

# THE BEAT

April 2026 Town of Middleton  
Newsletter

As we welcome the arrival of spring, it's a great time to enjoy everything our community has to offer - from fresh air and longer days to the many activities and events just around the corner. This season also brings new beginnings, and we're excited to introduce the Town's newly updated website, designed to make it easier for residents to find information, stay informed, and connect with municipal services. I encourage you to take a few moments to explore it and see what's new. Wishing you all a safe, bright, and enjoyable spring season.

*Mayor Gail Smith*

## STAY UPDATED WITH THE NEW COMMUNITY CALENDAR

There is now a Community Calendar on the new Town of Middleton website. Here, you will find upcoming events, meetings, alerts, and more.

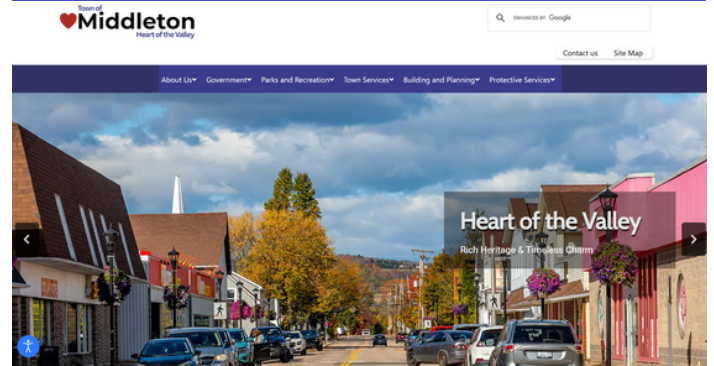
Go to: [www.discovermiddleton.ca/about-us/community-calendar](http://www.discovermiddleton.ca/about-us/community-calendar)

## TOWN OF MIDDLETON WILL BE HOLDING AN ELECTION TO FILL ONE COUNCILLOR POSITION

The Town of Middleton is currently seeking one Councillor position on Middleton Town Council. Candidate nomination packages, candidate guide, and campaign information will be available soon and posted to the website. Any information sessions hosted by the Returning Officer will be posted on the website. Important dates:

- **November 19, 2025** - Residency deadline to qualify as a candidate
- **May 7-19, 2026** - Nomination Period | Nominations can be filed by appointment with the Returning Officer.
- **May 19, 2026** - 4:00pm Nomination Day | Nomination papers due to Returning Officer by 4:00pm
- May 20, 2026 - 4:00pm Deadline for candidate withdrawal
- **June 4, 2026** - 10:00am Advance Polling Period Begins (electronic voting opens)
- **June 13, 2026** - 8:00am – 7:00pm - Middleton Fire Hall Election Day (Ordinary Polling Day) Unofficial results will be available following the close of polls.

## MIDDLETON NEWS



## NEW WEBSITE FOR THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON

The Town of Middleton is pleased to announce the launch of its newly redesigned website. The updated site offers a clean, user-friendly layout, making it easier for residents to find important information, access services, and stay up to date on local news and events. With improved navigation, accessibility functions, and mobile-friendly features, the website is designed to better serve our community wherever you are. We invite residents to explore the new site and share any feedback as we continue to enhance your online experience.

## COUNCIL VOTES TO WITHDRAW FROM VALLEY REGIONAL ENTERPRISE NETWORK

The Town of Middleton has approved a motion to withdraw from the Valley Regional Enterprise Network (REN), with the withdrawal set to take effect on March 31, 2028, in accordance with the required 24 months' notice under the Inter-Municipal Service Agreement. The Town has valued its participation in the REN and recognizes the importance of regional collaboration. The decision was made following careful consideration of its evolving economic development priorities. Moving forward, the Town will explore options to deliver economic support locally, with a continued focus on supporting businesses and fostering sustainable growth within the community.

## DEADLINE FOR WATER BILL PAYMENTS

Payments need to be made on or before **May 15<sup>th</sup>** to avoid late payment penalties. If you have inquiries about your bill, email: [billingclerk@town.middleton.ns.ca](mailto:billingclerk@town.middleton.ns.ca)

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## PUBLIC WORKS



### Winter Parking Ban Ends April 30

The Winter Parking Ban ends on April 30. Vehicles can street park overnight after that date. Until then, the winter parking ban still applies. In the event of snowfall, vehicles must not park on the street or in a way that will interfere with snow removal.

### Road Maintenance

Public Works is aware of road conditions throughout the community and appreciates residents' patience. Due to extreme freeze/thaw cycles, followed by snow plowing, the pavement becomes brittle and potholes form. At this time of year, repairs are limited to temporary cold patching until local asphalt plants reopen. Once plants are in operation, crews will begin more permanent repairs; however, paving schedules are dependent on contractor availability. We thank residents for their understanding as we work to improve road conditions this spring.

### Water Reservoir Project Update

The Water Reservoir Project is in the final stages of completion. The tank is currently being filled, which is one of the final steps of the project.

## UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

All meetings take place in Council Chambers at Town Hall, 131 Commercial Street, Middleton. If there is anything you would like to bring forward at the meeting, email: [ea@town.middleton.ns.ca](mailto:ea@town.middleton.ns.ca)

### Council:

- April 20 - 6:00pm
- May 19 - 7:00pm
- June 15 - 7:00pm

### Committee of the Whole:

- May 4 - 7:00pm
- June 1 - 7:00pm
- July 6 - 7:00pm

## VALLEY WASTE INFORMATION

- There are now two trucks doing pick-up: one for garbage and compost, and one for recyclables. These trucks might arrive at different times, but on the same day.
- There will not be Spring and Fall cleanup. Instead, residents are allowed two bulky items during their scheduled pickup day.

## EVENTS



### Neighbourhood Cleanup Competition

- May 2 | Cleanup your yard to minimize wildfire risk - submit photos of your cleanup to [mpal@town.middleton.ns.ca](mailto:mpal@town.middleton.ns.ca) for a chance to win a prize package | In partnership with Middleton Fire Department | Brush dump will be open from 10:00am-2:00pm for your convenience

### Shad Derby

- May 23 | Riverside Park | Check in 6:30am | To register, visit: <https://forms.gle/JRKJab4vDb6NLDcdA> or email, [mpal@town.middleton.ns.ca](mailto:mpal@town.middleton.ns.ca) | Adults \$25 - Under 16 \$10

### Canada Day Parade

- July 1 | 10:00am | Registration form and updates will be available on the website soon at, [www.discovermiddleton.ca/canada-day](http://www.discovermiddleton.ca/canada-day) | Route TBD

### Heart of the Valley Family Day

- July 18 | 11:00am-2:00pm | Rotary Park, 337 Marshall Street | FREE

## THINGS TO DO:

### Senior Walking

- Every Thursday at CORAH at NSCC gym - Middleton campus | 9:00am-10:00am | To register, email: [corah-avc@nssc.ca](mailto:corah-avc@nssc.ca), or call, (902) 825-5215 | Ends on April 30

### Zumba

- Thursdays at 6:30pm | Middleton Firehall | FREE | To register, email: [mpal@town.middleton.ns.ca](mailto:mpal@town.middleton.ns.ca)

### Core Connections

- Thursday evenings at 7:15pm | Middleton Firehall | \$50 punch card | to register, email: [mpal@town.middleton.ns.ca](mailto:mpal@town.middleton.ns.ca)

### Titan Training

- Tuesdays at 6:00pm | At AEES gym | To register, email: [mpal@town.middleton.ns.ca](mailto:mpal@town.middleton.ns.ca) | This will move outside when weather improves

### Open Gym/Judo

- AEES Gym | 6:00pm-7:30pm | Every Wednesday | For AEES students and their families only | Drop-in Questions? email: [mpal@town.middleton.ns.ca](mailto:mpal@town.middleton.ns.ca) | Start date to come - check [discovermiddleton.ca](http://discovermiddleton.ca) and our Facebook page