



Midway City News

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Midway City Corporation



Mayor's Message

*By Colleen Bonner
Midway City Mayor*

Water Conservation

This winter was almost a repeat of last year with lower than average snow totals and other precipitation. The spring run-off from the snow pack in the mountains is again extremely low, and I am urging all citizens to start conserving water. Some people may already be experiencing low water pressure, and the City wants to assure we have enough water in our tanks for fire flow protection. We are taking steps to reduce the amount of time, and when, our parks are watered, as well as other water saving actions. We would encourage all businesses, residents and HOA presidents to reduce times on your outdoor sprinkler systems and set them to run during the late evening or early morning hours. Water may become critical this summer.

If we all take conservation measures now, hopefully the City won't have to enforce water restrictions later in the season.

Below is a review of suggestions each of us can implement to help in conserving water.

- 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.

- Take shorter showers. A 4-minute shower takes 20 to 40 gallons.
- Insulate your water pipes, so it will take less time for hot water to get there.
- 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.



I urge all citizens to play an active part in saving water today which will ensure keeping the quality of life we all enjoy for our tomorrows.



Come and join us for another wonderful Small Town Fourth of July in Midway!

July 4th will start with a 6:30am wake up cannon blast which calls all residents to a Sunrise Service on Town Square. Our featured speaker this year is Utah Governor Gary Herbert. Several heritage events will be taking place at the Community Center as well:

Midway Beginnings: Stories, artifacts and photographs bring the past to life as John Besendorfer shares his knowledge.

Mining and Midway: Original slide presentation by Jerry Springer on local mining activities.

Antique Tractor Display: Restored or working tractors dated from the 1940's will be on display in the parking lot on Town Square.

The day will culminate at dusk with the annual fireworks display over Memorial Hill.

ADDITIONAL EXTENDED ACTIVITIES

HIGH VALLEY ARTS will be presenting their stage production of Oklahoma! June 27th through July 12th at their beautiful outdoor theater.

MIDWAY ART ASSOCIATION's 9th Annual Plein Air Paradise takes place June 27th – July 5th and is the largest painting competition of its kind in Utah. Events include timed "paint-outs" in Heber & Midway as well as a "Quick Draw" where artists paint a finished canvas in 90 minutes. For more information visit our website at:

www.midwaycityut.org



Planning & Zoning

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City Fireworks and Open Fire Restrictions

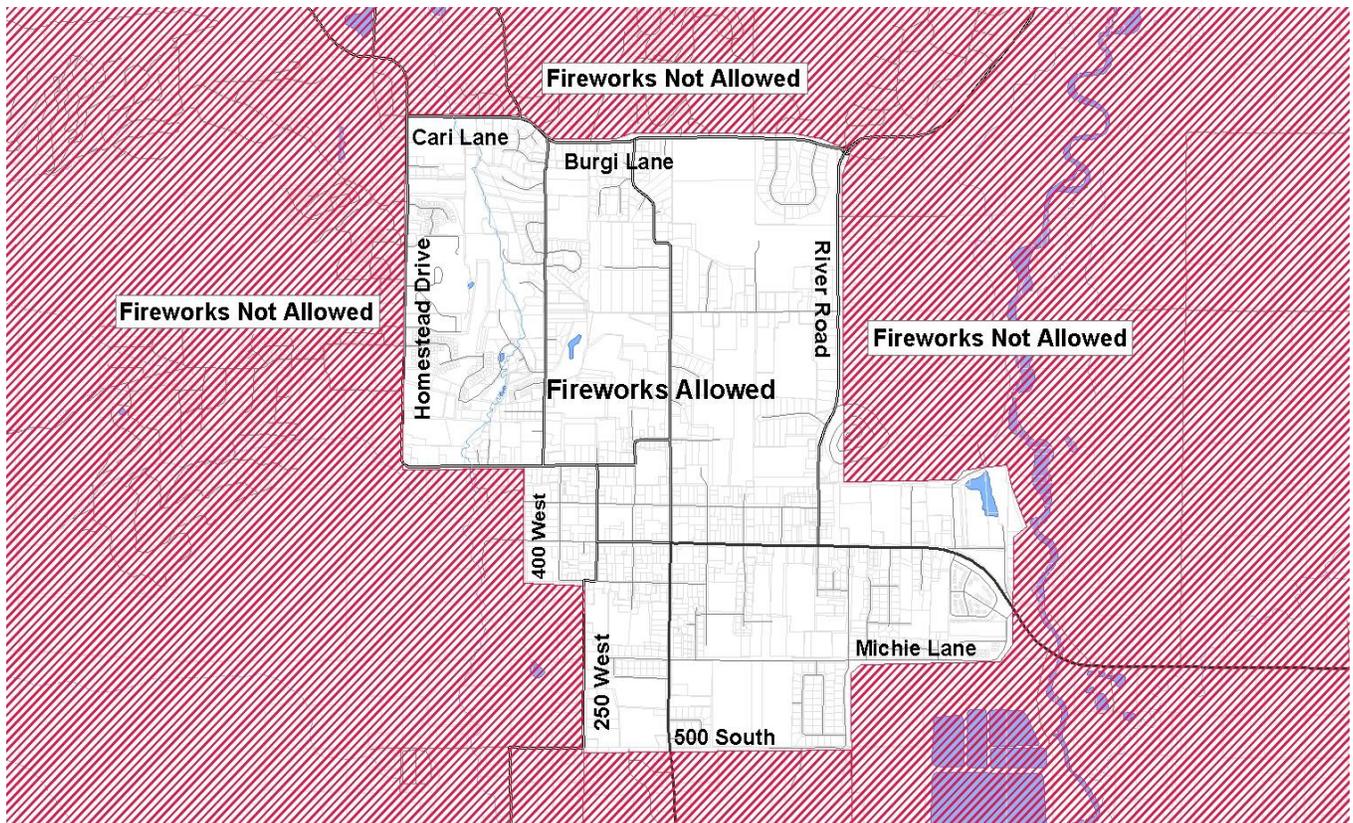
The Wasatch County Fire Marshall has recommended restrictions on fireworks and fires in certain areas of cities where vegetation is overgrown or in benches and foothills where wild land fire potential is extreme. Midway City Council enacted an ordinance on June 12 restricting the discharge of fireworks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

Midway City has defined the geographical areas where restrictions are in force effective July 1, 2014 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
- 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.



July Events

June 27 th -July 5 th	Plein Air Paradise Art Exhibit/Competition & Sale
July 2 nd & 3 rd	“Oklahoma!” HVA Outdoor Theater / 7:00pm
July 4 th	SMALL TOWN FOURTH CELEBRATION
July 5 th - 12 th	“Oklahoma!” HVA Outdoor Theater
July 9 th	City Council – Comm Cntr 7:00pm
July 16 th	Planning Commission – Comm Cntr 7:00pm
July 23 rd	City Council – Comm Cntr 7:00pm

August Events (cont.)

Aug 13 th	City Council – Comm Cntr 7:00pm
Aug 20 th	Planning Commission – Comm Cntr 7:00pm
Aug 27 th	City Council – Comm Cntr 7:00pm
Aug 29 th & 30 th	SWISS DAYS – Town Square

September Events

Sept 10 th	City Council – Comm Cntr 7:00pm
Sept 17 th	Planning Commission – Comm Cntr 7:00pm
Sept 24 th	City Council – Comm Cntr 7:00pm

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.

Public Works

By Shane Owens

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Noxious Weeds: Leafy Spurge

Leafy Spurge can grow nearly anywhere, from wet meadows to dry hillsides. It out-competes native plants and animals, and takes over landscapes, changing ecosystems in the process. The roots can grow as deep as 26 feet, and send off new shoots throughout the root system. It also spreads by seed. Plants can shoot their seeds 15 feet through the air. Leafy Spurge normally grows 2 to 3 feet tall from a woody crown that is below the soil surface. Each crown area produces several upright stems, giving the plant a clump-like appearance. The plant bears numerous linear-shaped leaves with smooth margins. The leaves have a characteristic bluish-green color but turn yellow or reddish-orange in the fall.



Leafy Spurge

Stems originating from crown buds and roots begin growth in April, making leafy spurge one of the first plants to emerge in the spring. The early and rapid growth gives leafy spurge a competitive advantage over crop and pasture plants. All parts of the plant contain a milky juice called latex, which is a useful identifying characteristic.

Leafy spurge produces a flat-topped cluster of yellowish-green petal-like structures called bracts, which bear the true flowers.

To report leafy spurge or other noxious weeds located in City right-of-ways, or for more information, contact Midway City Public Works at 435-671-7387

Midway Boosters

As residents of the beautiful mountain community of Midway, we are all blessed to live in such a wonderful place. The individuals currently serving in the Booster Organization are additionally blessed to serve in such a great organization. It might surprise you to know of the numerous hours they spend rendering service to our community.

This year, we increased our scholarship program and awarded six scholarships to Midway residents. The recipients are: Alexandria Lyn Peirce, Whitney Kraatz, Sydney McManus, Quinn Ruby Olpin, Alissa Mae Breeze and Jodie Raquel Hoover. Congratulations! We wish them well as they embark on their college careers.

The Swiss Miss royalty were elected in March. Representing our community this year are Maggie Scott as Swiss Miss, Hailey Eaton Catherine Kieffer, Ansley Rasband and Ellie Russell, attendants. They are talented and beautiful girls and we will be able to be introduced to them and see them perform at our 4th of July program.

On Saturday, June 7th, we were able to hang 72 flower pots

on Main Street. As in years past, they will beautify our city, lending a “European Charm” for both residents and visitors to enjoy all summer long. Thanks to Watts Construction for providing equipment support.

A large portion of our expenditures financially are going in to the restoration and upgrading of the Cannery Building. Completed exterior improvements have included a new copper roof, new windows, and beautiful stained glass windows in the front. Next in our five year plan will be restoration of the parking lot. Internal improvements, including kitchen remodel, restoration and upgrading of bathroom facilities, and more efficient utilization of storage space will be completed as finances allow.

Finally, our “signature event”, Swiss Days, will be here soon (but let’s not wish away summer). Plans are well underway by this year’s Chairman, Andy Peirce and his committee for this year’s event.

If you have suggestions as to how the Booster’s Organization can assist in bettering our community, or if you have a desire to join us in those efforts, please contact me or any Booster member. Doug Jenkins, 801-557-4367.

Midway Swiss Days Annual Celebration

Join us for the annual Swiss Days celebration this year on Friday & Saturday, August 29th and 30th. Enjoy ongoing entertainment in the Town Hall as well as on



the Square both Friday and Saturday. Over 180 vendor booths will be selling treasures you will want to make your own and take home.

Saturday morning starts with a Chuckwagon breakfast at 7:00am followed by the annual Swiss Days Parade at 10:00am down historic Midway Main Street. Vendor booths and food booths are open both days from 8:00am to dusk.

Some of the scheduled entertainment includes the Swiss Miss, Swiss Bell Ringers, Kerry Christen – Master Yodeler, High Valley Singers, Midway Swiss Chorus and much more.



Make it a weekend to remember by reserving a night's lodging at one of our fun resorts; Johnson Mill Inn, Blue Boar Inn, Invited Inn, Zermatt or Homestead resorts and explore all that Midway has to offer!



Wasatch County Fair Days

July 26 – August 2nd marks the annual Wasatch County Fair Days jam-packed with

events for the whole family.

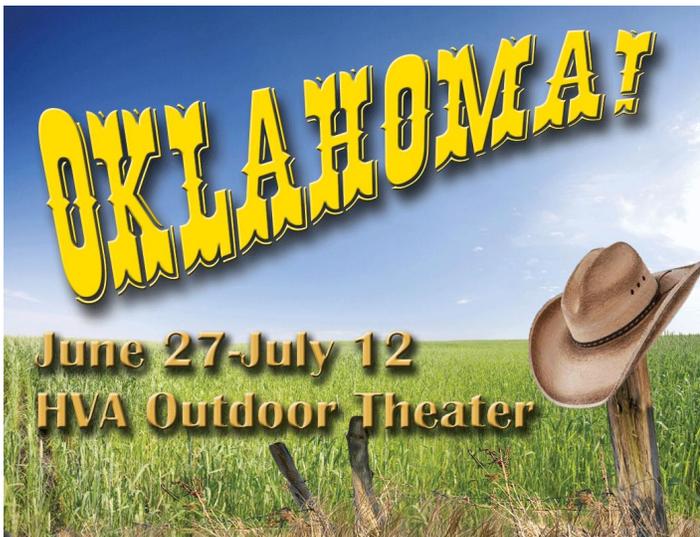
Two events always showcase the Fair – a Demolition Derby on July 26th at 6:00pm, and the Mountain Valley Stampede Rodeo which takes place August 1st & 2nd at 7:30pm.

The Fair Days Carnival and Country Market opens Wednesday, July 31 through Saturday, August 3 providing great food, booths & vendors, a talent show and all kinds of carnival activities.

There will be a Fair Days BBQ beginning at 5:30pm on July 31st. A full dinner can be purchased for just \$5.00 per person.

Plan to bring your family to the Wasatch County Fair. Admission to the fair is free, but several of the special events may cost. See you at the Fair!

Visit www.co.wasatch.ut.us/Fair for more information.



DON'T MISS THIS SHOW!

You don't have to drive far to see quality live theater! Curley is in love with Laurey and Jud's determined to wed her. And of Ado Annie is in love with whatever single guy is near! And the farmers don't like the cowboys but Aunt Eller is keeping the lid on everything. This is one of America's most loved Broadway productions with songs you can't forget: "Surrey with the Fringe on Top", "Oh What a Beautiful Morning", and who can forget Ado Annie's "I Cain't Say No!"

Tickets are on sale now and are going fast! All places are reserved – bring your own chairs or rent at the theater.

Purchase tickets at www.HighValleyArts.org, at Day's Market or by calling 435-657-5007. Tickets are from \$16.00 to \$9.00 – a steal for quality theater.

GROUP RATES: Wednesdays, July 2 and July 9 – all seats \$7.00. Online purchases only.

HIGH VALLEY ARTS



Always Wanted to Write?

Now's the Time!

Learn from Dean Hughes and 4 Other Published Authors!

July 10-12 at Homestead Resort

Don't be shy! Take advantage of this home-town opportunity – published authors talk about their experiences and give concrete writing suggestions. They'll also read your manuscripts if you wish. Of they'll help you get started to do what you've always wanted to do!

Got a writing project in mind? Meet with an editor in a face-to-face experience and pitch your idea. This is the second year for this exceptionally user-friendly writing retreat. Tickets online at www.HighValleyArts.org. Click on Solstice!

June 26-28 at Zermatt Resort



Small Town Quilt Show
in a big town way

Everyone is invited to the Quilt Show - \$1,200 Prize for Best of Show quilt. Online tickets for the quilt show, classes, vendors, demonstrations, etc. can be found at Heber Valley's OWN Quilt Show. Visit the website online at www.HighValleyArts.org and click on "Small Town Quilts".