



## Talk with the Mayor

### Discussion: Storm Water, Emergency Preparedness, Code Enforcement

Tuesday May 7, 2013

10:00 a.m. City Hall

6:30 p.m. City Hall

## Storm Water Management

The federal Clean Water Act requires cities to "manage" storm water and reduce pollution in storm water runoff into waters of the United States.

The City of Middleton's storm water management program started in 2009. Storm drains collect rain, melted snow and the water used to water lawns. The water that flows into storm drains is eventually discharged into streams. The City's NPDES storm water permit requires that the water discharged into the streams meet federal discharge requirements for pollutants. The City is currently sampling storm water discharge in Willow Creek to better understand the quality of storm water in the system and identify pollutants of concern.

As required by the permit, City storm drains have been marked to identify their location and alert people that anything put into the drain directly flows to the streams and rivers in Idaho. If not corrected, high levels of pollutants in storm water (such as detergents, oils and chemicals) may require treatment prior to discharge into the streams which will be costly for residents.



## Storm Water Management is a Community Effort

Everyone can make small changes that help keep pollution out of storm water. A few easy changes to start with are:

- Sweep your driveway and keep debris out of storm drains.
- Remove the leaves, pine needles and garbage from your gutters.
- Never pour anything down storm drains.
- If you wash your car at home, wash the car on an unpaved surface (lawn) so the dirty water penetrates the ground and doesn't flow into the gutter, then the storm drain and eventually into streams.
- During the summer months when lawns are watered, the excess water flows over sidewalks and into the gutters. Use fertilizers without phosphorous on lawns and use low phosphorous fertilizers on other vegetation; follow the instructions carefully on the packaging.
- Pick up and dispose of animal waste.
- Fix car leaks as soon as possible and always recycle motor oil.
- During the winter months, do not shovel snow into the storm drain system.
- Alert the City when you see things that are not supposed to be in the storm drains.



## Utility Bill Payments Due by 5:00 p.m. on the 20th of Each Month

City Council designated 5:00 p.m. as the time utility payments are due on the 20th of each month to avoid the late fee. The \$10.00 late fee will be assessed to payments not received at City Hall by 5:00 p.m. on the 20th of each month. Payments are due upon receipt and no later than the 20th. For more information contact Mayor Taylor at 208-697-4354.



# MIDDLETON CONNECTS



ART  
HISTORY  
PARKS  
PATHWAYS &  
TECHNOLOGY

Middleton's population is estimated to double over the next ten years. Maintaining the small town feel, remembering history and developing for the future requires planning and commitment from the City and community as Middleton grows.

This map displays the proposed long-range City vision for existing and proposed pathways, parks, and streets based on the Middleton Connects vision and goals.

Everyone is invited to share their ideas and concerns on the comment cards below, comment cards at City Hall, via email at [citmid@middletonidaho.us](mailto:citmid@middletonidaho.us), or visit with City staff, Mayor Taylor or Council members directly.

MIDDLETON CONNECTS is a community vision to enhance walkability, health, and livability in Middleton.

**VISION STATEMENT:** Create places and experiences that will educate, entertain and connect the community of Middleton with art and history while utilizing parks, playgrounds, schools, pathways and technology.

**GOALS:**

- 1. ENRICH** Middleton's sense of community with a pathway system that connects neighborhoods to schools, parks and downtown, and invites walking and biking to promote a healthy lifestyle.
- 2. HONOR** Middleton's history by engaging the community through historical interpretive signs in parks and along pathways.
- 3. CAPTURE** preserve and present Middleton's history in pictures, stories and artifacts at the Art and History Museum, which will be a legacy for generations to come.
- 4. ENCOURAGE** public art that creates social, cultural or historical statements consistent with Middleton Connects' vision.

**ART** Public art helps define and reveal insights about Middleton's history, natural surroundings and cultural connections. Public artwork is encouraged in parks, residential and commercial areas. The City is designing entrance monuments to be situated along Highway 44 entering town from the east, west, and south welcoming people to town. Banners attached to streetlights downtown are changed seasonally and for special holidays to help keep Middleton's small-town feel. Future parks may include sculpted art featuring historical events or memorials. Artists are encouraged to submit ideas for public art to City Hall.

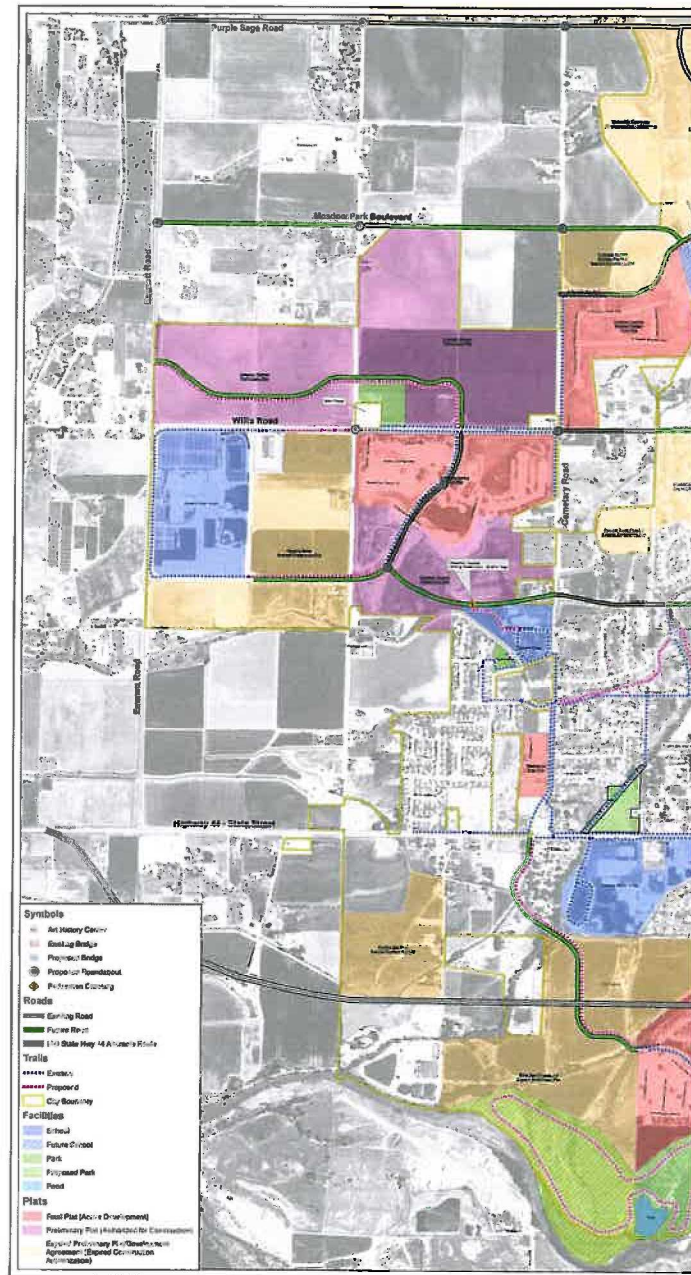
**HISTORY** A Historic Preservation Society was formed to establish an Art and History Center with grant funds from Canyon County and the City of Middleton. The Art and History Center will be located along the pathway allowing walking tours for student field trips and easy access for residents and visitors. Historical markers in parks and along the pathways will mark Middleton's historic past and provide insight into inspiring moments from Middleton's history.

**PARKS** The City's park system includes improved leisure, natural, and recreational parks. Existing and future parks will be connected to the pathway system. A location for a skate park is being pursued. Natural parks are designed to recreate close to the Boise River with unpaved but improved pathways. Parks are gathering places identified in the City's emergency preparedness plan. The Greater Middleton Parks and Recreation District provides parks for soccer and baseball programs.

**PATHWAYS** To the extent possible, pathways utilize existing sidewalks, shoulders of streets, and an occasional ditch/canal bank where appropriate. Pathways are designed to connect neighborhoods, parks and downtown to schools etc. Trailheads around town show the entire pathway system, with a "you are here" identification, and show the distance to each route. Hydration and health stations are being considered in parks and along pathways. The pathway system invites walking and biking to promote a healthy lifestyle.

**TECHNOLOGY** The City is exploring different technology options including solar lighting, WiFi connectivity and safety cameras in parks. Historic interpretive signage and trailhead signs will include QR code technology allowing additional information to be obtained via mobile devices.

**STREETS** Expanding the east-west traffic routes is critical for traffic movement now and with future residential growth. Roundabouts are the preferred intersection configuration as they slow traffic, but do not stop traffic. Public bus-stop pullouts are being incorporated in convenient areas, and pathways are being added along certain future roads that add routes, connections, and longer-distance walking options.



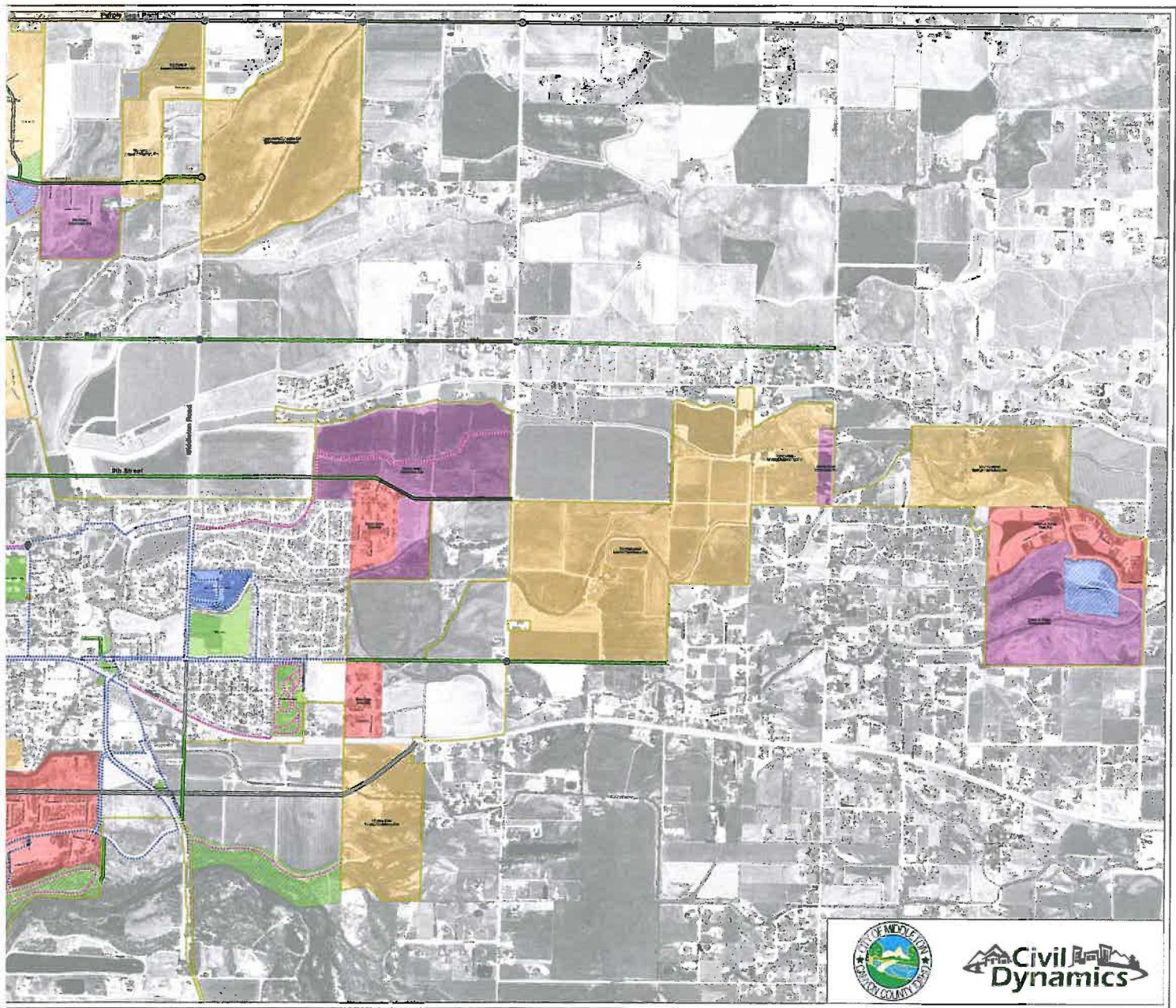
## Invitation to attend neighborhood meetings

The above map is a proposed long-range vision to increase the health, walkability and livability in Middleton. Everyone is invited to comment and make suggestions about the proposed pathways, parks and streets shown above. A large map will be on display at Ridley's through July 2013 and a comment box will be available there to make suggestions.

Several neighborhood meetings are scheduled at City Hall to discuss the vision. If you cannot attend the meeting scheduled for your area, please feel free to attend any of the other meetings.

A comment card is printed on the back of this newsletter for your convenience and can be returned with your utility bill.





## All meetings 6:30-7:30 p.m. at City Hall:

**Tuesday May 7:** West Highlands and The Estates

**Wednesday May 8 :** Powder River, Plumtree and Highland Meadows

**Tuesday May 21:** Downtown area

**Wednesday May 22:** Nottingham Greens and Sherwood Estates

**Tuesday May 28:** Bridgewater, Mountain View, Kennedy Meadows, Lakes at Telaga, Victory Heights

**Wednesday May 29 :** Middleton Lakes

**Tuesday June 11:** Middleton Heights (Prospector), Falcon Valley

**Tuesday June 18:** Park Place, Harmon, Greenlinks





## City Street Sweeping

The City streets are scheduled to be swept once every month as weather permits. Trees that overhang streets or sidewalks need to be trimmed to 11 feet high and to the backside of the curb or edge of sidewalk in order to avoid interference with the sweeper. If a tree does not meet this requirement it will be tagged with a bright colored ribbon notifying the property owner that it needs to be trimmed.

Do not blow leaves or grass clippings into the streets for the street sweeper to clean up. Leaves and grass clippings need to be bagged and disposed of properly.

## Emergency Preparedness

Everybody needs to be prepared in case of an emergency. The most likely disaster to occur in Middleton is a flood, but other disasters are possible, such as an earthquake, fire/smoke, electromagnetic pulse, or wind drift of nuclear fall-out. Some disasters may require you to evacuate. Keep flashlights/batteries, water, pre-cooked food, medications, water purifier, and other essential day-to-day items close by and easy to transport.



The City would like to thank all those who helped with the City Spring Clean Up this year. About 30 community members, scout troops, business owners, City Council members and City staff collected approximately 500 lbs of trash and debris along streets, gutters and sidewalks during the winter.

## Upcoming Meetings and Events:

**City Council/MYAC** **May 1**  
MYAC 5:30 p.m. City Hall  
Council 6:30 p.m. City Hall

**Talk with the Mayor** **May 7**  
10:00 a.m. City Hall  
6:30 p.m. City Hall

**MYAC Committee Meeting** **May 8**  
City Hall  
5:30 p.m.

**City Council/MYAC** **May 15**  
MYAC 5:30 p.m. City Hall  
Council 6:30 p.m. City Hall

**Planning and Zoning** **May 20**  
City Hall  
7:00 p.m.

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