

Town of Alta Newsletter



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Municipal News

John Guldner and Claire Runge attended a Economic Stimulus Summit April 7th at Holladay City Hall. Members from state and county agencies discussed allocation and distribution of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (stimulus) funds to municipalities. Although most stimulus monies are allocated directly to the larger cities and counties, the Town may have the opportunity to apply for money through the State for a few select programs.

Keith Hanson updated the Town Council on the antimony treatment plant at the April 9th Town Council meeting. The backwash retention system was completed in February and the chemical feed system will be constructed when drawings are approved by the State. Bids for filter media were accepted until April 22nd, and the bid will be awarded shortly. Mr. Hanson noted that he is "cautiously optimistic" that the antimony treatment plant will be ready by the September Drinking Water Board meeting.

The Town staff would like to thank those who participated in our

Open House, April 11th. We gained valuable insight into our community members vision of Alta and hope to use this information in future decision making. Stay tuned for updates and future events.

John Guldner attended the Utah City Managers Association Conference in St. George, Utah, April 13-15. The same week, Kate Black attended the Utah Municipal Clerks Association (UMCA) Conference in Cedar City, Utah. Congratulations to Ms. Black who was elected Treasurer of the UMCA for the next two years.

The Alta Ski Area closed on April 19, 2009, under sunny skies and spring skiing conditions. This marks the end of Alta's 70th season in operation.

The Planning Commission approved an amendment to the Powder Ridge Planned Unit Development (PUD) on April 28, 2009. The amendment would allow for three new homes, a new turn-around, expansion of the old caretakers unit, and additional parking at the new caretakers unit. With this amend-

ment, the total coverage allowed for the PUD has been used up, and it is anticipated that this is the final amendment.

At the upcoming May Town Council meeting, the Mayor will present the tentative budget for the 2009-2010 fiscal year to the Town Council. The meeting will be held May 14, 10am, at the Community Center.

The Town of Alta will be discontinuing the paper distribution of the monthly newsletter in the next few

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Marshal's Report

March 13th, 12:44 am: The Marshal's Office and Fire Departments responded to a call where two intoxicated males had attempted to settle a disagreement by way of inflicting dental damage. Being brothers, neither wanted to pursue a criminal complaint and the call was wrapped up with minor first aid given. At 1:37 pm, a backcountry rescue was conducted in the "Rocky Point" area by the Alta Ski Patrol for a man with an injured leg.

March 14th, 1:09 pm: A person was cited for criminal mischief following a complaint that another person's vehicle had been tampered with.

March 15th, 1:26 pm: The deputy on duty interacted with a male walking down the canyon confused and barefoot. A ride was arranged for the gentleman.

March 18th, 1:06 pm: A person was cited for theft of services after having been caught skiing with someone else's pass.

March 21st, 10:59 pm: The deputy on duty assisted the Sheriff's office with a disorderly gathering in a hotel room at a ski resort west of Alta.

March 23rd, 8:30 am: The Hellgate/Superior area was placed on

Interlodge travel restriction due to increasing avalanche hazard.

March 24th, 6:45 am: The remainder of the Town of Alta was placed on Interlodge/road closure status for avalanche control work until 7:23 am. At 6:54 pm and 10:56 pm., the Marshal's and Fire Departments responded to the Rustler Lodge to assist a man who had fainted. He was ultimately transported to a local hospital via ambulance.

March 25th: Increasing avalanche hazard prompted placing the Superior/Hellgate area on Interlodge at 9:14 am, conducting mid canyon avalanche control work at 2:00 pm, and a placing the Town of Alta on Interlodge at 9:30 pm.

March 26th: Avalanche control work was conducted over the Town of Alta and restrictions were lifted at 8:45 am.

March 29th, 10:30 pm: The Hellgate/Superior area was placed on Interlodge.

March 30th, 4:21 am: An avalanche occurred in the White Pine fingers area, stranding three vehicles and their occupants. There were no injuries. This prompted a full canyon closure, Interlodge, and avalanche

control work. Restrictions were lifted at 9:35 am.

April 1st, 5:00 am: The highway was again closed and Interlodge restrictions were put into effect for avalanche control work. Restrictions were lifted at 8:18 am.

April 3rd, 4:00 am: Road closed, Interlodge on, avalanche control, road open at 8:16 am. Closed again at 8:00 p.m. Ever see the movie Ground Hog Day where every day repeats itself?

April 4th, 8:20 am: Avalanche control was completed and restrictions were lifted. At 6:03 pm, the Alta Ski Patrol, Marshal's Office, Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office, and Unified Fire Authority combined efforts in a search and rescue call for a missing man, last seen skiing in the Westward Ho area. The man was located unresponsive and immediate resuscitation efforts were initiated. The man was transported to a local hospital via ambulance. Our office was later notified the man had died.

April 8th, 11:09 am: A vandalism report was taken after a bypass resident discovered the tires had been flattened on his vehicle.

CBDG Funds Allocated

The Town of Alta allocated its Community Block Development Grant Funds at the April 9th Town Council Meeting. The \$14,700 will be allocated as follows:

The Road Home—Shelter	\$750
The Road Home—Winter Shelter	\$750
Legal Aid Society—Domestic Violence Program	\$375
YWCA Crisis Shelter and Support Services	\$375
Alta Central Housing Rehabilitation	\$4500
Community Center Improvements	\$4110
Alta Town Park Improvements	\$1500
Recycling Program	\$2340



Photo courtesy of Piper Lever

Alta Events Calendar

May

- 12-14 6:30pm Wasatch Canyons Tomorrow workshops. Please refer to information below.
- 14 10am Town Council Meeting, Community Center
- 18 5:15pm ACE Event: Yoga with Stacy, OLS, FREE! Some mats available

Mark your calendars! The Wasatch Wildflower Festival has been scheduled for July 17-19. Events are still being planned, stay tuned for more information.

All events are subject to change. For Alta Community Enrichment (ACE) events please check: www.altaarts.org or call 801.742.0830.

Wasatch Canyons Tomorrow

The *Wasatch Canyons Tomorrow* process is your opportunity to help update Salt Lake County's 1989 Wasatch Canyons Master Plan. This plan guides land-use policy for City Creek, Emigration, Red Butte, Parleys, Mill Creek, Big

Cottonwood, and Little Cottonwood Canyons. The canyons provide more than 50% of Salt Lake City's water supply, and significantly add to the quality of life for residents of the Salt Lake Valley. With the doubling of the

county's population in the next 30 years, *Wasatch Canyons Tomorrow* will strive to ensure the long-term health of these treasured canyons, balancing land-use, transportation, and environmental concerns.

Photo courtesy of Jill Garreffo



Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, and the State of Utah are the principal sponsors of the *Wasatch Canyons Tomorrow* process. Envision Utah is facilitating data collection and public participation. The U.S. Forest Service is a supportive partner and provides technical assistance.

Educational workshops will be held May 12-14 to inform the public about canyon issues. Attendees will use fun interactive keypad polling to answer survey questions. Workshops will begin at 6:30pm. Dates and times are listed below. To RSVP, contact: canyons@envisionutah.org

Can't make it to a workshop? Starting May 7th, you can complete an important survey on the canyons at: www.wasatchcanyons.slco.org

For more information contact Kevin Fayles at 801.303.1462 or Kevin@envisionutah.org

May 12th	Alta High School Media Center 11055 S. Hawk Highway (Sandy)	Hunter High School Cafeteria 4200 S. 5600 W. (West Valley City)
May 13th	Skyline High School Cafeteria 3251 E. 3760 S. (Mill Creek)	Sandy City Hall (2nd floor) 10000 S. Centennial Parkway
May 14th	Westminster College Concert hall 1840 S. 1300 E. (Salt Lake City)	West Jordan High School Media Center 8136 S. 2700 W.

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ALTA BOXHOLDER



Closing day highs and lows. **LEFT:** Crowd gathers on high boy to toast another awesome season at Alta Ski Area (Photo credit CER) **RIGHT:** Avalanches cause an afternoon road closure. The road opened at 6pm with the ensuing traffic situation pictured above. (Photo credit JHG) Thanks Alta Ski Lifts for a great season!

Municipal News (cont....)

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months to save on printing and mailing costs. Please email:

CER@townofalta.com to be added to the email distribution list. If you choose not to be on the email distribution list, the newsletter will be posted monthly on the Town's website, usually during the first week of the month. If you do not have email access, we can continue sending a paper copy; please call 801.363.5105 and speak with Claire to make sure we keep you in

the loop! Next month will be the final paper distribution. Additional reminders will follow.

Records were meant to be broken! 169 inches of snow fell over 14 days from the end of March through the beginning of April, just barely squeaking by the previous record. In addition, there have been four months with over 100 inches of snow this year, the fourth time this has happened since 1945.

BELOW: Everyone wants to celebrate the last day of the season. (Photo courtesy of JHG)

