



Midway City News

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Midway City Corporation



Mayor's Message

By Colleen Bonner
Midway City Mayor

First of all, allow me to introduce myself to you as we start this new era together. I'm Colleen Bonner and have lived in Midway since 1978. I'm married to Steve Bonner, we have 4 children. I own and operate *Colleen's Hair Studio* on Center Street. Some of my interests include quilting, hiking, cooking and spending time with my granddaughter.

After serving on the City Council for the past 12 years, being elected as your Mayor brings a mixture of emotions all at the same time. *Excitement* for the direction in which I see the City going; *Challenges* of maintaining unity within the community by balancing growth; *Privileged* to be able to represent the City as we move forward; and *Honored* as I feel your confidence in my leadership.

The City has seen significant changes over the years. When I was elected to the City Council, the City had 3 full-time office employees and 5 public works crew members. The basement of the City office was a recreation center, we didn't own the Community Center, and Midway became a host venue for the 2002 Winter Olympics at Soldier Hollow. Many of you may remember that the Town Hall was used as a main communications hub during that exciting time.

My council duties included being the liaison over city parks, which I'm happy to report have received significant improvements through the years.

For example:

Centennial Park now has a shelter with picnic tables, a playground area, new lights and sidewalks.

At **Hamlet Park** the City has added two shelters with picnic tables, a large playground area, trees and landscaping, restrooms, sidewalks throughout, a bell tower, extra parking and flag poles at the entrance.

Valais Park was established and landscaped, and has tennis courts, basketball courts, a baseball diamond, restrooms, and this summer we will complete an enclosed area for an off-leash dog park.

Alpenhof Park, the least known of our parks, has been beautifully landscaped, along with a shelter and benches, playground area and small parking lot.

The **Town Square** tennis court was resurfaced and painted, the ice rink was built, the ice castles are here through the winter, additional pine trees have been planted, and through a land trade, the Community Center was opened providing a new home for our City Council chamber along with additional meeting space for citizens.

All of these improvements could never have been accomplished without the help of dedicated volunteers and eagle scout projects. All of our parks continue to be works in progress as we make improvements to each of them.

Over the last 12 years the City's population has almost doubled, which creates unique challenges with our water system, traffic patterns, long term planning and maintaining a thriving business district. We want business to grow and thrive as we keep Midway's long-term vision of a small town feeling.

I'm looking forward to working with all of you in keeping Midway a wonderful place to live and raise a family!

New Alpenhof Well Drill



Midway City, in planning for future water needs, drilled a new test well. This well is located in the Alpenhof Park boundaries on the east side of the City. The soil in this park has been excavated back away from the exploratory test well site and will be moved back and relandscaped.

The well drilling has been completed to the depth of 1,000 feet and the Kyle Widdison Company has performed a well draw down test to see how much water the well will produce. Once that data is available, the City will begin working on permits with the State of Utah and The Division of Drinking Water for a new well house and pump station.

With the preliminary tools used by the well drillers, we have determined that the new well already allows for more water production than the original well and the City is confident that the preliminary water samples come back positive from testing so that we can go forward with a full production well that will meet all our future production needs.

**SUPPORT OUR HOMETOWN
SHOP LOCAL**





It's time to renew your business license.

This is a friendly reminder that it is time to renew your business license. The renewal notices have been sent out. Annual fees are effective on January 1st and expire on December 31st. A fifty percent (50%) Late Fee will be assessed after February 1st. Please remember that your license must be displayed in a conspicuous place on a wall of the building, room or office of the place of business so it may be easily seen.

Who needs a business license? Any person who transacts, engages in or carries on any business, trade, profession, calling, or is operating a vending, pinball or coin-operated machine in the City of Midway must have the class or type of license required. In addition to Business Licenses, licenses are required for door to door solicitation, sale of alcoholic beverages, sexually oriented businesses, Special Swiss Day

requirements, Transient Home Rentals, and Special Events.

Licensed businesses are subject to other provisions of the Code and must obtain written preliminary approval of the business location from the Planning Department and written preliminary approval as to regulatory code compliance from the building inspector and fire marshall.

If you are conducting business in the City and do not have a business license, please contact the Midway City Planning Department as soon as possible for specific information on the type of license you may require. You may also access the complete code and all requirements by visiting www.midwaycityut.org. Click on Codes and Ordinances and download Title 7 Business Licenses and Regulations.

As always, City staff is available to answer any of your questions by calling our office at 435-654-3223.

Ice Castles Are Back In Midway



After a two-year hiatus, Brent Christensen and his team of ice artists have returned to Midway to once again bring the magic of Ice Castles to life.

Brent's team of artists start by "growing" more than 5,000 icicles every day, then sculpting them together. The newly placed icicles are then drenched in freezing water. The blend of icicle placement, changing temperatures, water volume, and wind result in an astonishing variety of ice formations, so all of the beauty you see at the ice castle is a unique blend of an artistic eye and Mother Nature's work.

This process is repeated once or twice a day, and after a few weeks worth of growth, the team can create large towers, tunnels, archways, caves, caverns and safe pathways for pedestrian exploration.

Bring your family for an unforgettable experience this season! Located on Midway Town Square, 150 West 100 North.

Hours of Operation

Weekdays from 2:00pm to 9:00pm
Saturdays from Noon to 10:00pm
CLOSED on Sunday.

Admission

\$8.00 Weekday / \$10.00 Saturday / CLOSED Sunday
Children 3 and under are free

For more information, logon to www.icecastles.com/midway



ICE RINK OPENS



Our frigid December temperatures wreaked havoc on driving, walking, getting to work and many more daily activities, but the Ice Rink Manager, Cris Schulz, was happy. Cris says those cold temperatures along with our new chiller will make the best ice skating conditions Midway has seen for many years.

Schedule an outing for your church or civic group; plan a birthday party; hold a company event or family reunion. It's an excellent way to socialize and most of all, have fun! You can make group reservations by calling 435-654-4204. Bring your friends and families and skate at Utah's most scenic outdoor rink. There is also a warming hut for your convenience.

Public Skating Hours

Monday – Saturday; 2:00pm – 10:00pm
Sunday 12:00pm – 4:00pm
Family Skating Night every Monday Evening

Admission Prices

Adults (13 and up) . . . \$6.00
Children \$4.00
Skate Rental \$2.00

Also Available

Group Rates
Private Ice Rentals
Season Passes
Skating Classes

For additional information, call the Ice Rink at 435-654-4204.

The City purchased a new chiller for making ice; twice the size of the old one. It will be a great ice skating season!





High Valley Arts'
Small Town Quilt Show
in a big town way

June 26-28, 2014 at Zermatt Resort
Featuring Nationally-Known Teachers
 Joanna Figueuroa-Becky Goldsmith-Lori Holt-Sandy Klop

Registration Open NOW at www.HighValleyArts.org

Natalia Bonner and Kathleen Whiting are the “motors” behind High Valley Arts’ newest venture – bringing a yearly quilt show to Midway. Registration opened Nov. 10th and already some of the classes are filling up. You can see pictures of the quilting/embroidery/technology classes offered online at www.HighValleyArts.org.

Natalia and Kathleen have a national following on their blog, www.PieceAndQuilt.com. Don’t miss this terrific “At Home!” event!



Solstice
Writing Retreat
July 10-12, 2014
Homestead Resort

For the second year, High Valley Arts will sponsor a Writing Retreat at the Homestead Resort under the guidance of Dean Hughes, who recently published his 100th book. New this year is a class taught by Dean: “Writing Historical Fiction”. Registration will open February, 2014 at www.HighValleyArts.org. Classes are open to beginners thru experienced writers and include blogs, self-help, family history, etc.

Last year’s comments included: “I loved the intimate setting, the fabulous authors”. “The authors were approachable and willing to engage with any of us. That was amazing!”

Don’t miss this exciting “At Home!” event!



Winter Water Service Frost Prevention



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.

Also water meters that are located near driveways and sidewalks have a high potential of freezing once the blanket of insulated snow is removed (plowed) because this allows the frost to penetrate deeper into the ground allowing for the water lines to freeze. If a water service freezes up, the City is responsible for defrosting the water service from the meter to the mainline. If the water service freezes from the meter to the house it is the responsibility of the homeowner to pay for any services/fees that may occur in the defrosting of your water service. If water is flowing from your water meter box, please contact the City, **DO NOT TURN OFF** any water or valves yourself. The water meters are designed to break on the bottom to help in the prevention of freezing the water service from the meter to the water main. Midway City cannot prevent their side of the water service from freezing without the residents help. If a frozen water line occurs on the City side of the water meter, the City will defrost their side without any charge to the homeowner for the first occurrence, if the line freezes a second time after the line has been defrosted and no visible action has been taken by the homeowner to prevent freezing on their side of the water meter as recommended by the City, the homeowner will be responsible for all fees that occur in the defrosting of the waterline. From November 15th to April 1st water meters will not be billed for overages.

January Events

- Jan. 8th City Council – **Community Center 7:00pm**
- Jan. 15th Planning Commission – **Comm. Center 7:00pm**
- Jan 20th Martin Luther King Holiday

February Events

- Feb. 12th City Council – **Community Center 7:00pm**
- Feb. 14th Valentine’s Day
- Feb. 17th President’s Day Holiday
- Feb. 19th Planning Commission – **Comm. Center 7:00pm**
- Feb. 24th Flag Day

March Events

- March 9th Daylight Savings Time Begins (clocks ahead 1 hour)
- March 12th City Council – **Community Center 7:00pm**
- March 17th St. Patrick’s Day
- March 19th Planning Commission – **Comm. Center 7:00pm**
- March 20th First Day of Spring

Midway Boosters Host Swiss Christmas the Creche

The Midway Boosters are very pleased with the community turnout and support for Swiss Christmas and the Creche Exhibit earlier this month. Festivities began in November when Booster members met to decorate the Town Hall in the season's finery and set the clocktower ChimeMaster to play Christmas carols every 15 minutes from 9:00am to 9:00pm. If you haven't had the opportunity to listen to these beautiful carols on the **carillon of bells**, come to Town Square to listen to the music and feel of the Christmas Spirit there.

Swiss Christmas was well attended this year and was made all the more special with the help of Mother Nature who provided a beautiful new coat of white for the occasion. The entertainment was excellent as visitors and shoppers flocked into the Town Hall to listen and to shop for Christmas gifts in the many booths. Performances by the Children's Swiss Chorus and Swiss Miss Royalty were particularly well done and Mother and Father Christmas were there to greet all the youngsters. New this year was a food tent where Swiss/German food was served to warm up our visitors.

Also new this year was the location of the **Creche Exhibit**, which was located next door at the Community Center. The proximity to the Town Hall was very convenient and visitors were able to experience both Swiss Christmas and the Creche Exhibit together. Festively adorned with Christmas decorations, the Community Center was very beautiful and provided a fitting setting for the many nativities which provided a solemn and spiritual interfaith experience in remembrance of the birth of our savior.

A final event for the year 2013, "**A Gift to the Community**", with performances by the Swiss Chorus under the direction of Mike Siggard and The Swiss Belles under the direction of Britt Hanks, will be held in Town Hall on Monday evening, December 23rd at 7:00pm. Come out and enjoy the Christmas Season with this special presentation.

The Midway Boosters extends deep felt thanks to all those who helped with the setup and staffing of Swiss Christmas and the Creche Exhibit, and to the City who made it possible to exhibit in Town Hall and the Community Center. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and look forward to serving the Midway Community next year.

REMINDER



Vehicles are not to be parked along any City roads through the winter season. This allows our snowplows to keep all roads clean and passable.

Spotlight on Business

Midway Country Corner

Susan Fox opened Midway Country Corner in 2006 because Utah needed a cake and pastry shop with flare! She has been in the bakery business for 26 years and had always dreamt of owning her own shop.

"If you can dream it, we can make it!" is her motto.

Midway Country Corner specializes in unique cakes for any occasion. There are many times where a cake is in order: birthdays, weddings, baptisms, showers, etc. Everyone has family occasions that just plain need a cake!

Located at 206 West Main Street, Susan's store is a showcase of specialty cakes, cupcakes and other yummy treats. She prides herself on making everything on her cakes edible.



One of the benefits of having Country Corner make your wedding cake is that with your purchase, Susan provides free delivery and set-up of your cake, and supplies a one-year anniversary cake at no charge.

We're here for customers who want an upscale product for special occasions. We offer many flavors and styles to suit any taste, and we are willing to provide unique and special designs upon request. We also have fresh pastries and specialty drinks available, so stop in and visit!

Hours of Operation

Tuesday – Friday 10:00am to 5:00pm

Saturday 9:00am to 4:00pm

www.midwaycountrycorner.com



PET LICENSING DUE JANUARY 1ST

If you own a dog or cat, it's time to renew their tag and registration for 2014. Stop by the City office anytime to pick up your pet's license.



If your pet is spayed or neutered, the licensing fee is \$15.00. The fee is \$25.00 if they are not. You must also bring written proof that your pet has a current rabies vaccination from a licensed veterinarian.

The City is looking forward to the opening of our new off-leash dog park located at Valais Park. We hope to have it completely fenced and operational by March or April of this year.

