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PARK SURVEY

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

Please complete the Town of Middleton Outdoor Recreation Planning Survey.

You can find the survey by entering the following web address www.bit.ly/tomps2018.



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The Town of Middleton Park Commission needs

your input as it makes decisions that will have a significant impact on our community regarding the development of parks, trails and recreational programs.



Every five years the Town’s Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) is updated. This plan details long term goals and provides direction for setting priorities and offerings for the Park Commission’s monthly meetings.

Please take a few minutes to fill out the survey and share your opinions about what you’d like to see happen in the town’s parks, trails, and recreational programs. The 2013 CORP can be found on the town’s website under Parks, Recreation & Shelter Rentals <http://town.middleton.wi.us>.

~Town of Middleton Park Commission



Town of Middleton Annual Meeting
Tuesday, April 17, 2018—7:00p.m.—Town Hall

The Annual Meeting is meant to be an informative opportunity for Town residents to hear what the Town is working on this year. It is also an opportunity for residents to express their views and to ask questions.

Office Information

Town Offices:
7555 W. Old Sauk Road,
Verona, WI 53593
Town Hours:
8:00 a.m.to 4:00 p.m.
Monday through Thursday
& 8:00 a.m.to 12:00 p.m. on Friday
Town Phone:
(608) 833-5887
Town Email:
info@town.middleton.wi.us
Town Website:
<http://town.middleton.wi.us>

The 2018 Spring Election
Tuesday, April 3rd

ELECTION
2018

The 2018 Spring Election polling place for the Town of Middleton will be held at the Town Hall, 7555 W. Old Sauk Rd, Verona, WI. Wisconsin voters must show an acceptable photo ID before receiving and casting a ballot either when voting by absentee or in-person on election day. For more information regarding Photo ID, please check out www.bringit.wi.gov.

In-person absentee voting during office hours March 12-30, 2018.



Timely Reminders

Board of Review

You may examine the assessment book to see how your assessment compares to others when we receive it at the Town Hall from our Town Assessor, Paul Musser. You will also be able to do this online through Access Dane (accessdane.countyofdane.com) and Assessor Data (assessordata.org).

From when we receive the assessment book until the Board of Review is known as “Open Book” and is the best opportunity for you, as a property-tax payer, to review the assessment of your property and ask any questions. We expect to receive the assessment book on or before April 2, 2018. We will send out an email notification when the assessments are available. Property owners that have had their assessment changed will also receive notification of this change via first-class mail.

The process of contesting property assessment starts with research. The assessment of a property is compared to similar properties (via information available online as noted above or at the Town Hall during business hours). This comparison provides needed evidence to justify the proposed change in property valuation. Since assessors look at comparable sales to determine the value of a property, the materials presented should show sales or assessments of comparable homes that substantiate the proposed change.

If the decision is to proceed with an appeal, a change in valuation request is made directly to the assessor. Mr. Musser can be contacted to discuss the assessment.

PAUL MUSSER

MUSSER APPRAISAL SERVICE

P.O. Box 620213 * Middleton, WI 53562

PH: (608) 712-0236, Musser.apprz@frontier.com

Another option is to contact the Town Hall to make an appointment with Paul. He will be available from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 5, 2018 at the Town Hall. Please realize that Paul cannot make adjustments to the 2017 property taxes. His role is to create an accurate assessment of Town properties.

For those not satisfied with any adjustments made, an appeal may be escalated to the Board of Review, which is comprised of the Town Board. The property owner must inform the Town Clerk, David Shaw, of their intent to make an appeal. By State Statutes, this notification must be received 48 hours in advance of the initial Board of Review Meeting (effectively by noon on April 20, 2018).

The initial Board of Review meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall and will occur concurrently with the Town Board meeting held that night. The appeal documentation may be submitted anytime prior to the meeting but must be submitted by 8:30 p.m. on the 23rd. Hearings for the appeals submitted, beginning on April 30, will be scheduled after the initial meeting.



Subscribe to Receive Email Notifications

Stay current on Town events as well as what issues the Board, Commissions, and Committees are addressing by subscribing to our email announcements at:

<http://town.middleton.wi.us>

Timely Reminders

FRIEND OF THE TOWN AWARD

The Town of Middleton has established a "FRIEND OF THE TOWN AWARD" to recognize individuals who have made a difference in the Town.

The Town's hope in establishing this award is to:

- 1.) Recognize the actions of residents who enhance our community.
- 2.) Commend the acts which benefit our neighbors.



When you see a neighbor doing something outstanding, let the Town know by sending in the what, where, and when! The Town solicits nominations each year and the Town Board will then review candidates and select a recipient. All nominations can be sent to David Shaw. Submit the nomination by mail to Town of Middleton, 7555 W. Old Sauk Road, Verona, WI 53593 or email to: info@town.middleton.wi.us.

All nominations must be in by Monday, May 1st to be considered. The person you identify could be this year's Friend of the Town Award recipient!

BULK PICK-UP—May 15, 16, & 17

Every Spring and Fall our garbage and recycle contractor, Advanced Disposal, has a bulk pick-up service on your regularly scheduled garbage pick-up day. **This Spring, the dates are May 15, 16 and 17.** What is considered garbage for bulk pick-up? Anything that can be landfilled that you normally can't fit in your garbage can. Contact Advanced Disposal (608) 251-7878 if you need any further information.



→ Things that **CANNOT** be picked up include:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anything compostable – i.e. plant material of any kind. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anything potentially explosive – e.g. gas, tanks, ammo, fireworks, etc.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anything electronic – e.g. computers, monitors, TVs, appliances, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anything hazardous – e.g. mercury, acid, anti-freeze, fluorescent bulbs, pesticides, poisons, chemicals, asbestos, needles, batteries, etc.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In addition to the above: paint, fire extinguishers, auto parts, tires and hot ashes. 	<p>If you need to dispose of anything that is not accepted by Advanced Disposal, you can look up how to properly dispose of the item at the Dane County Clean Sweep website – www.danecountycleansweep.com.</p>

Town Updates

Message from the Town Chair. . .

Zoning Update

The Town Board and Town Staff have had a number of meetings with Dane County Planning & Development Staff to discuss the new, draft Dane County Zoning Ordinance. Additional zoning information can be found on the Town website, which is periodically updated as new information is received. We plan to continue our dialog on zoning with Dane County and encourage all Town residents to check the Town website and attend Board Meetings (1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 6:30 p.m.) and Planning Commission Meetings (the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.) to learn more information and to provide feedback on the new, draft Dane County Zoning Ordinance.

~ Town Board Chair Cynthia Richson

Deputy's Corner

Re: scam

Sheriff Reminds Residents

to be Wary of Tax Scams. . .

As we enter the tax season, I wanted to take a minute and remind folks of some of the nefarious behavior that takes place at this time of year. Many taxpayers have been scammed by individuals purporting to be the "IRS" and that they owe money.

Typically, the IRS will not call individuals unless several attempts to contact you have been made via the mail first. However, if the IRS does call, they will not demand immediate payment of funds, nor will they involve local law enforcement into the matter. So if you receive a phone call informing you that you owe money to the IRS, more than likely it is a scam.

I would also encourage you to visit the website: <https://www.irs.gov/uac/Tax-Scams-Consumer-Alerts>, for more information on how to avoid becoming a victim of fraud.

~ Dane County Sheriff Garrett Page

Building Permits:

Remember that a building permit is required for building projects that are valued at over \$1,000. Building Permit Applications and other information are found under the 'Construction & Permitting' section of the Town website.

The Town Inspector, Fred Hankel, is available to answer your questions during office hours Monday through Friday by calling his office phone, (608) 833-4346, or cell phone, (608) 843-8996.



Town Updates

Committee Members



Finance Committee Members

Pictured: Steve Boelter, Margy Quale–Chair, and Cristin Livezey

The newly appointed Finance Committee was established by Ordinance enacted by the Town Board on 11/20/17. The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Town Board on the efficient and effective management of the financial affairs of the Town, including but not limited to assisting with the preparation of the annual budget and annual external audit of the Town’s financial statements. The Committee meets on the second Monday of the month at 4:30 p.m. Town residents are encouraged to attend and provide public input and feedback. You can contact the Chair of the Committee, Margy Quale, at financechair@town.middleton.wi.us.

~ Town Board Chair Cynthia Richson



Public Works & Town Services

Committee Members

Pictured: Danny Aerts, Wayne Rounds Jr., David Wagner–Chair

The Public Works & Town Services Committee was established by Ordinance enacted by the Town Board on 11/20/17. The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Town Board on the efficient and effective delivery of essential services to Town residents such as snow plowing/salting, chipping, mowing, and park and road maintenance. The Committee will also review, analyze, and advise on the purchase of any new Town public works related equipment, and budgeting and planning for the same. Town resident feedback and input on the delivery of Town services is welcomed and encouraged. The Committee meets the second Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. and Town residents are encouraged to attend. You can contact the Chair of the Committee, David Wagner, at

publicworkschair@town.middleton.wi.us.

~ Town Board Chair Cynthia Richson

Crew Updates

2018 BRUSH AND SMALL TREE LIMB PICK-UP

In an effort to better serve our residents, the Town provides a brush chipping service. The service is performed on a set schedule, however due to inclement weather and unforeseen events the time schedule may change. Brush collection will begin on the following dates listed to the right.

IMPORTANT:

Please have your brush out on the Monday morning of each chipping cycle. It generally takes the crew 5-7 days to chip the Town. Only acceptable material placed in piles according to the Town guidelines will be picked up.

**IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE EVERY RESIDENT,
CHIPPING WILL BE LIMITED TO 15 MINUTES PER RESIDENT.**

Guidelines:

- **DO NOT** create a big pile. Instead, stack brush in smaller piles to be picked up by one person. This allows the Town crew to work more efficiently.
- ➔ Brush generated from an outside contractor **WILL NOT** be chipped by the Town. It is the responsibility of the contractor to dispose of the waste they produce.
- Limbs should be no larger than 6 inches in diameter and be placed cut-end towards the curb.
- ➔ Do not shorten long limbs. If you can reasonably get it to the street, the crew can get it into the chipper.
- Place undersized twigs (pencil size diameter or smaller) into paper bags that will be shredded or in a wheel barrow, garbage can, tote or on a tarp that will be left behind after chipping.
NO PLASTIC BAGS.
- Brush that contains nails, wires, etc. that may damage the chipper will not be disposed of, including large amounts of dirt, root balls, or stumps.
- ➔ Yard waste (leaves, yard clipping) will not be picked up.
- No rocks in the piles. They become **EXTREMELY** dangerous to the Town personnel if they go through the machine.
- Christmas wreaths have wires and need to go into the green trash container to be picked up by Advanced Disposal Service with the rest of your trash. They pose a hazard to both Town personnel and equipment.

Chipping & Pick-Up Schedule

April 16

April 30

May 14

June 4

June 18

July 2

July 16

August 5

August 20

September 19

October 14

NOTE:

Some residents place their yard waste in public areas – *i.e.* land adjoining parks, trails, or easements. **This is a violation of the Town Ordinances and will result in a fine.** Please do not use public lands as personal dumping sites!



Wood Chips Available for Distribution

Material from the brush and small limb pick-up is chipped and is available to Town residents for use as mulch. This is **not** commercial-quality mulch. It includes the wide variety of materials left roadside for the Town Crew to handle. Only full load quantities, approximately six-cubic yards are available. This is a pile of approximately 7' x 7' x 3'. **** Town Crew will not drive off a paved surface without the written Approval of the Field Operators Manager.****

When calling the Town Hall to request delivery, please specify the preferred unloading location **as viewed from the road.**

Summer Activities



SUNFLOWER DAYS is tentatively scheduled for **Saturday, July 28th through Sunday, August 5th, 2018** at the Pope Farm Conservancy.

Please note that seasonal weather conditions may require us to adjust the date. Last year, Sunflower Days drew more than 92,000 people, making it one of the largest family-oriented events in southern Wisconsin. For many families, Sunflower Days has become an annual tradition. The Town of Middleton, along with the Park Commission and Town Board, provides critical support to Friends of Pope Farm Conservancy volunteers who work to make Sunflower Days possible. To keep up with the latest information, visit our website at <https://www.popefarmconservancy.org/events/sunflower-days>.

REGISTRATION IS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY FOR THESE PROGRAMS.

To register for the following baseball & softball programs, please go to <http://www.ci.middleton.wi.us>

West Middleton Youth Baseball and Softball



For the 2018 season, the Town of Middleton has contracted with the City of Middleton Recreation Department to manage all programs for kids aged 8 and under. This includes: T-ball, Baseball 101 (Formerly called Coach Pitch), Machine Pitch and Softball 101 (Formerly called Girls' Softball Little Brewers). All home games will continue to be played at Pioneer Park.

Developmental programs for youth aged 9 and up within the school district (Little Bucks, Pepper Ball, & Cardinal League Softball) are offered by Middleton Baseball and Softball Commission (MBSC) and the Cross Plains Recreational Department (CPRD).

We will continue to manage Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth baseball programs in the Town. This year, we have two teams formed for ages 9-10, but are still looking to add a few players.

If you have questions about programs other than Cal Ripken, email Greg Lamping at the City of Middleton Recreation Department at glamping@ci.middleton.wi.us. For Cal Ripken questions, email Joel Kurth at kurthjc@yahoo.com.

Big Red Bat Tee Ball (Ages 4 - 5) — This program is designed for boys and girls to introduce the players to the game and start to develop their basic skills.

Days: Tue & Thur **Location:** Pioneer Park

Practices: start the week of 5/21

Games: begin 6/12 (start times will be 5:45 & 6:45p.m.)

Cost: \$70

Baseball 101 (Ages 6 - 7) — This program is a developmental league designed to give players first exposure to live pitching but still uses a softer baseball.

Days: Mon & Wed **Location:** Pioneer Park

Practices: start the week of 5/21

Games: begin 6/11 (start times will be 5:45 & 7:15p.m.)

Cost: \$70

Softball 101 (Ages 6 - 8) — The Softball 101 program is a developmental league for girls. This league is a player's first exposure to live pitching using an 11" soft shell softball.

Days: Mon & Wed **Location:** Pioneer Park

Practices: start the week of 5/21

Games: begin 6/11 (start times will be 5:30 & 7p.m.)

Cost: \$70

Machine Pitch (Ages 7 - 8) — This program uses a machine to pitch to the players at bat. Machine pitch is designed to diminish fear of being hit by the ball, making the game safer and helping improve the playing confidence and ability of all participants.

Days: Tue & Thur **Location:** Pioneer Park

Practices: start the week of 5/21

Games: begin 6/12 (start times will be 5:30 & 7p.m.)

Cost: \$70

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PARK SURVEY- IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Please complete the Town of Middleton Outdoor Recreation Planning Survey. You can find the survey by entering the following web address www.bit.ly/tomps2018.

Date	Activity	Time	Location
April 3	Spring Election	7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
April 17	Annual Town Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Town Hall
April 23	Board of Review	6:30 p.m.	Town Hall
May 15, 16 & 17	Spring Bulk Pick-Up	On normal trash date	
May 28	Memorial Day	CLOSED	
July 4	Independence Day	CLOSED	
September 3	Labor Day	CLOSED	
September 18, 19 & 20	Fall Bulk Pick-Up	On normal trash day	

Key Contact Information

- Dane County Sheriff Dispatch**
 Non-emergency (608) 255-2345
- Street Light Outages** *(can be reported via email)*
 MG&E (608) 252-7333
 Alliant Energy (800) 255-4268
- Advanced Disposal** (608) 251-7878
- Animal Control** (608) 267-1989
- Dane Country Humane Society** (608) 838-0413
- Middleton Fire Department**
 Non-emergency (608) 827-1090
- Middleton EMS Department**
 Non-emergency (608) 827-1040
- Town Building Inspector**
 Fred Hankel (608) 833-4346
- Town Assessor**
 Paul Musser (608) 712-0236
- Well Water Testing - Public Health**
 Madison & Dane Co. (608) 242-6515
 Private Wells & Septic Systems (608) 242-6515