

Notable Dates

Date	Activity	Time	Location
Jan. 3, 4 & 5	1st Holiday Tree Pick Up	On normal trash date	
Jan. 17, 18 & 19	2nd Holiday Tree Pick Up	On normal trash date	
Jan. 31	Final Date for 2016 Tax Payment at Town	By 4:00 pm	Town Hall
Feb. 21	Spring Primary Election (if needed)	7:00 am to 8:00 pm	Town Hall
April 4	Spring Election	7:00 am to 8:00 pm	Town Hall
May 9, 10 & 11	Spring Bulk Pick Up	On normal trash date	

Key Contact Information

Office Hours & Information

Town Offices: 7555 W. Old Sauk Road, Verona, WI 53593
 Town Hours: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Thursday
 8:00 am to noon on Friday
 Town Phone: (608) 833-5887
 Town Email: info@town.middleton.wi.us
 Town Website: www.town.middleton.wi.us

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) 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

WINTER 2016

TOWN OF MIDDLETON

Town of Middleton Meeting Schedule

Town Board The Town Board meets on the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:00pm* in the Town Hall.

Plan Committee The Plan Commission meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm* in the Town Hall.

Parks Committee The 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 website).*

Election News for 2017

Spring Election Dates for 2017:

Tuesday, February 21, 2017: 7:00am to 8:00pm (if required)
 Spring Primary Election for nonpartisan state and local candidates

Tuesday, April 4, 2017: 7:00am to 8:00pm
 Spring Election

The following Town offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term for all offices is for a two years beginning on Tuesday, April 18, 2017.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
Town Chair	Bill Kolar
Town Board Supervisor – Seat #1	Tim Roehl
Town Board Supervisor – Seat #2	Brent Renteria

The first day to circulate nomination papers is Monday, December 1, 2016, and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00pm on Tuesday, January 3, 2017, in the office of the Town Clerk. The Spring Election will then take place on Tuesday, April 4, 2017. If a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2017.

Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote. If you do not have a photo ID, you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

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www.town.middleton.wi.us

Seasonal Updates

2016 Property Tax Payments

Enclosed in this same mailing you'll find your property tax bill. Please be aware of the following:

- ◆ If you wish to have a receipt, you are required to send the **entire tax bill** with a self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment to the Town of Middleton. The top tear-off portion of the tax bill will be stamped with the payment date and will represent your receipt. In order to use your payment for 2016 itemized taxes and have your receipt stamped for 2016, payment must be RECEIVED by December 31, 2016.
- ◆ If you overpay your tax bill, you will be refunded for the overpayment, less a \$5.00 processing fee, in March of 2017.
- ◆ **No** other payment should be included.
- ◆ Only the City of Madison offers 4 payments. All other municipalities in Dane county, including the Town of Middleton, continue to offer the 1 or 2 payment options.
- ◆ First payment (due by January 31, 2017) should be mailed to the Town Hall, with the check made out to Town of Middleton. If you opt for the 2 payment schedule, the second payment (due by July 31, 2017) is sent to the County for payment—please see your tax bill for details.

Zoning Home Rule - Your Vote Will Matter

You, the electors, will be asked to decide if the Town should remain under the control of Dane County Zoning or if we should assume responsibility for our own zoning. The vote will occur at the Annual Town Meeting on April 18, 2017.

Unfortunately, this newsletter is not a sufficient forum to provide you with all the information you may need or desire in order to make a well informed decision on this issue. To assist you with this, we have placed information on the Town's website for review. Go to the homepage at



www.town.middleton.wi.us

and under "Announcements" you will find a link to the information.

Coyotes Spotted in the Town

Over the past couple of months, residents have reported several coyote sightings in the Town. To our knowledge there have been no coyote attacks in the Town. Dane County Public Health has received reports of coyote attacks on pets in urban areas of Madison and Dane County. Most have involved smaller dogs left unattended by their owners in the backyard.

The mere presence of coyotes can be unnerving or frightening for people. Coyotes are generally more afraid of you than you are of them, but in instances where coyotes have gotten too comfortable around people there are several things neighborhood residents can do to re-educate their neighborhood coyotes to be more afraid of people and leave their pets alone.

Below is a link that provides some helpful information, along with a contact number for sick or injured coyotes.

www.publichealthmdc.com/environmental/animal/coyotes.cfm



Winter Wonderland Recreation

Snow Plowing Season

Winter is here & the snow is too (or it's coming soon). Please remember to keep the following guidelines in mind this season to assist in the best snow removal service by our town crew:

- ◆ All parking is OFF ROAD (all four wheels) and for a maximum of 48 hours in any one location. You should not be parked directly on the pavement.
- ◆ Vehicles parked across the road from either another car or a mailbox create width barriers for traffic flow, snow plowing, and general safety.
- ◆ Please park on the same side of the road if multiple cars are on the street.
- ◆ To the extent possible, on days when snow is being removed from roadways keep your recycle and refuse containers off of the pavement.



If these guidelines are not followed, it causes delays in plowing the Town's roads. As a reminder, it is a violation of the Town Ordinance 9, Section 4-3-5 to blow, plow, or deposit snow in the road before OR after the plow has passed by your driveway. Please do your best to place the snow you remove from your driveway to the sides of the drive.

Winter Safety Reminders for Snowmobile Recreation:

- ◆ All individual operators must be over 12 years old and have a Snowmobile Safety Certificate (that they must carry during operation)
- ◆ No snowmobiling is permitted on public roads or in our parks

For information on obtaining snowmobiling permit or on locations of county trails, visit the Wisconsin DNR site at

<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/snowmobile/>

Ice Rink at Pioneer Park



With winter here, the ice rink at Pioneer Park will be ready to use soon! The water must be applied in layers and freeze with each application to ensure that it's safe for recreational use. The ice rink will be available this winter once the weather permits. Stay tuned to the website as the temperature drops for an update! Those that subscribe to the Town's email notifications will also get an email to let them know. Not on the email notification list? Go to our Town's website at www.town.middleton.wi.us to sign up for the notifications about the town. Please note, this ice rink is meant for recreation skating only.

Cross Country Skiing



Are you a Nordic Skier? Nordic skiing, also known as Cross Country Skiing, is a great source of cardiovascular exercise, and a wonderful way to enjoy the beauty of winter in Wisconsin. You may know Pope Farm Conservancy for its famous Sunflower fields in the end of summer, but in winter we have 2 miles of groomed trails for cross country skiing. We also have 1 mile of groomed trails off of Airport Road at Ed Tallard Park, and this trail connects to the City of Middleton's Trail for an even longer adventure.