



Midway City News

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Midway City Corporation



Mayor's Message

By Colleen Bonner
Midway City Mayor

Safety In School Zones

"School days bring congestion: Yellow school buses are picking up their charges, kids on bikes are hurrying to get to school before the bell rings, harried parents are trying to drop their kids off before work. It's never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present – especially before and after school." - *National Safety Council*

Now that schools are back in session, many of our children are walking or biking to school each morning. To most of them, it means crossing either Main Street or Center Street in order to get to the elementary school.

Without exception, each new year I hear from our Crossing Guards how many vehicles speed right through school zones when the yellow lights are flashing on the 20 MPH signs. They see drivers on cell phones, eating, applying makeup, and various other activities which are taking attention away from the most important duty; driving safely and watching for children.

There are vehicles that hit and drag the safety cones under their cars. These cones are placed in the crosswalks to alert drivers that it is a safety crossing zone for school children.

Slow Down! School Crossings Keep Our Kids Safe



Schools often have very specific drop-off procedures for the school year. Make sure you know them for the safety of all kids. [More children are hit by vehicles near schools than at any other location](#), according to the National Safe Routes to School program. The following apply to all school zones:

- Don't double park; it blocks visibility for other children and vehicles
- Don't load or unload children across the street from the school
- Carpool to reduce the number of vehicles at the school

Beginning this year, anyone dropping off or picking up students at the elementary school **MUST** use 100 East to get to the school. Busses will be using 200 East for their route in exiting the school after students load the bus.



According to research by the National Safety Council, most of the children who lose their lives in bus-related incidents are 4 to 7 years old, and they're walking. They are hit by the bus, or by a motorist illegally passing a stopped bus. A few precautions go a long way toward keeping children safe:

- Don't block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you; this could put them in the path of moving traffic
- In a school zone when flashers are blinking, stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection
- Always stop for a school patrol officer or crossing guard holding up a stop sign
- Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas
- Don't honk or rev your engine to scare a pedestrian, even if you have the right of way
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians
- Always use extreme caution to avoid striking pedestrians wherever they may be, no matter who has the right of way

Keep Our Children Safe!

**23rd Annual Cowboy Poetry Gathering
October 25-29, 2017**



Just as the last 22 years have proven, “this year, enjoy the talents of more than forty entertainers on eight different stages, including the harmonies and humor of the Bar J Wranglers, the fabulous lyrics and sounds of the Sons of the San Joaquin, the tales of Waddie Mitchell, Riders in the Sky (accompanied by Heber Valley’s own orchestra) and Brenn Hill.

For the cost of general admission (\$10—a great bargain, especially for families) you can take in dozens of musicians and poets rotating on the Cowcamp and Chuckwagon Stages every thirty minutes. Enjoy lots of good grub and wander through the Buckaroo Fair where you can find your favorite sculpture or art piece, or maybe it’s a custom-made saddle, a pair of boots or loads of other western trappings. There are concerts on the big stage, dinner shows, close-up, VIP shows, Cowboy Mounted Shooters (free of charge), the historic Heber Valley Railroad, the Buckaroo Ball, Cowboy Brunch, Cowboy Church and more. Come take it all in and our hundreds of volunteers will treat you like family.” *(excerpts taken from the Cowboy Poetry Website)*

If you would like more information about this awesome event, visit their website at www.hebervalleycowboypoetry.com.



**Annual Christmas Tree Lighting
Opens the Holiday Season**

Kick off the holiday season at the annual Tree Lighting celebration at the Midway Town Square. In addition to the lighting of the square, this year we are excited to host a Christmas sing-a-long with cookies and cocoa donated by Suss Cookies and Grand Valley Bank. The Heber Valley Chamber of Commerce will conclude with a prize drawing from the “Shop Local” Bingo event. Find more information about the Tree Lighting and the Shop Local event at gohebervalley.com.

The Season continues with our annual Town Party on Monday, December 11th at 7:00pm in the Town Hall, which includes entertainment from Swiss Miss Royalty, the Children’s Choir and other groups. Santa will be visiting and of course everyone attending will receive a traditional bag of candy.

Continuing a delightful Midway tradition to the holidays, the Swiss Bell Ringers and Choir will hold their concert on Monday, December 18th at 7:00pm in the Town Hall. This is a concert not to be missed.

So bundle up, bring your kids, and share the magic of the holidays with the community!



November Voting Information



November 7, 2017 is National Election Day, and this year there are several City positions you will be voting for: Candidates running for Mayor are incumbent Colleen Bonner and Celeste Johnson.

Two City Council seats are up for election, and the four candidates running are incumbent W. Kent Kohler, Don Huggard, Jeff Drury and Jared (JC) Simonsen.

If you have not yet registered to vote, you can still do so by printing out a registration form on the Wasatch County website (www.wasatch.utah.gov), or picking one up at the Clerk/Auditor’s Office, County Library, or most city offices. Registration deadline for mail in ballots is October 11th; In person or online registration deadline is November 1st.

Midway Town Christmas Party

Mark your calendars once again for the annual Midway Town Christmas Party! This is our way, as a City, to say how much we appreciate your contributions and work in making Midway such an amazing place to live and raise a family.

- When:** Monday, December 11, 2017
- Where:** Midway Town Hall
- Time:** 7:00 P.M. FREE ADMISSION
- What:** Entertainment! Treats! Meet Santa!



There will be a program with performances from the Swiss Miss Royalty, the Swiss Children’s Chorus and others.



An example of mixed use property here in Midway!!

High Valley Arts presents

My Fair Lady

December 9-22,
Dinner Theater Dec. 13 - 6 pm
Info. @ HighValleyArts.org

“My Fair Lady” December 9-22 - Midway Town Hall Tickets Available Oct 1

Hailed by critics and audiences for its heart and its wit, My Fair Lady is the story of acclaimed linguistics professor and confirmed bachelor Henry Higgins who wagers that he can pass off “gutter snipe” Eliza Doolittle as a duchess at the embassy ball by teaching her proper English. Through hard work, Eliza indeed convinces everyone at the ball that she is royalty. Higgins, however, refuses to acknowledge Eliza’s role in her transformation, and as a sign of her independence, she leaves his home. It is then that Higgins realizes he cares deeply for Eliza. She returns to his house at the end of the musical, and as he says, “Eliza, where are my slippers?” she throws one at him. He has a lot to learn!

Tickets will be available online on October 1 at www.HighValleyArts.org.

Don’t miss High Valley Arts’ “My Fair Lady” Dinner Theater to be held December 13 at 6 p.m. Gourmet meal, beautiful decor, and your own private showing of “My Fair Lady.” Tickets are \$65 and will be available online at www.HighValleyArts.org. Tickets are partially deductible.

Disney

PETER PAN Jr.

Auditions January 16 & 18
Ages 8-14 - Info HighValleyArts.org

October Events

- Oct 9th Columbus Day – City Offices Open
- Oct 11th City Council – **Comm Cntr 6:00pm**
- Oct 18th Planning Commission – **Comm Cntr 7:00pm**
- Oct 25th City Council – **Comm Cntr 6:00pm**
- Oct 25th-29th Cowboy Poetry Gathering – *Various Locations*

November Events

- Nov 7th National Election Day – Get Out And Vote!
- Nov 8th City Council – **Comm Cntr 6:00pm**
- Nov 10th Veteran’s Day – City Offices Closed
- Nov 16th Planning Commission – **Comm Cntr 7:00pm**
- Nov 23rd Thanksgiving Day – 5K Turkey Trot Race
Town Hall – 9:00am (Entry Fee Required)
- Nov 25th Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration
Town Square 6:00pm FREE

December Events

- Dec 1st – 4th Interfaith Creche Exhibit – 11:00am-8:00pm
Town Hall FREE
- Dec 1st – 2nd Cottages for the Children **10:00am – 6:00pm Event Center County Event Center, Heber - Free**
- Dec 9th – 10th Community Sing the Messiah – 7:00pm
LDS Chapel, 350 East 500 North, Heber FREE
- Dec 9th – 22nd My Fair Lady – Presented by High Valley Arts Theater
Town Hall 7:30pm (see HVA website for ticket pricing)
- Dec 11th Town Christmas Party – **Town Hall 7:00pm FREE**
- Dec 12th Hanukkah begins
- Dec 13th City Council – **Comm Cntr 6:00pm**
- Dec 18th Swiss Chorus & Bell Ringers – **Town Hall 7:00pm FREE**
- Dec 20th Planning Commission – **Comm Cntr 7:00pm**
- Dec 25th Christmas Day



Midway Art Association Fall Art Retreat Plein Air Painters of Utah

September 13-16 – FAR/PAPU! Midway Art Association sponsored a painting rendezvous and retreat in collaboration with 18 professional painting instructors from Plein Air Painters of Utah. Participants enjoyed 3 days of glorious outdoor and indoor training in Midway and surrounding areas, for beginning to advanced painters, plus a Saturday art exhibition and sale. A first-time event, and by all accounts a huge success.

Monthly Meeting: Midway Art Association was honored to feature respected artist Cejay Helt. Cejay's enthusiasm and love for art, music and kids inspired her to create THE SOUND OF COLOR Art program - Painting taught to the beat of Music. Sound of Color is WATER COLOR PAINTING to the actual tempo or "beat of music". Members and guests thoroughly enjoyed painting to the Sound of Color at the meeting.

Art Class & Instruction: This class is being taught by Ron Chesley, esteemed Charleston artist, and filled to capacity very quickly. Participants began an eight (8) week class on September 20th. Anyone interested in future art classes, please contact Brian Murphy at (801) 369-3116



Annual Meeting for Members: will be held on Tuesday, October 17th in the Community Center. All MAA members are urged to attend.

MAA's November Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 21st in the Community Center presenting Candace Rideout. Candace is an established Utah artist with forty years of experience. She graduated from the University of Utah with a double major in Education and Drawing & Painting. As a student, she was selected as the outstanding water colorist in her graduating class. Her oil paintings are included in several private collections in the United States and Europe. Holladay - Artist Candace Rideout has been a resident of Holladay for around 48 years. She was recently named the Artist of the Month for May by the Holladay Arts Council.

The Annual Member Christmas Party will be held Thursday, December 7th at the Blue Boar Inn in Midway.

Snow Season Reminders for Residents

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 and school bus routes;

Second, main City roads; **Third**, minor City roads and cul-de-sacs; **Fourth**, other City roads. 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.

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.

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