



Talk with the Mayor

Tuesday July 14, 2015
10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
City Hall

Discussion: Road Closure and
Future Acquisition Map

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Road Closures at Skyline Drive and Murphy Ave.

On June 23, 2015, Skyline Dr. was closed at State Highway 44 to minimize center turn-lane conflicts between Skyline Dr. and the stoplight at S. Middleton Rd. Murphy Ave. was closed south of Hometown Family Eyecare to maintain access to established businesses, minimize traffic accidents, and establish a different traffic pattern for getting onto SH-44 from S. Middleton Road.

On May 20 and June 3, 2015, the Mayor and City Council considered memoranda prepared by traffic engineers that compared standards of the Institute of Transportation Engineers to speed, road condition, road geometry, and accident data for the intersections. The decision to close the roads was made June 3, 2015. The memoranda can be viewed or downloaded at www.middleton.id.gov.

The City intends to straighten Middleton Rd. from the Boise River to State Highway 44 (Straightening Middleton Road Project). This project has about seven expensive phases or corollary projects, culminating with design anticipated in 2018 and construction anticipated in 2019. The City is taking steps to accomplish this multi-phased, multi-year project in an orderly manner without raising property taxes.



4th of July - Parade Route and Fireworks

The Middleton 4th of July parade is hosted by the Middleton Chamber of Commerce and starts at noon. The parade route begins at Middleton Middle School going east on State Highway 44 / Main Street, then turns left (north) on N. Dewey Ave., right (east) on Triumph Dr., right (south) on N. Middleton Rd., and ends at Cornell Street. The "wet zone," where fire trucks will be spraying a lot of water, is on Highway 44 between Chuck's Barber Shop and City Hall.

The fireworks begin at dusk (about 9:50 pm) in the vacant field east of Foote Park, at the northeast corner of N. Middleton Road and Cornell St. The Middleton fireworks display is led by Middleton Fireworks Fund Inc. formed in 2006 to perform this community service. Donations to the Fireworks Fund are accepted at P.O. Box 412, Middleton, Idaho 83644.

Fiscal Year 2016 DRAFT Budget

The Mayor, Treasurer, and City department heads have been gathering information about anticipated revenues and expenses for next year. The City's fiscal year is from October 1 to September 30. Middleton City Council is scheduled on July 15, 2015, 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, to consider a draft city budget for next year.

Last year, the Mayor, Treasurer and City Council anticipated level personal income and expenses, even though Wall Street economists predicted substantial increases. In May 2015, the economists revised their forecasts downward saying individuals were not earning or spending as much money as anticipated. City finances are balanced, stable, and in a good condition.

This year, the Mayor, Treasurer and City Council intend to request the same amount of property tax dollars as last year, plus the real property taxes from new construction so that new construction pays for itself. The draft budget being proposed for City Council consideration will be balanced without raising taxes (i.e. without requesting a three percent (3%) real property tax increase and without taking the foregone amount that could have been requested during the last three years). If taxes increase, then real property tax increases are likely the result of increased assessed values of residents' properties and increased real property taxes requested by other agencies, including special levies and bonds.

The draft budget is easiest to discuss in four parts: 1) personnel salaries and benefits, 2) capital improvement projects, 3) maintenance projects, and 4) specific line-items. Some of the larger capital and maintenance expense items included in the draft budget for Fiscal Year 2016 are listed below by accounting fund - amounts are approximate.

Garbage Fund	\$350,000	Solid waste disposal
General Fund		
Administration	\$100,000	Complete Trolley Station exterior stucco and interior electrical, ceiling, flooring and wall remodel
	\$16,000	Museum exterior stucco, sidewalks
Parks	\$15,000	Exterior facade at Roadside Park restrooms
	\$75,000	Electronic irrigation and pump at Middleton Place
	\$30,000	Re-surface tennis courts at Middleton Place Park
Police	\$100,000	Officer and vehicle #5
	\$10,000	Three reserve officers
Sewer Fund	\$175,000	Sewer Master Plan
	\$50,000	NPDES wastewater permit compliance and treated wastewater sampling
	\$60,000	Pave around lab and blower building
	\$350,000	Design gravity and pressurized mainlines and lift stations west along State Highway 44, and south of the Boise River
Street Fund	\$560,000	Design and construct improvements to Marjorie Dr. and Harmon Way east of N. Middleton Road
	\$54,000	Transportation Master Plan
	\$50,000	NPDES storm water permit compliance and water-quality monitoring
Water Fund	\$60,000	Back-up generator for Well #4
	\$50,000	Start-up Well #7

If accepted, the draft budget becomes a proposed budget that will be published according to Idaho law and that the City Council will consider adopting at a public hearing scheduled for August 5, 2015, 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. Afterward the City will publish the adopted budget according to Idaho law, and the budget takes effect October 1, 2015. Projects pending at the end of this fiscal year will be paid from this year's budget, even though final project billing may be received after September 30, 2015.

Battle Ball -- Fun To Play and Even More Fun To Watch!



The first annual Middleton Battleball tournament, sponsored by the Middleton Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, was held at Middleton Place Park on June 20, 2015 with 14 teams and more than 100 players and spectators! The six-to-eight minute long soccer matches between players in plastic bubbles provided entertainment and fun for everyone.

1.5 Mile Asphalt Trail Complete

The trail along the north side of State Highway 44 that connects Roadside Park and Middleton Place Park was paved and can be used by pedestrians and bicycles. Motorized vehicles and horses on the trail are prohibited. Animals must be on a leash, and please pick-up and dispose pet waste in disposal stations or a garbage can. Routes between one-half and three miles are now available, and will be shown on way-finding maps to be located along the trail at King Ave., Skyline Dr. and entrances into Middleton Place Park. Thank you to Gunner and Theresa Bradford at Precision Excavation for a job well done.



Concord Street and Willow Dr. Road Reconstruction Complete



Concord Street was reconstructed this spring with a sidewalk on the south side and a block retaining wall at the west end. An asphalt pathway was paved on the west side of Willow Dr. that connects Concord and 9th Streets sidewalk accesses. Thank you to ALTA Construction for a job well done.

Stucco Buildings -- Expansion Joint Inspections

The State of Idaho and City of Middleton adopted the International Code Council's residential and commercial codes, which require compliance with code and manufacturer's specifications when building in Middleton. ASTM International, formerly known as the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), is a globally recognized leader in the development and delivery of international voluntary consensus standards. Today, some 12,000 ASTM standards are used around the world to improve product quality, enhance safety, facilitate market access and trade, and build consumer confidence.

ASTM 1063 describes expansion joints to be used when using stucco as an exterior finish. Please consult the ASTM, applicable codes, and Middleton's Building Official prior to stucco application and inspection.

Local Government Leadership

Different entities in town have different leadership, rules, regulations and taxes. Each of these entities has open meetings that can be attended to understand issues and provide input.

Cemetery District	585-9394
Chamber of Commerce	713-5662
City of Middleton	585-3133
Fire District	585-6650
Greater Middleton Park & Rec.	585-3461
Middleton School District	585-3027
Non-Emergency Police	585-0008

July Calendar

City Council 6:30 p.m. City Hall	July 1
Fourth of July Parade - Fireworks	July 4
Planning and Zoning 7:00 p.m. City Hall	July 13
City Council 6:30 p.m. City Hall	July 15

Middleton Police Call Report

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March 18, 2015 - April 15, 2015			
Animal Control	18	Code Enforcement	11
Community Policing	89	Drug Offense	1
Fraud	5	Juvenile Offense	9
Person Crime	6	Property Crime	21
Public Offense	5	Traffic Offense	19
Other/911	21		

- Animal Control:** Stray animals, animals creating traffic hazards, animal bites, animal complaints
- Code Enforcement:** Parking problems
- Community Policing:** Officers interaction with citizens, solving problems, community concerns
- Drug Offense:** Possessing, selling, distributing drugs
- Fraud:** Scams, attempting to collect money falsely
- Juvenile Offense:** Curlew, runaways, juveniles beyond control, loitering
- Person Crime:** Domestic battery, battery, rape, assault
- Property Crime:** Theft and burglary
- Public Offense:** Disturbing the peace, vandalism
- Traffic Offense:** Speeding, reckless driving, car crash
- Other/911:** 911 disconnects, assisting other agencies, follow-up investigations

Emergency Preparedness

Be prepared. Don't depend on an evacuation center to have a good supply of drinking water right away when a catastrophe occurs! Bring your own drinking water. Water is the first thing to disappear off store shelves in a disaster.

The City of Middleton recommends storing sufficient potable water at home to last 14 days for everyone residing in the house. The City's recommendation is based on recommendations from cities and counties across the United States that have experienced natural disasters or catastrophes, and seen how long it can take for help to arrive and utilities to be restored. An individual can live about a month on a liquid diet, but only a few days without anything to drink.

"Store drinking water for circumstances in which the water supply may be polluted or disrupted. If water comes directly from a good, pretreated source, then no additional purification is needed; otherwise, pre-treat water before use. Store water in sturdy, leak-proof, break-resistant containers. Consider using plastic bottles commonly used for juices and soft drinks. Keep water containers away from heat sources and direct sunlight." --ProvidentLiving.org

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recommends we prepare for emergencies to last up to two weeks or more. Middleton recommends storing a minimum of a two-week supply of water per person, 14 gallons (seven for drinking and seven for other uses). Infants, seniors, and animals may require more. Also, consider the high temperatures during summer-time.

Individual commercially-prepared water bottles are easy to transport, store, and rotate. They can be tossed into a back-pack or suitcase when walking to an evacuation center, and they are easy to share.