



# Midway City News



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Midway City Corporation



## Mayor's Message

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Midway City Mayor

### Utah Legislature Passes HB382

What is HB382? Great question!

House Bill 382 is legislation that was introduced and passed through the 2019 Legislature. Midway is one of 16 cities that qualifies to charge a 1.1% Resort Tax at the cash register because of the ratio of our population to nightly rental "units". In the last few years our population had grown to the point that we were no longer in compliance. As a result, Midway was notified that the Resort Tax could no longer be charged, effective July 2019. This revenue represents nearly 20% of our budget!

For over a year, I've been talking to everyone I could find and asking questions of everyone I met who had anything to do with taxes in our state. Nobody I talked to seemed to know what could be done to save our Resort Tax. Then, last September, several council members and I attended the Utah League of Cities and Towns conference and I went to the classes that dealt with taxes. One of the class presenters was an attorney named Roger Tew. Roger does a lot of work for the League, and it turns out I finally found someone that could answer my questions! In fact, he wrote the original legislation that was created to help small towns that have a high tourism rate by creating the Resort Tax.

After continued discussions and meetings, Roger wrote an amendment to the Resort Tax code which would give Midway, and any other town facing this issue, an additional year to correct their ratio of population to nightly rentals. The final stretch happened thanks to Representative Tim Quinn who found the bill's sponsor, City Councilmember Lisa Orme who continued her great work as our liaison with the legislature and especially Mike Kohler who lobbied and constantly pushed, getting the bill through the House and Senate with just 24 hours to spare!

One of my happiest days as Mayor was March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 when I got the text that HB382 has passed! Hard work and persistence paid off! The City Council and I will continue to work hard making sure we stay in compliance and keep the resort tax in place for Midway!

### City Announces Construction of a New City Park

The Mayor and City Council are excited to announce the upcoming construction of Midway's sixth City park which will be located on Michie Lane.

A huge shout out to the Parks and Trails committee for all the research they've done and for providing the citizens in this area an opportunity to give their input. We're very excited about the design that was created by Carl Berg who has incorporated all these great ideas. You will find things at this park that won't be in any of our other parks AND it will be ADA accessible.



Valais Park



Alpenhof Park



Centennial Park



Hamlet Park



### *Spring Cleanup and Beautification*



We will have two dates this year for getting our town ready for outdoor play time! Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup>. We'll start at 8:00 AM both days. More information will be available on the city website, or you can just come to the Town Square Pavilion that morning and we'll get you going! If you have a group that is looking for a specific service project on one of these days, please contact Shane Owens at 435-654-3223 ext. 7 and he'll get you all signed up. We look forward to seeing you!



Special thanks to the Midway Boosters for providing the beautiful hanging baskets of flowers every year! Last year, our Public Works Director, Cory Lott and his crew put timers on all the drip systems that water the hanging pots and what a difference. The pots were stunning!



## Annual Swiss Miss Pageant Selects the 2019-20 Court



Swiss Miss Royalty 2019

L to R: Nellie Cregor, Sophie Jensen, Swiss Miss Ellie Grosbeck, McKenzie Harvey, Elle Berrett and Aspen Magoffin

The 2019 Swiss Miss pageant, sponsored by the Midway Boosters, was held Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at Midway Town Hall. Nine outstanding girls competed for the opportunity to serve as ambassadors of Midway. The participants introduced the pageant theme of "Nothing's Going to Stop Me!" with a special production number and were scored by guest judges in the areas of poise, presentation, talent, and interview. This year's Swiss Miss is Ellie Grosbeck. Her attendants are Nellie Cregor, Sophie Jensen, McKenzie Harvey and Elle Berrett. In the first ever tie, pageant participants voted both Aspen Magoffin and Elle Berrett as Miss Congeniality. Thanks to all who came out to support the pageant.

Photograph courtesy of WendyLea Photography



**The Midway Art Association Monthly Meetings have changed to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month.** All members and the public are invited to attend. The meetings will begin in the Midway Community Center with a Potluck Social at 6:30pm with a demonstration by a well-known artist at 7:00pm.

**MAA's April Monthly Meeting, Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>** MAA is honored to present **Stephen Henry**, an artist from Texas who specializes in works with a Western flair. The "adventurous painter" side of his personality is enamored with the visual beauty of this area. Stephen absolutely loves the mountains and all things associated with them. Stephen is accomplished in oil painting, watercolor and charcoal paintings. Be sure to come and see a very versatile artist!

**MAA is thrilled to announce a 3-day workshop with David Dean and Kimbal Warren on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>.** Yes, 2 famous Utah painters in one workshop! This workshop is offered to members and the public and a great opportunity with two of Utah's finest artists. Registration forms are available on MAA's website, [www.midwayartassociation.org](http://www.midwayartassociation.org).

**MAA's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Wasatch Plein Air Paradise is Utah's largest annual fine art painting competition and sale.** June 22<sup>nd</sup> over 100 artists from Utah and surrounding states will converge in Midway to paint 'en plein air'. The event is open to the public with an award ceremony at 6:00pm on Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup> in the historical Midway Town Hall leading up to a 'live' auction at 11:00 am on Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. Registration for WPAP is available on MAA's website, [www.midwayartassociation.org](http://www.midwayartassociation.org)

**MAA's May Monthly Meeting, Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>** is privileged to present John Hughes, a plein air and studio artist with over 35 years' experience. He has had feature articles in national as well as international art magazines such as Plein Air Magazine, Fibonacci Fine Arts Digest, 15 Bytes and Pratique Des Arts. John is a member of the Rocky Mountain Plein Air Painters, Plein Air Painters of Utah and the American Impressionist Society. This is a demo you won't want to miss!

**Midway Art Gallery** - Member artists of the MAA from Utah and surrounding states including Hawaii displaying their fine art paintings. New artists, new work – every two months. Stop by and visit the gallery and support your local artists! Hours are Friday's and Saturday's, 10am to 5pm.

Check the Midway City Website calendar for other exciting Midway Art Association events at [www.midwaycityut.org](http://www.midwaycityut.org).

# SAFETY TIPS

## From Your Building Inspector

### The Sound of Safety

What is the most important thing to remember when installing a smoke alarm or carbon monoxide alarm?

Location, location, location!

#### Smoke Alarm Safety:

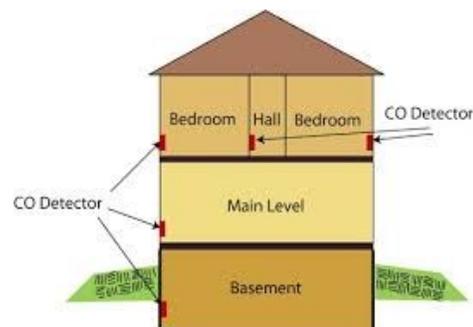
- Install at least one smoke alarm in every bedroom, outside of each sleeping room area and on each level of a multi-level building.
- Test each smoke alarm regularly.
- Keep batteries fresh by replacing them annually.
- Check the manufacturer date on your smoke alarm. Consider replacing if it is over 10 years old.

Smoke alarms can't help you unless they are functional and you can hear them. Building safety codes require smoke alarms. Contact your local building safety department for more information.

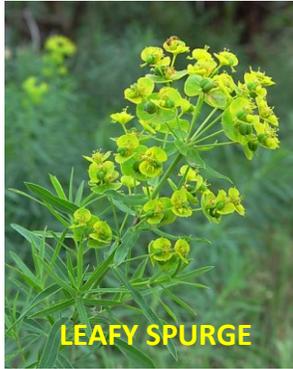
#### Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarm Safety:

- Consider installing a CO alarm in the hallway outside of each sleeping room area.
- Test each CO alarm regularly in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- Permanently wired or plug-in CO alarms should have a battery backup. Keep batteries fresh by replacing them annually.

CO alarms can't help you unless they are functional and you can hear them. Building safety codes require CO alarms in all dwelling units that contain a fuel-fired appliance and dwelling units that have an attached garage. Contact your local building safety department for more information.



## Noxious Weed Alert



**LEAFY SPURGE**

When it's Springtime in the Rockies, all of the plants begin to grow and blossom, and most of them are lovely to see. But be on the lookout for some plants that may look lovely but are actually very harmful noxious weeds that can harm your pets and livestock as well as take over fields and meadows by killing other useful vegetation. Here are three examples:

**Leafy Spurge** is located in areas such as Dutch Hollow, Soldier Hollow, Valais, Lime Canyon Estates and Kohler Farms. It is a noxious, aggressive invader plant that can overtake large areas, displace desirable plant communities, and wildlife habitat. It can cause blistering and hair loss around horses' hooves.



**Scotch Thistle and Musk Thistle** grow in pastures, vacant fields and vacant lots. One plant can grow to over six feet tall and can cover up to five feet of ground.

Each Scotch Thistle plant can create up to 20,000 seeds which are spread by wind, water and catching in the coats of animals.

Musk Thistle is most damaging to pastures because livestock will not eat it, and each plant can produce up to 120,000 seeds which can rapidly overtake ground cover that animals graze on.

These weeds are very difficult to control, blooming during early Spring into Summer. It would be highly recommended that if you have these weeds anywhere on your property, research the best and safest way to permanently remove them.

## Meals on Wheels food & friends

Mountainland's senior nutrition program provides a hot, nutritious lunch to seniors age 60+ in Utah, Wasatch, and Summit Counties. The program serves more than 800 seniors each day. For those who are homebound, meals can be delivered to your home.

Meals on Wheels also provides a safety check, giving peace-of-mind to family members who must work during the day.

### Eligibility:

60 years of age or older and homebound, and the caregiver spouse of the homebound senior, and the disabled child of a homebound senior.

Homebound is someone that is unable to leave their home without assistance. Those individuals who still drive and get out into the community are not considered homebound.

Prior to beginning Meals on Wheels, a staff member will visit the senior's home to assess their needs and make a final determination for eligibility.

### Delivery Days:

Meals are served Monday-Friday, excluding holidays. Special diets are available for those at higher nutritional risk.

### Fees and Charges:

Fees are not charged for this program

A voluntary donation of \$3 per meal is suggested

If you or a loved one are interested in learning more about Meals on Wheels, please call 435-654-4920.

For those who are able to get out on their own, lunch is served Monday-Friday at the Wasatch County Senior Center located at 465 East 1200 South in Heber.

This article was provided by, and can be found on the Mountainland Association of Government website at: <https://mountainland.org/meals>

### April Events

- April 9<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission – **Comm. Center 7:00pm**
- April 16<sup>th</sup> City Council Budget Mtg.  
**City Office, Downstairs Conf. Room 6:00pm**
- April 19<sup>th</sup> Passover Begins
- April 21<sup>st</sup> Easter Sunday
- April 23<sup>rd</sup> City Council Work Mtg. – **City Office 9:00am**  
City Council Regular Mtg. – **Comm. Center 6:00pm**

### May Events

- May 3<sup>rd</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup> State Square Dancing Festival – **Town Hall**
- May 4<sup>th</sup> City Beautification/Town Cleanup  
**Meet at Town Square to help 8:00am**
- May 7<sup>th</sup> City Council Work Mtg. – **City Office 9:00am**  
City Council Regular Mtg. – **Comm. Center 6:00pm**
- May 12<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day
- May 14<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission – **Comm. Center 7:00pm**

- May 21<sup>st</sup> City Council Work Mtg. – **City Office 9:00am**  
City Council Regular Mtg. – **Comm. Center 6:00pm**
- May 27<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day – **CITY OFFICES CLOSED**

### June Events

- June 4<sup>th</sup> City Council Work Mtg. – **City Office 9:00am**  
City Council Regular Mtg. – **Comm. Center 6:00pm**
- June 8<sup>th</sup> City Beautification/Town Cleanup/Flower Planting  
**Meet at Town Square to help 8:00am**
- June 14<sup>th</sup> Flag Day – Fly a Flag proudly in your yard
- June 16<sup>th</sup> Father's Day
- June 18<sup>th</sup> City Council Work Mtg. – **City Office 9:00am**  
City Council Regular Mtg. – **Comm. Center 6:00pm**
- June 22<sup>nd</sup> – July 1<sup>st</sup> Wasatch Plein Air Paradise Events
- July 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Small Town Fourth and Pancake Breakfast  
**July 4<sup>th</sup> is the Sunrise Service & Pancake Breakfast directly after**