



TOWN OF ALTA NEWSLETTER

June 2006

A monthly report of municipal business in the Town of Alta

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Mayor's Report

This report documents the Mayor's report and other municipal news from the Town Council meeting on June 15, 2006.

Mayor Pollard expressed his deep sadness at the passing of Bill Lennon on June 8, 2006. Bill was a vital part of Alta's community, serving in a number of capacities, including as a Town Councilman for many years. A celebration of Bill's life was held in Alta on June 11.

After six years of outstanding service to the Town of Alta, Deputy Eric Coe is leaving the department. Mayor Pollard presented

Eric with a certificate of appreciation, and thanked him for everything he has done for the town.

Public hearings to receive comments and questions on the proposed 2006-2007 Fiscal Budgets were held. The proposed new certified tax rate was discussed among the Town Council, and a budget and certified tax rate were approved. As a result of this decision, a Truth in Taxation Hearing will be held August 8 at 7 pm at the Alta Community Center.

The Town selected the engineering firm of Forsgren & Associates to take over the

operation of its Building Department.

Mayor Pollard reported that the Salt Lake County Council of Governments (COG) decided to support the County's inclusion of a ballot initiative to place a property tax increase for major UTA improvements.

Town employee Steve McIntosh will now include the job title of Certified Sewer Operator among his other valuable services to the town.

The Summer Booth and the Albion Basin Summer Road are both open for the season. If

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Marshal's Report May 16 to June 13, 2006

May 23, 2006

At 9:52 pm, the deputy responded to a burglar alarm at a Meadows residence. The area was checked and found to be secure.

May 27, 2006

At 9:27 pm, the Alta Marshal's Office assisted the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office with a search and rescue call lower in the canyon at the Forest Service's

Tanners Flat Campground. An exhausted man became stranded across Little Cottonwood Creek, and a rope rescue was performed. Emergency generators, light-

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Mayor's Report

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you plan to drive to the Albion Basin, please carpool as much as possible since parking is limited. The Albion Basin Campground will remain closed until at least July 14, and possibly later pending snowmelt conditions. Camping is not allowed in the campground while it is closed.

The Tour of Utah bicycle race will finish at Snowbird on August 12. The Town of Alta welcomes all those involved in this bicycle race to Little Cottonwood Canyon! Road closures should be expected that day.

Assistant Town Administrator Laura McIndoe summarized the status of the Little Cotton-

wood Abandoned Mine Coalition's project to address elevated levels of zinc in Little Cottonwood Creek. Zinc has been detected in the Little Cottonwood Creek at concentrations that are harmful to trout. The Little Cottonwood Abandoned Mine Coalition is a partnership between federal, state, and local governments, private corporations, and non-profit groups. The Coalition is applying for an EPA grant to create a permanent Alta Fen to filter zinc from one of the main sources of zinc to the creek.

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ing, and a trailer procured under the Town's Homeland Security Grant were used to support this rescue operation.

May 28, 2006

At 9:00 pm, an alert resident notices open doors at a condominium in the Superior Point area. The Alta deputy responded, checked the area, and secured the property.

May 29, 2006

The Alta Marshal's speed trailer was deployed in the Town to remind travelers of the 25 mile per hour speed limit on Highway 210 (Little Cottonwood Canyon Road) through the town. Also, please remember that the speed limit on

the Albion Basin Road is 15 miles per hour.

June 3, 2006

At 8:41 pm, the Alta deputy responded at the request of the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office to a reported drowning at Snowbird's Cliff Lodge. An 8-year-old boy was discovered at the bottom of a swimming pool. Miraculously, two vacationing medics were in a nearby hot tub. The medics immediately performed resuscitation and revived the boy. He was transported to a local hospital for observation.

June 4, 2006

At 9:35 pm, the Alta Deputy was dispatched to the Twin Lakes Pass area on a search and rescue call. A 22-year-old man injured

his hip between Alta and Big Cottonwood Canyon. The County Sheriff's Search and Rescue personnel located the victim and he was transported from the mountain via helicopter.

June 5, 2006

The Marshal and all of the Alta deputies responded to the range for weapons qualification. The top score went to Marshal Jerry Larson, who was begrudgingly treated to the traditional winner's lunch by the deputies.

June 6, 2006

A commercial film crew received a warning for failing to obtain proper permits for a project in the Grizzly Gulch area.

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Court Report for May and June 2006

A Park City resident finally appeared in court for a trial regarding a parking ticket given at the Goldminer's Daughter parking lot. After numerous trips from Park City and numerous appearances by witnesses, the defendant was found not guilty.

A Salt Lake City resident appeared to plead guilty to theft of services, again trying to use someone else's season pass to ski the lift-serviced resort. The plea will be held in abeyance for one year. If the defendant receives no similar violations during that time, pays \$49 restitution to the lift company, and pays the entire \$555 fine on schedule, then the charge will be dismissed.

A Salt Lake resident appeared to plead guilty to possession of a con-

trolled substance. The defendant was ordered to get an evaluation and treatment from a local drug counseling service, pay \$555 in fines and receive no further drug charges in the next year. If he can satisfy those conditions, the charge will be dismissed.

A Riverton resident failed to appear in response to his numerous orders to show cause. A \$5,000 bench warrant was issued for the defendant's arrest.

A Sandy resident appeared with representation regarding charges of DUI, failure to maintain control of vehicle, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and expired registration. The Judge agreed to dismiss the other charges in exchange for a guilty plea to the

DUI charge. The defendant was ordered to provide proof of restitution for damages within 30 days, proof of drug and alcohol evaluation and counseling within 6 months, pay a fine of \$1,850 with \$350 suspended upon payment of the balance, serve 180 days in jail with 178 days suspended, and 12 months of probation.

During May and June 2006, no traffic cases were filed. Seventy-six traffic cases were disposed of either through bail forfeiture, trial, arraignment or transfer. Two new criminal cases were filed and one was disposed.

Marshal's Report

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June 8, 2006

The Alta Marshal's Office and Town Administration responded to Wasatch Resort at the request of the County Sheriff's Office. Tragically, Alta Town Councilman and longtime friend, Bill Lennon, died in an apparent electrical accident at a power plant he owned in the lower part of the canyon.

Later in the evening, the deputy assisted with a car fire in the lower canyon.

Other duties during this period included:

40 business and property checks
10 traffic violations
9 contract Forest Service patrols
5 agency assists

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Post Office Phone: (801) 742-2142
Library/Community Center Phone: (801) 742-2068
Alta Resort Association Phone: (801) 742-0101
Justice Court Clerk Phone: (801) 742-2407
Alta Central Info Line: (801) 742-3403
UDOT Cottonwood Canyons Hotline: (801) 975-4838

Wasatch Wildflower Festival in Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons

The Wasatch Wildflower Festival is happening July 28 through July 30th. There will be wildflower and geology walks and fun events, including a birds-of-prey exhibit, children's art in the mountains, and live music! This year the festival will be held in Alta, Snowbird, and Solitude. Wasatch Wildflower Festival information and schedules can be found at

<http://www.wasatchwildflowerfestival.org>.

For more information, contact Cottonwood Canyons Foundation at 947-8263.

ALTA BOXHOLDER

The Town of Alta facilitates a voluntary drop-off recycling program. Recyclable materials should be placed in trailers located near the Alta Community Center/Library building. In addition to cardboard, paper, and aluminum, we now accept plastics #1 and #2. Contact Laura McIndoe for recycling questions.



Gratitude

The Alta Community lost one of its best in June. Bill Lennon was a friend who devoted much of his time to our community. His death at age 48 seemed so premature to all of us, and he is missed.

The support shown to Bill's wife, Ellza Coyle O'Reilly, has been wonderful, and a testament to the strength of the connections that Alta inspires. The following are words of gratitude from Ellza:

I would like to thank all who have and do extend their thoughts and love to me and the community as we comprehend the loss of Bill Lennon. I deeply appreciate you and am ever grateful to Bill's incredible abilities and the life I shared with him.

If you feel the need and wish to, make contributions in his honor to Alta Community Enrichment (ACE), PO Box 8142, Alta, UT 84092.

I thank you, Ellza(beth) Coyle O'Reilly Lennon



Bill Lennon in Alta in June, 2003