



# Midway City News

July 2012

Midway City Corporation

## Fireworks Ban/Caution This Dry Season



### Mayor's Message

**By Connie Tatton**  
Midway City Mayor

Extremely dry conditions have prompted Utah officials to implement a series of fire restrictions aimed at preventing wildfires. Ernie Giles, Wasatch County Fire Chief, has placed a ban on all fireworks in the unincorporated areas of Wasatch County. Federal officials from the Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fish & Wildlife Service and the National Park Service have also announced restrictions. The temporary rules prohibit any use of fireworks and ban fires unless they are in permanently constructed fire grates in a developed park, campground or picnic area. Other restrictions or bans may be imposed by the Governor's Office concerning the use of fireworks this year.

As the 4<sup>th</sup> of July approaches we need to be extremely careful with any fireworks.

The National Council on Fireworks safety offers these common-sense safety tips for using consumer fireworks in the hopes that injuries to consumers can be greatly reduced this season:

- Parents and caretakers should always closely supervise teens if they are using fireworks.
- Parents should not allow young children to handle or use fireworks.
- Always have water ready if you are shooting fireworks.
- Know your fireworks. Read the caution label before igniting.
- Obey local laws. If fireworks are not legal where you live, do not use them.
- Alcohol and fireworks do not mix.
- Never relight a "dud" firework. Wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water.



### July 4<sup>th</sup> Events

Our Small Town Fourth begins with a sunrise service featuring Mr. Stephen Studdert as the keynote speaker. Mr. Studdert has served on the White House staff as Advisor to U.S. Presidents George Bush, Ronald Reagan, and Gerald Ford, and has represented U.S. Presidents to over one hundred nations in diplomatic assignments.

A pancake breakfast will be served at Town Square after the sunrise service.

July 4<sup>th</sup> will culminate with the annual fireworks display from Memorial Hill starting at dusk.

June 29<sup>th</sup> – July 9<sup>th</sup>, High Valley Arts will present *Fiddler On The Roof*, and the Midway Art Association hosts artists from around the nation for the Plein Air Paradise painting competition.

Saturday June 30<sup>th</sup> take a Heritage Home Tour of some of Midway's original homes, watch Pioneer and Jewish dancing and participate in some historical presentations at the Community Center.

For more information visit [www.midwaycityut.org](http://www.midwaycityut.org).

**Midway City has implemented a new emergency notification system called Parlant. This will allow us to notify you via email and/or phone of events such as emergency water breaks, road closures, and other thing that may affect your neighborhood. Please call the City to ensure we have your most updated contact information.**



## Planning & Zoning

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# Planning Dept. Updates

Over the past six years Midway has had the pleasure of having Jerry Jones working as a volunteer/employee in the Planning Department. He has decided to reduce the number of hours he will be working, but not leave us completely, which is great for the City. He will continue as a volunteer and offer his valuable services to the City. Jerry is a retired mechanical engineering professor who taught for most of his career at the University of Texas.

Jerry has been involved in many projects with the City and has been invaluable for his work in the planning department and administration. He has been instrumental in his work on the grants the City has received in recent years. For the past three years Jerry has worked on the FEMA seismic and energy grants that were awarded to the City which rehabilitated the Town Hall. He was the City liaison throughout construction and managed finances and reporting. The Town Hall is now safer, more energy efficient and more beautiful than ever.

We are all grateful for the hard work and time that Jerry has contributed to the City during some of his retirement years. Those of us who know and have worked with Jerry know that he can never really retire. He loves to be productive and the City has been fortunate to have been the focus of his attention since he and his wife moved to Midway. We are pleased he will continue to work as a volunteer for the City. THANKS JERRY!

The City is pleased to announce that Sandy Norskog will be working with us as Assistant City Planner. Sandy has served on the Planning Commission for several years and most recently she has been serving as vice chair of the Commission. Sandy has notable experience in administration and planning while she worked during her career for Clark County, Nevada. She and her husband moved to Midway after retiring and now we are able to gain from her knowledge and experience. Sandy will work three days a week in the City offices where her main focus will be working with the City Planner. We are excited to have her as part of our team!

## Plein Air Paradise Celebration

The signature event of the Midway Art Association for art lovers is the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Wasatch Plein Air Paradise 2012. This national event offers 4 painting competitions, a 3-day art exhibit and sale, silent auction and live auction. Participating artists will compete, network, exhibit, and sell their work. This is Utah's largest Plein Air event. Over 120 artists compete for over \$8,500 in prizes. A tip for everyone to enjoy the fresh painted art in the Town Hall Exhibit, is that each day, beginning on Saturday night and the following Monday through the 4th of July from 10 am -8 pm, there will be an additional new exhibit of competition paintings in the show, judging and awards. The Art Exhibit will keep growing with new art to admire of our sweet and lovely mountain valley. The exhibit will keep on growing with some new artists competing. On the 4th of July, from 9am-10am there will be a "quick draw" in front of the Community Center for all neighbors to be able to watch a gathering of the artists paint under the evergreens for one hour with a live Auction following it immediately afterwards. So, come and enjoy the chuck wagon breakfast and then watch these skilled artists paint and get to know how their styles unfold on the canvas close up! Come any day or all of them!



### **July Calendar of Events**

June 30 <sup>th</sup> – July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Midway Art Association Wasatch <i>Plein Air Paradise</i>
July 4 <sup>th</sup> 7:00am	Patriotic Sunrise Service and Breakfast at Town Square
July 4 <sup>th</sup>	FIREWORKS AT DUSK

### **Upcoming Events**

August 4 <sup>th</sup>	Ultimate Triathlon Relay
August 11 <sup>th</sup>	Run Like A Girl 5K & 10K
August 31 <sup>st</sup> - Sept. 1 <sup>st</sup>	– SWISS DAYS CELEBRATION

# Resident's Concerned Over Speeding Motorists



At the last City Council meeting about a dozen residents addressed Council about the danger of speeding in their neighborhoods. This is a concern not only in Midway, but everywhere. The City will be purchasing two digital radar signs that indicate your traveling speed. These will be placed in areas where speeding is a problem.

Speed is involved in about one out of three fatal crashes, according to NHTSA. It is the third leading contributing factor to traffic crashes. But while injuries

and fatalities due to other dangerous behaviors, such as driving while impaired and not wearing seatbelts, have been significantly reduced, speeding is still a challenge.

There are many reasons why people speed. According to *Focus on Safety: A Practical Guide to Automated Traffic Enforcement*, drivers speed because: They're in a hurry, they're inattentive to their driving, they don't take traffic laws seriously; they don't think the laws apply to them, they don't view their driving behavior as dangerous, they don't expect to get caught, some or all of the above.

Speeding is a habitual driver behavior. Although drivers name speeding as dangerous to their safety, most still speed. Educational campaigns alone have not effectively reduced crashes. One of the most effective deterrents to speeding is the use of digital radar signs. Please be aware of speed limit signs and remember if a local residential street is not posted then the default speed limit is 25 mph according to the Utah Driver's Manual.

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## City Cemetery Ordinance

Each year the City receives calls from citizens with questions or complaints about the cemetery. We would like to provide clarification from the Midway City Cemetery Ordinance No. 2006-03 for some of the most frequently asked questions.

*Who is responsible for damage to headstones?* "Headstones are personal property. All headstones within the cemetery are the property of lot owners, their heirs, or the responsible party who ordered and placed them. All care and upkeep of the headstones are the responsibility of the owner. The city will not be responsible for inadvertent scratches and chips that occur from routine maintenance. Such happenings are a condition that goes with the privilege of placing markers in the cemetery. Midway City personnel will, at all times, exercise diligence and reasonable care in the protection of the right and property of the lot owners, but shall not be liable for any damage or loss."

*How many lots can I purchase?* "The city retains title to the cemetery property. A maximum of eight (8) graves can be purchased by any one individual or their legal representative at the regular price. Additional lots can be purchased at an additional price set by the City Council."

*What is the process to purchase a headstone?* Information concerning vaults and headstones can be obtained through the funeral home you will be using, or you can contact a monument company of your choice for information. "A concrete vault is required for all burials."

*Are multiple burials allowed in one grave?* No. "One interment only shall be allowed in a casket except for a father or mother with an infant child, or two children buried at the same time. Not more than one full size or two infant caskets are allowed in one grave."

*Can I bury my pet at the cemetery?* "Internments are limited to human dead."

# Same Great Menu Plus, New Additions You'll Love!

## LUNCH & DINNER

Juicy Burgers

Crispy/Grilled Chicken Salads

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