



# Midway City News

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Midway City Corporation



## Mayor's Message

*By Colleen Bonner  
Midway City Mayor*

### How Safe Are Our School Crossings?

KSL.com provided the following article:

"The most dangerous job in a school may not be at school at all. A group of dedicated individuals, all across the state and the nation, get up early every school day regardless of the weather, put on a reflective traffic orange vest, take a short-handled stop sign and report to a school crossing near you.

The morning commute to work and to school are coincidental, but it does put a large number of cars trying to get through school crossings just when a large number of kids are trying to cross streets. This circumstance creates accidents waiting to happen, and the statistics from 2005 confirm that many did. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that, of school-age children from 5 to 15 years of age, 275 were killed and 15,000 injured in pedestrian/ motor vehicle crashes.

Crossing guards are the first line of defense at many school crossings, with distracted drivers texting, using cell phones, eating, putting on make-up, shaving and any number of other non-driving activities.

School crossings are important in helping keep children safe as they walk to school. The National Safe Routes to School website describes the role of the school crossing

### Are Our Children At Risk In School Crossings?



guard in the following terms:

The primary responsibility of an adult school crossing guard is to help children safely cross the street as they walk or bike to and from school.

A well- trained adult school crossing guard can accomplish the following goals:

- Discourage children from behaving unsafely near traffic, such as darting into the street without looking or crossing against a traffic signal.
- Use existing gaps in traffic to help students cross safely. When the natural traffic flow does not allow enough time for children to cross a street, a guard may need to create gaps by stopping traffic temporarily. The Guard stops traffic with hand signals or a STOP paddle, then verbally directs children to cross the street. A guard is always the first person in the street and the last person out of the street.
- Alert motorists that pedestrians are in the process of using the school crossing.
- Observe and report any incidents or conditions that present a potential safety hazard to the school children or the guard.

Kids have their minds on other things. They're not concentrating on traffic, so the traffic needs to concentrate on what the kids are doing."

- end KSL.com quote

As Mayor, the safety of our citizens is of utmost concern, and when our City Crossing Guards share incidents of cars speeding through school zones when the lights are flashing and signs are posted in the crosswalks, or drivers talking on their cellphones or texting while not even looking at the road, I take notice. Several times the caution signs in the crosswalks have been hit or run over by oncoming cars. Crossing guards who have a STOP paddle held up in their hand and are beginning into the crosswalk with children, have had to restrain them when an oncoming car does not even slow down for them to cross.

I am concerned when the mother of one of our crossing guards makes the comment that she is gravely worried at how some vehicles driving through school zones act as though they are not even there, and she does not want to end up raising her grandchildren because her daughter gets injured or worse.

Citizens, I urge each of you to pay attention when driving in school zones in Midway and please slow down!

**Keep Our Children Safe!**

## Public Works

By Shane Owens

Public Works Administrative Lead

# Noxious Weeds: Phragmites

They look pretty so you are fooled into thinking they are flowers and should not be cut down. But make no mistake; noxious weeds will assault your lawn, garden, pasture, or wherever else they are allowed to grow, and take away the moisture your grass and flowers need to grow. Their roots will choke the roots of your plants, and if not cut down, the wind will carry their seeds to more and more parts of your land so additional weeds will grow.

The City will print an article and picture in the newsletter each quarter citing one of the many noxious weeds that grow in Midway. This quarter, the focus is on a weed called Phragmites (pronounced frag-mite-ees).



Phragmites

It is a perennial grass or weed that grows to about 15' high. The flower heads are large, feathery and gray to tan in color. Phragmites are found in dense thickets that displace native wetlands vegetation, alter hydrology by trapping sediments and inhibiting water movement, and block sunlight from reaching the water. These dense thickets also displace native wildlife. Phragmites can spread by means of horizontal 'runner' stems up to 15-20 feet per year. They are very invasive and will take over all vegetation.

Plants should be sprayed with a glyphosate chemical, or be burned down. It is not recommended that you cut it down.

## Midway City Spring Clean-up



The annual Midway City Spring Clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00am – 11:30am, followed by lunch provided by the City.

Bring your shovels, rakes, pruning shears, gloves and kids and help clean up the Town Square, City parks and cemetery.

There will be a Public Works crew member at each park with a list of work needing to be done at that location. The list will also be posted in the shelters at each park for any resident to refer to. If you don't receive a specific assignment, please go to any City Park; Hamlet, Valais, Alpenhof, Centennial, Town Square or the cemetery and your help will be welcome.

Trash bags will be provided at each site, and public works will be making rounds with dump trucks to pick up all trash and debris.

At 11:30 we invite everyone to meet at the shelter on Town Square for a Bar-B-Que lunch, complete with pulled pork sandwiches, potato salad, chips, brownies, cookies and all the fixins!



Keep watch for a notice on your Wasatch County Solid Waste quarterly billing giving residents free trash dumps this spring at the Transfer Station. It's a good time for cleaning the yard and getting rid of any extra yard debris you may have.

## RENTAL OF CITY BUILDINGS

Do you have a family reunion coming up with more people attending than will fit in your house or back yard? Is your organization planning an event that will need a space?

In addition to City parks, Midway also rents space in the Town Hall and Community Center on a daily basis. Here's how the process works:

1. Visit the City website at [www.midwaycityut.org](http://www.midwaycityut.org) and print a copy of the "Building Rental Application" found under the "Residents" tab. Or you can pick up a blank copy of the application at the City office.
2. Complete the application and submit it with your rental fee to the City, and your event is then scheduled on the master calendar. That's all you have to do!

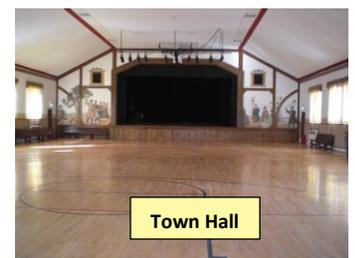
The Town Hall holds 912 people with no tables or chairs set up (example, a dance); 652 with chairs theater style; or 304 with tables and chairs.

The Community Center holds 174 people with chairs only; or 81 with tables and chairs.

Daily rental prices are \$500 Mon-Fri for the Town Hall and \$1,000 on Saturday; registered non-profits rent for \$300. The Community Center is \$150 per day; registered non-profits rent for \$75.



Community Center



Town Hall



## Wasatch County 2014 Memorial Day Program

Wasatch County is hosting a commemorative Memorial Day event and invites you to attend in support and tribute to our dedicated military service men and women both past and present; especially honoring those who paid the ultimate price for freedom.

- DATE:** Monday, May 26, 2014  
**TIME:** 7:00a.m. Free Breakfast  
 8:00a.m. Program  
**PLACE:** Wasatch County Events Center  
 415 South Field Road  
**SPEAKERS:** *Calvin Giles*, WWII Veteran  
 U.S. Army, Heber City  
*Richard K. Gallagher*, VADM  
 U.S. Navy (Ret.), Midway

**Also included in the program: Music, Honor Guard, 21-Gun Salute, Taps, Bagpipes and a flyover by the Commemorative Air Force (CAF).**

The Wounded Warriors Program will be accepting donations of \$1.00 or more at the Parks & Rec. Office or at Zion's Bank.

## SWISS DAYS BASICS

The origin of the Swiss Days event dates back to the 1940's when it was called Harvest Days. The surrounding farmers and ranchers would gather together in celebration of a bountiful harvest.

Over the years Swiss Days has grown into a major event attracting tens of thousands of visitors to our high mountain village. What began as a feast among neighbors has become a traditional not-for-profit community celebration. We commemorate the region of Switzerland where our founding ancestors were born with food, music, crafts and dance and good old fashioned fun.



It is a two day event held on our town square over Friday and Saturday of Labor Day weekend featuring 180 vendors, with food booths, a designated kid friendly recreation area, continuous top-notch entertainment, and amazing Chuck Wagon type breakfast, an exhilarating 10K race through the streets of our little town, a family friendly Saturday morning parade down Main Street, and every year our much-anticipated BBQ Dinner Feast! We even have our very own Swiss Miss royalty to reign over the festivities.

There are opportunities for everyone young and old in our community to participate and contribute to the success of our Swiss Days festival every year. It is a massive undertaking to prepare for this event and every year our success depends on the volunteering hands from all of our neighbors. The planning and preparation begins months ahead of time which includes the making of delicious sauerkraut to a variety of specialty baked goods and treats like our traditional Swiss Braided Bread. We invite you to come join us and lend a helping hand along with your neighbors and friends to make this year's event another smashing success!

The proceeds are managed by the thirty members of the Midway Boosters. The funds are used to sponsor a variety of local projects and improvements such as donations for emergency equipment, educational programs for the youth, maintaining and beautifying the Town Hall and Main Street as well as supporting other local celebrations throughout the year.

We invite you to join with us and catch the amazing cultural fever of Midway's famous pride and joy, "Swiss Days".

Be sure to check out our website for more information and details about this year's celebration: <https://midwayswissdays.com>.

### April Events

- April 1<sup>st</sup> April Fool's Day  
 April 9<sup>th</sup> City Council (Work Mtg) – **Comm Cntr 7:00pm**  
 April 13<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday  
 April 16<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission – **Comm Cntr 7:00pm**  
 April 20<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday  
 April 23<sup>rd</sup> City Council – **Comm Cntr 7:00pm**

### May Events

- May 3<sup>rd</sup> City Clean-up **8:00am – 11:30am**  
 May 11<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day  
 May 14<sup>th</sup> City Council (Work Mtg) – **Comm Cntr 7:00pm**

### May Events (cont.)

- May 21<sup>st</sup> Planning Commission – **Comm Cntr 7:00pm**  
 May 26<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day (Decoration Day)  
 May 28<sup>th</sup> City Council – **Comm Cntr 7:00pm**

### June Events

- June 11<sup>th</sup> City Council (Work Mtg) – **Comm Cntr 7:00pm**  
 June 14<sup>th</sup> Flag Day  
 June 15<sup>th</sup> Father's Day  
 June 18<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission – **Comm Cntr 7:00pm**  
 June 21<sup>st</sup> First Day of Summer  
 June 25<sup>th</sup> City Council – **Comm Cntr 7:00pm**

# City Culinary Water System & Illegal Cross-Connections

Due to the need of Midway City to provide adequate fire protection and water pressure for each citizen of the city, it is necessary to maintain high water pressure in the main water lines to make the system work properly. It is the responsibility of each property owner to install a pressure reduction valve on your side of the water meter to reduce the water pressure inside your residence.

Midway City uses a water meter setter that has a back flow prevention device installed on it. Homeowners should install a water thermal expansion device on the water heaters to help relive the hot water pressure.

Midway Irrigation Company has installed a secondary water system which has been a joint effort between the Irrigation Company and the City to conserve water. Because of this change, there are some concerns about the connection of this system for outside water users. We want to ensure all connections are done properly so that cross contamination cannot occur.

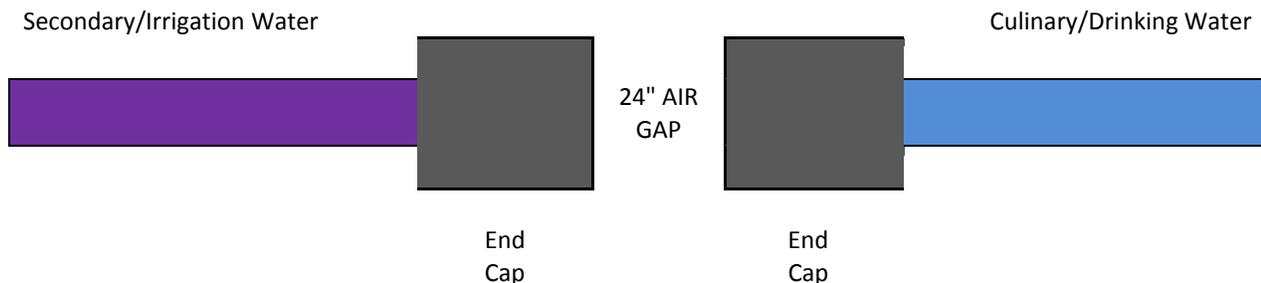
When individuals with an existing sprinkler system connect on to the secondary water system, an air gap (physical separation of secondary water and culinary water lines) must be in place. This means that a portion of the existing pipe be removed allowing for separation between the two water systems. (24" Air Gap required between each system).

Midway City Cross Connection policy states that we do not allow any type of Cross Connection between the culinary and secondary water systems. All sprinkler systems attached to the culinary water system need to be protected with the proper RP Assembly, Vacuum Breaker or Spill Resistant Breaker. These units must be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's requirements and must also meet the Division of Drinking Water requirements.

A certified backflow tester must test each unit each year, and a copy of each test must be sent to the Midway City Water Department for public records.

If you want both a culinary and secondary water connection, you must install a separate system for each source. Midway City does not allow any type of swing joints or unprotected valves to be used in the culinary water system.

## Disconnection Example:



It is mandatory that a Midway City employee do a visual inspection of all the connections to make sure the culinary water supply has been disconnected properly. If you have already connected to the system, you must contact the City office and schedule a visual inspection. We do not want to pollute our drinking water. Any water connection that does contaminate our public water system will be held liable for cleanup, treatment, damages, and labor that may occur.

Midway City would appreciate it if you, as a property owner, would not open the water meters. New electronic touch read water meters have been installed, and individuals entering the meter box can damage the wires and meters.

Midway City employees will be happy to assist in the turning on/or/off of your water meters. If you feel that your meter has been misread, or you have a leak on your side, please call and we will have an employee inspect the water meter. Please DO NOT ENTER the meter box.

Your cooperation in these water concerns is greatly appreciated. It is our utmost importance to all the citizens and the health of the community to keep our drinking water pristine.

Midway City Water Department contact phone number: 435-654-3223 Ext 7

Midway City Public Works emergency contact number: 435-671-7387.

**Note:** It is imperative that you call Midway City to inspect your disconnection from the culinary water system (435) 654-3223.

**Would you like to help assure that Midway Main Street and development projects have character and continue the Swiss theme of our City? If so, please apply to be part of the Midway Vision and Architectural Committee. Please fill out an application that can be picked up at the City Offices or printed from the City's website ([www.midwaycityut.org](http://www.midwaycityut.org)).**