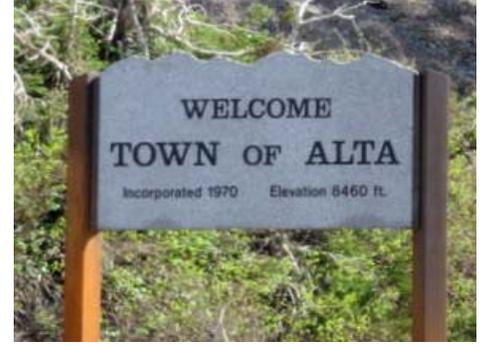


# Town of Alta Newsletter



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## Municipal News

### **TOWN COUNCIL NEWS**

The Alta Town Council was pleased to welcome Lt. Casey Staheli from the Utah National Guard. Lt. Staheli gave a presentation on the Community Covenant program, which is a resource for members of the military and their families. The Town has committed to joining the Community Covenant program and will hold a formal signing ceremony at a future date. To show our commitment to this program, the newsletter will now feature a "Community Covenant Connection" that will highlight current programs and events that are being offered in the area. Please see page 3 for this new feature.

The allocation of Community Block Development Grant funding was discussed at the April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Due to a significant decrease in funding allocated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, it was decided to focus on small updates to eligible buildings. Improvements will be made to both Alta Central and the Community Center to address facility accessibility deficiencies.

The next Town Council meeting will be held on June 21<sup>st</sup>, 10am, at the Community Center/Library. The following public hearings will be held:

**Public Hearing Notice, Budget:** The Alta Town Council will hold a public hearing to receive comments and questions regarding the proposed 2012-2013 Fiscal Budgets (General Fund and Sewer and Water Enterprise

Funds) and the Certified Tax Rate for the Town of Alta. Following the public hearing on the proposed 2012-2013 Fiscal Budgets, the Alta Town Council will hold a public hearing to receive comments and questions regarding the proposed amendments to the 2011-2012 General Fund Budget.

**Public Hearing Notice, Alta Special Service District (ASSD):** The Alta Town Council will hold a public hearing to receive comments and questions on the proposed 2012-2013 ASSD Budget and Certified Tax Rate.

**Public Hearing Notice, Energy Sales and Use Tax ordinance.** The Alta Town Council will hold a public hearing to receive comments and questions on the proposed Municipal Energy Sales and Use Tax Ordinance which proposes to levy a six (6) percent tax on every sale or use of taxable energy made within the Town of Alta pursuant to, and in conformance with, Utah Code Ann. 10-1-301 *et seq.* Copies of the entire ordinance are on file in the Alta Town Office.

**Questions on any of these public hearings** may be directed to Kate Black, Town Clerk, P.O. Box 8016, Alta, Utah 84092 or by calling 801.363.5105. Action will be taken on these items at the regular meeting directly following the public hearings.

\*\*Minutes and Agendas for Town Council meetings can be found at: [http://www.townofalta.com/gov\\_agendas.shtml](http://www.townofalta.com/gov_agendas.shtml)

### **PLANNING COMMISSION NEWS**

The Planning Commission held a joint meeting with the Town Council on March 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss potential summer operational changes with regard to the summer road. Representatives from the U.S. Forest Service were in attendance to share insight from the Albion Basin Transportation Feasibility Study and participate in the discussion.

At the April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Planning Commission welcomed the General Manager from the Alta Ski Area to discuss the ski area's master plan update submission to the U.S. Forest Service. The Planning Commission also continued work on a recommendation to the Town Council on the summer road.

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## Municipal News (...continued from page 1)

The Planning Commission held a meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup> and began to discuss potential changes to the Base Facilities Zone ordinance.

The next Planning Commission meeting will be held on July 5<sup>th</sup>. The Planning Commission will be taking a walking tour of the Base Facilities Zone. Please meet at the Community Center/Library at 4pm.

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### **OTHER MUNICIPAL NEWS**

The Stellar Award is awarded each year to a community figure in Alta. The award was created in 2009 as part of the Alta Gala event to pay special tribute to community figures that might otherwise go unrecognized for their unique and important roles helping to sustain our community. The Town congratulates Town Administrator John Guldner and Alta School teacher Jaeann Tschiffely for receiving the

2012 Stellar award. We are incredibly grateful for the fantastic work they do within the Alta community.

Alta Town Clerk Kate Black was recognized as Outstanding Town Clerk for 2012 by the Utah Municipal Clerks Association.

UDOT will be performing several road projects in the canyon this summer. UDOT will be doing a shoulder widening project from Tanner's Flat up into the Town of Alta and will also be repaving the Bypass Road. Once work begins, watch for heavy equipment in the canyon and plan travel time accordingly.

The opening day of the summer road will be June 30<sup>th</sup>. To prevent vegetation destruction and improve safety, roadside parking will be prohibited this summer. Please observe the 15 mph speed limit while traveling the summer road and watch out for pedestrians, bicyclists, and wildlife on the roadway.

Look for summer business information at [discoveralta.com](http://discoveralta.com)!

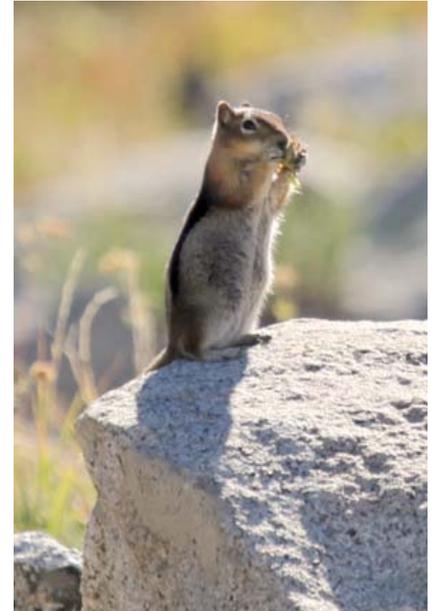
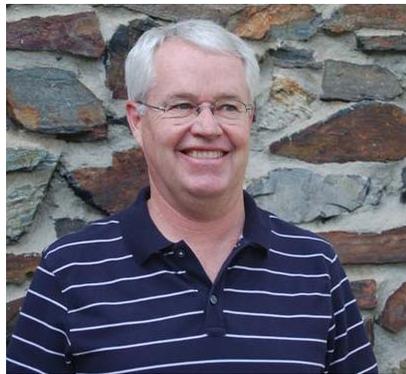


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## Message from the Mayor



I have been meeting with the budget committee since February to prepare the 2012-2013 Fiscal budgets. It has been a difficult process as the 2011-2012 sales tax revenues did not meet our expectations due to the lackluster winter weather conditions. As a result we have prepared a lean budget that

reflects significant financial prudence that left no department untouched.

There is no proposed increase in property taxes on the table, but we are proposing to increase the municipal energy sales and use tax from 4% to 6%. There are very few municipalities in the State that levy this tax under the maximum allowable rate of 6%. For example, a monthly electric bill of \$100.00 is taxed at 4% for \$4.00. If this is increased to 6%, it will result in a \$6.00 energy tax — a two dollar increase.

At the upcoming June 21<sup>st</sup> Town Council meeting we will be holding public hearings on the budgets and the municipal energy sales and use tax. Check out the 2012-2013 budgets here:

[http://www.townofalta.com/gov\\_budget.shtml](http://www.townofalta.com/gov_budget.shtml)

There will be a few changes going into this years summer program. You'll notice that overflow parking has been eliminated on the summer road, and the number of shuttles going into the Albion Basin will be limited to two. With the opening of the Sunnyside Store and restrooms in the Albion Base area we hope that visitors can be better dispersed in the base area where there are more adequate facilities while still maintaining great access to the trails and nature people come to Alta to seek.

I hope this newsletter finds you enjoying the wonderful weather. Have a happy summer!

## Emergency Central



### The Great Utah Shake Out recap:

The Town staff and Council were active participants in a variety of drills and exercises held during the Great Utah Shake Out. Town staff dropped, covered, and held on as the "earthquake" hit at 10:15 on April 17<sup>th</sup>. After the "earthquake," the Town tested secondary communication channels and established communications with the Salt Lake County Emergency Operations Center. The next day, Mayor Pollard participated in a valley-wide policy

maker conference call to discuss the situation and make decisions on the allocation of resources in the County. Later that day, the Town Council and staff were engaged in a table-top exercise to discuss the Town's response to an earthquake scenario. The table-top exercise was designed as an informal way to generate discussion on the strengths and weaknesses that the Town would have in its response to a major earthquake.

The Shake Out generated a great dialogue about the preparedness of the Town for an earthquake scenario. Hopefully it has generated some questions for you and your family. Some questions to think about:

- How would an earthquake effect you, your family, or your workplace?
- How will you get in touch with your family if you are separated during a disaster?
- Would you and your family be prepared to be without utilities (power, gas, water, sewer) for an extended

period of time?

—Does your insurance policy cover earthquake damage? Most insurance policies require additional coverage for earthquakes. FEMA may provide limited assistance after a disaster, but only if a presidential disaster declaration has been made. Even if a declaration has been made, private property owners and businesses should not rely on FEMA to cover all losses due to a disaster.

Useful resources can be found at:

<http://beready.utah.gov>



## Community Covenant Connection

What is the Community Covenant program? The Community Covenant program is designed to foster and sustain effective state and community partnerships with the Army to improve the quality of life for Soldiers and their Families, both at their current duty stations and as they transfer to other states. It is a formal commitment of support by state and local communities to Soldiers and Families of the Army - Active, Guard and Reserve. While Community Covenant is an Army program, it extends to the other Military Services as well, recognizing that many community efforts support all Service Members and their Families regardless of the uniform they wear. Check out the following websites for more information:

### Utah Family Programs

<http://www.ut.ngb.army.mil/family/index.htm>

### Military OneSource

[www.militaryonesource.mil](http://www.militaryonesource.mil)

### Utah Department of Veteran's Affairs

<http://veterans.utah.gov/>

### Community Covenant Program

<http://www.army.mil/community/>



# Alta Events Calendar

## June

19	6pm	ACE Event: Join ACE for an evening of old fashion BINGO fun! Bring an appetizer/small plate/tapas to share with your fellow gamers and bring your favorite refreshing beverage. Our Lady of the Snows, FREE!
21	10am	Town Council Meeting, Alta Community Center/Library.
28	6pm	ACE Event: Beginning Belly Dance Class by Thai Kappos, Our Lady of the Snows, FREE!!

## July

5	4pm	Planning Commission Meeting. Join the Planning Commission for a walking tour of the Base Facilities Zone. Meet at 4pm at the Community Center/Library.
12	10am	Town Council Meeting, Alta Community Center/Library.
18	4:45pm	ACE Event: Wild back into Wildflower Festival. Join ACE for a parade, field day events, pie competition, BBQ, and a Brazilian drum workshop. This year's theme is CARNAVAL! Alta Town Park, FREE!
27-29		Wasatch Wildflower Festival. Alta's day is July 28th. More details at: <a href="http://www.wasatchwildflowerfestival.org">www.wasatchwildflowerfestival.org</a>
28	9am	ACE Event: 1st Annual ACE Chalk Art Contest. Pre-register at <a href="mailto:marketing@altaarts.org">marketing@altaarts.org</a> by July 25th to reserve art space.

## Are you interested in Solar?

Salt Lake Community Solar is a pilot community bulk-purchase solar initiative that will help participants simplify the solar process, making 'going solar' easier and more streamlined. Utah Clean Energy and other non-profits have selected a contractor who will conduct a site assessment to determine suitability for solar, system size, and cost.

Community bulk-purchase solar is a proven, highly successful model designed to help homeowners overcome the logistical and financial hurdles of going solar. Participants unite to tackle the solar process as a team, realizing great cost savings through bulk purchasing power.

Learn more about this exciting effort !

<http://utahcleanenergy.org/saltlakecommunitysolar>

Currently, the following incentives are available for residential solar PV State Tax Credit: 25% of total costs up to \$2,000; Federal Tax Credit: 30% with no cap; Utility Incentives: consult solar contractor

For questions or to get involved, please contact:

Arik Parker, Project Coordinator [arik@utahcleanenergy.org](mailto:arik@utahcleanenergy.org)

Sara Baldwin, Senior Policy & Regulatory Associate

[sbaldwin@utahcleanenergy.org](mailto:sbaldwin@utahcleanenergy.org)



# Alta's 2012 Summer Stewardship Events

All meeting locations are outside Alta's Sunnyside Store in the Albion Base parking area.

\*To register or for more information email: [volunteer@cottonwoodcanyons.org](mailto:volunteer@cottonwoodcanyons.org)  
or call Public Lands Information Center 801-466-6411

**July 7 - Saturday**  
Restoration Project-Trail Work  
8am – 12pm  
*(we will continue to work in the afternoon for those of you who can stick around )*  
Registration Required\*

**July 10 - Tuesday**  
Invasive Weed Removal  
1pm – 4pm

**July 19 - Thursday**  
Invasive Weed Removal  
5:30pm

**July 21 - Saturday**  
Alta Ski Area Clean Up  
8am—12pm  
Registration Required\*

**July 28 - Saturday**  
Wasatch Wildflower Festival  
9am – 2pm  
\*Runs from July 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>

**August 9 - Thursday**  
Invasive Weed Removal  
5:30pm

**August 29 - Wednesday**  
Alta Nursery Addition  
2 sessions: come for 1 or both  
9am – 12pm & 1pm—4pm  
Registration Required\*

**September 6 - Thursday**  
Invasive Weed Removal  
1pm – 4pm



**September 8 - Saturday**  
Alta Ski Area Tree Planting  
9am – 4pm  
~ Registration Required with Tree Utah at 801.364.2122 or [volunteer@treeutah.org](mailto:volunteer@treeutah.org)

**September 14 - Friday**  
Memorial Tree & Seedling Planting  
2 sessions: come for 1 or both  
9am – 12pm & 1pm—4pm



# Hazardous Waste Collection Events

## We want your electronics and household hazardous waste!

Community Collection Events - Summer 2012

**7 AM—10 AM ONLY**

**SLC Sugarhouse Park\* 1500 E 2100 S (Mt Olympus Pavilion)**

**June 7 July 5 August 2**

**Sandy City Public Works 8775 S 700 W**

**June 14 July 12 August 9**

**Holladay City 4626 S 2300 E**

**June 21 July 19 August 16**

**Draper City Park 12452 S Galena Park Blvd (550 W)**

**June 28 July 26 August 23**

Questions?: call SLVHD 385-468-3906

\*SLC ONLY—POLICE PRESENT FOR OLD MEDICATIONS COLLECTION

Year round HHW drop off facilities are open Monday-Saturday, 8am-4pm:

Salt Lake Valley Solid Waste Facility - 6030 W California Ave (1400 S)

Trans-Jordan Landfill - 10873 S 7200 W



# Town Information and Contacts

## Town info

<http://www.townofalta.com/>

### Town of Alta Phone:

(801) 742-3522 or  
(801) 363-5105

### Town of Alta Fax:

(801) 742-1006

### Post Office Phone:

(801) 742-2142

### Library/Community Center Phone:

(801) 742-2068

### Justice Court Phone:

(801) 742-2407

### Alta Central Info Line:

(801) 742-3403



## Town Council contact info

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 Councilmember — Cliff Curry — [cliffcurryaltautah@gmail.com](mailto:cliffcurryaltautah@gmail.com) — Term expires 2014  
 Councilmember — Steven Gilman — [gusgilman@msn.com](mailto:gusgilman@msn.com) — Term expires 2016  
 Councilmember — Paul Moxley — [ptm@pkhlawyers.com](mailto:ptm@pkhlawyers.com) — Term expires 2014  
 Councilmember — Harris Sondak — [harrisondak@gmail.com](mailto:harrisondak@gmail.com) — Term expires 2016  
**ABOVE: Town Council from left to right:** Harris Sondak, Steven Gilman, Tom Pollard, Paul Moxley, Cliff Curry



The Alta Post Office is open Mon-Sat, 9am-1 pm. Photo courtesy of Tom Bolen

**Alta Classifieds.** Interested in selling something or have a service to provide to the Alta community? Thanks to a great suggestion from a reader, we are going to experiment hosting a small Alta classifieds in the newsletter. Newsletters are published quarterly, so if you have anything that you would like published in late August, please email [cer@townofalta.com](mailto:cer@townofalta.com) for incorporation into the newsletter.

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