



Midway City News

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Midway City Corporation



Mayor's Message

By Colleen Bonner
Midway City Mayor

Volunteerism

Utah is known throughout the nation as having one of the highest rates of citizen volunteerism in any state.

I'm proud of the citizens of Midway as I witness our City clean-up each May when hundreds of you donate your time to clean trails, weed flower beds and parks, prune branches, spread ground cover at playgrounds, sweep tennis courts and much, much more.



Annual City Cleanup

I watch in awe each year as volunteers successfully plan and flawlessly oversee Swiss Days when tens of thousands of guests converge in Midway to spend their day immersed in the culture we love so much.



Mayor Bonner & Swiss Miss Royalty

It takes hundreds of volunteers and thousands of volunteer hours to run Swiss Days. Law enforcement agencies that keep the public safe; cooks and bakers spending hours creating mouth-watering treats, pies and cakes; booth workers who spend hours preparing and serving food and beverages to the public; and the unseen faces that patrol the grounds keeping them free of debris and emptying trash cans throughout the day.

We have volunteers that give their time during Cowboy Poetry which is another nationally acclaimed event that takes place right here in our valley. Some of our Midway residents are at the forefront of this event as far as bringing in talented artists, scheduling venues and mentoring new volunteers.

Another nationally distinguished event sponsored and held in Midway is the Plein Air Artists' Festival held in conjunction with our Small Town Fourth celebration. Artists come from all over the nation to participate in workshops as well as fun and unique painting competitions.



Plein Air Artists' Festival

Midway is home to the High Valley Arts Theater group. This is an all-volunteer organization, from the Director to the actors, stage hands and lighting crew. Each year I witness the enthusiasm of my friends and neighbors who share their acting prowess in presenting at least two wonderful productions.

We are a community of volunteers and I am honored to be your Mayor.



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

July 4th will begin with a 6:30am firing of the cannon from Memorial Hill calling everyone to a 7:00am Sunrise Service on Town Square. Our featured speaker this year is Ronald Stone, longtime Midway resident. This will be followed by a pancake breakfast on the Square. Ongoing Heritage events will be taking place at the Community Center as well immediately after the breakfast:

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

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

Heritage Home Tours: Meet at the Gazebo at 10:00am

Children's Melodrama Performance: 2:00pm on the Community Center lawn stage.

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

ADDITIONAL EXTENDED ACTIVITIES
HIGH VALLEY ARTS will be presenting their stage production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat July 2nd through July 18th at the beautiful outdoor theater.

MIDWAY ART ASSOCIATION's Annual Plein Air Paradise takes place June 26th – July 4th and is the largest painting competition of its kind in Utah. Events include "paint-outs" in Heber & Midway as well as a "Quick Draw" where artists paint a finished canvas in 90 minutes. For more information visit their website at:

www.midwayartassociation.org

City Fireworks and Open Fire Restrictions

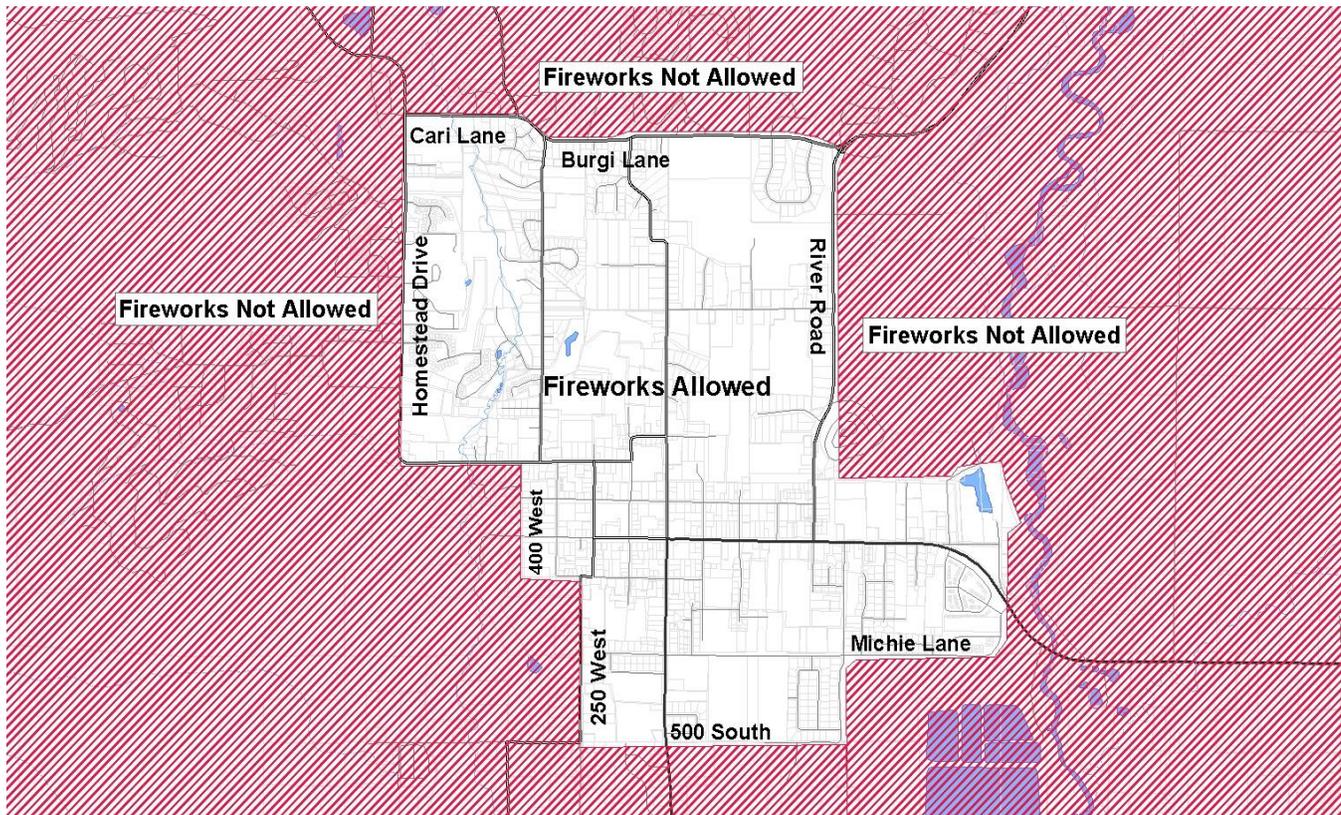
The Wasatch County Fire Marshall has recommended restrictions on fireworks and fires in certain areas of cities where vegetation is overgrown or in benches and foothills where wild land fire potential is extreme. Midway City Council enacted an ordinance restricting the discharge of fireworks within specific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

Midway City has defined the geographical areas where restrictions are in force effective July 1, 2015 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.



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
Public Works Administrative Lead

Noxious Weed: Spotted Knapweed

Spotted Knapweed is a perennial plant native able to outcompete other plants by exuding a toxic chemical from its roots. This allows it to establish and spread quickly to colonize vast acreages. Infestations decrease forage, wildlife habitat, plant diversity and recreational quality yet increase soil erosion. Spotted knapweed is overtaking natural habitats, roadsides, pastures and fields.

Spotted knapweed is a short-lived perennial that grows two to four feet tall. It forms a rosette its first year and flowers in subsequent years. The leaves are grayish-green, narrow near the top of the plant and lobed near the bottom. The small, thistle-like pink to purple flowers are distinctive for the stiff, dark bracts that give it a spotted appearance. It blooms



Spotted Knapweed

from June to August and reproduces by seed. As a prohibited noxious weed on the control list, landowners must attempt to control the

spread of spotted knapweed seed.

- Clean all boots, clothing and equipment.
- Small populations can be hand-pulled. Wear protective gloves and clothing.
- Mowing before flowering can reduce seed production. However, because the plants continue to bloom throughout the summer & early fall, repeated mowing throughout the season is required to keep the plants from re-sprouting and producing seeds. Wash equipment thoroughly following mowing to prevent spread of seeds to new areas.

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

Wasatch “Plein Air Paradise”

MAA hopes you enjoyed the atypical Utah May rains. They have transformed Heber Valley, and the Wasatch mountains into places of flourishing life. Trees, fields and gardens are green and blossoming, streams are gurgling, the mountain peak snow is replenished, the fish are jumping and the locals are outside soaking up the warm. IT'S TIME FOR THE 10TH ANNUAL WASATCH PLEIN AIR PARADISE ART COMPETITION, EXHIBIT AND SALE! There is so much live painting for professional and amateur participation and for spectators to enjoy during the week before Independence Day. On July 1st, Millie and Roger from Filler'Up Café, are sponsoring a 3 hour (10am-1pm) Paint Out of Vintage cars in front of their nostalgic establishment. July 2nd artists will paint downtown Heber City (7am-1pm). July 3rd, artists will paint on the 2 blocks on either side of Midway's Main Street (7am-1pm). There will be approximately 500 freshly painted, framed paintings in the Midway Town Hall between July 1st and 4th.

On July 4th, 30 artists will paint a Quick Draw, 9am-10:30am, with a lively, adrenalin pumping auction immediately following. MAA invites you, your friends and family and art lovers to share this national art event. This is the largest "Plein Air" art event in Utah. It could not be accomplished without the generous efforts and donations from our Heber Valley community. Let the festivities roll! For information: midwayartassociation.org or call Pam Weilenmann: 801 755 1456.



July Events

June 26th – July 4th Plein Air Paradise Art Exhibit/Competition & Sale
July 2nd & 3rd “Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat”
High Valley Arts Outdoor Theater / 8:15pm
July 4th **SMALL TOWN FOURTH CELEBRATION / Town Sq.**
July 6th – 18th “Joseph’s Dreamcoat” – **HVA Outdoor Theater**
July 8th City Council – **Comm Cntr 7:00pm**
July 15th Planning Commission – **Comm Cntr 7:00pm**
July 22nd City Council – **Comm Cntr 7:00pm**
July 24th Utah Pioneer Day Holiday

August Events

Aug 11th Primary Elections – **Comm Cntr 7:00am-7:00pm**
Aug 12th City Council – **Comm Cntr 7:00pm**
Aug 19th Planning Commission – **Comm Cntr 7:00pm**
Aug 26th City Council – **Comm Cntr 7:00pm**
September Events
Sept 4th – 5th **SWISS DAYS – Town Square**
Sept 7th Labor Day Holiday
Sept 9th City Council – **Comm Cntr 7:00pm**
Sept 16th Planning Commission – **Comm Cntr 7:00pm**
Sept 23rd City Council – **Comm Cntr 7:00pm**

Voter Information for 2015 Elections

Midway City will elect three council members in the 2015 Municipal Election. The following individuals have declared their candidacy:

Bob Adams *Bob Probst* *Ken Van Wagoner*
Lisa K Christen *Danny D. Hofheins*

The Midway Sanitation District will elect two board members in the election. The following individuals have declared their candidacy:

Alan Cluff *Don Huggard* *Connie Tatton*
Laren Gertsch *Clair Provost*

A primary election will be held on 11 August 2015 for the Sanitation District Board. A primary election will not be needed for the City Council. At the request of the Wasatch County School District, which will include a facilities bond on the ballot, the general election will be held by mail. Each registered voter will be mailed a ballot which must then be returned in the accompanying return envelope. The return envelope must be mailed by 3 November 2013. Please contact the Wasatch County Clerk's Office at 435- 657-3190 to ensure that your mailing address is correct. Please contact Brad Wilson (City Recorder) at 435-654-3223 x118 or Becky Wood (Deputy City Recorder/Sanitation District Manager) at 435-654-3223 x104 if you have any questions.

Wasatch County Fair Days



July 25th – August 1st marks the annual Wasatch County Fair Days, which will be jam-

packed with events for the whole family.

Two events always showcase the Fair – a Demolition Derby on July 25th at 7:00pm, and the Mountain Valley Stampede Rodeo which takes place July 31st & August 1st at 7:30pm.

The Fair Days Carnival and Country Market opens Wednesday, July 29th through Saturday, August 1st providing great food, booths & vendors, a talent show and all kinds of carnival activities.

“Party In The Park” happens July 27th with free hot dogs, drinks & games, and there will be a Fair Days BBQ beginning at 5:30pm on July 29th. 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!



Don't Miss This Show!

- ★ TICKETS for High Valley Arts' Outdoor production are selling fast! Show is at 8:15pm now!
- ★ Great music, dancing and a SPECTACULAR light show!
- ★ Starring Doug Osmond!
- ★ All places are reserved! The sooner you purchase your ticket, the better!
- ★ Group tickets (\$8.00) available Wednesdays. Must be purchased online in groups of 10. A great deal!
- ★ Bring a picnic supper and enjoy our 7:15 free live-music preshow every night
- ★ Saturday, July 11, is a benefit performance for Operation Underground Railroad, which rescues kidnapped children from slavery. Doug Osmond is V.P.

July 11 – Benefit Performance for Operation Underground Railroad.

No shows July 4th, Sundays, or Tuesday.

Tickets – www.HighValleyArts.org, Days Market or at the door.

**JOSEPH
AND THE
AMAZING
TECHNICOLOR
DREAMCOAT**

July 2-18, 2015

Outdoors! Tix \$9-\$15

HighValleyArts.org
435-657-5007