



Talk with the Mayor

Tuesday December 8, 2015
 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
 City Hall

City Awarded \$43,500 Idaho Gem Grant from the Idaho Department of Commerce

Idaho Gem Grants are focused on job creation and retention, and awards are limited to the hard implementation costs of economic development projects. Eligible projects include water and sewer infrastructure for new or expanding a business, remediation of slum and blight conditions blocking business development, and matching funds for the creation of assets with a high certainty of aiding future economic development efforts.

The City award will help fund design services to extend water and sewer mainline services in Middleton Road south of the Boise River. City utilities enable Rule Steel to expand facilities and create over a hundred new jobs in Middleton.

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City Disaster Response Plan

Canyon County adopted an updated Emergency Operations Plan in August 2015, and is asking the eight cities in Canyon County to accept the plan. The County-led plan identifies the decision-making process when a disaster occurs, and the roles and responsibilities of responders, which include city and county government, residents, families, neighborhoods, police, fire, medic, and public works.

Disasters likely to occur in Middleton include a flood, earthquake, and extreme weather. When responding to and recovering from a disaster, responders must maintain normal operations while dealing with the disaster.

Everyone is invited to attend a meeting about the City's Disaster Response Plan, and a special invitation is extended to leaders of homeowner association boards, churches, civic organizations, and clubs. You do not need to bring anything, and an information handout will be provided.

Date: Tuesday January 7, 2016
 Time: 6:30 – 7:45 pm
 Location: Adventureland Plaza

Sign Up for Automatic Bill Payment

If you would like to enroll in automatic bill payment, sign-up forms are available at City Hall or on the website at www.middleton.id.gov. Payment withdrawal is on the 16th of each month.

Merry Christmas



Fund Report Fiscal Year 2015 - as of 9/30/2015

	Budgeted	Expenditures	% Remaining	Cash Balance
General Fund				
Admin	\$586,483	\$547,309	7%	\$477,703
Building	\$799,329	\$791,103	1%	
Library	\$718,321	\$223,913	69%	\$243,268
Parks	\$1,002,402	\$308,514	69%	409,409
Police	\$400,958	\$399,014	0%	
Total General Fund	\$3,507,493	\$2,269,854	35%	\$1,130,380
Garbage Fund	\$646,584	\$606,944	6%	\$55,455
Sewer Fund	\$1,948,049	\$1,751,043	10%	\$1,653,900
Street Fund	\$2,304,372	\$2,073,185	10%	\$101,196
Water Fund	\$895,300	\$613,129	32%	\$2,431,248
Total All Funds	\$9,301,798	\$7,314,155	21%	\$5,372,179

Over 400 Bags of Leaves Filled During Rake-Up Middleton!

The Mayor's Youth Advisory Council led the third annual "Rake the Town" on Saturday, November 14, 2015. Over 60 people armed with rakes and brooms hit the streets to remove leaves from 15 yards, providing a service for residents least able to remove leaves themselves. Thank you to all who attended, and to the Mayor's Youth Council for sponsoring this community event.

Next year, the Mayor's Youth Council intends to start an annual "Paint the Town" community event. The Youth Council will re-paint the exterior of at least one home, using colors selected by the homeowner. Although Middleton is starting small, the event will grow as the city's population increases, similar to other cities in the valley. Please contact Kandice Cotterell at 208-585-3133 if you or someone you know is elderly or physically impaired, and the outside of your home needs repainted.



Middleton Library hosted a "Family Party" at the library on Wednesday November 18, 2015, and over 110 people attended. The interactive science theme, activities, and experiment book for each family were a hit with parents and their children. Thank you to all who attended, and to the library for sponsoring this community event.

Taxes, Jobs and Economic Development

In September 2015, Rule Steel decided to stay at its current location rather than relocate out-of-state. It annexed into Middleton city limits and is extending water and sewer systems to its property. Having city utilities allows Rule Steel to accomplish its goals of increasing its facilities and doubling its workforce in the next three-to-five years. This results in skilled-labor job opportunities for residents, and additional city revenue that helps keep real property taxes low for residents.

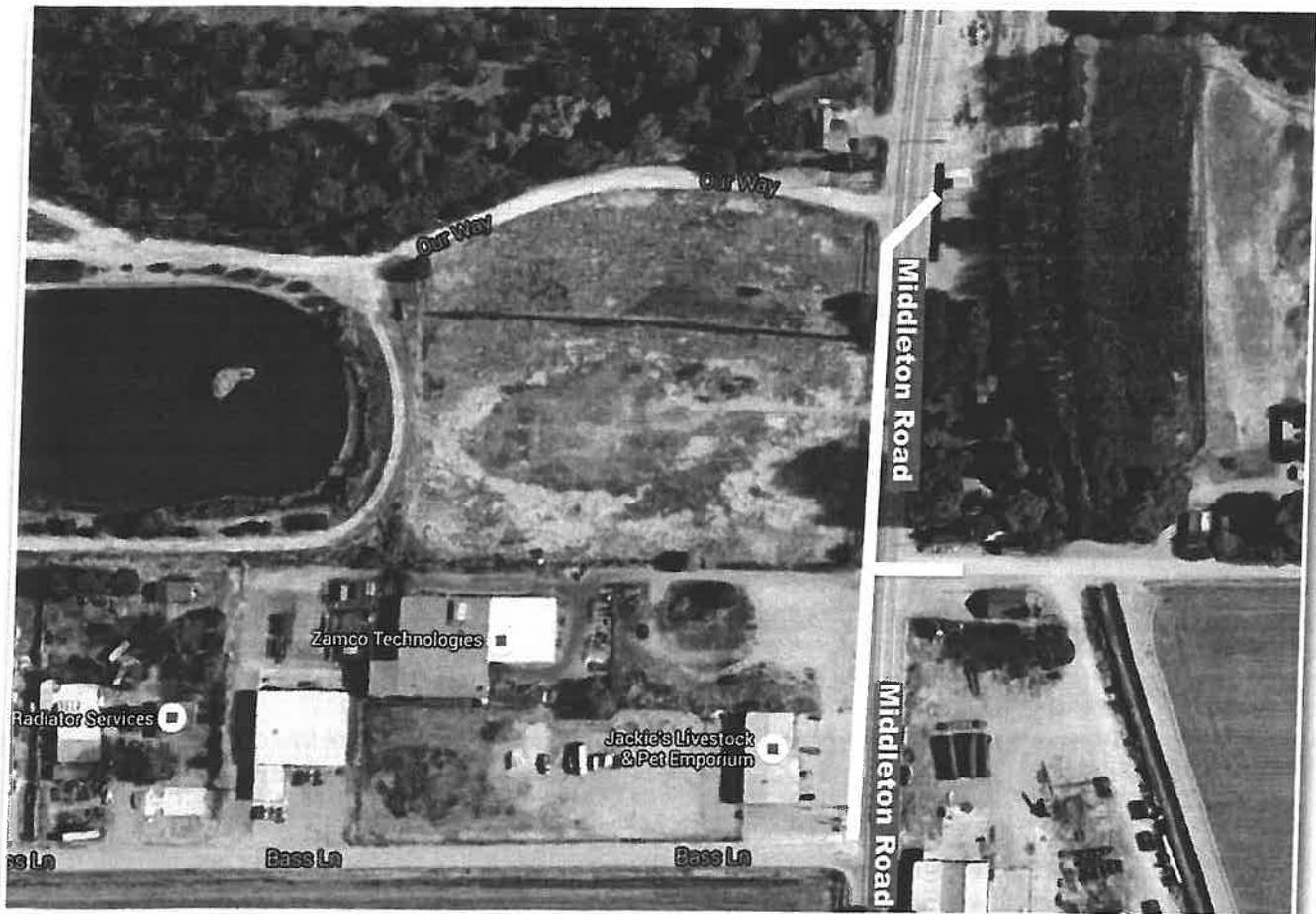
The City is paying to extend the sewer mainline along Middleton Road from the Boise River Lift Station to Bass Lane, and Rule Steel is paying to extend water and sewer mainlines to the west end of Bass Lane.

The extension project began in November and is scheduled to be complete by March 2016. The speed limit will be reduced during construction, and both lanes of Middleton Road will remain open.

This sewer mainline extension project enables industrial, commercial, and residential development on land surrounding Rule Steel. Landowners and developers pay their way by extending utilities and road infrastructure to their respective properties.

In Fiscal Year 2016 (Oct. 1, 2015 – Sept. 30, 2016), the Mayor and City Council adopted a balanced budget, the lowest in at least the last seven years. The City strives to keep real property taxes low. Middleton does not have money to attract businesses to locate here, and only the county can waive or delay property taxes as an incentive.

However, Middleton has been planning and designing extension of water and sewer mainlines west along Highway 44 to Interstate 84, and south along Middleton Road to Lincoln Road, all within Middleton's area of city impact. See Page 1 for a grant the City received to help pay for the design.



Taxing Districts

The local government is made up of many different governing districts. It is important to understand that different districts have different leadership, rules, regulations and taxing authority. This information should help when you have questions. Each of these districts has open meetings that can be attended to understand taxes, issues and provide input.

City of Middleton **585-3133**

City Council meetings: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., City Hall. The City owns and manages the police department, library, city water and sewer systems, streets and drains and the following parks: Roadside Park, Centennial Grove, Middleton Place Park, and Piccadilly Park.

Canyon County **454-7300**

Meetings scheduled upon request. Canyon County provides the following services: Assessor, Clerk, Coroner, Courts, Jail, Landfill, Prosecuting Attorney and Sheriff.

Cemetery District **585-9394**

Cemetery Board Meetings: 2nd Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the Cemetery District Office. Owns and manages the Middleton Cemetery.

Fire District **585-6650**

Fire Board Meetings: 2nd Monday at the Fire Station. Owns and manages Middleton Rural Fire District.

Greater Middleton Park & Rec. District **585-3461**

Park & Rec Board meetings: 1st Thursday at the park and rec. office. Owns and manages Hawthorne Park, Foote Park and Ed Payne Park.

School District **585-3027**

School Board Meetings: 2nd Monday at the School District Office 6:15 p.m. Owns and manages all public schools in the Middleton area.



Emergency 911
Non-Emergency Phone
208-585-0008

December Calendar

City Council 6:30 p.m. City Hall	December 2
Santa's Workshop (GMPRD) 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Fire Station	December 12
Christmas Parade/Tree Lighting 4:30 p.m. Main Street	December 12
Planning and Zoning 7:00 p.m. City Hall	December 14
City Council 6:30 p.m. City Hall	December 16
City Hall Closed	December 24 December 25 December 31* January 1

*City Hall will be open from 8:00 a.m. - Noon on December 31

For information about Santa's Workshop, please contact Greater Middleton Parks and Recreation District at 585-3461.

For information about the Christmas parade, contact the Middleton Chamber of Commerce at 208-713-5662.



Clear Frost and Snow on Windshields

It's dark, wet and cold. However, it's important to clear your windshield of frost and snow. In a rush trying to get kids to school or running late for work, drivers often scrape a small area on the windshield - open the driver's side window turn the defrost fan up and are on their way! Take the extra minute to clean your windshield, windows adjacent to the driver and the back window. It can avoid some serious problems down the road.

Idaho Code 49-612(3) Obstructed Vision
No vehicle shall be operated on the roadway when the windshield and/or windows of the vehicle are coated with ice, snow, sleet, or dust to the extent that the driver's view ahead, or to the sides or rear of the vehicle are obstructed. Fine \$90.00