



**Talk with the Mayor**

Tuesday July 9  
6:30 p.m. City Hall  
Discussion: 2013-14 Budget

**Property Tax**

State law requires cities to use water and sewer utility payments to operate, maintain, repair, and improve water and sewer systems. Water revenue cannot pay for sewer, street or park expenses; likewise, sewer revenue cannot be used to pay for water, street or park expenses.

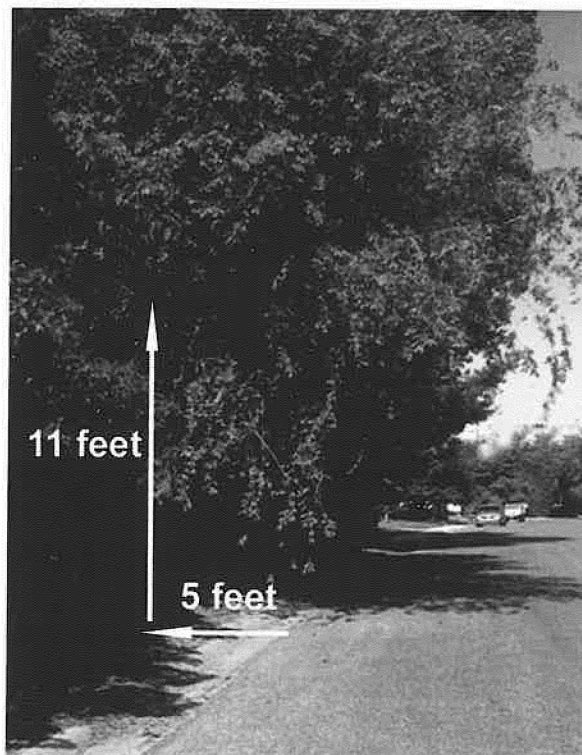
The Idaho legislature has determined that real property taxes pay for maintenance, operation, repair, and improvement of streets, parks, libraries, law enforcement, and city administration. Fuel and sales tax revenue is shared between Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) and among all cities, counties, and highway districts responsible for maintaining streets and bridges. This is called "revenue sharing," and Middleton receives a small amount of those taxes.

The City's real property levy rate is derived by taking the amount of Property Tax Dollars requested by the City divide by the Taxable Value of all real property in Canyon County determined by the Canyon County Assessor.

$$\frac{\text{Property tax dollars (requested by City)}}{\text{Taxable value of all real property in Canyon County}} = \text{Tax Levy Rate}$$

The tax levy rate is the result of a mathematical calculation, and neither the County or City "set" the tax levy rate.

**Tree Trimming**



The City street sweeper is unable to clean the street when trees are not properly trimmed. A colored ribbon will be placed in trees that require trimming. Please trim your trees 11 ft. high and 5 feet back from the edge of pavement.

**Three-year Projected Street Projects** Contact Mayor Taylor at 697-4354 to provide feedback.

Year	Street Projects	Estimated Cost
2012-13	Minot Street	Complete
	S. Highland/Willow Cir.	In Construction
	N. Hawthorne Sidewalks	Complete
	Pave N. Hawthorne - north of Minot Street	\$45,000
	Pave Middleton Mobile Home Estates	\$45,000
2013-14	Design Canyon Villa Subdivision streets	\$50,000
	Design Concord/Willow Dr.	TBD
	Design (30%) Willis/Cemetery Roundabout	\$28,760
	Design (30%) Willis/Hartley Roundabout	\$24,080
	Construct Canyon Villa Subdivision streets	\$550,000
2014-15	Design N. Middleton Road Alignment	TBD
	Construct Concord/Willow Dr.	TBD
	Design Middleton Place Subdivision streets (Harmon)	TBD
	Design N. Hawthorne Roudabout	\$46,000
	Construct N. Hawthorne Roudabout	\$250,000

## Utility Rate Study

The City is committed to keeping utility rates as low as possible. The City anticipates receiving results in July 2013 from a recent utility rate study to be completed by J-U-B Engineering. Those results will be posted on the City's website at

### RESOLUTION NO. 277-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETON, CANYON COUNTY, IDAHO, ESTABLISHING AN UPDATED SEWER RATE FEE SCHEDULE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Middleton find it necessary for the City to increase the sewer user rates based on the fixed and variable costs associated with running the city's sewer system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETON, CANYON COUNTY, IDAHO, as follows:

Section 1: That the City of Middleton hereby establishes the following sewer user rates which shall take effect as shown in incremental steps effective on the chart below:

Base Rate	Per thousand variable	Date effective
\$15.66	\$1.21	current
\$17.96	\$1.71	June 20, 2009
\$20.26	\$2.21	November 20, 2009
\$22.56	\$2.71	June 20, 2010
\$24.85	\$3.20	November 20, 2010

Section 2: That this Resolution shall be effective as of the date of its adoption.

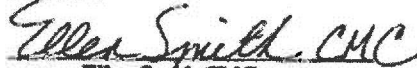
DATED this 6<sup>TH</sup> day of May, 2009.

CITY OF MIDDLETON



Vicki Thurber  
Mayor

ATTEST:



Ellen Smith CMC  
City Clerk



www.middleton.id.gov and will be available at City Hall. Resolutions 277-09 and 294-10 pictured below set the current water and sewer rates. It is anticipated that rates will be adjusted in August 2013 to ensure that residents pay only what is needed to operate and maintain the water and sewer systems.

RESOLUTION 294-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETON, CANYON COUNTY, IDAHO, ESTABLISHING MONTHLY WATER RATES, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Middleton after reviewing budgets, expenditures, costs of operation and the system going to evaluate the adequacy of income against projected expenditures, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Middleton held a public hearing on May 5, 2010 where there was no public testimony in favor or against, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and council of the City of Middleton find that the City needs to increase rates and charges for water services in an amount more than five percent of the current rates.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETON, CANYON COUNTY, IDAHO, as follows:

Section 1: That the City of Middleton hereby establishes the following fees and charges, which shall be in effect as of the effective date of this resolution and follow the schedule each May through 2014.

Rates for inside City Limits shall follow this table:

Year	Base Rate	Variable Rate
Current	\$ 8.36 / month	\$1.31 / 1,000 gallons
2010	\$10.38 / month	\$1.57 / 1,000 gallons
2011	\$12.38 / month	\$1.43 / 1,000 gallons
2012	\$14.38 / month	\$1.40 / 1,000 gallons
2013	\$16.38 / month	\$1.56 / 1,000 gallons
2014	\$18.38 / month	\$1.53 / 1,000 gallons

Rates for outside City Limits shall follow this table:

Year	Base Rate	Variable Rate
Current	\$14.67 / month	\$2.62 / 1,000 gallons
2010	\$15.57 / month	\$2.65 / 1,000 gallons
2011	\$18.57 / month	\$2.14 / 1,000 gallons
2012	\$21.57 / month	\$2.23 / 1,000 gallons
2013	\$24.57 / month	\$2.34 / 1,000 gallons
2014	\$27.57 / month	\$2.46 / 1,000 gallons

Section 2: That this Resolution shall be effective as of the date of its adoption.

DATED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 2010.

AFFEST:  
*Ellen Smith, CMC*  
Ellen Smith, CMC  
City Clerk

City of Middleton  
*Vicki Thurber*  
Vicki Thurber  
Mayor



## New Utility Account Policies

	Previous City Policy	New City Policy
Owner Initiates Services	Customer must fill out and sign new account form.	A landowner can initiate services (open an account) in person or over the phone and the City obtains customer information. The City confirms ownership using the county's parcel base map, or the owner must provide proof of ownership (deed or contract) if ownership is different than shown on county records. Owner signs Owner-Tenant Authorization if property is intended as a rental. The Owner can sign one agreement and have it on file at the City for new tenants to sign.
Tenant Initiates Service	Landlord Tenant Agreement must be signed; owner's signature must be notarized; photo ID; copy of deed of trust required	A tenant can initiate services in person at City Hall by showing a photo ID, paying a \$100.00 deposit, and signing a Owner-Tenant Authorization.
New Service/Account fee	\$15.00 non-refundable	\$15.00 non-refundable
Pro-Rate Initial Bill	No	Utility bills are pro-rated from the date services are initiated.
Owner Changes to Account	Owner may initiate account changes by email, fax, or mail. Change request form must be signed; the City does accept a note signed by owner.	A landowner can change an account, in person or over the phone after verifying the property address/account number, phone number on the account, and the last 4 digits of owner's social security number.
Tenant Changes to Account	Tenant may update their personal information but cannot make changes to service approved by owner.	A Tenant in person or over the phone can make limited changes to an account after verifying the name/account number, phone number on the account, and the last 4 digits of the social security number.
Owner Close Account	Owner can close the account over the phone or in person.	A landowner in person or over the phone, after verifying the name/account number, phone number on the account, and the last 4 digits of the social security number, can provide a final billing address and request services be terminated/closed. The account will be closed when final account balance is paid in full.
Tenant Close Account	Tenants cannot close the account. The tenant can request to be taken off the account and a final bill sent.	Tenants cannot close an account but can terminate service and ask to be removed from an account. A tenant in person or over the phone, after verifying the name/account number, phone number on the account, and the last 4 digits of the social, can provide a final billing address and request services in tenant's name be terminated. The service will be terminated when the final bill balance is paid in full.
Final Collection	Final bill is due upon receipt. Notice to send to collection sent after 15 days, if account remains delinquent after 45 days the account is sent to collections.	Final bills are mailed to the final billing address provided by the owner or tenant. If not paid within 10 calendar days, then the City will send a notice of intent to prosecute and forward to a debt collector for collection.
Pro-Rate Final Bill	No	Utility bills are pro-rated to the date services are terminated.



## Join the Skate Park Advisory Committee

A skate park advisory committee is being formed and we want to hear from as many skate boarders, BMX bikers and in-line skaters as we can. Committee members will help design the park, participate in the grant writing process, make presentations to City Council, and help raise funds.

If you would like to be a part of this committee please contact Becky Crofts at [bcrofts@middletoncity.com](mailto:bcrofts@middletoncity.com) or phone 585-3133.

## Code Enforcement Update

- 16 open cases
- 12 cases dealing with weeds taller than 8" high
- 1 case dealing with refuse becoming a public nuisance
- 1 case dealing with operating a business in a residential zone
- 1 case dealing with refuse, weeds and abandoned vehicles
- 1 case dealing with vicious animals
- 2 cases currently in prosecution
- 3 cases dealing with weeds that have been abated
- 2 cases dealing with weeds that have been assigned abatement
- 65 cases have been dealt with and closed so far this year