Take a look at last year's aerial photo and you will agree that a lot has been achieved in 4 years by a program and a facility supported entirely by the community.



Items yet to be completed on the Park Committee's wish list are: Field lighting, Child fitness structure and gazebo on adjacent green, Wooden fence, and Two additional sets of bleachers.

A dream being realized through the generosity of our community.

Thank you Cedarburg.

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BUILDING NEWS

MAKING IMPROVEMENTS TO YOUR PROPERTY?

Independent Inspections, Ltd. (ILL) was hired by the Town Board to be your building inspection department effective January 1, 2014. ILL provides a full range of building inspection services including new homes, decks, sheds, commercial/industrial buildings, etc.

Paul Mortimer, who brings over 25 years of inspection and construction experience, is the building inspector assigned to the Town. It is his mission to provide friendly, informative, prompt and experienced inspection services, and provide the citizens of the Town of Cedarburg with a positive building project experience.



**Paul Mortimer,
Building Inspector**

Some projects requiring permits are all new residential, commercial and agricultural buildings, swimming pools, sheds, fences, remodeling and residing projects. A complete list and more details, along with permit applications, information sheets, etc. are provided on the Town website at <http://www.town.cedarburg.wi.us/cedarburg-egovernment.cfm?id=34>.

Owners or contractors should request inspections by calling 1-800-422-5220, or by emailing ILL through their website at <http://www.independentinspections.com>, and selecting the inspection request form.

Paul holds office hours at the Town Hall from 1-2 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. He can easily be contacted by calling (414) 640-9523 or by email at inspector@town.cedarburg.wi.us.

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RECYCLING SURVEY

RETURN BY
MAY 16TH

The Town periodically evaluates recycling services to ensure they're cost-effective and efficient. In recent years, recycling revenues have been greater than costs. In 2013, revenues exceeded expenditures by about \$6,400. However, resident satisfaction with the recycling center has dropped. The percentage of dissatisfied survey respondents has grown from 7% in 2007 to 23% in 2013. Some residents are interested in curbside recycling.

Last fall, the Town conducted a curbside recycling pilot program where a private company collected from 50 self-selected residents for one month. These residents recycled 47% more with curbside collection than they did using the Recycling Center. These residents reported spending between 5-15 minutes per week recycling curbside compared to 1-2 hours per week when using the Recycling Center (time includes collecting at home, loading into car & drive to recycling center, and sorting).

Consider the following scenario:

The Town could contract with a private recycling company to collect your paper, glass, metal cans/lids/foil, plastics (#1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7), magazines, cardboard/paperboard, Styrofoam, and telephone books. All of these recyclables would be placed together (comingled) in a 96 gallon cart and collected every other week from the end of your driveway. Town staff/equipment would not be used to provide this service. The estimated monthly cost per household is between \$3.00 - \$3.50. There would be no additional cost for the cart and it would be delivered to your home for free. Additional carts could be purchased and used. It is likely this service would be listed as a separate fee on your tax bill. Other recyclables, such as yard waste, electronics, batteries, tires, waste oil, and scrap metal, would not be collected curbside but could still be disposed of behind Town Hall.

The Town Board would like your input. Please answer the following questions:

Would you be willing to pay between \$3.00 - \$3.50 per month for curbside collection?

Yes_____ No_____

Which statement best describes how you currently recycle? Please check only one below.

At the Town Recycling Center _____

Curbside through a private company _____

By other means (i.e. at work) _____

I don't recycle _____

If you don't recycle now, would you be more likely to recycle if the Town switched to curbside collection by a private company? Yes_____ No_____ Not applicable because I do recycle now _____

Do you think the recycling center is convenient? Yes_____ No_____

Would your family recycle more with curbside collection? Yes_____ No_____

Would your family save time with curbside recycling? Yes_____ No_____

Would every other week pickup of recyclables curbside be frequent enough? Yes_____ No_____

Thank you for completing this important survey. Please remove this page from the newsletter and return to Town Hall by May 16th. Completed surveys can be mailed, faxed to 262-377-0308, or dropped off at Town Hall or the Recycling Center during normal business hours.

The survey results will be made available on the Town's website and discussed at an upcoming Town Board meeting. Your participation is appreciated!

ORDINANCE UPDATE

Ord. 2014-5: Accessory structures in residential districts.

A somewhat common request from residents is to be able to increase the size of a proposed accessory structure in a residential district beyond that allowed by Zoning Code. Residents cite many reasons for this request including the need for more storage space as families purchase more vehicles, acquire more personal property they would prefer to store indoors, and possibly adopt hobbies that make a detached workshop attractive. This ordinance ensures that every residential zoning district is allowed at least 1,000 square feet of accessory structure space. You can find a chart defining the requirements for accessory structures in all zoning districts on the Town website.

Below are some answers to FAQ's that might help residents understand basic zoning related to accessory structures.

My neighbor has a larger outbuilding than I am allowed. Why can't I have one that large?

- Zoning districts vary in principal and accessory structure requirements for a reason: to differentiate themselves. Developer's are well aware of the zoning requirements for the zoning they seek at the time of land division. Different residents prefer different neighborhood feel. Some prefer a dense subdivision without common open space, some prefer open space developments, and some prefer Estate zoning that allows farm animals.

Why have homeowner's associations if the Town provides Zoning?

- Newer subdivisions typically have homeowner's associations that have requirements above and beyond that of basic Town zoning. This ensures that all homes and accessory structures meet a minimum standard that is established by the developer. However, it is not uncommon for a homeowner's association to fade away over time, highlighting the importance of Town zoning.
- **Why not allow exceptions on a case-by-case basis?** The point of zoning is to avoid this exact situation. If a resident feels the Zoning Code is causing them an unnecessary hardship, they may apply for a variance in certain circumstances. However, the burden of proof is upon the resident to prove a hardship, as determined by the Zoning Board of Appeals. Monetary consideration would not be viewed as a hardship.

DESIGN GUIDELINES UNDER REVIEW

The Town's Plan Commission continues to develop binding design guidelines for commercial, industrial, multi-family, senior care, institutional and governmental facilities.

These guidelines are meant to be simple, support attractive development, and protect & enhance our tax base.

Resident and business input is welcome. To learn more about the details and upcoming meetings, refer to our online Development Tracker.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION TRACKER

This new online tool details pending and recently approved applications to rezone or divide land, conditional use permits, variances, and other related petitions.

Staff updates the Tracker regularly so the public can follow applications and be apprised of meeting schedules.

To view the list of applications, select the **Development Application Tracker** icon on the Town's homepage.

RULE REMINDER: ANIMALS AT LARGE & BURNING

During the spring and summer months, Town Hall takes an increased amount of calls from citizens with burning concerns. Besides the items that are allowed to be burned in the town, please be mindful of the amount you burn and weather conditions when burning. Excessive amounts of smoke and ash is a main concern with residents.

§ 273-29. Burning and dumping.

A. Burning. (1) 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.

(2) Burning of any material is not permitted on a construction site until an occupancy permit has been issued for the building being constructed.

Additionally, we receive a steady number of animal complaints throughout the year. Generally, excessive barking and dogs running loose through the neighborhoods are the most common issues. Below is the town codes regarding animals running at large.

§ 95-6. Restrictions on keeping of dogs, cats, fowl and other animals.

C. Animals running at large. (1) No person having in his possession or ownership any animal or fowl shall allow the same to run at large within the Town. The owner of any animal, whether licensed or unlicensed, shall keep his animal tied or enclosed in a proper enclosure so as not to allow said animal to interfere with the passing public or neighbors. Any animal running at large unlicensed and required by state law or Town ordinance to be licensed shall be seized and impounded by a humane or law enforcement officer.

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT: THE EMERALD ASH BORER

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) was recently found in the Town of Cedarburg. The adult emerald ash borer is a metallic green insect about one-half inch long and one-eighth inch wide (shown right). The beetle larvae destroy the fluid-conducting vessels under the ash tree's bark (see photos below), essentially cutting off the flow of nutrients in the tree, leading to the tree's decline and death. EAB is native to Asia and is believed to have accidentally arrived in North America in the 1990s via shipping containers.



A sign that your tree may already have an EAB infestation is Woodpecker flecking (shown below right).

The State of Wisconsin is leading the battle against the emerald ash borer EAB and have quarantined the following counties in southeastern Wisconsin: Ozaukee, Washington, Fond du Lac, Sheboygan, Vernon, and Calumet. This quarantine means that the movement of hardwood firewood, mulch, and other products is restricted in an effort to slow the spread of the tiny, green ash-killing beetle.



"The quarantine on firewood and ash products is an important step in slowing the spread of EAB in Western Wisconsin," said Bob Dahl, plant protection section chief with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP). "On its own, EAB spreads slowly throughout an area. But hidden beneath the bark of firewood, logs, or nursery stock, the pest can move across the country in a day."

Under the quarantine, businesses and residents in quarantined counties can no longer move these products out of the area: all hardwood firewood, ash timber, ash nursery stock, mulch, and manufactured ash products that have bark attached (e.g. pallets).

Businesses and industries may apply for compliance agreements through DATCP or the US Department of Agriculture that will allow them to move certain products at certain times of the year or if specific conditions are met. There are no such agreements available for homeowners or campers who want to move firewood.

Violating the quarantine is a criminal action and may result in a fine of up to \$200, six months in jail, or both. If regulated materials cross the state line, federal penalties begin at \$1,000.

There has been some success using insecticide treatment to slow the spread of damage to ash trees. These insecticides, however do not kill the borer, they simply make the tree less desirable to the insect so they move on to an un-treated tree. This infiltration of our forestry is a large reason the Town has had to remove many trees along our roadways ensuring safe travel corridors.

More information on ash tree treatment is available at <http://www.ashborer.com/> More information about emerald ash borer and quarantine issues can be found at www.emeraldashborer.wi.gov.

PUBLIC WORKS NOTES CONTINUED

ADAM
MONTICELLI
DIRECTOR OF
PUBLIC WORKS

BRUSH COLLECTION

Between June 2nd and October 15th, 2014, the Town will provide roadside brush collection for a fee. Residents will be charged \$65 for the first half hour of collection. If the collecting takes longer than 30 minutes, residents will be charged an additional \$1.50 per minute. Property owners will be billed for the time actually spent collecting and related commute time.

Leaving the brush out for too long before it is collected may result in grass or other vegetation growing entangled in the brush, making it more difficult to handle, increasing the time required to complete collection.

The maximum amount of brush collected per household is a pile no larger than 100'L x 6'H x 5'W, with a limb diameter no greater than 6". This amount can be collected all at once or broken down into smaller piles throughout the year (ex. Two 50' x 6'H x 5'W piles or Ten 10' x 6'H x 5'W piles). The brush will be collected by either a light duty truck with a chipper or a wheeled excavator with a claw/grapple attachment.

As a reminder piles left on the shoulder can be a hazard to driving, if they are left longer than two weeks they will be picked up without notice and the resident will be invoiced accordingly.

Collection requests will be accepted beginning June 2nd. To request a pickup, please log onto the Resident Request Center at <http://rrc.town.cedarburg.wi.us/> or call Town Hall. Contact Director Monticelli at (262) 377-4509 with specific collection questions.

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