

Middleton City Update March 2012

April 4th 6:30 p.m.
City Hall

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Approximately \$1.3 Million
**ADDITIONAL EXPENSE TO
RESIDENTS?**

Join the Mayor and City Council at a
Workshop and Q&A to learn about
changes needed to the
Waste Water Treatment Plant

Middleton Utility Rate Comparison with Cities of Similar Size

The table below compares the 2011 utility rates for Middleton with cities of similar size. The table assumes 1,000 gallons of water used.

City	Population	Base Water Rate	Base Sewer Rate	Garbage Recycling	Total Bill
PAYETTE	7677	\$7.96	\$17.21	\$13.10	\$38.21
WEISER	5222	\$19.00	\$20.94	\$12.00	\$51.94
MIDDLETON	6645	\$13.81	\$28.05	\$14.07	\$55.93
FRUITLAND	4774	\$31.40	\$15.00	\$12.75	\$59.15
EMMETT	6287	\$20.18	\$33.35	\$11.00	\$64.53
STAR	5085	\$22.00	\$25.00	\$18.41	\$65.41

3-day Grace Period for Utility Bill Payments

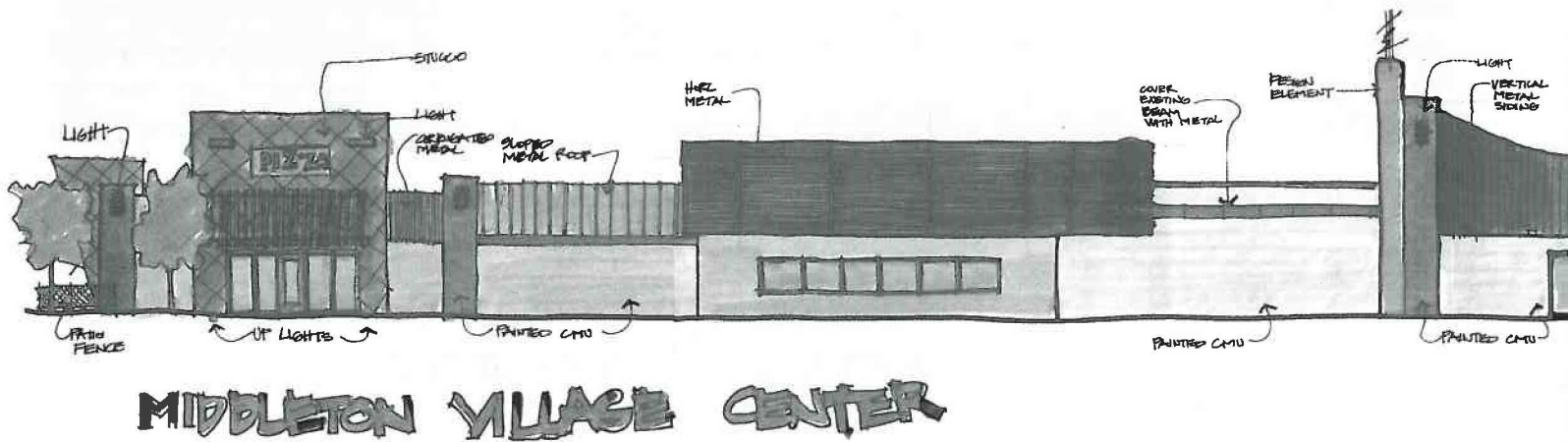
On February 15, 2012 City Council approved an ordinance change to allow a grace period prior to water services being turned off. If the utility bill is not paid by the 20th, on the 21st a \$10.00 late fee is assessed, a "past due" postcard is mailed, and 3 business days are allowed to pay the bill before water will be shut off. If the bill still remains unpaid after the three business days, a \$15.00 restoration fee is assessed and water will be shut off until the bill is paid in full, including all fees.

APRIL 2012 Utility Payment Cycle

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15	16	17	18	19	20 Utility Payment Due	21
22	23 \$10.00 Late Fee	24	25	26 Water Shut Off \$15.00 Restoration Fee	27	28

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New Look, New Businesses, New Jobs

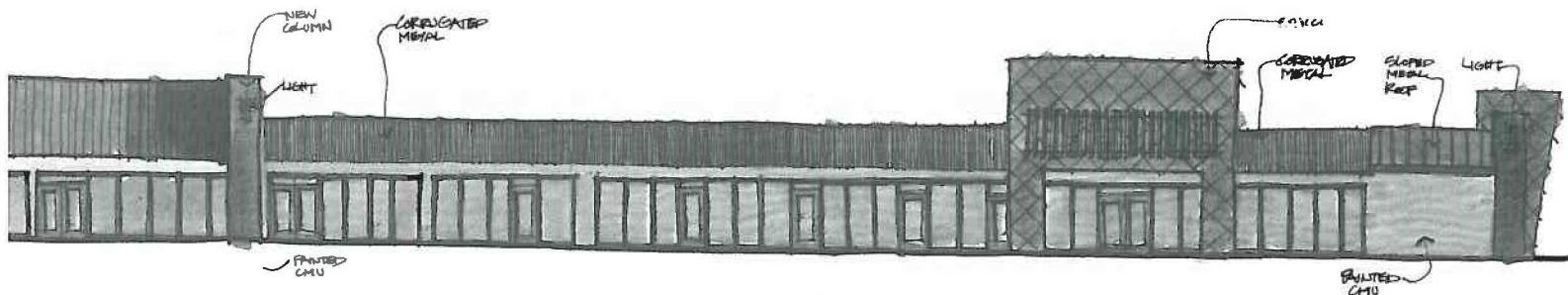
On February 27, 2012 the Planning and Zoning Commission approved the design for the Middleton Village Center – most commonly known as the “old Ridleys” location in downtown Middleton. Improvements scheduled to begin in April, and be completed in July 2012 include, renovating the exterior, parking lot, and landscaping. Garrett Goldberg manager of the ownership group making the improvements announced that a Family Dollar store will be opening in the newly remodeled shopping center with other new business announcements coming soon. “We are excited to be working with Garrett on this project and recognize that Middleton Village Center is a central part of our downtown, and look forward to the improvements being made,” said Mayor Taylor.

Family Dollar stores offer discounted products from groceries to health and beauty products to household goods and clothing. Family Dollar stores carry national brands at a savings. Family Dollar Regional Manager, Brandy Driver, said that local hiring for the new store would begin in May and June 2012 and, interested applicants should fill out an application at www.familydollar.com.

Note: To see a color version of the artist's rendering above go to the city website at www.middleton.id.gov

Utility Bill Frequently Asked Questions

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| <p>Q. I paid a deposit when I started utility service, when will I get that back?</p> <p>A. After 2 years of on-time payment history, your deposit will be credited to your utility account. City Council is scheduled on April 18, 2012 to consider a one year deposit refund.</p> <p>Q. Do I need to pay for recycling when I don't use the recycling service?</p> <p>A. Recycling is a city wide service. At this time the service is not optional.</p> <p>Q. Can I get a larger recycling bin?</p> <p>A. Yes, upgrading to a larger cart is an additional \$1.60 per month.</p> <p>Q. Does the city have a night drop box?</p> <p>A. Yes, the drop box is located to the right of the front doors at City Hall.</p> | <p>Q. I'm a renter and need to start utility service, what information does the city need?</p> <p>A. It is the City's policy that the property owner keeps the utilities in their name; however the tenant is able to make the utility payment once the owner/tenant agreement is filled out and on file at City Hall.</p> <p>Q. Why isn't my water meter read during the winter months?</p> <p>A. Water meters are not read during the months of December, January and February because of possible damage to meters due to ice and cold. The amount of your November bill will be billed for December, January and February. In March the water meter will be read again, those three months will be averaged, and any adjustments due to higher or lower water usage will be made on the March bill.</p> |
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Landlords: Important Information Regarding Utility Account Set-up

Middleton City code requires that all utility accounts remain in the property owner's name. When getting ready to start utilities for a property, the property owner will need to do the following at City Hall:

1. Fill out the owner/tenant agreement
2. Provide a copy of the warranty deed or deed of trust
3. Provide photo ID
4. Pay \$100.00 deposit and \$15.00 administrative fee

If the lease requires the tenant to pay the utility bills, the tenant will need to sign the owner/tenant agreement and file it at City Hall, then the utility bill will be mailed to the tenant. The property owner is ultimately held responsible for payment if the account becomes delinquent.

Recycling Guidelines

City residents can have UP TO 3 BLUE bins. A larger recycling cart is an additional \$1.60 per month. Call Republic Services at 345-1265 if you need additional bins.

Things to recycle

Paper and Cardboard:

- Cardboard boxes must fit in container
- Frozen food & cereal boxes (no plastic lining)
- Construction paper
- Envelopes
- Office waste paper (any color)
- Computer & fax paper
- Phone books
- Newspapers
- Paper bags
- Junk mail

Plastics:

- Rigid Plastics #1-7 (no bags)
- Plastic bottles
- Dairy containers
- Yogurt cups
- Frozen food trays

Cans:

- Aluminum, steel, tin, and empty aerosol cans (cans must be empty, labels are okay)

NOT for the recycling bin

- Styrofoam/packaging
- Chip and candy wrappers
- Hazardous waste containers
- Food contaminated paper (pizza boxes, plates, coffee cups)
- Wax coated cardboard
- Glass
- Yard waste
- Plastic bags
- Plastic bottle caps
- Milk & juice cartons
- Tissues, napkins, paper towels

Q. What forms of payment does the city take for utility bill payment?

A. Currently the City accepts cash, check or money order. Automatic checking draft is available for a fee of \$1.00 per month. Auto draft is scheduled on the 10th of each month. The city staff is looking into adding credit card processing, an additional fee may be charged by the credit card processing agent.

Q. Does the city offer a reduced utility rate for seniors?

A. Yes, the city offers a reduced trash rate for senior citizens over 62. Eligible residents can fill out the paperwork at City Hall.

Q. I just purchased a new home, what do I need to start utility service?

A. New service requires a photo ID, warranty deed or deed of trust for the property; these documents can be found in your closing documents. A \$100.00 deposit and \$15.00 administrative fee will also be collected when setting up the account at City Hall.

Resident's Choice Survey

The City has limited financial resources this year and in the future, Mayor Taylor and City Council would like to spend time and money on projects most important to a majority of the City's residents. There are many projects that have been suggested. **Please fill out the survey below, indicate whether the project is important, then rank the top 5 most important projects (1 being the most important and five the least important) sign and return the survey to: City Hall Survey, 6 North Dewey, Middleton, ID 83644**

Projects:	Description:	Est. Cost	Important	Priority
Alternate Route - Highway 44	Acquiring land for Highway 44 "alternate route" and building the road? (multi-year project). There is no federal or state funding for the alternate route	3-5 Million	Yes ___ No ___	_____
City police force	Includes 3-5 fully equipped vehicles and police officers, one being the chief	\$400,000 per yr	Yes ___ No ___	_____
Dog park	Creating a park specifically for dogs and their owners. Area would be fenced with sidewalks, benches, restrooms, and trash receptacles. All other parks would be off limits to dogs, even on a leash.	\$100,000	Yes ___ No ___	_____
Library Consortium	Joining the consortium would give library card holders access to other city libraries and ability to reserve books.	\$5,000 per yr	Yes ___ No ___	_____
Historic museum	Create a historic museum and/or renovate historic sites.	\$30,000 initial + \$15,000 per yr	Yes ___ No ___	_____
Irrigation Main (Harmon Sub)	Repair root-bound, collapsed and clogged irrigation main crossing under Marjorie and Campbell drives	not estimated yet	Yes ___ No ___	_____
Pave 4th Avenue	Re-habilitate road with asphalt, curb, gutter, storm water	not estimated yet	Yes ___ No ___	_____
Pave Minot Street	Re-habilitate road with asphalt, curb, gutter, storm water	not estimated yet	Yes ___ No ___	_____
Pave Whiffin Lane	Re-habilitate road with asphalt, curb, gutter, storm water	not estimated yet	Yes ___ No ___	_____
Recreation / Senior Center	Exercise equipment, walking track, work-out/dance floor, lounge area, racquetball courts. Pool? Circle: yes no	not estimated yet	Yes ___ No ___	_____
Renovate Trolley Station	Renovate structure, replace windows, doors, flooring, install false ceiling, etc. Building would still be available for community events	\$300,000	Yes ___ No ___	_____
Renovate Civic Center	Renovation would include structure, new windows, doors etc. Building would still be available for community events.	\$100,000	Yes ___ No ___	_____
Splash water park	Concrete pad with interactive water features for kids to cool off during the summer months and a gathering place for families and friends. Water would be on a timer with spray nozzles shooting up from the pad ; Disneyland-type colorful fixtures.	\$250,000 - \$300,000	Yes ___ No ___	_____

Name _____ Address _____

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Middleton, ID 83644

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