



Talk with the Mayor

Tuesday September 8, 2015
10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
City Hall

**Budget, Projects and
 5-year Plans**

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Officer Steve Walker Promoted to Sergeant

The Middleton Police Department began in October 2014 with a part-time police chief. Three officers were hired during the winter of 2014, and another officer is scheduled to begin in October 2015. The number of emergency and non-emergency calls increased from four to ten per day on average after Middleton started a police department. Incidents of petit theft, vandalism and other crimes have decreased substantially. Middleton police officer Steve Walker was promoted to Sergeant in August 2015, and he will now oversee operations and other officers when the Chief is not on duty.

Proper Placement of Garbage Cans

The City has received several complaints about garbage and recycling carts blocking sidewalks on garbage pick-up day, which forces students and residents with disabilities into the streets, which increases the risk of a pedestrian-vehicle collision. In attempt to prevent a tragedy, please place garbage and recycling carts on the road with the wheels backed up to the curb on garbage pick-up day. It may take a couple of weeks to get used to, but please share this information with neighbors so everyone can participate. Please contact Mayor Taylor at 697-4354 if you have questions. Thank you.

Registration Closes: September 4, 2015

Race Day: September 19, 2015

Place: Middleton Place Park

Start time: 11:00 a.m.



Sign up at:  facebook.com/middletoncolorrama

Lowest Budget in 7 years - No Property Tax Increase FY2016

Fiscal Year	FY 2016	FY2015	FY2014	FY2013	FY2012	FY2011	FY2010
Property Tax \$	1,265,781	1,129,720	1,085,294	1,057,662	1,010,522	966,851	894,886
3% Increase	-	33,894	-	-	30,318	29,008	26,825
Prior Yr. Annexation	450	1,796	-	-	1,499	1,069	-
Prior Yr. New Construction	111,922	103,371	44,426	27,632	15,285	13,611	45,140
Total	1,378,153	1,265,781	1,129,720	1,085,294	1,057,624	1,010,539	966,851

Total Budget 6,173,392 7,580,700 8,543,873 12,901,718 13,519,663 11,584,570 9,644,583

FY 2016 Budget

City Council on August 5, 2015 adopted the budget for fiscal year 2016 (FY2016). The full City budget can be viewed at City Hall or on-line at www.middleton.id.gov. **The Mayor and City Council reduced the budget about \$1.4 Million from last year.**

FY2016 Revenue – Listed by Category

1,378,153	Real Property Tax
429,246	Grants
262,390	State Revenue-sharing
254,505	Highway Users
80,119	County Revenue-sharing
290,000	Building Permits and Inspections
2,148,375	Water, Sewer, Trash, Stormwater (collections and new hook-ups)
1,088,319	Other miscellaneous line items
242,285	Cash carry-over from prior year (to pay multi-year projects)
<u>\$6,173,392</u>	

FY2016 Expense – Listed by Fund

1,895,916	General (includes administration, police, building, library, and parks)
1,556,305	Streets
526,834	Garbage
724,150	Water
1,470,187	Sewer
<u>\$6,173,392</u>	

FY2016 Expense – Highlights

100,000	Cash match VRT Park and Ride Lot (Grant funds approx. \$850,000)
232,217	Design sewer lift station and mainline west along Highway 44 to Emmett Rd.
76,000	Design sewer mainline south along Middleton Road between Boise River and Lincoln Road
141,750	Local match for Cemetery Road sidewalks (Grant funds approx. \$254,000)
440,283	Design/construct Marjorie and Harmon Way in Middleton Place subdivision



Library Card Sign-up. The Middleton City library is a resource available to everyone in the community. Library services include Wi-Fi, internet, computers, videos, books and a copy machine for copies.

If the book you are looking for is not available, it can be requested through the inter-library loan program. Remember to sign-up for a library card --- no charge for City residents because it is included in property tax, non-residents pay \$30.00 per year. A library card is a great student resource.

Visit the Library booth at the Harvest Festival September 26th, Foote Park. Books will be given out as prizes for Boo Bowling.

Banned Book Week

September 27th - October 3rd

The American Library Association (ALA) celebrates different themes throughout the year to raise awareness and promote open access of information at public libraries.

September is "Banned Book Week," October is "Teen Read Week" and November is "Family Read Week."

You might be surprised to learn that Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian, The Diary of Anne Frank, and the Bible have, at one time or another, been banned by a library board, school board or bookstore somewhere in America. The library seeks to share information with parents and readers, and let them make decisions about what to read based on their family values.

Trail Signage



Four trail signs will be posted along the new trail along State Highway 44 that connects Middleton Place Park and Roadside Park. The new signs will show short, medium and long walking loops and distances to schools, parks, and downtown. Enjoy your walk around town!

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).



Animal Regulations

Middleton schools are back in session, so roads are much busier with cars, pedestrians and pets. There are nine City laws regarding animals and the Middleton Police Department would like remind you about a few of them. Making these city ordinances a high priority will help ensure the health, safety and peace of residents and our four-legged friends.

City Ordinance 10-3-2: Collar and Tag Requirements

Every dog and cat (canine and feline) shall at all times wear a substantial and durable collar with an identification tag containing the name, address and phone number of the owner.

City Ordinance 10-3-3: Animals Running at Large

It is against the law for a person to allow an animal which he/she owns, keeps, or harbors to be loose (at large) upon the roads or alleys, or in any park or public place of the City, or upon property belonging to someone else. This provision applies regardless of whether the animal is licensed or not.

City Ordinance 10-3-6: Disturbing the Peace

It is against the law for a person, unreasonably, to not provide the proper care and control of his/her animal in order to prevent it from disturbing the peace and quiet by barking, whining or making loud or unusual noises, or by running through or across cultivated gardens or lawns belonging to someone else.

Many times an animal can be returned to its owner, rather than the animal shelter, when animal control or law enforcement officers can identify who an animal belongs to.

If you are being disturbed by a barking dog in your area, be neighborly and address the problem with the animal's owner. If the problem is not addressed by the owner and you wish to sign a complaint, please call the Middleton Police Department non-emergency number (208-585-0008).

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.

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

FEMA Flood Map Update

FEMA is updating its Flood Insurance Risk Maps for tributaries to the Boise River ... in Middleton, this means Willow Creek and Mill Slough. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Walla Walla District is responsible for engineering, Strategic Alliance for Risk Reduction (STARR) is responsible for updates to the regulatory flood maps, and University of Idaho is responsible for risk assessments. Some of the project milestones and deliverables are listed below, and dates are subject to revision as the project progresses.

Risk map discovery meetings	June 2011
Draft maps released to cities and counties for comment	January 2015
Preliminary maps released for public comment	Winter 2015/2016
FEMA public meeting/workshop	Spring 2016
Appeal period starts	Summer 2016
Appeal period ends	Summer 2016
Letter of final determination and final risk report	Fall/Winter 2016/2017
Revised maps become effective	Spring 2017

September Calendar

City Council 6:30 p.m. City Hall	September 2
Planning and Zoning 7:00 p.m. City Hall	September 14
City Council 6:30 p.m. City Hall	September 16
ColorRama 11:00 a.m. Middleton Place Park	September 19

Treasure Valley Gang Special Assistant United States Attorney (Gang SAUSA)

Gang-related shootings and other crimes were very high in Canyon County 2004-2006, with over 400 shootings in Nampa and Caldwell alone. In 2007, Treasure Valley cities joined together to fund an United States assistant prosecuting attorney's position dedicated to prosecuting only gang-related crimes. Criminals are prosecuted in federal court and serve time in federal penitentiaries. Real property taxes from residents are no longer paying to prosecute these individuals or keep them in prison, the federal government is paying these costs.

Since February 2007, 317 defendants have been indicted in federal court as part of the Gang SAUSA Project. Of those indicted, 265 have been convicted and sentenced, 13 have pleaded guilty and are awaiting sentencing, 23 are pending arrest or trial, and 16 have resulted in dismissals or acquittals. The conviction rate for defendants indicted by the Gang SAUSA is 95%. The 265 convictions obtained thus far have resulted in a total prison time of 13,846 months (approx. 1,153 years), representing an average prison sentence of 52 months (4.4 years).

Most defendants are also sentenced to at least three years of supervised parole upon completion of their prison terms. 48 defendants are subject to deportation upon completion of their sentences. About 54% of the indictments are for individuals living in Canyon County, about 27% are from Ada County, and 19% from other counties in the area.