

Town of Alta Newsletter



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Municipal News

Thanks to all the community members who attended Myles Rade-man's February 3rd presentation on "Re-thinking Alta." Myles's presentation is available for viewing on the Town's website under the "What's new" tab.



The Town is committed to finding viable traffic solutions. Starting on the weekend of February 14th, the Town Marshal's Office in cooperation with the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office began metering traffic out of Alta and Snowbird from 3pm-6pm in hopes of reducing the traffic congestion known as the "red snake." Traffic metering will be taking place every Saturday and Sunday through the end of March. Special thanks to

Alta Ski Lifts and Snowbird for contributing funds towards this effort.

The 1989 Salt Lake County Wasatch Canyons Masterplan is being updated. Mayor Pollard and John Guldner will be taking part in new planning efforts during the next few years as the plan gets revised.

The Town of Alta submitted an application for \$1.4 Million in federal appropriations to install gaz-ex's west of the two located on Mt. Superior. If money is appropriated, up to nine slide paths will be eliminated from overhead fire. These slide paths were selected for their land ownership and terrain suitable for avalanche control with gaz-ex technology. Decisions for federal appropriations will be made late this summer or early fall. (Mt. Superior gaz-ex photo, p.3)

The Brendle Group from Fort Collins, Colorado, will be conducting a greenhouse gas inventory for the Alta community. The inventory will be completed in about 10 weeks and will be available to the mem-

bers of the community. This will serve as a baseline for energy use and will be helpful for future comparisons. Special thanks to the Friends of Alta and Alta Ski Lifts for contributing money for this study.

Interested in saving paper? Please email cer@townofalta.com to be added to our monthly newsletter email distribution list.

Mark your calendars! Discussion on how to spend the Town's Community Block Development Grant (CBDG) is slated for the April 9th Town Council Meeting.

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Marshal's Report

January 9th, 10:56 am: The Marshal's Office assisted the DEA task force at a local business. Three males were charged with possession of a controlled substance.

January 14th, 4:49 pm: The Alta Ski Patrol, Marshal's Office, Medical Clinic, Unified Fire Authority and a Life Flight helicopter responded to a the Alta Ski area in response to a 15 year-old female that became separated from her family while skiing. She was located off trail and unresponsive. Immediate resuscitation efforts were made and she was flown to Primary Children's Medical Center where she later died. The Marshal's Office is awaiting a final report from the State Medical Examiner.

January 16th, 10:12 am: A male was arrested for theft of services after being caught skiing at the Alta Ski Area with another person's pass.

January 17th, 4:05 pm: A search and rescue call-out involving members of the Alta and Snowbird Ski Patrols was initiated in the White Pine area for a man reported overdue/missing in the backcountry. The man was located unin-

jured and reunited with his family.

January 18th, 3:14 pm: The deputy on duty was called to one of the local lodges regarding an agitated man who had come up from Salt Lake to "collect a debt". The man readily admitted to being a drug dealer and could not quite understand why he was not welcome. After some conversation with the deputy, the man, his girlfriend, and the person they were looking for were all assisted down the canyon.

January 23rd, 4:39 pm: A report of stolen property was taken potentially related to the above incident.

January 24th, 10:53 am: A 54 year-old male was transported to a local hospital via ambulance after suffering a stroke near one of the parking areas. **At 1:22 pm,** the Hellgate/Superior area was closed and placed on Interlodge travel restriction. The remainder of the Town was placed on Interlodge at 10:30 pm.

January 25th, 8:35 am: Avalanche control work was conducted and Interlodge restrictions were lifted. Avalanche control work was again carried out in the mid-canyon at 3:00 pm.

January 26th, 12:30 am: The Highway was closed and the Town of Alta was placed on Interlodge pending avalanche control work. The restrictions were lifted at 8:30 am.

January 27th, 12:30 pm: A theft of cash between co-workers at a local business was investigated.

January 28th, 12:00 pm: The Hellgate/Superior area was closed and placed on Interlodge.

January 29th, 6:30 am: The Town of Alta was placed on Interlodge for avalanche control work. Restrictions were lifted at 7:28 am.

January 30th through February 5th: Highway avalanche rescue training and drills were conducted in town involving Wasatch Backcountry Rescue volunteers and other public safety agencies. A crushed car that was used throughout the week as a training tool prompted MANY inquiries by citizens concerned that a true emergency was being ignored.

February 8th 10:01 am: An actual rollover accident (with no injuries) occurred on the highway near the Wildcat Parking area. Only one

Ordinance Odds and Ends

Town staff and counsel have been busy preparing new ordinances... now its time to hear what you think.

Town of Alta Subdivision Application Ordinance. The Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on a proposed Subdivision Application Ordinance at the

next Planning Commission meeting. The hearing will occur March 10, 2009, 12pm at Market Street Grill in Cottonwood Heights.

Town of Alta Over Snow Vehicle Ordinance. The Town Council will be hearing comments from the public about a proposed Over Snow Vehicle Ordinance at the next Town

Council meeting held March 12, 10am, at the Community Center. Please note that this Ordinance has no bearing on the Forest Service Travel Order.

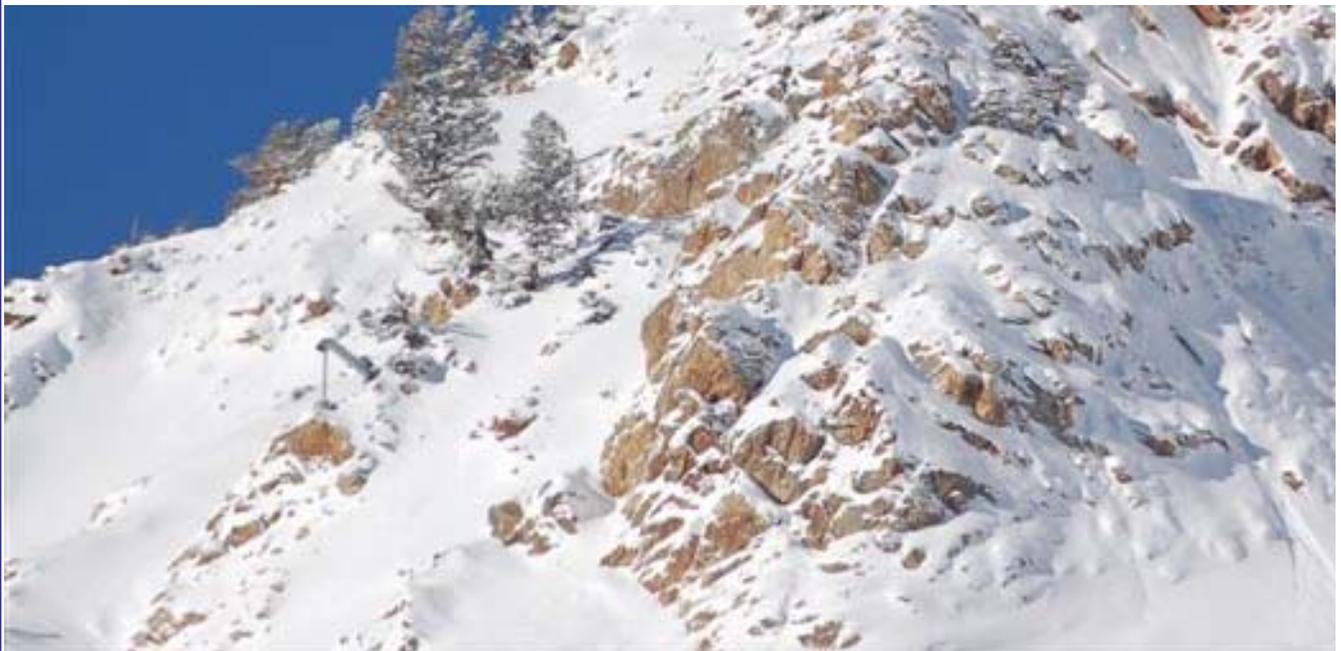
Both DRAFT Ordinances are available online at: on the Town's website under the "What's new" tab.

Alta Events Calendar

March

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| 5 | 4pm | AHS Event: Avalanche Forecasting and Control Program at the Alta Ski Area, Rustler Lodge, FREE! |
| 5 | 6pm | ACE Event: Beginner Hoopgirl® Workout, Our Lady of the Snows, \$5 |
| 10 | 12pm | Planning Commission Meeting, Market Street Grill (2985 East Cottonwood Pkwy.) |
| 11-14 | | Snowflake Festival! Mark your calendars for a fun and event filled weekend. Details can be found online at: http://altaarts.org/events/SnowflakeFestival2009 |
| 12 | 10am | Town Council Meeting, Community Center |
| 13 | 4:30pm | AHS Event: The KUED documentary "The Alta Experience" will be presented by Joe Prokop, the film's producer. Our Lady of the Snows, FREE! |
| 16 | 7pm | ACE Event: Seeking v. Finding, An exploration into the unexpected by Tommy Mulvoy. Our Lady of the Snows, FREE! |
| 21 | 6pm | Alta Gala to benefit Friends of Alta, Alta Community Enrichment, and the Alta Historical Society. This year it will be held at La Caille Restaurant on March 21, 2009. Tickets will be available for \$100. Information is now available online at: http://friendsofalta.org/support/altagala2009 or contact Jen Clancy at info@friendsofalta.org or 801.742.9719 |
| 25 | 5pm | ACE Event: Container Gardening Class, Our Lady of the Snows, FREE! |
| 30 | 5:15 | ACE Event: Yoga with Stacy, Our Lady of the Snows, FREE! Some mats will be available. |

All events are subject to change. For Alta Community Enrichment (ACE) events please check: www.altaarts.org or call 801.742.0830. For Alta Historical Society (AHS) events please check www.altahistory.org or call 801.363.5105.



Gaz-ex pipe on the western flank of Mt. Superior (photo courtesy of JHG)

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Alta Resort Association Phone: (801) 742-0101
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Alta Central Info Line: (801) 742-3403

ALTA BOXHOLDER



LEFT: A local skier gets some awesome Alta skiing in Westward Ho. (Photo courtesy of Jill Gareffi) **RIGHT:** Mayor Pollard (left) and Myles Rademen (right) chatting before Myle's presentation at Our Lady of the Snows (photo courtesy of JHG).

Winter Information

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

- **Local information line:** (801) 742-3403
- **New this winter!** Check out <http://www.townofalta.com/road> for updated road conditions and interlodge status.
- **AM530:** provides messages concerning travel in both Little and Big Cottonwood Canyons.
- **UDOT road conditions** can be found at: www.commuterlink.utah.gov
- **Sheriff's Office updates:** Sign up for canyon updates via text messaging at www.slsheriff.org
- **Taking the UTA ski bus?** Look for park-n-ride information signs traveling east on 6200 S and 9400 S. The signs will display which of the main ski bus lots have available parking before you even get there.