



Talk with the Mayor

Tuesday April 11, 2017
10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
City Hall - 1103 W. Main St.

Emergency Preparedness / Disaster Response Training

Monday, April 10, 2017
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Middleton Middle School – Gym,
511 W. Main Street, Middleton, Idaho

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Cart Locations

Trash and recycling carts are properly placed curbside off the sidewalk, away from mailboxes so the Post Office will deliver mail. The City has requested that Republic Services return emptied carts to the curbside in an effort to maintain unobstructed sidewalks.

Fears of Flooding

No property damage or personal injury has been reported to the City of Middleton despite the unusually-heavy snowfall this winter. The following true story was submitted by Middleton resident LeAnn Rippon.

I moved to Middleton Feb. 1, 1979 into a home on Harmon Way in Harmon Subdivision. On Valentine's Day Feb. 14, 1979 at 1:00 p.m. I got a phone call at work from friends two blocks east of my home telling me to get home now because the subdivision was flooding and up to their knees outside already.

My home was one on the news showing the water rising. The water stayed three-and-a-half days getting 12 inches deep inside my home. Our great community took small boats down into the water to save those pets that were still in their homes. Milt's Market was our food store next to the old Chaparral Bar and City hall buildings. Milt offered people food and freezer locker space free if they need the help.

So Middleton did have a flood. But it was not from the Boise River it was said to have been a broken culvert north-east of Harmon Subdivision. My neighbor Toni Whitworth has some great history and newspaper clippings about the flood.

Everyone is invited to this public service open-house event. Hot-dogs, chips, water, cookies, popcorn, and cotton candy will be provided at no charge.

At 7:00 pm, meet disaster-responders from the police, fire, flood control, district health, water, wastewater, and highway agencies that will be working behind the scenes during a disaster, emergency or severe-weather event. These Officials will demonstrate an emergency coordination center by role-playing response for an earthquake disaster in Middleton. Free 100-level and 200-level Incident Command training will be provided to those who are interested starting at 7:00 p.m., no pre-registration is necessary.

Please contact Mayor Darin Taylor at dtaylor@middletoncity.com by April 3, 2017 if you would like to have a booth.

Learn about roles and responsibilities, sign-up for text and email alerts, obtain a packet of information and instructions to follow in an emergency. Tragedy and trauma quickly exhaust us physically and emotionally. When disaster hits, each of us doing our part along with the emergency response teams, city public works, and neighborhood and church groups minimizes personal injury and property damage.

The City of Middleton is sponsoring this activity as a public service. It has been two years since the city facilitated four emergency training sessions in the early spring of 2016, and handouts from those activities are available online at www.middleton.id.gov.

Resident Survey Results

252 surveys were returned - some surveys were incomplete so results will not total. A list of comments can be viewed online at www.middleton.id.gov.

Question 1: The city received about 35 inches of snow this winter and struggled to keep roads clear so that postal and trash services were not interrupted. Cars parked along roads rather than in driveways impeded efficient snow removal

What should the city do to help resolve this problem (check below)

- 36 Pass a law prohibiting parking along roads November through February so leaves and snow can be cleared from roads and tickets be issued to those who violate the law
- 93 Pass a law that schedules sweeping leaves or clearing snow from the even-addressed side of a road on even dates, from the odd-addressed side of a road on odd dates, and tow vehicles or trailers obstructing a road in violation of the law
- 107 Not worry about it since it is unlikely the city will have this much snow in the future

Question 2: This winter, the city received many calls from concerned residents during snow storms. In the future, the city would like to quickly and easily disseminate information to as many residents as possible.

How should the city share information as it's updated? (check all that apply)

- 132 Facebook and the city's website
- 175 1-800 phone number residents can call to listen to a recorded message
- 87 Email – ask residents to provide an email address

Question 3: The International Residential Code (IRC) contains minimum standards to assure buyers, appraisers, lenders, and county assessors that houses are safe and will last for at least 30 years (the term of a typical residential loan).

The IRC was adopted by the State of Idaho, and therefore every city and county in the state.

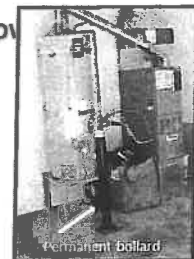
Builders, contractors, and the building official are obligated to know and follow the IRC, how builders do not. For example:

Allowing a house to be occupied by a homeowner without getting a final inspection or certificate of occupancy;

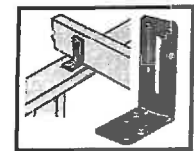
Building a patio that does not slope away from the house at a 2% slope to keep water away from the foundation, or keep it from ponding and freezing on porches or patios;

Installing a bollard that is too small, not filled with concrete, or is removable instead of a permanent bollard to block a car from running into a furnace or hot water tank; and

Using a single truss tie to attach a truss to the inside of a bearing wall plate rather than stacking a stud directly underneath a truss and using one truss tie to connect the truss to a plate and another tie to connect the plate to the stud.



Permanent bollard



Example of a truss tie and stud

Why? Some builders say it cannot be done, they can't get the right materials, certain IRC provisions don't apply in southwest Idaho, there has never been a problem with the way they do it so why require it, or the result is ugly, not functional, or unsellable.

Some builders say they will not build in Middleton anymore or that they will have to pay a contractor more to work in Middleton because of the requirements and that will increase the cost of houses.

What should the city's building official do?

- 207 Continue enforcing the code
- 30 Be lenient and let each builder decide how to follow the code and build a house

Resident Survey-continued

Question 4: The city purchased 56 acres and was given 42 acres for a 98-acre park along the Boise River. What should the park be named?

Please rank your answers. 1 = favorite, 5 = least favorite

- 49 River Park
- 35 Riverfront Park
- 78 Riverside Park
- 52 Riverview Park
- Suggestion: _____

Question 5: Some features are standard in city parks, like restrooms, drinking-fountains, picnic tables, shelters and garbage cans. Please rank which special features you would like to see in the new 98 acre park. Please rank your answers. 1 = favorite, 4/5 = least favorite

Group 1

- 7 BMX bicycle track
- 151 Greenbelt along the river
- 16 Promenade with benches
- 46 Pedestrian trails
- 10 Boardwalk with rental shops (bikes, tubes)

Group 2

- 24 Public art
- 32 Community vegetable garden
- 64 Flower and plant gardens
- 79 Veteran's memorial
- 23 National memorial

Group 3

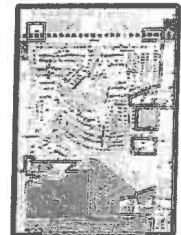
- 57 Sports fields (baseball, softball, soccer etc.)
- 98 Stocked fishing pond / swimming hole
- 49 Float ramps for rafts and tubes
- 10 3-hole golf course, putting green, range

Group 4

- 89 Nature course
- 69 Wildlife habitat reserves
- 56 Dog park
- 11 Equestrian trails, hitching posts

Question 6: There are many parcels in town that are under five acres and have not been annexed and are surrounded by city limits. Canyon County Sheriff's Office deputies have jurisdiction of and respond to calls at these properties.

Should the city consider initiating the notice and public hearing process to annex these properties? 177 Yes 66 No



Question 7: Middleton has several miles of canal banks that irrigation and drainage districts use when they clean out the canals. Poisonous Hemlock, Thistle, or other weeds often grow taller than five feet on the opposite side of the canal.

Should the city work with landowners and the districts to keep the weeds down on canal banks in exchange for the right to construct and maintain an asphalt pathway network throughout town for pedestrians and cyclists? 200 Yes 46 No

Question 8: Middleton Middle School students often dart across Highway 44 to access Piccadilly Park rather than use crosswalks or the nearest intersection. The city and the school intend to determine the feasibility and cost to fund a 17-foot minimum-height enclosed skywalk supported by an elevator on each side of the road, much like the skywalk at the Boise airport between the parking garage and the terminal. If installed, two ground-level pedestrian crossings would be removed from Highway 44: the crossing guard at Piccadilly Ave. and the Hawk Light near Cemetery Road.



If the city is awarded a grant to help pay for the skywalk, should the city and school pursue it?

115 Yes 131 No

Question 9: The city is reviewing its bill paying structure for utilities like water, wastewater, and trash. Residents with smaller households would pay more, and residents with larger households would pay less. However, the overhead cost of meters, installing them, and reading them each month would be eliminated. □□ Would you prefer to be billed based on the actual use of the utility or a flat fee?

226 Based on actual use 21 Flat rate

Local Government Taxing Districts

The city 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 wastewater systems, roads 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 6:00 p.m. at the School District Office. Owns and manages all public schools in the Middleton area.



Emergency 911
Non-Emergency Phone
208-585-0008

Calendar

City Council 6:30 p.m. City Hall	April 5
Emergency Preparedness Fair 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Middle School Gym	April 10
Planning and Zoning 7:00 p.m. City Hall	April 10
Dodge Ball Tournament 6:30 p.m. Middle School Gym	April 14
Planning and Zoning Road Capital Improvement Plan 7:00 p.m. City Hall	April 17
City Council 6:30 p.m. City Hall	April 19
City Clean Up 6:30 p.m. Trolley Station	April 26
Free Document Shred Day 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. 1103 W. Main St.	April 29

Congratulations Officers!!!

Middleton Police Department has eight certified officers ... the last two making history on March 17, 2017. Officers Gregory Langley and Nathan Hilkey were the first officers from Middleton Police Department to graduate from the Idaho Peace Officers Standards and Training.

The 10-week POST certification process includes numerous hours of law review, defensive tactics, firearms training, emergency vehicle operations, scenario-based learning exercises, and daily personal fitness. The police department was formed in October 2014 and is led by Chief Brian Zimmerman.

Road Name Change Status

The city, fire department, post office and police department in Middleton sponsored an effort to rename 44 roads in Middleton to decrease confusion and response times for emergency services. Seven residences had their address numbers changed.

The 380+ road-name signs are installed. Emergency service agencies, county offices, utility and delivery companies, Google and United States Postal Service were notified of the changes in November and December 2016.

The Middleton, Seattle, and Washington D.C. offices of the Postal Services have approved and made the changes. Google has been slowest to update its mapping. Some agencies and companies update their internal records faster than others, and some errors or unchanged names persist but are being corrected.

Please contact Mayor Darin Taylor at dtaylor@middletoncity.com if you need a letter from the city regarding the road-name change to send to your mortgage company, etc.

Middleton Front Page Survey Results March 2017

General Comments:

Thank you for all of your hard work I appreciate you!

We need a swimming pool!

By the way your drop box is very awkward to access, pickups are unable to make the tight turn w/out risking a scratch or a hitting the curb.

Survey- Pay Att: to the by-pass road 1st before anything should happen so we the people can have our town back.

Question 1:

Prefer specific day of week for both sides of roads. Perhaps by neighborhood.

I think tickets are better option use 1-800 # plus city site to get word out

Plow roads when they need to be plowed. Don't worry about the cars in the road if they are there it's cuz their snowed in.

NO new laws are needed plow around them

NONE good come up with better choices! NO NOT TOW go around

Notify Citizens better

Enforce vehicles/trailers ect stored on street year round give initial warning- contact citizens for situational/emergency removal

Warning first, then ticket/tow

Not worry about it since it is unlikely the city will have this much snow in the future – but have a plan & funds set aside for the possibility in the future of unexpected snow ect.

Worry about it have contingency plan in place to email ect to not park in roadway

Wait & see

They use to blade to Middleton roads then scoop & hail it off

NONE of the above- Some homes have no driveway time/cost of towing?

Pass laws IF enforced

Some people could not leave their homes unless they parked on the roads

In our neighborhood "coleman" it didn't have anything to do with cars – snow removal just never came until the end

Pass a law prohibiting ALL YEAR not just Nov – Feb

Plow what you can

Law Law Law – a law against the Mormon churches

Properly plow the roads, they hit them too late & created sheets of ice

None of the above

Lets be informed but not forced

Pass a law prohibiting parking along roads ~~Nov – Feb~~ so leaves and Trash and snow can be cleared

Question 2:

By text message to registered phone per household. Similar to county emergency alert system
Purchase an emergency notification system
Everyone has a phone
Use this system to notify residents of snow removal
Not everyone has computers
Robo calls to residents with the City Identified by number/caller ID
Our family does not use any type of internet services
800 Phone # is a waste of money
LESS SOCIAL MEDIA!!
Phone message system like the school district does

Question 3:

Builder should guarantee any code deviation, work with builder to what is best suited to the site. Inspector should be knowledgeable.
This is a stupid question
We have found this to be true we are building a home. What do other cities c/o? I've heard lots of complaints about Middleton codes from people building homes & builders
The IRC was adopted by the State of Idaho – Not only to Middleton
You cannot show favoritism any longer!
Sounds like Middleton Ordinance is out of line with Canyon County towns. State law in other local towns
There has never been a problem with the way they do it so why require it, or the result is ugly, not functional, or unsellable. – If it's not broke don't fix it. For this area not all areas are the same.
NO house will last 30 years that they build now. Maybe they will go back to California
Not sure
Notice to new homeowner of builders decision to build
Get legal input & remove provisions that "don't Apply"
These codes enforce safety and are needed
Be Lenient as long as buyers are notified before build/purchase
I work in the real estate industry there is 2 sides to this story. Why is it only Middleton that is having this problem? Create a forum with veteran builders to discuss & resolve issues. The city is not an expert in construction practices.
There're codes to protect homeowners
Follow accepted stucco method
This is a loaded question w/more to it than presented. The town needs to take a look at how it deals with new building & businesses
Continue enforcing the code with in the state of Idaho
I guess they can build elsewhere & line their pockets
Continue enforcing the code – ABSOLUTELY!

Question 4:

Does the City have money to maintain another park?

We Don't need any more parks

Rita Pierce: 859-8135 we would be willing to present a slide presentation showing the wild life on Middleton subdivision lake

Only if the park is going to be completely finished. Piccadilly Park is the worst. It looks like we ran out of money but opened it anyway. Finish what we have started instead of starting something else.

Have enough parks take care of them

FIRST We need a city pool I have to take my kids to Caldwell or Nampa For swimming lessons

Park Name Suggestions:

The riverside memorial or Garden park

Legends Park

Plaza del Rio

Rivers edge park

More input NOTHING RIVER

Taylor

Alexander Ward Park (The Ward Massacre)

River Run Park

Park on the River

Finish existing park first

Middleton Community River Park

Middleton Riverview Park

Middleton residents only

Name it after the person who donated land

Middleton' Riverside park

Middleton Riverside Park

Riverbend

Middleton City Riverview Park

Middleton Riverview park

River Run Park

Middleton Riverview Park

None of the above too boring

Who donated the 42 acres? Should be named after them

Middleriverview Park

How many damn parks do we need in Middleton?

Middleton Veteran memorial Riverview Park

Name of the Donor _____ Legacy or Legacy Park

Not Riverside

Viking Park

Middleton Greenbelt Park

Middleton Lake

Mormon Park
Middleton River park
Middleton River Park
Un-thrilled but can't come up with better alternative
River Walk
Cool Water Park
Middleton Nature Park
Middleton's Riverside Park
Middleton River Park
NOT like Piccadilly, Please dear god!!
Shady Acres
Something relative to the history of Middleton except FOOTE!
Middleton Riverside Park
Name it after the family that donated the 42 acres
River run
Swaggart Park
Rivers Edge Park

Question 5:

A nice tennis court would be great!
Miniature Golf
Leave area for duck hunting
I would like to see a band shell/performance stage with grassy area for sitting
Equestrian Trails, hitching posts- Excellent Idea
How about a 9 hole disc golf course
Group 1 – What is difference
Group 2 – Re: Gardens – not unless they will be well taken care of, all should have markers identifying what they are
Group 4 – Story boards like at story park near Lake Lowell
Group 3 – Frisbee goif?
Group 3 – Fishing pond/swimming hole The ones along Eagle greenbelt is used A LOT.

Question 6:

Not Sure
?
Leave it alone – Thank god for the county Sheriffs department!
Not sure what this would mean or if it will help or not
Yes – but if I owned that property I would ask in return lower taxes

Question 7:

The landowners liability insurance increase? Because of the pathway
As long as goat heads, ect don't exist – otherwise we won't use them
Just work with landowners
Canal Banks belong to the Districts both sides

No to Construct & maintain an asphalt pathway network to working together for weed control
Canal banks is private land & deeded to landowners on either side. The liability is on the
landowner – see attachment 3

If landowners property/access rights are preserved. Who pays for fence to keep pedestrians out
of my yard?

Weed control yes. NO asphalt paths

The city can't keep weeds down on City Property as it is – you are only trying to allow people to
go on property they need to stay off.

Lots of kids walking home on canal paths

And tick overpopulation problem. The weed removal would solve the tick problem along the
riverside.

Question 8:

Yes, but no elevators

With sidewalk that leads to it

How about a swimming pool?

Absolutely NOT, How about move the hawk light in front of the school & paint a cross walk to
the park?

The Kids' parents need to them common sense!

Need cost approximate more info

Elementary kids cross by the hawk light please keep that

Educate the kids to follow the low-ticket item Elevator! – ramps no electrical maintenance
needed

Why not stairs instead of elevator

Just put a walk way over the Highway

What's wrong with stairs for pete's sake?

Put a policeman there at school closing times & ticket the jay walkers

Need more thought & considerations, because cost/maintenance why an elevator instead of a
ramp/concrete walk/bike way? Why remove the 2 pedestrian crossings?

We need something but just not this

No Elevator – stairs instead – overhead & repair

Put a traffic light in continuous yellow flashing unless pedestrian pushed a button

They won't use it. We've seen this in other places we've lived

Kids should learn to use sidewalks or ticket for parents to pay

Kids won't go up & over – they will still cross 44 @ street level

For safety of anyone trying to cross 44

If Hwy 44 is going to have a bypass or alternate route NO

NO WAY!! * Becky – MSD & City have enough on their plate. Skywalk idea is CRAZY!

ABSOLUTELY! Best Thing – Not sure about the elevator – why not a spiral walking ramp

Why would you build a skywalk for students who are stupid enough to dart out into a street
(hwy). The Piccadilly park should NEVER have been built across from a school!

Enforce Current Law!

You want teenagers to have unchaperoned access to elevators? Stairs would be better
The crossing guard @ Piccadilly Ave & the Hawk Light near Cemetery Rd – These need to remain! **ABSOLUELY NOT!** They don't use what they have now why would they use this?
Maintenance cost of elevators?

Kids don't use the X walk why would they use skywalk?

Teach Children to obey laws, write them a jay walking ticket

W/stairs no elevator

There are X walks

Remove the Skate park

Seriously?

Total waste of grant money! Absolutely NOT. Finish the park first. It needs an actual parking lot, landscaping. That park looks horrible!

Yes – But the crosswalk is great idea but elevators are not – Kids will walk across street before waiting for elevators – why not a ramp?

It's UGLY! No Elevators > exercise

The kids need to use the crosswalks all kids should be taught no Jay Walking

Ticket the kids NOT using the cross walk!

Enforce Crosswalk use

Make the kids countable, use tickets or some other form of punishment

Move the crosswalk light down or put in another

Monies can be used for better options

Inforce crosswalk rules if they J-Walk give them a ticket – see attachment 1 for other notes

NO ELEVATOR

Use stop light

Should move this to the new path on the southside of town. The students would not use it because they are always in a hurry and this would slow them down.

Stairs instead of elevator, I don't think the elevator is a good idea because of maintenance issues, kids have a bad reputation of destroying things and I think they would try to break the elevator or paid it.

Included stairs? Ramp? Children will run across road if they have to wait for an elevator. Is there a sidewalk on the N side of Hwy 44 to light on Cemetery? Should be included if not

Attachment 1

Attachment 2

Question 9:

Flat rate could encourage water waste

Tough call is this 5 or 10 bucks or 40 or 50? If it's + or – 10 bucks lets go flat fee

Why would a smaller household pay more? They are using less services that doesn't make sense. Whichever is more reasonable.

Not very fair for smaller households to pay more

Are you people crazy?

?

Need more info what would the flat rate be?

We are on a well for garbage, Sewer

Why should seniors pay for Large Family's?

More information needed the question is very vague and does not give any reason for a need to change its billing structure

Since I live alone, I should not pay more because I am using less resources. I understand some fees need to be a flat rate but I put my garbage out maybe every other week. I don't use much water, especially because I use irrigation in the summer

Did not answer as not sure about the wording

Doesn't make sense

Well smaller household paying more not ok w/me! Hoping this is a typo

Unfair to singles & seniors Actual use fees encourages conservation & environmentally wise

Am I reading this right? I live alone & you want me to pay more than a married couple with 5 children? I generate less trash & use less water WHAT?

How Much would this decrease my current monthly bill?

Why should the small user subsidize the large

Why should I pay someone else's bill with ten kids when I am a widow fixed income – I don't use the same amount of water as they would – Stupid Idea

What about Seniors? "fix Income"

I like it the way it is. Another stupid thing to put a wound about on Cemetery Rd

DO NOT DO THIS. Why are you punishing small residents unfair? How is it you think you have the right to choose to punish the small?

Why should people with small families or no kids pay for the families with more kids than they can pay for. If you can't afford them don't have them! Birth control

This should be based on a SF + occupancy if a flat rate is used.