



Town of Middleton

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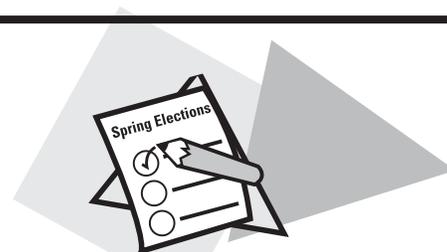
CIVIC HAPPENINGS

Spring Elections

The Spring Primary (if necessary) will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2014.

The Spring Election will be held on Tuesday, April 1, 2014. The positions to be filled by this election are:

The first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2013. Nomination papers are due by 5:00 p.m. on January 7, 2014. Call or come to the Town Office for a Candidate Registration Packet if you are interested in running for the Town Board.



Town Office	Seat #	Incumbent
Town Board Supervisor	Seat #3	Paul Connell
Town Board Supervisor	Seat #4	Richard Oberle

Property Tax Payments

Whether bringing in your check or mailing it to the Town, you are asked to provide the entire tax bill when making payment.

- The top tear off portion for the resident will be stamped with the payment date and will represent your receipt.
- For mailed in payments, the full bill along with a stamped self addressed envelope needs to accompany the payment to receive a receipt. Envelopes received on or before December 31 will be receipted for 2013 taxes.
- Overpayments, less a \$5.00 processing fee, will be refunded in March.
- More informatin is avaiable on the Town Website.

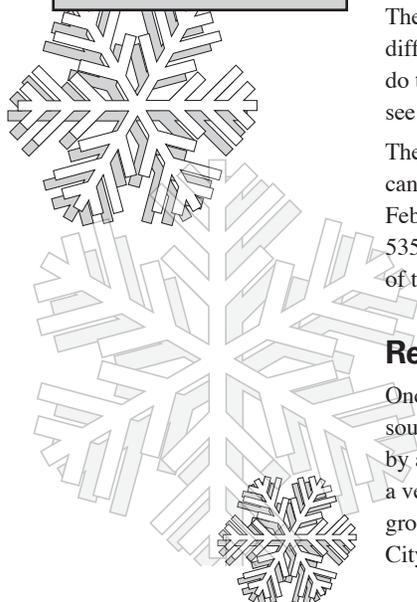
Friend of the Town Award!

The Town of Middleton is establishing a "Friend of the Town Award" to recognize individuals who have made a difference in the Town. The Town's hope in establishing this award is to both recognize the actions that residents do to enhance our community and to commend those things that are founded on a humanitarian basis. When you see a neighbor doing something outstanding, let the Town know by sending in the what, where, and when!

The Town is soliciting nominations through February of 2014. After that, the Town Board will review the candidates and select a recipient. All nominations can be sent to David Shaw, Town Administrator, no later than February 28, 2014. 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. If approved, the person you identified could be the next Friend of the Town Award recipient!

Recreation Opportunity

Once winter hits, the Town's groomed Cross-County Ski Trails will be ready! According to the Farmer's Almanac, southern Wisconsin is in for a winter with above-normal amounts of snow. If you are someone who is delighted by all that white stuff and you are a cross-country skier, consider trying out the Town's groomed trails. If you are a veteran of the Town's trails, you know they can be found at Pope Farm Conservancy (approximately 2 miles of groomed trails) on Old Sauk Road and at Tallard Park (approximately 1 mile of groomed trails that connect to the City of Middleton's trails) on Airport Road.



Plowing Request from the Town Crew

Please assist the crew during snow removal by keeping the town right-of-ways cleared of obstructions. Plow wings often extend past the pavement to sufficiently clear accumulated snow. Objects located in right-of-ways create temporary hazards for the crew and result in undesirable road drifts. Please remember:



- All parking is off road (**all four wheels**) and for a maximum of 48 hours in any one location. Vehicles parked across the road from each other create width barriers for plowing. Please park on the same side of the road if multiple cars are on the street.
- It is a violation of Town Ordinance (Section 4-3-5) to blow, plow, or deposit snow in the road **before OR after** the plow has passed through your driveway.

Mailbox Damage

The Town Crew clears town roads of snow as promptly as possible after each snow fall. Each year, a few mailboxes are impacted during the snow removal process. In the event this happens to a Town resident, the criteria used to determine responsibility for the event will be whether the mail box was actually in contact with the Town plow or was impacted by only the force of the snow removed.



- ✓ If the force of the snow being removed from the roadway causes the damage, the resident is responsible for all costs associated with the repair/replacement of the mailbox and post. As a precaution, the Town recommends that you check your mailbox before the first snowfall to be sure it is securely attached to its post and the post is secure in the ground.
- ✓ If the Town plow came into contact with the mailbox resulting in damage, the resident is asked to contact Town offices at (608) 833-5887 the next business day during normal office hours. Town personnel will inspect to confirm that the plow did the damage. If confirmed, Town reimbursement is limited to \$50 per occurrence.
- ✓ To the extent possible, on days when snow is being removed from roadways keep recycle and trash containers off the pavement (including pavement edges).

Further information on Town Ordinances covering mailboxes is available at the Town Hall.

Deputy's Notebook

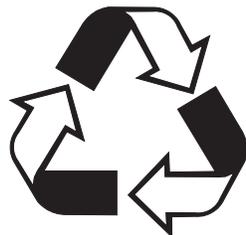


Fall is quickly winding down. Garrett and I would like to remind everyone of some safe winter driving information. Please remember that as temperatures drop, driving habits must change as well. Here are some tips to help everyone make it through the winter driving season safely:

- **Slow down.** Obviously when it is snowy it is necessary to slow down to help maintain control of your vehicle. It is also a good idea on dry roads as well. In the cold weather even on dry pavement your tires will not grip as well as they do in the summer.
- **Gradual inputs on vehicle.** This applies to acceleration, braking and turning. On slippery surfaces of ice and snow, accelerate less aggressively to help maintain traction. Brake more gradually to help keep control of your vehicle. This also applies to changing lanes and making turns.
- **Understand the limitations of 4 wheel drive.** Vehicles with 4 wheel drive help maintain traction by spreading the power out to the 4 wheels. On icy surfaces, however, 4 wheel drive does very little to help control your vehicle. It usually gives the biggest benefit in snow but is of very little help on ice.
- **Clear your windows before driving.** It is easy to only clear the spot right in front of the driver but it severely decreases your ability to see the roadway and vehicles around you.
- **Don't pass plows or sanding trucks.** They have limited visibility and the roads will be worse in front of them.
- **Know your vehicle.** If you have ABS brakes do not pump the brakes. You will usually feel the pedal pulsate under your foot, this is normal. Without ABS brakes, pump the pedal in a skid.
- **If you start to slide do not immediately press the gas pedal** (putting on the brakes will make you slide more). Gently ease up on the gas and then slowly apply the brakes. If you can put the car into neutral until you regain your traction, then put it back in gear, or release the clutch and gently drive in the desired direction.
- **In big storms only go out if it is necessary.** We obviously can't keep you at home but when the roads are treacherous we are not able to always get to stuck vehicles and stranded drivers in a timely manner.
- **Try to keep your gas tank more than half full.** It helps keep your fuel from freezing in the extreme cold weather.

These are just some tips to help you as the weather turns wintery. There are several websites that can give tips as well. If you are looking for more information about driving tips in the winter, both AAA and the Wisconsin DOT have tips on line as well.

As always drive safe and if you have questions feel free to contact Deputy Page or me at mohr.michael@danesherriff.com or page@danesherriff.com



Recycle electronics instead of trashing them this holiday season

By Bridgette Valdez-Kogle, DNR

The holidays often bring new electronic toys—big-screen TVs, smartphones, laptops and more. When you find that shiny new gadget under the tree, you may want to get rid of some of the old electronics gathering dust.

Under Wisconsin’s electronics recycling law, many electronics cannot be put in the trash. The E-Cycle Wisconsin program, funded by electronics manufacturers, offers electronics recycling options in many parts of the state.

Electronics contain harmful materials like mercury, lead, cadmium and other heavy metals, as well as chemical flame retardants. When disposed of improperly, these pollutants can pose a risk to human and environmental health. Electronics also contain valuable, reusable materials, including steel, plastic, gold, silver, copper and glass. Properly recycling these materials reduces the need for new raw materials.

“Electronics are resources that are too valuable to waste, and we can help both our economy and the environment by recycling them,” said Ann Coakley, director of DNR’s Waste and Materials Management Program. “This is an exciting opportunity for many of us in Wisconsin to recycle our electronics more easily and at a lower cost.”

The following electronics are banned from landfills and incinerators:

Computers, desktop printers, computer monitors, televisions, DVD players, VCRs, DVRs, fax machines, computer mice and keyboards, other computer accessories (such as hard drives, speakers, flash drives and modems) and cell phones.

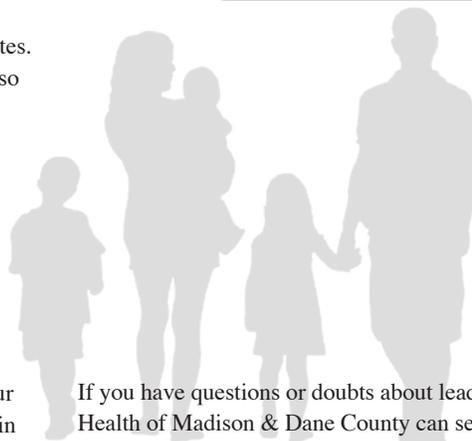
Electronic waste is the fastest growing part of waste in the United States. There are millions of pounds of electronic waste in Wisconsin alone, so make sure you recycle yours.

For more information about E-Cycle Wisconsin, including a full list of collection sites, see <http://dnr.wi.gov/ecyclewisconsin>. For questions, contact the E-Cycle Wisconsin program at (608) 266-2111 or DNRWae-cycling@wisconsin.gov.

Reducing your Family’s Exposure to Lead

If you live in a house built before 1978, chances are that you and your family are at increased risk of lead exposure. Any families who live in older housing and have young kids should consider getting an assessment for lead.

The importance of such efforts is underscored by the significant consequences of lead poisoning to children. This involves an increased risk of learning disabilities, attention deficit-hyperactivity disorder, and behavioral problems. In most cases, these problems show up years after the exposure has occurred.



If you have questions or doubts about lead risks in your home, Public Health of Madison & Dane County can send a specialist to your home. These visits can involve an inspection, collection of samples for analysis, as well as providing information about lead risks in the home. If there is a confirmed case of lead poisoning, the specialist will do more extensive testing and work with the family to help make sure that the hazards are properly addressed. If you wish to have a sample of peeling paint tested for lead, PHMDC’s laboratory can perform these tests. Call (608) 266-4821 for more information.



West Middleton Youth Baseball and Softball

The players and families participating in the West Middleton Youth Baseball and Softball League had a great year playing at Pioneer Park and around the area. This year we had over 425 players in grades Pre-K through High School. In addition, the Sandlot program grew to record numbers with 20 plus players participating most days. We also hosted a 12 year old competitive tournament this year and got great reviews on our facilities and hospitality. Finally, we are very proud of our 12U team that finished strong in the Cal Ripken state tournament and competed in the Regional Tournament in Mattoon IL. For more information see the club website at

www.westmiddletonbaseball.com.

Registration for 2014 will begin in February.

License Plate Renewals

When applying for a license plate renewal, be sure the jurisdiction is listed as the Town of Middleton. It will help ensure that state revenues flow back to the community where the resident lives.

Holiday Light Strings Not Working?

The City of Middleton is sponsoring a String Light recycling program. Drop off burned out, problem and old holiday lights at either Wolff-Kubly Ace Hardware (2540 Allen Boulevard or 6305 University Avenue) for safe and proper recycling free of charge. Look for the gray container with the wreath poster on the front. The recycling containers will be available through the end of January 2014.

Plowing Safety Issue – Children Building Snow Forts at Road Edge

The Town Crew wants parents to have children who make snow forts to **create them AWAY from the road edge**. Snow forts have inherent dangers due to structural instabilities and the risk of collapsing snow fort roofs are always a danger – so the Town is **NOT endorsing the building of snow forts under any condition**. ~~It would be sad if something bad happened to any child for any reason, but it would be particularly tragic if it were a result of~~ The Town doing what is required to keep roads passable and prepared for future snow events.

Neighborhood streetlight burned out or flickering?

Street lights are not maintained by the Town of Middleton. Make a call directly to Alliant Energy (1-(800) Alliant) south of Highway 14 or MG&E (608) 252-7333 north of Highway 14 for prompt service. Both Alliant Energy and MG&E have websites for reporting problem street lights.

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7555 W. Old Sauk Road Phone: 608-833-5887 E-mail: info@town.middleton.wi.us
 Verona, WI 53593 Fax: 608-833-8996 www.town.middleton.wi.us

How, When and Where to Contact Town Personnel

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

USEFUL CONTACT INFORMATION

Advanced Disposal (608) 251-7878
Animal Control (608) 838-0413
Dane County Sheriff Department
 (Non-emergency) (608) 255-2345
Middleton Fire Department
 (Non-emergency) (608) 827-1090
Middleton EMS Department
 (Non-emergency) (608) 827-1040
Town Assessor
 (Paul Musser) (608) 712-0236
Town Inspector
 (Fred Hankel) (608) 833-4346
aStreet Light Outages
Alliant 1-(800)-Alliant
MG&E (608) 252-7333
Or report outages via web
Well Water Testing
 DHMDC (608) 266-4821

Calendar of Events

DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME	LOCATION
Dec 24-25	Town Offices Closed		
Jan 1	Town Offices Closed		
Jan 7-9	1 st Holiday Tree Pick Up	On normal trash date	
Jan 21 - 23	2 nd Holiday Tree Pick Up	On normal trash date	
Jan 31	Final Date for 2013 Tax Payment at Town	8 am to noon	Town Hall
Feb 18	Spring Primary Election	7 am to 8 pm	Town Hall
April 1	Spring Election	7 am to 8 pm	Town Hall
May 13 - 15	Spring Bulk Pickup	On normal trash date	