

# Town of Middleton

## Fall 2017

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## Mark Your Calendar!

### Bulk Pick-Up September

### 12, 13 & 14<sup>th</sup>!

Every Fall and Spring our garbage and recycle contractor, Advanced Disposal, has a bulk pick-up service on your regularly scheduled garbage pick-up day. This Fall, the dates are September 12-14<sup>th</sup> on your regular garbage day. What is considered garbage for bulk pick-up? Anything that can be landfilled that you normally can't fit in your garbage can.

Since all items picked up have to be disposed of with regular garbage, they **WILL NOT** pick up the following items:

- ◆ **Appliances**
- ◆ **Tires**
- ◆ **Construction Debris**
- ◆ **Waste Oil**
- ◆ **Yard Waste/Brush**
- ◆ **Hazardous waste**
- ◆ **Full or partially full paint cans**
- ◆ **Auto/ATV/Motorcycle Batteries**
- ◆ **Electronic waste i.e. TV's, DVD players**
- ◆ **Medical Waste i.e. needles, oxygen tubes, IV bags**
- ◆ **Freon based appliances, i.e. dehumidifiers, water coolers**



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.dancountycleansweep.com](http://www.dancountycleansweep.com). They accept most items, or have indications of where you can take specific items that may be even closer than their location. Not certain if your item can be put out for Bulk Pick-up? Please call Advanced Disposal with any questions at (608) 251-7878.

# Seasonal Reminders

## Reminder



**Daylight Saving  
ends on  
November 5<sup>th</sup>,  
2017**

With the sun setting earlier, remember to keep an eye out for runners, walkers (with and without dogs), children and bikers that share the roads and parks with us.

## Back to School

The kids are back to school and this means school buses! Please be mindful of children waiting for buses and according to Wisconsin **School Bus Laws:**



**When a school bus has its red flashing lights and stop arm activated – all vehicles must stop on the road without a median. On roads with a median – only those following the bus must stop.**

Passing a school bus on the right is against the law in Wisconsin. Be aware of school zones and reduce speed limits in those areas when driving by or dropping off kids at school.



## Pope Farm Conservancy Talk Erosion, Soils and CCC Tour

Saturday, September 16, 2017 10:00 - 11:30 am  
7440 Old Sauk Rd, Verona, WI 53593  
\* Meet near the lower parking lot \*

**Join Dr. Nick Balster from the UW-Madison Soil Science Department on this fascinating tour of Pope Farm Conservancy and its connection to SOIL!**

All FOPFC tours are free  
and open to the public.  
No registration is necessary.

More info at  
[www.popefarmconservancy.org](http://www.popefarmconservancy.org)  
Contact:  
[info@popefarmconservancy.org](mailto:info@popefarmconservancy.org)



# Seasonal Reminders

## BRUSH AND SMALL TREE LIMB PICK-UP

In an effort to better serve our residents, the Town provides a brush chipping service. The final brush collection of 2017 will be on—

November 6

**Important: Have your brush out on the Monday morning of each chipping cycle. It generally takes the crew five days to chip the Town.**

### Guidelines:

- ◆ Place armful size bunches of branches (wood only – *no dirt covered stumps, grass, garden plants, weeds, corn stalks, dog feces etc.*) at road edge with the trunk end facing the road. **NOT IN THE ROAD.**
- ◆ 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 & be placed cut end towards the curb.
- ◆ Gather 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.**
- ◆ Yard waste (leaves, grass) will not be taken.
- ◆ 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. No rocks in the piles. They become **EXTREMELY** dangerous to the Town personnel if they go through the machine.

**In order to accommodate every resident, chipping will be limited to 15 minutes per resident.**

## Yard Waste Disposal

It is getting to be the time of year when people will be doing fall yard work. This is just a friendly reminder to consider alternatives to burning your leaves. The Town of Middleton recommends the following for the disposal of fallen leaves and yard waste:

**COMPOST\*:** leaves and yard waste

**HAUL\*:** Town of Middleton “Residents Only” Seasonal Yard Waste Drop Off Center - The drop off location is behind the Town Hall and is accessed from Pioneer Rd. Please follow the posted instructions. No Noxious weeds or woody materials are accepted. No food scraps, animal waste, trash of any kind, rocks or plastic bags are allowed.

**HIRE:** a leaf removal service

**BURNING:** Be aware of the Town of Middleton Burning Ordinance (Section 3-2-20 in Title 3, Chapter 2, Article B)– located on the Town’s website: <http://town.middleton.wi.us/>. Leaf burning is prohibited on Saturdays (except as noted), Sundays, and the following federal holidays as observed: New Year’s Day, Martin Luther King Day, Presidents Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Leaf burning on Saturdays is limited to the first and third Saturdays in October, November and December. Leaf burning is only permitted between 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM. The fire must be fully extinguished by 3:30. **DO NOT** let your fire smolder.

### REMEMBER:

- Burning leaves can have a negative health impact and negatively impacts the environment.
- Some residents place their yard waste in public areas - *i.e.* land adjoining parks, road right of way, trails, or easements. **THIS IS NOT AN ACCEPTABLE DISPOSAL STRATEGY AND AGAINST TOWN ORDINANCE.** Do not use public lands as personal dumping sites for anything!

*\* Highly recommended*

# Summer Activities

## TOWN OF MIDDLETON FRIEND OF THE TOWN

**Jim & Susan Fiore**

**and**

**Tom & Bonnie Wise**

The 2017 Friend of the Town Award went to these neighbors that partnered to donate about 28.5 acres of restored oak forest and prairie to the Ice Age Trail Alliance. Through their perseverance and determination they have accomplished a life long gift that will be appreciated for many generations.



**Thank you for going the extra mile  
to make a difference in our community.**

### **West Middleton Youth Baseball and Softball Club**

#### **Needs Volunteers to Manage Club in 2018**

WMYBS is a nonprofit organization and it depends on volunteers to manage and coach the teams and kids in the program, as well as all supporting functions. Our current organizers are looking for volunteers to organize this premier club for our area. Without someone pitching in, our children would not have the West Middleton Youth Baseball and Softball Club. It takes everyone to allow the program to be truly successful and we thank each of the volunteers that have helped over the years but now we ask for new volunteers to organize this club.



Please Contact: West Middleton Youth Baseball & Softball Club – [wmybs1@gmail.com](mailto:wmybs1@gmail.com)

<http://westmiddletonbaseball.com/>

# Summer Activities

## Girl Scout and Cub Scout Road Cleanup

The Town of Middleton would like to thank and recognize the West Middleton Elementary School Junior Girl Scout Troop and Cub Scout Pack #82 for their wonderful job cleaning up our roadsides this spring. We appreciate the work that went into scouring our roadside shoulders and ditches, and clearing a winter's worth of trash from our community.

We love to see young people getting involved in volunteering opportunities; it offers a way to have a real and lasting impact on our community and world around us!

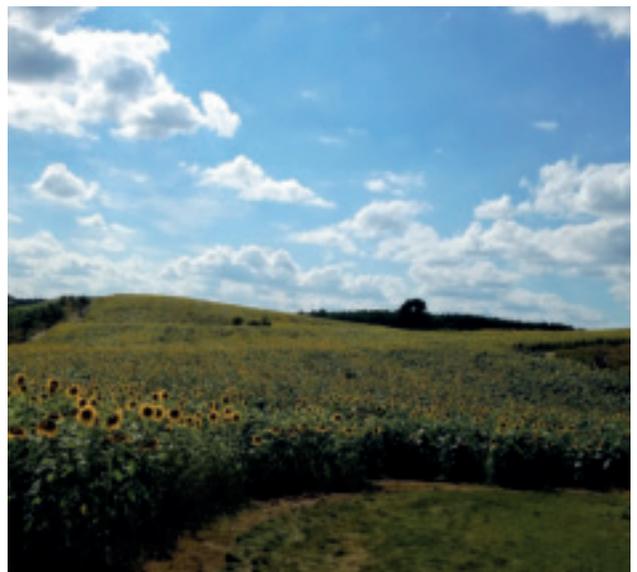


## Sunflower Days . . .

Even though Sunflower Days has passed, Pope Farm Conservancy is still open sunup to sundown, everyday.

When the sunflowers are past their peak, they will be left to dry through the fall, harvested by a local farmer and sold to the public by the Friends of Pope Farm Conservancy in late November as bird feed.

Sunflower Days is an annual event put on by the Friends of Pope Farm Conservancy and with the help of the Town of Middleton. Nine acres of sunflowers bloomed this year with tens of thousands of people from all over Wisconsin and surrounding states coming to see them.





Hello Everyone!

It is that time of the year again when school is starting and activities in the area are going to be increasing. I want to remind everyone that children are going to be out and about during our morning and evening commutes. Please be vigilante when traveling through and around our school zones.

Parents: please take some extra time to explain to your children about safety when using the roadway. Children have little sense of danger and can be impulsive at times. Children also have a difficult time judging speed of the approaching vehicles. Take some time to review street signs and their meanings with your children. Wisconsin Department of Transportation recommends these steps when crossing the road:

1. Stop a little back from the edge of the street.
2. Look left, then right, then left again to make sure the street is clear.
3. Walk across the street.
4. Make sure that you are always watching for cars as you cross.

Along with school, comes school buses. When a vehicle approaches a stopped school bus that is displaying flashing red warning lights the vehicle must stop no less than 200 feet from the bus and remain stopped until the bus resumes motion or the operator extinguishes the flashing red warning lights. Failure to do so could result in a fine between \$30 to \$300. This law does not apply to vehicles driving in the opposite direction on a divided highway, but does apply if no barrier is present on multilane street or highway.

We understand that waiting for bus pickup and drop off can be a time for kids to socialize and have fun with their friends prior to the school day. Unfortunately, we often see kids playing in and around the middle of roadways during the morning commute. This can create an unsafe environment for both the kids and the commuting public. Please talk with your kids about appropriate places to wait for the bus. I would also like to encourage parents to refrain from parking their vehicles near intersections while waiting for their child's bus. This creates unsafe congestion and conditions around their kids and intersections.

→ A note on reporting suspicious activity: with school back in session, homes are occupied less, and thieves know it. Please lock the doors on both your homes and vehicles to prevent theft, and if you see anything or anyone that you feel is suspicious, please call it in and report it.

~Deputy Jeremy White  
Dane County Sheriffs Office



<b>Town of Middleton 2018 Budget Meeting Calendar</b>	<b>6:30pm—Town Hall</b>
Tuesday, September 26	Budget Work Session #1
Tuesday, October 3	Budget Work Session #2
Tuesday, October 10	Budget Work Session #3
Tuesday, November 14	Budget Hearing

# Chair's Corner

## Town Board, Commissions & Committee Directory

### Town Board:

Chair—Cynthia Richson

Supervisor 1—Richard Oberle

Supervisor 2— Brent Renteria

Supervisor 3— Paul Connell

Supervisor 4—Gary Whitney

### Park Commission:

Mary Hoferle—Chair

Scott Mindock

Jane MacLean

Tony Praza

Dan Kloopping

Missy VanLanduyt

Erik Bush

### Finance Committee:

Margaret Quale—Chair

Steve Boelter

Cristin Livezey

### Plan Commission:

Denise Schmidt—Chair

Tom Bartell

John Haverberg

Nick Hoernke

Wayne Rounds, Jr.

Lisa M. Pardon

Paul Chellevoid

## Town of Middleton Meeting Schedule

**Town Board:** Meets on the first and third Mondays of each month at 6:30pm\* in the Town Hall.

**Plan Commission:** Meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm\* in the Town Hall.

**Parks Commission:** Meets on the second Monday of the month at 6:30pm\* in the Town Hall.

*\*Exceptions may occur. Watch for changes at the Town of Middleton website, posted sites, or subscribe to our email notifications (link available on Town of Middleton website [www.town.middleton.wi.us](http://www.town.middleton.wi.us)).*

## Message from the Town Board Chair

We wanted to personally thank everyone for their patience and understanding during the inclement weather we've had in the Town this summer, and the resulting cleanup of storm debris and tree limbs that has taken some time to remove from roadways and elsewhere. Safety is our number one priority for Town residents.

We have a busy year ahead. We will soon be starting our statutory 10-year review of the Towns' Comprehensive Plan, and be seeking public input and Town citizen participation on any proposed changes. We will also begin working on a comprehensive review of all Town ordinances with the goal of updating them, if needed, and posting adopted ordinances on the Town website to increase transparency, and make them more accessible.

We are heartened and excited by the volunteer spirit in the town, especially those who have volunteered to serve on our various commissions and committees, and those who contributed their time, work, and attendance at this year's 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration at Pioneer Park. At the celebration, we awarded the Friend of the Town Award to two families, the Wise's and Fiore's, for their generous land donation to a portion of the Ice Age Trail located in the Town of Middleton. It is our inspiring Town citizens that continue to make the Town a special place to live.

~ Cynthia Richson

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(608) 658-6699



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## Notable Dates

Date	Activity	Time	Location
September 12, 13, 14	Fall Bulk Pick-Up	Normal Trash Day	
September 26	Budget Work Session #1	6:30 PM	Town Hall
October 3	Budget Work Session #2	6:30 PM	Town Hall
October 10	Budget Work Session #3	6:30 PM	Town Hall
November 14	Town Elector Budget Meeting	6:30 PM	Town Hall
November 23 & 24	Thanksgiving	Closed	Town Hall
December 25	Christmas	Closed	Town Hall

## 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