



Midway City News

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Midway City Corporation

Midway City General Plan

One of the greatest assets that Midway has is its vision. Many communities lack vision and therefore never make strides in any one direction. Midway has a strong sense of identity and a great vision of what we want to be in the future based on its small town Swiss character and natural environment. The General Plan will help keep on task with our vision of what Midway is today and what it will be in the future. It has almost been five years since Midway adopted the current General Plan and it is time to review that plan and make any amendments that are needed.

Basically the General Plan is a document that the Planning Commissioners, along with the citizens of Midway, produce that will act as a guiding light for any decisions that are made in the future. This plan should direct us for up to 20 years into the future. As per Utah State Code, we are required to review the plan every five years and one section, moderate income housing, is required to be reviewed every two years. If proposals are made to amend the Land Use Map or the City Code then the General Plan should be reviewed to see if the vision written there supports the proposal or not. The Planning Commission and City Council should review this document for any important land use decisions.

One of the tools that are being used to help us develop the General Plan is the Vision Statement that has been adopted by the City which states the following:

"Our Vision for the City of Midway is to be a place where citizens, businesses and civic leaders are partners in building a city that is family-oriented, aesthetically pleasing, safe, walkable and visitor friendly. A community that proudly enhances our small town Swiss character and natural environment, as well as remaining fiscally responsible."

Our General Plan will attempt to encompass all the components of the mission statement that make Midway a great place to live and visit. It will also steer us through future growth and development so that Midway will continue to be a great community to be a part of.

The General Plan will be made up of nine elements or chapters. Three chapters are required by State Code; Land Use, Circulation (transportation), and Moderate Income Housing.

Committees will be formed to review each of the chapters. The committees are made up of Planning Commissioners, members of the City Council, members of the public, and staff.

Six other themes have been chosen as being important specifically to Midway which are; Sensitive Lands/Environment, Main Street, Historic Preservation, Economic Development/Resorts, and Parks, Trails and Open Space.

This is a great opportunity for us to plan for the future so that we can assure that Midway will continue to be a great place to live as we continue to grow as a community. We invite the public to participate in this process by becoming involved on any of the committees and by participating in the planned survey, open houses and the public hearings before the Planning Commission and City Council. If you would like and further information regarding the General Plan and how to get involved, please contact the City Planner, Michael Henke at 435-654-3223 ext. 105.



By Colleen Bonner
Midway City Mayor

The Year In Review: A Look Back At 2015

2015 was a busy and productive year for City projects needing to be done. Those of you living on Pine Canyon Road, your patience was appreciated more than you know as we replaced the culinary water main pipe, the sewer line pipe, and then repaved the entire road which was very

much in need of resurfacing.

Sewer mains were replaced and the road repaved on Lime Canyon Road from Swiss Oaks to Homestead Road.

A new culinary and irrigation water line was installed along the East side of Hamlet Park on Johnson Mill Road, and that road was repaved.

New sidewalk was poured along Mitchie Lane from 60 East to Center Street; the walking trail was extended on the East end of Burgi Lane to the roundabout; and a pipe irrigation ditch was constructed on Center Street to help prevent future home flooding and as preparation for a future walking trail.

A maintenance/storage building was constructed at the City Cemetery, along with an additional asphalt parking around it.

I personally want to thank every resident of our great City for your understanding as these much needed improvements were made.

Midway Town Christmas Party



The annual Midway Town Christmas Party was once again a grand success for young and old. The night began with a vignette from High Valley Arts highlighting their production of "Beauty and the Beast"; followed by the Swiss Miss Royalty sharing song, dance, ballet and a viola solo. The entertainment was completed with songs from the Children's Choir.

The highlight of the evening was when the audience sang songs which brought a visit from Santa; all the children had a chance to sit on his lap and let him know their Christmas wishes. As is the tradition of the party, everyone in attendance received their own bag of candy. Thank you Midway Residents!

Come And Skate At The Ice Rink

Bryce Johnson has been hard at work with the Zamboni to make perfect ice for skating this season. New benches have been purchased for the Gazebo and the Christmas tree adds a festive ambience to the rink. As you sit in the Gazebo, you can enjoy all of the lights in the trees around Town Square while watching the skaters and listening to wonderful music.



Visit the Midway Ice Rink Facebook page for contests, information, upcoming events, and sometimes even free skating passes for the day. There is always something fun happening at the Rink! Bring your family out for a day or an evening of enjoyment. We'd love to see you.

Midway Art Association

Winter is a glorious time for breathtaking views in Heber Valley and take your breath-away cold! What is one perk of vast, deep Snow in Heber valley? It gives permission for people to do stimulating indoor projects. It signals opportunities for artists to paint in the controlled environment of a cozy warm studio. That may sometimes feel like a luxury after the energizing, competitive annual summer event; Wasatch Plein Air Paradise, held the week leading up to July 4th.

There is time to get out the Plein Air paintings from the other seasons and improve on them and use them for studies of larger and more time intensive versions of the landscapes. Some stalwarts will be outside painting the "fresh air" views of the snow crowned Wasatch Mountains and valley! One thing MAA promises, is the monthly Member's Meetings and Demonstrations on the 3rd Tuesday of each month of the coming new year. They begin at 6:30 pm with a Potluck dinner and Social, then announcements and sharing newly completed paintings. At 7:15 the artist's Presentation and Demonstration starts. All of this is in the MAA Studio in the redbrick Midway Community Center on Main Street. Yearly Membership dues are only \$25 and commence in January. Talented local graphic artist, Brent Haddock, has just completed the newly designed MAA website: <http://midwayartassociation.weebly.com>. It has made the small town image of MAA into a fabulous world class connection with all interested artists and art patrons. Please look it up to find updates and descriptions of activities and members in the organization. Two and three day Workshops will be announced for the new year in January. MAA has joined the cyber world! Contact Ruby Jensen for more information: nephiruby@gmail.com.

This valley boasts a myriad of extremely talented artists. One fine example is this exquisite watercolor painted by Midway artist Susette Gertsch. It is a sample of her wonderful gift that she shares with everyone.



January Events

January 1st New Years' Day
January 13th City Council – **Comm. Center 6:00pm**
January 18th Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
January 20th Planning Commission – **Comm. Center 7:00pm**
January 27th City Council – **Comm. Center 6:00pm**

February Events

Feb 10th City Council – **Comm. Center 6:00pm**
Feb 14th Valentine's Day
Feb 15th President's Day Holiday
Feb 17th Planning Commission – **Comm. Center 7:00pm**

February Events (Continued)

Feb 24th Flag Day (Fly Your Flag)
Feb 24th City Council – **Comm. Center 6:00pm**

March Events

March 9th City Council – **Comm. Center 6:00pm**
March 13th Daylight Savings Time Begins – Clocks ahead 1 hour
March 16th Planning Commission – **Comm. Center 7:00pm**
March 17th St. Patrick's Day
March 20th Spring begins / Palm Sunday
March 22nd Democrat & Republican Caucuses – **Info on Website**
March 23rd City Council – **Comm. Center 6:00pm**
March 27th Easter Sunday

Local Artistry of Midway City

Do you love to create? Are you an artist with a craft that you would like to share? There is good news! The City has decided to dedicate a wall in the City office building for local residents to display their talents, and here's how it will work; at the beginning of each quarter of the calendar year (Jan 1st, April 1st, July 1st and October 1st) we will be accepting your work which will then be displayed in the City office until the beginning of the next quarter. Here are the guidelines:

- Only "G" rated work will be accepted
 - We will start by displaying Midway artists only
 - All work submitted must be framed or have a canvas wrap frame
 - You can submit any kind of art work such as,
 - a) Quilt Square
 - b) Oil Painting
 - c) Charcoal
 - d) Pencil
 - e) Water Color
 - f) Colored Pencil
 - g) Photographs
 - h) Etc.....
 - The City, at their discretion, will judge and determine which pieces of art will be accepted for display
- Size of art work that will be accepted:
 - a) Largest – 30" x 40" (including frame)
 - b) Smallest – 8" x 10" (not including frame)
 - Work will be displayed for 90 days and then rotated to new displays
 - Artists must provide their own plaque with display information
 - a) Artist Name
 - b) Contact Phone Number
 - c) Title or description of artwork
 - d) Asking price (if you choose to sell the piece)
 - e) Any other information you may wish to add

More information will be available soon via our Facebook page and on our website: www.midwaycityut.org.



RESOLUTION 2015-23

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE INTENTION OF MIDWAY CITY TO TAKE MEASURES TO ADEQUATELY SECURE THE CITY AND PROTECT ITS CITIZENS

WHEREAS, Title 10, Utah Code Annotated, authorizes a municipality to take measures to protect the health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, there are a variety of threats, dangers and risks, both natural and human-caused, for which a city should adequately plan and properly prepare;

NOW THEREFORE, be it hereby **RESOLVED** by the City Council of Midway City, Utah, as follows:

Section 1: Midway City recognizes that it must take all reasonable and prudent steps to secure the City and protect its citizens.

Section 2: Items which the City should consider to accomplish municipal preparedness include the following:

- A. Uninterruptible backup sources of electricity for essential public facilities.
- B. Redundant cell phone transmitting facilities.
- C. Separate communications equipment not reliant on cellular phones.
- D. Emergency lighting fixtures in critical public locations.
- E. Backup potable water supply and purification.
- F. Alternative fuel sources separate from public utility providers.
- G. Disaster relief materials stored in secure and readily-accessible locations.
- H. Emergency transportation mechanisms inside and outside the City.
- I. Self-sufficient law enforcement presence, when attainable.

Section 3: Items which City residents are strongly encouraged to consider obtaining and preparing for themselves include:

- A. Emergency heating and cooking capabilities.
- B. Non-cellular emergency communications equipment with backup power.
- C. Accessible location to store emergency items.
- D. Secure location to store valuables.
- E. Firearms with safe and secure storage and proper training for use.
- F. Well-understood household emergency plan of action.

Section 4: The above items of personal and municipal preparedness are appropriate for education, discussion and training in public and private by all citizens and organizations within Midway City, including, but not limited to all City commissions, councils, committees and other bodies.



Winter Water Service Frost Prevention



Residents are urged each year as the winter temperatures change to the cold side to install a garden hose on an outside water faucet and allow for a pencil size stream (approximately 3/8" inches diameter size) to flow through it. This will help in the prevention of your waterline from freezing.

Also water meters that are located near driveways and sidewalks have a high potential of freezing once the blanket of insulated snow is removed (plowed) because this allows the frost to penetrate deeper into the ground allowing for the water lines to freeze. If a water service freezes up, the City is responsible for defrosting the water service from the meter to the mainline. If the water service freezes from the meter to the house it is the responsibility of the homeowner to pay for any services/fees that may occur in the defrosting of your water service. If water is flowing from your water meter box, please contact the City, DO NOT TURN OFF any water or valves yourselves. The water meters are designed to break on the bottom to help in the prevention of freezing the water service from the meter to the water main. Midway City cannot prevent their side of the water service from freezing without the residents help. If a frozen water line occurs on the City side of the water meter, the City will defrost their side without any charge to the homeowner for the first occurrence, if the line freezes a second time after the line has been defrosted and no visible action has been taken by the homeowner to prevent freezing on their side of the water meter as recommended by the City, the homeowner will be responsible for all fees that occur in the defrosting of the waterline. From November 15th to April 1st water meters will not be billed for overages.

Midway City Streets Winter Snow Ordinances



Section 8.05.060 Parking during Snow Cleanup Periods: Beginning November 15th of each year and terminating April 1st of the following year, it shall be unlawful to park any vehicle within three feet of any City Street in a public right-of-way in all residential zones during designated snow clean up periods. The snow clean-up period begins with the start of snow falling and accumulating on the City streets, continuing thereafter for the next (24) hours or until the snow removal has occurred, whichever comes first. All vehicles not moved during this period will be subject to being towed at the owner's expense.

Section 8.05.070 Snow Removal from Private Drives: It shall be unlawful for any person to remove snow from a private driveway or other private property and place or deposit that snow in or on any City Street or public right-of-way.

Section 8.05.090 Snow Removal Near Mail Box Receptacles: It shall be the duty of every property owner to monitor, uncover and remove accumulated snow and windrows of snow from over and around the owner's mailbox. The mailbox area shall be uncovered for a distance of not less than three feet on all sides.

Section 8.04.020 Trash Cans: It shall be unlawful to place or leave trash cans in a location in or on any City Street or public right-of-way except on the designated trash pickup day for that location.

Section 8.05.050 Improvements in the Public Right-of-way during City Snow Removal: No improvements or landscaping shall be placed or allowed to remain in a City right-of-way in such a manner that it may affect or interfere with the City snow removal. Notwithstanding any other provisions contained in this ordinance, the city is not responsible or liable for any damage or destruction caused by the City or any other person or entity to sprinklers, mailboxes, lights, plants, trees, shrubs, landscaping or other improvements of any kind located within the public right-of-way, regardless of whether or not such improvements comply with this ordinance.

A **Class (B) Misdemeanor Citation** will be awarded to individuals not complying with the following ordinances.

Note: all Street ordinances can be found on the city website at: midwaycityut.org/municipal code.

ATTENTION ALL BUSINESS OWNERS! City Business License renewal fees are due by January 22, 2016. Reminder notices were mailed out from the City the week of November 19th, so in order to avoid any late charges, make your payment as early as possible. Thanks for helping to keep Midway City flourishing by bringing your small business here!