

TOWN of CEDARBURG

Preserving Yesterday's Heritage for Tomorrow.

Can you name the only municipality in Ozaukee County that hasn't raised taxes in the last 6 years?

See page 2 for the answer.

Town Newsletter Winter 2012

HIGHWAY 60 PLANS STILL UNCERTAIN

It would be nice if I could set forth in this article the complete future plans for the improvements to WIS60 from US 45 to 11th Avenue in Jackson. I can't. It would be nice if our local town residents and businesses, especially those along or near to the WIS60 corridor could take some comfort in knowing precisely how this project will affect them and their property. They can't. At least not yet. But we do have some rather interesting and developing clues and indicators which we can look to in forecasting how the future of the Highway 60 corridor will play out in years to come.



Gary Wickert
Town Supervisor

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is currently in the midst of a study "evaluating existing and potential future transportation deficiencies and possible improvements to the WIS60 corridor between the US45 interchange in Jackson to 11th Avenue in Grafton. The study is needed and there are improvements which can be made. I am proud of our community for not exhibiting the typical NIMBY ("Not In My Back Yard") attitude toward change that so many communities experience, but even prouder for the organized, informed, and effective way in which the community has come together to be sure that the inexorable glacier of government ineptitude doesn't steamroll through our community leaving a trail of expensive and unnecessary devastation in its wake. WisDOT has heard our concerns loud and clear.

Supervisor Salvaggio's excellent article in the last town newsletter detailed the efforts being taken by both the Town Board and the citizen action committee, MI60, to oppose the unnecessary and destructive options being considered in the WisDOT study, including the two options involving a bypass around Five Corners, possible destruction of Grob Field and the soccer fields, as well as bulldozing acres of wetlands, woods, and farms. On December 5, the Ozaukee County Board passed a resolution opposing WisDOT's preliminary alternatives

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NOTES & REMINDERS

- All dog licenses must be renewed by March 31st
- Winter parking restrictions are in effect until March 31st. No parking on any road between 1 a.m. & 7 a.m.
- Little League registration opens in January

Town Hall will be closed:

- December 31, 2012
- January 1, 2013
- April 1, 2013

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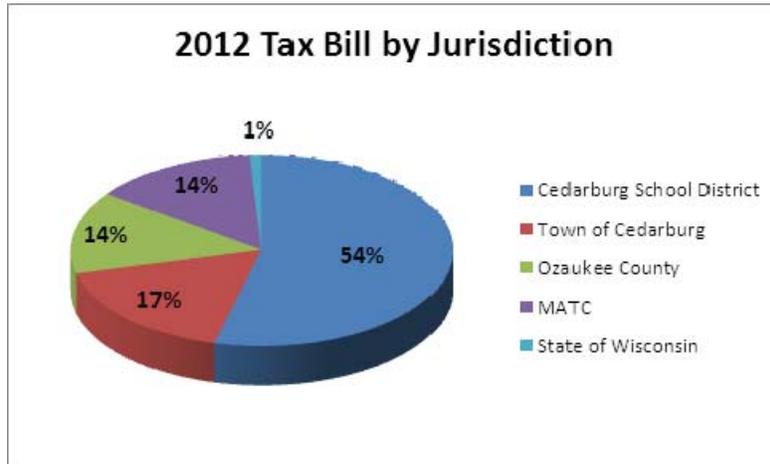
Town Administrator's Desk

Jim Culotta



2013 Budget Summary

On December 5th, the Town Board approved the 2013 Fiscal Year Budget with revenues totaling \$2,393,986 (less than 2% growth) and expenditures totaling \$2,393,986 (less than 2% growth). The 2012/2013 assessed tax rate is \$2.323384/\$1,000 in assessed value, which is the same as the current tax rate. A home with an assessed value of \$300,000 will pay \$697 in property taxes to the Town in 2013, which is the same as in 2012. We are the only municipality in Ozaukee County that has not increased taxes over the last 6 years. But the Town is only one of several taxing jurisdictions that make up your property tax bill. As shown below, the Town portion makes up 17% of your total tax bill.



Town Earns High Marks for Services

Since 2007, the Town has administered an Annual Performance Survey to gain anonymous feedback from residents on Town services. This feedback allows staff to evaluate past performance and, if necessary, address deficiencies. In 2012, we had 335 surveys returned, making it the strongest response to date. As shown below, the Town received very high marks for most services.

Town Provided Services	Excellent/Good	Fair/Poor	No opinion
Trash Collection	94%	4%	2%
Recycling	76%	17%	7%
Road Maintenance	69%	28%	2%
Ditch Maintenance	61%	31%	9%
Snow/Ice Removal	81%	15%	4%
Recreation	51%	10%	39%
Park Maintenance	58%	6%	36%
Brush Chipping	40%	11%	49%
Building Inspections	33%	5%	62%
Constable	21%	8%	71%
Elections	83%	7%	10%
Property Assessment	54%	9%	37%
Other Town Services	54%	9%	37%

Recreation Notes

Eric Ryer - Director of Recreation & Planning



Town user/sponsor-financed recreation programming strives to meet the needs of area youth and fill other service gaps.

THANKS TO ALL LOCAL SPONSORS & THE MILWAUKEE BREWERS IN 2012

Between local businesses, private donors, and the Milwaukee Brewers, total fundraising came in at over \$31,900 in 2012!

LITTLE LEAGUE REGISTRATION: JANUARY 22nd & JANUARY 30th

NEW DIVISION OF PLAY IN 2013: INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

Over 440 boys and girls played on 35 softball and baseball teams in 2012. Looking forward to 2013, the Town will be holding two registration NIGHTS after the New Year: **January 22nd & January 30th** at Town Hall from 6-8pm. Players registering at one of these nights will get a free Cedarburg Little League t-shirt. Notices will go out to past participants via email and to local schools for their weekly folders as a heads up. One significant change to the program in 2013 will be the addition of the Intermediate division for 11-13 year olds, replacing the Majors division. This age group will play on Gary VandenBerg field at Five Corners, which will be retrofitted to expand the infield to allow for a 50 foot pitcher's mound and 70 foot basepaths; the field will then be playable for ages 4-13. This program change resulted from a parent survey that showed 60% of respondents preferring the larger field for this age group. Divisions of play for 2013 is as follows:

BASEBALL

- Age as of May 1, 2013
- Tee Ball : 4-6 year olds
- Minors : 7-10 year olds
- Intermediate : 11-13 year olds
- Juniors : 14 year olds



SOFTBALL

- Age as of January 1, 2013
- Rookies : 7-8 year olds
- Minors : 9-10 year olds
- Majors : 11-12 year olds

FALL 2012 / 2013 IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FIELDS AT FIVE CORNERS

Fall field work included weed & feed, spreading of 40 yards of sand/soil mix across the outfields and over seeding. Improvements scheduled for 2013 include the installation of a hitting tunnel donated by Burghardt Sporting goods (concrete labor donated by Joel Alore), expansion of the Gary VandenBerg infield to make it playable for a new Intermediate division of Little League, the purchase of another set of bleachers, a parking lot expansion, the installation landscaping at the park entrance donated by Johnson's Gardens and the leveling of the ditch in between the parking lot and fields as part of a storm water control project. As you can see, it is local business and residents that continue to fuel the development of the fields. A BIG thanks to Burghardt, Joel Alore and Johnsons Gardens for their generosity.

CEDARBURG FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE

The Town built upon its relationship with Concordia University this season, holding both a mini camp in the beginning of the season for all players, as well as championship games for all three divisions of play at the end of the season on the Concordia turf field. We plan on partnering with Concordia in 2013 to offer as many opportunities for the kids as possible. Registration for flag football will be available in spring.



DEEP WATER TONING / PICKLE BALL

The upcoming spring deep water toning course will begin on January 3rd and run through April 25th; the cost is \$60 for 29 sessions. Registration is currently open at Town Hall. 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 also continued to offer pickle ball this fall, holding the tennis-like game at Thorson elementary school, with the next season expected to begin in February or March. Interested individuals should visit the Town website for more on these activities.

Perception vs. Reality

by Chairman Dave Valentine

Perception: a mental image -- quick, acute, and intuitive cognition

Reality: the quality or state of being real -- real events, entities, or state of affairs

Once there is a widely held perception, it is very difficult to change the way people look at things. It is also very difficult to demonstrate what is NOT happening. That is the current situation (in my opinion) regarding the "perceived" friction between the Town of Cedarburg and the City of Cedarburg.

When was the last time there actually was some friction between the Town and City? When was the last time you read something in the newspaper about strained Town/City relations? What are the current issues that divide the Town and City?

Hard to answer any of these questions isn't it? The "reality" is because the Town and City have actually been working quite well together. We have joined forces to fight the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's planned Highway 60 expansion. We are working together to finally bring the Prochnow landfill pollution to a conclusion. We have coordinated active Recreational Programs like T-ball, baseball, softball, touch football, etc. to better serve the entire community, with fantastic results. The Pleasant Valley Park and Trails is being developed by the Town on the jointly owned park site.

In addition to the items above, the communications, cooperation and understanding of each other's challenges has improved immensely over the past year. I think City Mayor Kip Kinzel said it best when he told me: "We probably will not agree on everything, as we both have to look out for the best interest of our residents. However, that does not mean we should not keep an open mind and talk." I agree 100%.

I still hear the question: "What is happening between the Town and the City?" When I answer with the positives and nothing negative, I almost hear a sigh -- like the person asking the question was expecting some hotly contested rife. Sorry, things are going pretty good. I guess this type stuff does not make the newspaper. I guess when there are no major conflicts, it is not the topic of conversations. Working together on joint problems, cooperating and communicating also does not change "perceptions."

Are there still challenges ahead? Of course, there are many hurdles that lie in the near future and long-term future. The local soccer club is busting at the seams and needs more fields. The soccer club is a huge operation and impacts literally thousands of Cedarburg residents. The jointly owned Cedarburg Pool has not broke even financially in years and needs to be self-sufficient to avoid being subsidized by the Town and City taxpayers. Whatever the DNR's decision is on the remediation plan for the Prochnow landfill will require a lot of cooperation and commitment. Eventually, there will be development in the area and a positive attitude toward joint expansion and joint revenue enhancement is critical.

There are more challenges, but with an open mind, continuing cooperation and communications the "reality" is the Cedarburg community is growing together, not apart.



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As a part of the 2013 budget, the Town Board approved another year of printing and mailing of the Town Newsletter. Staff will consider ways to reduce newsletter costs to help make it closer to self-supporting. If you'd like to advertise in this newsletter, contact Town Hall.

At some point after 2013, it is very likely the newsletter will go to an electronic format, which is why we encourage you to sign up for our e-mail news alerts. Sign up here:
www.town.cedarburg.wi.us/e-notify.cfm

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for the WIS60 corridor, including the bypass options and excessive right-of-way expansion. The Cedarburg town board did the same thing last August.

The Citizen Action Group MI60 was formed by local residents like yourself as a place for all Cedarburg Town and City residents, businesses and visitors to stay up-to-date and informed on WisDOT's WIS60 corridor planning. It can be found at www.mi60.org. Please contact Craig Miller at craig.l.miller@jci.com if you would like to become a part of this great organization or would like to share information with the group.

I consider myself uniquely qualified to opine on travel conditions along WIS60 from Cedarburg to Hartford. For the past fourteen years I have lived just north of WIS60 off of County Y (Granville Rd.) and worked on WIS60 in downtown Hartford. During that time I have travelled that round trip route five or six times a week – sometimes twice a day. I am one of hundreds of vehicles making that trip who, faced with the new gauntlet of roundabouts and traffic slowdowns, now travel along Sherman Road or Pleasant Valley. This is ironic as one of the purposes of the improvements to WIS60 was to prevent wear and tear on lesser-travelled roads in an effort to avoid worsening traffic conditions on WIS60. I never had any problems.

In recent conversations with Beth Blum, project manager with the WisDOT and their consulting engineers, CH2M Hill, and based on a review of what has transpired with the WIS60 project from Highway 41 to Highway 45, the future of WIS60 in our community is slowly coming into focus. Of course, nothing is final until the study is complete and decisions have been made, but the snow is starting to settle in the crystal ball.

It is likely that the WisDOT is going to require either a (1) traffic signal or (2) roundabout at each of the affected major intersections. We are likely to see a roundabout at County Y just like the one now at County G. Five Corners will likely become Four Corners as good engineering practices do not allow a roundabout with more than four streets intersecting it. We could possibly see Horns Corners tie into NN before it gets to Four Corners. The unusual nature of Five Corners is the trademark and centerpiece of the Town of Cedarburg. Unless we fight this roundabout option we might all one day need to explain to our grandchildren explaining how Five Corners got its name.

A bypass option for Cedarburg is virtual nullity, but we should continue to fight the two bypass proposals as though they have already been selected. Lying down in front of bulldozers is no small price to pay to avoid the devastation and community destruction either of those silly proposals would bring with them. Beth Blum has told us that numerous Jackson area residents have suggested redirecting WIS 60 north on CTH NN at Five Corners into Jackson/West Bend. She doesn't necessarily think it's a good alternative but she has to look into it, and is therefore doing some preliminary research on it. But it won't happen. An on-alignment option accomplishes what is needed without negatively impacting as many homes and businesses. A bypass option for Grafton is also not in the works, which makes one wonder why you would build a ten-foot diameter pipe that feeds into a one-foot in diameter pipe. That is what happens when Highway 60 meets Grafton.

Jackson is an obvious bottleneck and because there is little potential for widening due to historic structures and the large number of properties that would be impacted, a north or south bypass has been a strong consideration. However, Beth Blum tells me that due the outcry of business residents in Jackson, a bypass in Jackson has also all but been scrapped. Building a five-foot wide pipe that flows into a one-foot wide pipe makes no hydrological sense. Yet that is the equivalent of what we will end up with once the project is done and we are still living with east/west traffic bottlenecks in Jackson, Grafton, and Hartford.

We will likely see an improved Highway 60 through the town of Cedarburg and Five Corners. While we should continue to fight for the minimum right-of-way needed to accomplish our purposes, know that the WisDOT's engineers have said it would be "unusual" to construct a four-lane undivided highway in a rural area, citing the safety concerns of people turning left without a protected left turn lane. This means some sort of boulevard, which we should fight to hold to an absolute minimum. This is where the real fight will be. In the entire corridor, Cedarburg is the only section listed as "rural", with Jackson and Grafton both considered "urban." Beth Blum envisions WIS60 from Jackson to Five Corners looking exactly like it does from Highway 41 to 45. This means four lands with turn lanes and a 30-foot wide median. Take a trip west if you'd like to see the future Madison has planned for us.

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I was told by the WisDOT engineers that on Monday, December 3, the WisDOT received "new numbers" which affect the entire WIS60 corridor. The new numbers mean that they will be "relooking at assumptions" as to traffic forecasts for 2040. We don't have a lot of detail, but are told that the "new numbers" mean a numerical increase in volume for some segments and a decrease in volume for others. Based on 2010 statistics, the WIS60 corridor from Five Corners to Jackson carries less than 8,300 vehicles per day. Based on current WisDOT estimates, the current Highway 60 can carry over 13,000 vehicles per day before it needs to be widened to four lanes. This won't occur for a generation.

The reported WisDOT crash rates for rural WIS60 at first glance seem to be higher than the state average. Looking closely at the numbers, however, projects a different picture. The rural segment in this WisDOT study starts from County I and ends at Eagle Drive in Jackson. During the study, the DOT identified 105 accidents in this section of rural road. I do not consider Hwy I to 5 Corners to be a rural road. Two large intersections and constant commercial traffic makes this section of road an urban road. In the DOT analysis, the number of accidents from the County I intersection through the 5 Corners intersection totals 47. This is a one mile section of road. That means the other 58 accidents occur in a section of road that is 7.5 miles long. Of the 58 accidents in the 7.5 miles, 24 occur at intersections that cross Hwy 60. When the number of accidents per 100-million miles driven was calculated on this section of "true" rural road, the crash rates are actually below the state average.

What we have learned after digesting all of the available information is that we can still make a difference as a community in shaping the minds and opinions of the WisDOT and their engineers. To their credit, they have been listening. Get active and help protect and preserve the rural heritage we know as the town of Cedarburg. Contact your elected representatives. Join and participate in MI60. It was once said that "Sometimes good things fall apart so better things can fall together." The board and staff in the town of Cedarburg will continue working to ensure that we move forward, grow sensibly, and make the best decisions possible during this painful experience involving WIS60.

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Planning Update

This fall, staff updated planning related information on the Town website, making the website more user-friendly. As part of this update, staff created a new page called the "Development Application Tracker" which allows anyone to access planning applications, public notices, staff memoranda and track the status of meetings/approvals.

NOTABLE ORDINANCES

The Town Board approved several significant ordinances in 2012. A summary of those that might be important to you include:

Amended the Town Code to allow lots zoned R-1, R-2 and R-3 single-family residential a maximum of 1,000 square feet of detached accessory building space regardless of lot size. Previously, detached accessory buildings in the R-1, R-2 and R-3 districts were based on lot size.

Amended the Town Code to require landscape growth cover within one year of the issuance of an occupancy permit or a final inspection for a new residence, agricultural, commercial or industrial building, or an addition to a residence, farm or business structure where surface conditions have been disturbed by grading, excavating, construction or filling operations.

Amended the Town Code to allow for dog day care, in-home boarding centers and kennels operated as a home occupation with a conditional use permit. Also related, but under a separate ordinance, the Board amended the Town Code to allow for pet grooming businesses as a home occupation in the R-3 district with a conditional use permit.

Amended the Town Code reducing the side yard setback for principal structures in the TR Transitional Residential district from 75 feet to 25 feet.

Recycling: Cheaper & Easier

The Town is happy to announce there has been a fee reduction and elimination in a few of our recyclable items. These adjustments are based on new arrangements we have established with our new and existing recycling servicers.

There will no longer be a fee for dropping off appliances with Freon in them; all appliances can now be dropped off free of charge at Town Hall. You will also have the option to have any appliance picked up at your residence free of charge from our recycling servicer. Refrigerant Recovery Inc. will come to your home and pickup any appliance you have as long as it has been placed in your garage, there may be a small fee for appliances that remain in the home. Please contact Refrigerant Recovery Inc. at (414) 643-7740 for coordination.

Legacy Recycling is our new e-cycling servicer collecting all electronic equipment for Town residents at the Recycling Center. The previous fee was \$25.00 for all televisions, the new fee will be \$10.00 for the old style (tube in, non-flat panel) televisions and free for flat panel televisions. Legacy Recycling will also provide hard drive erasing and CD or diskette erasing for an additional charge, either of these services can be coordinated with Legacy Recycling direct at (262) 930-4228.

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Town of Cedarburg History—Turn Halle

by Jack Henke

Thank you to the Cedarburg Town Board and Landmarks Commission for recognizing Bill and me with the Preservation Award. The truth is, as with any worthy accomplishment, that it took a community of people whose talents and efforts were unbelievable.

What went into making the Preservation of Turn Halle possible? It started with a vision to create a space that would combine the best of the old (craftsmanship) with the best of the new (technology).

It took more than mere cooperation from the Town of Cedarburg. They went way beyond that. It took commitment, effort, and just plain smarts from everyone with whom we worked at the Town. As fellow Cedarburgers, you can feel proud and confident that you have such a willing and resourceful local government to back you up.



Other important factors in our restoration/preservation project:

Turn Halle - Henke & Associates
2012 Preservation Award Recipient

- Talent – many talented people helped us
- Diversity – there was such a range of talents involved that it stretches belief
- Ignorance – not knowing exactly what we were getting into
- Encouragement – so many people were behind us
- Character – the character of the building is truly one-of-a-kind
- Characters – in addition to their talent, so many unforgettable characters pitched in. Our forefathers would smile at the unique community of people who made this happen.

Thank you again to the Town for this special recognition. Preservation is one way to look at it. As we look back on it, the Turn Halle project was in many ways more like survival and revival.

It's part of what makes Cedarburg special. We thank you and hope you all have the opportunity to win this award. Preserving the past helps us propel us into the future.

A video, *Turn Halle – The History*, highlights the efforts to restore this landmark and is available on YouTube & CedarburgTV.



Public Works Notes

Adam Monticelli - Director of Public Works



WINTER ROADS

The snow fence is out and the salt barrels are in place beside the roads. The season for slippery roads and cold temperatures is upon us again. The Town cannot do much about the temperatures but we will strive to keep the roads in good winter driving condition. With a little help from our residents, the Town's public works crew will work to quickly and efficiently clear our roads of ice and snow.

There are a number of ways that you can assist our plow drivers:

- ◆ **Park vehicle off of the road**, as soon as possible, if a storm is predicted. This includes during our clean up operations in the days following a storm.
- ◆ **Don't tailgate** the snowplows. Plow trucks stop and back up frequently, especially in intersections. – State Statutes require staying back 200 feet.
- ◆ **Check your mailbox post** that it can withstand the force of plowed snow. If your mailbox is damaged by an orange Town plow truck, please call the Town Hall.
- ◆ **Slow down!**
- ◆ **“No person shall push, blow, shove or in any way deposit any snow or ice onto any public street, alley, sidewalk, or public lands dedicated to public use.” §237-14 B(3) Town Code.**

All of the Town's plow trucks are orange. If a red truck is plowing your road, it is an Ozaukee County plow. Each municipality has responsibility for its own roads and any damage that occurs as a result of plowing operations.

When a storm occurs over night, our trucks are usually called out about 3:00 a.m. We have four plow routes and are generally completed with our first round before 7:30 a.m. The first round of plowing is not a full shoulder-to-shoulder clearing of the roadway. We make a single pass down each lane and a circle in the cul-de-sacs. Subsequent rounds will widen the roadways and clear the centers of the cul-de-sacs and intersections. Salting will be done in conjunction with the first round of plowing unless extremely cold temperatures or high winds would render the salt ineffective. As a reminder the winter parking regulations are as followed in The Town of Cedarburg Code, “No person shall park any vehicle on any street, road, highway, public way, or public parking lot in the Town between the hours of 1:00a.m and 7:00 a.m. from November 15th through March 31st...” And, “No person shall park any vehicle on any street, road, highway, public way, or public parking lot during a (declared) snow emergency.” Any vehicles parked in violation of these regulations may be removed, either by the town or by a private service and the owner(s) shall be responsible for all fines and charges associated with the removal, towing or storage of the vehicle.

Clearing the roads and making them as safe as practical for the traveling public takes precedence over other operations. When we have heavy snow or ice, the garbage routes may be delayed at least until the first round of plowing has been completed.

Road Improvement Planning and Construction

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation is proceeding with plans for improvements on State Highway 181 at Western Avenue and Bridge Street. These improvements include construction of a roundabout at both intersections and a multi-use path along the east side of STH 181. Construction is slated for May or June 2013, the Town will provide updates to this schedule as we receive them. Information on roundabouts is available on the federal highway administration website at www.safety.fhwa.dot.gov.

Locally, the Town of Cedarburg is planning on resurfacing Horns Corners Road from Sherman to STH 60 and Crestview Drive from Starlet Drive to Granville Road in summer 2013. This work will include correcting or enhancing current drainage along each of the roads. Residents along these roads will be notified in detail before work begins.

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2013 ELECTION UPDATE

There are two Town elections in 2013. The Town Board consists of five members: one Chairman and four Supervisors. Each Supervisor represents the Town at large and holds a numbered seat on the Town Board. In 2013, the **Chairman, seat 1, and seat 3** are up for election. If you are interested in running for one of these positions, you must file a Campaign Registration Statement before circulating nomination papers. All candidates must also file a Declaration of Candidacy and completed nomination papers by 5 pm January 2nd. For more information, contact Town Clerk Debra Otto or the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board at <http://gab.wi.gov/>.

Upcoming Election Dates:
 Spring Primary to be held Tuesday, February 19, 2013
 Spring Election to be held Tuesday, April 2, 2013

**Recognizing Service to the
 Town of Cedarburg**

We are fortunate to have several employees who have shown long-term and dedicated service to the Town of Cedarburg. Dan Delcamp, Public Works, celebrated his 35th anniversary with the Town earlier this year. Charlie Pretty, Treasurer, was recognized in 2012 for 30 years of service.

