

# Town of Alta Newsletter



Vol. 2 Issue 3

November/December 2009

## Municipal News

**H1N1 vaccines are now available at the Alta Medical Clinic.** Stop by the medical clinic (northeast corner of the Goldminer's Daughter Lodge) to get vaccinated. Vaccines are available on a first-come first-serve basis to everyone until supplies run out. A small fee will be charged for administering the vaccine.

**The UTA ski bus has begun service for the ski year!** Keep in mind that all Alta season pass holders ride the bus for FREE! For schedule and route information, please visit: [www.rideuta.com](http://www.rideuta.com)

**At the December Town Council meeting, the Council discussed 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! This resolution will be up for possible action at the January Town Council meeting.

**The Alta Planning Commission will now be meeting on the 3rd Thursday** of the month instead of the 2nd Tuesday. The next meeting of the Alta Planning Commission is scheduled for January 21, 2010.

**John Guldner and Claire Runge attended a federal appropriations meeting** with representatives from Congressman Matheson's office. Last year the Town submitted a federal appropriation request for the installation of gaz-ex exploders but this particular (and peculiar) project did not fit

neatly into any legislation. The Town may try again this winter.

**Town staff attended the Alta Environmental Center Open House** on December 15<sup>th</sup>. The next newsletter will feature more information on this new arm of the Alta Ski Area.

**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.

**Updated Spruce Bark Beetle information has been posted** on the Town's website under "Breaking news." Detailed information can be found in the various links as well as a tree planting suggestion guide.

**The Town of Alta is proud to work with the Salt Lake County Emergency Services** department and Beck Disaster Recovery, Inc. (BDR) to develop a municipal Emergency Operations Plan. Salt Lake County is consulting with BDR to bring all municipalities in compliance with State and Federal regulations. The Town looks forward to this opportunity to evaluate our current emergency management protocol and incorporate these practices into a formal Emergency Operations Plan.

**Happy Holidays from the Town Staff!**

### RECYCLING INFO:

**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!

**Christmas trees can be dropped off for recycling on the west side of the recycling bins from December 26<sup>th</sup> - January 10<sup>th</sup>.**



### In this issue...

<b>Municipal News</b>	p.1
<b>Marshal's Report</b>	p.2
<b>Message from the Mayor</b>	p.3
<b>Anti Idling Campaign</b>	p.4
<b>Alta Events Calendar</b>	p.4
<b>Town Info and Contacts</b>	p.5

# Marshal's Report



This report covers activity from November 11<sup>th</sup> through December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

- 151 business, ski rack and property checks
- 3 motorist assist calls
- 1 watershed enforcement
- 10 traffic violations
- 13 alcohol enforcements
- 2 outside agency assist calls

**November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2:18pm:** An alarm was investigated at a Grizzly Gulch residence.

**November 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:30am:** Interlodge was put into effect for the Town of Alta for test firing of avalanche control weapons.

**November 26<sup>th</sup>, 10:12pm:** A highly intoxicated male was found lying in the middle of the highway by the deputy on duty. After verifying the man was not in need of medical treatment, he was transported to one of the lodges where arrangements were made for co-workers to look after him. A follow up to this incident was conducted at one of the local bars.

**November 27<sup>th</sup>, 3:40pm:** A pair of rental skis reported stolen were lo-

cated by the deputy on duty. No theft had occurred, the renter apparently was confused as to where he had left his skis. The skis were returned to the rental establishment.

**December 4<sup>th</sup>, 4:46pm:** A minor traffic accident was investigated in one of the parking areas along the highway.

**December 5<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am:** Another minor accident was investigated in the same area. In both cases, icy conditions were present. No injuries occurred in either crash.

**December 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm:** The Marshal assisted the Sheriff's Office in locating a driver that had abandoned his vehicle after an accident in the lower canyon.

**December 9<sup>th</sup>, 3:00pm:** The deputy on duty assisted the Sheriff's office with a traffic accident in the mid-canyon.

## **ADDITIONAL NOTES FROM THE MARSHAL'S OFFICE:**

**Winter parking restrictions are now in effect.** Cars may only be parked overnight in designated northside parking areas. A map of these loca-

tions can be found outside the Post Office and online at:  
[http://www.townofalta.com/about\\_maps.shtml](http://www.townofalta.com/about_maps.shtml)  
 Please contact Alta Central if you have any questions regarding overnight parking.

**OSV stickers and renewals are available at the Marshal's Office.** As noted in earlier newsletter editions, the OSV registration process has changed and all existing and new OSV's must register with the Marshal's Office. Please refer to the new OSV ordinance on the Town's website under the "Government" tab.

**And of course, please remember all cars must be dug out within 12 hours of the last storm!**



## Message from the Mayor

**Welcome to winter!** It was great to see smiles on the faces of the people in the Town of Alta as the first major storm dumped 44 inches of snow in a little over 3 days! I hope this is the beginning of a pattern that will continue to bring the snow we all enjoy. Thanks to the efforts of Alta Ski Lifts for delivering a quality skiing product prior to this most recent storm.

Starting the weekend of December 19<sup>th</sup>, we began our traffic metering program for the season. The program will run every weekend through the end of March and will also occur on additional holidays throughout the season. This will be our first full season we will run this program and hope that it reduces travel time in the “red snake,” reduces the avalanche hazard on Hwy 210, and decreases the number of auto collisions. Many thanks go out to our partners in this program, Utah Department of Transportation,

Salt Lake County, and the Alta and Snowbird Ski Areas.

On December 14<sup>th</sup>, the Shrontz Estate filed a complaint with the District Court on the Town Council’s decision to turn down its application for the proposed Patsey Marley subdivision. Salt Lake City was named as a co-defendant in the appeal. We will provide periodic updates at Town Council meetings and in the newsletter as this progresses.

Our efforts towards a voluntary anti-idling campaign continue with the help of Friends of Alta, Alta Environmental Center, and Alta Community Enrichment. With the support of the rest of the Town Council, we will be look at passing an anti-idling resolution in January. We hope this resolution memorializes our commitment to keeping the air in Alta clean and safe to breathe for our residents and guests.



As the 1<sup>st</sup> decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century comes to a close –I will remember not only the challenging economy the last two years but also the boom years before that. There have been many exciting changes in our country. I look forward to next year and wish everyone a happy holiday season.

## 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.

This month’s idling tidbits are from the Natural Resources Canada Idle Reduction Facts page:

- Any more than 10 seconds of idling uses more fuel than is required to restart the engine. However the break-even time to offset any potential incremental maintenance cost to the starter or battery is 60 seconds.
- If you’re going to be stopped for more than 60 seconds —except in traffic— turn the engine off. Unnecessary idling wastes money and fuel, and produces greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change.
- Contrary to popular belief, excessive idling is not an effective way to warm up your vehicle, even in

cold weather. The best way to warm up your car is to drive it. In fact, with today’s computer controlled engines, even on cold winter days, no more than two to three minutes of idling is usually enough warm-up time before starting drive.

- You can help reduce the impact of cold starts — and reduce idling times — by using a block heater on cold winter days. This device warms the coolant, which in turn warms the engine block and lubricants. The engine will start more easily and reach its proper operating temperature faster

For more facts and information check-out: [www.idlefree.utah.gov](http://www.idlefree.utah.gov)

Show your support and pick up a window decal (left) at the Town Offices, Alta Ski Area, or the Alta Post Office.

# Alta Events Calendar

## December

28	4pm	Alta Historical Society Fireside Chat: "The Alta Ski Patrol and Their Avalanche Dogs," Goldminer's Daughter Lodge, FREE!
28	5:30pm	ACE Event: Yoga! Our Lady of the Snows, FREE! Mats are available.
30	8pm	ACE Event: Live Music by Puddle Mountain Ramblers, Wildwest Cowboys and Indians Dance Party. Our Lady of the Snows, \$5. Wear your best wild west costume!

## January

1	4:30pm	ACE Movie Event: Cold Smoke Awards, People's Choice Tour. Our Lady of the Snows, \$5.
2	4:15pm & 7pm	ACE Movie Event: Swift Silent Deep — The Story of the Jackson Air Force. Our Lady of the Snows, \$5
6	5:30	ACE Event: Yoga with Stacy. Our Lady of the Snows, FREE! Some mats are available.
11&12		Alaska Mountain Guides Level One Avalanche Class, \$85 per person, <u>must be an Alta Employee and have an Alta Ski Area pass</u> . Registration is required through AMG at 801.742.0100 or <a href="mailto:climb@alaskamountainguides.com">climb@alaskamountainguides.com</a> Additional details at <a href="http://altaarts.org">altaarts.org</a>
14	10am	Town Council Meeting, Alta Community Center (2nd floor of Post Office building)
14	6pm	ACE Event: Craft Night, Glass Etching. Our Lady of the Snows, FREE!
16	4:15pm, 7pm	ACE Movie Night: "Up" showing at 4:15pm, "The Hangover" showing at 7pm. Our Lady of the Snows, \$3 suggested donation.
20	5:15pm	ACE Event: ZUMBA! The Zumba program fuses hypnotic Latin rhythms and easy-to-follow moves to create a one-of-a-kind fitness program that will blow you away! Our Lady of the Snows, FREE!
21	12pm	Planning Commission Meeting, Market Street Grill (2985 E. Cottonwood Pkwy)
27&28	7pm	ACE Event: Mike Libeck Adventure Slide Show, Our Lady of the Snows, FREE!

**All events are subject to change.** For Alta Community Enrichment (ACE) events please check: [www.altaarts.org](http://www.altaarts.org) or call 801.742.0830. Changes to Town of Alta events will be posted on the Town's website under "Breaking News."



**Our Lady of the Snows**, packed to the gills for the kickoff ACE event, "Welcome to Winter." Great turnout!



# 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

### Alta Visitors Bureau:

(801) 742-0101

### Justice Court Clerk Phone:

(801) 742-2407

### Alta Central Info Line:

(801) 742-3403



## Town Council contact info

Mayor — Tom Pollard — [mayor@townofalta.com](mailto:mayor@townofalta.com) — Term expires 2014  
 Councilmember — Cliff Curry — [cliffcurry@altalodge.com](mailto:cliffcurry@altalodge.com) — Term expires 2014  
 Councilmember — Steven Gilman — [gusgilman@msn.com](mailto:gusgilman@msn.com) — Term expires 2012  
 Councilmember — Paul Moxley — [ptm@pkhlawyers.com](mailto:ptm@pkhlawyers.com) — Term expires 2014  
 Councilmember — Dave Richards — [drichard@townofalta.com](mailto:drichard@townofalta.com) — Term expires 2012  
**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.



## Staff contact info

John Guldner — Town Administrator  
[jhg@townofalta.com](mailto:jhg@townofalta.com)

Kate Black — Town Clerk  
[kswb@townofalta.com](mailto:kswb@townofalta.com)

Piper Lever — Assistant Town Clerk,  
Justice Court Clerk, Business License  
Official  
[plrem@townofalta.com](mailto:plrem@townofalta.com)

Claire Runge — Assistant Town  
Administrator, Newsletter Editor  
[cer@townofalta.com](mailto:cer@townofalta.com)

Sara Madsen — Alta Visitors Bureau  
[info@discoveralta.com](mailto:info@discoveralta.com)

Mike Morey — Town Marshal  
[mmorey@townofalta.com](mailto:mmorey@townofalta.com)

The Town Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm. Please call us at 801.742.3522 or 801.363.5105 or stop in for assistance.

**LEFT:** Piper, Kate, John, and Claire