



# Midway City News

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Midway City Corporation



## Mayor's Message

By Colleen Bonner  
Midway City Mayor

### Pros/Cons of Speed Bumps & Speed Humps

Many times I have been asked by residents why the City doesn't install speed bumps or speed humps to curtail the increasing problem of motorists speeding along River Road or Pine Canyon Road or even within their own neighborhoods. My first thought was that I needed to educate myself about whether or not it would be a wise choice to install these types of speed reducing methods on our streets, so I had our local engineer provide me with some information as to the pros and cons of such a matter. Here is what I learned:

Speed bumps are short and high – usually 12-inches wide and three to six inches high, causing drivers to significantly slow down to cross over them. One is usually set in each lane of traffic. Speed humps are wider creating a smoother ride, however the gentler the ride, the faster traffic will drive across them. **Advantages:** 1) Very effective in slowing travel speeds when installed correctly; 2) Relatively inexpensive to install; 3) Relatively easy for bicycles to cross; and 4) Often reduce traffic volume as drivers choose a different route. **Disadvantages:** 1) Cause significant problems for emergency vehicles trying to navigate the road; 2) Often drivers increase speed between bumps to make up for lost time; 3) Can be noisy with thumps and tires squealing.

4) Bumps are a maintenance issue and obstacles for snow plows; 5) May require a series of bumps to effectively reduce travel speeds; 6) Create vehicle maintenance issues. Difficult to see speed bumps at night; 7) Neighbors complaining that drivers are now driving closer to their property in order to attempt putting the outside wheel off the end of a speed bump.

I don't believe there is a resident who lives here that doesn't believe the safety of our children is priority one. We are a rural community, so many of our streets don't have sidewalks adjacent to the roads. This requires pedestrians to walk along the side of the road, and speed bumps would create a significant safety concern, because often drivers will pull off the asphalt and onto the shoulder to avoid the speed bumps.

Installing speed bumps along one street may reduce the number of motorists speeding in that area, but it has also been found that motorists will find another route and still continue speeding.

Every day, municipalities, HOAs and school districts across the nation face problems with speeding drivers. I am learning there is no one solution, nor one easy, fail-safe product that will solve speeding.

We have received the following correspondence from Deputy Rigby of the Wasatch County Sheriff's Department: In many areas, the need for increased traffic enforcement sometimes comes in cycles. In Midway, though, we have schools, business and recreation that draw many individuals traveling on the roadways, so the cycle quickly become a near constant and continual safety concern. At the Sheriff's Office, one of our mottos is "Safety First".

As children walk to school, as residents travel the roadways, as visitors recreate in Midway and the surrounding area, drivers

are expected to remain aware of the speed limits and road conditions. In our fast-paced world, regardless of competing priorities, safety needs to stay most important.

Accordingly, our deputies have been directed to double their efforts in strictly enforcing speed limits and other safety laws in Midway's school zones and neighborhoods. Please take the time to drive safely now, so you don't regret your decisions later!"



The best prevention is YOU, the driver of a vehicle. You control the speed, the direction, and how you manage your vehicle. Please drive responsibly and keep our community a safe place to live.

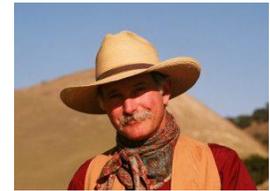
### New Fire Station Open House

The new Fire/EMS station located at 24 North 100 West in Midway is now open and ready to serve the residents. Wasatch County Fire and EMS, along with Midway City, will be holding a ribbon cutting on Monday October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00pm. An open house will follow from 5:00 to 7:00pm where staff will be giving tours of the station and hosting a barbeque dinner of hamburgers and hot dogs served to you by your county and city leaders. Midway is one of five stations located in Wasatch County.

There will also be a Family Safety night at the station on Monday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00pm.



**22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cowboy Poetry Gathering  
October 26-30, 2016**

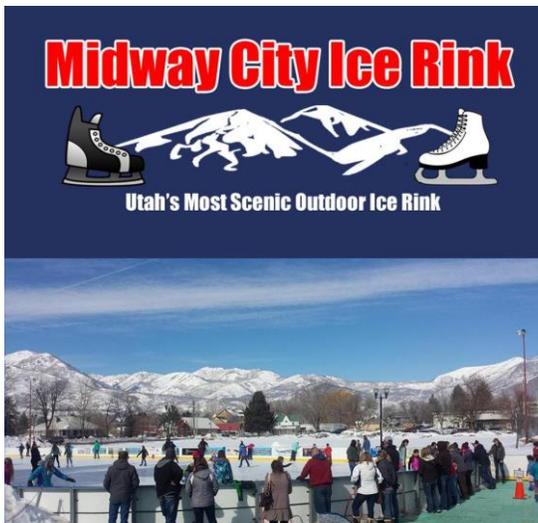


22 years ago, three cowboys from Midway had stopped to talk to one another near a horse pasture. The conversation turned to all of them having their own cowboy stories and poems, and how it might be fun to invite the local residents together for a night of poetry. The Midway Town Hall was reserved, another friend was invited to be the Master of Ceremonies, and posters were hung around town to advertise. Tickets included a dutch oven dinner, which was prepared by another of their friends, along with the free entertainment of poetry and stories.

What these five friends thought would be a small gathering of locals, turned out to be 250 people eager to experience some real Western performances. Cowboy Poetry was born!

Today the Heber Valley Gathering is nationally known and attended by thousands of people. It is one of the largest cowboy poetry gatherings in the United States, with more than 30 musicians and poets performing during this five-day event. And although the main venue is now at Wasatch High School, Midway Town Hall is still host to the premiere kick-off event of a steak fry dinner and live entertainment on opening night.

Join in the festivities! Tickets can be purchased for the entire event, or for any single performances by visiting their website at [www.hebervalleycowboypoeury.com](http://www.hebervalleycowboypoeury.com).



Midway City Ice Rink welcomes you and your family to enjoy Utah's Most Scenic Outdoor Ice Rink. Our seasonal ice rink is scheduled to open November 18, 2016 and will operate 7 days per week including all public holidays.

Enjoy "Learn to Skate" Lessons for all ages, "Pond Hockey", "Friday Night Games", along with daily public skate sessions. The convenience of our Season Passes for individuals and families can save a family of four over \$366 per season visiting just once per week.

Our group rate is affordable for church and civic groups, birthday parties, company parties, and family reunions. We welcome groups as large as 250 skaters and have rental skates from toddler size 7 to adult size 15.

Skate rental, concessions, and warm room provided for your convenience. Wheelchairs and strollers are always welcome. Midway City Ice Rink is operated by Bryce Johnson, Fun Stuff, LLC.

**To book group reservations, private parties, and purchase your Season Pass find us online at <http://MidwayCityIceRink.com>**

**Public Skating Hours**

- Sunday 12 – 4 PM
- Monday thru Thursday 2 – 9 PM
- Friday 2 – 10 PM
- Saturday 12 – 10 PM
- Schedule subject to change due to inclement weather and on public holidays.

**Admission Including Skate Rental**

- Adults \$9.73
- Children 12 and under \$7.78
- Tots 2 and under Free



**October Events**

- Oct 10<sup>th</sup> Columbus Day – City Offices Closed
- Oct 12<sup>th</sup> Flu Vaccines (Public) – **City Office 10:00am**
- Oct 12<sup>th</sup> City Council – **Comm Cntr 6:00pm**
- Oct 19<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission – **Comm Cntr 7:00pm**
- Oct 26<sup>th</sup> City Council – **Comm Cntr 6:00pm**
- Oct 31<sup>st</sup> Halloween

**November Events**

- Nov 6<sup>th</sup> Daylight Savings Time Ends-turn clocks back
- Nov 8<sup>th</sup> National Election Day – Get Out And Vote!
- Nov 9<sup>th</sup> City Council – **Comm Cntr 6:00pm**
- Nov 11<sup>th</sup> Veteran's Day – City Offices Closed
- Nov 16<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission – **Comm Cntr 7:00pm**
- Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> City Council – **Comm Cntr 6:00pm**

**November Events (cont.)**

- Nov 24<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Day – City Offices Closed
- Nov 26<sup>th</sup> Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony – **Town Square 6:00pm**

**December Events**

- Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Swiss Christmas & Interfaith Creche – **Town Hall 10am-8pm**
- Cottages for the Children – **County Events Cntr 10am-8pm**
- Dec 12<sup>th</sup> Midway Town Party – **Town Hall 7:00pm**
- Dec 13<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> "Annie" the Musical/High Valley Arts – **Town Hall 7:30pm**
- Dec 14<sup>th</sup> City Council – **Comm Cntr 6:00pm**
- Dec 19<sup>th</sup> Swiss Bell Ringers & Chorus Concert – **Town Hall 7:00pm**
- Dec 21<sup>st</sup> Planning Commission – **Comm Cntr 7:00pm**
- Dec 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day
- Dec 26<sup>th</sup> City Offices Closed
- Dec 31<sup>st</sup> New Years Eve



It has been decided that this year Swiss Christmas will partner with the Cottages for the Children Christmas Festival at the Event Center in Heber and have all vendor booths there together as part of a craft fair with the two-day silent auction of hundreds of lovingly created gingerbread houses, along with a decorated Christmas tree auction. All proceeds will benefit the Wasatch County's Children's Justice Center.

Make a gingerbread house to sell, or come and purchase one! Decorate a Christmas Tree to sell, or come and purchase one. Support the craft vendors and get a jump on your Christmas list.

The Children's Festival will be held Friday and Saturday from 10:00am-6:00pm, with set-up on Thursday at the Event Center.

Vendor information: Booth fees will run \$100 and booths need to be reserved and paid for in full by November 4, 2016. To get a booth application sent to you or to get more information, please call 435-654-1471 or 435-671-8318.

Swiss Christmas will remain in Midway. The Town Hall will be the location of this years' Creche exhibit Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> through Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>.

Hours for the Interfaith Creche at the Town Hall will be 11:00am – 8:00pm Friday through Monday. Bring your family and enjoy the displays of nativity scenes from throughout the world.

There will be limited small group live entertainment at the Town Hall as background music and bigger groups at the Event Center.

Plans are still to have food trucks on Town Square the



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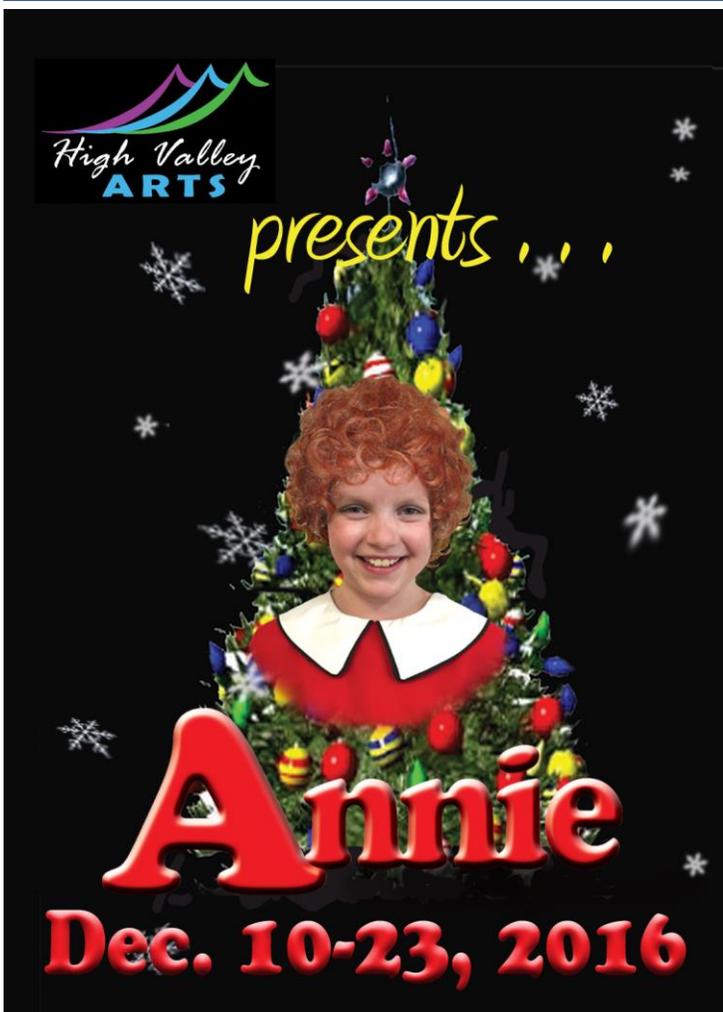
*Birth of Christ*

## “ANNIE” is Coming to Midway!

America's favorite little redhead, Annie, will spend Christmas in Midway! Fifty amazing little girls auditioned for the coveted role of the plucky orphan who is determined to find the parents who abandoned her years ago. The show opens Saturday, December 10, with a matinee performance at 2 p.m. and runs through December 23rd. There are no shows on Sundays or Mondays. Tickets (\$9-\$16) will be available October 1 at [www.HighValleyArts.org](http://www.HighValleyArts.org). **HIGH VALLEY ARTS DINNER THEATER**, a yearly sell-out, will be held on Wednesday, December 14th. Tickets will be available October 1. Don't miss this holiday treat!

## AMERICANA Concert - Nov. 4 & 5

This heart-warming, family-friendly concert will feature the High Valley Singers, a 16-voice performing choir, and Szingerz! a youth show choir. A string quartet from Heber Valley Orchestra will entertain with American favorites. Dancers from Wasatch Dance will also perform. Tickets (\$10-\$5) will be available Oct. 1 at [www.HighValleyArts.org](http://www.HighValleyArts.org).



## November Voting Information



This November 8<sup>th</sup> will mark a historic time for our nation as we vote for a new President. Every vote counts! You can register to vote at the County Courthouse Records' Office at 25 North Main Street in Heber. Voting will be by mail, so register early enough that your ballot can reach you and you can send it back in. Voting in person on election day will also be held at the County Courthouse.

### *Flu Shots Available for Residents*

The Wasatch County Health Department will once again visit Midway on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am-11:00am to provide flu shots to any resident wishing to receive one.

Most insurances including Medicare, Medicaid, Select Health, PEHP, Altius and Desert Mutual will cover the full cost of the immunization if you provide proof of insurance, otherwise, there will be a nominal fee.

Pneumonia vaccinations will also be available for those who request them. Check with your insurance carrier to see if your policy covers this vaccination.

## *Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Opens the Holiday Season*

Join us for a "Tree Lighting Celebration" at the Midway Town Hall. Festivities include: the lighting of the tree in front of the Community Center, pictures with Santa, a darling performance by a local children's choir, scenes from the Nutcracker performed by Wasatch Dance Center, ice skating, cookies and hot cocoa. Tree Lighting begins at 6:00 pm on Saturday, November 26.

The Season continues with our annual Town Party on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Town Hall, which includes entertainment from Swiss Miss Royalty, the Children's Choir and other groups. Santa will be visiting and of course everyone attending will receive a traditional bag of candy.

Continuing a delightful Midway tradition to the holidays, the Swiss Bell Ringers and Choir will hold their concert on Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Town. This is a concert not to be missed.

So bundle up, bring your kids, and share the magic of the holidays with the community!



## *You Are Invited to Midway Art Association's Fall Retreat*

### **FALL RETREAT**

#### **A lively 3 day spin on the artists atelier**

Midway Art Association is hosting a **Impressionism/Realism 'Fall Art Retreat'** on October 12, 13, 14 and the public is invited to enjoy the unique **Art Exhibit, Sale, and painting demonstrations** on **Saturday, October 15, 10am to 5pm in the Midway Town Hall**. Paintings from the three-day retreat will be displayed in addition to the artists' studio paintings. This is an opportunity to meet local and visiting artists and enjoy an excellent cultural experience. The Fall Retreat intensive features award-winning and nationally recognized artist, Timur Akhriev, who has been academically trained in the rigors of the great Russian art tradition of St. Petersburg. Open studio painting sessions will continue from morning to night. Additional demos and instruction will be given by other outstanding artists, Torgie Murdock and Anne Marie Oborn. The 'Fall Retreat' will offer dramatically costumed models, beautiful still life themes, plus Plein Air possibilities. Special instructions are available for newer painters, and everyone will benefit from discussion, critiques and keynote lectures.

For further information and registration, please visit our website at [www.midwayartassociation.org](http://www.midwayartassociation.org).

The Midway Art Associations October meeting has been changed for the **Association's Annual Member Meeting** and the election of the Board of Directors for the upcoming year. The new meeting date is **Monday, October 24** in the Community Center. All members are urged to attend. For further information please refer to our website at [www.midwayartassociation.org](http://www.midwayartassociation.org)

The Midway Art Association November meeting for members and guests will be Tuesday, November 15 in the Midway Community Center Studio (red brick building next to the Midway Town Hall) between 6:30 – 9:00pm, including a potluck dinner. Featured artist is the esteemed Shanna Kunz.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** The Midway Art Association Annual Member Christmas Party is Thursday, December 8 at the Blue Boar Inn.

MIDWAY ART ASSOCIATION PRESENTS:

FALL ART RETREAT & EXHIBIT  
October 12-15

Featuring award-winning, academically-trained artist  
**TIMUR AKHRIEV**

with **Torgie Murdock** and **Anne Marie Oborn**

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