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A monthly report of municipal business in the Town of Alta

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Mayor's Report

Mayor Tom Pollard took office in January, and conducted his first Town Council meeting as Mayor on January 12. Mayor Pollard has served several years as a Town Council member prior to winning the Mayoral election. Thank you, Tom, for your years of service as a Town Council member, and for taking on the Mayor's office!

The Utah House of Representatives honored former Mayor, and current Town Councilman Bill Levitt for his many years of public service (34 years as Mayor of Alta) in a proclamation. Thank you, Bill, for all of your work and dedication to preserve and enhance Alta.

Mayor Pollard reported on the Council of Mayors meeting held in February. One issue that was discussed at this meeting was the possibility of a referendum on November's ballot for increasing property taxes to complete the Salt Lake Valley Transportation Improvement Plan. The referendum may increase property taxes by \$98 per year per \$150,000 of assessed value.

Mayor Pollard reported on two items of interest discussed at the March Council of Governments meeting. The first was a resolution passed by the COG to support the Salt Lake County Council in adding a \$10 per year service

charge on auto registration for the purpose of purchasing corridor right-of-ways while they are undeveloped based on transportation master plans. The other issue is the decrease of beds at the Salt Lake County Jail. Justice Court judges may need to look at other types of punishment rather than incarceration for some offenses in order to not over crowd the Salt Lake County Jail.

The State Water Board issued a two-year variance to the Town to attempt a water blending option in order to meet the antimony standard in its water quality. The Town has been testing various methods over the years to reduce antimony
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Marshal's Report February 9 - March 9

February 9, 2006
The Alta deputy investigated a hit and run vehicle accident in the Snowpine parking area. At 10:00 pm, a driver coming up the canyon made contact with a parked car near the For-

est Service garage, flipping his car in the middle of the road. This prompted an emergency response from the Marshal's Office and the Unified Fire Authority (UFA). The driver was taken to the hospital with

minor injuries. It is believed that alcohol was involved in this crash.

February 10, 2006
At 1:57 pm, the Marshal's Office and UFA were dispatched to the Alta Lodge
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levels in its water supply from 12-13 parts per billion to the 6 parts per billion federal maximum contaminant level. The Town has also asked the U.S. EPA to reevaluate the mcl for antimony based on more recent toxicology assessments suggesting that 20 ppb would be a more reasonable mcl for antimony.

The March meeting of the Little Cottonwood Road Committee addressed the issue of procedural processes and coordination during emergency clean-up events in the canyon. A gasoline spill incident resulting from a truck accident at the bottom of the canyon earlier this year, and the resulting inter-agency response, prompted this discussion. The Road Committee also discussed ways in which more information could be disseminated to

early-morning skiers hiking to ridgelines above the road at the same time UDOT is conducting avalanche control using artillery on those ridgelines. The Road Committee addressed the preliminary results of the winter operations road study.

A Federal Highway grant to conduct Corridor Management and Interpretive Plans for the Big and Little Cottonwood Canyon Scenic Byways was fully funded in the amount of \$240,000 in March. The Town submitted the grant application in December, 2004. The Salt Lake Ranger District of the US Forest Service co-authored the grant application. The Town is now in its planning stages for the project, and has one year to complete it.

The Alta Town Council resolved

to limit Class A dog licenses to 42 this year. The application period begins April 1, and ends April 30. There are presently 39 licenses in the Town, leaving opportunities for three additional dog licenses this year.

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for a medical emergency. A 42-year-old male was experiencing respiratory problems and pain. He refused transportation and went to the hospital by private vehicle. At 2:30 pm the deputy investigated and took a report of missing property from a guest room at the Goldminer's Daughter Lodge. At 4:22 pm the Marshal's Office and UFA were dispatched to the Peruvian Lodge on a medical emergency when a guest of the lodge passed out in the hot tub. The patient refused transport to the hospital.

February 11, 2006

At 4:00 pm the Alta deputy took a report from an Alta Lodge guest who had a suitcase lost somewhere in transit between the airport and the Alta Lodge. At 5:40 pm the Marshal's Office assisted a woman who

lost her wedding ring at the Albion Grill. Following an extensive search the ring was found in the woman's car. Nevertheless she was very thankful for the help.

February 12, 2006

A man reported a lost wallet.

February 15, 2006

At 8:39 am the Alta deputy was called to the Goldminer's Daughter Lodge to take a report of a rug stolen from the lodge's entryway. The rug is approximately 6'x4' feet with the Goldminer's Daughter Lodge logo on it. At 10:07 am a person called to report a lost cell phone. At 10:00 pm the Hellgate/Superior section of town was closed and interlocked due to increasing avalanche hazard.

February 16, 2006

At 6:00 am the Town of Alta and all

of Little Cottonwood Canyon were closed and interlocked for avalanche control. The restrictions were lifted at 7:24 am. At 2:33 pm the Alta deputy investigated a minor car crash in the Lower Albion parking lot. At 4:50 pm the deputy assisted the County Sheriffs with a car crash at Snowbird.

February 19, 2006

At 1:40 am the Marshal's Office and UFA were dispatched on a medical emergency at the Peruvian Lodge. A 62-year-old guest of the lodge was experiencing abdominal pain. At 5:31 pm the Marshal's Office assisted the Snowbird Resort with locating a missing kid. The young boy from a bus tour accidentally got on a UTA bus in the Gad Valley parking lot and ended up downtown. He was found and put on a bus back to Snowbird. At 7:55 pm

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Court Report for February 2006

A Reno, Nevada resident appeared and pled guilty to speeding nine miles per hour over the speed limit. The plea will be held in abeyance for one year, wherein if the defendant receives no further moving violations, the charge will be dismissed. The fine was \$92.

A Salt Lake City resident appeared and also pled guilty to speeding nine miles per hour over the speed limit. The plea will be held in abeyance for one year, and if the defendant receives no further moving violations, the charge will be dismissed. The Salt Lake City resident was also fined \$92.

Another Salt Lake City resident appeared and pled guilty to speeding 20 miles per hour over the speed limit. The plea will be held in abeyance for one year, and if the defendant receives no further moving

violations, the charge will be dismissed. The defendant was fined \$167.

Two out of state residents who received traffic tickets while on vacation in Utah decided to write letters to the Court in their defense. The Judge offered them the same deals that the other defendants received and fined them accordingly.

During February, 70 traffic cases were filed, including 17 moving violations, three non-moving violations, one DUI, no driver license violations and 51 parking tickets. Fifty-three traffic cases were disposed of either through bail forfeiture, trial, arraignment or transfer. Five new criminal cases were filed and 1 case was disposed.

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the Marshal's Office and UFA were dispatched to the Peruvian Lodge to examine a 40-year-old lodge guest with abdominal pain.

February 20, 2006

At 11:23 am the Alta deputy investigated a minor car crash on the Blackjack road.

February 22, 2006

At 2:20 pm the Marshal mitigated a disagreement between two parties skiing at the Alta resort regarding skier's etiquette while traversing.

February 24, 2006

At 10:05 am the Alta deputy investigated damage to a vehicle parked in the Goldminer's Daughter Lodge parking lot. At 1:30 pm Lifeflight helicopter was called to transport a

man to the hospital with symptoms of a heart attack. At 2:00 pm Lifeflight helicopter took another patient with heart problems to the hospital. At 3:26 pm the Alta deputy investigated a minor car crash in the Goldminer's Daughter Lodge parking lot. At 8:14 pm the Alta Ski Lifts cat crew was able to assist with determining the validity of a fire alarm at the Watson's Restaurant. This turned out to be a false alarm. At 10:25 pm the Marshal's Office started working on a report of a missing person. The parents of the 26-year-old missing man were very adamant that it was not like him to not check in with them. The deputy found his vehicle, containing all of his ski equipment parked in Alta, ruling out the possibility that he was still out skiing. A while later he returned to his vehicle and said he was visiting with an old

friend. At 10:44 pm the Marshal's Office and UFA were dispatched to the Peruvian Lodge to assess a person with a heart condition.

February 25, 2006

At 12:56 pm the Marshal's Office assisted with a parking problem in the Lower Albion parking lot. At 5:00 pm the Alta deputy had his hands full with drivers leaving the resort, driving in the wrong lane of traffic in the resort exits and on the highway.

February 28, 2006

At 11:27 am the Marshal's Office and UFA responded to a medical emergency at the Peruvian Lodge. A 55-year-old female guest hit her head and wanted a medical assessment.

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

News from the Town of Alta staff...

Welcome, **Meghan Sitcoske**, as the newest member of the Town staff! Meghan is the new employee for the Alta Resort Association. Her first day on the job was March 6.

Amelia Marion Rose Briefer was born to Assistant Town Administrator, Laura McIndoe, and her husband, Andy Briefer, on January 9. Welcome to the world, Amelia!

Congratulations to **Wilson Dipppo**, son of Town Treasurer, Marcus Dipppo, and grandson of Town Councilman, Bill Levitt, for being selected to represent the Intermountain Junior Olympic Team in classic and skate skiing events!

ALTA BOXHOLDER

The Town of Alta facilitates a voluntary drop-off recycling program. Recyclable materials should be placed in trailers located near the Alta Community Center/Library building. In addition to cardboard, paper, and aluminum, we now accept plastics #1 and #2. Contact Laura McIndoe for recycling questions.



Marshal's Report

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March 2, 2006

At 9:30 pm dispatch received a frantic call from a waiter at the Shallow Shaft Restaurant. A female dinner guest went into labor and the waiter was not all that interested in delivering a baby. The medical team arrived and the woman was transported to the hospital.

March 3, 2006

A man called to report a lost cell phone while skiing.

March 5, 2006

At 1:55 pm dispatch was asked by the Snowbird Resort to assist with a medical emergency involving a person on one of their snowmobile trips. Because the emergency was in Wasatch County, the rescue was somewhat complicated. Eventually the woman was transported by a

Wasatch Powderbird Guides helicopter. At 8:08 pm UFA responded to the Snowpine Lodge to assess an 80-year-old female guest who was not feeling well.

March 6, 2006

At 4:10 am the Alta Marshal's Office and UFA were dispatched on a medical emergency involving a 54-year-old female with chest pains. The patient was transported to the hospital by Lifeflight helicopter.

March 8, 2006

A woman called to report a lost cell phone.

Other duties of the Marshal's Office during this period include:

- 15 Alcohol Enforcement
- 153 Business and Property Checks
- 25 Motorist Assists
- 41 Motorist Violations
- 4 Watershed Violations
- 16 Ski Rack Patrols
- 7 Ski Thefts
- 5 Agency Assists
- 2 Alarm Responses
- 7 Vehicle Impounds