



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

July 3—Town Office Open 8:30—Noon

Week of July 13th Limited Office Hours Monday-Thursday 8 AM—2 PM Friday 8 AM—Noon



Town Office Hours

Office hours are 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM Monday-Thursday and 8:30 AM 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.

Recycling Week Change

In an effort to increase efficiency, Green Valley Disposal will be changing recycle weeks in the Town.

Effective July 7th, your recycle week will change to the opposite week from what it is now. This means, during the transition, you will have recycle pickup the week of June 30th and the week of July 6th, then the next pickup will be the week of July 20th. Your regular trash day will not change. **Please see the revised garbage and recycling calendar included in this newsletter.**

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Blackhawk Road Project

On April 6th, 2009, the Town Board awarded the bid for the Blackhawk Road reconstruction project to Moll Construction of McFarland. Construction started in April on the west end of Blackhawk Road near the Twin Valley Road intersection and will proceed eastward toward Rose Court.

This is the first of two projects on Blackhawk Road which will take place this summer. The Town is responsible from the intersection with Twin Valley Road to just west of Rose Court. It is expected that this section will re-open by June 15th. The City of Madison will be responsible for the second phase of the project which would include the Rose Court intersection eastward to Pleasant View Road. Madison is expected to start their project on or about June 15th and re-open by August 31st.

If you have any questions regarding the above or as the project commences, please feel free to contact Sara Ludtke, Public Works Coordinator, at 833-5887.



Other Road Projects

The Town is planning to do maintenance on roads this summer including crack filling and chip sealing. When we have put together a final list of the roads that will be chip-sealed, we will e-mail it to our subscriber list and put it on the Town's website.

Are Fireworks Legal In The Town?



Only sparklers and snakes are legal to possess and use in Wisconsin without a permit as a licensed fireworks exhibitor. The Town of Middleton has an ordinance which states it is unlawful for any person to sell or possess fireworks of any kind other than the above stated sparklers or snakes. Organizations wanting to sponsor a pyrotechnic display must get permission from the Town Board and the Middleton Fire Department. The storage of fireworks must be registered with the Fire Chief. Copies of the entire fireworks ordinance can be found on the Town website. If a resident is using illegal fireworks without proper permission, they could receive a ticket and be fined.

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Brush Pickup

The Town Crew started chipping brush and small tree limbs in April and will continue through the first week of November (on the weeks containing the first and third Mondays). Small branches should be placed in a container or paper bag. Please have your brush and tree limbs out on Monday of each chipping week. It takes the crew three to five days to chip the entire township.

Chip weeks are:
April 6, April 20,
May 4, May 18,
June 1, June 15,
July 7, July 20,
August 3, August 17,
September 7, September 21,
October 5, October 19,
and November 2.

Brush Items 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/stumps and brush mixed with soil
- Vines, leaf piles or weeds
- Shrubs or rocks
- Anything not listed as acceptable

Weeds, Weeds, Weeds

We would like to remind all residents that it is their responsibility to destroy weeds on their property. This is part of the Town's 2009 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.

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/or eradication of those weeds, potentially in the form of a special tax assessment.

Contact Richard Oberle, Weed Commissioner (826-0559) or the Town Hall (833-5887) with any questions.



Yard Waste Drop-Off

Do you have grass clippings or garden waste you need to get rid of? The Town has a yard waste dumpster behind the Town Hall where you may take your material to be composted. Please deposit waste in the large open dumpster located just off of Pioneer Road behind the Town Hall.

To keep taxes down, this dumpster is available for Town residents only. Yard waste consists of leaves, grass, plant clippings and other non-woody material. Please, no woody material such as twigs or tree branches

Do not place noxious weeds in the dumpster, the material is composted. If you have noxious weeds to dispose of, please put them in a bag labeled "Invasive Plants - Please Landfill" and put it in your trash.

Park Rangers



Burr Fraser and Brock Reeson

The Town of Middleton will once again have two Park Rangers out patrolling the parks and trails. If you see any obstructions on the trails or in any of the Town parks, please call the Town Office and we will send a Ranger out to take care of it.

Right-of-Way Obstructions

Thinking of starting a landscaping project? If it involves areas near the road, it may be best to check with us before starting the project.

As you may know, the Town road right-of-way is generally 66 feet wide, 33 feet on either side of the centerline of the road. The Town restricts what may be placed along the road, in the right-of-way. The Town has been mindful, first and foremost, for the safety of all when looking at what it should or should not allow.

These safety concerns, due to obstructions, are either:

- A.) The need to preserve sufficient sightlines as to ensure the ability of motorist to see what is in front of them or to either side when they need to cross the intersection safely.
- B.) The need to protect individuals in case their vehicle should go off the road.
- C.) The need to protect the Town from claims filed due to damage done to personal property placed in the Right-of-Way.

In the case of "A" above, the Town clears unnecessary obstructions in the right-of-way and in vision triangles. Generally, we do not want any vegetation which might block sightlines along the road or which might hinder one's ability to cross the intersection safely. Therefore, you may not place trees, bushes, or shrubs in the road right-of-way.

In the case of "B", you may not place rocks, pillars, posts, poles, and markers (except government issued) in the road right-of-way.

In the case of "C", so that we do not damage residents' property, you may not place irrigation systems and "invisible" electric pet fences in the right-of-way. Asphalt or concrete, including sidewalks, for purposes other than for a single driveway, are also not allowed.

You certainly may place a driveway*, cul-

vert, and mailbox** as long as all applicable ordinances and restrictions are met. Small, two-inch maximum diameter, rocks or stones may be placed in this area as long as they are not mounded.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this or wonder if something is or is not allowed, please contact our Inspector, Fred Hankel at 833-5887.

Thank you!

*Driveways may be no wider than 22 feet at the-right of-way and 28 feet at the street.

**Mailbox posts must have a cross-section of 14 square inches or less. If the post is made from a wooden post larger than a 4x4, it must be drilled out at two locations, at grade and at 18" above grade to produce an effective cross-section of 14 square inches or less.



Dane County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan



The Town of Middleton is participating in the Dane County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. The goal of the plan is to take action to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to life and property before, during, and after a natural disaster, such as a flood, tornado, etc.

Our objectives at this time are to:

1. Implement a communication plan.
2. Create a plan to assist residents in the event of a natural disaster.

We encourage our Town residents to share ideas and concerns with us by contacting Fred at 833-5887 or via email at fhankel@town.middleton.wi.us. You can find a copy of our initial plan on our Town website.

Weather Radios

Once again, the Town is selling weather radios. This years radio is a Midland Public Alert All Hazard NOAA weather radio. Cost for the radio is \$25 including tax. We have a limited number available; the radios will be sold on a first come, first serve basis.

