



Need to Contact the Town Hall?

Our Website is your best source for current information:

www.town.middleton.wi.us

Use it to answer most of your questions, download forms, and get current Town news and meeting information. Please try to use this resource before calling the office.

Please subscribe:

Subscribe to our email service for residents. You will be sent Town business information, such as agendas, minutes, road maintenance updates, special meetings, events and more! From the homepage, **click Subscribe and enter your email address.** This secure list is used only for Town business purposes.

E-mail address:

Another easy way to contact us is to send an email to:

info@town.middleton.wi.us

You may also call at 833-5887 and leave a message, fax: 833-8996 or mail to the Town of Middleton, 7555 W. Old Sauk Road, Verona, WI 53593.



Snowplows and Mailboxes

We at the Town Hall receive complaints during winter regarding damage to mailboxes. Unfortunately, some mailboxes get knocked over while snowplowing. Most of these are not hit by the plow; they are pushed over by the force of the snow coming off of the plow. The drivers try to be careful and not drive so fast as to avoid this but sometimes it still happens. If your mailbox gets damaged and you think it was from the plow hitting it, call the Town Inspector, Fred Hankel, (office: 833-4346, cell: 843-8996). Fred will determine the cause.

If it is determined the plow hit it, we will try to make repairs, replace it or pay up to \$50.00 towards replacement costs.

Town Office Hours

Office hours are 8:30a.m. to 4:00p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8:30a.m. to Noon on Friday. Please help us serve you more efficiently by contacting us during these hours. Appointments with specific staff are very helpful to serve you best and ensure that the staff member you need is available.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec. 24 & 25—Office Closed for Holiday

Dec. 27—Office Open (Sat.) for Tax Collection 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Dec. 31—Office Open until 4 p.m.

Jan. 1—Office Closed for Holiday

Jan. 6-8—1st Tree Pickup

Jan. 20 -22—2nd Tree Pickup

Jan. 31—Office Open (Sat.) for Tax Collection 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Feb. 17—Spring Primary Election



IMPORTANT NEW TAX PAYMENT INFORMATION

- Your payment is **due on January 31, 2009** for the 1st installment or full payment to avoid paying interest and penalty charges.
- Please make checks payable to the “**Town of Middleton**”.
- This year you may drop off your tax payment at the Town Hall or mail it to 7555 W. Old Sauk Road, Verona, WI 53593. You should not mail them to the Post Office Box.

Escrow Checks: Endorse your escrow check and mail it with your tax bill. If your escrow check is **less than the tax bill**, enclose a personal check to make up the difference. If your escrow check is for **more than the tax amount**, call your escrow agent to have them re-cut the check for the exact amount. If you choose to send in the escrow check reflecting an overpayment, you will receive a refund, **but the amount will be \$15.00 less due to an Administrative Processing Fee.** Please Note: Overpayments will not be refunded until March of 2009.

Receipts: To receive a receipt, send in a self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment. You can also view and confirm tax escrow payments online at: accessdane.co.dane.wi.us. Please use this easy-to-access resource to print tax receipts. Click on “Public Access,” “Parcel Information,” search for your parcel and then click on “Show Tax Information Detail,” about half-way down on the right side.

Postmarked Payments: **Real Estate Tax Payments are not due until January 31, 2009.** As a result, tax payments post marked prior to December 31, 2008 do not relate to the **property tax processing system. If you feel it is important to have your payment receipted in 2008, mail your payment as early as possible to have your tax payment processed before December 31, 2008, the last tax-processing day in 2008.**

Lottery Credit: If you occupied your Town of Middleton residence **on January 1, 2008**, your tax bill should include a Lottery Credit. **If you qualify** for the credit but it is not on your tax bill, contact us at the Town Hall at 833-5887 before you send in your tax payment. Contact us right away....it’s easier!

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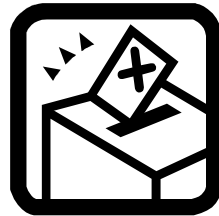
This year's tax bill has changed very little with the Town's portion somewhat larger. As usual, there were increases across the board to take into account rising prices for most everything. There were larger than normal increases for both Fire Safety and EMS due to new buildings and new equipment. The other notable exception is Road Maintenance which represents a significant portion of the overall budget increase.

This year, the Town is planning to participate in two reconstruction projects, Blackhawk and Midtown roads. These will be joint efforts with the Cities of Middleton & Madison for Blackhawk Road, and the Town of Verona for Midtown Road, as these are shared roads. The Town Board thought it was important to participate in these projects, as the roads are in poor condition and it is often difficult to get multiple municipalities to agree to fund the same project.

Typically, when a main road was reconstructed, we have borrowed money to fund the project. This year, municipal interest rates are about twice what is typical. The Board felt considering that the mill rate would not be increased significantly, it was best to spend some of our undesignated reserves and lessen the tax increase rather than pay the higher cost of the

current interest rates over several years.

These are very difficult decisions in these uncertain times. We appreciate one reason that many of you choose to live in the Town is because of our lower taxes. If you were to live in the City of Madison or Middleton, your local taxes would be about twice what they are here.



Spring Elections

The Spring Primary (if necessary) will be held on February 17, 2009 and the Spring Election will be held on April 7, 2009. The positions to be filled by this election are: Town Board Chairman (Milo Breunig), Town Supervisor #1 (Gary Whitney) and Supervisor #2 (Bill Kolar); there are no districts. Nomination papers are now available and are due by 5:00 p.m. on January 6, 2009. Call or come to the Town Office for a Candidate Registration Packet if you are interested in running for the Town Board.

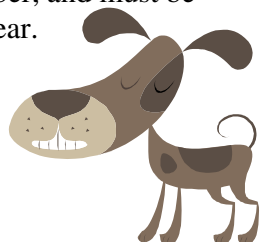
Town Staff

- David Shaw**
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer
- Sara Ludtke**
Deputy Clerk
- Patti Keichinger**
Deputy Treasurer
- Wendy Strang**
Receptionist
- Fred Hankel**
Town Inspector
- Jerry Wagner**
Lead Town Crewman
- Tim Reimann**
Road Crew
- Randy Starr**
Road Crew

Dog Licenses

A Dog License Application Form is included in this newsletter. Or, you can download the dog license application form from our website and mail in the application along with the fee and a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Town Hall.

NEW THIS YEAR: we must have **proof of rabies vaccinations.** You **MUST** attach a copy of the rabies certificate for each dog licensed. All dogs over 5 months old must be licensed. Licenses are issued annually for the calendar year January through December, and must be renewed each year.



TOWN OF MIDDLETON DOG LICENSE APPLICATION

All dogs over 5 months old must be licensed
Licenses are issued for one calendar year, January through December

Owner Name: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: () _____

Dog Breed	Color	Rabies Exp. Date <small>(Must provide Proof)*</small>	Sex/Type <small>(see below)</small>	Fee	License #
1) _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 100%; background-color: #cccccc;"></div>
2) _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	
3) _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	
NM (Neutered Male)	SF (Spayed Female)	M (Male)	F (Female)	Late Fee	
\$15.00	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$5.00 (If paid After April 1, 2009)	

Send payment to the **Town of Middleton, 7555 W. Old Sauk Road, Verona, WI 53593** along with the completed form (all information requested is required). **A self-addressed return envelope must be included with your application and fee.** Dogs must be on a leash whenever they are off of the owner's property in the Town of Middleton (\$200 Forfeiture for Violation).

Note: a late fee of \$5.00 per license is charged for applications received after April 1, 2009.

*Please provide a copy of rabies certificate for each dog licensed. Ownership of more than 3 dogs requires a Kennel License.