



Midway City News

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Midway City Corporation

City To Implement An Auto Pay and Credit Card Payment System



Weary from writing checks? Spent on buying stamps? Beginning in 2015 Midway City will be implementing Xpress Bill Pay for our Water Utility payments online. As we begin using the system, we will later begin taking credit card payments for all services that Midway City offers, for example business licensing, dog licensing, and hopefully eventually building permits in the office.

The new service will give residents the ability to view, track, and pay their water utilities through the secure Xpress Bill Pay website. Various payment options are available including credit and debit cards and electronic funds transfer.

If you currently have an account already setup through Xpress Bill Pay for Heber Light and Power, you will not need to create another account, you can just add Midway City. Also, we can now offer paperless billing for those customers that would prefer to do so. Another great feature that Xpress Bill Pay offers is that if you are already setup with your bank for online banking payments (bank bill pay), you do not need to do anything different. The checks we currently receive from your bank, we will continue to receive through Xpress Bill Pay.

Colleen Bonner, Mayor, said the options are a great service to residents and also help the city, "The service not only gives customers the ultimate flexibility when it comes to paying their water utilities but also helps us reduce administrative costs for the city. The service allows residents to receive and pay their bill online, and view their billing history to track expenses. With their experience in online bill payment and strong customer focus, Xpress Bill Pay is a great ally for us in this new service."

At this time this service will be available ONLY for Midway City. Midway Sanitation District will still require payments either by check or cash, in person or by mail. The item is scheduled to go before the Sanitation Board on the 2nd Tuesday of January (January 13th). Midway City encourages you to attend the meeting to express your desire to also be able to pay your sewer billings via Xpress Bill Pay.

How Xpress Bill Pay Benefits Our Customers

- You can receive your bills electronically – bills are easy to view, understand and pay online.
- Convenience – you can now pay with credit card, debit cards or electronic funds transfer, you'll save time, money and avoid late fees.
- Never miss a payment again – with Auto Pay you can set up automatic or recurring bill payments by credit card, debit card, savings and checking account.
- Secure online payment system – all transactions use the same security technology as the leading online banking and financial institutions.
- You can choose the day you want the funds pulled from your account.
- Information is retained so new screens are populated with your information; you are not required to re-key their data each time.

Xpress Bill Pay makes it effortless for you to pay bills online

- Log in to Xpress Bill Pay's secure website and view your bill, which is displayed in the same familiar format as the paper version.
- You select a payment option, enter your information for credit card, debit card, or electronic funds transfer, and you are done.
- You can print a receipt after completing the transaction, as well as receive an email receipt for added confirmation.

More Benefits of Using Xpress Bill Pay

Even if you do not sign up for online bill payment we can still take payments over the phone or if you want to come into the office and pay by credit card or electronic funds transfer. If for example the payment is late, and you can't come into pay in person, or are worried about the mail taking too long to get to us, you can instead give one of our staff your credit card number or checking account number over the phone, and we can enter the payment for you.

We offered this service at the request of our customers. You asked and we delivered! We anticipate that this service will be available in February 2015. To sign up, just go to www.xpressbillpay.com and follow the instructions there.

Public Works

By Shane Owens
Administrative Lead



Controlling Noxious Weeds

Houndstongue

Houndstongue thrives in disturbed soils along roadsides, trails, in pastures and vacant lots. Because of its bur-like seed, it spreads widely along travel corridors as a passenger on clothing or animal fur. It is toxic to livestock.



It grows to be 1 to 4 feet tall and is biennial, with leaves about 3 inches wide with a hairy surface. Small reddish-purple flowers form the upper portions of the plant, and each flower produces 4 green, bur-like fruits that turn brown as they mature. These weeds bloom early in the summer.

CONTROL: Herbicides can offer good to excellent control when applied between the rosette and bloom stages. Digging before seed development can offer good control. Contact your State or County weed control specialist for

specific and updated information. As with all chemicals, please use according to the label when applying a pesticide and herbicide; they have all the rules and information that is required by law.

(Reference page 58. Noxious Weed Field Guide for Utah)



A closeup view of what the houndstongue flower looks like



An example of the houndstongue seed attaching to a pet.

MIDWAY ICE RINK: A NEW AND OLD TRADITION

Ice Skating is a great winter activity for everyone, both young and old alike.

Midway City Ice Rink welcomes you and your family to enjoy "Utah's Most Scenic Outdoor Ice Rink."



Whether you have always had this tradition or will be starting a new tradition, our rink is here to serve Midway and the surrounding communities.

Our group rate is affordable for church and civic groups, birthday parties, company parties, and family reunions. We offer Family Skating Night on Monday evenings in January. Game Night is every Friday at 7 PM, giving you the chance to shoot a hockey puck and enjoy other games on the ice.

Learn to Skate classes, offered by professional coaches three days per week, will instruct you on skills to become better acquainted with the ice as a recreational ice skater, figure skater, or hockey player.

Under the General Management of Bryce Johnson, Rink Management Services Corporation, our ice rink promises great ice and fun activities for everyone. Skate rental, concessions, and warm room provided for your convenience. Wheelchairs and strollers are always welcome.

Public Skating Hours

Sunday 12 – 4 PM
Monday – Thursday 2 – 9 PM
Friday 2 – 10 PM
Saturday 12 – 10 PM

Schedule subject to change due to inclement weather.



Admission Prices

Adults \$6
Children \$5
Skate Rental \$3
Group Rate \$6 including skate rental,
Advanced registration required

For additional information or to book group reservations, private parties or FUNdraisers call 435-654-4204 or find us on online www.MidwayCityUT.org/icerink

LET'S SKATE!



Spotlight On Business



In a world of iPads and Kindles, downloading books online, searching “the cloud”, and instant gratification, it’s nice to know that Judith Griffin still believes in the magic of the written word. Her bookstore—aptly named ReBook—still stocks the real thing; books with covers and artwork and pages made of parchment. ReBook is the only used bookstore still in existence in Heber Valley. Judith has created an environment of tranquility within the store; there are comfortable chairs and quiet places to sit and read or study. One can find any genre of subject matter

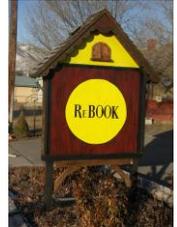
from Children’s books to History, fiction & non-fiction.

There are some advantages to reading a book made out of parchment:

- The battery never goes dead in the middle of a chapter.
- If you leave it in the airport, you don’t miss your connecting flight because you are searching with security for your lost Kindle.
- Children can enjoy the awesome artwork within the pages of the books you read them.

Make it a point this year to visit our wonderful bookstore and say hello to Judith. She can recommend exactly what you are looking for!

ReBook / 159 East Main in Midway.
435-654-6660



ATTENTION ALL BUSINESS OWNERS! City Business License renewal fees are due by January 23, 2015. Reminder notices were mailed out from the City the week of December 15th, so in order to avoid any late charges, make your payment as early as possible. Thanks for helping to keep Midway City flourishing by bringing your small business here!



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 yourselves. 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. 14th City Council – **Community Center 7:00pm**
Jan. 21st Planning Commission – **Comm. Center 7:00pm**
Jan 19th Martin Luther King Holiday

February Events

Feb. 11th City Council – **Community Center 7:00pm**
Feb. 14th Valentine’s Day
Feb. 16th President’s Day Holiday
Feb. 18th Planning Commission – **Comm. Center 7:00pm**
Feb. 24th Flag Day

March Events

March 8th Daylight Savings Time Begins (clocks ahead 1 hour)
March 11th City Council – **Community Center 7:00pm**
March 17th St. Patrick’s Day
March 18th Planning Commission – **Comm. Center 7:00pm**
March 20th First Day of Spring

A Message from the Midway Boosters



As the year 2014 draws to a conclusion, the Midway Boosters would like to thank each of you for your participation in the events we have sponsored this year. We feel we have sponsored several large events that require a tremendous amount of work and effort. I am often asked how such a small community puts on such quality events. The answer lies in the fact that the Booster Board organizes them and the Midway citizens lend tremendous volunteerism support in carrying them out.

During this past year, it has become evident to us what busy lives we all lead.

At times, that has created time restraints on the Board members as they attempt to balance all that they have going on.

To that end, we need and welcome support from the community as a whole. Consequently we have created a new group that we are calling "Friends of Midway". Many of you have come forward and expressed a desire to be involved in community service and yet do not have the time to serve on the Board at this juncture of your lives. It is anticipated that Friends of Midway will serve as an excellent place to render some community service without the time requirements of a Board member.

Basically, we are composing a list of those willing to serve and we will then contact them as the need for help arises. Kevin Snow, 2015 Booster Board President, is currently compiling such a list. If you have interest in serving on the Friends of Midway committee or have further questions, please contact Doug Jenkins (801-557-4367) or Kevin Snow (801-319-7112). We would welcome your support and help. We are all fortunate to live in such a beautiful mountain community that has such a plethora of wholesome community events occurring year around. Simply put, I love this community that we live in.

It has been a pleasure for me to function as President of the Booster Organization this year.

As indicated, Kevin Snow will serve as President for 2015 with the Executive Board consisting of Chip Maxfield as Vice President, Larry Bonner as Treasurer, Nancy Simons as Secretary, and Doug Jenkins as Past President. Twenty-five other Midway Residents will round out the Midway Boosters' Board.

Finally, in December, the Boosters were able to purchase a new, black, Yamaha baby grand piano and place it in Town Hall. It was used extensively during the holiday season and will be used by various performing groups in the future. Look for it the next time you attend a performance in Town Hall. It is beautiful! Thank you. ~ Doug Jenkins, Boosters President 2014 ~



Small Town Swiss Christmas

Once again, the annual Swiss Christmas events were a success, and the City would like to thank each and every one of you for supporting Local Businesses. Enjoy these pictures from Swiss Christmas, the Town Party and the City Tree Lighting.



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.

