



Midway City News



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Midway City Corporation

Mayor's Message

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Midway City Mayor*



Mayor Johnson standing in what will soon be the Michie Lane Park

Is there anything more beautiful than summer in Midway? Our charming town really comes to life with all the sunshine and visitors. With the good weather comes a window of opportunity to get things done!

Here's a few things you may want to be aware of.

Valais Park Repairs – Fast growing, shallow rooted trees were planted by the developer to provide shade and beauty to the park. But in the last few years, the roots have caused damage to the trails and courts and several of these trees have blown down which is a big safety concern. As we remove the trees and level the berms, new trees will be planted, further away from the courts. This will protect the courts in the future from drainage issues and root damage. The basketball and tennis courts will be repaired as part of this project. The volleyball court has been cleaned out, loaded up with new sand, the poles straightened, and a new net installed. The entire project is slated to be finished by Nov. 1st.

Hamlet Park – Hamlet Park is getting new sprinkler lines. You have probably noticed the great work our Public Works crew has been doing over there. These new lines will provide for better water flow and distribution keeping this popular park green and beautiful.

Michie Lane Park – The Parks and Trails committee was very excited with the turnout at their public meeting, on site, June 19th. Many families came out to let committee members know what they would like to have at the park. The sledding hill was a clear favorite! All the suggestions are being considered and work on this park will start in August.

Open Space Bond – The Open Space Committee has worked tirelessly to educate the public about what an Open Space Bond is, how it works and how it could be used. As this issue moves closer to being on the ballot in Nov. I encourage the public to learn more about how an Open Space Bond works. Any member of the Open Space Committee can answer your questions. Their information is on the City's website.

\$150,000 Trail Grant Awarded – A huge thank you goes out to Nancy O'Toole who is a member of the Planning Commission and the Parks and Trails committee. She volunteered over 40 hours of time to write a grant requesting \$150,000 from the Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation to be matched by Midway. These funds will enable us to complete a trail system by adding a section from 350 South to 970 South on Center Street and from Cari Lane to Warm Springs Rd. Grant money is highly sought after and winning this grant is in large part thanks to Nancy's skill and tenacity!

Survey's in Midway have consistently shown that the top priorities in this community are our trails, parks and open space. The work being done this summer is in all three of these areas!



Hamlet Park



Volleyball Court at Valais Park



Small Town Fourth



This year's Small Town Fourth will continue the tradition of "The Great Midway Boom" when the canon on Memorial Hill is shot at 6:00am serving as our Independence Day wake-up call.

The sunrise program will start at 7:00am at the Midway Town Square; this event will feature a flag raising ceremony, performances by the Swiss Miss, Swiss Chorus and the Swiss Bell Ringers. The City will recognize Tom and Linda Whitaker as this year's honored citizens.

After the program, enjoy a homemade pancake breakfast in the Town Square Pavilion hosted by the Boosters; including pancakes, ham, scrambled eggs and chocolate milk or orange juice.

Midway Art Association, in conjunction with their Annual Plein Air Paradise event, holds a "Quick Draw" painting competition on Town Square from 8:30am-10:00am. This is always a highlight of the day, when artists are given a blank canvas at 8:30 and then have until 10:30 to produce an original work of art. Some of the artists take advantage of models located around the square, and others paint something of their own choosing. At 10:30 the paintings are sold at a live auction to the highest bidder.

If you are interested in participating in a walking tour of Midway's heritage homes, meet at the Gazebo on Town Square at 10:00am or 2:00pm.

Tom Whitaker will have his Cowboy Museum (510 North River Road) open to the public from 11:00am – 2:00pm. Admission is free.

John Besendorfer relates humorous anecdotes about "Midway's Beginnings" with original photographs and artifacts in the Council Chambers at the Midway Community Center on Town Square. 1:00pm.

At 3:00pm local historian Jerry Springer will present his original slide show of "The History of Midway Town Hall" in the Midway Community Center.

For more information, visit our website at www.midwaycityut.org.

And to end another fabulous fourth, there will be fireworks over Memorial Hill at 10:00pm. Some fan favorite spots to watch from are Hamlet Park, Valais Park, Town Square, and most folks back yards!

Our thanks go out to the Boosters for their continued energy and volunteerism, making Midway one of the greatest Small Towns to live in!

Have a Safe 4th of July!



The '13th Annual Plein Air Paradise' is scheduled for late June through the grand finale on July 4th with the 'live' auction. Competitions are schedule for Wasatch, Summit Counties along with Provo Canyon up to Bridal Veil Falls, Heber City, Midway and new this year, a nocturnal/sunrise painting in Wasatch State Park. There are Divisions for both professionals and amateurs. The awards ceremony is Friday, June 29th from 6 to 9pm in the Midway Town Hall. There are art exhibits and sales through Wednesday, July 4th. Don't miss the 'live' auction on Wednesday, July 4th at 11am for the 2 hour Quick Draw paintings around the Town Hall beginning at 8:30am July 4th.

MAA is sponsoring an **art classes** beginning in August. We will have a 'Beginner's Watercolor Class' taught by Emily Thomas, followed by an 'Intermediate Watercolor Class' taught by Brian Thayne. We are also offering a 'Drawing Class' taught by David Dean. These classes are offered to members and the public. Registration and further information is available on MAA's website, www.midwayartassociation.org.

MAA along with the 'Plein Air Painters of Utah' are hosting the '2018 Rendezvous and Retreat' September 12-15, 2018. Join some of the best painters in Utah in beautiful Midway. Registration is available to the public. For more information and to register, visit PleinAirUtah.com. Space is limited so be sure to sign up early.

MAA's next monthly meeting is Tuesday, September 18th at 6:00pm in the Community Center, and will featuring Glenn Hawkins who has been named one of four figurative artists in the "Start Your Collection" by Southwest Art magazine. In 2010 he was awarded both first place in "Festival Quick Draw" and first place "Festival Choice" in the Ogden Arts Festival plein air paint out. His artwork was use as advertising and limited edition prints for the 2011 Ogden Arts Festival. In 2012 he received an Honorable Mention and purchase award for Davis County's permanent collection. This meeting is open to the public.



Throughout the valley this week, you will see Plein Air participant artists with easels and umbrellas along roadways, in parking spots and many other locations as they create original works of art that will then be for sale in the Town Hall at the Art Exhibit and Sale. Stop by June 29th through July 4th and purchase a one-of-a-kind oil painting for your home!

City Fireworks and Open Fire Restrictions

Midway City has an ordinance restricting the discharge of fireworks within specific areas of the City.

The map below designates the geographical areas where restrictions are in force and effective July 1, 2018 for the discharge of any fireworks; including Class A, B and C, and open fires:

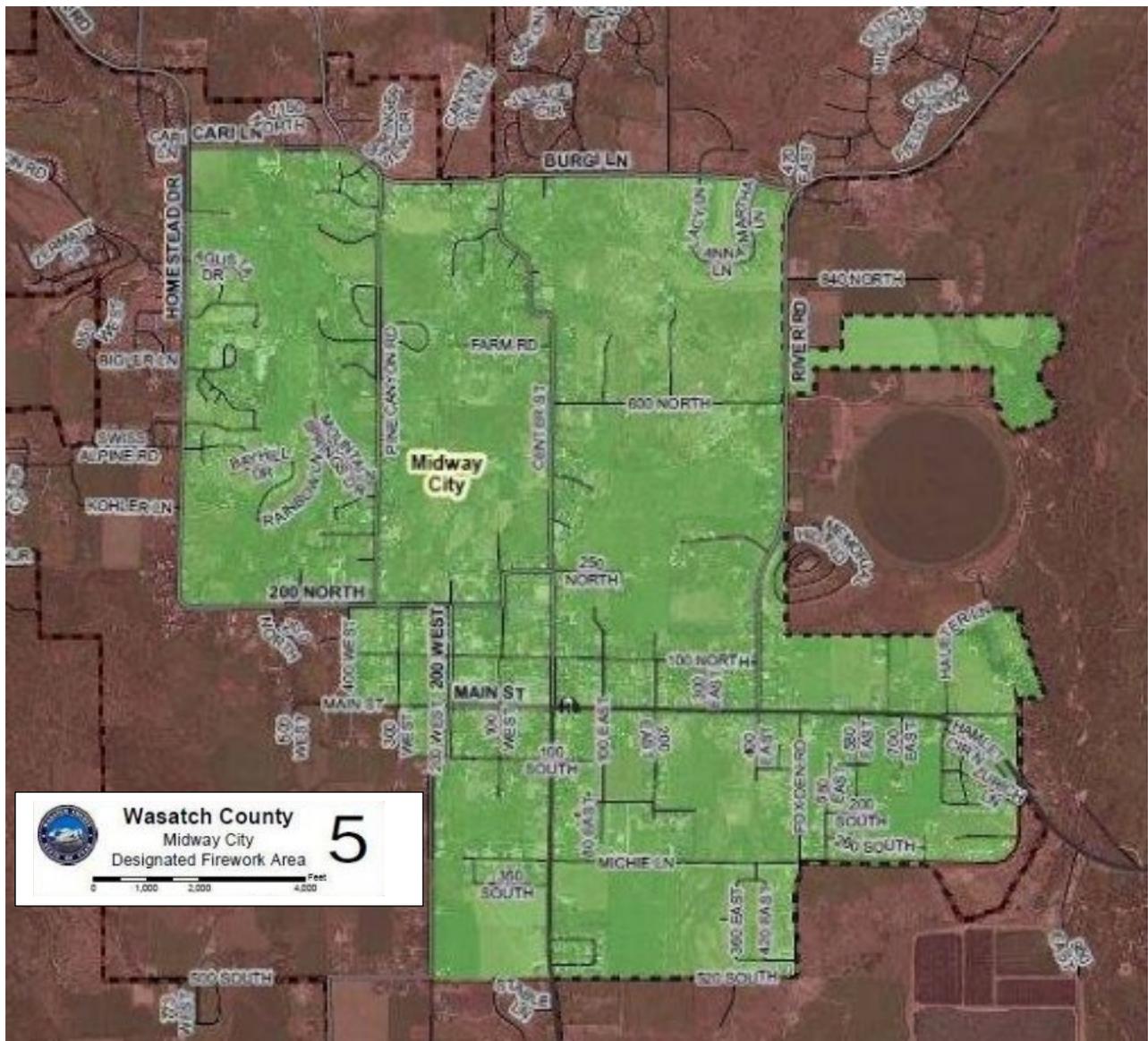
- North of Cari Lane, Burgi Lane, River Road from the round-about north.
- West of Homestead Drive, 400 West, 250 West.
- East of River Road from Memorial Hill to Provo River
- South of 500 South
- Other areas where vegetation is overgrown.

Residents living in these listed restricted areas are welcome to come to the Town Square to use Class C fireworks such as igniters, fuses and “common fireworks”, which are the smaller and less powerful fireworks available for sale and use by the general public. Please clean up your debris from your fireworks off the Town Square.

Be conscientious about your surroundings. Refrain from shooting aerial fireworks near open fields with dry grass. For more information on the restrictions, please contact the Wasatch County Fire Marshall at 435-671-1474, or visit www.utahfireinfo.gov - OR- www.midwaycityut.org.

Fireworks may only be discharged as noted:

July 1-3	11:00am to 11:00pm	July 21-23	11:00am to 11:00pm
July 4	11:00am to midnight	July 24	11:00am to midnight
July 5-7	11:00am to 11:00pm	July 25-27	11:00am to 11:00pm
July 8-20	Fireworks Not Permitted	After July 27	Fireworks Not Permitted



“Roald Dahl’s Willy Wonka”

Outdoors June 29-July 14

“Who can take a sunrise, sprinkle it with dew, cover it in choc’late and a miracle or two? The Candy Man. The Candy Man can!”

The delicious adventures of Charlie Bucket on his visit to Willy Wonka’s mysterious choc’late factory light up the stage in this captivating adaptation of Roald Dahl’s fantastical tale.

Featuring the enchanting songs from the 1971 film starring Gene Wilder, this show is a scrumdiddlyumptious musical guaranteed to delight everyone’s sweet tooth.

The cast will have actors of all ages, including grandmas, grandpas, teens, and kids who will make you want to get out of your chair and dance and sing with them! Mark your calendars for a sweet treat this summer with “Willy Wonka!”

See you at the show!!



Sir Carol Reed’s “Oliver!” is a treasure of a story. It is nearly universal entertainment, one of those rare productions that appeals to everyone. Come and enjoy all of the wonderful characters who will treat you to songs you know and love, as you join them on a trip back in time to long-ago London where Oliver and friends will steal your heart!

For more information, visit www.highvalleyarts.org.

July Events

June 25 th – July 4 th	Plein Air Paradise Art Exhibit/Competition & Sale Town Square and Town Hall
June 29 th	“Willy Wonka the Musical” Opening Night High Valley Arts Outdoor Theater / 8:15pm
July 4 th	SMALL TOWN FOURTH CELEBRATION / Town Sq.
July 3 rd – 15 th	“Willy Wonka” – HVA Outdoor Theater / 8:15pm
July 11 th	*City Council – City Office Conf. Room 10:00am *City Council – Comm Cntr 6:00pm Sept 12 th
July 18 th	Planning Commission – Comm Cntr 7:00pm
July 24 th	Utah Pioneer Day Holiday – City Office Closed
July 25 th	*City Council – City Office Conf. Room 10:00am *City Council – Comm Cntr 6:00pm

- Please Note that there are now two City Council meetings being held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month; a work meeting at 10:00am which the public is welcome to attend and listen to discussions and decisions, and the regular Council meeting at 6:00pm that evening.

August Events

Aug 8 th	*City Council – 10:00am & 6:00pm
Aug 15 th	Planning Commission – Comm Cntr 7:00pm
Aug 22 nd	*City Council – City Office Conf. Room 10:00am *City Council – Comm Cntr 6:00pm

September Events

Aug 30 th - Sept 1 st	SWISS DAYS – Town Square
Sept 3 rd	Labor Day Holiday – City Office Closed
City Council	– Comm Cntr 6:00pm
Sept 19 th	Planning Commission – Comm Cntr 7:00pm
Sept 26 th	*City Council – City Office Conf. Room 10:00am *City Council – Comm Cntr 6:00pm