

Commissioners Wanted

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The City of Middleton has a Planning and Zoning Commission that meets the second Monday of each month starting at 7:00 p.m. to do the following.

1. Review design and materials for new businesses and other non-residential buildings,
2. Consider approving conditional use permits or variances at public hearings, and
3. At public hearings, make recommendations to city council about zoning changes or subdivisions.

Commissioner compensation is \$25.00 for each meeting attended. Commissioners must support the community's values adopted in the city's comprehensive plan and maps, and have a working knowledge of public hearing procedures and the city's zoning and subdivision ordinances.

These positions are appointed by the city council and serve three-year terms. The five-member commission has two vacancies. If you are interested in serving on the Commission, please submit to City Hall an "Application to Serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission," available at City Hall or online at the city's website >> Departments >> Planning and Zoning >> Applications >> last one on the list.

Real Property Taxes in Middleton

Real property tax rates and amounts for cities are ranked in the table below to compare the Middleton's taxes with other cities in Canyon County. These 2017 rates and amounts do not include other taxing districts, like highway or school districts. Source: www.canyonco.org/elected-officials/treasurer/tax-levy-rates/

City Only Real Property Tax Collection			
Assume \$100,000 Taxable Property Value			
Cities	Rate	Taxable Value	City Tax
Wilder	0.010979944	\$100,000.00	\$1,097.99
Caldwell	0.009199122	\$100,000.00	\$919.91
Parma	0.008675413	\$100,000.00	\$867.54
Nampa	0.008512504	\$100,000.00	\$851.25
Melba	0.006394875	\$100,000.00	\$639.49
Middleton	0.005193551	\$100,000.00	\$519.36
Notus	0.004553122	\$100,000.00	\$455.31
Greenleaf	0.002748114	\$100,000.00	\$274.81

Star Encroaching On Middleton

The city received a notice from the City of Star to discuss the proposed Star Comprehensive Plan northerly expansion and maps/text amendments. This follows about a month after the City of Star considered an application from Willowbrook Development to annex and construct homes on approximately 1,500 acres located generally adjacent to Purple Sage Rd. between Lansing Ln. in Canyon County and N. Wing Rd. in Ada County.

Mayor contacted the applicant and requested the property be annexed into the City of Middleton, but was politely declined. State law allows a city to annex land that has not already been annexed by another city; it does not matter which area of city impact, county, school district, fire district, etc. the land is in.





If the City of Star annexes more property in Canyon County, similar to the Willowbrook project, the circumstances will be goofy with a Middleton zip code and school district, Canyon Highway District 4 road jurisdiction, Canyon County Sheriff's Office law enforcement, and Star city limit, fire, land-use, building, and code enforcement jurisdiction. This confusing situation occurs occasionally, most recently between Kuna and Meridian, and Caldwell and Nampa.

Even though the City of Middleton would like to see the land developed according to the Middleton standards and connect to Middleton's water and sewer systems, the City of Star can annex the property. If it does, Middleton requested right-of-way wide enough for future roads, bicycle lanes and pathways along section- and quarter-section lines be dedicated to the public entity have road jurisdiction and, at this time in Canyon County, that right-of-way would go to Canyon Highway District 4.

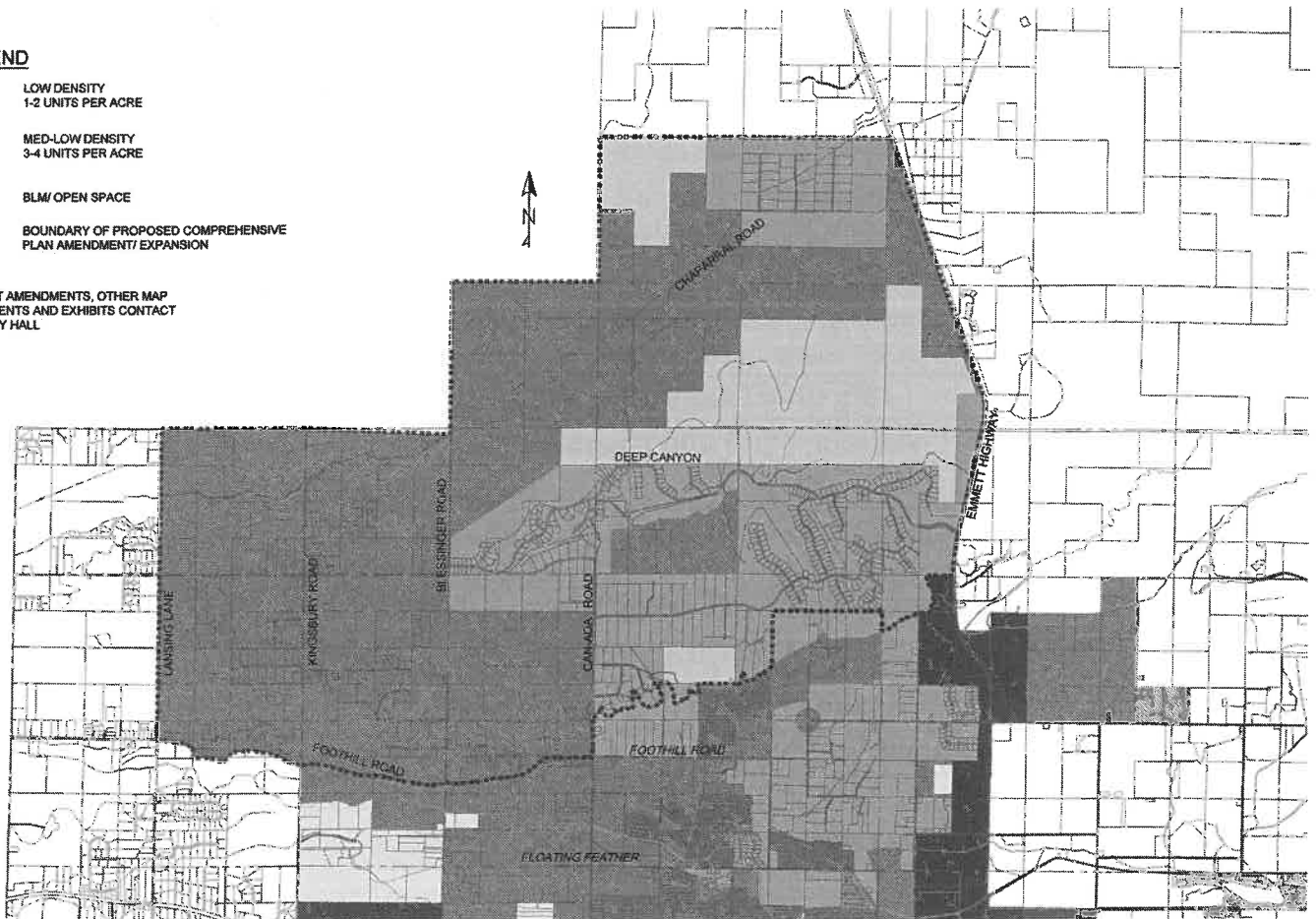
Please contact the City of Star at 208-286-7246 if you would like more information. The public hearing about the City of Star initiated comprehensive plan westerly expansion to Lansing Lane is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. on April 19, 2018 at LifeSprings Church, 174 N. Star Road, Star, Idaho.

The public hearing about Willowbrook Development's application is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. on May 1, 2018 Star City Hall or at LifeSprings Church, 174 N. Star Road, Star, Idaho.

LEGEND

-  LOW DENSITY
1-2 UNITS PER ACRE
-  MED-LOW DENSITY
3-4 UNITS PER ACRE
-  BLM/ OPEN SPACE
-  BOUNDARY OF PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE
PLAN AMENDMENT/ EXPANSION

NOTE:
FOR TEXT AMENDMENTS, OTHER MAP
AMENDMENTS AND EXHIBITS CONTACT
STAR CITY HALL



School Resource Officer (SRO)

The City of Middleton was the apparent low bidder to provide law enforcement protection and services at the high school, academy, middle and elementary schools in the Middleton School District. Upon approval by the school board the start date would be July 1 for the 2018-2019 school year. SRO services are currently provided to the school district by Canyon County Sheriff's Office.

All seven of Middleton's officers are qualified to perform SRO services, which include being trustworthy and motivational to students, present and visible during school and related activities, lock-down leader, active shooter response, hostage rescue and various other tactical scenarios.

The city will advertise to hire two additional officers, bringing the total on the force to nine, two of which will be assigned by the police chief as the primary SROs during school days and on patrol during summers and when school is out of session.

Child Abuse Prevention Days

April is National Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month. Canyon County and the Nampa Family Justice Center are sponsoring several family-oriented activities that everyone is invited to attend.

Wednesday, April 4, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. at Canyon County Administration Building public meeting room is Start By Believing time to support survivors of sexual violence.

Wednesday, April 4, 11:30 a.m. at Boise Center on the Grove March to the Capitol.

Wednesday, April 4, 12:30 p.m. at the Jefferson Street steps of the Idaho State Capitol for a rally, balloon release and more. #StandUpForChildrenIdaho

Saturday, April 14, 3:00 p.m. at Caldwell Police Department is Superhero/Child Abuse Awareness March to plant a garden of pinwheels on the Canyon County courthouse lawn.

Friday, April 20, 8:45 a.m. at the Nampa Family Justice Center for a presentation about Community Awareness of Sex Crimes Against Children. Lunch on your own. 1:30 pm presentation about Community Awareness and Response to Use of Technology. 3:15 pm Guardian ad Litem Program. 3:30 pm Community Awareness in Child Abuse Reporting and Prevention.

Building a Person and a Community – No More Domestic Violence

A community is more than buildings, water and sewer lines, police and fireman, libraries and parks. It is people. The role of a city is to create an environment in the community for individuals and families to prosper. Middleton is building people in a walkable, healthy, livable community.

Traffic congestion on roads in some ways is similar to domestic violence at home ... they are generally considered a miserable place to be, a waste-of-time, and block us from a desired place. We often say, I am caught or stuck in traffic, and wait until the situation changes so we can move forward again.

Domestic violence means hitting, pushing, throwing or kicking things at, or angrily yelling at another individual at home when they don't want you to. It includes sex by force while the victim is involuntarily physically restrained, or rendered incoherent or unconscious. It is not boxing, wrestling, horse-play, or playing catch with a baseball, soccer ball, or flying disc.

Unrestrained anger or inebriation is always at the start a domestic violence incident. Immediately turn and leave situations of escalating communication or aggression. Officers will arrest the "primary aggressor," which is the last one to act aggressively regardless of who provoked or initiated the aggression. Officers can arrest both individuals involved, neither, or one or the other.

Officers separate and calm the people involved. Prosecutors seek to convict whoever they charge with domestic violence. Couples, children, families and the city try to build homes and a community environment based on courtesy to others, self-discipline, trust, hope, stability and compassion.

It is not in the best interest of residents if individuals involved in escalating aggression are arrested, prosecuted and convicted, with sentences including every imaginable combination of fine, jail time, community service, probation, habitual offender status, etc. Having a misdemeanor or felony conviction on a legal record makes it even more difficult to find a job or get promotions.

Local 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: 2nd 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.



Emergency 911
Non-Emergency Phone
208-585-0008

Calendar

Planning and Zoning Public Meeting Rm. 6 N. Dewey Ave. 7:00 p.m.	April 9
City Council Public Meeting Rm. 6 N. Dewey Ave. 6:30 p.m.	April 18
Clean-Up Middleton Trolley Station 6:30 p.m.	April 25

What Is The Future Of Recycling?

The city contracts with Republic Services to provide garbage and recycling pick-up and disposal for residents, each with a separate fee combined into one amount charged monthly on utility bills. The company from time-to-time changes what items can be put in garbage or recycling carts, and recently notified city leaders in Treasure Valley that only type 1 and 2 plastics items should be placed in the blue carts.

Companies buy solid waste from garbage collection companies to use in recycled products; not to keep plastics, paper, cardboard or metals out of landfills. If companies cannot profit from using recycled products, then they will stop purchasing them rather than go out-of-business. In that case, all garbage items go to the landfill and there is no need for recycle blue carts, green dumpsters, or a recycling fee.

Garbage collectors ask residents to sort/recycle items that can be sold to companies. Would we rather recycle those items, or is the list of items that can be recycled too small for us to bother with, send it all to the landfill, and stop charging recycling fees for now? When the demand increases for re-useable garbage, then we can start recycling again.

Everyone is invited to attend the April 18, 2018 city council meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. at 6 N. Dewey Ave., Middleton, Idaho, and share your thoughts on this subject with city council.

Clean-Up Middleton - April 25, 7:00 p.m. **Community Service Project**

Everyone is invited - bring your gloves. Help clean up Middleton by picking up trash along streets and sidewalks, and in parks. Garbage bags provided. Youth groups encouraged to attend. Contact City Hall for more information 208-585-3133.

