

Chairman David Valentine's State of the Town

Although it may appear from news media coverage that the only activity in the Town of Cedarburg is defending against complaints from and disagreements with the City of Cedarburg, there have been many accomplishments and innovations in the Town over the past year.

A few of the Town's accomplishments during 2009 include:

1. Successfully defended the interests of Town taxpayers during negotiations with the City of Cedarburg on shared services and boundary related issues.
2. Held property taxes in check by focusing on financial opportunities and spending restraint. Receipt of a strong bond rating further demonstrated the Town's commitment to sound financial management.
3. Proactively pursued the acquisition of property to meet Town needs, including the utilization of eminent domain to begin the acquisition process for the Sports Complex property. The Town also purchased six acres on Sycamore Drive for a future public works/recycling facility.
4. New youth recreation programs, including Cedarburg Little League baseball (spring/summer) and flag football (summer/fall), are now accepting registrations. The Little League kickoff event on January 23rd was a great start and we already have over 130 registered kids. Several local businesses have already stepped up to support our new program through sponsorships, helping to provide the most affordable youth baseball program in the area. Registration will remain open through April; go to www.cedarburglittleleague.com for registration and sponsorship details.

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Important Legislation in Madison - **Contact Rep. Mark Gottlieb Today!!!**

Important legislation impacting Town of Cedarburg residents will likely be voted upon by the State Assembly next Tuesday. **Please contact Mark Gottlieb, our representative in the State Assembly, and urge him to support Assembly Bill 260.**

Assembly Bill 260 would allow towns such as ours to regain some control over land division decisions. Currently, villages and cities have the power to not only approve or reject land divisions within their own borders, but also those within neighboring towns— this is called extraterritorial plat review. This control over town residents was tightened in 2003 when a Wisconsin Supreme Court Case (*Wood v. City of Madison*) gave further authority to villages and cities that essentially resulted in their ability to prohibit certain land uses on town properties that are outside their respective city or village boundaries.

You may recall an e-Notify in October 2009 bringing this legislation to your attention because of its direct impact on Town of Cedarburg residents. The City of Cedarburg had exercised extraterritorial plat review and zoning control over the Town of Cedarburg in recent years and City officials have formally opposed Assembly Bill 260. The Town Board passed [Resolution 2009-19](#) supporting this legislation because the Board disapproves of the City's involvement in town development and planning. Simply put, City officials are not elected by Town residents and do not represent the best interests of Town residents. Town land division and zoning decisions should be made by elected Town officials. **Contact Representative Gottlieb and tell him to vote "YES" on AB 260!**

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5. Awarded the annual Five Corners Matching Grant to Custom Service Hardware, Galimoto's Vintage Grill, and Cedar Creek Motorsports to help further the beautification and development goals of the Town's Five Corners business district.
6. Started an electronic equipment recycling program that kept over 25 tons of electronics out of a landfill.
7. Recognized the Lueders Bolwerk family as the winner of the latest Landmarks Preservation Award.

The Town has aggressive, well planned objectives for 2010:

1. Proceed with the planning/development of the Sports Complex.
2. Improve communication by broadcasting Town Board meetings and other information on Cedarburg TV, the Town's government access channel (www.cedarburgtv.com, Time Warner channel 25 & AT&T channel 99). Contact Town Hall if you'd like to volunteer or sponsor Cedarburg TV. A revamped Town website will soon be launched as well.
3. Promote the use of tippable trash carts in advance of the January 2011 deadline.

To name a few of the Town's 2009 innovations:

1. This past summer, our "Touch-a-Truck" event drew several hundred children and adults to actually experience and touch many different pieces of Town Public Works equipment, a fire engine, and a County Sheriff squad. Cold treats provided by Cedar Crest Ice Cream helped keep everyone cool.
2. "Cookies with Santa" was a big hit that encouraged a festive holiday atmosphere at Town Hall and a positive experience for both young and old. Thanks to the Five Corners Lions Club for co-sponsoring this fun community event this past December.
3. The "Beet Juice" initiative was started to help make Town roads safer. Adding beet juice makes the road salt go farther; the combination works better to melt ice in extreme cold temperatures, it stays on the roads longer and is more environmentally friendly. All that and it helps save money, too.

Despite the economic challenges that surround our nation and state, your Town government is financially sound and committed to providing high-quality, cost-effective services. If you want to keep up with current events, special programs, and announcements via e-mail, sign up for our "e-Notify" program on the Town website (www.town.cedarburg.wi.us) or contact Town Hall at 262-377-4509.

Register Now Cedarburg Little League

Who: All boys and girls ages 5-14 in the Cedarburg school district

When: **Now until April** Monday -Friday 8am to 4:30pm or by mail

Where: Cedarburg Town Hall (1293 Washington Ave.) Next to PDQ

Registration Fee: \$25 Tee-ball (5-8 yrs); \$30 Minors (7-12 yrs);
\$30 Majors (9-12 yrs); \$30 Junior League (13-14 yrs)

- No Tryouts

- Everyone plays in every game

- Walk on field @ Miller Park

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