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THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON IS GROWING!

Greg DiMiceli, Town Administrator/Treasurer

In 1838, a Congressman from Connecticut, the Hon. Thomas Whittlesey, purchased a large tract of land in the Madison territorial area from the U.S. government. Ten years later, in March of 1848, the land was split apart from the greater Madison territorial area by an act of the Territorial Legislature, which created Middleton as a separate town. This place we now call home was named by Harry Barnes after a location in Vermont.

At the Town's first organizational meeting in April of 1848, the Board Chair, Mr. Thomas Whittlesey, along with the other Town officers, voted to allocate \$75 for the Town's expenses.

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Town of Middleton Annual Meeting

Tuesday, April 16, 2019—6:30 pm
Town Hall

The Annual Meeting is meant to be an informative opportunity for our residents to hear what the Town is working on this year and to express their views and ask questions. Our 2019 Friend of the Town awards will also be presented. Come join us!

The 2019 Spring Election: Tuesday, April 2nd

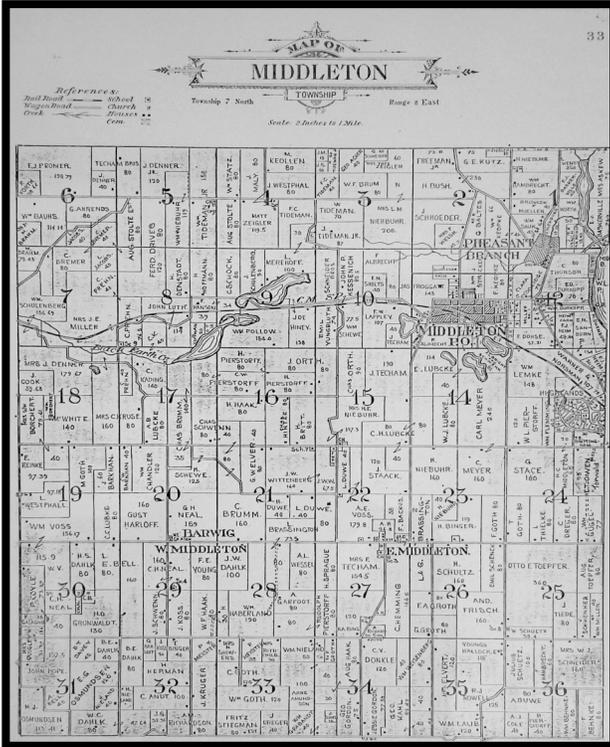


The 2019 Spring Election for the Town of Middleton will be held at the Town Hall, 7555 W. Old Sauk Rd, Verona, WI. Wisconsin voters must show an acceptable photo ID before receiving and casting a ballot by either absentee ballot or in-person on election day. For more information regarding Photo ID, please check www.bringit.wi.gov. Offices on the ballot include Supreme Court Judge, Municipal Judge, Chair of the Board, and two Board Supervisor positions in addition to local school board seats. See the elections tab on our website or contact the Town Hall for additional voting information and sample ballots.

Spring 2019

The Town of Middleton is Growing continued...

Approximately two months after the Town came into existence, Wisconsin was admitted as the 30th state of the Union. Many lifetimes of history have occurred in the 171 years since the first Town board met.



Today the Town of Middleton has a population of almost 6,500, which constitutes the size of a small city. We now have 41 miles of trails and plow and maintain about 70 miles of roads, all within an annual budget of about \$6 million dollars—and we continue to grow.

Having lived in the Town for over 20 years now, myself, I know I am not alone in my love for the semi-rural characteristic of our area. While the Town may not resemble what it was in 1848, we continue to share an obligation to preserve the rich character of our area. It is our challenge to welcome thoughtful growth without losing our semi-rural character.

But as we add more roads, we have more roads to plow and maintain. As we welcome new neighbors, we expand our services, such as the brush and small limb service that consumes a significant portion of the Town crew's time. As we expand, the pressure to maintain services and keep up with costs increases.

I consider myself fortunate to have raised my family in this magnificent area, but the reality is that the Town of Middleton is experiencing growing pains. And with that growth comes the bifurcated challenge of preservation while also meeting the financial demands of increased services. Can we meet this challenge? I believe we can. Let's commit ourselves to doing great things together for our town and community!

FRIEND OF THE TOWN 2019

When you see a neighbor doing something outstanding, let Town Staff know by sending in the who, what, where, and when. The person you identify could be a Friend of the Town Award recipient! Submit your nomination via phone or e-mail. Nominations accepted each year until February 28th.

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Reminders

BOARD OF REVIEW AND OPEN BOOK

The Town of Middleton contracts with Musser Appraisal Service to provide services for real estate and personal property assessments. These are performed annually and the purpose is to ensure that all property is valued fairly and equitably for tax purposes. Property owners will receive notice of changes in their assessed values around the second week of April. A property owner can challenge their assessed value through Open Book and Board of Review.

The time between receipt of changes in value until the Board of Review is known as "Open Book". This is the best time to review your property's assessment and to speak with our Assessor, Paul Musser. He will be available at the Town Hall for Open Book: Thursday, May 2nd from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM. Property owners are also able to contact him to schedule an appointment at an alternate time (see his information below). The Open Book period ends May 5th.

If the assessor and property owner cannot agree on an assessed value, property owners may make a formal objection with the Town Clerk up until two days prior to the Board of Review meeting. The Board of Review will meet on Monday, May 20th from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Both the assessor and property owner will have a chance to present objections and evidence at that time. The Board will vote on a motion to affirm or modify the assessed value. After they have heard all challenges, the Board will certify all assessments are complete and accurate for the calendar year. The Board of Review is the final opportunity for property assessment challenges for the given tax year.

PAUL MUSSER

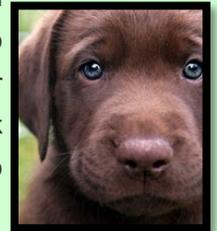
MUSSER APPRAISAL SERVICE

P.O. Box 620213 * Middleton, WI 53562

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

DOG LICENSES DUE MARCH 31

Mail or drop off your dog license (one per dog over 5 months of age each calendar year) on or before March 31 to avoid a late fee. Dog license fees are located on the [dog license application](#). Any exceptions to the payment of late fees must be cleared with the Town before a renewal license will be issued. Each dog will be issued a metal ID tag to be attached to the dog's collar. The tag number is required to obtain dog park permits and may be used to identify the owner of a lost dog.



SPRING BULK PICK-UP IS:

May 14, 15, & 16

PLEASE REMEMBER TO HAVE ALL WASTE CURBSIDE BY 7:00 A.M.

Unaccepted Items:

- Anything compostable (plant material of any kind).
- Anything potentially explosive (gas, tanks, ammo, fireworks, etc.)
- Anything electronic (anything with a wire or uses electricity to operate).
- Anything hazardous (chemicals of any sort, light bulbs, poisons, asbestos, needles, etc.)
- Landscape timbers or railroad ties
- Paint, fire extinguishers, auto parts and hot ashes will not be picked up.

If you have further questions about what will or will not be picked up contact:

Advanced Disposal : (608) 251-7878

Town Updates

DEPUTY'S CORNER

....a message from Deputy Jeremy White



As we already know the town has seen its fair share of stolen autos. It is very important if you see anything that appears suspicious to please contact the Sheriff's Office. When suspicious activity is reported we are able to use that information to establish a possible pattern. These are crimes of opportunity and can sometimes be avoided.

It is important to secure your vehicle if it is parked in the driveway. If leaving your vehicle in the driveway make sure to bring your keys and the garage door opener inside. Be conscientious of your home and make sure to secure your doors, especially your garage and service door when not in use for a long period of time. We suggest you move your vehicle keys into your home if they are currently kept in the garage. If possible, secure the fire door leading into the house. We understand we are asking you to make some changes, but what we are asking of you are specific to the incidents that have occurred in and around the town.

Increased community awareness and participation has provided numerous tips to the Sheriff's Office that have assisted in the investigation of a number of stolen autos. Thank you for your assistance, and please keep those good tips coming in. We're hoping to clear some of these calls with arrests soon.

DANE COUNTY ADOPTS ZONING CHANGES

On January 17, 2019, Dane County adopted a new zoning ordinance and map. The Town has one year to adopt the new zoning, which will result in updates to the zoning maps and to applicable building standards in the Town. The new map and further information can be found on the home page of the Town's website.

For any property that is incorrectly mapped or needs to be changed, the Town will make adjustments once they adopt the new zoning ordinance. A single rezoning request will be submitted to the County for multiple parcels (at no cost to the Town or to landowners). Please contact Greg DiMiceli, the Town Administrator/Treasurer, for zoning questions or possible updates.

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>

Town Updates

NEW TOWN ADMINISTRATOR/TREASURER : Meet Greg DiMiceli

Prior to becoming administrator for the Town, I spent nearly 32 years managing projects for the State of Wisconsin. My wife Jeannine and I moved to the Town of Middleton in 1999 with our two sons, now 20 and 22, and our daughter, who is currently 18. Jeannine spent 14 years teaching in the public school system before starting an in-home childcare business, which she continues to operate today.



While it may sound like a cliché, we both very much enjoy the near rural feel of living in the Town. To us, living here provides us with the best of both worlds – living space to raise a family and easy access to a lot of amenities.

Meet the New Town Office Assistant



Julie Krause began working for the Town as the new Office Assistant in March. She brings a variety of skills that she can utilize to assist with daily operations and is more than happy to serve you with a smile.

SUNFLOWER DAYS

Saturday, July 26th through Sunday, August 4th, 2019

Pope Farm Conservancy

We are excited that Sunflower Days is back in 2019! After a one-year absence, Sunflower Days will once again be held in the Pope Farm Conservancy from July 26 through August 4, 2019. This is an event for families to share in the beauty of this natural area. Come and see over nine acres of magnificent sunflowers skipping off the summer sun. Also consider participating in the new 5k run this year. Follow the Town's website for updated information.

Town Updates

2019 BRUSH AND SMALL TREE LIMB PICK-UP

In an effort to better serve our residents, the Town provides a brush chipping service that is performed according to the schedule to the right. Please note that the dates may change due to inclement weather and unforeseen events.

Brush must be curbside by 7:00 a.m. on the start date of the route. Chipping is limited to 15 minutes per residence.

Brush ACCEPTABLE for pick-up:

- Tree limbs up to 6 inches in diameter
- Long tree limbs are better since it reduces labor
- Cut ends must face road
- Pile brush in small separated piles to allow pick-up without entanglement
- Place undersized twigs in paper bags, a garbage can, or a tote

Brush NOT acceptable for pick-up:

- Root balls and brush mixed with soil
- Yard waste
- Commercially cut brush. This must be disposed of by the contractor.
- Brush containing nails, wire, etc.
- Poorly positioned and/or entangled tree limbs

Chipping Schedule

April 1

April 15

May 6

May 20

June 3

June 17

July 1

July 15

August 5

August 19

September 3

October 7

November 4

Reminder: Do not dispose or drop off any unauthorized materials or brush behind the Town Hall.

NEW & NOTEWORTHY:

Recycling dumpsters are no longer available behind the Town Hall due to weekly recycling pickup at each residence.

Call Advanced Disposal to pick up bundled cardboard placed outside of your bin for a fee (608-251-7878).



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 may include other materials.

Only full load quantities, approximately six-cubic yards, are available. This is a pile approximately 7' x 7' x 3'. When calling the Town Hall to request delivery, please specify the preferred unloading location as viewed from the road.

Note: A signed waiver is required for chips to be delivered on a residence's property. The waiver can be found on the Town website.

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Town Information

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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 County Humane Society (608) 838-0413

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

Middleton EMS
 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
 Private Wells & Septic Systems (608) 242-6515

NOTABLE DATES

Date	Activity	Time	Location
April 2	Spring Election	7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
April 16	Annual Town Meeting	6:30 p.m.	Town Hall
May 2	Open Book	2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Town Hall
May 15, 16 & 17	Spring Bulk Pick-Up	On normal trash date	
May 20	Board of Review	6:30 p.m.	Town Hall
May 28	Memorial Day	Town Hall Closed	
July 4	Independence Day	Town Hall Closed	
Sept 3	Labor Day	Town Hall Closed	
Sept 17, 18, & 19	Fall Bulk Pick-Up	On normal trash date	

TOWN BOARD, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEE DIRECTORY

<p>Park Commission: Chair: Scott Mindock Jane MacLean Tony Praza Dan Klopping Missy VanLanduyt Stephen Moon Erik Bush</p>	<p>Town Board: Cynthia Richson, Chair Supervisors: Richard Oberle Brent Renteria Paul Connell Tom Stemrich</p>	<p>Plan Commission: Chair: Denise Schmidt Tom Bartell John Haverberg Nick Hoernke Wayne Rounds, Jr. Jane Hinrichs Paul Chellevoid</p>
<p>Finance Committee: Chair: Brian Borakove Steve Santek, CPA Matthew Golden</p>	<p>See the Town Website for further information</p>	<p>Public Works & Town Services: Chair: Dave Wagner Danny Aerts Wayne Rounds Jr.</p>

Town Hall Contact Information:

Town Hall:
 7555 W Old Sauk Rd,
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Office Hours:
 Monday through Thursday
 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
 Friday 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

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- Country inspiration
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