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Good Neighbors & City Government—4/9/14

Spring has sprung, and Middleton has a great energy and vibe this time of year. Following are just a few updates from your Good Neighbor City government:

Downtown Brick & Crosswalk Replacement Project

The \$1.2 million project will start up as soon as the ground thaws enough. We're currently estimating that work will be underway starting with the week of April 21. Speedway Sand & Gravel is the contractor, and they will have a 90-day window (mid-July estimated) for completion of the project once it starts. They will work closely with the City to accommodate business patrons, sidewalk cafes, the May 1 Wine Walk and the June 14 Beach Party.

Also, the City has made arrangements to have the old bricks loaded onto pallets and given away for free at the Public Works Garage (corner of Laura Lane and Airport Road). Please contact Shawn Ulsrud at sulsrud@ci.middleton.wi.us if you are interested in acquiring some bricks. If City residents don't have enough interest, we may not be able to make all the bricks available.

Once bricks are available, the City will announce it on our web site at: www.CityofMiddleton.us. If you are interested in acquiring the bricks, you'll need to make your own arrangements to load them and sign an indemnification form prior to doing so. City personnel will not be loading for you. The bricks will be available on Friday afternoons from noon to 3 p.m. once the project is underway. At this point, we're estimating that 80-100 bricks will be loaded on each pallet. The bricks are 4"x8" and would each consume 0.22 square feet.

Terrace Avenue Reconstruction (Parmenter St. to High Point Rd.)

This \$3.5 million project is funded by Tax Increment Financing (TIF). The project will commence around mid-June, and construction likely will be substantially complete by mid-November. Along with the complete reconstruction of the street, the City will replace water and sanitary sewer lines, underground overhead utilities, add a small parking lot next to the Quarry Skate Park, install terrace bricks on the north side of the street, place more bicycle parking and construct a new market arcade adjacent to Capital Brewery to enhance the activities at the brewery and to add for the prospect of more public events such as a Downtown farmers market.

Branch Street Reconstruction

This summer Branch Street will be reconstructed between Century Avenue and University Avenue. Detours will be posted as the project will be completed in three phases. Please look for periodic updates at the City's web site.

Other Updates

- The City has a number of exciting new infill private developments underway in our TIF Districts. For more information on these proposed developments, see: <http://www.ci.middleton.wi.us/DocumentCenter/View/1828>. Warning: this document could take a few minutes to download.
- The 2014 Citizen Satisfaction Survey is now available on the City's web site at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2014MiddletonCSS>. We would appreciate your feedback. The survey will remain open until August 15 so that we will have the results prior to the City's public process for the 2015 budget.
- After 26 years of dedicated service and leadership on the City Council, 4th District Alder Jim Wexler is retiring from elected public service. The City of Middleton will host an open house retirement party for Jim on Thursday, May 8, from 4:30-7:00 p.m., at the Lakeview Community Park shelter. Please join us to celebrate this longtime public servant.
- Congratulations to Jeremy Cabalka, the new General Manager at the Pleasant View Golf Course. He and Ted Donker have exchanged positions, and Ted is now the Head Golf Professional. This is in line with the golf course's succession plan which Ted initiated. We welcome Jeremy as the most recent City department head.
- The Middleton Tourism Commission is sponsoring an exploratory trolley this summer that will connect Greenway Station, Downtown Middleton and Discovery Springs on one route. The plan is to start the trolley this summer in the evenings and on Saturdays. It will be open to visitors and residents alike. More information will be forthcoming soon.
- Clean & Green will be back on Saturday, April 26. For more information, see the City's web site under "City News" at: <http://www.ci.middleton.wi.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=140>
- The City's Summer Recreation Guide is online at: <http://www.ci.middleton.wi.us/DocumentCenter/View/1781>
- For more information on City activities and meetings, please subscribe to any of our list-serves on the City's web site at "Notify me": <http://www.ci.middleton.wi.us/list.aspx>

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