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## Your Town Team

Hello Residents of the beautiful Town of Cedarburg,

As you read this, we will be one day closer to spring, even though we are shoveling snow this cold January morning and the crew is out plowing Town roads. On that note, I wanted to thank the Public Works Department for their efforts on endless challenges in keeping your Town roads plowed, salted, and safe. When they aren't fighting winter conditions, they are working on the Town rights-of-way, cutting dead trees and trimming branches, managing stormwater, replacing culverts, patching roads, hauling waste from the Town Yard, replacing road signs, mowing ditches, and so on. Their rotating schedule of work is never done.

A valuable member of the Town team is Public Works Director Adam Monticelli. He brings much talent to the table. Past military experience and a Bachelor of Science degree provide organizational skills that come in handy while seeking out grant opportunities to reduce direct costs for infrastructure projects. He has spent years fine-tuning the updated Town equipment fleet to continually improve operations and efficiencies to be its best. Along with Adam is Andy Bartley, foreman, who is a hands-on guy and a people person. Andy is detail orientated and makes sure everything runs smoothly. Our current crew understands there is no "I" in TEAM, and we have a great team in Public Works that should be recognized:

Andy Bartley, Jamie Butschlick, Peter Pautz, Heath Oberg, Andrew Huebner, and part-time team members Jeff Boerner and Joey Hintz. Thank you for your dedication and hard work!

Glenn Lindberg watches over and maintains the Korb Sports Complex, other Town parks, and drives the Town truck that pulls the 4th of July float for the parade. Along with John Vollmar and Jacob Helm, these three have been with the Town for years keeping parks looking good.



**Larry Lechner**  
Supervisor Seat 3

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# TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK



ERIC RYER  
ADMINISTRATOR

## 2026 Town Budget

On November 17th, 2025, the Town Board approved a \$6.8 million all-funds budget for fiscal year 2026. Of that, \$3.9 million is found in the General Fund, also referred to as the operating budget. The budget increased the Town tax rate by **less than 1%**.

The 2026 budget consists of six distinct funds. The largest of these funds is the General Fund at \$3.9 million. The operating budget is primarily funded by a property tax levy of \$2,470,542, an increase of \$30,715, and is tied to net new construction growth. The approved tax rate was increased by 1 cent from \$2.34 per \$1,000 of assessed value up to \$2.35 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Of note, the tax rate is 3 cents higher per thousand of assessed value when compared to 2011, when the tax rate was \$2.32/\$1,000. A home assessed at \$485,000 will pay ~\$1,348 in property taxes for the Town portion of the tax bill, or \$15 more than 2025.

In terms of overall new construction value added to the Town in 2025, that figure came in at a 1.53% increase over 2024. This put the Town at 5th in Ozaukee County behind the Village of Saukville growth rate (6.49%), Village of Grafton (3.68%), City of Cedarburg (2.92%), and Village of Belgium (2.29%). Historically, the Town grows at a relatively stable rate, slower than our neighbors in the City of Cedarburg and Village of Grafton.

“Strategic planning efforts by our Town Board are reflected in our budget. Our Finance Committee and staff are already looking ahead at ways to ensure delivering high quality services, providing long-term stability to Town finances,” stated Chairman Dave Salvaggio. “I appreciate the hard work of the Finance Committee and Town staff in accomplishing recent capital successes in a fiscally responsible manner.”

Even with the stable tax rate, the budget allows for continued investment in Town infrastructure and equipment used to provide services.

The 2026 budget includes ~\$345,000 for sealing the 15 miles of road reconstruction that occurred in the three-year period 2022-2024, or about 22% of Town roads. Different methods of sealing will be analyzed and used to seal and protect the road surface from aging, delaying that process by about 5-7 years before the process could be repeated to again delay aging of the actual roadway pavement. This work, completed at a fraction of the cost of actually reconstructing the roads, will lengthen their lifespan significantly maximizing the recent capital expense.

There is also funding included in the budget for other road maintenance efforts, such as crack filling, tree removal, and shouldering. Over the past three years, 14.5 miles of roadway have been crack filled.

The 2026 Capital Improvement Plan projects include:

- \$345,000 for roadway sealing
- \$75,000 to retrofit the road grader for increased production for road shouldering
- \$55,000 for Cedar Creek Bridge design on the bridge east of CTH I

Overall, the equipment portion of the Capital Plan is in excellent shape due to strategic purchasing over the past several years. In 2025, the Town accepted delivery of a new tree trimming bucket truck, new patrol truck for plowing and hauling, and new loader that has a range of attachments to increase utility and efficiency. The Town is also obtaining extended warranties on new pieces to minimize maintenance costs.

Last, but definitely not least, the recreation programming continues to be self-supporting, with another record participation year in 2025!

# RECREATION 100% USER/SPONSOR SUPPORTED



PAUL JUNGBAUER  
DIRECTOR OF PARKS &  
RECREATION

## 2026 Youth Track & Field Meet

The Town of Cedarburg recreation department will be hosting a youth track & field meet in the spring of 2026. This program receives entry into the track meet, a t-shirt and track meet awards. Participants in Kindergarten-4th Grade will be allowed to participate in three events. Awards are given out to the top 3 finishers in each event and each division. Details on the date of the track meet will be posted on the Town of Cedarburg's track & field webpage. To be added to the email list when registration is open, please email Director Jungbauer at: [pjungbauer@townofcedarburgwi.gov](mailto:pjungbauer@townofcedarburgwi.gov)

## Youth Track & Field at FIL

Registration for the Kindergarten-4th Grade youth track & field program for FIL will begin in February. Volunteer Coaches for this program will be needed! All past participants will receive an email when registration is opened, as well as an informational flyer being sent to all FIL students.



## 2026 Registration Now Open

2026 will be the 17th season of Cedarburg Little League. Cedarburg Little League offers T-Ball, Baseball, & Softball divisions for youth ages 4-15. For more information on the program including how to register, please visit [www.cedarburglittleleague.com](http://www.cedarburglittleleague.com)

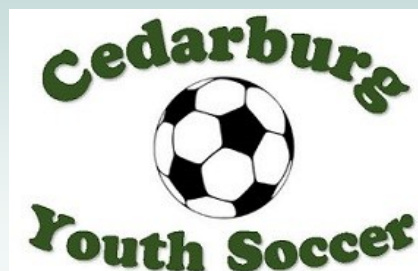
Registration is now open for all divisions, and will close on February 20th.

### UMPIRES NEEDED

The Town is seeking umpires for the 2026 Little League season. Applicants must be at least 13 years of age and if under the age of 16, they must be able to obtain a work permit. If you are interested, please call Director Jungbauer at 262-377-4509 ext. 2.

## Fall Program Registration Will Begin In June

The Town Offers Flag Football, Youth Soccer & Fall Baseball/Softball in the fall.







## Fire Safety in Your Home

Who doesn't love a cozy fire in the house during the holiday season? Or the new candles, that smell great, that you've been waiting to set out? Here are some safety tips and statistics to keep in mind for the winter months ahead.

### Candles and Kids

Think about using flameless candles in your home. They look and smell like real candles. Never leave a child alone in a room with a burning candle. Keep matches and lighters up high and out of children's reach, in a locked cabinet.

If you do burn candles, make sure that you:

- Use candle holders that are sturdy and won't tip over easily.

- Put candle holders on a sturdy, uncluttered surface.

- Light candles carefully. Keep your hair and any loose clothing away from the flame.

- Don't burn a candle all the way down; put it out before it gets too close to the holder/container.

- Never use a candle if oxygen is used in the home.

- Have flashlights and battery-powered lighting ready to use during a power outage. Never use candles.

### Statistics

U.S. fire departments responded to an annual estimated average 5,830 home structure fires whose heat source was candles. These fires cause an annual average of 66 civilian deaths and 572 civilian injuries, as well as \$270 million in property damage. (Approximately \$50,000 in damage per incident).

Over half of all candle fires started when a flammable piece of décor – such as furniture, mattresses, bedding, curtains, home decorations, paper, or clothing – was too close to the lit candle.

Over one-third of candle fires (36%) started in the bedroom. Sleeping residents were a factor in 10% of home structure candle fires, 14% of candle fire deaths, and 17% of candle fire injuries.

### Having a Safe Fireplace

Chimney fire safety emphasizes annual inspections and cleaning, safe installation practices, and proper use of the fireplace. Key safety guidelines include keeping combustibles at least three feet away, having a chimney inspected and cleaned by a professional each year, and ensuring a proper chimney height and clearance from the roof. If a fire starts, call the Fire Department immediately. If safe to do so, shut air intakes, and attempt to extinguish using water or a fire extinguisher.

## APRIL 7TH SPRING ELECTION UPDATE

### What's on my ballot?

The Spring Election includes Supervisor Seats 2 & 4 (elected at-large). Please visit <https://myvote.wi.gov/> to verify you are registered, review your voter profile, and view other important voter information including sample ballots. Visit the Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC) website <http://elections.wi.gov/> for additional information regarding voting.



### Where do I vote?

Polling locations are open from 7am-8pm on Election Day. Electors living in Wards 1-4 vote at Town Hall located at 1293 Washington Avenue next to Kwik Trip. Electors living in Wards 5-10 vote at the Ozaukee County Pavillion located at W67N866 Washington Ave. Visit the Town's website to view the Ward map. If you are planning on registering to vote at the polls, allow additional time to do so.



# PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



ADAM MONTICELLI  
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

## Snow and Ice Control Explained

There are four primary snow and ice control patrol trucks that cover 25.8 sq. mi. and 60 miles of roadway in the Town. Each patrol truck originates at Town Hall to travel their routes and terminates at Town Hall when complete. Each route takes roughly five hours (depending on how heavy the snow, snowpack, ice, air temps, etc.). For example, if you have a patrol truck come by at 3am and it's a heavy snowstorm you will likely see your road covered in snow and then plowed again around 8 am. The Town has spent considerable time over the last 20+ years fine tuning our standard operating procedures including route evaluation to complete our routes in the most efficient and safest way possible. On occasion, we've adjusted our routes as subdivisions have been developed and new technology/information has become available to us, thus answering the question of why you no longer see a patrol truck at 8 am and now you see them at 10 am. The last route adjustment was approximately four years ago.

## Why do you keep putting snow on my driveway approach?

Please be reassured that we are not doing it on purpose! We understand people would like DPW to schedule snow removal times to coincide with their respective snow shoveling or snow removal from their driveways, but unfortunately that's not possible. Plowing roads inevitably will put snow on property owner's driveway approaches, and as much as we try and avoid having that happen it still does occur.

## Finally...

The Town of Cedarburg Public Works Department will do everything humanly possible to clear all Town roads in a timely and safe fashion to the best of our ability.



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# REFUSE AND RECYCLING CART PLACEMENT



During the winter months on your collection day, please do not set refuse and recycling containers out before 6 a.m. Place the containers behind the roadway edge within 10 feet rather than in the road where plows could hit them. Snowplow drivers want to clear the roads for your safety, and obstacles such as refuse carts need to be out of the way. To ensure mail delivery, please clear snow away from the front of your mailbox.

When driving, remain at least 70 feet back from a snowplow. Plows, fully loaded, weigh 33,000 pounds, while an average vehicle weighs only 3,000 pounds.

## WINTER PARKING

### Parking Prohibited During Certain Hours

A reminder for winter parking:

Town Code 305-20 (C.) Winter parking. No person shall park any vehicle on any street, road, highway, public way, or public parking lot in the Town between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. from November 15 through March 31.



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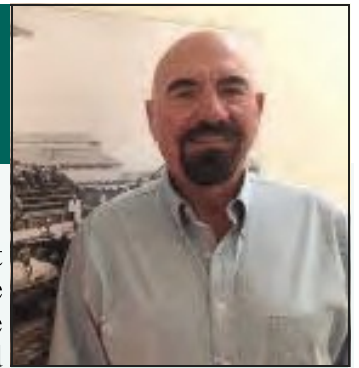




# SUPERVISOR LECHNER CONTINUED

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Speaking in general of dedicated employees, as of now we have the best and most talented staff that the Town has ever seen. We are very fortunate to have as the new Assistant Administrator/Clerk Sara Jacoby. She brings many talents to the table from her past professional experiences. As a WCMC-Wisconsin Certified Municipal Clerk, she spends extra time making sure meetings and Town business run smoothly, and always with a smile.



**Larry Lechner**  
Supervisor Seat 3

Helping the office and Town residents is Deputy Clerk Julie Mett, who is professional, pleasant and accurate in what she does. She works making sure of no loose ends, and has completed the three-year Municipal Clerks and Treasurer's Institute.

The Town is proud to have Treasurer Katie LeBlanc, who has also completed the three-year Municipal Clerks and Treasurer's Institute and brings years of accounting experience to our organization. She holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in accounting from UW-Madison.

In sports news, we have Paul Jungbauer who wears multiple hats coordinating all matters parks and recreation. Paul is a Certified Park and Recreation Professional, and holds a Bachelor's degree in Sports Management. He organizes all programs, recreation facilities, team schedules, uniforms and equipment. He also supervises the maintenance of the Korb Sports Complex and seasonal employees.

I will tell you that the Town is very fortunate and proud to have Eric Ryer as Town Administrator. He holds dual Masters degrees in Public Administration and Science and Policy, as well as WCMC certification. He has been with the Town for nineteen years, seven of them as Administrator. He has done amazing things for the Town, creating a positive relationship with the City. Everything he does is for the best interest of the residents and the Town of Cedarburg.

As residents, we are fortunate to have this qualified and dedicated staff working for you. As a side note, I would ask that you take some time and explore the beautiful roads of the Town—just look for the blue road markers on the top of the street signs. It is a nice way to view the Town. Also, please go to the 5 Corners area and support our local businesses.

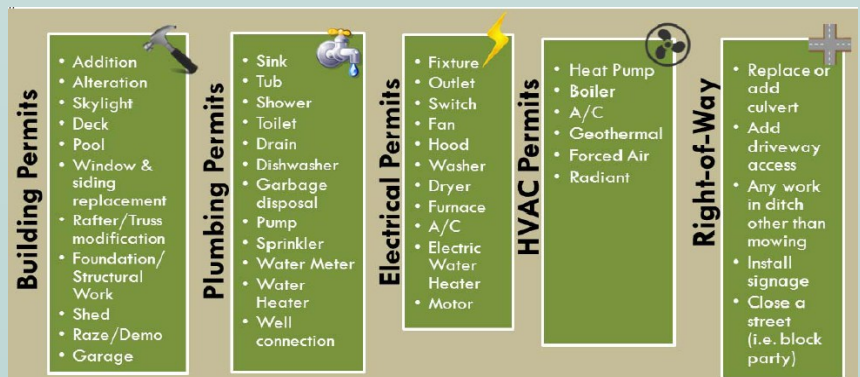
Thank you and have a safe and wonderful summer!

## PROJECTS REQUIRING PERMITS

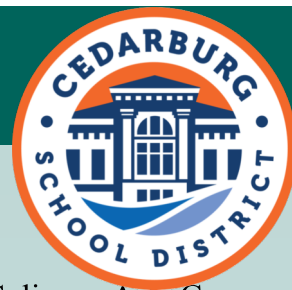
Building permits are often required, so prior to picking up that hammer or calling a contractor please review the most common permits:

Make sure to contact **Ozaukee County Land and Water management** to check on shoreland zoning, wetlands and floodplain permitting. Their phone is **262-284-8313**.

Permit Question: Contact Town Hall at (262) 377-4509 or Building Inspector Paul Mortimer at (414) 640-9523.







## From Kitchen Classroom to Culinary Arts Career Center at Cedarburg High School

Cedarburg High School is upgrading its Foods classroom into a state-of-the-art Culinary Arts Career Center, preparing students with industry-ready skills and practical experience for careers in the expanding food service and hospitality sectors. The Career and Technical Education (CTE) program at CHS emphasizes hands-on projects, industry-standard tools, local business partnerships, performance assessments, and problem-solving activities to boost engagement and readiness.

### Community Support (Total Raised: Over \$160,000)

Cedarburg High School would like to thank several community members for their support. The Culinary Arts Career Center is being developed with special appreciation from key donors who made early contributions:

**Sharon and Gary Newman** donated \$25,000, providing a vital boost to the initial fundraising efforts. Sharon, a former teacher of Home Economics at Cedarburg High School and Webster Middle School, was eager to see students explore culinary arts and create future opportunities.

**Chad and Regina Curran** contributed \$25,000 in honor of his mother, Sharon Newman, to recognize her dedication to education and her lasting impact on those schools.

**Hidden Glen** donated \$100,000 and established a partnership for student visits and culinary training, providing valuable insights into high-end cooking management and offering students real-world experience in hospitality and the culinary arts.

Additionally, **Mel's Charities** has stepped forward with a generous \$10,000 donation, further cementing its legacy of supporting impactful opportunities for Cedarburg youth. Joining them in support is **Copp's Industries**, which has donated the specialized epoxy resin and color flakes required to provide the center with professional-grade, durable flooring.

Their combined support is helping to make this project possible and bring our vision to life, demonstrating their strong confidence in our students and vocational training programs.

### Continuing Fundraising Efforts

As we recognize these gifts, the project still requires funding to reach our estimated goal of \$465,000 for equipment and technology. Any donation, no matter the size, helps open doors for students to succeed in the culinary industry and prepares them for their future. Supporting this center is an investment in their futures, our local workforce, and the community's vibrant culinary scene.

To contribute or learn more, contact CHS Principal Casey Bowe at [cbowe@cedarburg.k12.wi.us](mailto:cbowe@cedarburg.k12.wi.us). Join us in creating something truly special for the students of Cedarburg High School.

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# LANDMARKS

## HAMILTON'S GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Our Hamilton Historic District reaches a remarkable milestone in 2026 - 50 YEARS! The Town still carries forward the vision, imagination, and initiative of early preservation-minded residents.

Preservation efforts in Hamilton began with Turn Halle. In 2024, our Commission held an inaugural "History Talk" at Town Hall. Gathered in the Board room, the crowd heard successful local preservationists and historians Ruth Cook and Jim Pape generously share their tales about valiant efforts to both fund the restoration and create the Landmarks Commission. These two dedicated volunteers are both still very active in preservation in Cedarburg. Their experience and expertise is invaluable. On a cold February night in 1974, they made the case for the historic Hamilton settlement at the State Historical Society Board meeting in Madison. They attended on behalf of the Town Board, as members of the original Landmarks Commission. Hamilton did earn its State Historic designation that same night! The Town and State Historical Society then collaborated, applied, and secured the National Register listing in 1976. The original documents state:

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This small picturesque hamlet is significant architecturally, archeologically, and historically. Historic archeological remains include a ruined apothecary shop and general store, the foundations of a wagon maker's shop, the foundations of an old hotel, and a ruinous smokehouse. These sites have the potential to produce important information on commercial activity and everyday life in a small 19th century community. In addition, pre-historic Indian artifacts reportedly have been found along Cedar Creek and on the Bartel farm.

Source: National Register of Historic Places Inventory-Nomination Form May 1976 Hamilton Historic District

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Ruth Cook's and Jim Pape's extensive and decades-long volunteer work for Hamilton is legendary. Neither ever lived in Hamilton, yet each led the way forward. The residents of the Hamilton settlement had help from every corner of the Town and beyond. We can't underestimate the sacrifices many volunteers made in their time, skills, and funds for the sake of Hamilton and the Town. These were not small endeavors. Nobody could envision knocking down these architectural gems and then a proposed four-lane bridge over Cedar Creek.

Looking back, it's clear there was effective communication and efficient collaboration between the Town Board and residents. Was this just a coincidence of history? Do our residents today value our landmarks in the same way? Does the goal of preservation occur naturally, or what really keeps this going? Drop us a line, or come to our meetings, if you would like to share your thoughts about the "secret sauce" to keeping preservation going here. Another example of successful collaboration between residents and the Town's elected Board of Supervisors was the creation of Hamilton Park.

Despite the increased pressures on land and resource use in Ozaukee County, plus the vagaries of trends in residential development in Cedarburg over these past 5 decades, the Commission and preservation efforts have thrived. Many volunteers have served as Commissioners. Our ongoing responsibilities include promoting preservation with special focus and clear responsibility for the aesthetic integrity in the Historic District. The Commission follows the policies set forth by the Board in the Town Comprehensive Plan. The Town Board must agree and approve all actions of the Commission.

In 2025, the Commission created an easy-to-use QR Code, *shown*. If you aim your cell phone at the code, it links directly to the History page on the Town website for relevant and useful preservation-related documents published by the State Historical Society and National Park Service's National Register of Historic Places. Hopefully this easy-to-use link will bring greater access and awareness of relevant information and preservation opportunities for residents and the public. Some of the articles may be helpful in understanding terms that are sometimes used interchangeably and often misunderstood, such as the meanings of preservation, rehabilitation, restoration and reconstruction. Several articles also contain introductory information on some potential financial benefits of preservation, such as possible tax credits and ways to ensure your historic structure may qualify before starting a project.



If you own a 100+ year-old historic structure and have chosen to preserve it, we encourage you to apply for the Landmarks Preservation Award. You can view the application, apply online at <https://www.townofcedarburgwi.gov/landmarks-preservation-award/>, or visit Town Hall for a paper copy, due on April 1, 2026. At the Landmarks Award Ceremony and Open House at Town Hall on 11/12/25, Commission members Tim Rasmussen, Lance Schaeffer, and Kari Esser presented framed certificates to the winners. A custom bronze award plaque will be displayed on the exteriors of 819 Granville Rd. and 1219 Sheboygan Rd.

Recent interest in preservation issues created a dramatic uptick in attendance at our most recent Commission meeting - a rarity - thank you and please come again! Our meetings are also held in the Board room - where inspiring photo examples of the history of the Town line the walls - everything from "picture day" at the old Hamilton School to farmers helping each other out on harvest days. All of these photos, many copied and shared from old family scrapbooks, were donated by our generous residents. We often hear stories from people who have fond memories of growing up here. We hope that the kids and all residents here enjoy a modern version of that exceptional quality of life today. If preservation might play some unspoken role in that, the time and effort is worth it.



Winning Owners - Dawn Kurz and Danielle Kurz, Kurz, with Spencer Kurz - 819 Granville Rd.  
Winning Owners - Travis L. Keshemborg & Ellen Suelflow Trust - 1219 Sheboygan Rd.

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Hamilton's unique aesthetic, architecture, and natural beauty have endured 50 years as a Historic District - quite an accomplishment! We would like to bring the same commitment and energy as our predecessors to the next 50 years. The goals are ongoing: support our homeowners and businesses in their efforts to protect their valuable heritage land, value our historic beautiful Creek passages, and maintain historic architectural structures for generations to come.

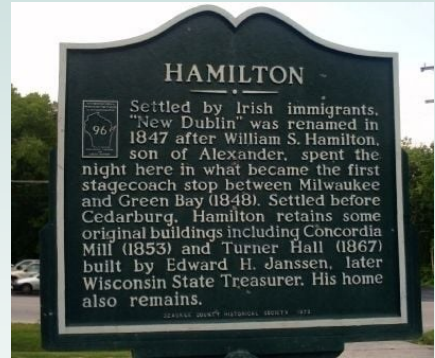
Ruth Cook wrote a poignant poem to commemorate the Hamilton Settlement National Listing in 1976 - a timeless perspective on the Town's preservation efforts:

Dedicated to the spirit of those people whose lives remain  
Unknown and forgotten in the passing of time;  
Whose faith in tomorrow was built on the vision of today's dreams;  
Whose tears carried the joy and sorrow of life and brought  
New meaning to the morning;  
Whose lives knew the failure of a harvest yet had the courage  
To plant again, 'come spring,'  
Whose sacrifice and courage became foundations for the  
Future that we might know a better day;  
Whose silent gift is their lives of failure and success in the  
Endless journey of mankind.

To this, we owe our heritage. - *Courtesy of Ruth Cook*

Can this community sustain the important goals of our Landmark ordinance Sec. 186-2A.: "Effect and accomplish the protection, enhancement and perpetuation of such improvements and of districts which represent or reflect elements of the Town's cultural, social, economic, political and architectural history"? We warmly welcome your input, comments, questions, and ideas about preservation, the Hamilton Historic District, and landmarks.

Thank you, Kari Esser - Chair of Landmarks Commission



## Positively Brilliant



### Upcoming Fall & Winter Performances

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