



Midway City News

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Midway City Corporation



Mayor's Message

*By Celeste Johnson
Midway City Mayor*

A New Year in the City

Happy 2018! Thank you all for your support, ideas, calls and emails. This is an exciting time for Midway and I appreciate the interaction I've already had with so many of you.

Listed are some of the New Year's resolutions the staff and I will be working on:

- Updating and adding to the website, and making it more user friendly.
- Submitting a Mayors message to The Wasatch Wave at least twice per month.
- Using social media regularly for announcements.
- Increase the distribution of this newsletter.
(Please contact Georgia McGuire at 435-657-2494 ext. 6 or gm McGuire@midwaycityut.org if you'd like it emailed, or if you'd like a hard copy mailed to your home or business).
- Form focus groups to assist the staff as we work on immediate issues such as the budget and updating our codes.
- Post City Council packets on the Midway City Website.
(If you have an item on the agenda, please note that the deadline for submitting packet materials is the Thursday prior to a meeting).
- Post audio of as many meetings as possible to the website.
- The City Council will be holding Work Meetings at 10:00 AM on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. The public is always welcome, and the Work Meetings will be live on Facebook @MidwayCity1891.

Our beautiful outdoor rink has been a huge success thanks to Doug Gray and his crew, the Midway Boosters and LOTS of volunteers! We live in an amazing community!

This is your town, and I welcome your ideas, feedback and expertise. You can email cjohnson@midwaycityut.org, or call 435-657-2494 ext. *.

Change of Leadership in Mayor & Council

The November election brought a new Mayor and two new City Council members into City government. Celeste Johnson takes on the mantle of Mayor, while Jeff Drury and Jared (J.C.) Simonsen will step into City Council positions. Jeff and Jared will join current members Robert Probst, Lisa Christen and Kenny VanWagoner to fill the five Council offices.



Much appreciation goes to Mayor Colleen Bonner, and our two Council members who completed their terms of service in December, Karl Dodge and Kent Kohler. They served with honor and respect for the City and every resident.

Business Spotlight



One of the reasons residents love Midway is the small town lifestyle, and of knowing we live among good friends and good neighbors. Most of you know many, if not all, of the small business owners, who run restaurants, bakeries, small engine repair shops, etc. Among these, is our local branch of Grand Valley Bank which employs Midway residents and provides much needed services in this technical world we live in.

Grand Valley Bank started its roots in Midway in 2007 as a branch of Heber Valley Bank and was located on South Main Street near the Tarahumara Restaurant. As their customer base grew, the bank purchased ground nearer town center and built a new bank building. In 2014 their new building was completed, and the branch opened as Grand Valley Bank at 92 West Main Street.

Services include personal checking and savings accounts, loans money market accounts, business accounts and much more.

Stop in anytime and say hello, or visit them on their website at www.grandvalleybank.com. You can also "like" their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Grand-Valley-Bank.





The Midway Art Association announces the opening of The Midway Art Association Gallery

The Midway Art Association (MAA) is pleased to announce the opening of the Midway Art Association Gallery in the Midway Town Hall on Main Street in Midway, UT. After months of behind-the-scenes planning by the MAA Board, our vision for MAA members to have a permanent exhibition space is becoming a reality.

The City of Midway recently granted official approval for MAA to lease space on the east side of the historic Midway Town Hall. The Gallery will serve as a permanent space for member artists to exhibit and sell fine art on Main Street in Midway. The Gallery will be featuring the unique fine art of several local member artists on display, with featured artists and original paintings changing every 60 days.

We're excited to work with our members to make this a successful venture by creating a new destination point for visitors to our city to view and purchase fine art. We're confident that this facility will be a positive addition to the art community in Midway and will enhance the perception of the beautiful Heber Valley as a center for the arts.

The Gallery will be open on Fridays and Saturdays from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. For further information, contact us at MidwayArtGallery@gmail.com.



MAA's February Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 20th in the Community Center. The event begins with a potluck social at 6:30 pm and the meeting begins at 7pm. MAA is so please to have George Handrahan as the demonstrator for this meeting. George has over 70 major awards, listings in 7 books on prominent artists, and paintings sold through major auction houses, George W. Handrahan is considered to be one of the most collectable artists in Utah. Mr. Handrahan has been painting the beauty of Utah, California and New England landscapes for more than forty years. Mark your calendar because you won't want to miss this demonstration. The meeting is open to the public!

MAA's March Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 20th in the Community Center. The event begins with a potluck social at 6:30 pm and the meeting begins at 7pm. MAA is delighted to have Candace Rideout as the demonstrator for this meeting Candace is an established Utah artist with forty years of experience. She graduated from the University of Utah with a double major in Education and Drawing & Painting. As a student, she was selected as the outstanding water colorist in her graduating class. Her oil paintings are included in several private collections in the United States and Europe. Candace Rideout has been a resident of Holladay for around 48 years. She was recently named the Artist of the Month for May by the Holladay Arts Council. Mark your calendar because you won't want to miss this demonstration. The meeting is open to the public!

Beware of Noxious Weeds Dyer's Woad

Dyer's Woad is a biennial plant introduced into the U.S. in colonial times. It has inhabited thousands of acres in Utah and is one of the worst weeds. The plant has thick green leaves with a noticeably white midvein.

Dyer's Woad germinates late in the fall to early spring and gets established before many other plants, allowing nothing else to grow. Livestock and other animals will not eat this plant. Its rosettes can spread out close to 12 inches and the plant will grow to a height of 4 feet. It produces dark purple to black looking seeds that 'hang' from the top of the plant which allows the seeds to spread long distances as well as keeps the seed viable in the soil for many years, thus this weed takes over and continues to spread year-to-year.

As this is a biennial plant, mechanical control can be effective. Some counties in Idaho have a "BAG-O-WOAD" program in which they will pay for garbage bags full of this weed. Herbicides such as Telar XP or Escort XP are most effective if applied during the active growth of the weed.

If you know of Dyer's Woad growing on your property, take action to stop and/or reduce the spread so it doesn't take over your land making it useless for other planting.





The Future is Bright!

Sixty Shining Years of Swiss Miss

This year after six decades of hard work, commitment to service and small town values; The Midway Boosters and Midway City are excited to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Swiss Miss Pageant with this year's theme, "The Future is Bright! Sixty Shining Years of Swiss Miss".

Although there have been many changes over the past 60 years, from the theme of the pageant, the committee, or the new participants presented every year, the heart of the pageant remains the same. As the committee strives to improve their production year after year the greatest goal remains to provide a positive and wholesome atmosphere where girls have an opportunity to grow and develop skills such as kindness, self-confidence, good sportsmanship and community awareness.

Since day one, the Swiss Miss Pageant has been produced by a family of amazingly talented volunteers who work with passion, creativity and wholehearted commitment. Thanks to their efforts, Swiss Miss has become what it is today. As they begin a new decade in the history of the pageant the Midway Boosters and Swiss Miss Pageant Committee wish to extend their deepest gratitude to those who have been directly involved with the pageant over the years. Additionally, they wish to express appreciation for the unwavering support of Midway City, local sponsors, the community at large and generous individuals. They recognize that this event would not exist without so much cooperation and wish to thank all who have helped make this program a longstanding and valuable tradition in the community.

- To all former Swiss Miss, attendants, committee members, and the community, the Midway Boosters and Midway City wish to extend an invitation to commemorate this special anniversary of the pageant.
- Please come forward and share your photos and memories of the Swiss Miss royalty with us, sending them by email to swissmisspageant@gmail.com.

In celebrating this 60-year milestone we are excited to carry on our legacy of empowering young women to recognize and strive toward their greater potential. As Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us."

This year's pageant will be held on Saturday, March 17th at the Midway Town Hall.



February Events

Feb 2 nd	Groundhog Day (will there be more winter?)
Feb 14 th	Valentine's Day / also Ash Wednesday
Feb 14 th	City Council – Comm. Center 6:00pm
Feb 19 th	President's Day
Feb 21 st	Planning Commission – Comm. Center 7:00pm
Feb 28 th	City Council – Comm. Center 6:00pm

March Events

Mar 11 th	Daylight Savings Time Begins – Set your clocks forward
Mar 14 th	City Council – Comm. Center 6:00pm
Mar 20 th	Spring Begins
Mar 21 st	Planning Commission – Comm. Center 7:00pm
Mar 25 th	Palm Sunday
Mar 28 th	City Council – Comm. Center 6:00pm
Mar 30 th	Good Friday / Passover Begins

“Peter Pan Jr”

March 22-24 - Midway Town Hall

When High Valley Arts’ decided to do “Peter Pan Jr”, we were hoping to have close to 40 kids audition for the show and that we would limit the cast to 40 so every child could be spotlighted. Since auditions were in January, we were afraid everyone would forget about them. So imagine our surprise when 67 very talented kids auditioned for the show. In keeping with our original plan, were cast 40 amazing children.

Directed by Kristen Hughes, choreographed by Amber Greenwood, with musical direction by Kristie Engar, the show promises to be a treat for the entire family. Performances will be in the Town Hall March 22, 23, and two performances on March 24. Tickets will be \$5 for children 12 and under and \$8 for adults -- a real steal! Tickets for the show will be available March 1 at www.HighValleyArts.org.

“Roald Dahl’s Willy Wonka” Outdoors June 29-July 14

“Who can take a sunrise, sprinkle it with dew, cover it in chocolate and a miracle or two? The Candy Man. The Candy Man can!”

The delicious adventures of Charlie Bucket on his visit to Willy Wonka’s mysterious chocolate factory light up the stage in this captivating adaptation of Roald Dahl’s fantastical tale.

Featuring the enchanting songs from the 1971 film starring Gene Wilder, this show is a scrumdiddlyumptious musical guaranteed to delight everyone’s sweet tooth.

Auditions will be March 27 & 29. The cast will be made up of children as well as adults. Audition packets will be available online at www.HighValleyArts.org February 15 or sooner. Mark your calendars for a sweet treat this summer with “Willy Wonka!”

See you at the show!!



What are Water Impact Fees, and How Are They Used?

This article comes from the January 2018 Edition of the Rural Water Association Newsletter, written by Terry Smith

“Growth should pay for Growth”. Likely you’ve heard that statement before - perhaps you subscribe to its philosophy. In a nutshell, what it’s saying, as it relates to water or wastewater systems is, the current customers on the system paid for the infrastructure of the current system, and new customers shouldn’t get to connect to the system without paying for their impact, as it relates to the need to expand the system. Logically it stands to reason that as the customer base grows, so too must the size of the system, in order to maintain the current level of service. In order to do that, money will be needed for expansion. So how will that be financed? Many systems assess an Impact Fee when new connections are attached. This money will then be used to expand the system (new mains, more tanks/wells, lift stations, etc.), in order to serve all customers at the same current level of service. If the system wasn’t expanded as new customers were added, then the service level would have to be reduced, since you now have more demand on the same amount of infrastructure. In order to avoid this, then rates would have to be increased to pay for expansion - thus the logic of Impact Fees. However, there are strict guidelines, per Utah code, as to how this impact fee is assessed, and how, and when, it will be spent.

