



Midway City News

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Midway City Corporation

Spring Cleaning For the City

SPRING! A word that awakens thoughts of sunshine, bright smiles, new beginnings, and most of all, dusting off the winter blues and doing some good old Spring cleaning!

The annual City Spring Cleanup will be held on Saturday, May 4th from 8:00am – 11:00am. Residents are encouraged to bring shovels, rakes, brooms and gloves to one of the five City parks (Hamlet, Valais, Centennial, Town Square or Alpenhof) or the Cemetery beginning at 8:00am. A Public Works employee will be on-hand at each park with a list of project

The City will furnish all trash bags, and trucks will be picking up trash before, during and after the clean-up.



As a thank you to residents who participate in the clean-up, a City sponsored lunch will begin at 11:00 in the shelter at Town Square which is always one of the highlights as stories are shared and a sense of community pride is in the air.

If you would like a map showing the location of each of the parks, please stop by the City office. There is always plenty of weeding, removal of old limbs, and other types of clean-up that the entire family, young and old, can participate in. So join us! You'll be glad you did.



Open Elected Offices

Midway City will elect a mayor and two city council members during the 2013 Municipal Election. The mayor and each council member will serve a term of 4 years. Qualified individuals may complete a Declaration of Candidacy at the City Recorder's office at the Midway City Office Building, 75 North 100 West, Midway City. Office hours are weekdays between 8:00am to 5:00pm. House Bill 403 amends the candidate filing date for municipal elections to new dates of **June 3 – June 7, 2013**.

Qualifications To Be A Candidate Are:

1. Be a United States Citizen at time of filing.
2. Be a registered voter.
3. Be a resident of Midway City or a resident of a recently annexed area for at least 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the date of the election.
4. In accordance with Utah Constitution Article IV, Section 6, any mentally incompetent person, any person convicted of treason or a crime against the elective franchise may not hold office in this state until their right to hold elective office is restored.

Currently holding the office of mayor is Connie Tatton. Currently holding the two council positions, open for election, are Colleen Bonner and Steve Ashton.

Please contact the City Recorder's office if you have any questions at 435-654-3223 extension 104 or extension 118.

Swiss Miss Royalty Crowned – see story on P-4



Swiss Miss Royalty Court

Left to Right: Ashlynn Smith, Saige Sweat, Olivia Giese, Brooke Jones, Rachel Passey, Hailey Eaton.

2013 Midway City Road & Water Projects

Midway City Staff has prepared a ten year plan for future road and water projects that will help us determine high priorities between the road and water projects.

Year one of this plan consists of the replacement of the Midway City road culinary waterline and the Midway Sanitation Districts sanitary service line. Beginning at 750 North Pine Canyon and continuing north to the Burgi Lane and Pine Canyon Rd Intersection.

On 400 West from 200 North to Main Street we will be replacing damaged asphalt, road cuts, leveling the asphalt and following it up with a chip seal.

On 300 West we will be replacing and upgrading the culinary waterline from Main Street to 100 South. The street from 200 North to 100 South will be repaved and widened to a twenty-four foot driving surface.

On 400 North and Center street, we will be roto-milling and replacing the street and cul-de-sac area.

Re-surfacing/chip seal projects will include the following streets: 200 East from Main Street to 200 South, Lime Canyon and the Valais Parkway.

Midway Sanitation District will be cleaning and installing a liner in the main line for Interlaken Estates.

Year Two: We will be replacing the culinary water, sanitary sewer lines and the paved surface from 750 North Pine Canyon Road to 200 North and the replacement and upgrade of the road surface on North Pine Canyon Road.

We ask our residents to please have patience with us during the construction process; we will have road closures, detours and an occasional water interruption while the following projects are underway. If you have questions or comments during the construction please email them to sowens@midwaycityut.org.

2013 UDOT Projects: The Utah Dept. of Transportation will be resurfacing SR113 from South Center Street to US-189. Construction will begin this summer, and motorists can expect flagging in each direction for approximately three weeks. The dates of construction have not yet been announced; those dates will be posted on the Midway City website at www.midwaycityut.org.

Definitions:

Crack sealing consists of sweeping and blowing out damaged areas of the roadway. Once the area is clean a tar like substance is applied to the crack and allowed to dry; this in turn will help in the prevention of moisture from getting under the paved surface and breaking up more of the pavement. This product is applied on a yearly basis to paved areas, to help in road preservation.

Slurry Seal is an oil product that is spray on treatment that is placed over a crack seal or paved surface that will help extend the surface of a road and is required to be installed by the

developer of the project before the street is to be turned over to the City for maintenance. This product will add one to five years of life to a paved surface.

The **Chip Seal** is another common treatment for extending the life of the paved area. The area is prepped, a layer of oil sealant product is sprayed on to the surface of the paved roadway, and then a half to three-quarter inch rock chip is applied to the oil sealant. Once the chip has been applied it is rolled and left to dry for a period, after the sealant has had a chance to soak into the rock and adhere to the paved surface the excess and loose rock is swept off and a second coat of sealant is applied. This treatment can add a ten to fifteen years of life to a paved surface.

Paved surfaces consist of four inches of hot mix asphalt which is a compacted oil product and gravel material that is heated above 300 degrees and must be applied in temperatures fifty degrees or more.

Cold Mix Asphalt is a winter asphalt product that we use for the repair of potholes and winter excavations. This product is applied to an area when hot mix is unavailable or weather conditions will not allow for the use of hot mix.



Calendar of Events		Upcoming Events	
April 10 th	City Council 7:00pm; Community Center	June 5 th	City Council 7:00pm; Community Center
April 15 th	Planning Commission 7:00pm; Community Center Public hearing on sign ordinance	June 12 th	Planning Commission 7:00pm; Comm. Center
May 4 th	City Cleanup; 8:00-11:00am Lunch provided at Town Square 11:00am	June 14 th	Flag Day
May 8 th	City Council 7:00pm; Community Center	June 16 th	Father's Day
May 12 th	Mother's Day	June 21 st	Summer Begins
May 15 th	Planning Commission 7:00pm; Community Center		



Planning & Zoning

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Planning Dept. Updates

Greenhouse Code Amendments

In the latter half of last year, staff was directed by some members of the City Council to draft an ordinance that would govern and regulate personal and commercial greenhouses. These code text amendments are being proposed because of events that have occurred in the City regarding agricultural uses. Over the past two years it has become apparent that the City's Land Use Code should be more detailed regarding agriculture, agriculture uses and how those uses are governed and regulated.

Currently the code is silent with regard to commercial greenhouses. The City has had two proposed commercial greenhouse uses over the past two years. The County also has a proposed commercial greenhouse facility that is located on land just north of the City and is located in the City's annexation declaration area. This clearly indicates that there is an interest in this use and the interest is based mainly on two reasons. The first is the availability of geothermal water which greatly reduces the energy cost for heating greenhouses. The second is Midway's close proximity to the major population centers of Utah and the markets that come along with those populations.

The Planning Commission first reviewed the proposed ordinance on November 21st in a public hearing where

approximately 170 members of the public attended. Many of them took time to comment on the proposed code.

The Planning Commission continued to review and amend the proposed code in their December and January meetings. In February, after much consideration and revision, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the proposed code to the City Council. Part of their recommendation included important items such as size and scale, parcel acreage ratio as compared to greenhouse area, setbacks and buffering, height, minimum acreage size and intensity of use.

The City Council held a public hearing regarding the proposed code on March 13th where about 40 members of the public were in attendance. Again, as with the Planning Commission public hearing, many of those in attendance took the time to share their thoughts. The City Council took no action in that meeting and a work meeting was scheduled for the 27th of March. The City Council will again discuss the proposed code during their April 10th meeting. That meeting is open to the public and all are invited to attend.

Please visit the City's website at www.midwaycityut.org for a copy of the proposed amendments.

Planning & Zoning

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Sign Ordinance Changes Proposed

Code Text Amendment – Chapter 16.21

After a series of meetings with interested and affected groups including business owners, the arts community and members of the Vision Architectural Committee, the City is moving forward with proposed changes to the Sign Ordinance. The proposed changes were introduced to the Planning Commission (PC) on March 20, 2013. With their input, the code text amendment will go back to the PC on April 17, 2013.

While several of the changes are administrative and designed to clarify some of the previous code language, there are a number of changes that address the needs of the business community as well as the City. In the end we hope that the revised ordinance is more user friendly and incorporates the most important issues defined by the various participants during the discussions. Once the proposed amendment is adopted the City will be contacting each business owner and organization to provide copies and to discuss enforcement.

Some of the more significant *proposed* changes are: the number of allowable portable (including A-frame) signs, their style, location and display times are changed; an additional twenty four (24) square foot on-premise Temporary Event Sign during the event is allowed in addition to the three already approved eight (8) square foot off-premise signs; temporary sale promotion signs or banners could be displayed for seven days once a month and no more than one set of banners would be permitted during that same monthly period; and an application and approval process for the display of street pole banners has been added.

Though not finally approved, you are encouraged to review the proposed ordinance by visiting the official City website <http://www.midwaycityut.org>. The summary tables are likely to answer most of your questions. Please feel free to call staff if you have any questions.

MidwayBoosters: The Swiss Miss Pageant

The Midway Boosters were pleased to sponsor the Swiss Miss Pageant for 2013. Under the direction of Booster Representative Aja Mills, the pageant was held on March 23rd after earlier sessions prior in the month to introduce the program to the girls and their parents. The selection of our Swiss Miss and four Swiss Miss Attendants is always a difficult task and this year was no different. Eight highly qualified contestants competed for the five Swiss Miss positions. All were beautiful, talented and poised young ladies making the judges' job especially difficult.

After all the competing was over, Olivia Giese was selected as our Swiss Miss for 2013 and Brooke Jones, Ashlynn Smith, Rachel Passey & Saige Sweat were selected as Swiss Miss Attendants. The pageant contestants also voted Hailey Eaton as Miss Congeniality. We congratulate these fine young ladies on their accomplishments and wish the best of success in next years' pageant to those who didn't make it this year.

The Swiss Miss Royalty will perform in many civic events throughout the coming year such as our Small Town 4th Celebration, Swiss Days, Swiss Days Parade and Swiss Christmas. They will provide much community service and aid. Additionally, they will represent Midway City and our Swiss heritage in several other state-wide events throughout the year.



Heber Valley Railroad Events

As Spring approaches, the whistle of the Heber Valley Railroad can be heard as the train winds its way through the fields and along Deer Creek Reservoir. Residents are invited to participate in all of the special events scheduled this year. Here are some of the events to look forward to:

<u>Regular Excursions</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Children</u>
Provo Canyon Limited	May-October	\$28	\$15
Deer Creek Express	May-October	\$24	\$15
<u>Special Events</u>			
Monday Night Train	Most Mondays	\$5	\$5
Chocolate Lovers Train	1 Friday a month	\$30	\$30
Magic Train	1 Friday a month	\$30	\$30
Day Out With Thomas	May 24-27	\$18	\$18
Summer Kick-Off	May 31 – June 1	\$10	\$10
Dinosaur Days	July 1-6	\$10	\$10
Freedom Train	July 4	\$10	\$10
Wizard's Trains	July 30 – Aug 3	\$25	\$25
Sunset Bar-B-Que	Select Saturdays	\$58	\$38
Comedy Murder Mystery	Select Saturdays	\$58	\$38
Fiddlers & Fireworks	July 24	\$38	\$24
Hobo Days	August 9-10	\$45	\$30
Back 2 School Train	August 17	\$5	\$5
Labor Day Breakfast Train	September 2	\$10	\$5
114 th Anniversary Bash	September 13-14	\$10	\$10
Pumpkin Festival	October 10-31	\$15	\$15
Cowboy Trains	November 1-2	TBD	TBD
Veteran's Day Special	November 9	\$10	\$5
North Pole Express	Nov 29 – Dec 24		



"The Music Man" Is Coming to Midway July 3-20!

Harold Hill, America's most lovable flim flam traveling salesman will be wowing the crowds at Midway's Small Town Fourth Celebration this summer.

River City's blustery Mayor Shinn doesn't trust Harold and the School Board is out to get the spellbinder's credentials! But Marian the Librarian has fallen for his charm and is trying to protect him. Who knows what will happen next?

Mark your calendars! Invite the relatives up! Great for Reunions! The show will be presented in the High Valley Arts beautiful outdoor theater with a spectacular view of Mt. Timpanogos. Bring a picnic supper and listen to a free concert before the show.

Tickets (\$8-\$15) on sale May 1st at Day's Market or online at HighValleyArts.org. Performances July 3, 5-6, 8, 10-13, 15, 17-20. No performance on July 4th.

Summer Writing Retreat

High Valley Arts and well-known author Dean Hughes are sponsoring a new event: Solstice, a Nonfiction Writing Retreat to be held at Midway's Homestead Resort on July 11-13, 2013.



John Bytheway, author of numerous books for young adults will give the keynote address. Other authors include Ann Edward-Cannon, John Bennion, Louise Plummer, and Dean Hughes. Topics will include nature writing, nonfiction for children, memoirs, self-help and columns/blogs. Personable, small classes of 12 will focus on all levels of writing experience. In addition, authors will critique manuscripts submitted to them in advance. The cost of the 3-day conference is \$249 if purchased before May 1, and \$265 after May 1. Information and registration can be found at HighValleyArts.org.