

# THE BEAT



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## Neighbourhood Watch

Middleton needs  
a Neighbourhood Watch program!

Come and share your ideas and/or  
help set one up.

Date & Time - July 27, 2023 at 5pm

Location: Middleton Firehall

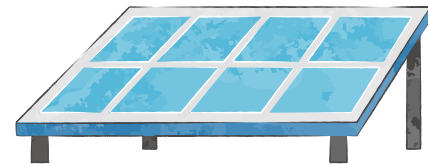
or

Contact:

[neighbourhoodwatchmiddleton@gmail.com](mailto:neighbourhoodwatchmiddleton@gmail.com)

## Solar Panels

Property owners installing solar collectors on the roof of their home or on their property in the Town of Middleton are required to obtain a Development and Building permit. Permits and inspections will help to ensure that the required minimum plumbing and structural standards are met. Please contact Sharon at 902-825-4841 (ext 104) or [smcauley@town.middleton.ns.ca](mailto:smcauley@town.middleton.ns.ca), if you are thinking about installing solar panels.



## Check Before You Build

The Town of Middleton reminds residents that development and building permits are required for **any** construction project, regardless of size.

Whether you are renovating an existing building or just putting up a baby barn, you need to obtain a permit **before** starting the job. Permits are also required for signs, decks, and demolition of existing buildings.

If you are thinking of starting a new business or beginning a construction project, please contact Sharon at 825-4841 (option #5 for planning) or [smcauley@town.middleton.ns.ca](mailto:smcauley@town.middleton.ns.ca).

## Tax Exemptions

Property owners with a total household income of not more than \$23,400 may be eligible for an exemption on their Town of Middleton taxes. Application forms are available at the Town Office and must be submitted no later than July 31 annually.

Additionally, property owners may be eligible for a Provincial exemption, and forms are usually available at the Town Office or through the Provincial website. A detailed sheet is required to be filled out by the Town Office and included with the application, with a deadline of December 31.

The application form is also available at the Town Office or may be found here:

<https://www.discovermiddleton.ca/living/property-taxes>

If you have previously received a Provincial rebate, you should automatically receive the application in the mail.

## Recreation Happenings



### Rec Operated Programs

The Rec department has a number of programs running this summer. Here is the list as of now.

- 15 Jul - Basketball Clinic
- 17 Jul - Mondays - Beach Volleyball
- 21 Jul - Movie in the Park
- 26 Jul - Paint Night
- 29 Jul - Beach Volleyball Tournament
- 04 Aug - Movie in the Park
- 12 Aug - Century Ride
- 13 Aug - Heart Run
- 18 Aug - Concert in the Park

Contact our Event Coordinator at 902-824-2605 or [eventsmiddleton@gmail.com](mailto:eventsmiddleton@gmail.com)

### Sign-up for e-billing Today!

We are pleased to offer the convenience of receiving property tax and utility bills electronically.

To receive your bills electronically, please email: [info@town.middleton.ns.ca](mailto:info@town.middleton.ns.ca)

### How To Pay a Bill Through Your Financial Institution

Property tax and utility bills may be paid online through your financial institution.

For taxes, simply search: Middleton, Town, select "taxes" and enter your account number located on the top right corner of your bill.

For utilities, simply search: Middleton, Town, select "utilities" and enter your account number located at the top left corner of your bill, using only the first 8 digits.

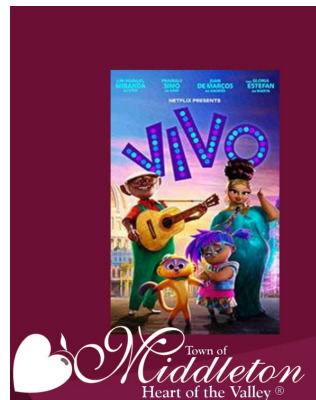


## The Festival is on! July 21-22

## Follow along here [www.hotvf.ca](http://www.hotvf.ca)

The Festival includes the Grand Street Parade and we are looking for parade participants. The website will include the route and a parade application. Or you can either call 902-825-4841 #106 or email [recoffice@town.middleton.ns.ca](mailto:recoffice@town.middleton.ns.ca)

### Movies in the Park



21 Jul



18 Aug



July 17, 2023

Dear: Town Resident,

**The Town of Middleton is seeking your participation in our drinking water sampling program for lead and copper.** The Water Utility infrastructure in Middleton **does not contain** any mainline infrastructure that contains **any copper or lead**, but the lateral connections especially after the street valve to the homes/businesses may contain materials that could potentially cause health related concerns. Due to these conditions, we are seeking participants in a **free survey of copper and lead content within the water lines and fixtures in your home.**

Participation will provide you with information on lead and copper levels in your tap water. In addition, it will allow us to assess the towns compliance with Health Canada's new drinking water guidelines for lead and copper.

In 2019, Health Canada lowered their maximum acceptable concentration (MAC) for lead in drinking water from 0.010mg/L to 0.005mg/L and introduced a new MAC for copper of 2 mg/L. They also changed the sample location for compliance. Samples for lead and copper must now be collected within homes and buildings where customers obtain water for drinking and cooking.

Although lead and copper can occur naturally in the environment, their main source in drinking water is leaching of plumbing materials such as pipes, solder, faucets, and fittings. While copper is an acceptable material for use in plumbing, lead is not. The National Plumbing Code (NPC) allowed the use of lead in pipes until 1975 and lead in solders in plumbing and distribution systems until 1986. Since 2013, plumbing fittings must meet the low lead requirement.

Once the testing is complete, you will receive a letter with your test results and an explanation of what they mean. In addition, if your lead or copper levels exceed Health Canada's guidelines, we will provide information on how to reduce your exposure.

If you would like to participate, please contact us at (902) 825-4841 or by email at [Dwade@town.middleton.ns.ca](mailto:Dwade@town.middleton.ns.ca).

Sincerely,

***Dan Wade***

*Regional Director of Public Works*

*Town of Middleton*

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