

TOWN of CEDARBURG

Preserving Yesterday's Heritage for Tomorrow



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The Strength of Our Community

Seasons are changing. Out here in the Town, the landscape tells the story of our agricultural heritage and rural character. As beautiful as the Town looks in the summer, it really shines in the fall (despite this year's early snow). We all appreciate the visual tapestry of this landscape. Many residents say they are grateful to reside here because the Town is so unique. Another important asset is understated and unspoken – it's the hard-working people of the Town of Cedarburg.

The development of Korb Sports Complex began as an idea championed by our residents. Almost 20 years ago, the Town surveyed residents to gauge the Town's long-range goals. The survey results showed residents wanted a sports facility to be built in the Town. Now, in the Spring of 2020, the Korb Sports Complex will open. From vision to result, many steps had to be taken by many thoughtful dedicated citizens, supported by exemplary Town staff and steady Town Board leadership.

The first step in the process of making these community goals happen was to initiate the Town's sports and recreation program. From the beginning, the rec program has been financially self-sustaining via user fees and donations. It thrives due in large part to dedicated volunteer support from parents, coaches, sponsors, donors, and others. It took a lot of legwork and leadership to get this award-winning program moving forward. Remarkably, rec continues to grow in both in the number of kids served and the number and variety of programs offered every year. New programs developed from suggestions and input from Town residents and participants. Many of our fellow citizens who made all this possible did so quietly and without fanfare, but with vision and a remarkable skill set.

The idea that a municipality can pivot and innovate may sound surprising in this day and age, but that is exactly what happens here. Citizens, Board and Committee leadership seek community input and add their talents and hard work to the effort. As the participation numbers exploded, our rec program evolved. The Town built the Orthopedic Hospital of Wisconsin Fields (OHOW) at Five Corners. We are grateful for generous financial support from the community and our local business donors that benefit our popular Little League programs that serve kids and families.

The Korb plan is the next step in reaching the community goal set forth 2 decades ago. Many of you have probably been noticing and watching as the new facility takes shape on Hy. 60. Very soon, residents will enjoy a multi-purpose facility with many opportunities for fitness for both kids and adults year-round. Little League diamonds are complemented by open athletic fields. Flag football and soccer are growing, and we are looking to add new programs, possibly such as lacrosse. Walking trails will be built around the perimeter. Our forward progression shows that this is a Town that steps up to help itself. The Town will also benefit for years to come from the financial donations from our gen-



Thomas Esser
Supervisor Seat # 4

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TOWN HALL CLOSED

December 24th-25th

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December 31st and January 1st

NOTES & REMINDERS

- Town Board Meetings are the 1st Wednesday of the Month.
- Please Review all the options for making Tax Payments on your Tax Bill.

2020 Town Budget

Town Elected Officials and Staff finalized the 2020 operating budget November 22nd. The County mailed out the tax bills the first week of December. The Finance Committee and Town Board recommended and ultimately took action to increase the Town Tax Rate by 5.9% based on two major factors. First, the Cedarburg Fire Department requested an additional full-time employee for 2020. The additional employee equates to about 3% of new Town Tax Levy. Second, The Town Board is continuing to allocate an additional 3% of Tax Rate toward road reconstruction in the Town. The average Town of Cedarburg home (\$300,000) should see their Town portion of the tax bill increase \$37. Keep in mind that is just the Town tax rate and does not include the School District, County, and MATC.



For more information or to sign up to receive notice about Town Board/Committee meetings, visit the Town's website.

Finally, as a reminder, there is a wealth of knowledge available on the new and improved Town Website, which is now smart phone friendly. In addition, our weekly email blasts help keep Town residents and business owners up to date on local events and projects.

Website: www.town.cedarburg.wi.us

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KORB SPORTS COMPLEX UPDATE

While researching and discussing building sports complexes a common theme was brought to our attention. After you build the facility, more times than not you have to wait a full summer to

use the facility. So with an optimistic view the Town built the Korb in 2018/2019 and sure enough, we had to hold off using the fields over the summer of 2019 to allow the specialized turf to take root. By far this was the most difficult part of building a sports complex. Waiting is never

easy, and especially with the lack of sports fields in the Cedarburg area. It was not easy for our Recreation Director Paul Jungbauer who had to deal with a difficult scheduling year with all the rain this spring/summer.

Look for Town Updates around May or June when the Town will have the ribbon cutting event to officially open the Sports Complex. Of course the reality is when the weather breaks and spring is sprung, the teams will be practicing and playing as soon as April 2020.

The Korb Project is a much needed improvement for youth sports in the Cedarburg area. The Town will now be able to either host or rent out the space for regional sports tournament. With all the fields either Baseball/Softball or Soccer/Lacrosse located together, it will quickly become a premier location for activities.



CEDARBURG LITTLE LEAGUE

Thanks to the coaches, parents, and sponsors that made the 2019 season a huge success! This season sponsors donated just under \$37,000. This support allowed us to operate yet another season with **NO TAX DOLLARS**. This season saw registration increase to over 435 players on 40 Little League baseball and softball teams for children ages 4-13 years old.



2020 REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2020 season will open online in December. Our membership with Little League International provides the Town program with benefits such as annual background checks on all coaches, foundational rules that ensure that every child plays in every game, and online tools for coaches.

WHAT'S NEW IN 2020

- Standings for all divisions except tee ball, allowing for end-of-season tournaments for both baseball and softball teams built into the season schedule.
- Player Pitch & Intermediate Baseball will have limited travel and host Interleague games against other Little League teams within WI District 1 Little League.
- Player Pitch & Intermediate baseball divisions will have an ability to enter a team in the Little League International All-Star Tournament.
- The opening of the Korb Sports Complex will result in additional practice times.

CEDARBURG FLAG FOOTBALL

Over 135 youth participated in the 2019 CFFL program this fall on teams for ages K4-8th grade.

Practices and games are held weekly on Tuesday nights. Our league includes a free mini-camp, division championship games at Concordia University, and a dry-wick personalized player jersey. A big thanks to Concordia and Coach Greg Etter for letting us provide a memorable experience to the kids!



FALL YOUTH SOCCER

The Town had its 3rd season of youth soccer this fall. Teams played in two divisions for ages K4-2nd grade on Monday night at OHOW Park. Participation has doubled since the start of the program in 2017.



CEDARBURG FALL BALL

The season was played early August through early October, mainly on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The program, which includes a minor league jersey and hat, is a good way to continue building on skills learned during the regular Little League or club season. Teams had several practices and ten games each.

Three Divisions offered (4-6 year old T-Ball, 6-8 year old Machine Pitch, 9-11 year old Player Pitch).



WHAT'S NEW IN 2020

- We will be expanding Fall Ball to include a T-Ball Division in 2020.
- The opening of the Korb Sports Complex will result in additional practice times for teams that are convenient for coaches and families.

TRACK & FIELD

The Town wrapped up its 4th season of youth Track and Field at First Immanuel Lutheran school this spring, increasing participation to 63 kids in K5-4th grade.

Instructors taught the basics of track and field, and healthy living concepts such as flexibility and cardiovascular fitness.



WHAT'S NEW IN 2020

- The opening of the Korb Sports Complex will allow us space to schedule the popular program for kids K5-4th grade
- The additional space will allow for program expansion as requested by parents.

CHAIRMAN SALVAGGIO



Nitty Gritty of the Town

Town Facts & Figures

The Town is 170 years old. Has 25 sq. miles of land, with 124 total lane miles of roads to plow and maintain. Last year Public Works collected 1900 tons of garbage and Waste Management collected 600 tons of recycling. We also completed 872 service requests through our website including special pickups, brush collection and drainage issues. Staff processed 422 building permits this past year

Major projects for the Town

The Town is currently spending about \$55,000 per year for Ash Tree removal. With 124 miles of right of way, this is likely to increase.

Voting at Fire Station 2 was moved to Circle B improving access, wait times & parking.

Town Rec. Program & Korb Sports Complex

The Town has a great Rec Program available to all Cedarburg kids. It includes Little League-Ball, flag football, soccer, girls softball, track & field. Last year we had 800 participants for our programs which include Town & City kids.

Our biggest project for last year was the Korb Sports Complex located on Hwy. 60. The 33-acre sports complex will be ready for the 2020 season and will have, 4 little league fields, 3 full-size soccer/lacrosse/football fields and the only T-Ball quad in the area with groomed infields, backstops and dugout benches to give the little ones a true baseball experience like the older kids. The project is a 1.5 million dollar investment in our community. We've received over \$700,000 in donations to date for the project

We also have 2 Little League fields at OHOW Park, west of Town Hall, including the Alison Kasten turf field and 300 feet of board fence with advertising opportunities. I want to thank Community businesses and residents for their sponsorship for our Rec program. You helped make the program the quality that it has become.

Fire Protection

The Town has a fire station north of 5 Corners, built for Cedarburg Fire Dept. providing better coverage and improved response time. We also have a water system for firefighting placed throughout the Town including nine 30,000 gallon cisterns and numerous ponds for drafting. These sources reduce shuttle distances, improve firefighting capabilities and provide better road safety during an incident. Our station and water system have improved our ISO rating thus reducing insurance costs for our residents.

Development

The population of the Town of Cedarburg is 5,927 with 2,422 homes. Towns fair best with good planning, allowing for slow growth that doesn't outrun services or strain infrastructure. Residents value and enjoy the rural character of the Town which includes a good mix of traditional subdivisions, stand-alone residential properties and 274 agricultural properties. In an effort to preserve the rural charm we have brought back estate zoning allowing larger lots with private roads and shared driveways which works well for existing parcel sizes.

There are currently 68 businesses in the Town. You'll find the Town very business friendly with a fast turnaround on project review and a staff ready to work with you.

Where IS the Town of Cedarburg?

I've been asked where is the Town of Cedarburg. We're part of greater Cedarburg all be it the quiet part. Two separate municipalities joined by a strong sense of community and civic pride.

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erous supporters who have already given money to fund the new fields, scoreboards, and other named sponsorships. As a small Town, we are grateful that our citizens bring their expertise and hard work to make good things happen here. For example, at a recent Parks Committee meeting, we heard Krohn Park access was overgrown. Leading the way, a Parks committee member rounded up friends and volunteers and cleared the area on a weekend work day. This volunteer crew saved staff time and taxpayer money.

Another way to participate and volunteer to help the Town can be in a creative capacity. Parks and Rec committee needed expert help to fundraise sponsorships for the ballfields, scoreboards and the Korb facility landscaping. We put out a request to residents for help to create a brochure for prospective donors. Several residents who are top notch marketing pros got going on it right away and the brochure came together very well.

Listening to residents continues to be a top goal for this Board of Supervisors. Having access and communication with residents certainly adds to the richness and diversity of ideas. That makes for good decisions and a government that serves the residents.

This Town is full of fascinating people with expertise and skills in many different areas. Whether you can cut brush with a chainsaw or draw up a new brochure, we invite you to add your ideas and skills, even if it is filling out the next long-range survey. Our Town thrives on a community of voices and involvement, including yours. Thank you.

Notes:

If you would like to see the Korb Sports facility fundraising brochure, or would like to make a financial contribution, or volunteer with the Rec program, please contact staff at the Town Hall.

If you would like to volunteer with the Census effort, please call the Town Hall at 262 377-4509 to get involved.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK CLOSING NOTE



It is with a heavy heart that I have tendered my resignation here in the Town. It has been an honor serving the residents and businesses of the Town of Cedarburg these last 4 years. As I transition to my next role, running the Village of Hartland, I think back to the many great memories here in the Town. Specifically, I would like to thank the Town Board for their never ending leadership and commitment to the Town of Cedarburg. I m deeply grateful for and appreciative of Supervisors Gary Wickert, Wayne Pipkorn, Tom Esser and Bill Wattson. Their knowledge, skills and abilities helped insure the Town continues to be a great place to live work and play. A very special thanks to Chairman Dave Salvaggio for all his time and dedication to the Town. Chairman Salvaggio works diligently to balance the current challenges of a growing Township, while focusing on preservation of the rich heritage of the Town. Finally, the Staff at Town Hall is an amazing group of talented professionals who come to work each day with the focus on making the Town a great community. The Staff at the Town enjoy the challenges while being focused on customer satisfaction. Eric Ryer the Assistant Town Administrator/Clerk will become the Interim Town Administrator and I am sure He will do a great job. Eric will oversee the Town operations with the help of his front office: Bonnie Erickson and Paul Jungbauer. Bonnie Erickson works the AM shift at Town Hall and has been an absolute delight to work with. She is the consummate professional with a positive "can do" approach to all the challenges brought her way. The Afternoon shift is covered by our outstanding Recreation coordinator, Paul Jungbauer. Paul leads up our award winning, self funded and record setting recreation programing in the Town. Paul will have his hands full with the new Korb Sports Complex, but is up for the challenge! Additionally, Jeff Boerner is doing a great job starting his second year leading the Public Works department. With the help of his Superintendent, Joey Hintz, the Town is in great hands to keep the Town roads in shape. Public Works staff, Robert Heidtke, Andrew Bartley, Jamie Butschlick, Nate Jensen, Mike Czaicki and Russ Falkowski Keep the trash picked up, the roads plowed and maintain the parks. I wish Jeff and his team the best of luck moving forward. The Town is lucky to have such dedicated hardworking guys in the DPW. Last but not least... I have been blessed to have been a part of the Cedarburg Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors these last 4 years. It has been inspiring to work with the Chamber members to help promote the amazing events, businesses and opportunity that Cedarburg has to offer. The Chamber Board, lead by President Hank Beyers, is an inspirational group of people and along with the Board, Maggie Dobson our Chamber Director does a tireless job of promoting Cedarburg!

TOWN SUPERVISOR WICKERT



THE DILEMMA OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

In my nearly 20 years of serving on the town board, we have seen only a handful of contentious issues. These have been few and far in between, but have included issues such as the ability to raise chickens in subdivisions, the town's role in the operation of the Cedarburg pool, annexation of town land by the City, the proposed expansion of a quarry, notoriously "obnoxious" neighbors, the erection of cell towers, and a handful of other divisive issues. We have been blessed as a community to have been spared from true political in-fighting, political tin ears, domineering egos, and the sort of small government egos which make participation in community matters something akin to getting a root canal. Here in Cedarburg we have a spectacular staff of town employees overseen by a uniquely qualified Town Administrator, all of whom share our love for what makes this community truly special. Not everybody agrees with every decision they or the Town Board makes, or the way in which they make them. But your town government has as their laser focus the preservation of the uniquely rural, quaint, and historic heritage we can boast of here in the town of Cedarburg. We live here and not in Slinger for a reason.

Local government anywhere in Wisconsin can be quite challenging and this is certainly true even in the unique town of Cedarburg. We want to be innovators so that we are making the best and most efficient use of taxpayer dollars. But we must balance incremental improvement and "disruptive" or "transformative" approaches to innovation. We are hungry to better meet town residents' needs, and to improve their experience and interface with local government. However, doing this within a government bureaucracy and the constraints of state statutes and local ordinances can be very challenging. We must also develop and structure innovative partnerships and the mutual sharing of resources with nearby cities and villages. We have to become referees for the inevitable conflicts which arise in a modern society when neighbors have disagreements. In some cases, this can literally degenerate into babysitting. And we must strive to accomplish all of this while keeping taxes low and a smile on our faces. The difficulties are many but we are up to the challenge. The reward is community we are privileged to live in.

State statutes and town ordinances in a civilized society exist to protect the rights of the residents and ensure that they do not have to protect those rights through their own actions. Residents give up some (hopefully, as few as possible) rights to state and local government. In return, the government protects their major rights like life, liberty and property. Residents want to be able to build a bonfire, shoot fireworks, use firearms, raise chickens, and build additions and improvements whenever they want. After all, it's their property. But residents also have a vested right in and expect the Town to ensure that their neighbors' freedoms and rights don't infringe on their own. It is a true balancing act that has its roots in the U.S. Constitution itself. We all share the American principle that all people have certain inalienable rights, primarily, as Thomas Jefferson wrote, the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. These rights have long been the very root of our sense of community.

At different points in our lives, depending on their particular personal situations, people sometimes want more rules and at other times they want fewer rules. People demand more rules when the rules constrain neighbors and want fewer rules when these rules constrain what they can do on their own property. This is the dilemma of local government. Your town staff deal with it on a daily basis and your town board deals with it the first Wednesday of every month.

When the country was young, land was plentiful and neighbors were far apart. With the inevitable glacial creep of urban sprawl, laws were written to keep the peace. Cedarburg is, sadly, on the event horizon of the sprawling Milwaukee metropolis. As "urban" people move to the Town, they bring with them different values, concerns, and expectations. The use of firearms, open ponds, dogs without leashes, crowing roosters, the smell of manure, and unprotected hazards are all new to them and seem unconscionable given where they came from. Town government struggles to maintain the rural character which boasts these characteristics while still keeping the peace. It isn't always easy, and everybody isn't always happy, but your town government welcomes the task. We plan to maintain the historic and rural character of the unique town of Cedarburg as long as is humanly possible. One day we may become a Wauwatosa or Shorewood. But until then, know that your town staff and your Town Board have your backs.

TOWN CODE & PUBLIC WORKS

What Can I Burn?

With fall com and gone... it's important to review what is authorized to be burned within the Town of Cedarburg. Per our Town Code 839-29 *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 compost drop off at Town Hall for all leafy yard debris, as well as brush collection service that you can sign up for on the Town Website at <https://ecode360.com/9757680?highlight=burn,burning&searchId=13492090346465827#9757680>.

TRASH/RECYCLING DELAY

There will be a one day delay this year for the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays. If you Trash/Recycling day is Wednesday Christmas Day and New Year's Day, please put your items out that respective Thursday before 7:00AM. In case of severe storms during the winter season, be prepared for possible delays.

Christmas Tree Pickup In January 2020 ONLY!

The Town will pick up Christmas tree starting January 6th. Please place your tree at the road edge and Town crews will remove them.

Due to inclement weather it may take a few weeks for the trees to be picked up.

Please do not call in for your tree to get picked up, crews will remove the trees as time allows.

PLEASE NO WIRE, METAL or PLASTIC BAGS, the trees will be composted.

Please do not bring your Christmas tree to town hall we will not take the, thank you.

What Are Those Wet/White Stripes On the Road Prior To A Snowstorm?

For the past 4 years the Town has been utilizing anti-icing to help keep the roadways safe during snow events. Those lines that suddenly appear on the Town Roads and hills shortly ahead of a new storm are actually salt brine. In the past, Town crews would start their snow plow routes shortly after snow started falling but since most routes take a couple of hours to complete, snow accumulates on the later parts of the route. With Anti-icing the saltbrine starts melting snow as soon as it begins making the road surface much safer until the plow driver gets there to plow and apply granular road salt. Anti-icing with brine is a cost effective, environmentally friendly way to enhance the Towns snow plowing operation. If you drive up behind a brine distribution truck, **USE COMMON SENSE**, do not follow closely, the brine takes several minutes to dry.

Winter Recycling Center Hours

The Towns Recycling Center will be open the 1st and 3rd Saturday from 9AM-Noon

TOWN CODE

PAUL MORTIMER
BUILDING INSPECTOR



Ever wonder if a permit was needed for a project you wanted to complete? A permit is not needed for the following: fence, roof re-shingle 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 at (414) 640-9523.

Building Permits	Plumbing Permits	Electrical Permits	HVAC Permits	Right-of-Way
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Addition• Alteration• Skylight• Deck• Pool• Window & siding replacement• Rafter/Truss modification• Foundation/Structural Work• Shed• Raze/Demo• Garage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sink• Tub• Shower• Toilet• Drain• Dishwasher• Garbage disposal• Pump• Sprinkler• Water Meter• Water Heater• Well connection	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fixture• Outlet• Switch• Fan• Hood• Washer• Dryer• Furnace• A/C• Electric Water Heater• Motor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Heat Pump• Boiler• A/C• Geothermal• Forced Air• Radiant	<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)

2020 ELECTIONS

ERIC RYER
ASSISTANT
ADMINISTRATOR/
CLERK

Town Candidates for Elected Office

Town seats up for election in the spring of 2020 are Supervisor Seats 2 and 4. The Town Board consists of five members: one Chairman and four Supervisors. All elected officials have two-year terms and represent the entire Town. If you are interest in running for one of these positions, you must file a Declaration of Candidacy, Campaign Registration Statement, and nomination papers with the Town Clerk by 5pm Tuesday, January 7, 2020. For more information, visit the **Wisconsin Elections Commission website**, which has filing information and forms or contact the Town Clerk at 262-377-4509.

2020 ELECTION SCHEDULE

February 18, 2020 - Spring Primary
April 7, 2020 - Presidential Primary
& Spring Election
August 11, 2020 - Fall Primary
November 3, 2020 - Fall General
& Presidential Election



PUBLIC WORKS NOTES

JEFF BOERNOR
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
WORKS



Town Road Maintenance for 2019

The Town of Cedarburg DPW had a busy year with 2.5 miles of crack filling, 14 tons of asphalt patching and over 22 lane miles of line painting. Additionally, the Town crews replaced 280 ft of culverts that had failed around the Town.

Town Road Improvements for 2020

Roads slated for 2020 improvement are:

- ~1mile pulverize and paving of Sherman Road between Horns Corners and Granville.
- .25 of a mile of mill and overlay South Beechwood Drive.
- ~4 miles of shoulder work and additional crack filling around town.
- \$55,000 toward Ash tree removal along Town ROW.

WIS Hwy 60 Milling and Overlay including Roundabout at Grandville Set to Start Spring of 2020

The State of Wisconsin has informed the Town the project will begin spring of 2020. For more information about the project feel free to contact: Nguyen Ly, P.E., WisDOT project manager, (262) 548-8739 nguyen.ly@dot.wi.gov



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