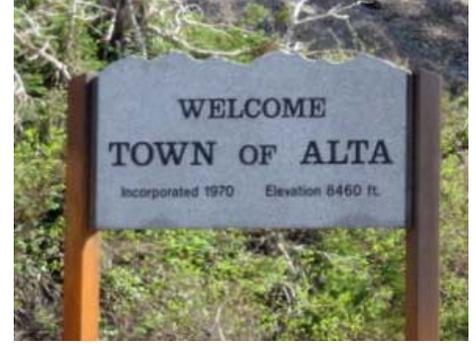


# Town of Alta Newsletter



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## Municipal News

### FILING DEADLINE FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

**The Town of Alta Municipal Elections will take place this year.** The Primary Election is scheduled for September 13, 2011. The General Election is scheduled for November 8, 2011.

**Offices up for election include two at large Town Council positions.** The period for filing a Declaration of Candidacy to appear on the ballot is July 1- July 15, 2011. Declarations will be accepted in the Alta Town Office from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

**The qualifications to be a candidate are:**

- Be a United States Citizen at the time of filing
- Be at least 18 years old at the time of the next municipal election
- Must be a registered voter of the municipality
- Must be a resident of the municipality for 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the date of the election.

**In accordance with the Utah Constitution Article IV Section 6,** any mentally incompetent person, any person convicted of a felony, or any person convicted of treason or a crime against the elective franchise may not hold office in this state until the right to hold elective office is restored under Section 20A-2-101.5

**You must be registered to vote 30 days prior to any election** in order to participate in this municipal election.

To register to vote, please visit:

[www.vote.gov/register-to-vote/online](http://www.vote.gov/register-to-vote/online).

### SUSTAINABILITY PROJECTS

**The Town has been moving forward with several energy efficiency projects** with funding allocated by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

**The Town has recently completed Energy Audits** for its municipal buildings that outline opportunities for future energy savings. This project was led by the Brendle Group, who will be helping the Town implement suggested improvements later this summer.

**The Town has also completed a lighting retrofit project** to upgrade all lighting in the Community Center and Alta Central to more energy efficient lamps, ballasts, and bulbs. Thanks to Commercial Lighting and A-C Electric for their work in completing this project!

### OTHER MUNICIPAL NEWS

**The Census results are in! The Town's population has grown from 370 to 383.** Despite the challenges we faced when the census forms did not show up in the mail, we appreciate those who showed up in inclement weather to fill out the census forms in person.

**Thanks to the Alta Ski Lift Company for hosting the Planning Commission** for a ski-around tour on April 13<sup>th</sup>. The Planning Commission got a first hand look at some recently completed projects and discussed future plans. The

Planning Commission checked out the new 105mm Howitzer and learned about sustainability efforts from the Alta Environmental Center.

The Planning Commission will continue to discuss revisions to the 2005 General Plan at upcoming meetings.

**Interested in volunteering during times of emergency?** The Town is developing an emergency volunteer contact list that can be used to coordinate efforts during emergencies. Ideally, we would like to have year-round residents or those that spend a significant amount of time in town. Please email [cer@townofalta.com](mailto:cer@townofalta.com)

### NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

[www.townofalta.com/about\\_new.shtml](http://www.townofalta.com/about_new.shtml)

- 2010 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report
- Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Budgets

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# Marshal's Report



This report covers activities from March 10<sup>th</sup> — April 11<sup>th</sup> and May 13<sup>th</sup> — June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**March 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:56 pm:** The deputy on duty responded to a suspicious person report at a town business. An apparent homeless individual was assisted with transportation to a local shelter.

**March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2:48 pm:** A skier triggered avalanche prompted a temporary road closure in the Superior area. The skier was uninjured despite having been partially buried.

**March 15<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm:** A case of attempting to unlawfully acquire prescription medication was investigated at the Alta Medical Clinic.

**March 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am:** A strange package addressed to the Marshal's Office arrived in the mail. The sender was identified as a woman from Arizona who has a history of calling dispatch with conspiracy theories that covert government agencies are after her. After consulting with Arizona Law enforcement, the messaging has stopped. We get these from time to time as Alta is alphabetically first in the phone book...

**March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2:28 am:** The Marshal's and Fire Departments responded to one of the lodges for a medical emergency. An unresponsive patient was transported to a local hospital via ambulance.

**March 24, 10:48 pm:** The Marshal's Office, Fire Department, and Questar responded to a natural gas leak at a Bypass road home. Ice falling from a roof had damaged the gas line which was shut off and repaired.

**March 28<sup>th</sup>, 1:44 pm:** An employee of one of the lodges reported that his laptop had been stolen while visiting friends at another lodge. The laptop has since been recovered. A woman also called to report that jewelry had

possibly been taken from her room at another lodge. The jewelry was later located at the airport where she had left it in a security screening tray.

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:26 am:** The deputy on duty assisted the Unified Police Department with a rollover accident in the mid-canyon.

**April 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am:** The Marshal's Office intervened in a case where a person who had rented skis in Alta refused to return them. The skis were located and seized at a home in Draper, Utah, and returned to the rental business. Later in the evening, an alarm was investigated at a Grizzly Gulch home.

**April 10<sup>th</sup>, 3:17 pm:** The deputy on duty assisted one of the lodges with a terminated employee who was no longer welcome on the premises.

**April 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:25:** An intoxicated and disorderly person was removed from one of the lodges and transported to his residence near the mouth of the canyon.

**The Hellgate/Superior area was closed due** to snowpack heating and avalanche concerns on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, and June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**May 19<sup>th</sup>, 3:10 pm:** A backcountry skier was injured in an avalanche in one of the Emma slide paths. The individual sustained a broken arm and was assisted to a waiting ambulance by members of his touring party.

**May 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 am:** The Town of Alta was placed on Interlodge closure while avalanche control artillery work was carried out. Restrictions were lifted at 8:00 am.

**May 26<sup>th</sup>, 10:55 am:** A minor traffic accident was investigated in the lower Albion parking area.

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>:** The Marshal's Department completed semi-annual pistol and rifle qualifications.

**June 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:20 pm:** The Marshal's and Fire Departments along with Questar responded to a natural gas leak at a bypass road residence. A gas line broken by heavy snow was shut off and repaired.

**June 10<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm:** Town Staff, the Marshal's and Fire Departments, and many volunteers from the community responded to a flooding preparedness/training exercise to fill 500 sandbags.

## NOTES from the Marshal's Office:

**This winter, several gas lines were damaged** due to snow loading or ice falls. Please inspect gas meters and outside exposed lines as they melt out to look for any damage. If you suspect a gas leak, please notify Alta Central as soon as possible.

**Sandbags are available on the Rustler Mine dump.** If you take any sandbags, please notify Alta Central so we know where they are. Please call us if you see any flooding activity! Property owners should be advised that short of a large-scale declaration of emergency, private property owners are responsible for flood mitigation and any damages.

**Please check batteries on cordless phones.** Occasionally when batteries are drained the phone will make a default 911 call.



Mayor Pollard joins community volunteers to fill sandbags in anticipation of flooding. (Photo courtesy of Julie Willis)

## Message from the Mayor



**What a fantastic winter season! We received a phenomenal amount of snow and business is on a slight upswing.** The Alta Ski Area closed on May 1st with 724" of snow, and the snow did not stop flying until mid June.

On behalf of the Town of Alta, we want to extend a big thanks to UDOT, Alta Ski Lifts, Alta Marshal's Office, and the Unified Police Department for their outstanding job of performing avalanche control, maintaining the

road, and ensuring the public safety of our community and its visitors. Without the assistance of these agencies we would not have a viable winter economy and we are appreciative of all of the hard work and effort that is devoted to Little Cottonwood Canyon.

With significant snow still nestled at high elevations, rising temperatures have drastically increased the threat of flooding, not just in Alta, but in many parts of the state. The unanticipated mudslide triggered flood last summer has taught us that flooding can happen anytime and almost anywhere. To this end, we have sandbags filled and available at the Rustler Lodge parking area. Thanks to the 30 or so volunteers that gathered to fill sandbags. We have been working with Alta Ski Area, Salt Lake County, UDOT, and the U.S. Forest Service to ensure that Little Cottonwood Canyon is clear of debris and culverts around Highway 210 are flowing properly.

Private property owners are encouraged to monitor their property as the snow continues to melt.

We currently have not set an opening date for the Summer Road. It still remains under a significant amount of snow... although its melting fast! Once the road is ready to open, we will once again be operating the summer booth thanks to contributions from Friends of Alta. Look for new and enhanced summer-specific signage around town and striping on the road near the summer booth. We look forward to having Cottonwood Canyons Foundation volunteers to assist in Alibion Basin with visitor dispersion and watershed education. We are appreciative of the support of our summer program from both Friends of Alta and Cottonwood Canyons Foundation.

Have a safe and happy summer!

## Emergency Central

**The "Emergency Central" section is a new feature of the Town Newsletter.** This will be a place where the Town can inform the community on emergency management projects and activities; and also a place where we can share information and resources with the community on emergency preparedness.

Last issue, the preparation of an emergency preparedness kit was discussed. This month we will focus on making an emergency plan.

No one can predict when a disaster may strike, and you may be away from your home, or away from your family.

How will you contact one another? Where will you meet? What will you do in different situations?

During an emergency is not the time to answer those questions. It is likely that phone/internet service may be overloaded or unavailable. Travel may be limited. Spend some time with your family making a written emergency plan *before* an emergency.

Make sure your plan includes:

- Meeting locations (in-town, out of town, and out of state)
- An out-of-town family member that family members contact to "check-in"
- Important personal info: social security numbers and information on any medical conditions
- Insurance policy numbers (health, homeowners/renters, vehicle)
- Contacts for: doctors, pharmacists, insurance agents, veterinarians
- A plan for your pet! Pets often cannot be sheltered at evacuation sites, so talk to your vet and plan ahead!

**The Federal Government provides an easy way to keep track of your family's plan. Visit [ready.gov](http://ready.gov) and click on the "Make a Plan" link.** Use the online family emergency planning tools to make sure you and your family are prepared for an emergency.



# MOVING FIREWOOD CAN TRANSPORT FOREST INSECTS AND DISEASES.



Both native and non-native insects can travel on firewood — creating new infestations in healthy forests. Once a forest is infested, these insects can rapidly kill trees, degrading habitats, landscapes and water quality.

Help protect your Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest from this threat:

- Don't take firewood across state lines when you travel.
- Buy kiln dried or pre-packaged wood whenever possible.
- Tell your friends about the importance of not moving firewood.



**DONTMOVE  
FIREWOOD.org**

## Ready for camping season?

Before you break out the marshmallows for roasting, review the following promotional material before you head out on your next adventure! The “Don’t Move Firewood” campaign is a nationwide effort advocated by the Nature Conservancy to bring awareness to detrimental effects of moving firewood over large distances. A local campaign is being spearheaded by Alta Environmental Center with collaboration from the Salt Lake Ranger District, Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities, and the Town of Alta. Look for more information at:

[dontmovefirewood.org](http://dontmovefirewood.org)

**Insect infestations and diseases can cause entire mountainsides of trees to die in just a few years. Prevention is the key — buy it near where you will burn it.**



Pests like the Asian longhorned beetle and emerald ash borer are not found in the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest, but could arrive on infested firewood and destroy millions of acres of native aspen, cottonwoods and other trees. Keep your trees and forests safe — when you travel or camp, buy wood near where you will use it. If you collect fallen wood in the forest, use it on site and don't bring any home. Don't risk transporting diseases and infestations — keep wood local.

# Alta Events Calendar

## June

30	12pm	Planning Commission Meeting, Market Street Grill (2985 E. Cottonwood Pkwy)
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## July

6	5:30pm	ACE Event: Yoga with Stacy, Our Lady of the Snows, FREE! Some mats will be available.
12,19	6pm	ACE Event: Beginner Watercolor Class, Our Lady of the Snows, \$10. This is a two-day event that requires advance registration. Please see <a href="http://altaarts.org">altaarts.org</a> for more information.
13-15	9am	Join Alta Environmental Center and Cottonwood Canyons for a Lower Albion Meadows Trail Restoration project. Please contact <a href="mailto:info@cottonwoodcanyons.org">info@cottonwoodcanyons.org</a> for more information.
14	10am	Town Council Meeting, Alta Community Center.
16	10am	Join Alta Environmental Center and Cottonwood Canyons Foundation for Alta Ski Area Clean-up. Please contact <a href="mailto:environment@alta.com">environment@alta.com</a> for more details.
19	9am	Friends of Alta Event: Invasive weed pull. Visit <a href="http://friendsofalta.org">friendsofalta.org</a> or contact <a href="mailto:info@friendsofalta.org">info@friendsofalta.org</a> for more information
26	6pm	ACE Event: Pie culinary competition, potluck, and live music by Avalanche. Our Lady of the Snows, FREE!
29-31		Wasatch Wildflower Festival. Alta's day will be Saturday, July 30. Join local organizations for guided wildflower walks, kids activities, and live music. Details can be found at: <a href="http://wasatchwildflowerfestival.org">wasatchwildflowerfestival.org</a>

## August

11	10am	Town Council Meeting, Alta Community Center
16		ACE Event: Put the wild back in Wildflower Festival! Location and times TBD.
20	9am	Join Alta Environmental Center and Cottonwood Canyons Foundation for a Tree Transplanting project. Please contact <a href="mailto:info@cottonwoodcanyons.org">info@cottonwoodcanyons.org</a>
25	9am	Join Friends of Alta for Tree Planting. Visit <a href="http://friendsofalta.org">friendsofalta.org</a> or contact <a href="mailto:info@friendsofalta.org">info@friendsofalta.org</a> for more information
30	9am	Friends of Alta Event: Invasive weed pull. Visit <a href="http://friendsofalta.org">friendsofalta.org</a> or contact <a href="mailto:info@friendsofalta.org">info@friendsofalta.org</a> for more information



Town residents and employees join Snowbird and UDOT for the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Little Cottonwood Canyon Clean-up Day held on June 28<sup>th</sup>.

# Town Information and Contacts

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



Photo courtesy of Julie Willis

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