



## Talk with the Mayor

Tuesday January 9, 2016  
10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.  
City Hall

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## Community Christmas Concert

Thank you to Sara Richards, Erin Kofoed, and Dan Child for organizing the first annual Middleton Community Christmas Concert. The high school auditorium was filled to capacity with community residents and visitors celebrating Christmas. Also, thank you to all who shared their talents, especially elementary school children, and to pastors and churches in town for making facilities available for practices. Please contact Sara, Erin or Dan if you would like to participate next year.

# Happy New Year 2016

## Changes To City Code

City Council on December 16, 2015 approved updates to City Code, including the following: general definitions; the annual business license was re-characterized as an annual registration; size limits were adopted for free-standing signs; "Closing" and "Going out of business" signs do not need a permit; added a definition and rules about "tiny houses;" modified the off-street parking space, land use, and setback tables; added a buffer requirement for commercial and industrial developments; added a provision allowing city abatement of work done in right-of-ways; "feces" were added as a prohibited nuisance; and Council changed the noise section to require construction to begin during summer months at 7:00 a.m. rather than 6:30 a.m. Contact Mayor Taylor at 697-4354 for more information.

## City Disaster Response Plan

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

Everyone is invited to attend a meeting where the City will present a summary of the organizations that would be involved, the decision-making process, and who pays the costs when responding to a disaster. A special invitation is extended to leaders of homeowner association boards, churches, civic organizations, and clubs. You do not need to bring anything, and a handout will be provided.

## Santa Clause Visits Middleton

Sightings of Santa were common on December 12, 2015 during the Christmas Parade, and afterward at the Fire Station where children visited with Santa! A big THANK YOU to Mr. and Ms. Clause for visiting Middleton! Thank you to the marching bands from Middleton middle and high schools who played familiar Christmas songs, to church groups and many others for the fun floats and other entries, to Dr. Bauscher and the Middleton Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring the parade, to the Middleton Rural Fire District, Police Department, GMPRD for Santa's Workshop, and to City Public Works Department for helping with the parade. Many hands made another wonderful community event that we look forward to each year.

## Christmas Spirit Around Town

Thank you to Ridley's, Family Eye Care and others for Christmas lights and demonstrating the Christmas spirit.

The City invites all downtown business to display lights at their locations next year.



## Grant Funding Update

Agency	Project	Status	Grant Amount Awarded/Requested
Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation	Community Health (Parks/Paths/Activity)	Awarded	\$150,000
Community Choices of Idaho	Sidewalk (N. Middleton Road)	Awarded	\$ 45,000
COMPASS - Planning	Concord/Willow Rd. (Road/Sidewalks/Path)	Awarded	\$ 30,000
Idaho Parks and Recreation	8-10' Asphalt Pathway (SH-44/Place Park)	Awarded	\$101,196
Idaho Transportation Dept.	ADA Pedestrian Ramps SHWY 44	Awarded	\$ 50,000
Community Choices of Idaho	Sidewalk (Cemetery Road)	Awarded	\$214,350
Tony Hawk Foundation	Skate Park	Awarded	\$ 7,500
Valley Regional Transit	Park & Ride Lot/Bus Shelter	Awarded pending FTA	\$848,000
Idaho Gem Grant	Design Sewer Expansion	Awarded	\$ 43,500
Idaho Dept. Commerce RCBG	New Water Source - Fire Flow	Submitted	\$225,000

## Fund Report Fiscal Year 2016

As of 11/30/2015

	Budgeted	Expenditures	Remaining	Cash Balance
<b>General Fund</b>				
Admin	\$430,042	\$52,697	88%	\$255,659
Building	\$258,714	\$67,444	74%	
Library	\$459,225	\$35,149	92%	\$243,357
Parks	\$295,651	\$26,351	91%	\$409,669
Police	\$452,284	\$58,321	87%	
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>\$1,895,916</b>	<b>\$239,962</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>\$908,683</b>
Garbage Fund	\$526,834	\$39,760	92%	\$59,527
Sewer Fund	\$1,470,187	\$78,413	95%	\$1,470,911
Street Fund	\$1,556,305	\$100,357	94%	\$72,505
Water Fund	\$724,150	\$74,801	90%	\$2,423,295
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$6,173,392</b>	<b>\$533,294</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>\$4,934,922</b>

## Paved Whiffin Lane

Whiffin Lane was paved from State Highway 44 to the south about 830 feet so residents did not have to drive on a dirt road. Also, the City paved a portion of South 3rd Avenue West between the school district office and ATLAS alternative school parking lot.

## It's Time To Renew Business License

All businesses operating in City limits are required to have a business license registration. The fee is \$25.00. Forms are available from the Deputy City Clerk or found on the City website at [middleton.id.gov](http://middleton.id.gov).

The applications must be received by January 31, 2016 to avoid a late fee being assessed. If you have questions please contact the Deputy City Clerk at 208-585-3133.

### Survey About State Issues *(return to City Hall by January 15, 2016)*

1. Should a cemetery burial lot in Idaho be deemed abandoned and resold if not maintained or used by its owner, or if the owner does not contact the cemetery, within 50, 70, or 80 years, or never ?

- 50 years
- 70 years
- 80 years
- Never

2. Should Idaho increase the personal property tax exemption (for business equipment) from \$100,000 to \$150,000 / \$250,000? This will reduce State revenue by \$4.4/ \$10.5 million?

- Yes
- No

3. Should Idaho lower income tax from 7.4% to 7.3% for individuals, trusts and estates where Idaho taxable income is \$7,500 and over? This will reduce State revenue by \$20.7 million?

- Yes
- No

4. Should Idaho repeal the \$10 food tax credit, declare an emergency, and not charge sales tax for food sold for human consumption? This will reduce State revenue by \$41.43 million?

- Yes
- No

5. Should Idaho allow notice of a public hearing, annual meeting, project bid, and property disposal to be posted on websites as an alternative to being printed in newspapers?

- Yes
- No

6. County Commissioners can grant a property tax exemption for all or a portion of the taxable market value of new buildings or structural components of buildings as a tax incentive to attract new business. Should Idaho reduce the minimum investment amount from \$3 million to \$500,000?

- Yes
- No

7. Should Idaho require title, registration, and collect sales tax for a "tiny house" or "park model" trailer-type home is less than 400 square feet?

- Yes
- No

8. Should Idaho exempt sensitive records about critical infrastructure from public disclosure?

- Yes
- No

9. Should Idaho exempt from disclosure the name and address of any Idaho national pollutant discharge elimination system (IPDES) applicant or permittee, the content of any IPDES permit, effluent data, water quality standard, or limitation imposed by the Environmental Protection Agency?

- Yes
- No

10. Should Idaho define and add "firefighter occupational diseases" to Idaho Code and pay firefighters (employed or volunteer) workers compensation, and disability and death benefits if the firefighter is diagnosed with one or more of the following: cancer of the brain, bladder, kidney, colorectal, ureter, testicular, breast, esophagus; Hodgkin's lymphoma; leukemia; or multiple myeloma?

- Yes
- No

11. Should Treasure Valley cities and counties design and construct a high capacity public transportation (rail) connecting Boise to Caldwell, Nampa, Middleton and cities in between, and to major destinations i.e. airport, Boise Towne Square Mall, large businesses?

- Yes
- No

## Local Government Taxing Districts

The City of Middleton is made up of many different governing districts. It is important to understand that different districts have different leadership, rules, regulations and taxing abilities. This information should help when you have questions. Each of these districts has open meetings that can be attended to understand 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 building, planning and police departments, library, city water and sewer systems, streets and drains, and the following parks: Roadside Park, Centennial Grove, Middleton Place Park, and Piccadilly Park.

### **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 District Meetings: 2nd Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Station. Owns and manages Middleton Rural Fire District.

### **Greater Middleton Parks & Rec. District** **585-3461**

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

### **School District** **585-3027**

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

## January Calendar

City Council 6:30 p.m. City Hall	January 6
City Disaster Response Plan 6:30 p.m. Adventureland Plaza	January 7
Planning and Zoning 7:00 p.m. City Hall	January 11
Martin Luther King Day City Hall Closed	January 16
City Council 6:30 p.m. City Hall	January 20
State of the City Time and location TBD	February 23

## 2016 Community Events

Mark your calendars for fun community events that continue to provide entertainment and recreational opportunities in Middleton.

Thank you to event sponsors and to the thousands of residents and visitors who participate.

Chili Cook-off Contest	March
Dodge Ball Tournament	March
Easter Choir Concert	April
Easter Egg Hunt	April
Clean-Up Middleton	April
Middleton Unplugged	April
MCHAT Health Fair & Fun Run	April
Movies in the Park	Summer
4th of July Parade & Activities	July
Relay-for-Life	July
Summer Alive	August
Harvest Festival	September
ColorRama	September
Seventh Day Adventist Health Fair	September
Fall Craft Bazaar	October
Paint the Town	October
Rake-Up Middleton	November
City Christmas Tree Lighting	November
Christmas Parade & Activities	December
Santa's Workshop	December
Bingo at the Fire Station	1st Saturday ea. month



**Emergency 911**  
**Non-Emergency Phone**  
**208-585-0008**