



Talk with the Mayor

Tuesday September 13, 2016
10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
City Hall

Re-naming Some Roads In Town

Survey responses from residents published in the August 2016 FrontPage newsletter supported the direction the city is going to rename roads that have been confusing to emergency services, post office, and delivery company personnel. About 12 addresses will change, and the city will contact and coordinate directly with those individuals. The roads to be renamed are shown on pages 4-5 with the proposed new names.

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- September 2, 2016 Letter and map to homeowners along roads to be renamed
- September 20, 2016 Open House 4:00 – 7:00 pm at City Hall to receive comments
- September 21, 2016 Public Hearing 7:00 pm at City Hall to consider approving renamed roads
- October 2016 City will notify Post Office, emergency services, utilities, and Google Maps
- Nov – Dec, 2016 Landowners notify friends, family, and utilities of new address effective 1/15/2017
- January 15, 2017 City will install new road name signs
- Jan 15 – Mar 19, 2017 Post Office will acknowledge mail with old and new road names and deliver mail
- March 20, 2017 Post Office will deliver mail using only new road names

Virtual Workshop - Middleton Road Corridor
Comment at: www.middletonroadplan.com



The City of Middleton, Canyon Highway District #4 (CHD4), and the City of Caldwell are completing a corridor plan for Middleton Road, which provides the only north-south connection across the Boise River for 4 to 6 miles in each direction. The corridor plan outlines a vision for maintaining Middleton Road's function as a principal arterial by identifying projects and policies to provide for motor vehicle traffic mobility and to reduce the potential for severe crashes.

Intersection alternatives for Bass Lane, Lincoln Road and a cross section for Middleton Road were designed conceptually after collecting data and completing existing and future technical analysis. The City is now seeking your input on these alternatives to help with the final recommendation for the Middleton Road Corridor Plan. Comment period ends September 6, 2016. Please contact Mayor Taylor at 697-4354 with questions.

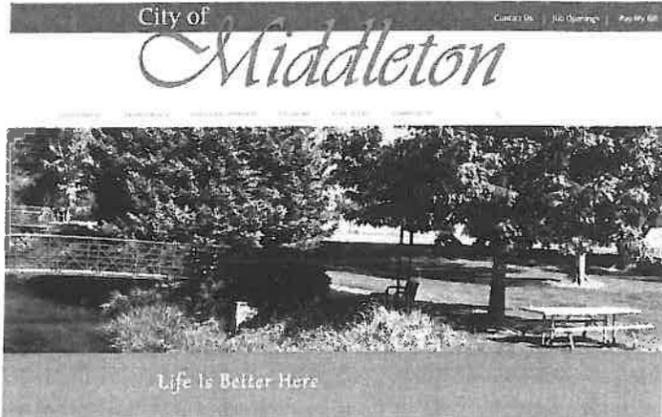
20 mph Speed Limit in Subdivisions

In city limits, the City Council set the speed limit at 20 mph. Signs are being installed in subdivisions around town, and police officers will be patrolling.

Land Acquisition for Treated Wastewater

Survey responses from residents that were published in the August 2016 FrontPage newsletter supported the direction the city is heading to minimize the amount of federal regulation through the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by land applying treated wastewater during spring, summer and fall months, rather than discharge into "waters of the United States." The city has contracted to purchase approximately 62 acres in order to commence this multi-year effort.

The city anticipates receiving a renewed permit from the EPA in 2017 that will have stricter water-quality standards, so the city completed a pilot test of the current wastewater treatment plant processes. The pilot test results indicate a substantial reduction in phosphorous can be achieved using existing biological processes and adding a chemical dosing step to the existing process. However, to achieve the standards the city anticipates based on EPA permits already issued to cities in the valley, the city is planning to add a "filtration" step to the existing facility and process over the next five-to-ten years, and is proceeding with the land application effort with the assumption the filtration step will be added.



New City Website - www.middleton.id.gov

Check out Middleton Idaho's overhauled website with many new user-friendly features that include a calendar of community events, paying utility bills, verifying zoning, on-line monthly newsletter or minutes from city council and planning and zoning commission meetings, code enforcement complaint forms, etc.

Cemetery Road Sidewalks

The design for the sidewalks is complete and has been submitted to Idaho Transportation Department for review and consent so the city can use grant funds. Bidding and construction is anticipated to begin fall 2016.

Library Renovation



The city's library was closed several days in August 2016 to complete renovations that included new carpet, interior paint, shelving locations, outdoor lawn/landscape shaded program area, exterior finish and paint, and seal-coated and striped Cornell St. in front of the library. The renovation was approved by the Library Board to update the facility, materials, and services for residents and library patrons.

Road Construction – Turning Lanes

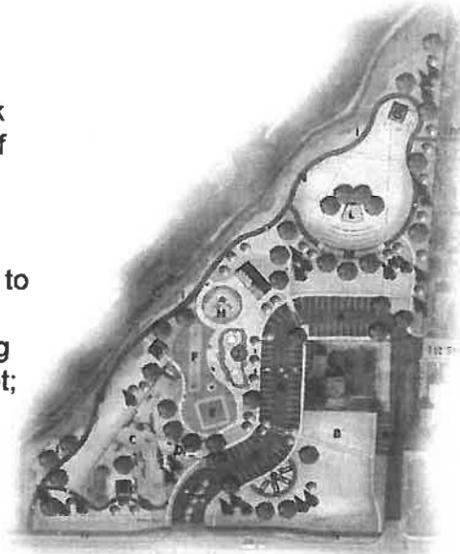
Canyon Highway District No. 4 is scheduled to construct turning lanes from west-bound State Highway 44 north onto Lansing Lane and Duff Lane before November 2016. Idaho Transportation Department in 2017 is scheduled to construct turning lanes from west-bound State Highway 44 north onto Middleton Road and Hartley Lane.

State Highway 44 Re-surface Project

Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) is scheduled in the summer of 2017 to re-surface State Highway 44 between Linder Road, through downtown Star and Middleton, and all the way west to I-84. The project will re-surface the highway, install new thermoplastics at crosswalks, relocate the crosswalk from W. 4th Ave. further to the west to align on the west side of the entry into Piccadilly Park, which is scheduled to be constructed in the summer of 2017.

Piccadilly Park – Park & Ride Lot

The city intends to install a ground surface around the skate park like the surface in Roadside Park under the swings. It is made of recycled tire product (RTP) and is scheduled to be installed in September 2016. Contractors by the summer of 2017 are scheduled to start construction on the parking lot, sidewalks and walking path along State Highway 44 connecting N. Highland Ct. to W. 4th Ave. Also in 2017, the city intends to install lawn and landscaping in the park along Highway 44 and around the parking lot. The City received an \$800,000 grant to pay for the parking lot; the city is paying for the RTP surface and the lawn and landscaping.



Crosswalk Laws

Some laws about yielding when people cross a road are listed below. Please be courteous to drivers and pedestrians, and report violations to the Middleton Police at 208-585-0008.

Vehicles Yield to Pedestrians (I.C. 49-702):

Vehicles yield to pedestrians crossing within a marked or unmarked crosswalk at an intersection. Vehicles approaching a stop sign shall stop at a clearly marked stop line or before entering the crosswalk (I.C. 49-807). Vehicles shall not pass a vehicle stopped at a marked or unmarked intersection crosswalk allowing a pedestrian to cross the road.

A pedestrian shall cross a road at a right angle or by the shortest route to the opposite curb. A pedestrian shall not suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close as to constitute an immediate hazard.

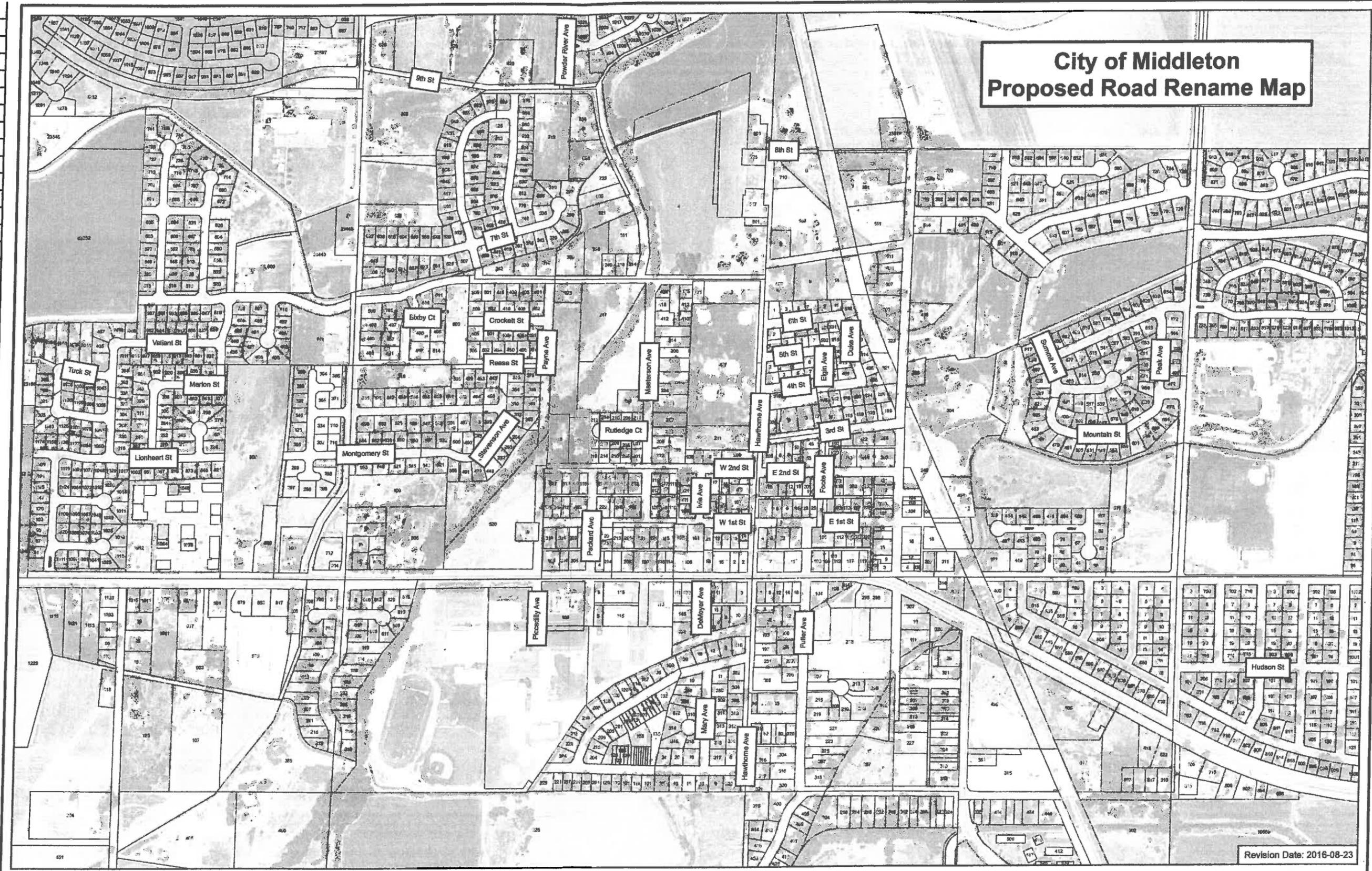
Pedestrians Yield to Vehicles (I.C. 49-704):

Pedestrians crossing a road, other than within a marked or unmarked crosswalk at an intersection, shall yield to vehicles. No pedestrian shall cross an intersection diagonally.

Bicycles on Sidewalks (I.C. 49-721):

A person riding a bicycle on a sidewalk shall yield to a pedestrian, and give an audible signal before passing a pedestrian or another bicyclist. A person riding a bicycle, skateboard, scooter, or motorized wheelchair on a sidewalk shall have all the rights and duties applicable to a pedestrian under the same circumstances.

Existing	Proposed
Valiant Ave	Valiant St
4th St N	Tuck St
W 4th St N	Marion St
W 3rd St N	Lionheart St
7th Ave	Bixby Ct
W 9th St	9th St
W 8th St	8th St
W 7th St	7th St
W 5th St N	Crockett St
N 4th Ave W	Payne Ave
W th St N	Reese St
N 5th Ave W	Stevenson Ave
W 3rd St N	Montgomery St
N 4th Ave W	Piccadilly Ave
N 4th Ave W	Powder River Ave
S 4th Ave W	Piccadilly Ave
N 3rd Ave W	Packard Ave
N 2nd Ave W	Masterson Ave
Halverson Pl	Rutledge Ct
N 1st Ave W	Ivie Ave
S 1st Ave W	DeMeyer Ave
S 1st Ave W	Mary Ave
Hawthorne Dr	Hawthorne Ave
E 6th St N	6th St
E 5th St N	5th St
E 4th St N	4th St
N 1st Ave E	Elgin Ave
N 1st Ave E	Foote Ave
N 2nd Ave E	Duke Ave
E 3rd St N	3rd St
S 1st Ave E	Fuller Ave
W 2nd St N	W 2nd St
E 2nd St N	E 2nd St
W 1st St N	W 1st St
E 1st St N	E 1st St
E 2nd St S	Hudson St
Mountain Loop St	Peak Ave
Ridge St	Mountain St
Mountain Loop St	Summit Ave
Mountain Loop St	Mountain St



2016 Transportation Plan Update – click on link at www.middleton.id.gov

The city's 2007 transportation plan does not reflect road improvements, subdivisions, and planned future improvements for roads, intersections, bridges, and sidewalks/pathways in Middleton. The plan is used by engineers and developers as a guide to city-desired improvements near property being developed. The city is updating the transportation plan and invites you to review the draft plan and suggest improvements. Every comment is considered and all improved ideas will be incorporated.

Small-town Feel

Thank you to the many residents and city employees who daily walk around the city and pick-up trash or pluck puncture-vine (goat-heads) while out for their exercise and walk. The town looks great! Thank you.

Aerial Sewer Crossing

The sewer mainline crossing Willow Creek near the intersection of Concord St. and 2nd has not been flowing properly, which causes a stink. The city advertised a project to repair and bury the sewer line instead of it crossing Willow Creek above ground. Four companies bid on the job (ranging from \$35,409 - \$58,264), and the city awarded it to the lowest response, responsible bidder who was Barrett Site and Underground in an amount not to exceed \$35,409. The work is scheduled to be complete by November 30, 2016, when water is lower in Willow Creek.

Public Hearing - September 7, 2016

City Council is scheduled on September 7, 2016 starting at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall to consider Idaho Power Company's request to route a 138 kV transmission line on 74-foot tall poles through downtown Middleton. The Planning and Zoning Commission denied Idaho Power's request, and said Idaho Power could gain approval by finding a different route. Idaho Power has appealed the decision, and is anticipated to propose a different route to City Council. Community residents, whether living in city limits or not, are invited to attend and comment at the public hearing.

Two Police Officers Hired

The city received 16 applications to fill two vacant positions, and 10 applications to fill one position approved by City Council to open next fiscal year. The 23 applicants meeting the minimum requirements were interviewed, except two that accepted positions in different departments and one that did not show-up for the interview. All applicants were good and competition was stiff.

The two vacant positions were offered to solid and experienced individuals, who accepted and passed a criminal, background and credit check, and passed the polygraph, physical, and psychological evaluations. The two officers are scheduled to start in September 2016.

The individual to fill the position opening in Fiscal Year 2017 has been identified and will train with officers until the position is funded sometime after October 1, 2016.

After filling the two positions, the department will have four full-time officers and a part-time chief. The city has a population of approximately 7,500, and desires to have a safe community and be responsive to resident calls by having one officer per 1,000 residents. The city anticipates hiring the individual in 2017, bringing the department to five full-time officers and a part-time chief, and hiring one officer per year to catch-up with the city's population.

Middleton - Life Is Better Here

City Council adopted the new city slogan --"Life Is Better Here" -- by resolution at the May 4, 2016 City Council meeting. Middleton is most appreciated by residents for its small-town feel. When asked why people live here, they often comment that it's because of the friendly people, great schools, slower pace, excellent community activities, local businesses, and great parks to play and recreate with family and friends. Many residents live in Middleton because they don't want the traffic congestion, noise, fast pace, and crime of the larger nearby cities. Middleton is conveniently located just eight miles from major retail shopping in Nampa, and residents don't mind making the drive.

City leaders understand the desire of the community to keep the "small-town feel" as the City continues to grow. Traffic congestion, stop lights, lack of community events, and commercial areas too close to residential homes are leading causes for small cities to lose their appeal.

The City is in the process of updating its Comprehensive Plan. The Plan is an official statement of the City, setting forth major goals, and is designed to serve as a comprehensive, decision-making guide for future growth and development. It is based on community values, data and trends. The plan focuses on providing essential services, such as public drinking water, sewer, street, library, parks and police.

Everyone is invited to attend the September 7, 2016, 6:30 p.m. meeting at City Hall to comment on the comprehensive plan and the direction the City is moving.

Floodplain Map Amendment

The City received notice on August 10, 2016 that the Risk Map Project Team with Strategic Alliance for Risk Reduction (STARR), a contractor for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) would be releasing on a Preliminary Digital Flood Insurance Risk Map (DFIRM) on September 13, 2016 for review, and would be conducting a public meeting and workshop in "Fall 2016" to discuss the preliminary map.

A 90-day appeal period is scheduled to start in late 2016 and end in early 2017. All dates are subject to revision by the Project Team as the project progresses. Appeals must be filed with the city or county where the subject property is, and "If an appeal or protest results in significant changes, FEMA will revise the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report and FIRM and send revised copies to [the] community for review."

Appeals regarding property in Middleton city limits should be submitted to Mayor Darin Taylor. Appeals regarding property in the county outside of city limits should be submitted to Canyon County Development Services Department at 111 N. 11th Street, Caldwell, Idaho.

A full copy of the notice is available for review on the city's website at www.middleton.id.gov. The city will notify residents on the city's reader-board and in the FrontPage newsletter when the preliminary maps have been received and are available for review. Also, the city will continue keeping residents informed about the flood map amendment schedule.

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 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.

Calendar

City Council 6:30 p.m. City Hall. Public Hearing	September 7
Planning and Zoning 7:00 p.m. City Hall	September 12
Open House Road To Be Re-named 7:00 p.m. City Hall	September 20
City Council 6:30 p.m. City Hall	September 21

Volunteers for Copper Study

Middleton has excellent drinking water and quantity. Sampling of the City's drinking water system for pollutants is a state requirement, so the City samples water at 10 residences around town. Idaho Department of Environmental Quality is now starting to require tests from 20 residences in town. The City is looking for volunteers with copper water lines inside your house (built in 70's and early 80's). To participate in the study please contact City Hall at 585-3133.



Monthly utility bills are now available electronically. To sign up, go to the city website at www.middleton.id.gov and follow the steps below:

1. Click on "On-Line Payment" in the top menu bar
2. Sign-in to your account, or create a login and password
3. Select the box for eStatements

Signing up for eStatements will help reduce costs in postage.



Emergency 911
Non-Emergency Phone
208-585-0008