



Midway City News



Jan/Feb/Mar 2019

Midway City Corporation



Mayor's Message

*By Celeste Johnson
Midway City Mayor*

What a year this has been!

As I look back on the year and all that has been accomplished, I have to start with the amazing citizens who have come forward to offer suggestions, and their expertise. They work tirelessly and are unpaid for their service.

The Park and Trails committee has written and secured a \$150,000 grant, which Midway will match to be used on our trail system. They have gotten citizen input on parks in Midway to make sure our parks are providing the experience the citizens would like. A very successful example of that is the neighborhood outreach on the Michie Lane park which will be completed this spring. One member of this committee, when he saw a tree had blown over on Town Square, removed it, and planted a new tree on his own time and at his own expense!

The Open Space Committee who, through countless hours was able to provide excellent information to our Midway citizens regarding an Open Space Bond. Their efforts confirmed a desire by the citizens for this issue to go to the ballot. As a result of this bond passing, they continue to spend an enormous amount of time on the process landowners will have available should they want to participate, and the process of keeping our citizens informed of the next steps. A member of this committee wrote a newly adopted chapter on Open Space for our General Plan.

The Planning Commission has had an incredibly full plate as code text amendments are being written to better match up with our General Plan. Their most recent work has focused on the Resort Zone Code and the parking concerns that have arisen as a result of new, successful business that has come to Midway.

Our Historic Preservation Committee has been working on getting our beautiful older buildings on the historical register, and it looks like a few more have made it to the list! Now they're exploring historical markers that can be placed for citizens and visitors alike to learn more about these homes and buildings.

The Visual and Architectural Committee members are dedicated to preserving our rural town/European village "look" especially as it relates to signage. Next time you drive through a town, pay attention to the signs in that town. Are they high? Neon? Back lit? We don't have those and it's a critical reason for our town's ongoing charm!

We have a newly formed Traffic Safety advisory group. This group of concerned citizens came forward with possible solutions for some of the safety concerns that have been expressed, especially as it relates to speed limits and stop signs. They have been working closely with the Sheriff's department and are thrilled to see speeds going down as awareness is going up.

What's the glue for all of these moving parts? What makes all the hard work of these committee's translate into action? Two words: Midway's Staff! They respond promptly, efficiently, and cheerfully. They are knowledgeable, accurate and informed. They reflect all that we love and value in Midway. I couldn't be working with a better team!

2018 was a great year, but here's a sneak peek at our goals for 2019: introducing legislation that will extend our resort tax, increasing tourism, acquiring open space, improving the maintenance and appearance of the cemetery and parks, connecting our trail system, changing the light fixtures on Main Street to not only be energy efficient, but protect our dark sky, update all city contracts, update and improve our website, increase communication options for our citizens, and more!

As always, I encourage and value your comments, questions and concerns. My email address is cjohnson@midwaycityut.org or you can call the city at 435-654-3223.

I wish you all a wonderful and joy filled 2019 wherever your travels may take you, but especially here in Midway!



Disney
Aladdin Jr.

Auditions Jan. 7 & 9 - 4-6 p.m.
Performances, March 21-23

Great Opportunity for Kids!
High Valley Arts Production
Ages 8-14
A cast of 40 kids!

Call 435-657-5007 for Audition Appointment
OR email: Info@highvalleyarts.org

Midway Artist Robert Duncan's Paintings Celebrated In Italy

Should you happen to visit the northern village of Lovere, Italy, before January 13th, you'll see the beautiful art of Midway's own, Robert Duncan. *Lovere, il Borgo della luce* (Lovere, the Town of Lights), began 3 years ago and has become the largest architectural lighting project in Italy. Robert is the first American artist to be selected for the display! His art is projected on more than 100,000 square feet of Lovere building fronts. Amazing work Robert and congratulations!



Brian & Bob

Do you love the Midway Ice Rink as much as I do? If so, read on! It's a story of love for community, a commitment to provide wholesome, outdoor activity for our families, and it was all done because of some committed citizens and a city councilman!

Just about 18 years ago, Bob Simonsen spearheaded an effort to get an ice rink in Midway. He and his Midwestern born friend, Brian Murphy enlisted the help of friends Laurie Neal and Ted Caldwell and City Councilmen Harold Remund.

This first rink was created by clearing the area where the rink is now, berming up the sides with snow, and spraying water from garden hoses! The surface was uneven and bumpy, so when the chance came a year or so later to bid on the equipment being sold from the Utah Lake State Park Ice Rink, Bob and Brian, were the winning bidders, and then sold everything to Midway for what they paid for it. With this purchase, we now had a Zamboni! Dennis Weaver has tirelessly volunteered to keep this 1970-ish piece of equipment running. It was Dennis who drove it off the truck all those years ago when it was delivered in Utah County and was the operator of it at their ice rink.

Now he donates his time to keeping this critical piece of machinery running here in Midway. Critical also, is the small army of volunteers who drive the Zamboni, sometimes in the middle of the night, to keep the ice surface ideal for skating.

Then good fortune came Midway's way when the Olympic Committee donated chillers. Midway kept one chiller and Brian was able to sell the others through *Rink Magazine* which provided the funds to build the chiller building and create a more stable surface for the ice. Through purchase, donation and a grant from the National Hockey League Players Association, dasher boards, skates, trailers and other supplies were acquired.

In the beginning the skates were all kept outside by a donation box. Ice skating enthusiasts and hockey players would find a pair of skates and drop their money in a donation box, skating to their hearts content! I happen to know of one current City Council member who has been known to play hockey at all sorts of odd hours to his heart's content!

For a period of time, private entities operated the rink, but maintenance was inconsistent at best and two seasons ago the city council was faced with a decision; keep it open or close it down.

Doug Gray stepped forward. He saw how volunteerism has made Swiss Days successful and was convinced that with the support of Midway Boosters, that same spirit of volunteerism would keep the Ice Rink open. He felt that with proper management it could not only pay for itself but be profitable and provide jobs. You could say he picked up where Bob, Brian, Laurie, Ted and Harold left off.

Midway citizens passionate about their community and realizing that this iconic rink provides wonderful family recreation, also saw it as an economic anchor for our community in the winter months.

On January 12th, we welcomed the family and friends of Bob Simonsen, and celebrated the hard work and volunteerism that continues today in Midway, with the Bob Simonsen Memorial Day of skating.



The **Midway Art Association Monthly Meetings have changed to the 3rd 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 is sponsoring **three art classes** beginning in January. We will have a ‘**Drawing Class**’ taught by award winning, **David Dean**, followed by an ‘**Intermediate Watercolor Class**’ taught by **Brian Thayne**, a very well-known, versatile watercolorist. and then an “Advanced Watercolor Class taught by **Tom Howard** one of the very best watercolorist in Utah. These classes are offered to members and the public. Registration and further information is available on MAA’s website, www.midwayartassociation.org. Class size is limited to 10 students, so be sure to sign up soon.

MAA’s January Monthly Meeting, Wednesday, January 16th in the Community Center featuring the one and only, **Steve McGinty, ‘Painter of Peace and Calm.**

MAA’s February Monthly Meeting meeting, Wednesday, February 20th will feature Tom Howard, renowned watercolorist.

MAA’s March Monthly Meeting, Wednesday, March 20th, MAA is honored to present **Steve Stauffer**, celebrated oil painter. All MAA meetings are open to the public.

MAA is thrilled to announce a 3-day workshop with David Dean and Kimbal Warren on May 30th, 31st and June 1st. Yes, 2 famous Utah painters in one workshop! This workshop is offered to members and the public. Registration forms are available on MAA’s website, www.midwayartassociation.org

**ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS
and HOME OWNERS:**

[Did You Know?](#)

By Monica Echols
City Building Official

It is the Building Departments goal to help you understand the State and local government ordinances, Codes and building requirements to help prevent infractions of the laws that you may not know, help keep our community beautiful, and most importantly keep the public safe. The Purpose of the *Building Department and Building Code* is to ensure all construction, including small remodeling projects, meet the Minimum Code requirements to safeguard the public safety, health and general welfare through affordability, structural strength, means of egress facilities, stability, sanitation, light and ventilation, energy conservation and safety to life and property from fire and other hazards attributed to the built environment and to provide safety to fire fighters and emergency responders during emergency operations.

In most cases the permitting process will take only 5-10 days to complete. We can also offer insight with our knowledge of the building code and other federal law requirements for building permits in order to help avoid costly mistakes. As a Home owner or an Owner of a commercial building, space, and even as one who leases a space you have a very important responsibility to ***yourself, your employees, your customers, and the public*** to ***maintain a safe business and living environment***. Midway City has ordinances in place which make failure to obtain building permits a class B misdemeanor for the owner and a class A misdemeanor for contractors. Contractors may also be investigated by the State Licensing Department (DOPL).

<u>Permit Fees</u>	<u>Required Building Permits</u>
\$15.00 + 1% State Tax fee	Water Heaters, Furnace, and A/C repairs and Installations and modification of an existing gas line
\$25.00 + 1% State Tax Fee	Roof Recover and Repair
\$50.00 + 1% State Tax Fee	Roof Replacement, Temporary Power, and Electrical upgrade relocation or repair
\$100 + 1% State Tax Fee	Basement Finish
New Construction	Fees are based on ICC Square footage construction costs + plan review fee + 1 % State Tax Fee + Impact Fees

If you need further information, please stop by our office located at 75 North 100 West or call the Building Department at 435-654-3223 ext. 1 or visit our Web page at www.midwaycityut.org/Building-Safety.

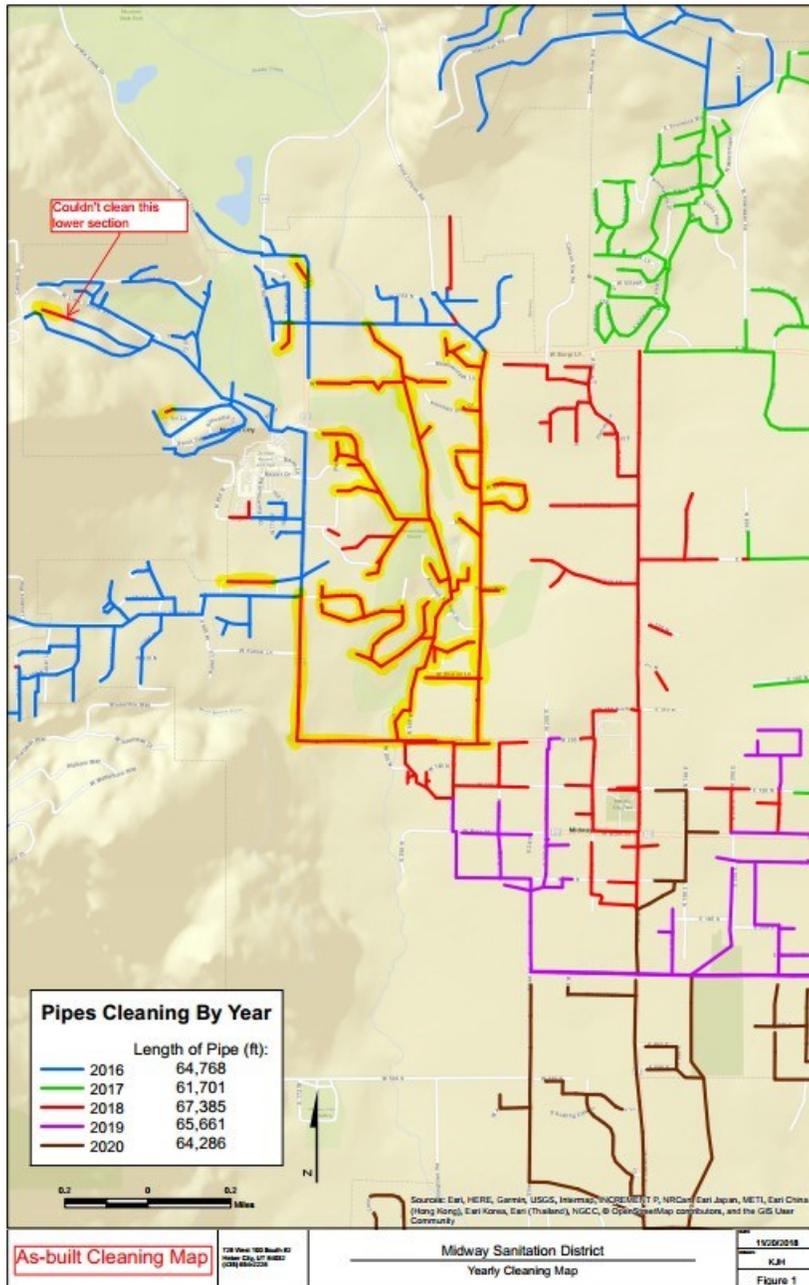
Midway Sanitation Conducting Preventive Maintenance on Pipelines

Midway Sanitation District cleans and videos 1/5th of their sewer lines every year, thus the whole system is cleaned and videoed completely every five years as preventative maintenance.

The general contractor, Twin "D" Inc., will be cleaning the main sewer lines according to the map on the left. If they will be working near your home, please close your toilet lids in the rare event the cleaning truck pressurizes your lateral.

We greatly appreciate your patience and cooperation with the preventative maintenance work.

Thank you. And if you have any questions or comments, please contact Midway Sanitation District at (435) 654-3223 ext. 104.



January Events

- Jan 1st New Year's Day – **CITY OFFICES CLOSED**
- Jan 8th Planning Commission – **Comm Center 7:00pm**
- Jan 15th City Council Work Mtg. – **City Office 10:00am**
City Council Regular Mtg. – **Comm. Center 6:00pm**
- Jan 21st Martin Luther King Holiday – **CITY OFFICES CLOSED**

February Events

- Feb 2nd Groundhog Day
- Feb 5th City Council Work Mtg. – **City Office 10:00am**
City Council Regular Mtg. – **Comm. Center 6:00pm**
- Feb 12th Planning Commission – **Comm Center 7:00pm**

February Events (cont)

- Feb 14th Valentine's Day
- Feb 21st Presidents Day Holiday – **CITY OFFICES CLOSED**

March Events

- March 5th City Council Work Mtg. – **City Office 10:00am**
City Council Regular Mtg. – **Comm. Center 6:00pm**
- March 10th Daylight Savings Time Begins – **Clocks ahead 1 hour**
- March 12th Planning Commission – **Comm Center 7:00pm**
- March 17th St. Patrick's Day
- March 19th City Council Work Mtg. – **City Office 10:00am**
City Council Regular Mtg. – **Comm. Center 6:00pm**



SNOW REMINDERS



Our Public Works Department utilizes all available assets as needed to clear the roads depending on the storm event, snowfall received and duration of the storm. Road salt is for icy and slick conditions to help provide traction. Posted speed limits are for good weather conditions, please use common sense when driving in winter conditions, the lives you save may be your own.

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 asphalt or impervious surface 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 is that period beginning with 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 vehicle not moved during this period will be subject to being towed at the owner's expense.

Removal of Snow From Right-of-Ways: When snow is plowed and resulting windrows to the side of the road including in front of mail boxes and into driveways. We understand that this is extremely frustrating to our residents. Because our priority is to clear the road and create a safe travel way, it is not an option to raise or turn the plow blade the opposite way at every driveway approach, we ask for your understanding and cooperation.

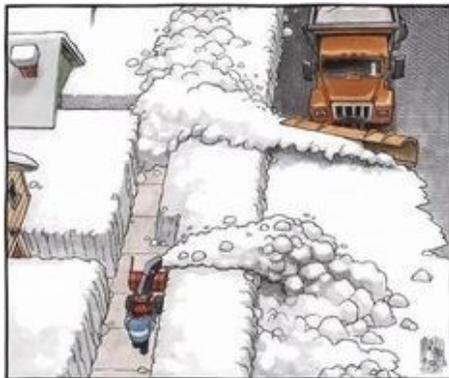
Snow Removal From Private

Drives: It shall be unlawful for any person to remove snow from private drives or other private property and place or deposit that snow in or on any City street or public right-of-way.

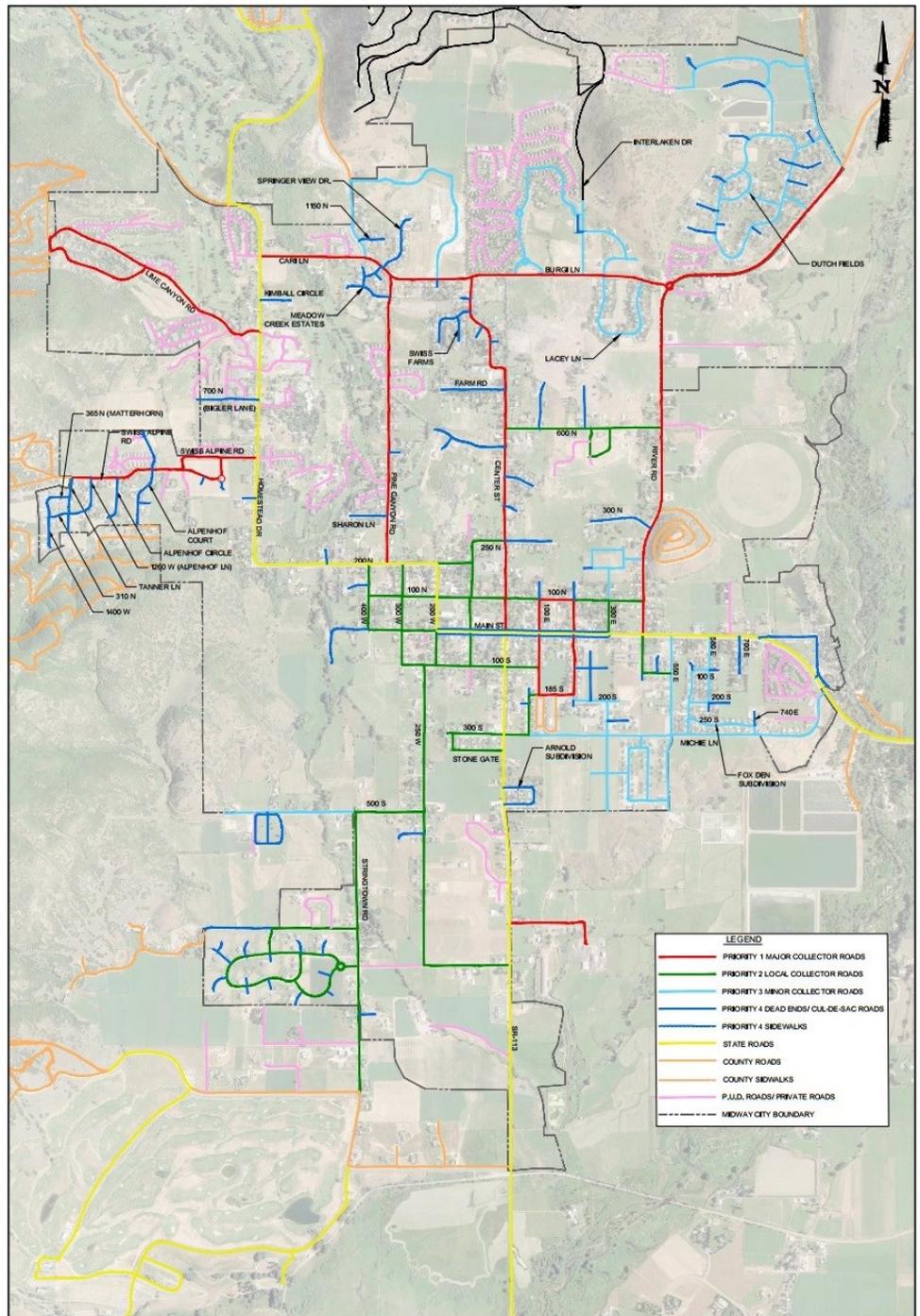
Sidewalks To Be Cleared: It shall be the duty of a property owner to clear the sidewalks at the perimeter of his or her property within twelve hours from the end of each snow storm.

Snow Removal Near Mailboxes: 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 mail box. The mail box area shall be uncovered for a distance of not less than three feet on all sides.

Please check the Snow Plowing Priority Map to the right for any Questions you may have.



ALSO NOTE: 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.



LEGEND	
—	PRIORITY 1 MAJOR COLLECTOR ROADS
—	PRIORITY 2 LOCAL COLLECTOR ROADS
—	PRIORITY 3 MINOR COLLECTOR ROADS
—	PRIORITY 4 DEAD ENDS/CUL-DE-SAC ROADS
—	STATE ROADS
—	COUNTY ROADS
—	COUNTY SIDEWALKS
—	P.U.D. ROADS/PRIVATE ROADS
—	MIDWAY CITY BOUNDARY