

Talk with the Mayor

Tuesday May 13, 2014

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

Topic: Piccadilly Park



The new City monument at Duff and Highway 44 welcomes residents and visitors to Middleton. Jonah Hall completed the monument as an Eagle Scout project for Troop 229 of the Boy Scouts of America. The City of Middleton would like to thank Jonah for his hard work and dedication in constructing the east monument.

This monument is similar to the one at the south entrance to Middleton located in Centennial Grove on Middleton Road. The City is working with another scout to construct a monument at the west entrance to Middleton.

The City thanks Basalite Concrete Products which donated the stone, and Middleton residents Jack Huggins who helped pour concrete, and Roger Hibbert who finished the masonry work.

Your Input and Participation is Requested Join in on the discussion and the fun!



Monday May 5

Skate Park Workshop, 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. The City has contracted with Grindline Skateparks to get ideas for the proposed skate park located in Piccadilly Park. Everyone is invited to come to the workshop to share ideas on the desired features.



Thursday May 8

Piccadilly Park Master Planning Workshop 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Middleton is getting a new park! Stop by during one of the open sessions to meet the master planner and share ideas on what features and amenities you would like to see in the new park. The park is for everyone, so bring the kids, we would love to hear from them too.



Tuesday May 27

Skate Park Concept Open House 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Three skate park concepts will be presented for everyone to review and comment on prior to designing the final concept. The final concept and cost estimate will be presented to City Council on June 4, 2014. Final concept and cost estimate will be used to help with grant applications and fundraising.



Wednesday May 28

Annual Tour of Public Works 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. The tour will start with a brief video at City Hall followed by a bus ride to the wastewater treatment plant, City shop, a public well, lift station and water storage tank. The tour is suitable for all ages, including boy and girl scout troops and other youth groups. Children will enjoy seeing the street sweeper, road grader and vacuum truck on display at the City shop. The bus will return to City Hall around 8:00 p.m. If you are bringing a large group please notify Mayor Taylor at 585-3133 to ensure seating is available.

City Update

Sewer: The City anticipates in May 2014 the results from the utility rate study, and then City Council will know if and how to adjust monthly water and sewer utility rates.

The Watershed Advisory Group in March 2014 accepted the calibration of the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) model. Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) is overseeing allocation of pollutant-load limits for cities discharging treated wastewater into the Boise River (i.e., Boise, Star, Middleton, Meridian, Caldwell, etc.).

It is in the best interest of a majority of Middleton residents to minimize costs associated with engineering, equipment and facilities in order to comply with future pollutant load limits, and the City is moving forward with identifying alternatives to discharging treated wastewater into the Boise River.

Streets: Design is almost complete for streets in Canyon Villa Subdivision, and then the project will go out to bid.

City staff is completing the site evaluation for the N. 2nd Ave. West and finalizing the design, then the pavement project will go out to bid.

The City is surveying an easement for a "Welcome to Middleton" monument sign west of town.

Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) is reviewing the design for a sidewalk on Willow Creek bridge near the entrance to the Middle School, and then the project will go out to bid.

Civic Center and Trolley Station: The Trolley Station exterior is scheduled to be sandblasted on May 5, 6 and 7, 2014, then the city will obtain bids to have a mason repair the brickwork.

Demolition inside the Civic Center is complete. The project to remodel the Civic Center into a museum, and build an annex with new restrooms between the Civic Center and Trolley Station, is going out to bid.

Water: The City is requesting written easements from three landowners to access the water storage tank using the same road the City has used since the tank was constructed in 1977.

Older water meters and components throughout town will continue to be updated this summer so meters can be read monthly year-round.

Backflow: If you are using City water for irrigation, City code requires that your back flow assembly be inspected annually. Inspections need to be completed by an Idaho licensed backflow inspector and turned in at City Hall by May 30, 2014. If you have questions please contact James Askew at 208-631-8537.

Code Enforcement - Weeds: The spring weather brought a lot of rain, sunshine and unwanted weeds. Property owners are responsible to keep the weeds on their properties cut below 12 inches in height. Weeds are the number one complaint heard from residents at City Hall.

Also, parking a trailer, camper, motor home, truck, or truck trailer on a public street for more than forty-eight (48) hours is a violation of City Code.

Complaints can be filed in person at City Hall, by e-mail at codeenforcement@middletoncity.com, or over the phone. Please continue to keep Middleton the beautiful place to live that it is.

Skate Park Committee - Plan to attend the Skate Park Design Workshops May 5, and May 27, 7:00 p.m. at City Hall

Everyone is invited to attend the skate park meetings. Committee members help design the park, assist with fundraising, and provide input and suggestions for grant applications. This committee is a great opportunity for kids and families to get involved in a fun project.

Members are encouraged to attend the skate park workshops on May 5 and 27th, 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. June meetings will focus on fundraising. In July, plan to ride in the parade! Like "middleton skate park" on facebook to keep up-to-date with meetings and events.



Impact Fee Advisory Committee – City Parks

The City of Middleton has been upgrading and expanding its parks since January 2012, and the value of City park land and improvements, divided by the number of residents (from Census), results in a leisure park “level of service” that residents desire to maintain as more people move to town.

State law allows City Council to adopt a City park impact fee that is charged when building permits are issued for new residences. Fees must be used within eight years of being collected to construct new improvements shown on the City’s capital improvement plan, and cannot be spent on maintenance, operations, or to fix a deficiency.

City Council appointed the following individuals to the Development Impact Fee Advisory Committee: Chris Yorgason (Chairman), Nathan Clayville, Jennifer Barr, Alan Mills, Paul Watson, Jennifer Mikel, Tyson Sparrow, and Tyler Ashton. State law requires at least two committee members be builders, developers, or real estate representatives.

The Committee will review state code and the City’s capital improvement plan now being prepared, and recommend whether or not City Council should adopt a park impact fee and, if so, what amount. The Committee is scheduled to complete its review during April/May 2014.

City Park Names

Naming City parks fits under the Mayor’s duties described in Idaho Code. Mayor Taylor approved, and City Council consented to the following City park names after conducting several surveys of City residents, and a detailed conversation at City Council meeting on April 16, 2014 where good comments were received from Becky O’Meara about Middleton’s park-name history.

The parks have been addressed, and these names will be used on documents, park entrance signs, and trailhead signs as indicated on the Middleton Connects map.

Existing Parks:

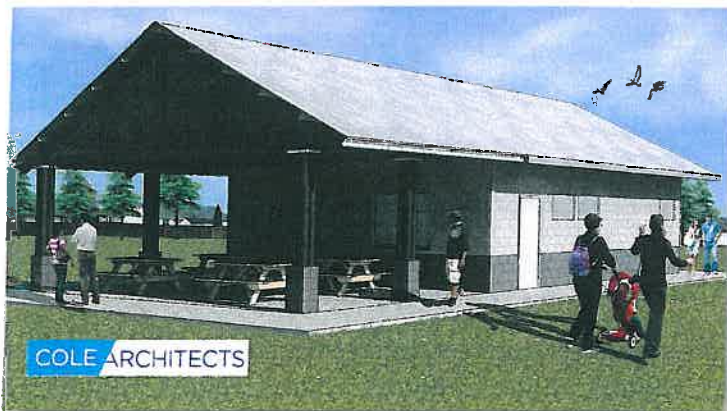
<u>Old Name</u>	<u>New Name</u>
Roadside/Tank Park	Roadside Park
Harmon Park	Middleton Place Park
Davis Park	Davis Park
Centennial Grove	Centennial Grove

New Parks:

2 acres vacant land by Well #8 Meadow Park

5.5 acres land north of

New Restrooms Under Construction at Middleton Place Park



Construction will begin in May 2014 for the new restrooms at Middleton Place Park. The building will have a multipurpose room for civic uses, handicap accessible restrooms for men and women, drinking fountain and a covered shelter. Portable restrooms will be available for use during construction.

Park hours are dawn to dusk, pets are welcome when on a leash - remember to clean up after your pets. A pet waste station is located by the parking lot.

Local Government Leadership

There are many local government entities that have their own offices, organizations, elected officials, and collect their own taxes: Canyon Highway District No. 4 (454-8135), Cemetery District (585-9394), Middleton Rural Fire District (585-6650), Greater Middleton Parks and Recreation District (585-3461), Middleton School District #134 (585-3027), and several irrigation and drainage districts, companies or water delivery associations. These other local government entities are not part of the City or under the City of Middleton leadership.

Foot Park with soccer fields near Mill Creek Elementary School, and Hawthorne Park with baseball fields north of the Shell gas station, are owned, operated, and managed by the Greater Middleton Parks and Recreation District (GMPRD). The City has no jurisdiction over those parks and does not spend City funds in those parks. The GMPRD's boundaries are much larger than Middleton city limits and match the Middleton School District boundaries.

Seniors

Many exciting things are happening with the senior citizens of Middleton! As spring rolls around more and more activities are starting. Come have a great time each Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11:00 a.m. at Adventure Plaza where there is a Fit and Prevent-a-Fall exercise class. It is a great way to help with strength, flexibility, balance, mobility, and confidence.

All seniors are invited on May 13, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall, to come and talk with the Mayor about anything you would like. Bring your ideas, concerns and anything else you would like to ask in a casual discussion with the Mayor. The Mayor would like to organize a Senior Advisory Committee, so let him know if you are interested in participating.

This month's Senior Luncheon will be Tuesday the 20th at noon at the Methodist Church. This month's lunch will be pot luck so bring your favorite dish. We will be playing horseshoes at Roadside Park on May 22, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. so bring your horseshoes and come have a great time. If you have any questions regarding what is going on around town with the amazing seniors we have here in Middleton, contact Kandice Cotterell at 585-3133 or email at kcotterell@middletoncity.com.

Irrigation District Information

Canyon County Water Co.	455-1735	Middleton Place Water Co.	371-6566
Middleton Mill	585-3207	Middleton Co-op	585-5906
Middleton Lakes HOA	287-8811	Black Canyon Irr. Dist.	459-4141

Everything north of the base of Foothill Rd. - Black Canyon

