

Town of Alta Newsletter



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Municipal News

The Sonoran Institute has partnered with the Town to apply for a Regional EPA grant. If awarded, the Sonoran Institute, in collaboration with the Town of Alta, Alta Ski Area, and an engineering consultant, will produce an easy-to-use climate action planning guidebook and training tailored to the unique requirements of ski resorts and adjacent communities.

Representatives from Salt Lake City, the U.S. Forest Service, and the Department of Natural Resources will be present at the March 11th Town Council meeting to discuss Spruce Bark Beetle concerns and plans for this summer. Look for updates in the next newsletter.

The Utah State Legislative Session ends March 11th. Kate Black and Claire Runge have been attending weekly Utah League of Cities and Towns legislative policy meetings during the session to stay up to date on any legislation that could effect the Town. We've been following everything from annexation to retirement and will provide a comprehensive update in the next newsletter.

Representatives from Envision Utah met with Mayor Pollard and John Guldner to provide an update on the Wasatch Canyons Tomorrow process. In addition, a representative from Envision Utah attended the February 25th Planning Commission meeting. The next round of public input for the Wa-

satch Canyons Tomorrow process is being sought, please see details on page 4.

A public hearing to gather input on how to spend the Town's Community Block Development Grant funds (CBDG) is scheduled for the April 8th Town Council meeting. See page 4 for additional details.

The Town has submitted a federal appropriation request through Congressman Matheson's office for \$1.376 Million to install nine gaz-ex's in upper Little Cottonwood Canyon.

The Town is required to perform an income survey by the Department of Housing and Urban Development to determine future eligibility in the Community Block Development Grant program. If you received an income survey in the mail or at your place of employment, please complete the form and return it to the Town as soon as possible.

It's Census time! Look for your Census form in the mail in mid-March. The form has 10 questions and will take an estimated 10 minutes to complete. Each question determines how \$400 billion will be allocated to communities across the county. Please help make sure all Alta residents are counted and complete and mail back the form as instructed. Additional information on the Census program can be found at: <http://2010.census.gov>

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 March 10th. For more information on how to apply please visit: <http://altaarts.org/grants>



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Marshal's Report



This report covers events from January 13th, 2010, to February 10th, 2010.

January 16th, 9:25 am: A male was charged with theft of services after being caught skiing with another person's pass. **At 8:43 pm,** a 16-year-old male was transported to a local hospital via ambulance following a sledding accident.

January 17th, 4:19 pm: A hit and run accident was investigated in the lower Albion parking area. **At 11:54 pm,** the deputy on duty responded to one of the lodges regarding a verbal domestic dispute. A woman was arrested for intoxication and transported to the Salt Lake County Jail.

January 19th, 9:49 pm: How do I put this one? ... A person who had met another person via an online dating site called to report the other person as a missing person. The missing per-

son was eventually located safe in a place far from Alta.

January 20th, 5:04 pm: An elderly disoriented person was attended to at one of the lodges by the Unified Fire Authority. The person was eventually transported to an area hospital.

January 21st, 1:13 pm: The Marshal's Office, Alta and Snowbird Ski Patrols, and UDOT avalanche forecasters assisted the Unified Police Department with a backcountry avalanche rescue in the Cardiff Peak area. A male with serious injuries was flown from the scene by an Air-Med helicopter.

January 22nd, 6:45 am: The Town of Alta was placed on Interlodge closure until 8:05 am while avalanche control work was conducted.

January 23rd/24th: The Town of Alta was placed on Interlodge closure again until the following morning. A large avalanche within the ski area occurred which required extending the closure until 11:30 am. An employee caught in the slide was immediately located uninjured.

During the Interlodge closure, a man was found hiding in a vehicle in the Grizzly Gulch area. He admitted to knowing the closure was in effect. He was cited and released.

At 1:50 pm, another man was charged with theft of services after being caught skiing with another person's pass.

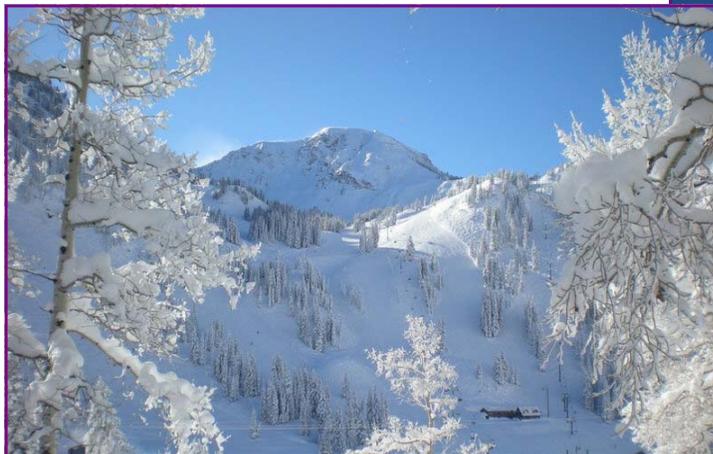
January 28th, 2:22 pm: The third theft of services case for the month was filed for skiing with another's pass.

January 29th, 7:30 am: Homes in Albion Basin were placed on Interlodge while helicopter avalanche control work was carried out.

Other duties performed:

115	business, ski rack and property checks
18	motorist assist calls
5	watershed enforcements
8	reports of lost, stolen, or missing ski equipment
12	alcohol enforcements
16	traffic violations
9	outside agency assist calls
2	vehicle impounds

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.



Message from the Mayor

Happy March! As we enter March, we all anticipate the snowfall that this month usually brings. It is hard for me to realize how quickly this winter passed by. Let's hope that a solid month of snowfall can provide a shot in the arm for our businesses and a lot of enjoyment of our outdoor environment.

With the start of the Utah State Legislative Session, the last few weeks became busier than usual. As we entered this year's session, we tracked issues that would have an effect on the Town. At first, there didn't appear to be anything that was too pressing. That all changed quickly with the introduction of a bill to allow annexation of ski resorts to a municipality if they were within 10 miles and only separated by federal lands. If this legislation were successful, it would have had a major impact on the Town in regard to our execution of public safety, and coordination efforts with a different agency that would have jurisdiction of the land surrounding the Town. Through the efforts of many partners including Salt Lake County, Unified Fire Authority, Sandy City, Utah League of Cities and Towns, our legislative representatives, and most importantly our neighbor

Snowbird, we were able to have this legislation removed from this session. The consensus was to put the legislation off for a year until it could be looked at more closely to ensure it is good legislation that could be applied across the entire state, not just in our canyon. This process has been beneficial in bringing out issues of concern between parties and exposed the need for better communication and cooperation.

We have been meeting with the Canyons School District on a project to create a cooperative agreement for a multi-purpose building to provide a permanent home for our school, an environmental education classroom for the school district, and a facility that could meet our community needs. We will be working on submitting information of potential needs and uses for our community as well as projections of school enrollment. We will be using the preliminary plans that have been generated over the years in hopes of creating a conceptual project that can be submitted into the capital improvement plan for the district.

Last month the Town, along with Salt



Lake City, filed our first response to the Shrontz Estate Lawsuit. We have filed a motion to dismiss, in harmony with Salt Lake City, based on their inability to provide water to the site under the guidelines and contracts between the Town and Salt Lake City. We also filed a request to stay the claim specifically against the Town that we acted improperly in denying their current application until the issues regarding water delivery have been decided. The Estate has until March 10th to file their answer.

Let's pray for snow!

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!

Idle-free momentum is growing throughout the region! A joint resolution of the Utah State Legislature has passed both the House and Senate that encourages the citizens of Utah to eliminate unnecessary idling of motor vehicles.

The resolution (HJR5), sponsored by Representative Carol Spackman Moss (District 37), encourages Utahns to eliminate unnecessary idling of their

motor vehicles to protect public health and the environment, reduce air pollution, conserve fuel, and protect motor vehicle performance. Joining Representative Moss at the State Capitol were local elementary school children who encouraged the state legislators to "turn the key, be idle free!"

As other communities, counties, and even the state contemplate the adverse effects of vehicle idling, the Town is proud to have taken the initiative to promote anti-idling in our community.

Full text of the HJR5 can be viewed at: <http://le.utah.gov/>

CBDG Request for Public Comments

The Town of Alta is requesting your input in the allocation of our 2010-2011 Community Development Block Grant Funds. It is estimated that the Town of Alta will receive approximately \$14,700 for this program year.

The major qualifier is that 51% of the project's beneficiaries are low to moderate income. For the purpose of this program, a family of one making \$23,750 a year or less is considered **low income** and a family of one making \$38,000 is considered **moderate income**. Having completed an income survey in the summer of 1995 at the Federal Government's request, the Town of Alta and its residents qualify under this guideline.

To assist you in providing the Town with your comments or suggestions on how we should allocate these funds, here are some of the types of activities that are eligible.



PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Parks, Low Income Housing, Low Income Housing Rehabilitation, Sidewalks

PUBLIC FACILITIES

Community Centers, Fire Protection

PLANNING STUDIES

Impact Studies, Feasibility Studies, Master Plans

PUBLIC SERVICES – (can't exceed a total of \$2,205) Homeless Assistance, Assistance to Centers for Child and Spousal Abuse

GRANT ADMINISTRATION

We encourage you to submit, in writing, to the Town Office your suggestions and comments on the use of these funds. If you should have any questions, please contact Kate Black at 801.742.3522 or 801.363.5105 during regular business hours.

The Alta Town Council will be addressing this issue in their Town Council meeting to be held on Thursday, April 8, 2010 at 10:00am, in the Alta Community Center, Alta, Utah. Please have your written suggestions in to the Alta Town Office no later than Thursday, April 1, 2010. All written proposals received in the Town Office prior to this meeting will be discussed and all interested citizens will be given the opportunity to comment at the public hearing.

Kate Black, Town Clerk
Town of Alta
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Alta, Utah 84092

Wasatch Canyons Tomorrow

You're invited!

Help Update Salt Lake County's Wasatch Canyons Master Plan!

OPEN HOUSES

6:30-8:00pm, Tuesday, March 23rd
West High School (commons area)
241 North 300 West, Salt Lake City

Canyons School District Office
(auditorium)
9150 South 500 West, Sandy

6:30-8:00pm, Wednesday, March 24th
Skyline High School (cafeteria)
3251 East 3670 South, Salt Lake City

Sandy City Hall (second floor)
10000 Centennial Parkway, Sandy

The Wasatch Canyons Tomorrow process is your opportunity to help update

Salt Lake County's 1989 Wasatch Canyons Master Plan. This plan guides land-use policy for City Creek, Emigration, Red Butte, Parleys, Millcreek, Big Cottonwood, and Little Cottonwood Canyons. The canyons provide more than 50% of Salt Lake City's water supply, and significantly add to the quality of life for residents of the Salt Lake Valley. With the doubling of the county's population in the next 30 years, *Wasatch Canyons Tomorrow* will strive to ensure the long-term health of these treasured canyons, balancing land-use, transportation, and environmental concerns.

Wasatch Canyons
TOMORROW

If you are unable to attend one of these open houses, the online survey will be available March 25th at:
<http://www.wasatchcanyons.slco.org>



Alta's Greenhouse Gas Inventory Open House



March 23, 2010
Our Lady of the Snows
Free ACE Event!

6:00 pm: Meet and Greet
Beverages and appetizers will be provided



6:30-8:00pm: Presentations

Please join the Friends of Alta, Town of Alta, and the Alta Environmental Center for a discussion of current environmental efforts in the community followed by a presentation of the Alta Community Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory by the Brendle Group.

A drawing will be held to raise money for local sustainability projects

For additional information please contact Claire Runge:
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Alta Events Calendar

March

10-13		ACE Event: Snowflake Festival! Volleyball, costume day, GS race, film fest, chili cook off and more! Please see event details at: www.altaarts.org
15	5:30pm	ACE Event: ZUMBA! Our Lady of the Snows, FREE! 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. Ditch the workout and join the party!
11	10am	Alta Town Council meeting, Alta Community Center.
18	TBD	Alta Historical Society Fireside Chat: Alexis Kelner presents: "History of Skiing in the Wasatch." Location and time TBD, FREE! Check altahistory.org for more info.
22	5:30pm	ACE Event: Yoga with Kate Hourihan, Our Lady of the Snows, FREE!
23	6:30pm	Greenhouse Gas Inventory Open House. Join the Alta Community Enrichment, Town of Alta, Friends of Alta, and the Alta Environmental Center to learn about current environmental efforts in the community and see the results of Alta's Greenhouse Gas Inventory. 6pm meet and greet (wine and appetizers will be provided), 6:30 presentations.
25	12:30pm	Planning Commission meeting, Market Street Grill (2985 East Cottonwood Pkwy, Salt Lake City).
31	6pm	ACE Event: Granola Bar Making, Our Lady of the Snows, FREE!! Join ACE in learning how to make healthy snack for the trails. Preservative free and delicious!

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



Photos from the 2009 Alta Gala

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Alta Gala – Saturday April 3, 2010: The Alta Gala is an annual fundraiser for Alta Community Enrichment, Friends of Alta, and the Alta Historical Society. In addition to raising funds to support the missions of these local nonprofits, this event hopes to raise awareness of arts, environment, and history of Alta. This year's event will be held at the award winning La Caille Restaurant near the base of Little Cottonwood Canyon from 6 – 10 pm. The newest addition to the Alta Gala is the Stellar Award which has been created to pay special tribute to community figures that might otherwise go unrecognized for their unique and important roles helping to sustain our community. This year's award goes to Liam Fitzgerald (UDOT), Titus Case (Alta Ski Area) and Al Soucie (US Forest Service) for their snow safety programs. Tickets are now on sale for \$100 which includes dinner, drinks, thank you gifts, live music, and dancing. More information can be found at: www.altagala.org

Town Information and Contacts

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

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(801) 742-2142

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(801) 742-2068

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(801) 742-0101

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(801) 742-2407

Alta Central Info Line:
(801) 742-3403



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 Councilmember — Paul Moxley — ptm@pkhlawyers.com — Term expires 2014
 Councilmember — Dave Richards — 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
- Canyon Alert System: 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. When lots are closed, this does not indicate that the ski areas are closed.

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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.