

# Town of Alta Newsletter



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## Municipal News

**Keith Hanson from Salt Lake County Service Area #3 reported on the anti-mony treatment plant** at the January Town Council meeting. Representatives from Dow Chemical, Pure Flow Filtration Division, and Division of Drinking Water were also in attendance to answer questions from the Council. Mr. Hanson reported that the antimony treatment plant has exceeded expectations.

**The Town Council passed an anti-idling resolution** to memorialize the Town's support to educate and encourage residents and visitors to turn their key and be idle free! Text of the passed resolution can be found on page 3.

**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 April 1<sup>st</sup>. For more information on how to apply please visit: <http://altaarts.org/grants>

**Mayor Pollard, Marshal Morey, and John Guldner met with Sheriff Winder** regarding the formation of the Unified Police Department. Alta currently does not have plans to join but is evaluating its options.

**Marshal Morey and Claire Runge met with representatives of Beck Disaster Recovery** to discuss the Town's Emergency Operations Plan. The Town is proud to participate in this 3-year

process that will enhance emergency management programming for the Town and Salt Lake County.

**The Alta Planning Commission met on January 21<sup>st</sup>.** A public hearing was held on a proposed FEMA Flood Damage Ordinance. This ordinance will be discussed again with possible action at the next Planning Commission meeting. The Planning Commission also recapped last years work and discussed future efforts to be undertaken this year. The next Planning Commission meeting will be February 25<sup>th</sup>. The Town hopes to have a representative from Envision Utah present to give an update on the Wasatch Canyons Tomorrow process.

**Interested in what's going on at Town Council or Planning Commission meetings?** Agendas for public meetings are posted approximately one week before the meeting. **Can't make the meeting?** Minutes from all public meetings are posted as soon as approved, which is usually at the following meeting. Check the Town's website under the "Town Government" tab for agendas and minutes and stay informed!

**The Town of Alta is happy to announce that it now accepts credit card payments!** VISA and Mastercard are currently the only cards accepted. Please contact Piper at the Town Office if you would like additional details.

**Recycling is picked up Tuesday and Friday mornings.** If the road is closed, the pickup will not occur. Please remember to breakdown cardboard boxes to save space!

**Make sure you check out the pictures of the new Town entry sign on page 5!**



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# Marshal's Report

**This report covers events from December 11, 2009, through January 13, 2010.**

**December 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:07 pm:** A suspicious vehicle was investigated in the Hellgate area.

**December 13<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 pm:** The Hellgate/Superior area was placed on Interlodge due to avalanche hazard. **At 2:49 pm,** a traffic accident was investigated in the Wildcat parking lot.

**December 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 am:** The Town of Alta was placed on Interlodge and avalanche control work was conducted. Interlodge was lifted at 7:43 am.

**December 15<sup>th</sup>, 12:34 pm:** A skier triggered avalanche was reported in the Cardiff area. Fortunately, no one was caught in the slide.

**December 19<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 pm:** The Unified Fire Authority, Marshal's Office, and Alta Ski Patrol responded to a 4-year old who had fallen from a chairlift while riding with a parent. The child was flown to an area hospital via medical helicopter as a precaution and was soon released.

**December 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:45 pm:** A minor traffic accident was investigated in the Albion area.

**December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:06 am:** A wallet reported lost at Alta was found later in the day at a neighboring ski area minus its cash. **At 8:30 pm,** the Marshal's and Fire Departments responded to the Rustler lodge to assist a woman having altitude related breathing problems. The person was taken to a local hospital via private vehicle.

**December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2:32 am:** The deputy on duty responded to the ski area to assist with a disorderly person.

**December 25<sup>th</sup>, 11:23 am:** A hit and run accident was investigated in the Wildcat parking area. **At 5:56 pm,**

the deputy on duty assisted the Sheriff's Office with a roll-over accident in the seven turns area of the canyon.

**December 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:45 pm:** The Marshal, Unified Fire Authority, and members of the Alta Ski Patrol responded to the Alta Lodge to assist former Alta Mayor Bill Levitt who had collapsed. The Mayor passed away at the Lodge with family in attendance. Our thoughts are with the Levitt family and our Alta Lodge friends.

**December 30<sup>th</sup>, 8:56 am:** A minor traffic accident was investigated in the Wildcat parking lot. At 4:00 pm, the Hellgate/Superior area was placed on Interlodge Closure.

**December 31<sup>st</sup>, 6:50 am:** Avalanche control work was performed in the Blackjack area. Hellgate/Superior Interlodge restrictions were lifted. **At 9:43 pm,** a missing person report was taken regarding a man who had not been in contact with his family in Canada. The man was located safe and put into contact with his family.

**January 1<sup>st</sup>, 4:54 pm:** An Alta Ski Patrolman reported a fight brewing near the Goldminer's Daughter Lodge. The deputy on duty along with four Sheriff's Office deputies on hand for traffic metering arrived right away and the parties involved suddenly decided

there was nothing worth fighting over.

**January 6<sup>th</sup>, 4:59 pm:** Another minor traffic accident was investigated in the Albion parking lot.

**January 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 am:** The canyon highway was closed until 8:23 am for avalanche control work in the mid-canyon. The Town of Alta was not placed on Interlodge.

**January 11<sup>th</sup>, 11:06 pm:** The deputy on duty responded to one of the lodges on the report of an intoxicated man intent on driving down the canyon. Upon the deputy's arrival, the man opted to seek other means of transportation.

**January 12<sup>th</sup>, 3:04 pm:** A traffic accident was investigated at the intersection of the highway and Wildcat parking area ramp.

## Misc. duties:

205	business, ski rack and property checks
31	motorist assist calls
2	watershed enforcements
13	reports of lost, stolen, or missing ski equipment
25	alcohol enforcements
14	traffic violations
9	outside agency assist calls
5	vehicle impounds



# Message from the Mayor

Wow, a lot of things have happened since our last newsletter.

Probably the most significant event in relation to Town history is the passing of Bill Levitt. I was fortunate to work with Bill for my 16 years on the Town Council and to have him for advisory help during my 1<sup>st</sup> term as Mayor. As I said in the Town Council meeting, I believe the best comment that can be made about Bill is "Thank You". Bill's impact on this community as mayor was immense, but I believe more important were his relationships with individuals and commitment he had to always do what he felt was right.

Last weeks weather cycle reminded us of how fast things can change in Little Cottonwood Canyon. A major storm cycle has built our snowpack back to near normal levels. I would like to thank all who are involved with public

safety aspects of the highway, community, and ski area. It is through their great efforts that we can all enjoy this canyon. We implemented some new policies last week that were complicated and possibly created some confusion. We will take what we learned and move forward to better execution in the future.

This recent weather cycle did give the Salt Lake Valley relief from their most recent air quality issues. At last month's Town Council meeting we passed an anti-idling resolution. This is one way we can raise awareness to the air quality issue. The State of Utah, Salt Lake City, and Salt Lake County have embarked on a Clear The Air Campaign. The main focus of this campaign is to reduce vehicle emissions. As part of the campaign they have asked that we all make a New Years resolution to reduce driving, drive smarter and do

what we can to encourage others participate in this program. I personally have made a goal to eliminate



one trip per week, plan errand runs to be more efficient and to use public transportation and carpooling whenever possible. A sample resolution and more ideas can be found at <http://apps.slcgov.com/general/absoluteftp/clearair.htm>.

I hope we all an opportunity to get out and enjoy what the weather has provided us and that this will provide a boost for our local economy. With that said I'm going skiing.

## Anti-Idling Campaign



**The Town of Alta, Alta Environmental Center, Alta Community Enrichment, and Friends of Alta are proud to support a voluntary anti-idling campaign in Alta!**

Vehicle exhaust is one of the leading sources of air pollution in Utah and is hazardous to human health, especially children's.

The Alta Town Council unanimously passed a resolution at the January 14<sup>th</sup>

council meeting. Please read the text of the resolution below, and help the Town turn the key and be idle free!!

### **A RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE OPERATORS OF VEHICLES IN THE TOWN OF ALTA NOT TO IDLE ENGINES**

WHEREAS, motor vehicle emissions contribute to accumulation of carbon, ozone and particulate matter in the air and are one of the leading sources of air pollution in the State of Utah; and, motor vehicle emissions have been linked to increased rates of cancer, heart and lung disease, and respiratory ailments, and can be particularly detrimental for children; and,

WHEREAS, one minute of vehicle idling is a "break even" point with fuel savings and maintenance costs, and idling in excess of one minute results in wasted fuel and increased emissions; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Alta is committed to reducing idling of vehicle en-

gines throughout the Town. The Town recognizes that certain situations will result in the necessity to idle, including situations when the health or safety of the vehicle's occupants are in jeopardy or when there is standstill/slow traffic on Highway 210. Law enforcement, emergency personnel, heavy machinery, refrigeration trucks, and others may also be required to idle at times.

WHEREAS, the Town shall continue to partner with Friends of Alta, Alta Community Enrichment, Alta Environmental Center, and concerned Alta citizens to promote and educate residents and visitors about the voluntary anti-idling campaign through posters, signs, and other media; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alta Town Council hereby institutes a voluntary anti-idling campaign to educate residents and visitors about the benefits of not idling, and is dedicated to protecting the pristine air of our community for the benefit of our residents and visitors.

## In Memory of... Bill Levitt

FEBRUARY 18, 1917 — DECEMBER 29, 2009

Bill Levitt, the Town of Alta's long time Mayor, died on December 29, 2009. Bill was the quintessential public servant. He used his talent, energy and intelligence to enrich and protect that which was important to him: nature, open spaces, people, and most of all, Alta and its future. Bill brought his energy, vision and talent to the table pulling together people of the most disparate points of view for universal compromise. He will be remembered as being tolerant of other people's ideas and perspectives while never wavering from the truth and what he felt was important: his devotion to family, his principles, and his passion for this canyon and his beloved Alta. The Town of Alta will truly miss Bill Levitt: a man of vision and integrity.

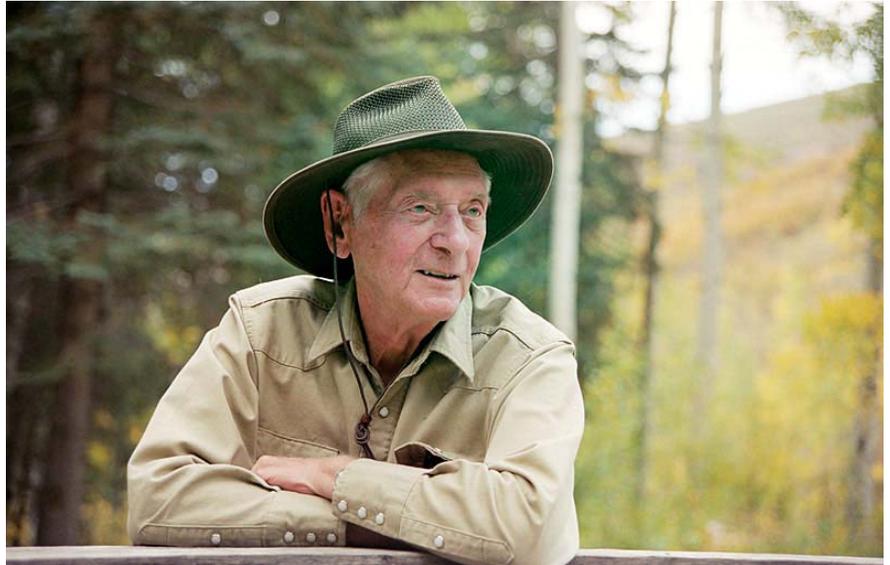


Photo courtesy of Mimi Muray Levitt

## Part Time Census Jobs

### LOOKING FOR AN END OF THE SEASON JOB?

The U.S. Census Bureau is looking to hire Census Takers in Salt Lake County for the 2010 population survey. Census Takers will offer personal assistance to those individuals who do not complete and return their census form by mail. **The jobs are temporary, part-time work and will pay \$14 an hour plus mileage reimbursement. Work will start mid-April and will continue for 2-7 weeks for 20-40 hours a week.**

Individuals interested in applying should **call the Salt Lake Census Office at 801.736.5060** to schedule a hour-and-a-half training session (including a 30-minute multiple choice test). Please be sure to inform the Census Office that you would like to participate in training in Alta, Utah. Training will take place Wednesday,

February 10th, at Our Lady of the Snows at 3pm or 6pm. Please specify which time you would prefer.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old and pass a background check. Applicants must provide proof of identity (passport OR drivers license plus social security card or birth certificate)

Every 10 years, the Census Bureau is required by the U.S. Constitution to count each person residing in the United States. Utah is among the western states with significant population growth.

Be a part of the nationwide population survey while earning extra money and helping to ensure our community is accurately counted in the 2010 Census.

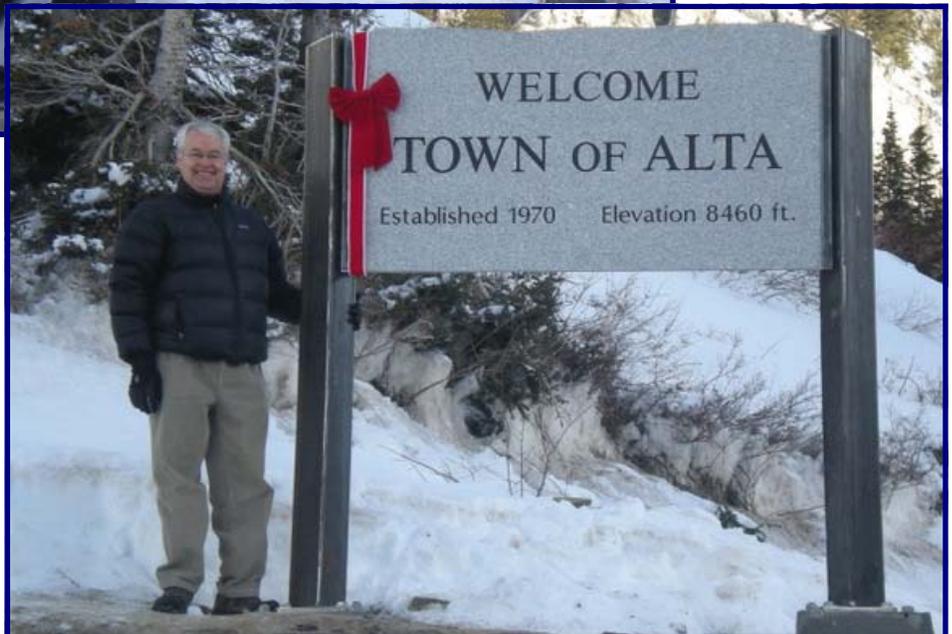
For more details, visit:  
[www.2010censusjobs.gov](http://www.2010censusjobs.gov)

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**Give Alta a helping hand in getting an accurate Census count!**

## New Town Entry Sign!



**Finally, a new entry sign!** After extensive planning, on December 28, 2009, the Town received a late Christmas present in the form of a new sign in Town. Thanks to Chris Ahrens for fabrication and sign design and thanks to Park and Dave Madsen for help installing the new sign! **(DIRECTLY ABOVE:** From left, Park Madsen, Dave Madsen, and Chris Ahrens. **RIGHT:** Mayor Pollard with a belated Christmas present.)

# Alta Events Calendar

## February

3, 4	5:30 doors open; 6pm show	ACE Event: Telluride Mountain Film Tour, Our Lady of the Snows, \$5. Tickets can be pre-purchased at Alta Java or at the door. Mountainfilm on Tour is dedicated to educating and inspiring audiences about issues that matter, cultures worth exploring, environments worth preserving, and conversations worth sustaining. More info at: <a href="http://www.mountainfilm.org">www.mountainfilm.org</a>
8	5:30pm	ACE Event: Yoga with Stacy, Our Lady of the Snows, FREE!
11	10am	Alta Town Council Meeting, Alta Community Center.
11	6pm	ACE Event: Cookie Decorating and Milk Bar, Our Lady of the Snows, FREE! Join ACE for a crafty night of decorating cookies for your belly and your valentines! There will be a great selection of milk and soy milk to wash down the sweetness!
15	6pm	ACE Event: Hula Hoop Instruction, Our Lady of the Snows, FREE! Don't miss ACE's free Hula Hoop Instruction class lead by Chelsea and Jazzy. Hula hooping has become an expressive new form of dance and an excellent way to get in shape. This is a great opportunity to learn the mental, physical, and spiritual benefits that hula hooping has to offer.
17	6pm; 7pm	ACE MOVIE NIGHT: Wii Bowling, 6pm, followed by a showing of Big Lebowski at 7pm. Our Lady of the Snows, \$1. Big Lebowski costume contest as well!
25	12pm	Alta Planning Commission Meeting, location TBD. Please check the agenda for meeting location. The agenda will be posted approximately one week before the meeting at: <a href="http://www.townofalta.com/gov_planning_agendas.shtml">http://www.townofalta.com/gov_planning_agendas.shtml</a>
25	3-6pm	ACE Health Fair, Our Lady of the Snows, FREE! This year's Health Fair will include: dermatologist, knee specialist, blood pressure tests, body fat/ BMI tests, nutritionist, clinical herbalist from Millcreek, Herbs, massage by Karma & Dwyer, acupuncture information, blood glucose and cholesterol tests.
25	4pm	Alta Historical Society Fireside chat: Alan Engen and Jim Gaddis: "Reflections on Ski Competition by Two Utah Skiing Legends." FREE event, location TBD. Check <a href="http://www.altahistory.org">www.altahistory.org</a> for more information.

**All events are subject to change.** For Alta Community Enrichment (ACE) events please check: [www.altartaarts.org](http://www.altartaarts.org) or call 801.742.0830.



**Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, recently elected Town Officials were sworn in for their 2010-2014 term.** LEFT: Recently re-elected Mayor Pollard being sworn in by Town Clerk, Kate Black. RIGHT: Councilmembers Cliff Curry and Paul Moxley.

# Town Information and Contacts

## Town info

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(801) 742-2068

Alta Visitors Bureau:

(801) 742-0101

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(801) 742-2407

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**ABOVE: Town Council from left to right:** Steven Gilman, Tom Pollard, Paul Moxley, Cliff Curry, Dave Richards

## Winter Travel Information

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

- Local Information Line: (801)742-3403
- Check out <http://www.townofalta.com/road> for updated road conditions and interlodge status
- AM530: Tune in to hear messages concerning travel in both Little and Big Cottonwood Canyons
- UDOT road conditions can be found at: [www.commuterlink.utah.gov](http://www.commuterlink.utah.gov)
- Canyon Alert System: Sign up for canyon updates via text messaging at [www.slsheriff.org](http://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. When lots are closed, this does not indicate that the ski areas are closed.

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