

Town of Alta Newsletter



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Municipal News

The Town of Alta is requesting your input in the allocation of our 2009-2010 Community Development Block Grant Funds. It is estimated that the Town will receive \$14,700 for this program year. The major qualifier is that 51% of the project's beneficiaries are low to moderate income. Having completed an income survey in 1995 at the Federal Government's request, the Town of Alta and its residents qualify under this guideline. Eligible activities may include, but are not limited to: public improvements, public facilities, public services, grant administration, and planning studies.

Written comments can be submitted to: Kate Black, Town Clerk; P.O. Box 8016; Alta, UT 84092 or kswb@townofalta.com by Thursday, April 2. In addition, interested citizens will be given the opportunity to comment at the public hearing scheduled for the next Town Council meeting which will be held Thursday, April 9, 10am at the Community Center.

WHAT DO YOU THINK? We've heard Myles Rademan speak, now we want to hear what you think

about the future of Alta. Come chat with Town staff and fill out a short survey about your vision of Alta. Maps will be available as well for reference. We look forward to meeting with you and hearing your ideas! Please help us spread the word. The event will be held Saturday, April 11 from 3-5:30 pm at Our Lady of the Snows. As food for thought, Myles' "Re-thinking Alta" presentation" is available on the Town's website under "Breaking News."

Claire Runge attended a Wasatch Canyons Master Plan Steering Committee meeting March 19 at the Salt Lake County government building. The Wasatch Canyons Master Plan has not been updated since 1989 and will include the seven major canyons from Emigration through Little Cottonwood. This updated plan will be built largely from public input so stay tuned for information about online surveys and open houses.

The Town of Alta will be discontinuing the paper distribution of the monthly newsletter in the next few months to save on printing and mail-

ing 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! The official date that paper distribution will end will be posted in the next newsletter and additional reminders will follow.

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Marshal's Report

Below is the Marshal's Report from February 17—March 10, 2009.

February 17th, 8:11 am: The Hellgate/Superior area was placed on Interlodge restriction. **At 10:59 am,** the highway was closed to conduct avalanche control in the lower canyon.

February 18th, 6:30 am: The highway was closed and the Town of Alta was placed on Interlodge for avalanche control work until 7:27 am. **At 11:00 am,** a reckless driver complaint was investigated.

February 26th, 7:57 am: A report of items taken from a parked vehicle was investigated.

March 1st, 5:20 pm: Remember the

woman who drove/flew the spectacular, "Dukes of Hazard short-cut" into the Wildcat Parking area a few months ago? (January 2009 newsletter). She earned citizen of the day honors as a pedestrian when she found and returned a wallet and turned it over to the Marshal's Office. The owner was located and gratefully rewarded her for this act of honesty. **At 9:28 pm,** the deputy on duty responded to one of the lodges regarding a report that jewelry had been taken. The property was located and no further action was taken.

March 6th, 7:56 pm: The Marshal's and Fire departments responded to the Goldminers Daughter Lodge for medical assistance to a 57 year old male not feeling well. The patient

was transported to a local hospital via private vehicle.

March 8th, 10:55 pm: An intrusion alarm was investigated at a Bypass Road residence,

March 9th, 2:50 pm: The Hellgate/Superior area was placed on Interlodge closure followed by a complete Town of Alta Interlodge closure at 11:30 pm.

March 10th, 7:00 am: Avalanche control work was carried out and Interlodge was lifted at 8:30 am. Two males were found attempting to sleep in their vehicle during explosives work were moved to safety and cited for violating the Interlodge closure.

Just for fun...

Below is climate data for Alta for the time period of 1905-2007. Information was taken from the 2nd edition of UTAH CLIMATE—a compilation of climate summaries for the State of Utah produced by the Utah Climate Center (based out of Utah State University). A .pdf of UTAH CLIMATE in its entirety is available at:

http://climate.usurf.usu.edu/news_article.php?id=58

Also available in the full length edition is a thorough description of methodology, calculations and similar data for other Utah Cities and Towns. UTAH CLIMATE also contains a wealth of additional data including historical data on days of last spring freeze and first fall freeze.

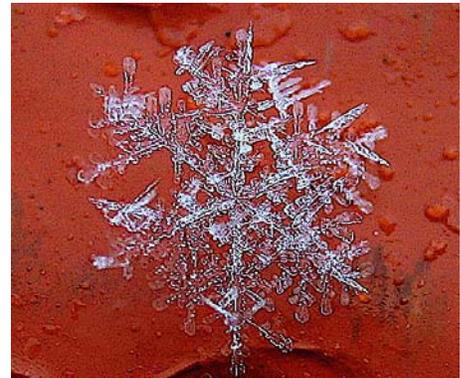


Photo courtesy of Chris M. Little

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Normal max temp (°F)	30.3	32.0	35.5	42.3	51.3	62.8	71.3	70.3	61.2	49.4	36.3	31.0	47.8
Normal min temp (°F)	13.5	14.9	18.2	24.3	32.2	41.1	48.6	47.8	39.9	30.4	19.2	14.2	28.7
Normal mean temp (°F)	21.9	23.5	26.9	33.3	41.7	51.9	59.9	59.0	50.6	39.9	27.7	22.6	38.2
Record high temp (°F)	57	57	65	69	76	89	94	84	79	85	64	59	94
Record low temp (°F)	-26	-19	-8	1	10	20	31	30	16	-1	-16	-25	-26
Normal precip. (in)	6.79	6.02	8.14	5.75	4.42	1.90	1.78	1.98	2.91	4.21	6.41	7.97	58.28
Record monthly precip. (in)	16.70	13.73	15.09	13.09	10.15	7.02	4.49	6.36	13.47	13.08	13.79	25.45	25.45
Record daily precip. (in)	3.63	2.88	2.90	2.61	2.74	1.62	1.87	1.73	3.43	4.32	5.59	5.00	5.59
Normal snow (in)	72.7	77.4	89.9	68.1	30.1	4.8	0.1	0.0	5.1	31.3	68.9	83.9	532.1
Record monthly snow (in)	168.0	155.0	165.0	135.6	88.9	25.0	2.0	0.0	45.0	98.0	143.5	244.5	244.5
Record daily snow (in)	34.0	32.0	31.0	30.0	20.5	17.0	2.0	0.0	15.0	28.0	37.0	34.0	37.0
Ref. Evapotranspiration (in)	0.62	0.80	1.38	1.98	3.51	4.50	5.30	4.61	3.09	1.72	0.78	0.58	28.87

Alta Events Calendar

April

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| 6 | 2-4pm | ACE Event: Clothing Exchange, Our Lady of the Snows, \$1. Bring the clothes you have in your closet but never wear, and trade them in for something new and exciting! |
| 7 | 6pm | Join ACE in viewing "There's Something about McConkey" (MSP films) to celebrate Shane McConkey's life. There will also be a collection for Shane's wife Sherry and daughter Ayla. |
| 9 | 10am | Town Council Meeting, Community Center. Input on how the Town should spend this years CBDG funds will be heard. See details on p.1 |
| 10-12 | | Alta Spring Festival! Three event packed days with everything from free demos, BBQ's, bands, and more! The event schedule can be found at www.alta.com under "Fresh Alta News" |
| 11 | 3-5:30pm | Town of Alta Open House, Our Lady of the Snows. Please see p.1 for more details. |
| 12 | 11 am | ACE Event: Easter Egg Hunt, Albion Grill, FREE! |
| 15 | 4pm | ACE Event: Yoga with Leraime, Our Lady of the Snows, FREE! Some mats will be available. |
| 19 | | Anticipated closing day for Alta Ski Area (conditions permitting, please visit www.alta.com for additional details |
| 28 | 12pm | Planning Commission Meeting, Market Street Grill (2985 East Cottonwood Pkwy.) |

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



SNOWFLAKE FESTIVAL PHOTOS! **Top Left:** Getting down at the disco party. **Top Right:** Watching documentaries. **Bottom Left:** Magic Show! **Bottom Right:** Skiers showing their "Zenko" spirit for the Scott Zenko memorial race. (Photos courtesy of Sara Gibbs)

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Town of Alta Fax: (801) 742-1006
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

Winter Information

Winter is not over yet... 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.

Photos courtesy of Piper Lever and Claire Runge



ALTA GALA! Members of the Alta community gathered for a rousing evening of dining, dancing, and socializing at La Caille to celebrate and support Alta Community Enrichment, Friends of Alta, and Alta Historical Society. The third annual Alta Gala honored Bill Levitt for his years of dedication to these three non-profits. The Alta Gala committee would also like to give a special thanks to Alta Shuttle and Alta Ski Area for their support of this event.