



Talk with the Mayor

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City Hall

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Rule Steel Annexation Approved by City Council

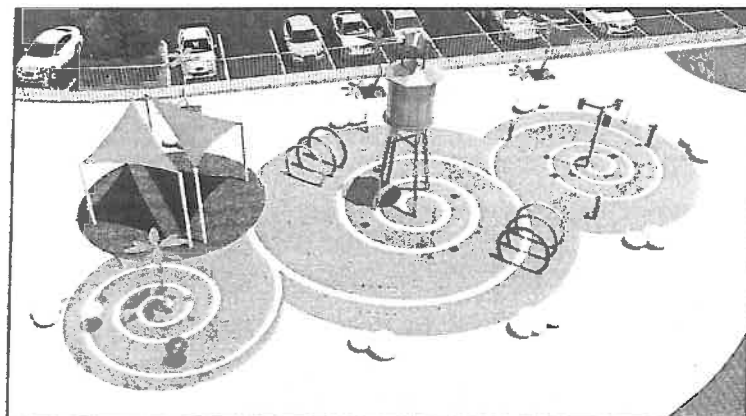
City Council approved the annexation of Premier Industrial LLC, which owns Rule Steel and adjoining properties. Rule Steel employs approximately 200 people and desires to increase its facilities and double its work-force in the next couple of years. A portion of Rule Steel's business is conducted in Utah, and this annexation was a key factor in keeping the company local. The City Council agreed to waive building permit and related fees, and to jointly apply for grants to create jobs. Rule Steel will stay in Middleton, and the City receives the benefit of increased tax revenue.

City Applies for \$50,000 Idaho Gem Grant (IGC) to Design Water and Sewer Mainline Extension to Rule Steel

The City filed a grant application with the Idaho Department of Commerce to help fund design services to extend water and sewer mainline services to Rule Steel. The City qualified for the program with the annexation request from Rule Steel. City water and sewer services will allow Rule Steel to expand buildings which will create over a hundred new jobs in Middleton.

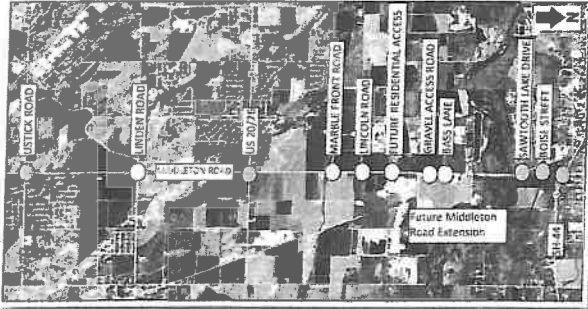
City Awarded \$148,500 Grant to Fund Splash Pad

The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation awarded the City \$148,500 to help construct a splash pad in Piccadilly Park, which is located across the street from the Middle School. The 3,000 square foot design features a **toddler zone** with mushrooms, flowers, and water bubblers; a **high use zone** with water rings, water tower dumping bucket, and ground jets; and a **teen zone** with water cannons, dumping bucket, and ground jets. The design also features a grassy (artificial turf) shade area by the toddler zone, for observers who want to be close but not get wet! Construction anticipated in 2017.



Middleton Road Corridor Plan

The City anticipates increased business and residential traffic on Middleton Road south of the Boise River as properties develop. City of Middleton, City of Caldwell and Canyon Highway District No. 4 hired Precision Engineering to identify desirable road widths and intersection types between State Highway 44 and Ustick Road. Once designed and constructed, traffic will flow without congestion or interruption when leaving one city and going to another.



Cemetery Road Congestion

Students at Heights Elementary are safer now that the City and School District established a traffic flow pattern so school busses and parents can drop-off and pick-up easier without as many students walking towards the school in front of traffic.

Why Do Cities Secure Road Right-of-way?

Middleton has been able to obtain right-of-way at the intersection of Cemetery/9th Street, Cemetery/Willis roads, State Highway 44/Middleton roads, and future Willis Road east of Middleton Road so that the City can plan for and build a road system in town that will reduce congestion and keep the small-town feel.

“Right-of-way” means the right to use a way; the right to cross property. Right-of-way may be private or open to the public, owned or an easement, and the term is often used when talking about roads, ditches or drains. Public road right-of-way can be for existing or future road improvements, like intersections, roads, curb and gutter, sidewalks and streetlights (road improvements).

New development pays for itself by constructing roads improvements and then dedicating them to the city for ownership, use and future maintenance. Right-of-way across property with existing buildings, businesses, or owned by someone who does not want to develop, must be acquired by purchase, exchange, or some other type of agreement.

Thank you to all of the land and business owners who have cooperated and conveyed property to Middleton.

Gearing Up for Kindergarten

With older siblings going back to school, do you need something to do with your toddlers? Middleton Library has a Kindergarten Readiness Program for preschoolers of all ages!

Every Monday from 10:45- 11:45 a.m. you and your child can learn about something new and exciting. Our program is curriculum based and it is a great way to get children to interact and socialize with their peers. Our syllabus uses a different theme each week. We base our craft and reading books around that theme.

No matter how young a child is, the classes are always fun and engaging. In the past we have learned about habitats and we constructed birdfeeders that day.

Pictured below is a group of students building birdfeeders out of milk jugs.



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Think Vehicles are Speeding?



On October 1st, I will have completed my first year with Middleton as the Chief of Police. It has been enjoyable working with city employees but the best part of my job has been my interaction with residents.

We often receive complaints about speeding in Middleton, and take all of these seriously. We respond to the areas as soon as possible, and continue patrolling those areas for a time, and return regularly thereafter.

Patrol cars are equipped with speed detection devices and traffic is monitored while officers are on patrol. There is no 'citation quota' for our officers, but appropriate action will be taken when necessary.

Something that has surprised me is the low number of speeders on our city streets. Most streets are posted 25 mph and the number of vehicles we notice that are over that limit is very few. We don't have a speed problem here in Middleton, however, we do have the select few here and there and we will continue to make a conscientious effort to identify those individuals and take the appropriate action.

Thanks for your efforts to help make Middleton a nicer place to live and raise our families. We in the Police Department will continue to do our part to help make it a safer place.

Brian Zimmerman
Chief of Police

Middleton Police Department Hires Fifth Police Officer

Officer Chris Graham will begin his service with the Middleton Police Department the first week in October 2015. Officer Graham lives in Middleton and brings to the department over 20 years patrol experience. Welcome Officer Graham.



New Withdrawal Date for Utility Bill Automatic Payment Accounts

Beginning in October 2015 for those who have enrolled in automatic payment for utility bills, withdrawal will be on the 16th of each month instead of the 10th of each month.

If you would like to enroll in automatic bill payment, sign-up forms are available at City Hall or on the City's website (www.middleton.id.gov).

New City Projects

City Council hired Northwest Interiors LLC, to stucco the Trolley Station and Lee Moberly Museum exterior to match the annex for approximately \$38,000. Work is scheduled to be completed in October 2015.

City Council hired Grindline to construct the skatepark. Construction is scheduled to begin in October 2015 and be completed by end of this year.

Roadside Park restrooms are still closed for building renovation, which is scheduled to be completed by end of this year.

Proper Garbage Can Placement

Reminder, please place garbage and recycling cans off sidewalks and with wheels against the back of curb. Thank you

New Appointments to Library Board and Planning and Zoning Commission

Kassie Knapp was appointed to the Library Board of Directors to finish former Board member Nichole Thomas' term ending January 31, 2016.

Clinton Minor was appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission to finish former Commissioner Paul Chaumont's term ending August 21, 2016. Director Thomas resigned to accept employment, and Commissioner Chaumont resigned for health reasons.

The City welcomes Kassie and Clint and appreciates their service.

Local Government Taxing Districts

Different entities in town have different leadership, rules, regulations and taxes. Each of these entities has open meetings that can be attended to understand issues and provide input.

<i>Cemetery District</i>	585-9394
<i>City of Middleton</i>	585-3133
<i>Fire District</i>	585-6650
<i>Greater Middleton Park & Rec.</i>	585-3461
<i>Middleton School District</i>	585-3027
<i>Non-Emergency Police</i>	585-0008

October Calendar

<i>City Council</i> 6:30 p.m. City Hall	October 7
<i>Planning and Zoning</i> 7:00 p.m. City Hall	October 19
<i>City Council</i> 6:30 p.m. City Hall	October 21
<i>Spooktacular</i> 3:00-5:00 p.m. At participating businesses downtown	October 30

Startling Statistics

According to a study by the Idaho Dept. of Health and Welfare, Trust for America's Health, and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; for the first time in history, the next generation will have a shorter life expectancy than their parents due to obesity-related diseases. Idaho has a projected obesity rate of 53% by 2030, and estimated annual cost of \$1.5 Billion by 2018. Obesity is linked to adverse cognitive performance in school-aged children and teens, and to changes of brain structure in older adults. Even single bouts of aerobic exercise benefit cognitive performance.

Middleton is adding trails, installing missing segments of sidewalk, and upgrading parks and playgrounds to encourage recreation and exercise that helps fight obesity.

Help Yourself and Help Others

The most likely natural disasters to occur in Middleton are a flood, earthquake, fire, wind/fall-out, or freezing rain. News about disasters in other cities, states or countries shows individuals helping themselves and others. Other disasters include the death of a wage-earning family member, and financial or medical downturns. The news shows that we will all be better during a disaster by working together and helping others.

Family, friends and neighbors are the first to reach out and help when disaster occurs. Be prepared individually and to help others. Health, education, employment, home storage, finances and spiritual strength are essential to a person's well-being.

Residents are encouraged to store medication, clean water and food to last at least 14 days, and build a three-month supply of food that is part of your normal diet. Middleton City parks are strategically located within one-half mile walking distance of each residence. If there is a natural disaster, these parks are gathering places where you can go to receive information, first aid, and clean water. The City lacks the ability to feed a crowd during a disaster, but will be able to provide propane to residents with BBQ grills.

2015 Mayor's School Walking Challenge

St. Luke's, High Five! Children's Health Collaborative, and Idaho Dairy Council invited Mayors throughout Southwest and South Central Idaho to participate in a walking competition during October 2015. Elementary schools are invited to also participate in the challenge to encourage healthy children through healthy eating and physical activity.

Students and Mayors will log long miles walked, and the school and mayor who walk the most miles wins. The winning school will receive a \$2,000 cash prize for physical activity and food service equipment! The winning Mayor will receive a \$5,000 cash prize to donate to a park or school of their choice for physical activity equipment. Let's win! Contact Mayor Taylor for more information at (208) 697-4354.