

# Town of Middleton

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## 2030 Comprehensive Planning Begins

Do you want to share in planning what the Town of Middleton will look like in 20+ years? Here is your chance!

A Public Participation Plan was adopted by the Town Board on March 19, 2007 to ensure a high level of community input in preparing the 2030 Comprehensive Plan.

A nine-member committee was formed to create the plan, mandated by State Statutes for completion by January 1, 2010. Members include Tim Barnett, Larry Barta, Ted Koch, Bill Kolar, Tom Krull, Howard Licht, Tim Roehl, Tim Ryan, Mike Stoetzel with Steven Ziegler appointed the alternate member.

The Comprehensive Plan will address each of the following elements:

Issues and Opportunities, Agricultural/Natural/Cultural/Resources, Housing, Economic Development, Transportation, Intergovernmental Cooperation, Utilities and Community Facilities, Land Use, Implementation.

Check the Town website for Public Participation Opportunities!

[www.town.middleton.wi.us](http://www.town.middleton.wi.us)

Comprehensive Plan Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall.

## Town to Study Future Needs

We expect the Middleton Fire Department and Dane County Sheriff's West Precinct will relocate from their existing offices in the Town Hall to the new Public Safety Building. Because of this, the Town Board is to forecast the Town's space needs for the next several years. The Board wants to know from you, the residents, what services, activities and facilities you feel would be beneficial. It is important that we understand what your needs and wants

are. As such, we are asking for your input as to what possibilities we should think about providing.

Some ideas might include a Youth or Senior Center, a Library pick-up/drop-off point, small meeting rooms or day-care facility. Please send us your suggestions so we can take them into consideration when making decisions. Thanks!

## Yard Waste Drop-Off

Need to get rid of leaves and grass after raking your lawn? The Town has a Yard Waste Program where you can bring your yard waste to the Town Hall to be composted. Please deposit waste in the large open dumpster located behind the Town Hall located on the left just off of Pioneer Rd.

To keep taxes down, this dumpster is available for Town Residents only.

If you have noxious weeds to dispose of, please put them in a bag labeled "Invasive Plants – Please Landfill"; then put the bag in your trash.

## Burning Issues

The Town and Fire District no longer requires you to obtain a Burn Permit before performing a burn. There are, however, new regulations on burning. There are limitations on most burns as far as time of day and size. The biggest change is that leaves may not be burned on weekends and at night. Leaves may not be burned on Saturdays, Sundays and Federal Holidays: an exception is made for the

Yard Waste consists of:

Leaves, grass, plant clippings and other non-woody material

NO woody material such as twigs or tree branches

NO noxious weeds in the dumpster; the material is composted.

**PLEASE,**

**NO BAGS OR CONTAINERS.**

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first and third Saturdays in October, November and December. Leaves may only be burned after 8:00 a.m. and must be fully extinguished by 3:30 p.m. In addition, leaves may not be burned if the wind speed is greater than 15 MPH.

There are other regulations which apply to other burning. Please check the website or call us if you have questions.

## Please Respect the Town Right-of-Way

The Town right-of-way is the road but also includes approximately 22 feet on either side of the road as well. This is Town property that the town controls for the good of all. This is where utilities run and where stormwater collects. This is also where snow goes after a large snowfall. Since this is under Town control, we need to make sure it is free from obstructions that could damage snow plows or cars that go off the road.

As a result, the Town ordinances do not allow you to place any obstructions in the

right-of-way. This includes trees, bushes, structures, and rocks larger than 2" in diameter. Also, you may not put irrigation (sprinkler) systems or pet invisible fencing in this area. If we find that you are in violation of this ordinance, we will ask that you remove the offending obstruction(s). In addition, The Town is not responsible for replacement or restoration of any plantings that are disturbed if any work is done by the Town, Utility or a Contractor working on behalf of the Town or Utility in a right-of-way.

## Dogs: Restrictions and Licensing

All dogs must be licensed and on a leash (not to exceed 10 feet) if off of the owners property in the Town of Middleton. All dog waste must be removed from any public street /area or other private property. At this time, dogs are only permitted in Tallard Conservancy and a limited number of trails. Please see the website for a list of the trails that allow dogs. Call the Dane County Sheriff at 267-4936 to report any dog behavior problems or violations of these rules.

If your dog does not yet have a license, please come by the Town Hall to get one.

The fee schedule is:

Neutered Male	\$ 15.00
Non-neutered Male	\$ 20.00
Spayed Female	\$ 15.00
Non-spayed Female	\$ 20.00

**Note:** All fees include a \$5.00 late fee for dogs licensed after April 1, 2007



Please keep your dog on leash

## Dog Walker Alert!

Did you know that it is illegal to walk your dog on most Town/neighborhood trails and Parks? The Town Parks Commission is investigating changing this ordinance. We need help from the neighborhood associations to determine where to suggest changes, if any, be made. Help us by signing up for the Town's e-mail list so we can contact you. Go to [www.town.middleton.wi.us](http://www.town.middleton.wi.us) to sign up. Thank you for your help.

## Weeds

The Town of Middleton Weed Commissioner, Richard Oberle, would like to remind all residents of their responsibility to destroy weeds on their property. This is part of the Town's 2007 Weed Control Program. State statute mandates destruction of: Canadian thistle, leafy spurge and field bindweed (creeping jenny). The Town of Middleton's Ordinance requires the control of many more noxious and invasive weeds. Property owners are encouraged to identify and control weeds before they flower and seed.

The Town of Middleton web site includes information on the weeds subject to Town Ordinance, with identification and eradication links. The Town will take aggressive action to control weeds if property owners fail to act. This will result in the property owners being subject to the cost of control and eradication of those weeds, possibly in the form of special tax assessments.

Residents are urged to act responsibly and destroy weeds that compromise our yards, green spaces and agricultural lands. Contact Richard Oberle, Weed Commissioner (826-0559) or the Town Hall (833-5887) with any questions.



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## Is Your Driveway Up to Standards?

The Town has new rules in place to help prevent shoulder washout and to make long driveways safer. Also, the Middleton Fire District has indicated several driveways exist in the Town that are substandard for their purposes (*i.e.*, too narrow, too curvy, etc.). If you think you may have one of these driveways or you are thinking of replacing your existing driveway, please contact the Town to discuss your concerns. We would like to discuss your plans with you before your project is started.

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*The Town will chip seal about 15 miles of roads in 2007. Watch the website for more details and timing.*

## New Town Staff

Patti Keichinger was hired in January as the new Financial Assistant/Receptionist. Please stop in and welcome her.

## Town Hours

Town Hall office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mon-Thurs and 8:30 a.m. to noon on Friday. Please help us serve you more efficiently by contacting us during these hours.

## Cardboard won't all fit?

If you have cardboard that will not fit in your recycle container, there is a Dumpster just for Cardboard located behind the Town Hall available for your use. You may access it off of Pioneer Road.

Please break down and flatten any boxes prior to placing them in the dumpster.

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## Town Police Protection

The Town of Middleton employs two full-time Dane County Sheriffs to patrol the Town. Officer Dave Cattanach works days and can be reached at 575-5964, Officer Dawn Barger works nights and can be reached at 220-0356. The general number for the West Precinct is 267-4936.

## Stay Informed

**Subscribe** to our email list! Go to our homepage to our email service for residents. You will be sent Town business information only, such as agendas, minutes, road maintenance updates, special meetings and events and more!

## Building Permits / Building Questions

Building Permit applications, Inspector Office Hours, and the Fee Schedule can be found on the Town **Forms** website in PDF format for easy review and printing. You may also pick them at the Town Hall.

Our Building Inspector, Fred Hankel, is available to answer questions Mondays & Wednesdays, 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. and Fridays 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

# Volunteer Firefighters Wanted

## Ever thought about becoming a firefighter?

Now is your chance to have a fun and rewarding experience with a progressive department and make a difference in your community by protecting family, friends and neighbors.

Did you know that the Middleton Fire District has been an all volunteer force for over 100 years?

It provides fire protection for the City of Middleton, Town of Middleton as well as portions of the Towns of Springfield and Westport. The Department also provides mutual aid fire protection services as needed to other communities throughout Dane County. The Middleton Fire District has two stations and 73 Volunteer / Paid on-call firefighters. Due to our continued growth and call volume, we are actively recruiting

additional volunteer/ paid on-call firefighters for Station No. 2.

Qualified applicants must live in the Middleton Fire District or within two (2) miles of Station No. 2 which is located at the Middleton Town Hall, 7555 West Old Sauk Road.

No experience is necessary and all training, which meets both State and National standards, is paid for by the State of Wisconsin.

If you are interested in learning more about this exciting and rewarding opportunity please contact Chief Aaron Harris at 576-1416 or stop by Station No.1 at 7600 University Avenue in Middleton.



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## Annual Town Meeting

On Tuesday, April 10, the Town will hold its Annual Town Meeting. This meeting is truly a Town meeting for all the residents to attend. There is a limited set agenda with time set aside for your ideas and thoughts.

One item that will be discussed is having the residents approve borrowing funds so that the new Public Safety Building may be built. Please attend the meeting to learn more.

## Park Commission Opening

The Town of Middleton is seeking residents who want an opportunity to participate in Town Government by serving as a Parks Commission member. Please send a **letter of introduction and interest** to the Town of Middleton Parks Commission at:

Parks Commission Opening, 7555 West Old Sauk Road, Verona, WI 53593, or, email [info@town.middleton.wi.us](mailto:info@town.middleton.wi.us), subject "Parks Commission Opening."

The Parks Commission normally meets once a month on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. Applications must be submitted by April 30, 2007. Candidates will be interviewed at the May 14, 2007, Parks Commission meeting.

## Town of Middleton

7555 W. Old Sauk Road  
Verona, WI 53593

PHONE:  
(608) 833-5887

FAX:  
(608) 833-8996

E-MAIL:  
info@town.middleton.wi.us

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

[www.town.middleton.wi.us](http://www.town.middleton.wi.us)

## TOWN OF MIDDLETON

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Verona, WI 53593

## Brush Pick-Up: Schedule, Rules & Tips

The Town crew will pick up brush placed at the street **beginning April 2**. All brush needs to be to the street by **7:00 a.m.** on **Monday** of the pickup week or you may be passed over until the next scheduled time.

**Schedule:** Weeks that include **1<sup>st</sup>** and **3<sup>rd</sup>** Mondays, April through November.

The Town Crew will make a single pass of the entire Town of Middleton. Depending on the weather and work load, your brush may be curbside for up to a week.

Please follow the rules for what is acceptable for pickup; if unacceptable material is found in a pile, it will not be picked up.

### ACCEPTABLE FOR PICK-UP:

- Brush stacked with cut ends facing the road
- Placed in small armload stacks along the road
- Tree limbs up to 6 inches in diameter
- Only brush cut by residents pruning their own trees

### NOT ACCEPTABLE:

- Root balls and brush mixed with soil
- Vines, leaf piles or weeds
- Shrubs or rocks
- Anything not listed as acceptable

### BRUSH PICK-UP CANNOT BE SCHEDULED

If you would like a load of chips (this is not shredded bark quality) delivered FREE to your residence, please call the Town Hall at 833-5887 to make arrangements.

## Need to contact the Town Hall?

The easiest way is to send us an email at our new email address:

info@town.middleton.wi.us, call at 833-5887, fax us at 833-8996

or send us a letter: 7555 W. Old Sauk Rd., Verona, WI 53593.

If you would like your correspondence routed to individuals, Commission, Committee, or Board members, please note it in your correspondence.