

## TOP 10 OF 2014

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### RECYCLING CENTER

The Recycling Center is officially closing. The last day to use the facility is December 27th. We'll continue to accept some items in the Recycling Yard. See page 11 for details.

### NOTES & REMINDERS

- Town Hall will be closed on December 24th, 25th, and 31st and January 1st. The Recycling Center will not be open on December 25th.
- Town Board meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month.
- Please remember to put your refuse & recycling carts out by 7am on your designated day.

The end of the year is always a good time to reflect, and in that spirit I have put together a non-exhaustive list of 10 Town of Cedarburg highlights for 2014 in no particular order.

#### **Adoption of Commercial Design Standards:**

Several years ago substantial time and resources were expended to complete comprehensive plans for our town, resulting in non-binding guidelines. These voluntary guidelines left our most valuable commercial districts vulnerable to low quality, unattractive designs. To fully realize the plans and protect investments, the Plan Commission spent months preparing reasonable, common sense, binding minimum standards for commercial development. The Town Board acted to approve the standards recommended by the Plan Commission. (see page 2 for more)



**Joe Rintelman**  
Supervisor Seat 4

#### **Curbside Recycling Decision:**

Few issues have provoked such passion, and after much consideration the board decided on curbside recycling. Thank you to everyone who provided input; our program, including limited recycling at the center, is better because of resident participation. With the new program, the more we recycle, the lower our costs. So, recycle generously and help lower our fees!

#### **Rearrangement of Front Office Staff:**

After challenges in filling the Clerk position, Assistant Administrator Eric Ryer will assume Clerk duties. We will hire a part-time Recreation Director/Receptionist and hire a bookkeeping service. The result is about a 1/2 an employee reduction.

#### **Former Library Property Sold:**

The former library, jointly owned by the City and Town of Cedarburg, was sold. The process went smoothly which reflects the improved relations between our municipalities.

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## TOWN BOARD UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTS 2015 BUDGET

On December 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Cedarburg Town Board approved a \$2.3 million budget that will maintain a high level of service without increasing the tax rate for the eighth consecutive year.

The budget is primarily funded by a property tax levy of \$1,909,415, an increase of \$23,288. The levy increase is directly attributed to the rise in assessed value from new construction. The Town had the largest percent increase in net new construction in Ozaukee County this year. 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.

The 2015 budget funds the annual pavement maintenance program, which will include repaving Horns Corners from Sherman Road south 700 feet and Devonshire Road from Covered Bridge Road to Kingswood Drive. Crackfilling and other road maintenance efforts will receive additional funds in 2015.

The approved budget also funds a new single-stream, curbside recycling program for residential properties. Waste Management will provide this service, which begins on January 5<sup>th</sup>. Recycling carts are currently scheduled to be delivered beginning on December 15<sup>th</sup>. A \$42 dollar recycling fee has been placed on the tax bills of improved residential properties to help finance the service for 2015. Tax bill info can soon be found on the [Ozaukee County website](#).

The Board also adopted a five-year capital improvement plan that identifies future infrastructure and equipment needs.

Additional information on the 2015 budget and capital improvement plan is available at <http://www.town.cedarburg.wi.us/cedarburg-egovernment.cfm?id=39>

## 2015 Election Update

A spring Town election will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2015, for the seats of Town Chairman, and Supervisor Seats 1 and 3. If a primary is necessary, the primary will be held Tuesday, February 17, 2015. If you are interest in running for one of these positions, you must file a Campaign Registration Statement at Town Hall 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 6, 2015. For more information, contact Assistant Administrator/Clerk Eric Ryer or the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board at <http://gab.wi.gov/>. 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.

## Town Enacts Design Guidelines & Standards

Following months of discussion by the Plan Commission, the Town Board approved building and site design guidelines and standards in August. The purpose of these new rules is to ensure the construction of attractive developments through a streamlined application process and to protect the investment of existing businesses. These rules apply to new or expanding commercial, multi-family, senior care facilities, institutional and governmental facilities. To learn more, visit the Town Planning webpage online.

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## REGISTRATION ONLINE IN 2015

Little League registration will take place online from January 5th - February 27th. The continuation of online registration is a result of 97% of 2014 Little League survey respondents preferring online versus paper registration. Go to [www.cedarburglittleleague.com](http://www.cedarburglittleleague.com) to register. Town Hall will also have a computer available for registration if it is more convenient to stop in.

As with 2014, if you live outside the Cedarburg Little League boundary area (not tied to municipal lines) but your child attends a school within the boundary area, you simply need to bring an official school document, such as a report card or school enrollment form confirming enrollment for the current academic year, dated before October 1, 2014, to register for CLL. Families living outside of the Cedarburg Little League boundary area and not attending a school within the boundary area will need to fill out a residency waiver at Town Hall. The boundary area map can be found on the Cedarburg Little League website.

**NEW IN 2015: Little League International has changed their age structure as follows:** players born on or after January 1, 2006 (who will turn the ages of 4-9 during the 2015 calendar year) will use the new age structure based on a December 31st cutoff. Players born prior to **January 1, 2006**, will continue to utilize the current age determination date of April 30th as the age cutoff for the remainder of their Little League career.

## RECORD SPONSORSHIP YEAR IN 2014

Over \$140,000 has been raised since the inception of Town recreation programming in five years, with over \$41,000 raised in 2014. Notable was the naming of field #2 "Allison Kasten Field", as well as Eagle Scout donations of an equipment shed and two scoreboards. Monetary donations significantly reduce registration fees and allow us to improve our facilities. Our sponsorship flyer outlining categories is available at [www.cedarburglittleleague.com](http://www.cedarburglittleleague.com). We are also looking for sponsors of items found on the field improvement plan (found at the Little League website). Contact Eric at Town Hall at 377-4509 for details.



**CEDARBURG FLAG  
FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

The Cedarburg Flag Football league wrapped up another great season with championship games played on the Concordia turf field on October 18th. We had record registration in 2014 of **159 boys and girls** playing 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.



## Umpires Needed!

We are looking for baseball & softball umpires for this upcoming season. Softball games will likely begin the first full week of May and will be played Monday-Thursday nights. Baseball games are set to begin in late May/early June and will be played Monday-Thursday nights. Applicants must be at least 14 years of age. Pay ranges from \$15-\$20 per game. Employment applications are available at the Cedarburg Town Hall or on the Town's website, [www.town.cedarburg.wi.us](http://www.town.cedarburg.wi.us). Little League International also requires the completion of a volunteer application in order for the Town to run mandatory background checks on all coaches and umpires. Application deadline is February 27th.

# CHAIRMAN VALENTINE



## **Cedarburg Community Comes Together -- again and again**

I often hear the same old, outdated and incorrect statement that the Town and City of Cedarburg are “feuding” or “at odds” or “not getting along.” Many years ago, this may have been true but the evidence is that the Cedarburg community is working together and promoting a high quality of life for everyone.

Look at the schools that serve both the Town and City. The schools regularly achieve major awards and national recognition. Most recently the Cedarburg High School was awarded the status as a National Blue Ribbon School by the Secretary of Education Arne Duncan for “exemplary high performance.” Not only was Cedarburg High School the only high school in Wisconsin to achieve this award, but the only high school in the Midwest. I was privileged to represent the Town, along with Mayor Kip Kinzel representing the City, at award the presentation. **CONGRATULATIONS CEDARBURG HIGH SCHOOL.**

The Cedarburg Fire Department also serves both the Town of Cedarburg and the City of Cedarburg. It is supported by the entire community and the volunteers come from both the Town and City. It is also recognized as one of the best departments in the state -full time, part full time or full volunteer. I was again privileged to represent the Town at the recent retirement ceremony of Fire Chief Van Dinter and welcoming the new Fire Chief Vasholz. Mayor Kinzel represented the City at the same ceremony. **THANKS CHIEF VAN DINTER and WELCOME CHIEF VASHOLZ.**

The Town and City jointly own and operate the municipal swimming pool. The Town and City jointly own the Pleasant Valley Park, which is developed and operated by the Town. The Town and City have been working to resolve the Prochnow Landfill, which the entire community is involved in-- like it or not. This is not a readily solved situation, especially when dealing with the Wisconsin DNR and the federal EPA. Hopefully, a resolution is on the horizon that will be fair and equitable to everyone who has worked so diligently to resolve it. The Town and City Recreational Programs are open to all community residents, with no “non-resident” fees. These programs are operated separately, but serve the entire Cedarburg community.

Behind the scenes, there is a lot of cooperation between the Town and City. Most of this is so seamless, that no one even notices. Some examples are sharing of public works equipment, agreements on snowplowing that make it more efficient on some streets and roads, cooperating on jointly owned roads/streets for repair and maintenance, jointly supporting Ozaukee County initiatives that benefit our entire community and it goes on and on.

One last example of the positive relationship between the Town and City was the recent sale of the Cedarburg Library. The old library building was jointly owned by the Town and City. Did anyone hear of a big conflict regarding this sale? Were there newspaper headlines about disagreements? There were some issues with lot lines, CSRs, etc.-- but these were all resolved by respecting each other’s desires and interests and resulted in a fair and equitable arrangement for the Town and City. Done deal. See, it can work. This type thing never gets headlines, but it does reflect the reality of cooperation.

Working together for the good of the entire community, the Town and City have achieved a lot. Working together the entire community of Cedarburg can achieve even more.

The next time you hear someone express any of the erroneous statements about conflict between the Town and City -- **PLEASE SET THEM STRAIGHT!!**



# CEDARBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT



## Creosote & Chimney Fires: What You Must Know

Fireplaces and wood stoves are designed to safely contain wood-fuel fires, while providing heat for a home. The chimneys that serve them have the job of expelling the by-products of combustion - the substances produced when wood burns. These include smoke, water vapor, gases, unburned wood particles, hydrocarbon, tar fog and assorted minerals. As these substances exit the fireplace or wood stove, and flow up into the relatively cooler chimney, condensation occurs. The resulting residue that sticks to the inner walls of the chimney is called creosote.

Creosote is black or brown in appearance. It can be crusty and flaky ...tar-like, drippy and sticky ... or shiny and hardened. Often, all forms will occur in one chimney system. Whatever form it takes, creosote is highly combustible. If it builds up in sufficient quantities - and the internal flue temperature is high enough - the result could be a chimney fire. Certain conditions encourage the buildup of creosote. Restricted air supply, unseasoned wood and cooler than normal chimney temperatures are all factors that can accelerate the buildup of creosote on chimney flue walls. Air supply may be restricted by closing the glass doors, by failing to open the damper wide enough, and the lack of sufficient make-up air to move heated smoke up the chimney rapidly (the longer the smoke's "residence time" in the flue, the more likely is it that creosote will form). A wood stove's air supply can be limited by closing down the stove damper or air inlets too soon or too much. Burning unseasoned wood - because so much energy is used initially just to drive off the water trapped in the cells of the logs keeps the resulting smoke cooler, than if seasoned wood is used. In the case of wood stoves, overloading the firebox with wood in an attempt to get a longer burn time also contributes to creosote buildup.



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# CHIMNEY FIRES

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## Proper Maintenance

Clean chimneys don't catch fire. Make sure a chimney sweep inspects your solid fuel venting system annually. Make repairs whenever needed. Your chimney sweep may have other maintenance recommendations depending on how you use your fireplace or stove.

## Nine Signs that You've Had a Chimney Fire

Since a chimney, damaged by a chimney fire, can endanger a home and its' occupants and a chimney fire can occur without anyone being aware of them it's important to have your chimney regularly.

- "Puffy" or "honey combed" creosote
- Warped metal of the damper, metal smoke chamber connector pipe or factory-built metal chimney
- Cracked or collapsed flue tiles, or tiles with large chunks missing
- Discolored and/or distorted rain cap
- Creosote flakes and pieces found on the roof or ground
- Roofing material damaged from hot creosote
- Cracks in exterior masonry
- Evidence of smoke escaping through mortar joints of masonry or tile liners

If you think a chimney fire has occurred, call 911.



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**Robust Commercial Development in the Town:**

Woodworking, Insurance, Landscaping, Self-Storage, Indoor Sports Facility, and Car Sales are some of the business developments of 2014. Port Washington State Bank's low interest loan program has also helped some existing businesses improve. St. Francis Borgia's new school is also a tremendous development. Welcome All!

**Elections, Elections, Elections:**

This year had a large number of elections. As always Town residents turned out and it is great to see such active participation. Thank you to our elections workers for their dedication.

**Efficiencies Implemented:**

The Town Board went paperless and our packets are posted on the Town website. We have optimized our Refuse and Snow Plow routes to improve service and save resources. There is an automated answering system at Town hall, which may initially appear impersonal, but allows us to control payroll costs and provide priority service to walk-in customers.

**Record Participation in Recreation Programming:**

The Town solely provided Baseball and recreational Softball for all Cedarburg youth. Participation was also strong in Deep Water Toning, Flag Football, and Pickle Ball. Thanks to a generous sponsorship by Allison Kasten's family, great improvements were made to the Fields at 5 Corners, including Eagle Scout projects. This programming is possible thanks to our generous sponsors, thank you!

**Public Works Preventative Actions:**

This year our public works crew filled more cracks in our roads, graded more shoulders, and used a new repair material to help extend the life of our roads.

**Bookmobile Resolution:**

I recently participated in the 2016-2020 county library planning committee and learned we are paying for 41% of the Bookmobile, but receiving no service. The Town Board asked the County Board to structure funding so only communities desiring and receiving service pay for it.

**Looking to 2015**

We are looking to build on these efforts in 2015. The board has decided to use a small portion of the library proceeds to fund a Public Works needs assessment. Our current facility is inefficient, often dangerous and deteriorating quickly (we've spent over \$15,000 in repairs during my tenure alone). To make a responsible decision on potential future actions, we must understand how to best address our needs. If action is needed to improve and repair or replace the facility, economic conditions are historically favorable, so now is a prudent time for consideration.

I wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous 2015 and look forward to another great year in the Town of Cedarburg!

## Summer Help Wanted: Public Works

Each summer the Town of Cedarburg hires 2-3 part-time employees. The typical duties of this temporary, part-time position include mowing the lawns at Town Hall, Town parks, and bike paths, landscape maintenance, baseball field preparation, and some light building maintenance. Look for job hiring announcement in the local news publications and online.





## ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CURBSIDE RECYCLING AND THE TOWN RECYCLING YARD

Starting Monday, January 5, 2015, Waste Management (WM) will provide carted single-stream recycling service for the Town of Cedarburg. Refuse will continue to be picked up weekly on your scheduled day of Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday. Recyclables will be collected every other week on the same day your refuse is collected (see calendar included in this article). Here are a few things to keep in mind.

### New Recycling Cart

Each residence should now have received a 96-gallon or 64-gallon cart for recycling. This cart will be green with a yellow lid. Please use the recycling cart for acceptable recycling materials only, these materials are listed below. Beginning January 5, 2015, Waste Management will begin the new recycling service and collect from the new carts only. The weight limit for the cart is 200 pounds. These carts are the real property of Waste Management and not the home owner. In the event you were to move the recycling cart stays with the home.

### Additional Carts/Exchanges

At any time a resident feels the cart they have isn't sufficient in size to handle your recycling needs, Waste Management will deliver a second 64/96 gallon cart to you for no additional charge. If you would like to "swap out" a cart for a larger or smaller sized cart Waste Management will "swap" that cart for you, however, there will be a charge of \$25.00 for that service. This additional cart/exchange can take place at any time during the duration of the contract the Town has with Waste Management.

### Cart Placement

All recycling carts should be placed at the shoulder of the roadway in front of your home no later than 7:00 a.m. on the date of your collection with your refuse cart, the handles facing your home. Recycling carts are required to be at least 3 feet away from other containers and any other fixed object, failure to do so may

result in your cart not being collected. If you are having problems with slopes or the wind, simply rotate the cart a quarter-turn placing the handles toward the wind, this helps keep the lid closed and the cart upright.



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### Recycling Collection Schedule

January 2015							February 2015						
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31							
March 2015							April 2015						
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
29	30	31					26	27	28	29	30		
May 2015							June 2015						
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31													
July 2015							August 2015						
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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September 2015							October 2015						
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30				25	26	27	28	29	30	31
November 2015							December 2015						
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
29	30						27	28	29	30	31		

Recycling collection days are highlighted in green.  
Holidays are highlighted in blue.



## Medical Exemptions

Medical exemptions are available for those that can't transport their carts to the end of their driveway due to a medical condition. An exemption allows the resident to place bags of recyclables at the end of their driveway for collection. If you've previously applied for a medical exemption for your refuse collection with the Town then Waste Management will collect your recyclables in accordance with your exemption. Contact Town Hall to apply for a medical exemption.

## Items You CAN Recycle Curbside

- ALL plastic bottles and containers
- ALL glass bottles and jars
- ALL numbered Polystyrene packaging (Styrofoam)
- Junk mail, office & school paper, phone books, books (paper back and hard cover), catalogs, magazines & newspapers
- Chipboard, boxboard, brown paper bags and cardboard
- Aluminum foil, cans and empty aerosol cans
- Paper cardboard, dairy and juice containers

## Items You Can't Recycle Curbside

- Food waste or liquids
- Plastic bags
- No foam products that aren't numbered
- Light bulbs and other hazardous material

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# 2014 PERFORMANCE METRICS

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We strive to provide Town services in an efficient and cost-effective manner. Our performance can be measured in a number of ways. Below are three key performance indicators: Bond Rating, Net New Construction, and Tax Rate. Our bond rating reflects our overall financial management practices. Net new construction quantifies the increase in the Town's tax base. The tax rate is applied to each parcel in the tax base to fund Town government.

Bond Rating

**AA+**

Trend: Increase from AA rating

Net New Construction

**1.35%**

County Rank: 1st

Tax Rate

**\$2.32**

Trend: 8th Year No Increase

We also measure resident satisfaction with our performance in the Annual Performance Survey. The 2014 response rate was the highest it's been in the last six years; we appreciate your participation.

Last year, 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-six percent of respondents felt Trash Collection was excellent or good. Ninety-one percent said Elections were either excellent or good. High satisfaction scores such as these is encouraging. I'm particularly glad we had a 8% increase in the Excellent/Good rating for road maintenance over 2013. We hope to not only maintain, but also improve these satisfaction scores in 2015. We welcome your suggestions and ideas throughout the year.

Town Services	<u>Excellent/ Good</u>	<u>Fair/Poor</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
Trash Collection	96%	3%	1%
Recycling	71%	23%	6%
Road Maintenance	68%	30%	1%
Ditch Maintenance	61%	31%	8%
Snow/Ice Removal	82%	16%	2%
Recreation	52%	8%	40%
Park Maintenance	58%	5%	37%
Brush Chipping	36%	11%	53%
Building Inspections	26%	9%	64%
Constable	23%	6%	71%
Elections	91%	3%	7%
Property Assessment	53%	28%	19%
Other Town Hall Services	61%	6%	33%

## Town Recycling Yard Schedule

The Town Board approved the following hours of operation for the Town Recycling Yard, and authorized items to be recycled in the Town Recycling Yard.

**Monday to Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Normal Town Hall Hours)**

Residents can drop off: leaves/compost, appliances, oil, tires, scrap metal

**Saturdays (Mar 1 – Nov 30): 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

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**1st and 3rd Saturday of the Month (Dec 1 – Feb 28): 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Residents can drop off: leaves/compost, appliances, oil, tires, scrap metal, cardboard, batteries, and e-cycling.

**Items that will no longer be collected:** Used shoes. Shoes can be donated to charitable organizations

## Quarterly Recycling Event

The Town will provide quarterly recycling events in conjunction with our normal recycling yard dates. The event will be held at the Town Yard and will provide the opportunity to provided additional services i.e. Paper shredding. The first event will be March 28, 2015.

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