

Town of Alta Newsletter



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Municipal News

A Vision for Alta! Please join the Town in welcoming internationally renowned ski resort planner Myles Rademan to present a thought provoking presentation on change and the future. After the presentation share your thoughts on Alta's future and participate in this lively discussion. The meeting will be held Tuesday, February 3rd, 6pm, at Our Lady of the Snows. Spread the word!

Alta Community Enrichment (ACE) is proud to offer two grants supporting local community members. The Artist Grant and WEXL Education Grant award \$1000 each and applications are due March 10th. For more information on how to apply please visit: <http://altaarts.org/grants>

Tired of waiting in line at the bottom of the canyon? Avoid the hassle and

take a UTA bus! Not only are UTA ski bus free to pass holders, on road closure mornings UTA buses are among the first vehicles (after essential personnel) to be let up the canyon! Take a nap, tune out, and let UTA do the driving!

A Little Cottonwood Canyon Road meeting was held January 6th at the Town Offices. Issues discussed included the red-snake and holding traffic at the bottom of the canyon during road closures.

With the Legislative session gearing into action, Kate Black and Claire Runge attended a Utah League of Cities and Towns Legislative Policy Committee Meeting, January 20th, in North Salt Lake City. More informa-

tion about legislation effecting the Town will be forthcoming as the legislative session proceeds.

On January 14, 2009, representatives from the Town of Alta gave an **annual report to the State of Utah Drinking Water Board on the Town's Antimony Treatment Project.** They reported that the Antimony Treatment Plant was put out to bid in October 2008, the bid was awarded to Pure-flow Filtration Division and explained that the Antimony removal medias being tested are exceeding the Town's expectation. An invitation was extended to the Drinking Water Board to hold their September meeting in Alta to assist with the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Antimony Treatment Plant.

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Instead of waiting in line on road closure mornings, take the bus and be first up!

Marshal's Report

December 16th: A report was taken regarding a missing computer, apparently taken from a bypass residence during the fall.

December 17th: A male was arrested for theft of services after being caught skiing with another person's pass.

December 18th: A credit card fraud case was investigated at a ski rental shop. Two separate medical emergencies were responded to by the Unified Fire Authority.

December 20th: The canyon highway was closed and the Town of Alta was placed on Interlodge for avalanche control from 6:15 am until 7:51 am. Later in the evening, a group of suspicious individuals were interviewed and released in the Grizzly parking area.

December 21st: A highly intoxicated young woman lost her ability to remain conscious at one of the lodges as well as her ability to be polite with the lodge staff and deputy on duty. The discovery of an active arrest warrant in her name went a long way to resolve the situation. A diabetic problem

at the same lodge was attended to later in the day.

December 22nd: The Hellgate/Superior area was placed on Interlodge travel restriction due to increasing avalanche hazard.

December 23rd: Interlodge and road restrictions were put into effect for avalanche control work affecting the Town of Alta.

December 25th: The canyon highway was closed and Interlodge was again put into effect for avalanche control. Another young lady, suffering the effects of the previous evening's alcohol consumption was attended to after driving into the Wildcat Parking area by way of leaving the road just west of the Alta Lodge. Amazingly, after a several hundred yard trip over the cliff, neither vehicle nor driver was damaged. Avalanche danger forced an afternoon closure of the Mid-Canyon for control work. A complete road closure and Interlodge were put into effect at 9:00 pm. A civil dispute was mediated at one of the bypass road condominiums. Additionally, one male was cited for violating Interlodge.

December 26th: Avalanche control work was conducted to reopen the canyon.

December 27th: Two males were ejected from the ski area after attempting to re-sell their day passes.

December 31st: The victim of a sledging accident was assisted from the mountain during the evening thanks to the help of the Alta Cat Crew.

January 2nd: A report was taken of a stolen gear bag at the Day Lodge. The deputy on duty was able to recover the property and it was determined that it had been accidentally switched with another bag.

January 5th: A male was arrested and transported to jail following a domestic violence incident at a bypass road residence.

January 6th: The canyon highway was closed and Interlodge put into effect for avalanche control work. A mid-day closure for avalanche control was also conducted. The entire canyon was eventually closed and placed on Interlodge in the evening pending avalanche control work that took place on January 7th.



LEFT: Warning of Avalanche danger in the canyon. **RIGHT:** Natural avalanche occurring on Superior. (Both photos courtesy of JHG)

Alta Events Calendar

February

- 2/3 Alaska Mountain Guides Level 1 Avalanche Class, *Alta employees only*. Registration required, please contact 801.742.0100 or climb@alaskamountainguides.com for additional information
- 3 6pm **Town meeting with Myles Rademan, Our Lady of the Snows (see Municipal Notes for more information)**
- 5 4:30pm AHS Fireside Chat: "Ode To Alf Engen, An American Skiing Legend" presented by Nic Nichol, Snowpine Lodge, FREE!
- 5 6pm ACE Event: CPR re-certification, Our Lady of the Snows, \$1. Registration required, contact 801.742.9712
- 9 5pm ACE Event: Geological Talk on Alta, Alta Peruvian Lodge (Alf Engen Room), FREE!
- 10 12pm Planning Commission Meeting, Market Street Grill
- 11 4pm ACE Event: Yoga with Lorraine, Our Lady of the Snows, FREE! (Some mats will be available)
- 12 10am Town Council Meeting, Alta Community Center, **PLEASE NOTE MEETING TIME CHANGE**
- 13 4:30 AHS Event: The new KUED documentary "The Alta Experience" will be presented by Joe Prokop, the film's producer. Our Lady of the Snows, FREE!
- 18,19 6pm Telluride Mountain Film Tour, Our Lady of the Snows, doors open at 5:30pm, \$5 each night, tickets can be purchased at Alta Java starting in February. For additional information, check out: <http://www.mountainfilm.org/>

March

- 11-14 Snowflake Festival! Mark your calendars for a fun and event filled weekend. More details to follow.
- 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

Additional Event Information

Morning yoga with Stacy. Every Tuesday at Goldminer's Daughter Art Gallery, Stacy will be holding a yoga class from 6:45-7:45am. A donation is suggested which will be given directly to the Alta School arts and music program. 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.



Cars buried after a recent storm

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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

ALTA BOXHOLDER



LEFT: Salt Lake County Sheriffs controlling traffic on a road closure morning at the La Caille turnoff. **RIGHT:** The road is open and cars are snaking their way up canyon. (Both photos 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.