

Comprehensive plan open house postponed

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The city's Comprehensive Planning Committee is holding off on its open house until a decision has been reached on the city-town consolidation effort.

The original date set for its first community forum — where it will solicit feedback from residents about the future of Verona — was March 31. But with residents likely weary of public meetings the past few weeks and some question as to how the forum would be promoted, committee members decided Monday to set it for later in the month.

The tentative date is

April 21 after a shortened committee meeting.

A successful city-town consolidation would have a major impact on the committee's planning and focus, as the entire Town of Verona would be included in the scope of the project, which is mandated by the state's Smart Growth law. And with the public referendum vote quickly approaching, multiple special informational meetings have been or will be held.

In addition, many residents have found it necessary to attend Common Council, Town Board and city and town Plan Commission meetings of late because of decisions related to the con-

solidation effort and possible big box-anchored retail development. And, of course, voting could consume the bulk of the evening of April 1 for many people.

The committee agreed Monday night on a basic format for the open house. It also discussed the results of a survey that was distributed at the March 3 retail forum, which drew almost 200 people.

Another survey, regarding economic development and transportation, has been mailed this month to water bill customers and apartment and condominium dwellers in the city. Results of that survey will be discussed at a future committee meeting.

Police report

Information taken from Verona Police Department reports. Persons listed are Verona residents except as indicated.

Feb. 8

10 p.m. Three juveniles were cited for being at Fireman's Park after hours. A 17-year-old male in the group was also cited for possession of a controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia and possession of tobacco.

Feb. 9

12:30 a.m. A 22-year-old woman from Middleton was cited for OWI/2nd after she deviated in her lane. The woman blew a .22 and was taken to the Public Safety Building and put on a 12-hour hold.

1:15 a.m. An underage drinking party on the 500 block of Harvest Lane resulted in three arrests. An 18-year-old man was cited for resisting and underage alcohol, a 20-year-old man from Fitchburg

cited for underage alcohol and an 18-year-old man from Madison cited for OWI, open intox and possession of marijuana.

4-9 p.m. Police helped with several vehicle slideoffs, on North Main Street, Springrose Road, County PD, 18-151, and several more the next morning on 18-151.

Feb. 11

8 p.m. a 17-year-old male was arrested on several charges after he injured a police officer while armed with a sword. The man was cited for intimidation of a victim, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct and criminal damage to property. He was taken to the Public Safety Building, but the 72-hour no-contact was waived.

Feb. 13

4 p.m. Police responded to a report of a mattress on fire on the 600 block of Military Ridge. They put it out with fire extinguishers before Verona Fire Department took over, clearing the smoke. First responders had to come back three hours later when the debris rekindled.

OWI after he was found in a rollover accident on 18-151 at Highway PB.

Feb. 18

1 a.m. A 33-year-old man was taken to the emergency room after he called to report that he had shot himself in the chest at his home on South Main Street. He told police it was an accident from trying to put his gun away, but crisis intervention was called. Injuries were non-life-threatening.

11 p.m. A 49-year-old man was arrested for disorderly conduct-domestic and bail jumping after he refused to leave a woman's home on the 500 block of Melody Lane. He was taken to the Public Safety Building, where he was also arrested on Town of Madison charges.

Feb. 20

3 p.m. A 14-year-old girl from Madison was cited for two counts of theft, of an MP3 player and an iPod at VAHS.

Feb. 23

4:30 a.m. A 30-year-old woman was arrested for disorderly conduct-domestic after she made leave to her ex-hu-

Jim Ferolie photo

Silent Street might be one of the w has begun melting, but the tons of eing swept up beginning this week. the Eastview area at 7 a.m. Monday it covers every street, Public Works had to start early because of the 450 low on salt. "That's going to require until the snow is back from the curb

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