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Annual Utility Bill Adjustments

State law requires users of the city water system to pay water system expenses, and users of the wastewater (sewer) system to pay wastewater system expenses, so the city charges users a monthly fee.

Utility bills have a base rate and a use rate. The base rate is calculated by dividing the annual cost to maintain and operate the water or sewer system by the number of months in a year, and then dividing that amount by the number of system users.

The use rate is \$1.52 per 1,000 gallons measured monthly by a water meter at each property and rounded up to the next thousand. The city measures culinary water delivered to a property, and deems by policy that the same water is flushed into the city sewer system.

Each April, the city adjusts monthly sewer rates to reflect the average winter water used by a property between November and March, which are usually the months with the least water use. Adjusted rates are applied starting April 1 and will show on the city utility bill received on or about May 1.

The garbage and recycling rate increase, based on any change to the consumer price index (western region) also starts in April and will show on utility bills received on or about May 1.

Downtown Bridge Replacement

The Idaho Transportation Department's downtown bridge replacement project is scheduled to be complete in April. The contractor, Sunroc, said it is behind schedule and asked the city if it could work nights in order to finish on time or maybe early. Working nights would result in heavy-equipment beeping, when backing up, throughout the night. Mayor and City Council did not authorize the nighttime work so residents' nights would be undisturbed by night time construction.

Goats Gone / River Park Open

Goats grazed the River Park area from November 2018-February 2019 and successfully removed many of the weeds that would otherwise remain due to inaccessibility. Many weeds remain and will take several years to get under control.

"No Trespassing" signs have been removed, students may cross the property to the Middle School, and residents are welcome to walk and enjoy nature in the Park. Improvements, like a parking lot and road closer to the Park, do not exist yet and are scheduled to be constructed within the next five-to-ten years as funds are available.

2019 City Elections

The mayor and two city council positions are on the November 5, 2019 election ballot this year. Applications are available from, and submitted to, the City Clerk. Please contact the Canyon County elections office at 208-454-7562 if you have questions. Candidates elected in November take office in January 2020.



Spring Clean-Up / Free Dump Day

The annual city day to clean-up along main-roads is scheduled on Wednesday April 24, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. starting and ending at Trolley Station. Everyone is invited to help, so bring your gloves and water bottles. The city provides garbage bags, and will assign individuals and groups to routes, and pick-up bags of garbage as needed along the routes.

Canyon County waived fees at the "dump" (aka land fill) on April 27, 2019, so residents can take items directly to the dump or call and notify Republic Services at 208-345-1265, BEFORE regular garbage day, that you have oversized items that need picked-up and taken to the dump.

Local Government Taxing Districts

Several taxing districts provide local government services to Middleton area residents. It is important to understand that different districts have different leadership, rules, regulations and taxing abilities. Each of these districts has open meetings that can be attended to understand issues and provide input. For more information, call the numbers listed below.

City of Middleton/Police
208-585-3133 / 208-585-0008

Cemetery District
208-585-9394

Fire District
208-585-6650

Greater Middleton Parks & Rec. District
208-585-3461

School District
208-585-3027

Calendar

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| City Council Meeting 6 N. Dewey Ave. 6:30 p.m. | Apr. 3 |
| Planning and Zoning Meeting 6 N. Dewey Ave. 7:00 p.m. | Apr. 8 |
| City Council Meeting 6 N. Dewey Ave. 6:30 p.m. | Apr. 17 |
| Clean Up Middleton 310 Cornell Trolley Station 7:00 p.m. | Apr. 24 |
| Arbor Day Plant a tree | Apr. 26 |
| Free Dump Day At Canyon County Land Fill | Apr. 27 |

Farmer's Market Space Reservations



The city is accepting applications to reserve booth spaces for the 2019 season, May 23 – Sept. 5. The market is open 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Space rental is \$10.00 per Thursday or \$160 for the season.

National Arbor Day

Trees are an importation solution to many critical issues facing the planet. Trees purify our air, filter our water, and cool the earth. Arbor Day is April 26, 2019, so please take time to plant a tree in your yard or contact Becky Crofts at 208-585-3133 to donate and plant a tree in a City park.

Summer Is Here - Be Aware Of Pedestrian Crossing 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.

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 the right-of-way to vehicles. No pedestrian shall cross an intersection diagonally.

Bicycles on Sidewalks are Treated Same as a Person (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.