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## Meet the new Clerk & Deputy Treasurer!

### Barbara Roesslein Town Clerk



Before joining the Town of Middleton, Barb worked as a Deputy Clerk-Treasurer in municipal government since 2000. She received the Wisconsin Certified Municipal Clerk (WCMC) designation from the Wisconsin Municipal Clerks Association. Barb is excited to serve the Town of Middleton as the Town Clerk. She also looks forward to taking on new challenges and growing professionally. We are delighted to have her. Barb started her tenure in April of this year and is originally from Illinois. Barb and her husband, Brian, have lived in Green County since 1996. They have three adult children Joshua, 32, Rachel, 31, and Brianna, 24; and a three year old border collie, Sophie.

**Last day for 2019  
Chipping is  
November 4th!**

**Tax Bills will be  
sent in mid-  
December with  
Dog License  
Information for  
2020.**



### Megan Hughes Deputy Treasurer

Megan began working for the Town as our new Deputy Treasurer in April. Prior to that she spent twelve years as a Human Resources Administrator/Senior Accountant for a defense company in Madison.

In her spare time, Megan enjoys attending her children's sporting events and spending time with her mini golden doodle. She looks forward to supporting and serving our community. Megan and her husband, Darrell, reside in Verona with their children, Carson 16, and Callie, 14.

### TOWN BOARD, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES DIRECTORY

**Park Commission:**

Scott Mindock, Chair  
Alex Kulis  
Dan Kloeping  
Erik Bush  
Katie Mace  
Stephen Moon  
Tony Praza  
Missy VanLanduyt

**Town Board:**

Cynthia Richson, Chair  
Supervisors:  
Richard Oberle  
Brent Renteria  
Denise Schmidt  
Tom Stemrich

**Plan Commission:**

Nick Hoernke, Chair  
Tom Bartell  
Paul Chellevoid  
John Haverberg  
Jane Hinrichs  
Wayne Rounds, Jr.  
Steve Ziegler

**Finance Committee:**

Brian Borakove, Chair  
Matthew Golden  
Steve Santek, CPA

**See the Town Website  
for further information.**

**Have you seen the new agenda & minutes portal?**

**Available at:**  
[middleton.civicweb.net/Portal/](http://middleton.civicweb.net/Portal/)

**Public Works & Town Services:**

Dave Wagner, Chair  
Danny Aerts  
Wayne Rounds Jr.

# Seasonal Updates

**Reminder : Daylight Saving Time ends on November 3rd, 2019** With the sun setting earlier, please remember to keep an eye out for runners, walkers (with and without dogs), and bikers that share the roads with us.

## Winter Road and Plowing Information:

Like you, the Town crew will soon begin the transition from mowing grass to removing snow. For the Town crew this means plowing, salting, and maintaining nearly 71 miles of roads to ensure our residents have safe and unobstructed passage.

This year I am asking residents to help me ensure Town roads are maintained in good winter driving condition at a reasonable cost. There are several things you should consider and do to help the Town crew this winter:

- Please do not erect any snow fencing or place other obstructions in the Town's road right of way. (The road right-of way extends 33 feet on both sides of the street from the center of the road.)
- Please check your mailbox now to ensure it will survive plowing operations (see: *Mailbox Damage Policy Explained* on p.4).
- All winter parking is off-road, meaning all four wheels are off the road. Also, please try not to park directly across from another vehicle, mailbox, or other object as this narrows the roadway passage and makes it difficult for our plow drivers to move through the street.
- Please move your vehicle as you may not be parked in one location for more than 48 hours.
- A snow emergency may be called if conditions warrant. In cases of a snow emergency vehicles will need to be moved off the street and there will be no on-street parking for the duration of the emergency.
- As possible, please try to keep your garbage and recycling bins off the street. Think about clearing a small section of the road shoulder to place your bins for easy pickup.
- Did you know that it's a violation of our Town ordinance to blow, plow, or deposit snow into the roadway? Please place the snow you remove from your driveway onto the sides of your drive. Also, if you have a private contractor clear your property, please make sure they don't push snow into the road.

-Greg DiMiceli, Town Administrator

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## Yard Waste Disposal

The compost shed is open behind the Town Hall until **December 1st or until snow plows are out and about.**

If you have any noxious weeds, please remember that these are not to be placed with compost — this perpetuates the spread of the invasive species by leaving seeds in the compost. Please place invasive, noxious weeds in a plastic bag labeled "Invasive Plants" and dispose of them in your regular garbage.



## Burning Reminders

Burning leaves is allowed during the following times:

- Weekdays between 8:00 am and 3:30 pm
- The 1st & 3rd Saturdays in October, November, & December between the hours of 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. Leaf burning is not permitted on any other Saturday

Leaf burning is prohibited with winds OVER 15 MPH and on Sundays or Holidays.

**On the Town Website under services you will find links to recycling options in Dane County**

# 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
Nov. 28 & 29	Thanksgiving	Closed	Town Hall
Dec. 24 & 25	Christmas	Closed	Town Hall
Jan. 1 2020	New Year's Day	Closed	Town Hall
Feb. 18 2020	Spring Primary	7:00 am to 8:00 pm	Town Hall
Apr. 7 2020	Presidential Preference Primary	7:00 am to 8:00 pm	Town Hall
Aug. 11 2020	Fall Partisan Primary	7:00 am to 8:00 pm	Town Hall
Nov. 3 2020	General Election	7:00 am to 8:00 pm	Town Hall

## Town Hall Information:

### Town Hall:

7555 W Old Sauk Rd,  
Verona, WI 53593

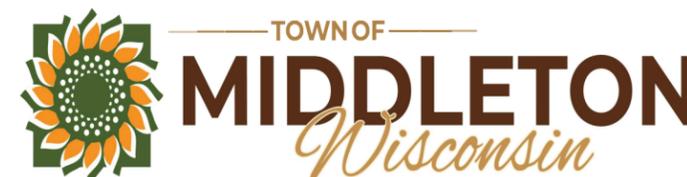
### Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday  
8:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Friday 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Town Phone:** (608) 833-5887

**Town Email:** info@town.middleton.wi.us

**Town Website:** http://town.middleton.wi.us



# Chair's Corner

## A large expansion of Morey Airport under consideration by the City of Middleton

Most of us refer to the Middleton Municipal Airport – Morey Field as “Morey Airport”, which has been a recreational, small airplane airport when both the Morey family owned it, and in 1998 when the City of Middleton purchased the airport from the Morey family. The Town of Middleton, and the Town of Springfield are adjacent to, and abut the Morey Airport property line, so the impact of an estimated \$12.4 million expansion of Morey Airport under consideration by the City of Middleton will be felt by many more residents and families than just those living in the City of Middleton. For such a large airport expansion under consideration, it is hard to understand why only four City of Middleton Master Plan Airport Advisory Committee Meetings have been scheduled as of April 11, 2019 (the first meeting), and re-affirmed by the City of Middleton Common Council on August 6, 2019 (with apparently only one meeting remaining). By comparison, an Airport Layout Plan proposal, which is not a full-scale Airport Master Plan, at a municipal airport in Marion, Iowa had twelve airport advisory committee meetings for consideration of its proposal. The few citizen members on the City of Middleton Airport Advisory Committee have repeatedly asked the City, why the rush for such a large-scale airport expansion, but unfortunately the City has not provided a satisfactory answer or explanation.

I lived in the City of Middleton when it was considering and then purchased Morey Airport in 1998, and voted on the April 1999 referendum that was tied to the December 1998 City Resolution promising that the primary runway would never be extended beyond 4,000 feet. After citizens have relied on the City's promise and spent substantial sums of money building homes over the entire area, the City now seeks to break its promise by creating a 5,000 foot runway at Morey Airport. This will not only allow larger, noisier airplanes to use Morey Airport, but also will enable the airport to host more frequent, larger airplane weekend-long and other special events like an event at the Ankeny, Iowa municipal airport with military aircraft, Night-flight, night airshow, rock 'n' roll music, and fireworks. While this may sound appealing to some, the residences and families living in this densely populated surrounding area will experience a significant decline in the high quality of life with a substantial increase in noise for citizens in the Town of Middleton, Town of Springfield, and City of Middleton. In addition, the expansion of Morey Airport under consideration will require the acquisition (probably by Condemnation/Eminent Domain) of Town of Middleton and Town of Springfield residential properties. Some residents may lose their current homes to accommodate the City of Middleton Morey Airport expansion plans.

The negative impact on the City's residents and neighbors in terms of property value and quality of life with such a large-scale Morey Airport expansion, make the City's marketing slogan of “Good Neighbor City” and “Good Neighbor Airport” an empty promise marketing campaign without real substance. Even the City of Middleton will recognize very little direct budget help from an airport expansion as airport revenues must remain in a designated airport account for use at the airport referred to as the City's “Airport Enterprise Fund.” It is clear the residents of the Town of Middleton and Town of Springfield will have no positive benefits at all from a Morey Airport expansion, only detriments.

Please check the Town of Middleton website Morey Airport Tab or the City of Middleton website for airport expansion updates, meeting dates and times, and other related information.

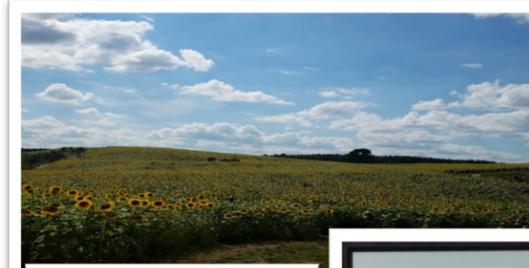
Cynthia Richson

[townchair@town.middleton.wi.us](mailto:townchair@town.middleton.wi.us)

(608) 658-6699



# Sunflowers Were Back for 2019!



Nine acres of sunflowers bloomed this year with thousands of people from all over Wisconsin coming to see them. Even though Sunflower Days has passed, Pope Farm is still open sun-up to sundown, everyday.



# Winter Information Continued

**Was Your Lawn Plowed into the Snow?** After a heavy snowfall the crew may go back out to scrape off road shoulders to make room for the next snow event. If over the years your lawn has grown into the road shoulder and near the road edge, the plow blade is going to scrape off your grass or sod and throw it back into the snow bank or into your yard. The contrasting dirt on fresh snow looks hideous, but this turf scraping is normal and is actually healthy for our streets. If you do see this, your lawn isn't damaged and there is no cause for concern.

**Mail Box Damage Policy Explained:** It happens every year. Over the course of a Wisconsin winter a few mailboxes become a casualty during our snow removal process. In the event this happens to your mailbox during plowing operations, we want you to know the criteria used to determine damage responsibility. If Town plow equipment comes in direct contact with your mailbox and results in damage, call the Town office as soon as possible during normal office hours. Town staff will inspect your property to confirm whether our equipment directly caused the damage. If we struck your mailbox or post, we will reimburse you up to a maximum of \$50. If, however, the force of the snow off the plow blade or off the road caused damage to your mailbox or post, then the resident is responsible for the repair or replacement of the mailbox or post. As a precaution, please check your mailbox now or before the first snowfall to ensure it is securely attached to its post and that the post is secure in the ground.

## Thanks for your years of service Fred Hankel!

Fred Hankel has worked with the Town for twenty years as the Building Inspector. He started consulting in 1999 and officially joined the staff in 2007. He will be retiring in December to spend more time with his family and fishing boat. His experience and expertise with town matters will be missed. Enjoy your retirement Fred!



## Friend of the Town Award

When you see a neighbor doing something outstanding, let the Town know by sending in the who, what, where, and when. The person you identify could be a Friend of the Town Award recipient!

All nominations can be sent to the Town Staff via mail or e-mail, no later than February 28th of each year.

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](mailto:info@town.middleton.wi.us).

**Congratulations to the 2019 Friends of the Town:**

**Jim Bolitho & Curt Caslavka**

**Thank you for all you do!**

# Election News

**Become an Election Inspector!** We are looking for dedicated team players wishing to join us as Election Inspectors for the 2020-2022 election cycle. We welcome those wishing to serve their community and country through the election process. We will provide training and information in preparation for the elections with lots of opportunity to help along the way. **High school students**, in good academic standing and U.S. citizens, can also serve as election inspectors if they are at least 16 years of age.



Students and residents benefit from this service in several ways:

- Hands-on experience of learning how local elections are conducted
- Receive training on how to open a polling place, process voters and close the polls
- Gain a lifelong appreciation for the democratic process
- Receive satisfaction of playing an active and important role in your community

Direct questions and/or interest in being trained to serve as an Election Inspector for Town elections can be sent to the Town Hall.

## Voter Registration Information

The presidential election is right around the corner!

If you're new to the Town or have a new voter in the household visit :

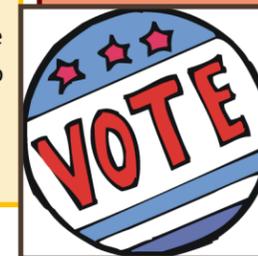
<http://myvote.wi.gov/>

Here you will find links on everything that relates to voting in Wisconsin, from change of name or address to new voter information or voting by absentee ballot.

Your polling place is at the Town Hall, 7555 W. Old Sauk Road, Verona, WI 53593.

**BRING IT**  
— TO THE —  
**BALLOT**

Voting in Wisconsin Elections has required a valid state issued photo-ID or driver's license since 2015. For more information regarding Photo ID laws please check out [www.bringit.wi.gov](http://www.bringit.wi.gov).



### **2020 Elections:**

**Spring Primary is February 18**  
**Spring Election/Presidential Preference Primary is April 7**

**Fall Partisan Primary is August 11**

**General Election is November 3**