



Town of Middleton

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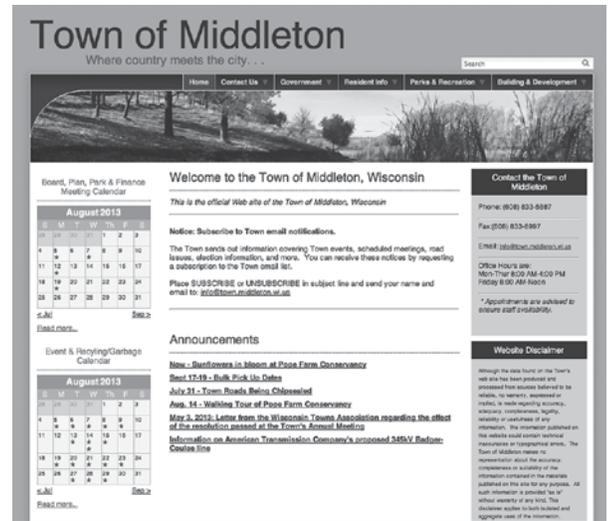
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WHAT'S NEW? THE TOWN WEBSITE!!!

The new and improved Town of Middleton website was launched in July, slightly ahead of schedule. While the site is a work in progress, you'll find easier navigation to items of interest, and the addition of material not on our original site. Among other enhancements are:

- Quick visibility to announcements for current events posted on the home page.
- A calendar for Town Meetings and Garbage/Recycling on the front page.
- A section covering resident interests with drop down menu options for faster research of questions.
- A 'Contact Us' section covering Town Staff, Board Members and Committee Members.
- Links to current and past newsletters.

Please check it out. As always, we welcome suggestions for additional information or changes.



Fall Bulk Pick Up is September 17-19

Fall bulk pick up will occur on your normally scheduled trash collection date during the week that includes September 17 to 19. If you have questions on whether specific items are eligible for pick up, please call Advanced Disposal directly at (608) 251-7878.

As a reminder, items below will NOT be picked up by Advanced Disposal during bulk pickup:

- Anything compostable – *i.e. plant material of any kind.*
- Anything potentially explosive – *i.e. gas, tanks, ammo, fireworks, etc.*
- Anything with electrical components – *i.e. computers, monitors, TVs, appliances, lamps, etc.*
- Anything hazardous – *i.e. mercury, acid, antifreeze, fluorescent bulbs, pesticides, poisons, chemicals of any sort, asbestos, needles, batteries, etc.*
- In addition to the above: paint, fire extinguishers, auto parts, and hot ashes.

Items not accepted by Advanced Disposal may be accepted at Dane County Clean Sweep located at the Dane County Land Fill on Highway 12 East of the 39-90 Interstate exchange– see their website at www.danecountycleansweep.com.

Other sites with good information on where to take items not eligible for landfills are:

- ✓ Dane County - Public Works, Highway Transportation:
<http://countyofdane.com/pwht/recycle/categories.aspx>
- ✓ State of Wisconsin – DNR - <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Recycling>



COME JOIN THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON MEETINGS



Town Board	The Town Board meets on the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall.*
Plan Committee	The Plan Commission meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall.*
Parks Committee	The Parks Commission meets on the second Monday of the month at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall.*
Finance Committee	The Finance Committee meets on an ad hoc basis.

**Exceptions may occur around election dates and holidays. Watch for changes at the Town of Middleton website, posted sites (Town Hall, Settlers Prairie Park and Voss Park), or sign up for emailed notices by emailing the Town a request to be added to the Town’s subscription list.*

Meet your Town Board

All Board positions are ‘at large’, meaning the position represents the entire Town rather than any particular geographic area. Town Board members welcome resident comments and concerns, and strive to respond in a way that is both fair to all Town resident interests and fiscally responsible to citizens paying property taxes. This strategy means that often resident concerns can be addressed, but sometimes some residents will not be satisfied with the resulting outcome.

Milo Breunig – Town Chair

Milo is the longest serving representative, having initially served as a member of the Town Plan Commission beginning in 1996. Two years later, he was elected to the Town Board as a supervisor and then moved up to Town Chair in 2002, serving in that capacity since that time. Milo also serves as Town Staff liaison. Milo retired from K & M Concrete, a business located in the Town.

Tim Roehl – Town Supervisor #1

Tim initially served as a member of the Town Plan Commission beginning in 2005. Tim joined the Town Board in 2009. He is a liaison to the Park Commission, providing information from the Board to the Park Commission and representing Park Commission activities to the Board. Tim is a Realtor with Coldwell Banker.

Bill Kolar – Town Supervisor #2

Bill initially served as a member of the Town Plan Commission starting in 1998. Bill joined the Town Board in 2008. He is a liaison to the Plan Commission. Bill is a Project Manager at Kraemer Brothers, LLC.

Paul Connell - Town Supervisor #3

Paul joined the Town Board in 2012 and is liaison to both the Finance Committee and EMS Commission. Paul is a Prosecutor with the U.S. Department of Justice.

Richard Oberle – Town Supervisor #4

Richard initially served as a member of the Town Plan Commission starting in 2001. Richard joined the Town Board in 2002 and is the Weed Commissioner for the Town. Richard works at CUNA in the Information Technology area.



Deputy's Corner

Summer is now more than half over and as with the end of every summer I would like to make the yearly reminder about crimes of opportunity. Every year as the summer moves on we see an upswing in thefts, with the majority occurring in vehicles and garages. This year the thefts from cars seem to be really popular with a great deal of them happening in the month of July. So far none have been reported this summer in the Town of Middleton but it never hurts to remind everyone of precautions they can take to dissuade these events from happening.

Dane County Sheriff Deputies have seen a much higher occurrence of car thefts county-wide in 2013 than in years past. In 2012 between May and the end of July the county had 45 thefts reported from automobiles. In 2013 we are now at 70. Many of these have been occurring on the east side of the county but Town residents should keep on the alert for suspicious activities and people in their neighborhoods.

What can you do as individuals?

- Lock your car – of the almost 30 car thefts reported in July alone, over 75% of the vehicles were reported as being unlocked. This figure was only from the ones that remembered they didn't lock the vehicle, so the actual number may in reality be higher.
- Remove valuables from the vehicle – it is very easy to get complacent and leave our valuables in our car but that also makes a very easy target. GPS units, MP3 players and other electronics are always some of the first things reported missing.
- Always place valuables where they cannot be seen from outside the vehicle. If you are out in your car and stopping in a location where you cannot secure your items, please lock them in the trunk or at the very least put them out of sight.
- Remove money and wallets from vehicles. This seems to go hand in hand with the other valuables but a great deal of credit cards, identification documents, and other items also are stolen in these thefts.
- Close your garage at night and make sure you have locked the small pedestrian door as well.
- Keep the serial numbers of all electronic devices in a file somewhere. It makes it much easier to keep all that information in the same place in the unfortunate event that something is stolen.
- Get to know your neighbors and watch out for suspicious people and vehicles in the area. Obviously you won't report everything you see but if something doesn't feel or look right call dispatch at either 9-1-1 or (608)255-2345 (non-emergency) and ask for a Deputy to stop and check the area.

Deputy Garrett Page and I work hard to patrol the neighborhoods as much as we can but we obviously can't be everywhere in the town at once. If everyone takes the steps above, we can reduce the likelihood of items being taken from your car this summer and throughout the rest of the year. I do my best to watch for open garage doors at night and several town residents have been awoken by me after the doors are open late at night as I try to reduce the temptation to walk into a dark and unsecured area.

As always if you have concerns about this or other issues please feel free to contact Garrett or me at mohr.michael@danesherriff.com or page@danesherriff.com

Deputy Michael Mohr



Brush and Small Tree Limb Pick up

Final chipping weeks for the remainder of 2013 begin on **September 3** (day after Labor Day), **October 7**, and **November 4**.

- Have brush out on Monday mornings of chipping weeks.
- Place the trunk ends of limbs and branches toward the road.
- Gather the materials into armload-sized bundles for easy handling.
- Gather undersized twigs (of pencil size diameter) into paper sacks (not plastic) that will be shredded or on a tarp that will be left behind to ensure a clean pick up.
- Root balls will not be chipped as the dirt dulls the blades of the chipper. Root balls CAN be left at the Town compost site by the designated sign ('Stumps').
- If chipping cannot be completed during the scheduled week, work will continue into the following week.

Fall Mulching Opportunity

Material from the brush and small limbs are picked up and chipped by the Town crew. This chipped material is made available to Town residents for use when completing fall mulch chores. This is not commercial quality mulch and includes the wide variety of materials left roadside for the Town Crew to handle. Town residents can pick up smaller quantities directly from chipped piles behind the Town Hall or be placed on a list for delivery.

- Only full load quantities of approximately 4 cubic yards are delivered. This represents a materials pile of approximately 6' by 6' by 3'.
- Specify the preferred unloading location as viewed from the road.
- Deliveries will be placed on resident driveways to avoid lawn damage.
- As a general rule, the crew delivers to the closest requesting resident location when full loads are ready and if multiple loads are requested will work to ensure all receive loads before large numbers of loads are delivered to a single resident.

Where are composting sites for LARGE amounts of material?

Larger amounts of compostable material should be taken directly to the Dane County compost sites at the old Dane County-Verona Landfill adjacent to the Badger Prairie Health Care Center. Other sites are the Westport Site at 5254 State Highway 19 and at the Lake Farm Site at 7102 Highways 12 & 18. For more information regarding composting call (608) 266-4139 or use the website: http://www.countyofdane.com/pwht/recycle/compost_sites.aspx.

What do I do with weeds?

Weeds NOT Classified as Noxious:

Residents can either use the associated plant matter as compostable material in their yard or bring these materials to the back of the Town Hall, placing the material in the designated compost area (plastic bags are not allowed in the designated compost area). Compostable materials are non-woody leaves, grass and plant clippings.

Weeds Classified as Noxious:

This plant material can be placed in with your other trash. Put them in a separate bag labeled "Invasive Plants – Please Landfill."

If you are unsure what plants are identified as noxious weeds by the DNR, please visit the Town website or the DNR site at <http://dnr.wi.gov/invasives> where photos of the invasive plants are available.

Neither the Town nor Dane County accepts noxious weeds as part of the materials that can be placed in compost locations.

For more information regarding composting go to the Dane County website at:

*http://www.countyofdane.com/pwht/recycle/compost_sites.aspx
or call(608) 266-4139.*

When can I burn leaves?

Burning is prohibited on Saturdays, Sundays and Federal Holidays. The Town recognizes that fall brings leaves, and the increased desire by residents to remove leaves from their property. As a result, an exception is made for the first and third Saturdays in October, November and December. Burns must start AFTER 8:00 AM and be fully extinguished by 3:30 PM and take place on days when the wind speed is below 15 MPH. Additional burning ordinance information can be obtained by contacting the Town Hall.

Another option is to bring leaves to either the Town or Dane County compost sites. The Town reminds you that you are responsible for disposing of compostable material properly. *Town ordinances prohibit the dumping of leaves and brush in any parkland conservancy or stormwater drainage area.*

Burning permits are no longer required for Town residents. Keep in mind that as a resident you accept liability for any burn initiated under the weather conditions for the date you are burning as well as complying with all Town ordinances. Be especially sensitive to windy days. A copy of the burning ordinance is available at the Town Hall and can be viewed on the Town of Middleton website (<http://town.middleton.wi.us>).



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Are you the parent of a young child?

Did you know that the Middleton Fire Department offers a free check up for correct car seat installation to all Town residents with small children? According to their website, approximately 80% of all child passenger safety seats in the United States are installed incorrectly.

Inspections are done by appointment on Sunday afternoons. To schedule an appointment, contact Linda Nelson at the Middleton Fire Department using her email (lyndanelson254@hotmail.com) or leave a message by calling (608) 827-1090.

Before the appointment, you'll need to provide your child's birth date (or due date), car seat type/brand, new or used, year and make of vehicle(s) the car seat will be in. In addition to the car seat and vehicle, please bring along your child (if available), the car seat manual, and the vehicle owner's manual.

Planning to do some remodeling or construction around the house?

Check out the requirements for a building permit on the Town website or call Fred Hankel at (608) 833-4346 with questions. Building Permit Applications are found under the 'Building and Development' section of the Town website or can be picked up at the Town Hall.

Too much cardboard for the recycling container?

The Town has a dumpster for recycling of cardboard (available to Town residents only). The intent is to help individuals moving into the Town when disposing of large quantities of cardboard. Residents can use this dumpster, but any cardboard left at the site must be broken down flat and is not to be left beside the dumpster. The dumpster is replaced twice per week (Tuesdays and Fridays), so if full when you arrive, please return a few days later when it is likely space is available. If you find yourself regularly needing to use this dumpster, be aware that a second or possibly larger recycling container is available at no charge from Advanced Disposal (608) 251-7878.

Want to know when Voss Park is returning to active use?

We anticipate Voss Park will be available to sports groups in the fall of 2013. Field drainage issues during rain storms should be substantially improved.

Want to know more about the 2014 Town Budget?

You are invited to participate in working sessions on budget workshop dates (posted at the Town posting sites and posted on the Town website). The final budget will be submitted for review and public hearing on Tuesday, November 12, 2013.

Seeing Gypsy Moths in your neighborhood?

Gypsy moths are seen in late August and September (<http://GypsyMoth.wi.gov>). Only male moths fly; their coloring is primarily brown. Females don't fly, and are white in color. If you are finding significant numbers of moths in your area or adjacent areas, please contact the Town Hall with this information and your address. Without your help an area that should be identified for treatment may be missed.

Are you new to the Town or do you have new neighbors?

The Town sends out a welcome packet to new residents when made aware of the addition. The packet includes current Town newsletters, trash schedules, and more. If you are new to the Town, drop by and we can provide you with the material in person or feel free to call and we'll mail a packet to you at your new residence.

Cleaning out the medicine cabinet?

A permanent Medication/Drug Disposal Site (MedDrop) is available 24 hours a day in the lobby of the City of Middleton Police Department, 7341 Donna Drive, Middleton, WI.

Is it time to test your private well water?

Well water should be tested annually for all Dane County residences using private wells. For more information on making arrangements for testing, view the Public Health Madison & Dane County website at <http://www.publichealthmdc.com/environmental/laboratory> or call the PHMDC Laboratory at (608) 243-0357.



Hosting a gathering?

Park Shelters can be reserved for Town Residents and their guests. Electrical outlets are available in many shelters. Pioneer Park has a grill available for barbequing. No glass beverage containers are allowed in Town parks.

Need a place to have your annual Homeowner Association meeting?

The Town Hall can be rented by Town of Middleton Homeowner Associations. No food or beverages are allowed within the Town Hall.

Looking for a 2013 Dane County Cultural Affairs Art Poster?

They are still available and can be picked up from the Town Hall office. More information about this poster can be obtained on their website: <http://www.culturalaffairscommission.com>. A donation to Dane County to cover the cost of time and materials is appreciated.

Is a youth in your family abusing drugs?

Drug abuse is a concern to all parents. We all want our children to live life free of addictions. By linking to Dane County's Safe Communities of Dane County website at http://www.safercommunity.net/parent_addiction_network.php you'll find the Parent Addiction Network resource for parents, families and friends who have a loved one affected by drug addiction.

Getting rid of or replacing an old appliance?

The Focus on Energy website at <http://www.focusonenergy.com/residential> is an excellent resource covering Appliance Recycling with possible rebate and removal options.

What's happening in Cherrywood near Kempfer Lane?

A new neighborhood has been proposed called Cherrywood Forest. It will contain 21 residential lots. In addition to linking to Kempfer Lane, it will ultimately link up with Welcome Drive.

Interested in activities around Pope Farm Conservancy?

'Friends of Pope Farm Conservancy' is a 501(c) non-profit organization. Use their website <http://popefarmconservancy.org> to find out more about planned events. The next event is hosted by Mel Pope who will be leading a Prairie Walk at the Conservancy on September 5, 2013 at 6:00 PM.

Want to get updates on the Junction Road/Mineral Point roadwork?

Keep up with weekly status reports of Mineral Point/Junction Road work by using the City of Madison Roadworks website. From <http://www.cityofmadison.com/transportation/roadworks> simply click on the CTH M and S link from the main page.

Street light out near you?

Call Alliant (608-255-4268) or MG&E (608-252-7333) directly with the nearest intersection or use their on-line reporting pages.

Tired of getting all those Phone Books?

You can stop receiving phone books with a simple click of your mouse. Visit <https://www.yellowpagesoptout.com> and follow the instructions.

Want to keep up on Town happenings?

Subscribe to get Town notices by email. Send your request to subscribe to info@town.middleton.wi.us with your preferred email address for receiving notices and the word 'Subscribe' in the subject line. To unsubscribe, include the email address that you want to unsubscribe and the word 'Unsubscribe' in the subject line, sending it to the same URL.

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DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME	LOCATION
August 31	Chocolate Chase	Starting at 7:30 AM	Pioneer Park
Sept 2	Town Office Closed		Holiday Closing
Sept 5	Prairie Walk Tour	6:00 PM	Pope Farm Conservancy
Sept 8	Ironman Race		Timber/Midtown Roads
Sept 17-19	Bulk Pick Up	Normal Trash Day	
Nov 4	Final brush chipping week		
Nov 12	Public Hearing on Budget	7:00 PM	Town Hall
Nov 28-29	Town Offices Closed		Holiday Closing
Dec 16	Tax bills will be mailed on or before this date		
Dec 24-25	Town Office Closed		Holiday Closing

KEY CONTACT INFORMATION

Dane County Sheriff Dispatch
(Non-emergency) (608) 255-2345

Dane County Sheriff Dispatch
(Emergency) 9-1-1

Street Light Outages
MG&E (608) 252-7333
Alliant (800) 255-4268

Advanced Disposal (608) 251-7878

Animal Control (608) 838-0413

Middleton Fire Department
(Non-emergency) (608) 827-1090

Middleton EMS Department
(Non-emergency) (608) 827-1040

Middleton Fire Department/EMS
(Emergency) 9-1-1

Town Building Inspector
Fred Hankel (608) 833-4346

Town Assessor
Paul Musser (608) 712-0236

Well Water Testing
PHMDC (608) 266-4821