

TOWN OF MIDDLETON

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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.
Finance Committee	The Finance Committee meets on an ad hoc basis and establishes the subsequent meeting date during each meeting.

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).*

***Official posting sites include kiosks at Town Hall, Settlers Prairie & Voss Parks.*

Fall 2015 Chipping Dates

While we chip every other week during the summer, we reduce to only the first full week of the month during the fall months. As a reminder, please place your tree or shrub trimmings out with the cut side towards the road on the street side of your property to be picked up. The following weeks will be chipping weeks this fall:

- ◆ September 7th-11th (Place brush out by Monday, September 7th – Crew will not work Labor Day)
- ◆ October 5th – 9th (Place brush out by Sunday, October 4th)
- ◆ November 2nd - 6th (Place brush out by Sunday, November 1st)

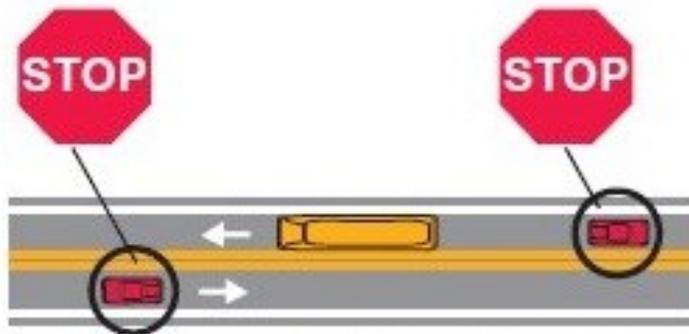
To ensure that your brush is not missed during chipping week, make certain that you have all of your brush out by the Sunday night before chipping is to occur. There is not a specific route or day of the week that the crew conducts chipping in any given area. It is dependent on other work that needs to be done, and weather conditions. It does NOT coincide with your regular garbage pick-up. Please note, there are no December dates, so please have all of your large brush placed out by Sunday, November 1st to dispose of it before winter. At anytime, you may bring your brush to the Town Hall to be chipped.

AUTUMN REMINDERS

Back to School

The kids are back to school, and this means school buses! Please be mindful of children waiting for buses, and remember Wisconsin

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



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

Reminder

Daylight Savings
ends on



November 1st, 2015

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

Snow Guide Sticks

As a reminder before winter preparations start in November, please keep any snow plowing guide sticks on your property 3 feet back from the road's edge. The drivers know that they are placed 3 feet in, and this allows for room for the snow displaced from plowing the roads. If they are too close to the road, we can not adequately clear them for traffic, and could increase the risk of damage to your guide sticks. Thank you for your cooperation.

YARD WASTE DISPOSAL

The leaves will soon be falling, and that means a mess in the yard! Many of us like to cut down perennials before winter to avoid a messy spring clean-up, too. The compost shed behind the Town Hall will be open until **December 1st** for disposal of your leaves, yard waste, and pumpkins, too! If you have any noxious weeds, please remember that these are not to be placed with the compost – this will only perpetuate the presence and 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.

AUTUMN REMINDERS

Mark Your Calendar! Bulk Pick Up September 15, 16, & 17th

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 15-17th. 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:

- ◆ Anything compostable (Plant material)
- ◆ Anything potentially flammable or explosive (gas, tanks, fireworks, etc.)
- ◆ Anything electronic (computers, televisions, monitors, appliances, etc.)
- ◆ Anything hazardous (mercury, acid, antifreeze, fluorescent bulbs, batteries, pesticides, poisons, chemicals of any sort, asbestos, needles, etc.)
- ◆ In addition to the above categories, they also cannot take paint, fire extinguishers, auto parts, tires or hot ashes.

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. They accept most items, or have indications of where you can bring 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.



In the Town of Middleton, we do allow for residents to burn leaves on their property without obtaining a burn permit, but we do have an ordinance that regulates when this is allowed. Burning is allowed during the following conditions/time:

- ◆ Weekdays between the hours of 8:00am – 3:30pm
- ◆ The 1st & 3rd Saturdays in October, November, & December between the hours of 8:00am – 3:30pm
- ◆ Leaf burning is not permitted on any other Saturday or Sunday during the year, and burning is also prohibited on Holidays
- ◆ Leaf burning is prohibited with winds *OVER (15) MPH*

For a full list of requirements and conditions for any permitted burning on your property, please visit the Town of Middleton website at the following link located on the Town website under the "Town Info" tab on left, under the subsection of "Town Burning Ordinance Information":

http://town.middleton.wi.us/index.asp?SEC=31CA5B1E-8AE5-4A12-8E85-41ED564629A1&Type=B_BASIC

Meet the Town Board

The Town Board of Supervisors consists of a Town Chair and four Supervisors who are at-large and represent the entire town's population. Two Supervisors are elected to two-year terms which expire in even years. Two Supervisors are elected to two-year terms expiring in odd years, along with the Town Chair. Board Members are responsible for adopting the annual budget, adopting and amending the town code and the building zone ordinances, adopting all traffic regulations, and hearing applications for changes of zone and special exceptions to zoning codes. Here's a chance to get acquainted with your Town Board:



Chair: Bill Kolar

Bill is the Town Board Chair, and has served as a Board member since 2008. Prior to his position as a Board Member, he served as a member of the Town Plan Commission for ten years, three years of which he sat as Chair. Additionally, he has served on the Comprehensive Plan Committee for the Town.

Bill and his wife Linda have lived in the Town since 1987, where together they raised their two children, Max and Holly. Bill currently works as a Project Manager for a large General Contractor.

Seat #1: Tim Roehl

Tim has served on the Town Board since 2009, and been involved in the community since 2005 when he joined the Town Plan Commission. Tim has also been very active in the Dane County Towns Association, where he currently is the Vice President of the Executive Committee. While serving our community and remaining active in various other civic and philanthropic organizations, Tim currently works as a relator for Coldwell Banker.

Tim and his wife of 24 years, Amy, live in the Town with their children Nicole & Grant. His son Douglas is married and has given Tim two beautiful grandchildren.

Seat #2: Brent Renteria

Brent is our newest Board Member, joining us just this past Spring for his first term. Brent began his public service in the military right after high school, serving in US Navy. After the Navy he proceeded to finish his education, and has worked for Humana, Inc. in Middleton for the past eight years.

Brent and his wife Jennylynde live in the Town with their daughter, Ana. Shortly after moving to the Town, Brent joined the Middleton Fire Department and continues to volunteer there to this day.

Meet The Town Board & News

Seat #3: Paul Connell

Paul was elected in 2012 to the Town Board and has served as Board liaison to the EMS Commission, the Town's Finance Committee, and the Park's Commission.

Paul currently works for the Wisconsin Department of Justice where he serves as Senior Counsel to Attorney General Brad Schimel. Previously, Paul worked as a federal prosecutor in Madison for 12 years.

Paul and his wife Andrea have been proud Town residents for 10 years and live on the north side with their two daughters both of whom attend Middleton public schools. In their spare time, Paul and his family enjoy long walks through the Town's conservancies and volunteering at their church.

Seat #4: Gary Whitney

Gary is semi-retired after a 24 year corporate career in Boston, moving here in 1996. He has been active in our Town since 2000 serving on the Town Trails committee for 3 years, the Plan Commission for 3 years, and is on his 3rd term serving on our Town Board. Gary and his wife Debra enjoy reading, rose gardening, caring for their horses and traveling. Gary supports Friends of Pope Farm Conservancy, Glacial Drumlin Horse Trail Association, Three Gaits Therapeutic Horsemanship Center, and Cherrywood Homeowners Association.

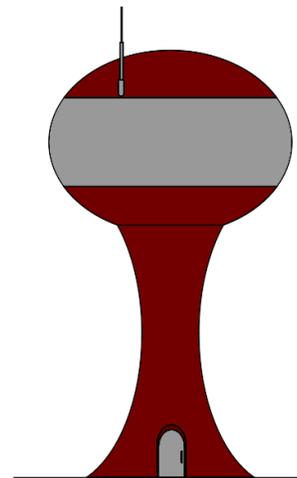


New Town Ice Rink to Open this Winter

Sharpen those ice skate blades and get ready to enjoy some "frozen" time outside at Pioneer Park later this year. This winter we have a new activity to get you out of the house and moving in the cold weather! The ice rink will be available this winter once the weather permits. Stay tuned to the website as the temperature drops for an update! Please note, this rink is meant for recreational skating, and it not large enough for a hockey game. Pack some cocoa and your skates and enjoy some time with neighbors!

Blackhawk Water Tower

Many residents have noticed the city of Madison's project notification signs that are posted on the corner of Pioneer and Old Sauk Road. Madison Water Utility has begun the planning stages of a one million-gallon elevated reservoir to better serve the water demands of its growing communities on the far west side. The water tower will be located adjacent to the town on the City of Madison's property at the corner of Old Sauk and Pioneer Roads. The city's current projection for a construction start date for this project is the Spring of 2017, with an estimated completion date in the Spring of 2018. Please visit the City of Madison Website if you would like to sign up with them for project email updates at <http://www.cityofmadison.com/water/projects/blackhawk-water-tower>.



Elections Just Around the Corner

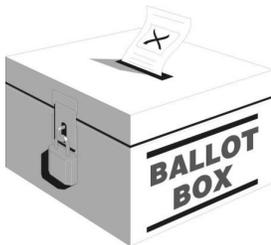
Election Inspectors Needed

With a big election year ahead of us, the Town is seeking more Election Inspectors (poll workers). Election Inspectors may volunteer or are compensated \$10/hour for their time and are an imperative part of exercising our constitutional right to vote. Citizen involvement is essential to conduct

open, accurate and fair elections in Wisconsin.

Interested in learning more or volunteering? Please email us at:

info@town.middleton.wi.us.



Voter Registration Information

2016 is right around the corner, and it's a big year for elections! If you're new to the Town or have a new voter in the household (how do they reach the age of 18 so quickly?) – visit the following URL: <https://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 absentee ballot. Your polling place is right here at the Town Hall, located at 7555 W. Old Sauk Road, Verona, WI 53593.



Wisconsin's Voter Photo ID Law

Earlier this year, the U.S. Supreme Court issued an order declining to hear an appeal of Wisconsin's voter photo ID law. Next year's elections will require a valid state issued photo-ID or driver's license. The Government Accountability Board advises anyone who does not have a valid state ID or driver's license to take advantage of the opportunity to get one for free. The Wisconsin Division of Motor Vehicles has a process to allow people to obtain a free State ID card for voting purposes, even if the person does not have a birth certificate. We're including this information in the Fall newsletter, as the process can take quite a bit of time, especially if you were originally born outside of Wisconsin. For more information, please visit the Wisconsin DMV website at the following URL:

<http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/drivers/apply/petition-process.htm>.

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Sheriff's Corner

We live in a computer age.

While we all love the information age it brings about a number of personal security issues we all need to be aware of. Our phones and tablets are packed with our personal information. Every time we upgrade these devices they become more tied into every facet of our lives. Most of us are tied into email (both work and personal), mapping or GPS systems, social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc), banking, and a host of other items we check everyday. We love the convenience of this access but it is a dangerous thing to be carrying that much information with you at all times. What can we do to protect ourselves?

Here are some ideas to protect yourself with your devices and the digital network.

1. Have a password on your phone- this limits access when or if it is out of your control
2. Do not leave important websites logged in. This includes your bank websites and any other website that may include personal information (especially social media websites).
3. Turn off your GPS auto location tools. – this makes it a little harder to use your GPS as you have to enter in a start point but it makes it more difficult for people to track your phone or locate you through pictures posted on social media
4. Do not store Credit Card info on your phone - even if you use your phone for a lot of online purchasing storing your info on your phone gives people another place to access the CC information.
5. Be careful with information shared on social media when out of town. Criminals watch social media to pick out homes to burglarize.

As parents some other things to be aware of is safety for your children with cell phones

1. Tell them not to answer calls or texts from numbers they don't know
2. Tell them not to share personal information via text messages
3. Talk to them about texting and what is appropriate and what is not appropriate (sexting).
4. Monitor what Apps are on your children's phones. Be aware of GPS tracking software as it is often installed by boyfriends and girlfriends (as a means to track each other), even starting at a young age.
5. Be aware of programs like SnapChat and other programs that immediately delete and or hide images and messages that are sent.
6. Discuss cyber bullying
7. Set phone limits. Nothing is so important for a teenager that they need their phone at night.

Electronics are one of the leading reasons of sleep interference. Everyone needs to be cognizant of how much personal information they are making easily accessible. The explosion of smart phones and easy access to sharing your information is making it easy for criminals to get your information.

Teaching your children responsibility with their phones is important to help protect them as well. Be careful and pay attention and you can help protect your identity. Have a safe rest of your summer.

Michael Mohr
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Office Hours & Information

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8 am to noon on Friday
Town Phone: (608) 833-5887
Town Email: info@town.middleton.wi.us

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 1-800-255-4268

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