



TOWN OF ALTA NEWSLETTER

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A monthly report of municipal business in the Town of Alta

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Municipal Report

The Town of Alta is now recycling glass from the Town Offices and Alta Central. The Town is working with Glass Planet, a private glass-recycling contractor to pick up their glass for a reasonable fee. If you are interested in a personal service to pick up your glass, please contact Glass Planet at (801) 707-6383 or Glass-Planet@q.com for more information.

The Summer Road opened late this summer due to a lingering snowpack. Special thanks to Alta Ski Lifts for grading and smoothing the road prior to dust control. WRR Industries Inc, from Salt Lake City, applied dust

control material on July 18, 2008 to ensure a smooth opening of the Summer Road the following day.

On July 23, 2008, Judge Medley ruled against the plaintiff in the Melville v. Guldner and the Town of Alta lawsuit that a discovery request for many years worth of water and mining records would be denied. Judge Medley characterized the plaintiff's discovery demands as overbroad and irrelevant.

County Sheriff Jim Winder addressed the Town Council on August 14, 2008 regarding Salt Lake County Jail concerns. He recalled the history of jail overcrowding as a result of the 2002 closing of

the Oxbow jail. As discussion has begun on the need to reopen the Oxbow Jail, Sheriff Winder asked the Town Council to pass a resolution to support the reopening of the facility. A draft resolution will be discussed at the September Town Council meeting.

John Guldner and Claire Runge attended a Cooperative County Plan (CCP) meeting on August 26, 2008 in Holladay. Salt Lake County and the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC) have collaborated to produce a CCP and growth principles to help guide local jurisdictions within the county. The WFRC has asked each municipality to

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Marshal's Report

The following contains selected items from the July and August Marshal's Report . Full Marshal's reports are available on the Town of Alta website.

June 28th, 1:29 pm: The deputy on duty assisted Sheriff's deputies with a traffic stop. Information

had been received that an occupant of the vehicle was wanted for outstanding arrest warrants. In addition, quantities of controlled substances were located in the vehicle. The male was arrested and transported to jail.

June 30th, 5:03 am: The Marshal's Office and Uni-

fied Fire Authority responded to a fire alarm at a Bypass Road residence. The alarm was found to be false. **At 9:24 am,** the deputy on duty was dispatched to a construction site regarding an assault between two co-workers. A male who had reportedly choked another man was

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Municipal Report

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adopt the growth principles within six months. The group will meet again in November.

The Marshal's office has successfully spent the remaining money on a **2006 Homeland Security Grant**. Funds were allocated towards a computer to run the sign at the mouth of the canyon and purchase a supply of AED (Automated External Defibrillator) batteries. The remaining funds will be used towards a joint communication system upgrade between the Town of Alta, Snowbird and emergency operations centers in Salt Lake County.

The Town is selling a steel storage container. The dimensions are 8' high x 26' long x 8' wide. The container is modified with steel support

beams to make this container avalanche proof (see photo). The Town is asking \$1800, and the buyer must arrange for removal/transport. Please call Kate Black for more details: (801) 363-5105.

The Town of Alta is once again publishing a monthly newsletter! We hope you like what you see here and welcome any feedback. In addition to feedback, please share any news, events, or photographs that you would like to see in a future publication of the Town of Alta Newsletter. Digital formats are preferred, please send to Claire at cer@townofalta.com

The Town of Alta welcomes Claire Runge as the new Assistant Town Administrator. Claire joins us after working for the Alta Ski Lift Company for two winters as a lift operator. Claire holds a Masters degree

in Geosciences from Princeton University and a Bachelor's degree in Geology from The College of William and Mary.



Claire Runge, high above the Town on Mt. Wolverine

Marshal's Report

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cited and released.

July 4th, 9:36 am: An unattended vehicle was discovered rolled off the roadway in the Grizzly Gulch area. The owner, a local resident, apparently left his vehicle out of gear. Damage was minor.

July 13th, 12:51 pm: The deputy on duty assisted with a car fire near Snowbird entry #2. **At 2:28 pm,** assistance was given to a woman who had injured an ankle in Albion Basin.

July 21st, 7:28 pm: A report was received of a reckless driver racing up the canyon. The deputy on duty intercepted the vehicle in Alta. A Murray man was charged with reckless driving and driving an unregistered vehicle.

July 22nd, 11:39 am: An Alta resident received a warning notice for

failing to maintain their dog under control in Albion Basin.

July 26th, 9:36 am: A report was taken regarding damage caused when an unsecured trailer rolled into a vehicle in the Cecret parking area.

July 28th, 9:00 pm: The Marshal's Office assisted the County Sheriff and Unified Fire Authority with a serious traffic accident in the seven turns area of the canyon. A 53 year-old driver lost control of their vehicle which rolled several hundred feet down an embankment. The driver was flown from the scene in critical condition. The highway was closed for several hours due to the severity of the accident.

July 31st, 10:00 pm: The deputy on duty was called to quiet an unruly group in the Albion Basin campground.

Aug. 2nd, 1:03 pm: The Marshal's

Office and Fire department responded to a woman with a leg injury on a hiking trail in Albion Basin. The patient was transported to a local hospital via ambulance.

Aug. 3rd, 9:52 am: A report was taken of lost property on the Summer road. **At 11:17 am,** the Marshal's Office and Fire department responded to a shoulder injury in the "Gunsight" area. A male was assisted from the mountain and transported to a local hospital.

Aug. 10th, 12:25 pm: A minor traffic accident was investigated near the information booth. One driver received a citation for improper backing. **At 2:05 pm,** a missing person report resulted in a multi-agency search for a 90 year old man overdue from a hike from Alta into American Fork Canyon. The male was found unharmed in Albion Basin.

Watershed Symposium

The Mayor, along with several members of the Town of Alta staff, Town Council and Planning Commission and several Town residents attended The Friends of Alta Watershed Symposium held August 20, 2008 at Alf's Restaurant in the Albion Basin.

With a growing population on the Wasatch front, water conservation and watershed management has become pertinent to our future water supply. The event not only touched on important critical water issues Utah and the Mountain West area, but also addressed watershed concerns here in Little Cottonwood Canyon.

The Symposium brought together representatives from all different fields including scientists, lawyers, politicians, and business owners, enabling a rich and thoughtful dialogue with the participants in attendance.

The event was highlighted by addresses from Governor Jon Huntsman, Attorney General Mark Shurtleff, and Salt Lake County Mayor Peter Corroon. A morning panel discussion on Water Conservation was



Governor Jon Huntsman addresses the audience at the Watershed Symposium

facilitated by Dennis Strong, Director of Water Quality for the State of Utah and an afternoon panel discussion on Watershed Management was led by Jeff Niermeyer, Director of Salt Lake City Public Utilities.

An informative and productive day was capped off with guided hikes of Albion Basin and a wine and beer tasting. Find out more about Friends of Alta at: www.friendsofalta.org

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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

ALTA BOXHOLDER

Interested in saving paper? A electronic copy of this newsletter is available on the Town of Alta website. If you would like to discontinue receiving paper copies of the newsletter, please contact cer@townofalta.com

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. We will accept cardboard, paper, and aluminum, and plastics #1 and #2. Contact Claire Runge for additional recycling questions.



September Alta Events Calendar

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| 9 | 6pm | ACE Event: Green Clean Craft Night, Our Lady of the Snows, FREE! |
| 11 | 9:30am | Town Council Meeting, Community Center |
| 11 | 12pm | Joint Planning Commission and Town Council Meeting followed by Planning Commission discussion, Community Center |
| 15 | 6pm | ACE Event: Potluck Dinner, Our Lady of the Snows (BYO meat/fish and a side dish) |
| 22 | 5:15pm | ACE Event: Free Yoga with Lorraine, Our Lady of the Snows, FREE! |
| 24 | 6pm | ACE Event: Salsa Dance Class, FREE! |

*All events are subject to change **Please check ACE's website at www.altaarts.org, or call 801.742.0830 for event updates

