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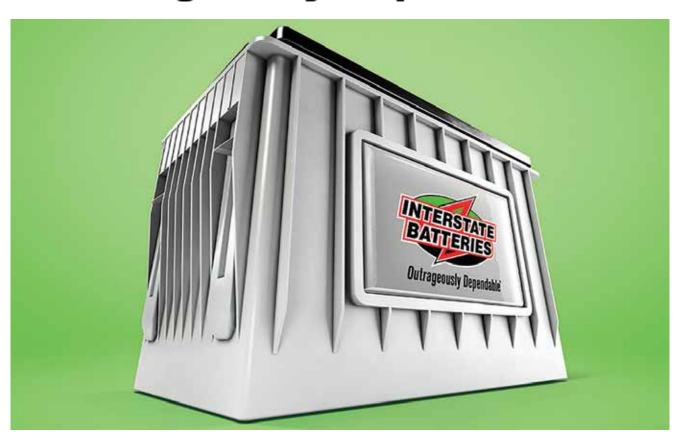
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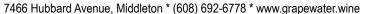
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DOWNTOWN

Middleton Art Walk will take place on May 20

he Middleton Arts Committee will again host Art Walk Middleton on Terrace Avenue in the city's downtown district on Saturday, May 20, from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm.

Dozens of artists will exhibit and sell their work throughout the day. Media include paint, photography, ceramics, fiber, jewelry and much more. Several of the participants will be creating art onsite during the event. Art created by Middleton High School students will also be featured in this year's art booths.

Artist demonstrations will also take place throughout the day, including a printing project for all ages by ArtWorking, caricatures for visitors by Lindsey Salzwedal of Expressively You, glass blowing by Terry King from Fat Pinky Glass, resin pouring and woodworking by Jeremiah Logeman, and chalk art by Melanie Satori Schmidt Art.

Artwork donated by participating artists will be sold off during a silent auction, with proceeds benefiting the Middleton Arts Committee's art projects at the Middleton Youth Center next year.

In addition to visual art, there will be live music in the Capital Brewery beer garden throughout the day. The Thea Ennen and Dave Ja Vue will play from 10:00 am until noon, Blue Spruce will take the stage from 12:30 pm until 2:30 pm and Durango's Old Timey Rascals will round out the music from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

At 11:00 am and 3:00 pm mini Stroll 'n Tells, sponsored by the Middleton Area Historical Society, will take place for people who are interested in learning about the history of downtown Middleton.

Visit Middleton will help provide information, and guests can sign up to win a Middleton-related prize package.

Food carts will also be on hand, providing both sweet and savory offerings; they include Lily's Magic Treat, Costa Rica Cafe, Jakarta and Sabor Regio.

Downtown shops and restaurants will be open during the event and guests are encouraged to visit and support them while in town.

Art Walk Middleton is free and open to the public, and plentiful parking is available at 8001 Terrace Avenue just west of the Beltline (access Terrace Avenue from either Deming Way or High Point Road).







Some participating artists Clockwise from above: Susan Mendenhall, Kameelah Harris and Meryl Mixtacki.

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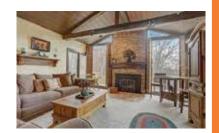
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Middleton Optimist Club Clark Street Community School Student of the Month: Jordan Brown



The Middleton Optimist Club recently recognized Jordan Brown as Clark Street Student of the Month.

Jordan, a high-achieving senior at CSCS, was introduced by teacher Beth Ott. She noted that Jordan has a full load of classes and also takes an online nursing class at St. Olaf College. In addition, she is enrolled in a Certified Nursing Assistant course at Madison College. Jordan also participates in clinical studies at the Oakwood East senior living facility. On May 5, Jordan competed as one of 13 finalists (five of which are from CSCS) in the Madison College 'Pitch' contest. She has developed an app which helps parents access resources related to mental health challenges experienced by their children.

Jordan was a 'direct admit' to the St. Olaf College Nursing program beginning this fall. She aspires to be a certified registered nurse anesthetist. Her mother, Nancy Wettersten, noted that Jordan has been focused on a medical career since age four.

Pictured (left to right) are Middleton Optimist Club members Jeremy Geiszler, Jesse Stertz and Steve Britt, Nancy Wettersten, Jordan Brown, Kristi Warriner (Optimists), Beth Ott and Aaron Bock (Optimists).

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Middleton Optimist Club High School Student of the Month: Shradha Godishala



The Middleton Optimist Club recently recognized Shradha Godishala as the March MHS Student of the Month. Shradha is completing her senior year at Middleton High School, after which she will enter UW-Madison and study computer science. She has accomplished much during the past four years, including participation each year in the Model UN program.

Shradha's time with the Youth Apprenticeship Program led to an internship with Incredible Bank in Middleton. She is part of the 'Future Problem Solvers' organization and has been assisting middle school students learn to program computer languages.

Shradha and others are developing an artificial-intelligence-based social media platform designed to help nonprofits connect with potential donors. When asked about what she will miss about the high school, Shradha responded, "All my teachers are inspirational".

Pictured from let to right are Brad Keil (Middleton Optimists), Shradha Godishala, and Kristi Warriner, Jesse Stertz and Carol Maki (Middleton Optimists).

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HOMECOMING

William 'Sonny' Simon returns to Middleton

n Tuesday, March 28, Pfc William LaVerne 'Sonny' Simon was laid to rest at St. Bernard's cemetery in Middleton, almost eighty years after being killed in World War II.

Born and raised in Middleton, he graduated from Middleton High School before enlisting in the U.S. Army.

In November 1944, he was assigned to Company G, 2nd Battalion, 109th Infantry Regiment, 28th Infantry 'Keystone' Division. His unit was engaged in fierce fighting with German forces in the Hürtgen Forest, where he was reported killed in action on November 5, but because this area was still under heavy siege his body could not be recovered. His remains were declared 'unrecoverable' on December 10, 1950, and his name was later added to the Walls of the Missing at Netherlands American Cemetery and Memorial in Margarten, Netherlands. Middleton's VFW Post 8216 is named in his honor.

Through the efforts of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency Sonny's remains were found and brought to a lab in Nebraska. Here scientists examined teeth and bones and combined DNA analysis using samples from Sonny's brother, James Simon and sister, Eileen Tesch to make a positive identification in November of last year.

Altogether, the 28th Infantry Division lost more than 6,100 men in that battle in November. According to some military historians, almost every front-line soldier ended up being a casualty through death, injury, physical illness or battle fatigue. The battle of the Hürtgen Forest lasted for almost three months, from mid-September to mid-December 1944, and was the longest single battle ever fought

by the U.S. Army. More than a dozen U.S. infantry, airborne and armored divisions and ranger battalions fought as many German divisions, resulting in more than 30,000 casualties on each side.

On Friday, March 24, Pfc William 'Sonny' Simon came home to Middleton, almost eighty years after being killed in World War II.

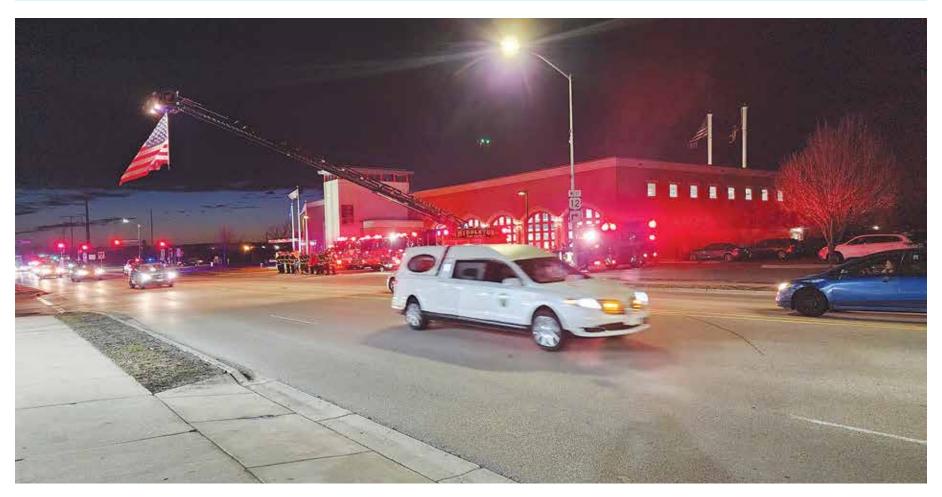
He was flown from Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska, to Mitchell International Airport in Milwaukee on March 24, from where it was driven to Middleton under police and military escort. When it arrived in Middleton at about 8:00 pm, the convoy was greeted by vehicles from the Middleton Fire District flying the American flag. It then drove east on University Avenue, turned right heading onto Park Street, then right heading back west on Hubbard Avenue, passing in front of his childhood home at 7119 Hubbard Avenue (pictured below), before arriving at Gunderson funeral home (pictured facing page).

His funeral service was at 11:00 am at St. Bernard's Church, and included a military honor guard. After the funeral service, a procession led from the church past his childhood home and then to St. Bernard Cemetery on Branch Street. A plaque in memory of Sonny was added to the Simon monument at St. Bernard cemetery after his death, where he was buried next to his parents. (See pages 16-19)

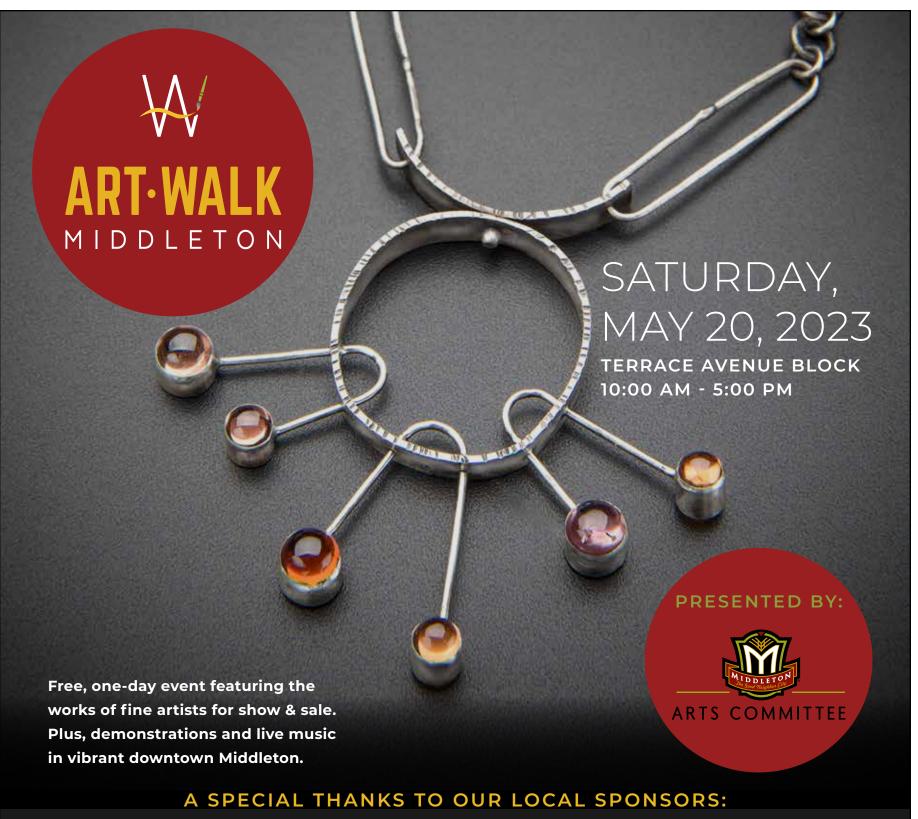
The burial with full military honors included playing of 'Taps' by an Army bugler, a three-volley salute, a flag display by Badger Honor Flight, a flyover by two Blackhawk helicopters, and handing over the flags from the casket to Eileen Tesch and Jim 'Jumbo' Simon, William 'Sonny' Simon's then-surviving siblings ('Jumbo' Simon passed away a week later, on April 4; he was 94).





















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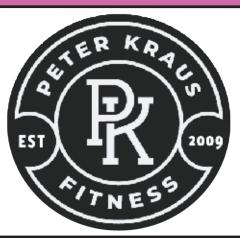
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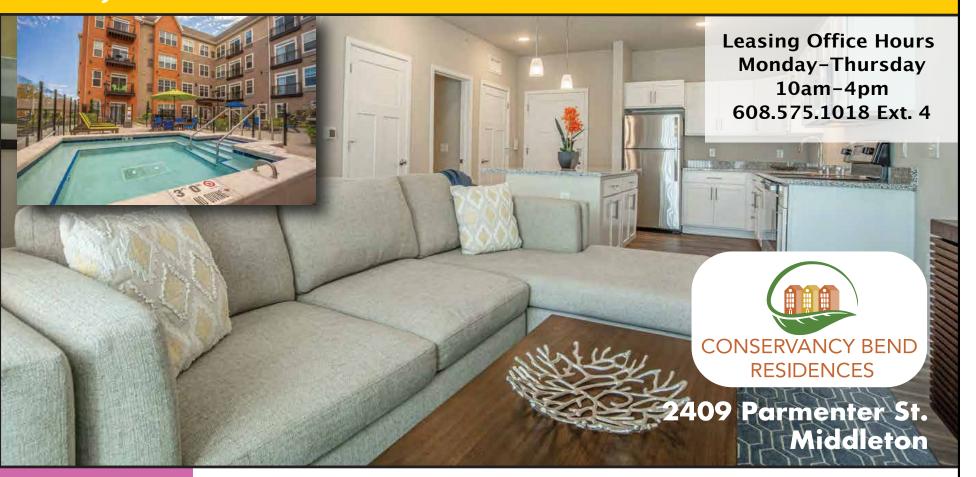
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An overview of all Middleton common councils from 1963 to 2023

April to April	Mayors	1	2	3	4	5
1963/1964	Arlye McDermid	Victor Adler	Walter Bauman	Henry Busch	George Davis	Robert Jolin
1964/1965	Arlye McDermid	Victor Adler	Walter Bauman	Henry Busch	George Davis	Robert Jolin
1965/1966	Walter Bauman	Kenneth Baitinger	Henry Busch	Larry Hanson	Robert Jolin	George Kuepper
1966/1967	Walter Bauman	Kenneth Baitinger	Henry Busch	Larry Hanson	Robert Jolin	George Kuepper
1967/1968	Walter Bauman	Kenneth Baitinger	Henry Busch	Larry Hanson	Robert Jolin	George Kuepper
1968/1969	Walter Bauman	Kenneth Baitinger	Jay Gile	Wilson Groth	Larry Hanson	Thomas Henning
1969/1970	Walter Bauman	Kenneth Baitinger	Michael DesParte	Wilson Groth	Thomas Henning	Jean Jolin
1970/1971	Walter Bauman	Kenneth Baitinger	Michael DesParte	Thomas Henning	Jean Jolin	George Kuepper
1971/1972	Walter Bauman	A.L. Arntsen	Kenneth Baitinger	Thomas Cantwell	Thomas Henning	Jean Jolin
1972/1973	Walter Bauman	A.L. Arntsen	Kenneth Baitinger	Thomas Cantwell	Gregory Foss	Thomas Henning
1973/1974	Walter Bauman	Thomas Cantwell	Gregory Foss	Jonathan Friedberg	Judy Karofsky	George Kuepper
1974/1975	Walter Bauman	Thomas Cantwell	Gregory Foss	Jonathan Friedberg	Judy Karofsky	George Kuepper
1975/1976	Judy Karofsky	Gordon Ellis	Gregory Foss	Jonathan Friedberg	Patricia Ann Levin	Dan Ramsey
1976/1977	Judy Karofsky	Dorothy Collins	Gordon Ellis	Jonathan Friedberg	Robert Paul	Dan Ramsey
1977/1978	Dan Ramsey	Bradley Bjork	Dorothy Collins	Gordon Ellis	Michael Guess	Robert Paul
1978/1979	Dan Ramsey	Mary Baldwin	Bradley Bjork	Gordon Ellis	William Erpenbach	William Feist
1979/1980	Dan Ramsey	Mary Baldwin	Bradley Bjork	William Erpenbach	William Feist	Michael Finley
1980/1981	Dan Ramsey	Maggie Dohm	Dennis Dorn	Rene Dupuis	William Erpenbach	William Feist
1981/1982	Dan Ramsey	Tom Alt	Maggie Dohm	Dennis Dorn	Rene Dupuis	William Erpenbach
1982/1983	Dan Ramsey	Tom Alt	Dennis Dorn	Dennis Dupuis	William Erpenbach	Gordon Niesen
1983/1984	Dan Ramsey	Dennis Dorn	Rene Dupuis	William Erpenbach	Donald Goodrich	Gordon Niesen
1984/1985	Dan Ramsey	Dennis Dorn	Rene Dupuis	Liz Erpenbach	William Erpenbach	Donald Goodrich
1985/1986	Dan Ramsey	Dennis Dorn	Rene Dupuis	Liz Erpenbach	Donald Goodrich	Gordon Niesen
1986/1987	Dan Ramsey	Dennis Dorn	Rene Dupuis	Liz Erpenbach	Donald Goodrich	Gordon Niesen
1987/1988	Dan Ramsey	Don Damon	Rene Dupuis	Liz Erpenbach	Donald Goodrich	William Peterson
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1993/1994	Dan Ramsey	Sandy Allen	Jim Anderson	Julie Brunette	Don Damon	Mike Duren
1994/1995	Dan Ramsey	Mike Adler	Jim Anderson	Julie Brunette	Don Damon	Mike Duren
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2001/2002	Dan Ramsey	Paul Helgeson	Jim O'Brien	Steve Olson	Faye Schwager	Howard Teal
2002/2003	Dan Ramsey	David Gibbon	Paul Helgeson	Jim O'Brien	Steve Olson	Faye Schwager

Council members are listed in alphabetical order, except for the mayors who are listed in the colored first column. The Middleton common (or city) council has nine members: eight councillors (alderpersons) and the mayor, who chairs the meetings. If more than nine members are listed for a given council year (April to April), it is due to council members leaving and being replaced mid-year. Middleton became a city sixty years ago, in 1963.

6	7	8	9	10	11	April to April
George Kuepper	Paul Lamm	Jack Meehan	Hans Sorenson			1963/1964
George Kuepper	Paul Lamm	Bill Sawyer	Hans Sorenson			1964/1965
Paul Lamm	Thorwald Solverson	Hans Sorenson				1965/1966
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Jean Jolin	George Kuepper	Paul Lamm	Hans Sorenson			1968/1969
George Kuepper	Gerald Lindas	Hans Sorenson				1969/1970
Gerald Lindas	Arthur Schneider	Hans Sorenson				1970/1971
George Kuepper	Arthur Schneider	Hans Sorenson				1971/1972
Judy Karofsky	George Kuepper	Hans Sorenson	Keith Stewart			1972/1973
Dan Ramsey	Roger Rowin	Keith Stewart				1973/1974
Dan Ramsey	Roger Rowin	Keith Stewart				1974/1975
Roger Rowin	Mary Schlimgen	Keith Stewart				1975/1976
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Michael Finley	Michael Guess	Gary Hagar	Dennis Olson	Robert Paul	Dorothy Schmitz	1978/1979
Chester Howard	Dennis Olson	Bradley Riesch	Dorothy Schmitz			1979/1980
Chester Howard	Dennis Olson	Bradley Riesch	C. William Threinen			1980/1981
Gordon Niesen	Richard Schwenn	C. William Threinen				1981/1982
Richard Schwenn	C. William Threinen	Thomas Ullsvik				1982/1983
Richard Schwenn	C. William Threinen	Thomas Ullsvik				1983/1984
Gordon Niesen	Richard Schwenn	Julia Sherman	C. William Threinen	Thomas Ullsvik		1984/1985
Julia Sherman	C. William Threinen	Thomas Ullsvik				1985/1986
William Peterson	Julia Sherman	C. William Threinen	Thomas Ullsvik			1986/1987
Julia Sherman	C. William Threinen	Thomas Ullsvik				1987/1988
Julia Sherman	Thomas Ullsvik	Jim Wexler				1988/1989
Julia Sherman	Thomas Ullsvik	Jim Wexler				1989/1990
Donald Goodrich	Julia Sherman	Thomas Ullsvik	Jim Wexler			1990/1991
Sam Greco	Julia Sherman	Thomas Ullsvik	Jim Wexler			1991/1992
Sam Greco	Richard Roberts	Jim Wexler				1992/1993
Dave Egan	Liz Erpenbach	Richard Roberts	Jim Wexler			1993/1994
Dave Egan	Liz Erpenbach	Jim Wexler				1994/1995
Liz Erpenbach	Mark Opitz	Jim Wexler				1995/1996
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Name in bold: A member's first year as councillor. *Name in italics:* A member's last year as councillor.

Name in bold italics: A member's first and last year as councillor.

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2005/2006	Doug Zwank	Rob Conhaim	Bill Hoeksema	Mark Horn	Steve Leo	Andy Lewis
2006/2007	Doug Zwank	Rob Conhaim	Bill Hoeksema	Mark Horn	Steve Leo	Andy Lewis
2007/2008	Kurt Sonnentag	Rob Conhaim	Jon DiPiazza	Hans Hilbert	Bill Hoeksema	Steve Leo
2008/2009	Kurt Sonnentag	Gurdip Brar	Jon DiPiazza	Hans Hilbert	Bill Hoeksema	Steve Leo
2009/2010	Kurt Sonnentag	Gurdip Brar	Jon DiPiazza	Hans Hilbert	Paul Kinne	Steve Leo
2010/2011	Kurt Sonnentag	Gurdip Brar	Jon DiPiazza	Hans Hilbert	Paul Kinne	Mark Sullivan
2011/2012	Kurt Sonnentag	Gurdip Brar	Hans Hilbert	Paul Kinne	JoAnna Richard	Mark Sullivan
2012/2013	Kurt Sonnentag	Gurdip Brar	Hans Hilbert	Paul Kinne	JoAnna Richard	Mark Sullivan
2013/2014	Kurt Sonnentag	Gurdip Brar	Hans Hilbert	JoAnna Richard	Miriam Share	Mark Sullivan
2014/2015	Kurt Sonnentag	Gurdip Brar	Hans Hilbert	JoAnna Richard	Miriam Share	Mark Sullivan
2015/2016	Kurt Sonnentag	Gurdip Brar	Briana Giosta/Porter	Hans Hilbert	Kathy Olson	JoAnna Richard
2016/2017	Kurt Sonnentag	Gurdip Brar	Briana Giosta/Porter	Hans Hilbert	Kathy Olson	JoAnna Richard
2017/2018	Gurdip Brar	Robert Burck	Elizabeth Hetrick	Kathy Olson	Dan Ramsey II	JoAnna Richard
2018/2019	Gurdip Brar	Robert Burck	Emily Kuhn	Kathy Olson	Dan Ramsey II	JoAnna Richard
2019/2020	Gurdip Brar	Robert Burck	Luke Fuszard	Emily Kuhn	Katy Nelson	Kathy Olson
2020/2021	Gurdip Brar	Robert Burck	Luke Fuszard	Emily Kuhn	Katy Nelson	Kathy Olson
2021/2022	Gurdip Brar	Robert Burck	Luke Fuszard	Emily Kuhn	Katy Nelson	Kathy Olson
2022/2023	Gurdip Brar	Randall Crow	Luke Fuszard	Lisa Janairo	Emily Kuhn	Katy Nelson
2023/2024	Emily Kuhn	Randall Crow	Jeffrey Jackson	Lisa Janairo	To be appointed	David Lorman

Council members are listed in alphabetical order, except for the mayors who are listed in the colored first column. The Middleton common (or city) council has nine members: eight councillors (alderpersons) and the mayor, who chairs the meetings. If more than nine members are listed for a given council year (April to April), it is due to council members leaving and being replaced mid-year. Middleton became a city sixty years ago, in 1963.

The newly (re)elected Council members and the new mayor as they are about to take office on April 18, 2023 (from left to right): David Lorman (District 7), Katy Nelson (District 3), Emily Kuhn (mayor), John Schaffer (District 1) and Jeffrey

Jackson (District 5).



Photos by George Zens

Kurt Sonnentag	Howard Teal	Jim Wexler		2003/2004
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Kurt Sonnentag	Howard Teal	Jim Wexler		2006/2007
Andy Lewis	Howard Teal	Jim Wexler		2007/2008
Howard Teal	Susan West	Jim Wexler		2008/2009
Howard Teal	Susan West	Jim Wexler		2009/2010
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Howard Teal	Susan West	Jim Wexler		2013/2014
Howard Teal	Susan West	Jim Wexler		2014/2015
Mark Sullivan	Howard Teal	Susan West		2015/2016
Mark Sullivan	Howard Teal	Susan West		2016/2017
Mark Sullivan	Howard Teal	Susan West		2017/2018
Mark Sullivan	Howard Teal	Susan West		2018/2019
Dan Ramsey II	Mark Sullivan	Susan West		2019/2020
Dan Ramsey II	Mark Sullivan	Susan West		2020/2021
Dan Ramsey II	Mark Sullivan	Susan West		2021/2022
Kathy Olson	Dan Ramsey II	Kendra Wochos		2022/2023
Katy Nelson	John Schaffer	Kendra Wochos		2023/2024

Name in bold: A member's first year as councillor. *Name in italics:* A member's last year as councillor.

Name in bold italics: A member's first and last year as councillor.



The outgoing Middleton Common Council during its last meeting on April 18, 2023, as seen on a screen in the Council Chamber (seated from left to right):

Lisa Janairo (District 6), Kendra Wochos (District 2), Dan Ramsey II (District 7), Katy Nelson (District 3), Gurdip Brar (mayor), Matt Fleming (City attorney), Emily Kuhn (District 4), Luke Fuszard (District 5), Kathy Olson (District 1) and Randall Crow (District 8). The portraits of the former mayors are hanging on the right wall (from left to right): Arlye McDermid, Walter Bauman, Judy Karofsky, Dan Ramsey, Doug Zwank and Kurt Sonnentag.



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COMMON COUNCIL

A brief history of Middleton common council memberships

iddleton became a city 1963 (before then it had been a village). Its last village president was also its first mayor: **Arlye 'Mac' McDermid**, who was mayor from 1963 to 1965. He was followed by **Walter Bauman** (mayor from 1965 to 1975), **Judy Karofsky** (1975 to 1977), **Dan Ramsey** (1977 to 2003), **Doug Zwank** (2003 to 2007), **Kurt Sonnentag** (2007 to 2017), **Gurdip Brar** (2017 to 2023) and now **Emily Kuhn** (since April 18, 2023).

Since 1963, the city has also been governed by a common council with eight elected members representing the citizens of Middleton. Overall, more than 100 people have served on the common council since 1963.

For the first nine years, the whole city was just one electoral district, and every year half the council was up for re-election.

The first council was elected in 1963, with four members elected for a one-year term and the four members elected for a two-year term. The first eight elected members of the Middleton common council were Victor Adler, Walter Bauman, Henry Busch, George Davis, Robert Jolin, Paul Lamm, Jack Meehan and Hans Sorenson.

In 1972, Middleton was divided into four aldermanic districts, and each district was represented by two members who were elected in alternate years to two-year terms.

Since 1982, Middleton has had eight aldermanic districts, numbered 1 through 8, with the voters in odd-numbered districts electing their representatives in odd-numbered years, and the voters in even-numbered districts electing theirs in even-numbered years.

Since 1982, District 1 has been represented by 11 different alderpersons, the most of any district: Richard Schwenn, Julia Sherman, Sandy Allen, Mike Duren, Maureen O'Brien, Steve Olson, Bill Hoeksema, Paul Kinne, Miriam Share, Kathy Olson and John Schaffer. (In chronological order, with the current alderperson being listed last.)

The district with the lowest number of alderpersons is District 5; it has had five since 1982: Gordon Niesen, Don Damon, Howard Teal, Luke Fuszard and Jeffrey Iackson.

District 2 has had eight representatives: Dennis Dorn, Bill Peterson, Jim Anderson, Doug Zwank, Rob Conhaim, Gurdip Brar, Robert Burck and Kendra Wochos.

District 3 has had nine representatives: Don Goodrich, Sam Greco, Dave Egan, Mark Opitz, Faye Schwager, Kurt Sonnentag, Jon DiPiazza, JoAnna Richard and Katy Nelson.

District 4 has had five representatives: Bill Threinen, Jim Wexler, Briana Giosta/Porter, Elizabeth Hetrick and Emily Kuhn.

District 6 has had seven representatives: Tom Ullsvik, Richard Roberts, Mike Adler, Jim O'Brien, Andy Lewis, Susan West and Lisa Janairo.

District 7 has had seven representatives: Bill Erpenbach, Liz Erpenbach, Paul Helgeson, Mark Horn, Hans Hilbert, Dan Ramsey II and David Lorman.

District 8 has had six representatives: Rene Dupuis, Julie Brunette, Ralph Zahnow, David Gibbon, Steve Leo, Mark Sullivan and Randall Crow.

The following (alphabetical) list of all the people who have served on the Middleton common council since 1963 is based on City records.

The dates indicate total years in office, from the year of their original appointment or first election to the year they left office.

Jim Wexler is the longest-serving alderperson in Middleton history (27 years; 1988-2015).

Other council members who served for 10 years or more are: Howard Teal (20 years; 1999-2019), Susan West (14 years; 2008-2022), Liz Erpenbach (13 years; 1984-1997), Don Damon (12 years; 1987-1999), George Kuepper (12 years; 1963-1975), Mark Sullivan (12 years; 2010-2022), Rene Dupuis (10 years; 1980-1990), Hans Hilbert (10 years; 2007-2017), Hans Sorenson (1963-1973) and Thomas Ullsvik (1982-1992).

The longest-serving elected official overall, however, was Dan Ramsey, who was in office for 30 years, from 1973 until 2003: he served as alderman from 1973 to 1977, and as mayor from 1977 to 2003.

Gurdip Brar held elected office for 15 years (alderman from 2008 to 2017, and mayor from 2017 to 2023) Kurt Sonnentag for 14 years (alderman from 2003 to 2007, and mayor from 2007 to 2017) and Walter Bauman for 12 years (alderman from 1963 to 1965, and mayor from 1965 to 1975).

Until 2011 the mayors served two-year terms beginning and ending in odd-numbered years. This was changed to three-year terms in order to give Council members from both even- and odd-numbered districts an equal opportunity to run for mayor without also losing their aldermanic seat in case of defeat.

CITY OF MIDDLETON COUNCIL MEMBERS (IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER)

Michael Adler (1994-1996)

Victor Adler (1963-1964; died in 1964; replaced by Bill Sawyer)

Sandy Allen (1991-1994; appointed in December 1991 to complete Julia Sherman's term)

Tom Alt (1981-1983; resigned; replaced by Donald Goodrich)

Jim Anderson (1990-1998)

A.L. Arntsen (1971-1973)

Kenneth Baitinger (1965-1972)

Mary Baldwin (1979-1980; elected to complete Gary Hagar's term)

Walter Bauman (1963-1965; mayor 1965-1975)

Bradley Bjork (1977-1979; resigned in January 1979; replaced by Chester Howard)

Gurdip Brar (2008-2017; mayor 2017-2023)

Julie Brunette (1990-1998; replaced Rene Dupuis who had resigned)

Robert Burck (2017-2022; appointed in May 2017 to complete Gurdip Brar's term)

Henry Busch (1963-1968)

Thomas Cantwell (1971-1975)

Dorothy Collins (1976-1978)

Robert Conhaim (2003-2008; appointed to complete Doug Zwank's term; defeated by Gurdip Brar)

Randall Crow* (since 2022; elected as a write-in candidate)

Donald Damon (1987-1999)

George Davis (1963-1965)

Michael DesParte (1969-1971)

Jon DiPiazza (2007-2011)

Maggie Dohm (1980-1982)

Dennis Dorn (1980-1986; resigned January 1986)

Rene Dupuis (1980-1990; resigned)

Mike Duren (1993-1997)

Dave Egan (1993-1995; resigned in February 1995)

Gordon Ellis (1975-1978; resigned in July 1978; replaced by Dennis Olson)

Liz Erpenbach (1984-1997; appointed in November 1984 to complete William Erpenbach's term)

William Erpenbach (1978-1984; appointed in April 1978 to complete Roger Rowin's term; resigned in October 1984; replaced by Liz Erpenbach)

William Feist (1978-1981; appointed in August 1978 to complete Michael Guess's term)

Michael Finley (1978-1980)

Gregory Foss (1972-1976)

Jonathan Friedberg (1973-1977; appointed in August 1973 to complete A.L. Arntsen's term)

Luke Fuszard (2019-2023; defeated incumbent Howard Teal)

David Gibbon (2002-2004; elected as write-in candidate)

Jay Gile (1968-1969; appointed in 1968 to complete Thorwald Solverson's term)

Briana Giosta/Porter (2015-2017; originally elected as write-in candidate in special election to replace appointee Jim Wexler; resigned in March 2017; replaced by Elizabeth Hetrick)

Donald Goodrich (1983-1991; replaced Tom Alt who had resigned in 1983; resigned himself in 1991; replaced by Sam Greco)

Sam Greco (1991-1993; replaced Donald Goodrich who had resigned)

Wilson Groth (1968-1970)

Michael Guess (1977-1978; resigned in June 1978; replaced by William Feist)

Gary Hagar (1978-1978; resigned in December 1978; replaced by Mary Baldwin)

Larry Hanson (1965-1969)

Paul Helgeson (1997-2005)

Thomas Henning (1968-1973)

Elizabeth Hetrick (2017-2018; appointed to complete Briana Porter's term; dropped out of her reelection race)

Hans Hilbert (2007-2017; originally elected as a write-in candidate; did not run for reelection in 2017; defeated by Gurdip Brar for mayor in 2017)

Bill Hoeksema (2005-2009)

Mark Horn (2005-2007)

Chester Howard (1979-1981; appointed in February 1979 to complete Bradley Bjork's term)

Jeffrey Jackson* (since April 18, 2023)

Lisa Janairo* (since 2022; defeated incumbent Susan West)

Jean Jolin (1968-1972)

Robert Jolin (1963-1968)

Judith Karofsky (1972-1975; appointed in September 1972 to complete Jean Jolin's



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term; mayor 1975-1977)

Paul Kinne (2009-2013)

George Kuepper (1963-1975; appointed in October 1963 to replace Jack Meehan) Emily Kuhn** (2018-2023; mayor since April 18, 2023; defeated Kathy Olson in mayoral race)

Paul Lamm (1963-1969; appointed in 1968 to complete Henry Busch's term)

Stephen Leo (2004-2010)

Patricia Ann Levin (1975-1976; appointed to complete Judith Karofsky's term)

Andy Lewis (2004-2008; only write-in candidate in city of Middleton history to

defeat an incumbent - James O'Brien)

Gerald Lindas (1969-1971)

David Lorman* (since April 18, 2023)

Jack Meehan (1963-1963; died in 1963; replaced by George Kuepper)

Katy Nelson* (since 2019)

Gordon Niesen (1981-1986; resigned December 1986)

James O'Brien (1996-2004; lost to write-in candidate Andy Lewis)

Maureen O'Brien (1997-1999)

Dennis Olson (1978-1981; appointed in August 1978 to complete Gordon Ellis's term)

Kathy Olson (2015-2023; lost to Emily Kuhn in mayoral race)

Steve Olson (1999-2005; elected as write-in candidate in 1999)

Mark Opitz (1995-1999; resigned in June 1999; replaced by Faye Schwager)

Robert Paul (1976-1979; resigned in February 1979; replaced by Bradley Riesch)

William Peterson (1986-1990)

Dan Ramsey (1973-1977; mayor 1977-2003)

Dan Ramsey II (2017-2023)

JoAnna Richard (2011-2019)

Bradley Riesch (1979-1981; appointed in February 1979 to complete Robert Paul's

Richard Roberts (1992-1994)

Roger Rowin (1973-1978; resigned in April 1978; replaced by William Erpenbach) Bill Sawyer (1964-1964; appointed in September 1964 to complete Victor Adler's

John Schaffer* (since April 18, 2023)

Mary Schlimgen (1975-1978; elected in 1975 to complete George Kuepper's term)

Dorothy Schmitz (1978-1980)

Arthur Schneider (1970-1972)

Faye Schwager (1999-2003; appointed to complete Mark Opitz's term)

Richard Schwenn (1981-1984; resigned in December 1984; replaced by Julia Sherman)

Miriam Share (2013-2015)

Julia Sherman (1984-1993; appointed January 1984 to complete Rich Schwenn's term; resigned herself in November 1993; replaced by Sandy Allen)

Thorwald Solverson (1965-1968)

Kurt Sonnentag (2003-2007; mayor 2007-2017)

Hans Sorenson (1963-1973)

Keith Stewart (1972-1978)

Mark Sullivan (2010-2022; did not run for reelection)

Howard Teal (1999-2019; defeated by Luke Fuszard)

C. William Threinen (1980-1988)

Thomas Ullsvik (1982-1992; appointed in April 1982)

Susan West (2008-2022; defeated by Lisa Janairo)

James Wexler (1988-2015; did not run for re-election in 2014; appointed in April 2014 after elected candidate Chad Gehin did not accept his mandate; replaced by Briana Giosta; longest-serving alderman in city of Middleton history)

Kendra Wochos* (since 2022; only candidate for Robert Burck's open seat)

Ralph Zahnow (1998-2002)

Douglas Zwank (1998-2003; mayor 2003-2007)

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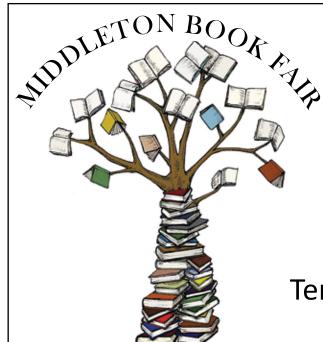
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