

# Town of Middleton

## Fall 2018



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### General Election:

Tuesday, November 6th



Wisconsin law requires voters to 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, laws please check out [www.bringit.wi.gov](http://www.bringit.wi.gov). Please note that on Friday November 2, 2018 the Town office will be open until 5:00 p.m. for early/in-person absentee voting that begins on October 22nd during regular office hours.

### Seeking Pollworkers

2018 is a U.S. Gubernatorial Election year and we welcome those wishing to serve their community and country through the election process. We will provide training and information in preparation for the election with lots of opportunity to help along the way.



We are looking for dedicated team players wishing to join our current group of election workers for the 2018-2019 election cycle.

High school students, in good academic standing and U.S. citizens, can also serve as pollworkers if they are at least 16 years of age. Students benefit from this program 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
- Inspiration to register and vote when they reach 18 years of age
- Gain a lifelong appreciation for the democratic process
- Receive satisfaction of playing an active and important role in their community

Direct questions and/or interest in being trained to serve as a Poll Worker for Town elections to Town Staff Members Hailey Roessler or Lisa Pardon at 833-5887.

# News & Reminders

## New Town Ordinances:

We are pleased to announce that on 9/4/18, the Town Board was presented with a new Town Subdivision Ordinance that it approved. The Town Subdivision Ordinance will be posted on the Town website soon under the Ordinances Tab/Sidebar for easy public viewing and access.

To address an increasingly costly problem with the dumping of refuse by unauthorized persons (contractors and non-Town of Middleton residents), at the Town Hall, the Town Board approved a new, No Unauthorized Dumping Ordinance. The new Ordinance includes a penalty of as much of \$300 for unauthorized dumping on Town property. This new ordinance was also approved by the Town Board on 9/4/18.

Daylight Saving  
Time ends on  
November 4<sup>th</sup>,  
2018



Keep an eye out for runners, walkers (with and without dogs), children and bikers that share the darkening roads with us.



Residents gathered at Pioneer Park with the Middleton Fire Department for the Annual fourth of July celebration.

## New Individual, Extra Bulk Pick-Up Option

Town residents who want to have Bulk Pick-Up service from Advanced Disposal outside of the May and September regularly scheduled Town-wide Bulk Pick-Up dates now have the additional option of calling Advanced Disposal directly at 608.251.7878 to make arrangements for individual Bulk Pick-Up service and direct billing. Please see the Town website for more information.

# Seasonal Reminders

## BRUSH AND SMALL TREE LIMB PICK-UP

The final brush collection of 2018 will be on:

November 5th

**Important Notes: Have your brush out on the Monday morning of each chipping cycle. It generally takes the crew five days to chip the Town. In order to accommodate every resident, chipping will be limited to 15 minutes per household.**

### 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

### NOT acceptable for pick-up:

- Root balls and brush mixed with soil
- Yard waste
- Commercially cut brush. Must be disposed of by the contractor
- Place undersized twigs in paper bags for shredding or in garbage can, or tote
- Brush containing nails, wire etc
- Poorly positioned and/or entangled tree limbs

## Fall Yard Work:

Consider the alternatives to burning your leaves:

**COMPOST:** leaves and yard waste.

**HAUL:** There is a drop off location behind the Town Hall, accessed from Pioneer Road, for residents to bring their compostable yard waste. Please follow the posted instructions. No noxious weeds, woody materials, food scraps, animal waste, trash of any kind, rocks or plastic bags are allowed or accepted.

**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)

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!**



# Deputy's Corner

## Rue Update:

As some of you know there was a young, small fox seen in the area of Prairie Home Estates. This fox, who we now know as Rue, was captured and transported to the Humane Society for treatment on July 31. Rue gave us a good chase, and thanks Jerry for helping! It was discovered at the Humane Society that Rue was suffering from bad case of Mange, but she is since making great strides in her recovery. Rue was deemed strong enough and was released back into the wild in the area of Prairie Home Estates. A special thanks to Sherri and Sara O'Donnell for naming our little friend and providing us with some photographs. Rue's name sake is French for 'street', the place she was first spotted! Feel free to go to the Dane County Humane Society's website for more information about Rue.



## Prevent Fraud:

There have been a few cases of fraud in the area. A press release was sent out by the Sheriff's Office on August 7<sup>th</sup> referencing a phone scam. If someone from the Dane County Sheriff's Office calls and asks you to send them money, it's a scam! No matter what the situation: an arrest warrant, missed jury duty, or an unpaid ticket, we will not call and ask for your money over the telephone. If anyone has any questions, or suspects a scam is occurring, please contact the Sheriff's Office.

## Back to School Safety:

It is that time of the year again when school is back in session and related 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 time to talk with your children about using sidewalks and cross walks, as well as looking out for traffic.

## Final Note:

Please make sure to lock the doors on both your home and vehicles to prevent theft. If you see anything or anyone that you feel is suspicious, please call in and report it.

*-Deputy Jeremy White, Dane County Sheriff's Office*

# Town Welcomes New Staff:



## Meet the Town Clerk: Lisa M. Pardon

Lisa Pardon started with us this Spring as our new Town Clerk and Deputy Administrator. Lisa has resided in the Town since 2005. Her background and training is as an attorney, licensed in Wisconsin and in Hawaii. She is excited to lend her legal expertise to helping the Town.

**Lisa M. Pardon**



## Meet the Town Office Manager:

Hailey Roessler began working for the Town as its new Office Manager in June. She brings a diverse skill set to daily operations and is happy to be a part of such a vibrant community.

**Hailey Roessler**

## Friend of the Town Award

The Town of Middleton has a "Friend of the Town Award" to recognize individuals who have made a difference in the community. The Town established this award in 2014 for individuals who:

- Live in the Town of Middleton (required)
- Have a proven track record of outstanding volunteer service and success.
- Work hard to bring an idea of a program to reality that can improve the quality of life for the community.
- Is a leader who motivates people and inspires others to act for the benefit of the community.
- Encourages programs and activities that promote sustainability and conservation.

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!

At the 2018 Annual Town Meeting, nominations for the Friend of the Town Award were requested. After the 2018 Nomination deadline passed, the Town had still not received any nominations for the Award. Subsequently, the Town received two nominations for the Award that are currently pending. In July 2018, the Board discussed the timing of the Friend of the Town Award, and decided to give the Award each year at the Annual Town Meeting going forward. We are still accepting nominations if you would like to nominate someone. The Town Board will then review candidates and select a recipient. All nominations can be sent to the Town Staff via mail or e-mail, no later than February 28th of each year.

# Chair's Corner

## Organizational Review of Town Staff Roles and Responsibilities

The Town has increased in population to 6,424 based on recent Wisconsin Department of Administration estimates. In an effort to ensure we are maximizing the efficiency and effectiveness of Town operations and the use of Town taxpayer monies, we have initiated a review of Town staff roles and responsibilities, including how the Town utilizes outside consultants. In June, the Town Board authorized retaining Robin Meier, CPA, as a Town Board Consultant, to assist with identifying ways to improve internal controls, financial statements, budgeting, establish financial policies and procedures, and other related Town matters. Robin has extensive experience in auditing and finance as it relates to Town government.

## Zoning Update

The Town Board and Town Staff have continued to meet with Dane County Planning & Development Staff to discuss the new, draft Dane County Zoning Ordinance. We are pleased to announce that we have made substantial progress in satisfactorily addressing certain zoning issues that are unique to the Town of Middleton, such as the creation of a new, substantially similar zoning district, AT-5, to replace the Town's current A-1 zoning district. Recent efforts include identifying any potential zoning issues related to commercial zoning in the Town, where business owner outreach has been part of the dialog process. Substantial progress has also been made in addressing potential commercial zoning issues under the new, draft Dane County Zoning Ordinance. Up-to-date Dane County Zoning information can be found via a Dane County Zoning website link on the Town website or by going directly to the Dane County Zoning & Planning website at [https://plandev.countyofdane.com/zoning/comprehensive\\_revision\\_special\\_projects.aspx](https://plandev.countyofdane.com/zoning/comprehensive_revision_special_projects.aspx).

## Thank You to Our Volunteers

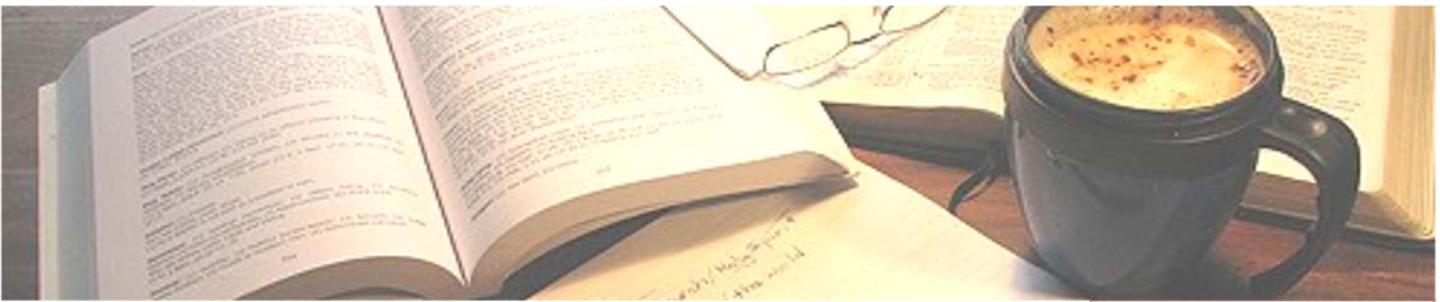
Citizen volunteers are an essential and invaluable resource to the Town. From the citizen volunteers on the various Town Commissions/Committees and Election Inspectors to the citizen volunteers from the Friends of Pope Farm Conservancy, we couldn't do all the great work that gets done without you. Countless volunteer hours go into continuing to make the Town a special community. Thank you for all that you do!



*Cynthia Richson*  
townchair@town.middleton.wi.us  
(608) 658-6699



Town of Middleton 2019 Budget Meeting Calendar	Town Hall
Tuesday, October 2nd	Budget Work Session #2
Thursday, October 4th	Budget Work Session #3
Monday, October 8th	Budget Work Session #4
Tuesday, November 13th	Public Hearing on 2019 Budget and Town Elector Meeting to approve 2019 Levy



## Town Board, Commissions & Committee Directory

### Park Commission:

Open Seat - Chair  
Scott Mindock  
Jane MacLean  
Tony Praza  
Dan Kloeping  
Missy VanLanduyt  
Erik Bush

### Finance Committee:

Greg DiMiceli, Chair

Applications are available on the Town website for two open seats.

### Town Board:

Cynthia Richson, Chair  
Supervisor 1—Richard Oberle  
Supervisor 2— Brent Renteria  
Supervisor 3— Paul Connell  
Supervisor 4—Tom Stemrich

### Plan Commission:

Denise Schmidt, Chair  
Tom Bartell  
John Haverberg  
Nick Hoernke  
Wayne Rounds, Jr.  
Jane Hinrichs  
Paul Chellevold

### Public Works & Town Services:

Dave Wagner, Chair  
Danny Aerts  
Wayne Rounds Jr.

## 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.

**Public Works & Town Services:** Meets the second Wednesday of the month at 10:00 am in the Town Hall.

**Finance Committee:** Meets on an ad hoc basis.

*Exceptions may occur. Watch for changes on the Town of Middleton website, or subscribe to our email notifications (link available on Town website)*

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## Notable Dates

Date	Activity	Time	Location
October 2nd	Budget Work Session #2	6:30 PM	Town Hall
October 4th	Budget Work Session #3	6:30 PM	Town Hall
October 8th	Budget Work Session #4	6:30 PM	Town Hall
November 6th	Election Day	Polls Open: 7:00 am to 8:00pm	Town Hall
November 13th	Town Elector Budget Meeting	6:30 PM	Town Hall
November 22 & 23	Thanksgiving	Closed	Town Hall
December 24 & 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 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

Madison & Dane County (608) 242-6515

Private Wells & Septic Systems (608) 242-6515