

# Town of Alta Newsletter



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## Municipal News

**The Town is proud to announce the completion of an extensive codification project with Sterling Codifiers.** Over the last year and a half Town staff and Council have diligently reviewed the Town's ordinances for consistency and accuracy for compilation into a new Alta Town Code. The best news is that this new code is now available ONLINE! The entire code is searchable and will be updated continuously as new ordinances are passed. Please visit: [www.sterlingcodifiers.com/Alta,Ut](http://www.sterlingcodifiers.com/Alta,Ut)

**Over the last few months, the Town Council has been discussing Anti Bias Ordinances** as they relate to Housing and Employment. The ordinances will be discussed again at the upcoming January 13<sup>th</sup> Town Council meeting and comments are welcome. Copies of the ordinances are available on the Town's website under "Breaking News": [http://www.townofalta.com/about\\_new.shtml](http://www.townofalta.com/about_new.shtml)

**The results of the Wasatch Canyons Tomorrow process are public and available.** These non-binding recommendations will be used by Salt Lake County as they contemplate revisions to the 1989 Canyons Masterplan. The recommendations can be found: [http://www.envisionutah.org/eu\\_projects/regionalvisioning.html](http://www.envisionutah.org/eu_projects/regionalvisioning.html)

**The Town of Alta has issued a RFP for professional services of a digital**

**marketing firm** for upgrading and revamping the Alta Visitor's Bureau website. The goals of this effort are to increase skier days, visitor nights, and sustainable business growth by increasing our marketing presence. The contract should be awarded by mid January. In addition, the Town has hired two part time positions to continue the operation of the Alta Visitors Bureau through the 2010-2011 winter season.

**The Town of Alta has also issued a RFP for a waste management study.** The goal of this study is to quantify waste and recycling volume for the community and evaluate alternatives for future waste and recycling collections programs. Part of this study will include a survey of residents and businesses to determine current and desired collection methods. The bid will be awarded by mid January with the study starting shortly thereafter. This study will be funded with Community Block Development Grant planning funds.

**The Alta Environmental Center is offering a free and easy commute program.** The Alta Commute Program allows all Alta employees and visitors to connect online for carpool and bus transportation options to Alta. You can even keep track of your commuter footprint! Sign up at: <https://alta.mycommuteoptions.com/login>

**Representatives from Unified Fire**

**Authority (UFA) were at the November 11<sup>th</sup> Town Council meeting** to discuss potential changes to antifreeze mixture ratios in residential fire sprinkler systems. Once UFA finalizes recommendations, notices will be made public and the Town will provide additional information.

**The kickoff Little Cottonwood Canyon Road Meeting was held November 17<sup>th</sup>.** Representatives from almost a dozen agencies were present to discuss changes for the upcoming ski season. Among the relevant changes, the Alta Marshal's office has helped re-work Valley Emergency Communications 911 protocol to make sure that 911 avalanche calls go to appropriate agencies. The Town of Alta and Alta Ski Lifts have created an early morning courtesy patrol position to help with parking, visitor assistance, and avalanche

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# Marshal's Report

**This report covers activities from October 10<sup>th</sup> — November 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, 5:03 pm:** An intrusion alarm was investigated at a bypass road residence.

**Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:19 pm:** A vandalism incident was reported at Memorial Grove. At 5:53 pm, the deputy on duty was called to mediate a civil dispute at a Grizzly Gulch residence.

**Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, 3:45 pm:** A resident reported the theft of a telescope from behind his residence.

**Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>, 8:06 am:** The Albion Basin Road was closed due to winter conditions. The early season snow was accompanied by the usual influx of "jibbers", trailers full of rails, ramps, junk etc... Unfortunately, the passion for early riding doesn't seem to include driving a properly equipped vehicle up the canyon. Deputies spent the next few shifts extracting stuck cars, and writing accident reports.

**Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>, 4:57 pm:** A juvenile sustained a minor injury while backcountry skiing. The person was assisted by members of the Alta Ski Patrol and Unified Fire Authority and transported down canyon via private vehicle.

**Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:55 pm:** The deputy on duty encountered a young male who was apparently having difficulty learning how to consume alcohol in the Upper Albion Area. An unhappy parent was contacted to take junior home.

**Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, 5:53 pm:** A driver was cited for reckless driving in the Wildcat area.

**November 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 am:** The Town of Alta was placed on Interlodge until 9:25 am for test firing of avalanche control weapons. At 1:53 pm, the deputy on duty handled a trespassing complaint involving a group of juveniles skiing/jumping from the roof of a business.

**November 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:45 am:** The Town of Alta was placed on Interlodge again to complete sighting in of avalanche control weapons.

**November 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:20 am:** A search by the Marshal's Office and Alta Ski Patrol was initiated after a man failed to show up at work and could not be located in his room at one of the local lodges. After a dog search of the snow surrounding the lodge and parking areas, contacting all businesses in Town, and a sweep of the entire highway, the man was located downtown with a friend following a night of bar-hopping. Very glad you are safe sir, but next time please call someone...

**November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8:00 pm:** The Hellgate/Superior section of the highway was closed and placed on Interlodge overnight due to avalanche concerns.

**November 24<sup>th</sup>, 1:49 am:** A response was made to one of the lodges regarding a man who claimed to have been threatened at another lodge

where he was employed. Upon arrival, it was evident that mental health issues existed. The person was provided shelter for the night and departed Alta the following day.

**November 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:32 am:** The Marshal's Office assisted the Unified Police and Fire Departments with a rollover accident in the Tanner's Flat area. Fortunately the occupant of the vehicle only sustained minor injuries.

**November 26<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am:** A search for a missing Alta man ended when it was discovered that he had been involved in a serious traffic accident lower in the canyon. The man was flown from the scene by medical helicopter to a local hospital.

**November 28<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 pm:** The Hellgate/Superior area was again closed overnight due to increasing avalanche hazard.

## ADDITIONAL NOTES FROM THE MARSHAL'S OFFICE:

Winter parking regulations are in effect. Cars may only be parked in DESIGNATED NORTHSIDE parking areas. A map of these locations can be found at the Post Office and online: [http://www.townofalta.com/about\\_maps.shtml](http://www.townofalta.com/about_maps.shtml)

To prevent accidents and allow for better plowing, please dig out cars parked in town within 12 hours of a storm. Non-compliance will result in a citation.



## Message from the Mayor

Happy winter! We continue to receive an abundance of snow that has led to an amazing start to the ski season. The early season snowfall gives everyone great optimism for a successful season.

The snowfall has led to our first road closure for control work in the canyon. This gave us the chance to implement new procedures for traffic queuing at the bottom of the canyon during road closures. This year, as opposed to holding cars at the Wasatch Boulevard side of the triangle, Unified Police Department (UPD) will allow traffic to move up into the canyon to gate B if conditions allow. Essential employees and UTA buses still have priority and will move to the front of this line in the canyon instead of filling the park and ride lot. I commend Salt Lake County Sheriff Jim Winder and the UPD for their continuing efforts to improve traffic flow on control mornings.

Last Friday's communications systems outage was an interesting event. Multiple communication services were temporarily interrupted to the Town. An immediate response to the event was made by the Alta Marshal's Office, Unified Police and Fire Departments, as well as the Alta Ski Lifts Company. A temporary communications center

was established to ensure continuation of emergency and municipal services. I want to thank all of the above listed agencies for their quick response and management of this incident. The Town, Salt Lake County, and utility providers will be meeting to review technical aspects of the outage and lessons learned that can be applied to future emergency management planning.

As for ongoing community issues, we continue to move through the discovery phase of the Shrontz Estate Lawsuit. This will continue through the first part of next year and then both sides will start taking depositions to prepare for trial.

The Planning Commission met on December 16<sup>th</sup> and they discussed the beginning phases of updating the Town of Alta General Plan, which was last updated in 2005. This will be a lengthy process and will begin with a training class held with the Town Council in February. There has been much discussion as to the focus of the plan and more details on this process will be available as it unfolds.

Throughout the last couple of months I have continued to meet with the Mayor's of cities at the bottom of the

canyon, UTA, Salt Lake County, U.S. Forest Service, UDOT, and Wasatch Front Regional Council to discuss transportation issues affecting the canyon and surrounding areas. The discussions have focused on exploring alternative transportation methods that could be implemented in the Canyon. The goal is to fund and create a comprehensive plan to improve access to the mouth and into the Canyon. I am excited that this is happening as we continue to deal with the pressures of increasing population in the valley, and the challenge of maintaining public safety.

December 27<sup>th</sup> through New Years day the Marshal's Office and UPD will conduct traffic metering. After the Christmas holidays we will take a metering break for two weeks and start up again for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend and continue on Saturdays and Sundays through the end of March. I want to thank Alta Ski Area, Snowbird, Salt Lake County, UPD, and UDOT for their support of this program.

I wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season and best wishes for the New Year!

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lanche control work preparations. UPD will be experimenting with "pre-loading" the canyon with essential employees and buses in hopes of alleviating some of the traffic burden at the bottom of the canyon. Finally, UDOT replaced the Peruvian Ridge 105mm recoilless rifle with a 105mm howitzer for firing rounds over the highway and above the northside of the Town. Alta Ski Lifts has retained the 105mm recoilless rifle for in-bounds control work.

**Claire Runge attended a Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT) Legislative**

Policy Meeting on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Lt. Gov. Bell and Speaker Elect Lockhart were present to discuss the hot-button issue of immigration. This subject will be hotly debated over the course of the upcoming legislative session. As local government would act as the enforcement arm of any immigration legislation, the ULCT will be actively discussing this issue as the legislation evolves. The Utah State Legislative session begins January 24<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for legislative activity that may effect the Town.

**Winter recycling is in full swing! Bins will be emptied on Tuesday and Friday mornings.** Keep in mind that with any road closure, the bins will not be emptied. Please consolidate and break down recyclables to conserve space.

**The Alta Library will be open Wednesday and Saturday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm this winter.**

**Happy Holidays from the Town Staff!**



***Alta Ski Area is looking for  
volunteers***

***Be a  
Waste  
Management  
Officer***

***For the Day  
Ski Free for the Day!***



***For more info, contact:  
[environment@alta.com](mailto:environment@alta.com)***



# Alta Events Calendar

## December

27	7pm doors	ACE Movie Event: TGR's "Deeper." \$5, OLS. Doors open at 7pm, movie starts at 7:30pm.
28	9am	1-Day Avalanche Class. Details and restrictions can be found at: <a href="http://altaarts.org/events/EmpAvyClass">http://altaarts.org/events/EmpAvyClass</a> PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

## January

4	5:30pm	ACE Event: Yoga with Stacy, OLS, FREE!
10-11		Avalanche 1 course. Details and restrictions can be found at: <a href="http://altaarts.org/events/Avy1Course">http://altaarts.org/events/Avy1Course</a> PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.
13	10am	Alta Town Council Meeting, Alta Community Center/Library.
14	8:30pm	ACE Event: Welcome to the Jungle Dance Party, \$5, OLS.
15	6pm	<b>FRIENDS OF ALTA 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!</b> Join Friends of Alta and guest speakers Dr. Jayne Belnap (Department of the Interior) and Ted Wilson (Utah State Governors Office) for an event celebrating 30 years of work protecting the beautiful nature of Alta. Event includes a hors d'oeuvres social and dinner at the Alta Club in downtown Salt Lake City. RSVP Deadline is December 28 <sup>th</sup> . Pricing and additional details can be found at: <a href="http://friendsofalta.org/">http://friendsofalta.org/</a>
18	6pm	ACE Event: Feng Shui Basics, OLS, FREE!
26	6:30pm	ACE Event: Mike Libeck Slideshow, OLS, FREE!
31	6pm	ACE Event: Injury Prevention Ski and Ride Clinic, \$10, OLS.

## February

10	10am	Alta Town Council Meeting, Alta Community Center/Library.
14		ACE Event: Valentine's Day Lover's Feast. Cost and details TBD.
23-24	5:30 doors	ACE Event: Telluride Mountainfilm Tour, \$5, OLS. 5:30 doors, 6pm movie. More information on the Telluride Mountain Film Tour: <a href="http://www.mountainfilm.org">www.mountainfilm.org</a>

### In other event news:

**Alta Community Enrichment proudly supports the artistic, cultural and educational endeavors** of local community members by offering three grants, *the Artist Grant, the WEXL Education Grant and the Young Guns Grant*. Deadlines for all grants are March 10, 2011. More information can be found at: <http://altaarts.org/grants>

**Keep an eye out for the Alta Historical Society Fireside Chat schedule.** Fireside chats are held every week in Alta, and once a month at REI on 3300 South. Please visit: <http://www.altahistory.org/>

**The first annual Alta Earth Day will be held April 22, 2011.** In preparation for this event, a poster contest will be held for the marketing of this event. For poster submission requirements, please email: [cer@townofalta.com](mailto:cer@townofalta.com)



# Town Information and Contacts

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**ABOVE: Town Council from left to right:** Steven Gilman, Tom Pollard, Paul Moxley, Cliff Curry, Dave Richards

## Winter Travel Information

Please consult the following sources for road condition information *before* calling Alta Central:

- Local Information Line: (801) 742-3403
- Check out <http://www.townofalta.com/road> for updated road conditions and interlodge status
- AM530: Tune in to hear messages concerning travel in both Little and Big Cottonwood Canyons
- Canyon Alert System: Sign up for canyon updates via text messaging at <http://updsl.org/services/canyonalerts>
- Twitter: Follow **@CanyonAlerts** on your twitter account



The Town code is now available online at: [www.sterlingcodifiers.com/Alta,Ut](http://www.sterlingcodifiers.com/Alta,Ut)

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