



## Talk with the Mayor

Tuesday April 8, 2014

10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. City Hall

Topic: Open discussion, question and answer.

## Have fun and get Unplugged!

Middleton Unplugged is a great community event everyone can enjoy. The Middleton Unplugged calendar has been posted to the City website. Below are a few events the City is hosting this year.



**April 12 Bike Rodeo**, 10:00 a.m. at the Middle School. In coordination with the MCHAT Health Fair, the Middleton Mayor's Youth Advisory Council will host a bike rodeo. Bring your bike and ride the obstacle course. Bike and helmet safety checks will also be offered.



**April 21 Puzzle Competition** 7:00 p.m. at Trolley Station. Fun filled night with all different types of puzzles from 100 pieces to 500 pieces ranging in difficulty from quick and easy to big and complicated and even some 3D puzzles. Come race against family, friends and the clock to see how quickly you can finish.



**April 23 Spring Clean Up** 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Everyone is invited to help clean up the local streets from trash and debris that has collected along streets, sidewalks and gutters during the winter. Trash bags and walking routes will be provided.

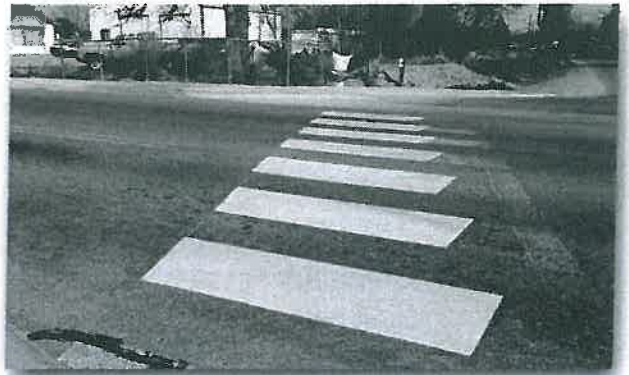
## City Resident Spring Clean-Up April 21-25

On your regular trash day, Republic Services will pick up large/bulky trash items for FREE. Items must be placed out for collection with your regular trash. For questions contact Republic Services at 345-1265



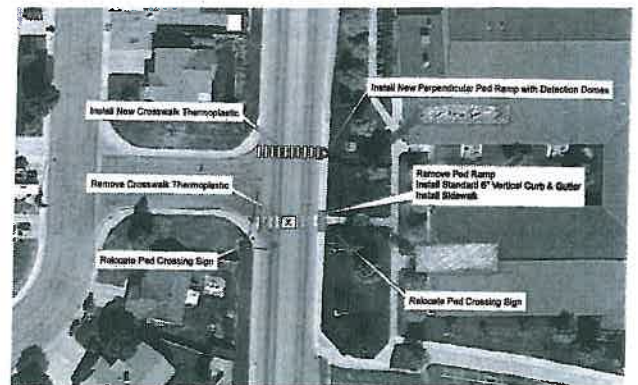
### N. 3rd Avenue West

New inlet prevents pooling after rain; it connects to a stormwater pipe in the alley behind Burger Den



### Crosswalk Repainted

Students and crosswalk are now easier to see on north side of Cemetery Road/Concord Street.



### Crosswalk Relocation

Crosswalk is being relocated from the south side of Ridge Road to the north side to allow students a safer crossing and vehicle right turns from Mountain View Subdivision onto Middleton Road.

## City Project Update:

### Pending Design Projects

1. Canyon Villa – to reconstruct all roads and replace water, sewer and stormwater lines as needed
2. 225' Sidewalk west side of Middleton Road connecting Kennedy Meadows and Mountain View subdivisions leading to Mill Creek Elementary School (partial grant funds)
3. Concord Street / Willow Dr. – to reconstruct Concord with sidewalk on the south side and subsurface stormwater, also construct trail on west side of Willow Dr. (partial grant funds)
4. Meadow Park Boulevard section east of Crossing Ave west of – part of The Crossing subdivision
5. Willis Road section east of W. 4th Ave. – part of Powder River #2 subdivision
6. Roundabouts – 30% Design to identify right-of-way
  - a. Willis / Hartley – part of West Highlands subdivision
  - b. Willis / Cemetery – part of West Highlands subdivision
  - c. Cornell / Kingsbury – part of The Lakes subdivision

### Construction Projects – Estimated Funding and Construction Years

- 2014 Install speed humps on Triumph Dr. between Dewey Ave. and Middleton Road  
Install sidewalk along State Highway 44 across Willow Creek Bridge near middle school  
Install sidewalk along north side SH-44 connecting Wellstone Business Park to sidewalk west of Cemetery Road  
Reconstruct several SH-44 pedestrian ramps to be ADA-complaint (grant funds)  
Reconstruct Canyon Villa subdivision roads  
Pave N. 2nd Ave. West
- 2015 225' Sidewalk west side of Middleton Road connecting Kennedy Meadows and Mountain View subdivisions leading to Mill Creek Elementary School  
(grant funds for construction avail. 2015)  
Reconstruct Concord Street
- 2016 Reconstruct Dewey Ave. from SH-44 to N. 3rd Street  
Reconstruct Hawthorne Dr. from SH-44 to N. 1st Street  
Reconstruct S. 4th Ave West from SH-44 to Middleton Middle School  
Reconstruct Willis Rd. west of Hartley Lane  
Reconstruct Cornell St. east of Dewey Ave.  
Reconstruct Middleton Place subdivision roads
- 2017 Construct S. Cemetery Road and bridge (grant funds) connect to Sawtooth Lake Dr.



## Public Safety Individual Preparation and Cooperation

Televised devastation to people and property during natural disasters, in the United States and around the world, prompts us to ask "What would we do if that happened here?" and "Are we as prepared as we can be?"

Earthquakes, floods, wind-storms, freezing rain, snow, and loss of power are just some of emergencies most likely in the area. City and communities prepare so they can promptly respond after a disaster to relieve suffering. Individual preparation and cooperation is essential.

Neighbors we do not know very well may be the ones that save our lives, or maybe we would save theirs. Responses to recent natural disasters around the nation and world demonstrate neighborhoods are the first response ... neighbors working together to save lives. The City participates in the Canyon County Hazard Mitigation Plan with other city, emergency service, and law enforcement leaders. In addition, the City of Middleton is taking steps to provide clean and safe gathering places during extreme circumstances where communication and first-aid can be distributed.

**Each individual and household should have the following items gathered in one place, ready to be mobile if necessary:**

- Drinking water
- Food
- Light (flashlight/batteries, lantern)
- Medications
- Cleaning materials (soap, wipes, hand sanitizer, disinfectant, bleach)
- Personal hygiene items
- Clothes/shoes
- Communication (radio, walkie-talkies)
- First-aid essentials
- Pain reliever

## Civic Center Interior Demolition - Preparation for Museum Remodel



The picture above (left) shows the original ceiling structure of the Civic Center. The interior demolition is complete; the interior remodel is anticipated to begin soon. The illustration above (right) is a concept drawing showing how the museum interior will look after the remodel.

## Levy Rate

State law requires cities to use water and sewer utility payments to operate, maintain, repair, and improve drinking water and sewer systems. Water utility revenue cannot pay for sewer, street or park expenses; likewise, sewer utility revenue cannot be used to pay for water, street or park expenses.

The Idaho legislature determined many years ago that real property taxes pay for maintenance, operation, repair and improvement of City streets, parks, libraries and administration. Fuel and sales tax revenue is shared between Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) and among all cities, counties, and highway districts responsible for maintaining streets and bridges. This is called "revenue sharing," and Middleton receives a small amount of those fuel and sales taxes.

A tax levy rate is the result of a mathematical calculation, and is not set by the city or county. The City's real property tax levy rate is derived by dividing the amount of City-requested Property Tax Dollars by the County Assessor's Taxable Value of all real property in Canyon County as shown before.

$$\frac{\text{Property Tax Dollars (requested by City)}}{\text{Taxable Value of all real property in Canyon County (assessed by County)}} = \text{Tax Levy Rate}$$

The City did not request a three percent (3%) increase ("Foregone Amount") the last two years, but requested the same Property Tax Dollars in 2012 and 2013 as it did in 2011, plus property taxes attributable to new residences so that everyone pays a fair share (new "Tax Roll").

## Second Annual Tour of Public Works

A tour for all ages is scheduled on May 28, 2014 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. and will include the new wastewater treatment plant, shop, and a public well, lift station, and water storage tank. The street sweeper, road grader, and huge vacuum truck will be on display.

## Skateboard Meeting for Kids (10-18)

The City invites all kids who enjoy skateboarding to be a part of the skateboard committee. This committee will help design the park, assist with fundraising and grant applications. The first meeting is scheduled for April 10th, 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

## Garbage Rate Increase

Republic Services provides trash and recycling services in Middleton through 2016. The contract, signed by the City in 2006, provides for annual rate increases according to the consumer price index. The CPI increase of 1.75% is effective April 1, 2014. See the City Treasurer for a detailed increase schedule.

Middleton FrontPage is a City newsletter distributed with monthly utility bills. The page count and print color vary based on contract. Circulation is approximately 2336 copies at an average of .30 each.

## Playground Ribbon Cutting at Middleton Place Park (Harmon)



Thank you to everyone who came out to the ribbon cutting - it was a lot of fun. Thank you to IDADIV, Sunwest Bank, Pioneer FCU, Roaring Springs and State Farm for their generous donation of prizes that were given away.

What's next? The City is planning to upgrade the restrooms, add a small multi-purpose room, and install a drinking fountain. These improvements should start in April. Portable restrooms will be provided during construction.