



Town of Alta Newsletter



November 2005

A monthly report of municipal business in the Town of Alta

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Mayor's Report

This report documents the Mayor's report and other municipal news from the Town Council meeting on November 10, 2005.

Mayor Levitt congratulated Tom Pollard on his new status as Mayor-Elect. Mayor Levitt also congratulated Bill Lennon and Paul Moxley on their reelection to the Alta Town Council. Mayor Levitt stated his appreciation to Craig Dillon for his campaign to be a Town Councilmember. Mayor Levitt indicated that "one way or another, we will put Mr. Dillon to work."

The Town of Alta had

a great turnout of voters for the November election; 43% of the registered voters in our district (4790) voted.

Town Clerk Kate Black thanked Jen Clancy, Nick Como, and Sarah Evans for their work as election judges during the November 8 election.

Mayor Levitt introduced James Chickvary as our newest Alta Deputy.

Town Administrator John Guldner reported the status of the Town's trespass case against Dr. Kevin Tolton. Dr. Tolton was found guilty in the

Town's justice court for trespassing into unauthorized areas of the Town building. Dr. Tolton appealed that decision to District Court. After several delays, the District Court date is finally set for December 5.

A total of 233,353 pages of Town records have been copied and Bates stamped by a copy service working for Dr. Tolton as of November 9. All of the Town's public electronic records have also been given to Dr. Tolton via his copy service. These records are being supplied to Dr. Tolton as the result of a prolonged dispute with the Town

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Marshal's Report

This Marshal's Report documents activities of the Alta Marshal's Office from October 13 through November 10, 2005.

October 13, 2005
After the Alta Justice Court adjourned at 7:00

pm, the deputy made a trip to the County Jail with a defendant that the Judge ordered to 10 days in the slammer.

October 17, 2005
A vehicle was stopped for speeding at 12:00 pm.

The driver was cited for driving 60 miles per hour in a 25 miles per hour zone.

October 21, 2005
At 7:30 am, the Marshal was dispatched to the
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Mayor's Report

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regarding records production.

The Town Council voted to support the actions of the Utah League of Cities and Towns on sales tax and government records issues.

The Town Council voted to adopt the revised Town of Alta General Plan. Copies of the General Plan can be obtained at the Alta Town Office, and are available on the Town's website, www.alta.utah.gov.

The Town Council approved a proposal to hire an Information

Technology company to manage the Town's computer network and systems.

The Forest Service distributed a scoping notice on November 28 that proposes to formalize over-snow vehicle access requirements for homeowners in the Albion Basin and along the Albion Basin Road. The notice can be found at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/wcnf/projects/proposed>. Comments will be accepted by the Forest Service for 30 days following publication of the scoping notice in the Salt Lake Tribune. For more information contact Steve Scheid at the Salt Lake Ranger District at 801.733.2689 or sscheid@fs.fed.us.

The Alta Resort Association received notification from the State Office of Tourism that it was awarded a \$5,000 matched grant to accomplish a direct marketing campaign.

The Town of Alta Newsletter will be taking a break in January and February because the newsletter editor will be on maternity leave. Please check the Town's website at <http://www.alta.utah.gov> for news and town information, or call the Town office at 801.742.3522 or 801.363.5105.

Marshal's Report

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Rustler Lodge to check on a report of an intruder. Following a brief investigation, it was discovered that the intruder turned was an employee who had returned for his seasonal job as bartender. Welcome back, John. In the afternoon some of the Town staff attended the Police Academy graduation of our new deputy, James Chickvary. The completion of the program certifies James as a Category One Peace Officer with the State of Utah.

October 26, 2005

At 10:00 am, the management at Alf's Restaurant called to report that someone dumped junk in the Sunnyside parking lot. The junk turned out to be a safe from a business burglary that occurred in the city of Taylorsville. A Taylorsville detective responded to the scene to collect the evidence for forensic processing.

October 27, 2005

At 6:17 am, the County Sheriffs called dispatch to notify the Marshal's Office of an incident that originated in the Town of Alta. The incident involved an intoxicated individual and the Alta Ski Lifts Co. security guard. The security guard made contact with a person who was sleeping in his car in the Grizzly Gulch parking area. The person said he was waiting for his father to pick him up to give him a ride home. Things went from bad to worse when the guy let the air out of the front tires on the security vehicle, jumped in the driver's seat, and proceeded to drive away while the security guard hung on to the steering wheel and was dragged down the parking lot for 238 feet. The actions of the security guard convinced the guy to stop the vehicle. The suspect ran from the truck to his own vehicle and sped off down the canyon. It just so happened that the County Sheriffs deputies were

at the mouth of the canyon, waiting to escort an oversized truck up the road. The suspect vehicle was stopped and the driver detained. After all was said and done between the two police agencies, the suspect was arrested on five charges and booked into county jail. The security guard sustained minor injuries.

October 29, 2005

For the remainder of this report, the skiers and snowboarders who make jumps, slide, and do tricks on various types of objects will be referred to as "jibbers". Jibbing is terminology that these recreationalists use to define their sport. At 2:30 pm, the deputy was dispatched to Alta Ski Lift property to talk to some jibbers who had driven their vehicle off-road near the west end of the transfer tow to facilitate easier access to unload a steel rail.

October 30, 2005

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Court Report for October and November

This Court Report covers activities of the Alta Justice Court during October and November. The Alta Justice Court generally convenes once every month.

A Salt Lake City resident appeared to respond to a charge of driving on a suspended license. The defendant requested a continuance until the December court so that he could consult with his attorney and make sure the same charge was taken care of in another court.

A Sandy resident pled guilty to speeding nine miles per hour over the speed limit. His plea will be held in abeyance for 12 months. If he has no further vio-

lations, the charge will be dismissed. The defendant was fined \$242.

A Kearns resident did not appear on a charge of driving with a suspended driver's license. The defendant now has a \$750 cash only warrant out for his arrest.

A Salt Lake City resident who has failed to appear twice on a speeding and suspended driver's license also has a \$750 cash only warrant for his arrest.

An Orem resident who has avoided the court numerous times now has a \$7,500 cash only warrant for his arrest.

A Taylorsville resident pled not guilty to speeding 34 mph over the limit. His trial was set for December 15th.

During October and November, 16 traffic cases were filed, including six moving violations, one non-moving violation, one driver license violation and eight parking tickets. Three traffic cases were disposed of either through bail forfeiture, trial, arraignment or transfer. No new criminal cases were filed and none were disposed.

Marshal's Report

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At 12:30 pm, the deputy was sent to the Goldminer's Lodge on a complaint of **jibbers** taking picnic tables from their deck, dragging the tables up the mountain to be used for jibbing. The deputy convinced them it would be a good idea to return the tables to the deck. At 12:47 pm, the deputy had to talk with **jibbers** who took a garbage can and a snow scoop from Albion Day Lodge. Again, they were told to return the property.

November 1, 2005

At 3:30 pm, the deputy was called to talk to a carload of **jibbers** off-road in the lower Albion area.

November 2, 2005

The marshal took a report of vandalism from the Alta Ski Lifts Co. Two permanent steel signposts located near the bottom of High Rusler were the attraction of **jibbers**.

They kept removing the posts from the sleeves that are concreted in the ground to facilitate some jibbing. The guys at Alta Ski Lifts figured they could solve the problem by welding the posts to the sleeves. Well, that didn't work. Somehow the **jibbers** managed to uproot the apparatus, concrete and all.

November 3, 2005

At 9:00 pm, two carloads of **jibbers** messing around at the Wildcat Ticket Office were asked to leave the area.

November 5, 2005

At 2:00 pm, once again the Marshal's Office was asked to respond to the Goldminer's Lodge to recover picnic tables taken by **jibbers** and hauled up the mountain.

November 6, 2005

At 9:00 am, the deputy discovered damage to the east side of the Post Office. Evidence indicated that the

jibbers used the pile of snow on the roadway next to the building to make a jump and jib off the side of the building, scratching up the wood siding.

Other duties in this time period include:

- 1 Alcohol Enforcement
- 371 Business and Property Checks
- 5 Motorist Assists
- 23 Motorist Violations
- 11 Watershed Violations
- 2 Agency Assists
- 9 Forest Service Patrols

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ALTA BOXHOLDER

2005 Election Results

Winners of the November 2005 Town of Alta Municipal Election are Tom Pollard (Mayor), Bill Lennon (Town Council), and Paul Moxley (Town Council).

Congratulations!

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. The Town accepts paper, magazines/catalogs, newspaper, cardboard, paperboard, aluminum, and plastics (#1 and #2). Sorry, no glass!



Alta's Community Calendar for December and January

December

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| 2-4 | | Alta Ski Swap; Our Lady of the Snows church; Contact ACE for more information |
| 6 | 7 pm | Knitting Circle; Goldminer's Daughter Lounge; Contact ACE for more information |
| 7 | 7 pm | Avalanche Tales Talk with Evelyn Lees; Our Lady of the Snows church; Contact ACE for more information |
| 8 | 10 am | Alta Town Council Meeting; Alta Community Center/Library |
| 8 | 7 pm | Life and Times: Matt McKee Slide Show of Chile; Our Lady of the Snows church; Contact ACE for more information |
| 13-14 and 17-18 | | Avalanche Class (classroom and field); Our Lady of the Snows church; Pre-Registration is required through ACE (call 801.742.9712); open to Alta locals and employees only; \$50 fee. |
| 18 | 12-4 pm | Holiday Arts and Crafts Sale; Albion Grill; Contact ACE for more information. |
| 20 | 7 pm | Knitting Circle; Goldminer's Daughter Lounge; Contact ACE for more information |
| 24 | 5 pm | Christmas Eve Torchlight Parade; Alta Ski Area |
| 31 | 5 pm | New Years Eve Torchlight Parade; Alta Ski Area |

January

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| 3 | 11:30 am | Swearing in of Mayor and Town Council; Rustler Lodge |
| 3 | 7 pm | Knitting Circle; Goldminer's Daughter Lounge; Contact ACE for more information |
| 9 | 7 pm | Life and Times: Alex Mazurkawiz; Snowpine Lodge; Contact ACE for more information |
| 11 | 7 pm | Movie Series: "Teddy Bear Crisis"; Our Lady of the Snows church; Contact ACE for more information |
| 12 | 10 am | Alta Town Council Meeting; Alta Community Center/Library |
| 17 | 7 pm | Knitting Circle; Goldminer's Daughter Lounge; Contact ACE for more information |
| 19 | 7 pm | Life and Times: UDOT Avalanche Forecaster Liam Fitzgerald; Site TBA; Contact ACE for more information |
| 25 and 27 | 7 pm | Mike Libeck Slide Show; Our Lady of the Snows; Contact ACE for more information |
| 26-27 | TBA | Annual Snowflake Festival; Location TBA; Contact ACE for more information |

ACE Contact Information: Phone—801.742.9712; email- altacommunity@hotmail.com; website- www.altaarts.org; event hotline—801.742.0830

Alta Ski Lifts Co. has many enticing events scheduled during the ski season (too many to list here!). Please refer to their website at www.alta.com under the "activities and events" heading. Their main phone number is 801.742.3333.