



Midway City News

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Midway City Corporation

Water Conservation



Mayor's Message

By Connie Tatton
Midway City Mayor

Because of the low precipitation this past winter the spring run-off from the snow pack in the mountains is extremely low. According to Mike Kohler, Midway Irrigation Company Water Master, the run off in May is looking as if it were in August of a normal year. In other words, we need to start conserving our water. Some people are already experiencing low water pressure. The City is concerned that we have enough water in our tanks for fire flow protection. The City has already taken steps by significantly reducing the amount of time it waters the parks. We would encourage all businesses, residents and HOA presidents to reduce the timers on your sprinkler system and set the timers during the night or early morning hours. Water may become critical this summer.

If we all take conservation measures now, hopefully we won't have to go on rations later in the summer.

Here are some conservation tips for the home and yard:

- Check faucets and pipes for leaks.
- Contact Public Works to check your water meter for hidden water leaks.
- Install water-saving shower heads and low-flow faucet aerators.
- Insulate your water pipes, so it will take less time for hot water to get there.
- Take shorter showers. A 4-minute shower takes 20 to 40 gallons.
- Turn off the water after wetting your tooth brush.
- Use your dishwasher and clothes washer for only full loads.
- Put a layer of mulch around trees and plants to insulate them.
- Let your lawn grow a little longer so it requires less water.
- If putting in new landscaping, plant drought-resistant lawns, shrubs & plants.
- Water during the early parts of the day; avoid watering when it's windy.
- You can greatly reduce the amount of water used for shrubs & lawns by the strategic placement of soaker hoses or installing a simple drip-irrigation system.
- Check for leaks in pipes, hoses, faucets and couplings.
- Use a broom, not a hose, to clean driveways & sidewalks.

Noxious Weeds: Wanted DEAD not alive

Leafy Spurge: Perennial, grows up to three feet tall; reproduces by vigorous root stalks and seed. Leaves are narrow, 1 to 4 inches in length. Stems are thickly clustered, while the flowers are a yellowish-green, small in size and found in numerous clusters. Roots are brown with pink buds that can be found at depths of 14 feet. Seeds are oblong, grayish to purple and are contained in a three-celled capsules, each cell contains a single seed. It causes a severe irritation to the mouth and digestive tract in cattle which may result in death. Seeds may be viable in soil for up to eight years.



"Weeds of the West"
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Planning & Zoning

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City Fireworks and Open Fire Restrictions

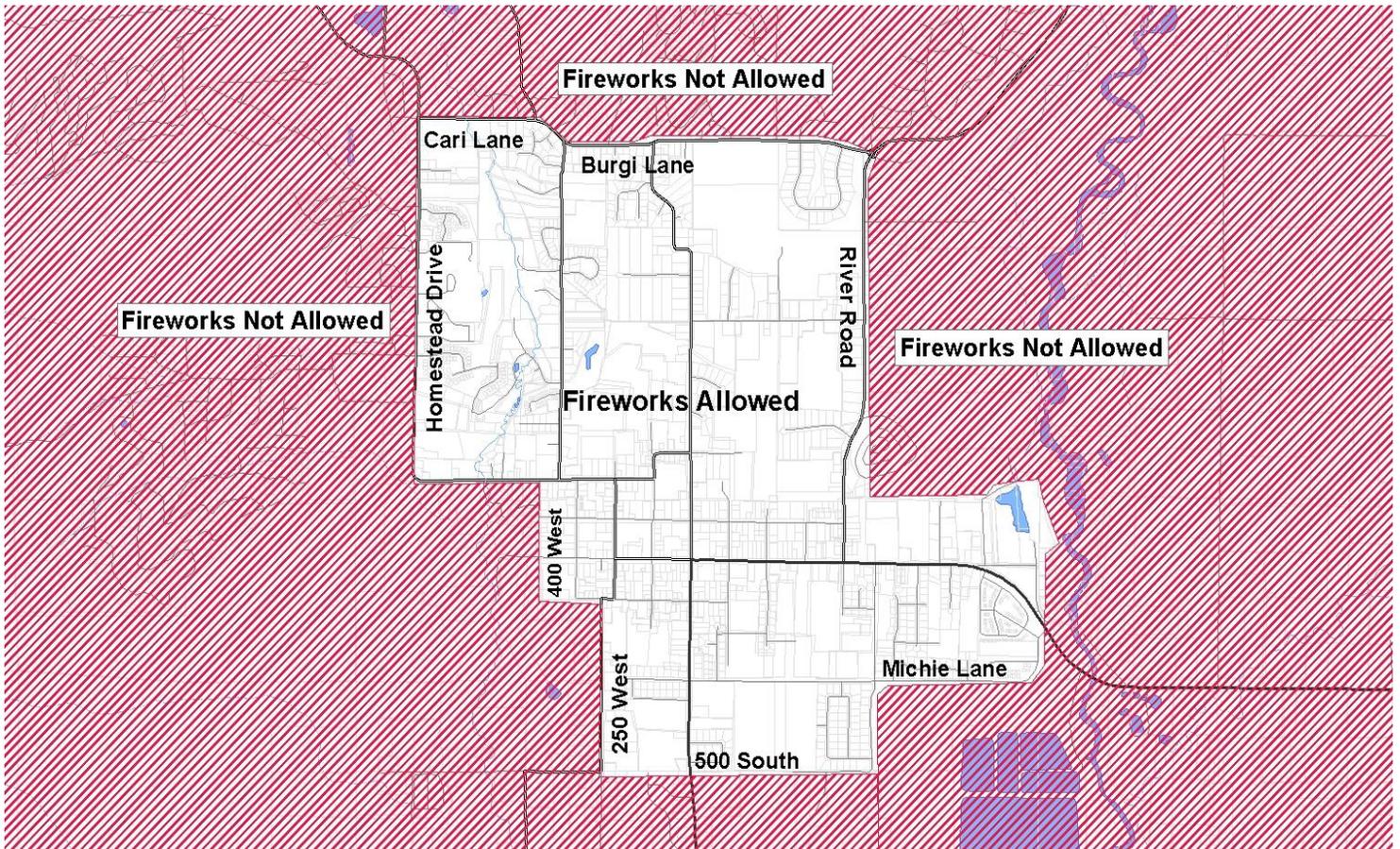
The Wasatch County Fire Marshall has recommended restrictions on fireworks and fires in certain areas of cities where vegetation is overgrown or in benches and foothills where wild land fire potential is extreme. Midway City Council enacted an ordinance on June 12 restricting the discharge of fireworks within specific areas of the City.

Midway City has defined the geographical areas where restrictions are in force effective July 1, 2013 on the discharge of any fireworks; including Class A, B and C, and open fires (see map on this page):

- North of Cari Lane, Burgi Lane, River Road from the round-about north.
- West of Homestead Drive, 400 West, 250 West.
- East of Michie Lane to Provo River
- South of 500 South
- Or other areas where vegetation is overgrown.

Residents living in these listed restricted areas are welcome to come to the Town Square to use Class C fireworks such as igniters, fuses and “common fireworks”, which are the smaller and less powerful fireworks available for sale and use by the general public. Please clean up your debris from your fireworks off the Town Square.

For more information on the restrictions, please visit www.utahfireinfo.gov - OR- www.midwaycityut.org.



ADDITIONAL FIREWORKS INFORMATION

Fireworks may only be discharged as noted:

July 1-3	11:00am to 11:00pm	July 21-23	11:00am to 11:00pm
July 4	11:00am to midnight	July 24	11:00am to midnight
July 5-7	11:00am to 11:00pm	July 25-27	11:00am to 11:00pm
July 8-20	Fireworks Not Permitted		

- State of Utah approved Class “C” fireworks can only be sold.
- You must be at least 16 years old to purchase fireworks.
- Keep a bucket of water nearby to place spent fireworks in for at least 12 hours.

Historic Home Eligibility

Your home may be eligible for the Midway Historic Register.

There are two active registers that offer recognition and protection to older homes in Midway. One is the Midway Local Historical Register, the other is the National Register of Historic Places. They differ in the amount of paper work needed to get on the registers. The home owner can, with a little effort, get on the Local Historical Register. To get a site on the National Register there is a lot more research on the home, i.e., its builder, the significance of the architecture and the people who lived in the home. It is possible for the home owner to do a lot of the background research on the history of the home and its inhabitants, but it is worth the cost to get professional to fill out the application.

To get on the Local Register the house or other building should be at least 50 years old. If it is over 75 years old there is an ordinance that says if you want to tear down an older home you must have a permit from the City, and the Historic Preservation Committee has 30 days to review the application. If they feel it should be saved there is another 30 days while the Committee seeks ways to preserve the structure through purchase, moving or harvesting windows, etc.

Being on either register has little or no effect on what is done on the interior of the home. Both have some weight and control over changes to the exterior, including widow and door openings. Part of the function of the Preservation Committee is to help you preserve the appearance of the home by providing resources and guidance in working on your preservation project. Being on the local register also helps establish the importance of the property and its eligibility for the National Register.

If your home and related buildings are on the National Register of Historic Places there are both National and State income tax relief particularly valuable if the project is going to cost more the \$50,000.00.

For more information on the Midway Historic Register contact Carl Jones of the Midway Historic Preservation Committee 435-671-6848, or the City Planning Office.

If you would like to apply with the National Register a good person to talk to is Barbara Murphy, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, 801-245-2251.

Upcoming Events

Jun 27 th – Jul 4 th	Small Town Fourth/Plein Air Town Hall & Comm. Center	July 5 th – 6 th	Susette Gertsch Art Exhibition Town Hall 10:00am – 8:00pm
July 4 th	Patriotic Sunrise Program and Breakfast at Town Square 7:00am FIREWORKS AT DUSK from Memorial Hill	Jul 26 th – Aug 3 rd Aug 3 rd	Wasatch County Fair Days Run Like A Girl 5K & 10K Centennial Park 7:00am
July 3 rd - 20 th	The Music Man / High Valley Arts Midway Outdoor Theater 7:30pm	Aug 30 th – 31 st Sept ???	MIDWAY SWISS DAYS Wasatch County Preparedness Fair Wasatch County Fair Park

SR-113/U.S. 40 Pavement Maintenance Chip Seal

On Sunday, June 23, the Utah Department of Transportation began pavement maintenance on S.R. 113 (South Center Street to 189 in Charleston) and along a 10-mile stretch of U.S. 40 starting at the Heber Main St./U.S. 40 intersection and heading southeast through Daniels Canyon. Crews will apply a chip-seal surface to the roadway to protect it from weather and extend pavement life. The majority of work will occur during the day with the exception of several nights when crews will perform work on the S.R. 113 bridge over the Provo River. The full project is anticipated to be completed in late July 2013.



Motorists, residents and businesses can expect the following impacts:

Lane restrictions and one-way flagging operations will be in effect to allow crews room to work. Motorists are advised to plan for extra time while traveling through the area. Resident and business accesses will be maintained except for brief periods when equipment passes directly in front of properties.

NOTICE

City Culinary/Drinking Water Customers

With summer in full swing and the irrigation secondary water systems on, we need to make sure that we are properly protected against cross connections of our drinking and irrigation water. Please remember that Midway City does not allow any culinary water to be used in conjunction with irrigation water that may contaminate our water sources. If you use Midway culinary water for your outside irrigation you must have it protected with a properly installed and inspected backflow prevention device (see photo example below). If you have any questions please contact the Midway City Offices at (435) 654-3223.



Centennial Committee



The Wasatch County Centennial Committee with the support of the Mayor and City Council are in the process of bringing into existence a unique plaza containing three impressive pieces of bronze-work together with an invita-

tional plaque for the purpose of inviting the inhabitants of the valley to respond to Brigham Young's invitation to increase beauty and excellence among the people and for the purpose of enhancing the already existing beauty of Midway and complementing Wasatch County at large. Sculptor Leroy Transfield has been commissioned to create three life-size pieces of bronze-work. A mother and her son planting a tree is to remind us, "He who plants a tree Plants a hope..." A ten-foot high bronze *bas* relief will reflect the value of family togetherness, music, and trees and will include the words of the poet, Lucy Larcom, "Gifts that grow are best; Hands that bless are blest. The life-size bronze violinist will speak of, "The Beauty of Music! I hear it with this little ear of mine."

It is the hope of the Committee that the citizens of Midway will each in their own way contribute, and have a claim of "ownership" in this most worthwhile project, and will have a desire to help protect and preserve it in the years to come.