

# Town of Alta Newsletter



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## Municipal News

### TOWN COUNCIL NEWS:

A public hearing will be held at the December 8<sup>th</sup> Town Council meeting to discuss a proposed Special Service District (SSD) to manage over-snow vehicle access in Albion Basin. Details of the proposed SSD can be found under "What's New" on the Town's website.

At the November 10<sup>th</sup> Town Council meeting, a Land Use Application Ordinance was passed. This ordinance formally outlines the application procedure for all land uses with the exception of subdivisions.

After a dead heat tie and a coin toss, we finally have our Town Council representatives for a 2012-2016 term. Congratulations to newly elected Harris Sondak and incumbent Steve Gilman for their recent election to the Town Council for a 2012-2016 term. (See details in the Mayor's Message on page 2.)

Town Council meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 10AM in the Community Center.

### PLANNING COMMISSION

As discussed in earlier editions, the Planning Commission has been drafting a brand new vision statement and a revised commercial element for the Town's General Plan. After receiving an initial round of public input on the proposed changes to the General Plan, the Planning Commission held an open

house and formal public hearing on November 15<sup>th</sup>. At the open house, members of the Planning Commission worked in small groups to discuss and receive informal input from members of the community. Following the small group discussions, attendees were encouraged to participate in a formal public hearing. The event had wonderful turnout and generated many thoughtful comments. Thank you to all those that submitted public comments.

### OTHER MUNICIPAL NEWS:

The Town held a Summer Economic Development Roundtable on October 6<sup>th</sup> (see photo bottom right). Over 60 participants were in attendance, representing a variety of public agency, business, and residential interests. Participants discussed the following questions: What do we love about summer in Alta and what do we want to avoid? What outcomes do we want to avoid as Alta faces pressure from population growth? How can we expand the summer economic base? What role should the Town play in moving forward? Participants also discussed the next steps in moving forward. A detailed report developed by the facilitator of the event can be found at: [http://www.townofalta.com/about\\_new.shtml](http://www.townofalta.com/about_new.shtml)

The first Little Cottonwood Canyon Road meeting was held November 9<sup>th</sup> at the Albion Grill. The first meeting brings together almost a dozen agencies and business interests to discuss the

winter management of Hwy 210. The group will continue to meet monthly throughout the ski season.

Full UTA bus service begins on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Visit [rideuta.com](http://rideuta.com) for schedule information.

Have you checked the new Alta Chamber and Visitors Bureau (ACVB) website? Visit [discoveralta.com](http://discoveralta.com) to check out what the business community is up to. While you're there, sign up for the ACVB monthly newsletter to stay in the loop with specials and updates.



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# Notes from the Marshal's Office



### REMINDERS FROM THE MARSHAL'S OFFICE:

**Parking:** Winter parking regulations are in effect. Cars may ONLY be parked overnight (12AM — 8AM) in DESIGNATED NORTHSIDE parking areas. A map of these locations can be found outside the Post Office and online:

[http://www.townofalta.com/about\\_maps.shtml](http://www.townofalta.com/about_maps.shtml)

If you have any doubt about where to park call Alta Central! Tip from Deputy Chick-vary: Remember the 3 C's, Cardboard, Cardboard, Cardboard! It may be helpful to have a piece of cardboard on your dashboard with your name, contact information, and where you are staying.

**Vehicle Maintenance:** To prevent accidents and allow for better plowing, please dig out cars parked in town within 12 hours of a storm. Non-compliance will result in a citation.

### Road/Interlodge information:

- Local Information Line: (801) 742-3403. Please call this number before calling Alta Central.
- Website: <http://www.townofalta.com/road> for updated road conditions and interlodge status.
- Tune into AM530 for road status and closure/interlodge information.

The Marshal's Report will be back next edition.



# Message from the Mayor



What an exciting last few months in the Town of Alta! From interactive summer economic development discussions to a dead heat between two candidates for a Town Council seat, its been an interesting fall. On top of that the winter is here and the lifts are turning; how quickly the seasons change!

After the November 8<sup>th</sup> election it was clear that we would be welcoming Harris Sondak to the Town Council. However, determining the winner of the second seat wasn't so easy. After all of the votes were tallied on November 8<sup>th</sup>, the second seat for the Town Council position resulted in a tie between challenger Merebea Danforth and incumbent Steve Gilman. Two weeks later after provisional and absentee ballots were counted, the race still resulted in a tie! The Town asked

for a recount which reconfirmed the tie. So on December 5<sup>th</sup>, in front of local TV cameras, a coin flip determined the winner of the second Town Council seat — Steve Gilman. We thank all the candidates for running and Salt Lake County for handling our election.

Despite the inclement weather, we had an excellent turnout for the Summer Economic Development Roundtable event held on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Moderated by Stephanie Frohman, the group spent the morning and early afternoon hashing out ideas about developing a summer economy while preserving the Alta we know and love. We hope this is the first of many discussions about this important topic.

We have been once again approached by the Canyons School District about partnering with them and other agencies to move forward with a permanent space for the Alta classroom. This proposed space would also serve as an environmental education center for teachers and students in the Canyons School District. This concept

meshes well with our community center idea, and discussions will be ongoing regarding our needs, an appropriate location, and fundraising.

I was pleased with the attendance and participation at the Open House/Public Hearing held by the Alta Planning Commission to discuss changes to the General Plan. As eluded to in earlier editions, the Planning Commission has been working on changes to the commercial element of the General Plan as well as crafting a never before written Vision Statement. I just wanted to thank those who submitted written comments and well as participated in the Open House/Public Hearing.

The Shrontz litigation continues to be ongoing. As recommended by the judge, all of the parties recently participated in a mediation session as mediated by Jody Burnett (Williams and Hunt).

Best wishes for the significant snowfall that we all love, and have a happy holiday season!

# Emergency Central: Are you ready to shake?

**This past August, a 5.8 magnitude earthquake shook the mid-atlantic region**, sending panicked workers and residents evacuating buildings and running into the street. Those people soon learned that their initial emergency response was exactly what not to do during an earthquake. Given our close proximity to the Wasatch Fault, do you know what to do during an earthquake?

**Here is a great opportunity to plan for and practice your earthquake response!** At 10:15am on April 17, 2012, Utahns will be encouraged to participate in Utah's largest ever earthquake drill: The Great Utah Shake Out. Visit:

<http://www.shakeout.org/utah/>

to register yourself, your family, or business to participate in this event. On the website you can find information to help you plan your drill and be prepared for earthquakes. Download earthquake drill manuals for businesses, schools, or families. Find resources on how to be prepared if you have a disability or a functional need.

**So what are you supposed to do during an earthquake?** Its as simple as "Drop, Cover, and Hold On"! Drop down onto your hands and knees, Cover your head and neck under a sturdy table or desk, and Hold on to your shelter until the shaking stops.

**Why do experts recommend that you drop, cover, and hold on, during an earthquake?** The main goal of "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" is to protect you from falling and flying debris and other nonstructural hazards, and to increase the chance of your ending up in a survivable space if the building actually collapses. Trying to move during shaking puts you at risk and you put yourself in the way of the greatest danger, which is from falling and flying objects. The ONLY exception to the "Drop, Cover and Hold On" rule is if

you are in a country with unengineered construction, and if you are on the ground floor of an unreinforced mud-brick (adobe) building, with a heavy ceiling.

**What do experts recommend that you NOT do during an earthquake?** Do not run outside or to other rooms during shaking and do not stand in a doorway. Avoid exterior walls, windows, hanging objects, mirrors, tall furniture, large appliances, and kitchen cabinets with heavy objects or glass. Do not go outside if you are inside, and do not go inside if you are outside.

**What should you do if you're not inside?**

**Outdoors:** Move to a clear area if you can safely do so; avoid power lines, trees, signs, buildings, vehicles, and other hazards.

**Driving:** Pull over to the side of the road, stop, and set the parking brake. Avoid overpasses, bridges, power lines, signs and other hazards. Stay inside the vehicle until the shaking is over. If a power line falls on the car, stay inside until a trained person removes the wire.

**In a stadium or theater:** Stay at your seat and protect your head and neck with your arms. Don't try to leave until the shaking is over. Then walk out slowly watching for anything that could fall in the aftershocks.

**Near the shore:** Drop, cover and hold on until the shaking stops. Estimate how long the shaking lasts. If severe shaking lasts 20 seconds or more, immediately evacuate to high ground as a tsunami might have been

generated by the earthquake. Move inland 3 kilometers (2 miles) or to land that is at least 30 meters (100 feet) above sea level immediately. Don't wait for officials to issue a warning. Walk quickly, rather than drive, to avoid traffic, debris and other hazards.

**Below a dam:** Dams can fail during a major earthquake. Catastrophic failure is unlikely, but if you live downstream from a dam, you should know flood-zone information and have prepared an evacuation plan.

(This last section is taken from <http://www.earthquakecountry.info/roots/step5.html>)

**The Town staff will be participating in the Great Utah Shake Out. Will you and your family?**

Official Participant



# Join Us

## for the Largest Earthquake Drill in Utah History.



**DROP!**



**COVER!**



**HOLD ON!**

The Great Utah

# Shake Out

April 17 @ 10:15 a.m.

Register at [www.ShakeOut.org/utah](http://www.ShakeOut.org/utah)

**Next newsletter: What should you do after an earthquake?**

# Alta Events Calendar

## December

8	10am	Town Council Meeting, Alta Community Center (Library)
10	3:30-7pm	ACE Event: Holiday Art Show and Sale, Our Lady of the Snows, FREE.
12-13		Alta Employee Avalanche I Class. More information at <a href="http://altaarts.org">altaarts.org</a> . Class is \$85 (plus tax) and registration is REQUIRED. Please call 801-742-0100 or email <a href="mailto:climb@alaskamountainguides.com">climb@alaskamountainguides.com</a> to register.
13	7pm	ACE Film Event: Jankyfilms presents "Boot Deep!" Our Lady of the Snows, price TBD.
15	12pm	Alta Planning Commission Meeting, Market Street Grill (2985 East Cottonwood Pkwy, Salt Lake City)
20	7pm	ACE Event: Artefacting Mumbai: Immersion. Our Lady of the Snows, FREE.

## January

9-11		Alta Employee Avalanche II Class. More information at <a href="http://altaarts.org">altaarts.org</a> . Class is \$165 (plus tax) and registration is REQUIRED. Please call 801-742-0100 or email <a href="mailto:climb@alaskamountainguides.com">climb@alaskamountainguides.com</a> to register.
12	10am	Town Council Meeting, Alta Community Center (Library)
16-17		Alta Employee Avalanche I Class. More information at <a href="http://altaarts.org">altaarts.org</a> . Class is \$85 (plus tax) and registration is REQUIRED. Please call 801-742-0100 or email <a href="mailto:climb@alaskamountainguides.com">climb@alaskamountainguides.com</a> to register.
24	7pm	ACE Event: Mike Libeck presents Along the Silk Road from Bamiyan to Xinjiang. Our Lady of the Snows, FREE.

### Ongoing winter events:

**Join Stacy Petersen for bi-weekly yoga classes.** Stacy offers a Tuesday 6:45AM Power Yoga class and a Thursday 5:30PM Restore Yoga class. Both classes are held at the Gold Miner's Daughter and have a suggested fee of \$10/class. Learn more at: [earthflowyoga.com](http://earthflowyoga.com)

**Catch up on your Alta history!** Join the Alta Historical Society and featured speakers for fireside chats focusing on Alta's storied mining, skiing, and political history. Chats will be held periodically throughout the winter at the various lodges during après ski hours. Visit [althistory.org](http://althistory.org) for more details.

### Have you checked out our Alta 501(c)3 non-profits lately?

#### Alta Community Enrichment

[www.altaarts.org](http://www.altaarts.org)

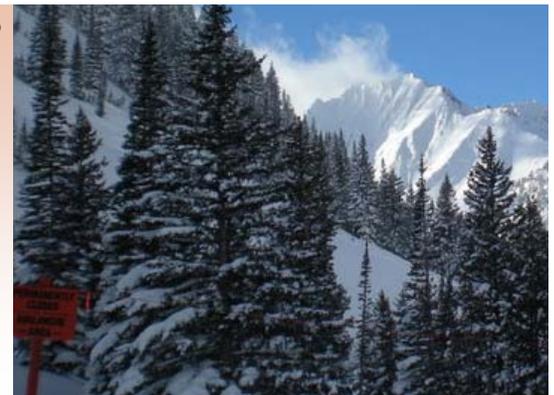
#### Friends of Alta

[www.friendsofalta.org](http://www.friendsofalta.org)

#### Alta Historical Society

[www.althistory.org](http://www.althistory.org)

**Save the date:** The annual Alta Gala fundraiser to support these nonprofits will be held Friday, April 6, 2012.



# Town Information and Contacts

## Town info

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(801) 742-2142

Library/Community Center Phone:  
(801) 742-2068

Justice Court Phone:  
(801) 742-2407

Alta Central Info Line:  
(801) 742-3403



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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
- Canyon Alert System: Sign up for canyon updates via text messaging at <http://updsl.org/services/canyonalerts>
- Twitter: Follow [@CanyonAlerts](https://twitter.com/CanyonAlerts) on your twitter account

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