



Midway City News

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Midway City Corporation



Mayor's Message

*The State of
the City*

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Midway City Mayor

I would like to report on the activities and progress of Midway City during the last eight years. As Mayor, I have had the wonderful opportunity to associate with many fine people working for the betterment of the City. I have worked with eight dedicated Council Members, a first rate staff, our excellent attorney and engineer, the Boosters Club, and many, many citizens who have freely volunteered to serve on committees or otherwise to make Midway a better place to live.

In 2006 an independent review of our budget projected that the City would be in deficit within five years. This was startling news and demanded immediate attention. The City Council reacted unanimously by implementing the resort and highway tax, and then voted on a first time ever property tax increase. These measures have kept the City in a fiscally responsible position and able to address some of the pressing needs of the City.

Administratively, our foremost achievement has been the codification of our ordinances. What originally was found in 4 binders and 2 banker boxes was streamlined and updated to just one binder. This was a monumental task that took 18 months to accomplish. Ordinances have been revised dealing with annexation, construction standards, PUDs/subdivisions, sensitive lands, signs, water, etc. New ordinances dealing

with affordable housing, animal control, historic preservation, transient (over-night) rentals, resorts, and greenhouses have been implemented over the last eight years.

Other administrative achievements are the establishment of the City Vision, Mission and Core Values, the City website, updated job descriptions, annual employee evaluations, updated the Human Resource Manual, commissioned an independent salary survey with accompanying adjustments in salaries, created a Policy and Procedure Manual, created a Public Works Operations and Maintenance Manual, updated the General Plan, developed and funded a Vehicle Replacement Policy, implemented formal contracts for outside services, implemented new bonding requirements for developments, and streamlined and updated applications forms. We have also memorialized agreements with the Irrigation Company regarding the secondary water system.

With the completion of the Main Street project under Mayor Bill Probst, other beautification projects have been undertaken with the help of the Boosters, i.e. the River Road round-about and bell tower, the Hamlet Park bell tower, the Community Center bell tower and information kiosk, the hanging flower baskets on Main Street, and more green space on Town Square.

Capital Improvements include most notably the rehabilitation of the Town Hall which was a \$1.2 million project, finishing the basement of the office building, acquisition of the LDS church on the Town Square which resulted in the City owning the entire block for the first time, converting the church into the Community Center where meetings and other activities are held, replacing the heating system in the Center, installing

cremation niches at the cemetery, building a 5,600 sf public works building for storing salt and equipment, acquiring two new/used snow plow/dump trucks, replacing the entire mechanical plant of the ice rink, plus many other road, water, sidewalk, and cemetery projects. The development and funding of a 10 Year Road and Water Maintenance Plan has been a huge accomplishment where the City systematically repairs and replaces aging infrastructure. Most recently the City has purchased the home just north of the fire station on 100 West to help accommodate a new fire station to be built next year.

The Historic Preservation Committee and accompanying ordinances have put a high priority on preserving our historic buildings and honoring our past.

All of our parks have been upgraded with pavilions, playground equipment or bathrooms. Our commitment to a healthy lifestyle is also demonstrated in our trail system, participation in the Healthy Community program and financial contributions to the Wasatch County Recreation Center.

There have been hits and misses, but I think mostly hits, a few regrets, but mostly thankfulness for the privilege of serving. I look forward to handing the baton to our new Mayor and new Council Members on January 6 and wish them well.

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MIDWAY SQUARE DANCE CLUB

Join in the fun every Friday night when the Midway Square Dance Club dances at the Community Center. Instruction

begins at 7:00pm and is followed by mainstream dancing at 8:15pm. Not only is the dancing fun, it's also great exercise! Call 435-654-4549.



Water Needs of the Future

At complete build out the population of Midway is estimated to be about 17,000. Midway does not currently have enough water to supply that number. At build out, the culinary demand will be 4,460 gpm (gallons per minute). In addition to what we currently have, about 2,400 gpm of this increased demand could be supplied by developers turning in water to the City either from our springs (mainly Mahogany and Gerber Springs) or from outside the City. At least 510 gpm will be needed from a new source.

The Mayor, City Council and staff are exploring options to meet this estimated demand at build out. A well was drilled near the Mahogany water tank a few years ago to meet the need but that turned out to be a bust. Currently there are three considerations on the table. The first is buying from the Midway Irrigation Company (MIC) a 158 gpm treatment capacity in the Jordanelle Special Service District (JSSD) Keetley plant. Second would be working with the Midway Irrigation Company on their Snake Creek well. Third would be drilling a test/exploratory/production well at our current Alpenhof well site. I would like to briefly discuss some of the pros and cons of each of these.

The MIC owns culinary treatment capacity of 158 gpm in the JSSD. MIC has proposed to sell this to the City for \$1.6 million to be paid with an interest free loan over 25 years. A pipeline would have to be installed for delivery of the water estimated to cost about \$1,000,000. The advantage of this option is the water is coming from another source and could be expanded at a cost as needed. If a major disturbance, i.e. earthquake, occurred that disrupted our current sources, JSSD could be a critical emergency replacement, or it could be an additional source to meet our 510 gpm shortfall. With this option you have initially 158 gpm at a cost of \$2.6 million which equates to \$20,312 for each gpm.

MIC has also drilled a well on State Park property called the

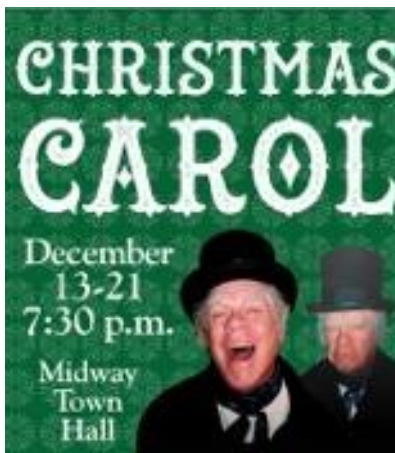
Snake Creek well. This well pumps about 483 gpm. The park takes 250 gpm from this well, leaving a balance of 233 gpm. MIC has proposed to sell this capacity to the City for \$200,000. This well does not have a culinary water rating. This would have to be acquired from the state and a source protection zone would have to be put in place which would also mean about a 33% loss in capacity when a source changes from irrigation to culinary. So the 233 gpm would be reduced by one third leaving 155 gpm. Well improvements may also have to be made at an unknown cost along with some sort of compensation to the State Park. A water delivery line would have to be installed from the well to our water tank at an estimated cost of \$800,000. With this option for 155 gpm, at an upwards cost of \$1,000,000 equates to more than \$6,450+ for each gpm.

The third choice is drilling a new test/exploratory/production well at the current City owned Alpenhof well site. This current culinary well is 400 feet deep. An eight inch test/exploratory/production well close to the current well could be drilled to a recommended 1000 feet which would put it into the Weber Quartzite aquifer, which is one of the most prolific in the county. The hydrogeologist the City hired indicates that an eight inch exploratory/production well would be about \$400,000 and could produce 400-600 gpm. An additional \$400,000 would be needed for a well house and piping. With this option, at 400 gpm this equates to \$2,000 for each gpm.

The Council will seriously consider all options. Cost will not be the only factor considered, as JSSD has benefits beyond cost. We will continue to keep you updated as the Council carefully considers all options.

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Ebenezer Scrooge is Coming to Midway!



He's a miserable guy, Mr. Scrooge is. He hasn't a clue about loving, or living, or perish the thought – sharing! But three mysterious ghosts visit him one night and show him his past, present and future. He sees that upon his death not a single person will even bother to attend his funeral!

On a magical Christmas Eve, Scrooge learns of the importance of Christmas. Now he wants to share his new-found love of life with you – this Christmas!

Join Scrooge and his friends at the historic Midway Town Hall for performances of the beloved musical "Christmas Carol."

Performances are December 13 through 21

(excluding Sunday) at 7:30 p.m. Great dancing – great music – and a terrific story!

Reserved seats are from \$9 to \$16 and can be purchased at Day's Market in Heber, online at www.HighValleyArts.org or by calling 435-657-5007. There will also be a matinee Saturday, December 21.

Don't miss High Valley Arts' 7th annual Christmas Carol Fundraising Dinner Theater Saturday, Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. Along with the individually decorated tables and gourmet meal, attendees will have the chance to purchase an original art piece at the live auction. Tickets are available online at www.HighValleyArts.org or by calling 435-657-5007.



Candidates for Election

Midway City will elect a mayor and two council members during the 2013 Municipal election. Each council member will serve a term of four years. The following individuals have declared their candidacy:

Mayor

Colleen Bonner

City Council

Lisa Kohler Christen

Karl L. Dodge

W. Kent Kohler

A general election will be held on November 5th from 7:00am-8:00pm at the Community Center, 160 West Main Street. You must have proper I.D. to vote.

Snow Season Reminders for Residents

Snow season is knocking at the door, and with the season comes responsibilities. Here are some reminders from the City to review and make sure your property is ready for winter.

Parking. Vehicles parked on a public street or right-of-way for more than 48 hours will be towed at the owners expense.

Mailboxes. It is the duty of the property owner to remove accumulated snow and windrows of snow from over and around mailboxes for a distance of not less than three feet on all sides. The City is not responsible or liable for damage or destruction caused by the City or any other person or entity to sprinklers, mailboxes, lights, plants, trees, shrubs, landscaping or other improvements of any kind located within the public right-of-way.

Snow Removal Priorities for Public Streets. The City may provide snow removal on public streets on a priority basis.



First, major City roads (Class A) and school bus routes; **Second**, main City roads (Class B); **Third**, minor City roads (Class C) and cul-de-sacs; **Fourth**, other City roads (Class D). It shall be the duty of every homeowners association, property owner, or other entity having control over a private street to provide regular and adequate snow removal service.

Snow Storage on Site. It is the duty of all property owners and property owners associations to make arrangements for the storage of accumulated snow. All owners, associations, employees, agents and contractors, shall confine the accumulated snow to their premises. Snow from private property shall not

be placed, shoveled or pushed onto public property, roads or rights-of-way.

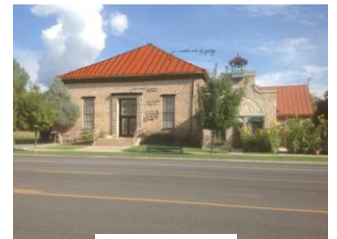
Parking During Snow Cleanup Periods. From November 15th through April 1st it is unlawful to park any vehicle within three feet of any City street or public right-of-way in all residential zones during snow clean up periods. These periods begin with the start of the snow falling and continue over the next 24 hours or until snow removal has occurred. It is the duty of a property owner to clear the sidewalks at the perimeter of his/her property within twelve hours from the end of each snow storm. It is unlawful for any person to remove snow from private drives or property and deposit it on any City street or public right-of-way.

Old Cannery Building Gets New Roof

You may have noticed there is a crew of roofers busily removing roof shingles from the Old Cannery Building on Main Street. Work was begun on Oct 2nd to remove three old layers of shingles and replace them with a new 50 year metal roof similar to that currently installed on the attached Edelweiss Gallery. Along with the new roofing, soffit, fascia and trim boards are being upgraded and sealed to prevent entrance of unwanted pests. The old roof was recently inspected and found to be in bad condition. The Engineering Company estimated the two additional layers of shingles added an extra 120,000 pounds to the roof structure before any snow loads.



OLD ROOF



NEW ROOF

In addition to the roof, the Cannery Building is badly in need of repairs and upgrades to ensure its continued use as a storage facility and kitchen bakery for Midway Swiss Days. The Cannery Building is owned by the Midway Boosters who are responsible for its maintenance and improvements. To implement those needed repairs and improvements, the Midway Boosters have formed a Five-year Cannery Building Committee to assess the building's needs and oversee design and construction work. Included on the committee are Chip Maxfield, Committee Chairman, Fred Thomas, Don Whitehead, Kay Whitehead, Kathy Maxfield, Lloyd McIntosh and Wendy Sorenson. Architect George Olson will act as a consultant to the Committee.

Contingent upon the availability of funds, planned improvements for 2014 include: 1) the repair or replacement of windows, 2) sealing of parking lot, and 3) replacement of bathrooms. Following in 2015 are upgrades to Swiss Days storage shelving and modernization of the kitchen.

The Midway Boosters are committed to the preservation of our City's unique culture and heritage. Our obligation to responsibly preserve and beautify this historic and cherished old building to ensure its long term viability in support of Midway's Swiss Days Celebration is, and will continue to be one of our highest goals.

November Events

- Nov. 5th VOTING DAY – Be sure and vote
- Nov. 11th Veteran's Day Observed
- Nov. 13th City Council – **Comm. Center 7:00pm**
- Nov. 20th Planning Commission – **Comm. Center 7:00pm**
- Nov. 28th Thanksgiving Day – 5K Turkey Trot Race
Town Hall – 9:00am (Entry Fee Required)

December Events

- Dec. 1st Ice Skating Rink Opens (weather permitting)
- Dec. 6th & 7th Swiss Christmas 10:00am – 8:00 pm
Interfaith Creche Exhibit 11:00 am – 8:00 pm
Town Hall and Community Center – Free
- Dec. 6th & 7th Cottages for the Children 10:00am – 6:00pm
County Event Center, Heber – Free

December Events (Continued)

- Dec. 9th Town Christmas Party – **Town Hall 7:00pm Free**
- Dec. 11th City Council – **Community Center 7:00pm**
- Dec. 13 – 21 "A Christmas Carol" presented by High Valley Arts
Town Hall 7:30pm - tickets \$6.00 - \$9.00
- Dec. 21st "A Christmas Carol" matinee performance **Town Hall**
- Dec. 14th High Valley Arts Dinner Theater Fundraiser
Town Hall 6:00pm \$75/person \$150/couple
- Dec. 14 – 15 "The Messiah" Community Sing-Along-Heber 7:00pm
14th TVT-90N 100W; 15th Church-150N 200W – Free
- Dec. 18th Planning Commission – **Community Center 7:00pm**
- Dec. 23rd Swiss Chorus & Bell Ringers – **Town Hall 7:00pm Free**
- Dec. 25th Christmas Day

Small Town Christmas & Holiday Events

SWISS CHRISTMAS

Join us on Friday and Saturday, December 6th & 7th for the annual Swiss Christmas celebration.

Enjoy a traditional old-fashioned town party with gifts and delicious food for purchase at the Midway Town Hall. Christmas entertainment will be featured on the Town Hall stage 5pm-8pm Friday and 9:30am-8pm on Saturday.

Father and Mother Christmas will be visiting the children Saturday from 12-2pm, and more than thirty vendors will be selling their unique Christmas gifts and hand-crafted items in booths throughout the Hall.



Please come and enjoy our "old fashioned" celebration with your friends and neighbors. As always, we will be entertained by the Swiss Miss Royalty, children's dance groups, Christmas music performers and carolers. The charm of the old Town Hall, and recently refurbished Glockenspiel clock, is sure to make this a great Swiss Christmas.

Interfaith Creche Exhibit

Come feel of the true Spirit of Christmas as you view a spectacular collection of nativities from all over the world at the 15th Annual Interfaith Creche Exhibit. Bring the entire family and enjoy live musical performances, visit the children's room, and have your family photograph taken in full costume in a manger.

Exhibit hours will be Friday through Monday, December 6th – 9th, 11:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Midway Community Center, 160 West Main Street.

The Midway Historic Preservation Society has obtained a grant to produce a book documenting the historic homes of Midway and their original architectural looks. If you have pictures of any homes over 50 years old, please contact Carl Jones 435-671-6848 or Jerry Springer 435-654-8654. The Committee would make digital copies of your photo(s) and would then return the originals unharmed. The Society would like to showcase as many homes as possible in this publication.

ICE RINK OPENING IN DECEMBER



The City Council approved \$250,000 to purchase a high efficient mechanical system to power the ice rink, which will significantly improve making and maintaining an outstanding ice surface. Come and enjoy ice skating at the most beautiful outdoor rink in Utah!

Public Skating Hours*

Monday – Saturday; 2:00pm – 10:00pm

Sunday 12:00pm – 4:00pm

Family Skating Night every Monday Evening

Admission Prices

Adults (13 and up) . . . \$6.00**

Children \$4.00**

Skate Rental \$2.00**

Also Available

Group Rates

Private Ice Rentals

Season Passes

Skating Classes

** Prices subject to change prior to opening day.

Cris Schultz, rink manager, will also be accommodating a youth hockey league and Saturday morning drop-in hockey.

For additional information, call the Ice Rink hotline at 435-654-4204 after November 25th.



Town Christmas Party



Come and celebrate with us at the Town Christmas Party on **Monday, December 9th**. Admission is free and there will be a program with performances from the Swiss Miss Royalty, the Swiss Children's Chorus and Star Shine Studios. Everyone will receive a bag of candy and Santa will be there to meet all the kids! Festivities begin at **7:00pm in the Town Hall**. All residents are invited. We look forward to seeing you there!

REMINDER

To help prevent freezing pipes when temperatures start dropping below 32°, remember to leave an outside tap running (about the size of a pencil thickness) in a hose directed away from your home. This is especially important in the old parts of town where the pipes are not buried as deep and are more susceptible to freezing.