

Town of Alta Newsletter



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Municipal News

Let your voice be heard! General Elections will be held Tuesday, November 4, 2008. If you have any questions about obtaining an absentee ballot, voting by mail, or early voting, please visit: www.clerk.slco.org or call (801)468-3427.

Registered to vote in Alta? Voting will take place at the Albion Grill between 7am-8pm. It would be advisable to bring either a voter registration card or a government issued form of identification.

On September 2, 2008, Mayor Tom Pollard, John Guldner, and Claire Runge attended a meeting with local ski area representatives and Salt Lake County Mayor Peter Corroon. The group discussed federal and state funding options for an overhead fire reduction program for avalanche control. In the short term, funding is sought to replace the "out-of-service and aging" Recoiless Rifle, with a long term goal of installing remote avalanche control devices. The group also discussed the proposed wilderness expansion in the Wasatch. Save our Canyons is pro-

posing an addition of over 28,000 acres for Wilderness Preservation, a portion of which would be located in Little Cottonwood Canyon.

A engraved plaque donated by the late Duane and Jody Shrontz was mounted on the granite wall at Memorial Grove earlier this month. Memorial Grove is on the west side of the Summer Road after the last switchback. The plaque displays the peak names and elevations looking west from Memorial Grove. (See *photo on p.4*)

Wondering what happened to the old sign at the bottom of the canyon? As part of state-wide transit improvements, Hwy 210 was eyed for changes to create consistency in the State's highway systems. When the ski season was over, UDOT tore down the Town's sign, and installed a new sign with the intent to control the sign from the Traffic Operations Center in West Valley. The Town has used grant money to purchase a computer to control the sign from Alta Central, and UDOT has provided the necessary software to make this a reality. The Town of Alta is still work-

ing out the bugs with the new system and is currently creating a library of messages to be displayed on the sign.

The Albion Basin Campground is closed for the season, and the water is shut off. It is now illegal to camp there until the campground reopens next summer. In addition, the Albion Basin shuttle and summer booth are closed.

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Marshal's Report

August 16th 2:47 pm: The Deputy on duty was called to the Alta Ski Area regarding a deer that had been shot by an archer outside of the Town's prescribed hunting area. With assistance from the Division of Wildlife Resources, it was determined that the hunter had no criminal intent and was misinformed about his location outside the hunting boundaries. He was allowed to keep the deer with a warning placed against his state hunting license.

August 17th 2:25 pm: The Marshal's and Fire Departments assisted a man experiencing chest tightness and arm pain. He was transported to a local hospital via ambulance.

August 20th 2:49 pm: Attendees of the Watershed Symposium held at Alf's restaurant had a front row seat to observe our watershed enforcement program. As a speaker gave their presentation, a mini-van was observed through the window behind the podium attempting to negotiate their way up the mountain in the Sugarloaf area. The deputy on duty promptly intercepted the driver and assisted them from the mountain. A citation was issued for off road travel.

August 21st 12:10 pm: The Marshal's

and Fire Departments responded to the Albion Campground to assist an 89 year-old patient with hip and back pain. The person was transported via ambulance for further care. **At 5:15 pm**, a Salt Lake City man was charged with theft of services from an incident last ski season where he was caught skiing on someone else's ski pass.

August 22nd 5:38 pm: The Marshal's and Fire Departments responded to the scene of a 36 year-old man who had very unfortunately collapsed and died while jogging. Very appreciated assistance was provided from the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office and Forest Service Law Enforcement. Our investigation remains open pending a report from the Office of the Medical Examiner.

August 30th 1:00 pm: A contractor was cited in Albion Basin for abandoning a fire.

September 1st 1:56 pm: A 911 hang up call was investigated at an Albion Basin residence and determined to be a phone line malfunction.

September 6th 2:04 am: The deputy on duty responded to the Rustler Lodge regarding a disorderly guest. The situation resolved itself upon his

arrival. **At 5:38 pm**, the deputy responded to the Albion Basin on the report of people netting birds. The group turned out to be part of a permitted wildlife study.

September 6th 9:35 am: A lost property report was taken at the Rustler Lodge. **At 11:59 am**, transportation was provided for an exhausted mountain biker back to her vehicle. **At 3:46 pm**, the Marshal's, Fire, and Sheriff's departments responded to a motorcycle accident in the White Pine area. The fortunate rider sustained only minor injuries and was not transported. **At 4:00 pm**, downhill canyon traffic was restricted for the Annual Peruvian Lodge "Downhill Dash" footrace.

September 8th 8:10 am: A report was taken for minor vandalism to a dump truck window parked at the Peruvian Lodge. A group of kids were seen throwing rocks in the area prior to the damage being discovered.

September 9th 11:12 am: Response was made to another Albion Basin cabin for a 911 hang-up call. Again, all was found to be okay. Residents, please check the rechargeable batteries on cordless phones along with your smoke detectors!

Alta Events Calendar

OCTOBER

7	6pm	ACE Event: Craft night: Mask Making, Our Lady of the Snows, FREE!
9	9:30am	Town Council Meeting, Community Center
14	12pm	Planning Commission Meeting, Market Street Grill
15	5:15pm	ACE Event: Power Yoga with Stacy, Our Lady of the Snows, FREE!
21	6pm	ACE Event: Vegetarian Potluck and Raw Foods Demo: How to grow sprouts, Our Lady of the Snows, FREE!
27	6pm	ACE Event: Pumpkin Carving Party, Our Lady of the Snows, FREE!

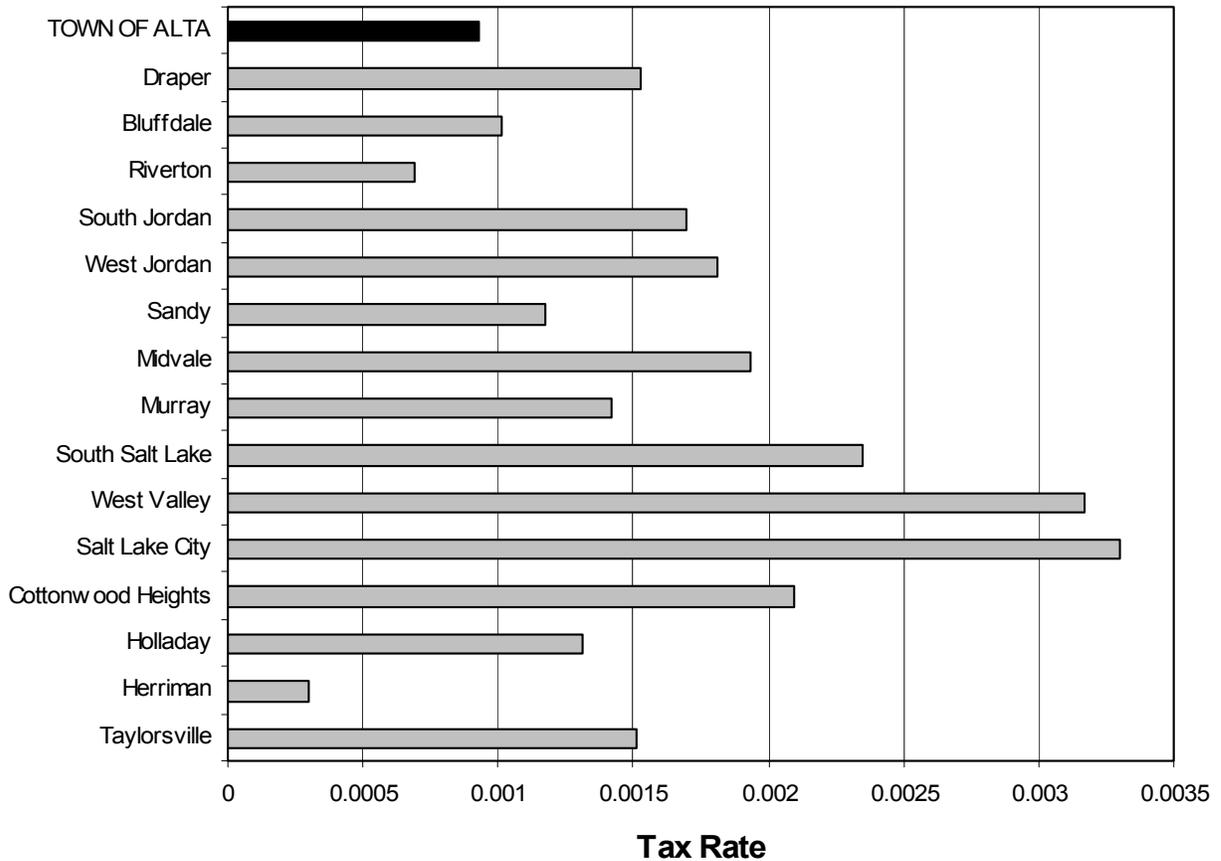
NOVEMBER

4	7am-8pm	Election Day
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*All events are subject to change **Please check ACE's website at www.altartaarts.org, or call 801.742.0830 for event updates

Tax Rate Comparison

2008 Salt Lake County Certified Tax Rates



ABOVE: This graph shows the certified tax rate for all municipalities in Salt Lake County for the year 2008. Out of 16 municipalities, the Town of Alta has the third lowest tax rate. Only Herriman and Riverton have lower certified tax rates. Next month, we will have information about the breakdown of property taxes for Alta Residents.



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Alta Central Info Line: (801) 742-3403
UDOT Cottonwood Canyons Hotline: (801) 975-4838

ALTA BOXHOLDER

September Photos



Little visitor. A young moose spotted with his family off the Summer Road, September 16th.



Change of season in Alta! Snow dusts Mt. Superior on the first snowfall of the season, September 1st.



Memorial Grove plaque. Come check out the plaque in Memorial Grove. There is a pull-out on the west side of the summer road after the last switchback.