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## Middleton

Middleton offers a rural, small-town atmosphere a short drive from Boise or Meridian.

Located along Idaho 44 (State Street) between Star and Caldwell, Middleton is a funky mix of new subdivisions and homes on acreages with farm animals.

Rick Fried, president of the Chamber of Commerce, says Middleton offers a rural lifestyle with an easy commute to the amenities of the Treasure Valley, including jobs, parks and shopping.

Residents also have access to Interstate 84 and crossroads that take drivers to U.S. 20/26 and Ustick Road for easy east/west travel.

The city's population has increased from 1,800 residents in the 2000 census to 5,175 as of April 1, bringing more shops and businesses along with new homes.

### What Middleton neighbors say

- "There's a sign outside of town that says Middleton's a great place to live. It's good to see people be able to work here. It's exciting to see growth in the business district," said Becky O'Meara, owner of the Middleton Gazette and lifetime resident.
- "We know we're growing fast. We're excited to see (the business growth) happen. We'd like to be more than a bedroom community; to expand services to the greater Middleton area," said Fried, the chamber president. He has lived in Middleton since 1992.

### Average Middleton home price

The average home price in Middleton is \$209,719, according to a first quarter 2007 report from the Intermountain Multiple Listing Service.

### Middleton highlights

Middleton is the oldest town in Canyon County and one of the oldest in the state of Idaho. William N. Montgomery drew up the town plat in 1863. Middleton was so named because it was approximately half way between Boise and Fort Boise, near the mouth of the Boise River and the present town of Parma.

Middleton City Hall: 6 N. Dewey Ave., Middleton, ID 83644; phone (208) 585-3133

City Web site: [www.middleton.id.gov/dnn/](http://www.middleton.id.gov/dnn/)

School district information: Middleton School District, <http://msd134.org> or 585-3027.

The Middleton Public Library is at 307 E. Main St., (208) 585-393. The library began in 1960 with a collection of donated books. Located in a former seed mill, the library is looking at building more space. For more information, visit <http://middleton.lili.org>

### What's new

A new Ridley's grocery store is being constructed at the corner of Middleton Road and Idaho 44. Syringa Bank is located in Wellstone Business Park on the west side of town.

### Some top community events

Annual Easter egg hunt, July 4th celebration, fall craft bazaar on the third Saturday in October and a Christmas celebration on the first Saturday in December.

### Shopping

- Middleton Marketplace on Middleton Road just south of Idaho 44 includes the Buck Stop, Mr. Mom's Take 'N' Bake Pizza and M Design. True Value Hardware is in the heart of town, 9 N. Dewey.
- A plus, says Fried, is the new Treasure Valley Marketplace in Canyon County, which means Costco, Target and Best Buy are less than 10 minutes from the city.

### Dining

- New in Middleton is Playa Azul Mexican Restaurant at 307 E. 1st St.
- Some longtime favorites include Sunrise Café, 200 E. Main St. and Casa Mexico in the Middleton Marketplace.

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