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Municipal News

Goodbye Antimony! Alta's drinking water now conforms with all federal requirements and is antimony free! An official ribbon cutting ceremony for the Antimony treatment plant was held September 9th (see pictures p.2), and was followed up with a State Drinking Water Board meeting held at Our Lady of the Snows. The Town of Alta would like to thank former Senator Carlene Walker for helping us secure \$450,000 of funding to make this project a reality! Many thanks also to Keith Hanson and the staff of Service Area #3 for their tireless efforts to making this project a reality!

A work session was held on September 3rd to discuss the proposed Patsey Marley subdivision application. A follow-up public hearing and presentation by the applicant was held September 30th. We thank all the members of the public for sharing their views with us. If additional work sessions are scheduled outside of monthly Town Council meetings, they will be posted on the Town's website.

At the September 10th Town

Council meeting, a temporary land use regulation was passed enacting a Flood Damage Ordinance. FEMA had identified a very small swatch of "flood plain" in the Town boundaries and to meet a compliance deadline, the Town Council passed this temporary regulation. A formal review by the Planning Commission and Town Council, with public hearings at both venues will take place in the next six months. Special thanks to John Crofts, Utah State Floodplain Manager for speaking to the Town Council about the urgency and benefits of passing this ordinance.

The Planning Commission toured Alta Ski Area courtesy of Onno Wieringa (general manager of Alta Ski Lifts) on September 22nd. Onno took the group up the Collins side, stopping for discussion on revegetation efforts, artillery dilemmas, and lifts. The group then went down the Sugarloaf side and discussed items such as snowmaking and the remodel of the Albion Day Lodge. Special thanks to Alta Ski Lifts for making this visit possible.

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What a difference a day makes!

LEFT: September 29th; lovely fall day in Alta
RIGHT: October 1st; orange aspens in contrast with a foot of snow that fell on Alta the last day of September



Marshal's Report

August 13th, 5:25 pm: A report of trespassing and cutting trees was investigated at an Albion Basin property. It appears that utility crews may be responsible for some of this activity and concerns as to whether campground activities are encroaching onto private land are being addressed.

August 16th, 9:54 am: A suspicious vehicle was reported on the Bypass Road. The vehicle ended up being registered to an Alta resident. At 3:40 pm, a Search and Rescue operation was conducted in Patsy Marley area. A woman with a broken ankle was assisted and transported to a local hospital.

August 17th, 11:10 pm: Another suspicious vehicle was reported in the Hellgate area. A carload of juveniles were contacted by the

deputy on duty and released.

August 18th, 5:00 pm: Weird call of the week: Deputy Bolen responded to the lower Albion parking lot on a reported watershed violation. Upon arrival, he found a man with a miniature horse (yes, just like the ones at the circus) in the front seat of his vehicle. Apparently, the man just wanted to take his mini-horse for a drive when it became evident the animal needed to relieve itself. Not being equipped for the moment, the man inappropriately disposed of the waste on Alta Ski Lifts property. Deciding that he was receiving WAY TOO MUCH information, Deputy Bolen terminated the contact with a citation and sent the man, horse, and bag of goodies down the canyon.

August 22nd, 4:30 am: An extremely intoxicated, profane and less than cooperative "guest" of a cabin owner kept most of the Albion Campground awake all night. A citation was issued.

September 2nd: A quantity of marijuana plants being cultivated in Town were discovered. Persons interested in claiming them are encouraged to contact the Marshal's Office.

Misc. duties:

- 72 business & property checks
- 35 contract forest service patrols
- 4 motorist assist calls
- 8 traffic enforcements
- 6 watershed violations
- 5 outside agency assists



Antimony Ribbon Cutting Event: **LEFT:** Folks gather outside the Bay City Water Building prior to the ribbon cutting ceremony. **RIGHT:** Mayor Tom Pollard and former State Senator Carlene Walker cut the ribbon to the Antimony treatment plant.

Important Notice to Voters

A new Utah state law requires voters to provide identification before voting.

Your photo identification must show your name and photograph (for example, Utah driver license, Utah identification card, US Passport)

OR

You may provide (2) two different documents that show your name and current address

Need to register to vote? Registration by mail has ended. In person voter registration at the Salt Lake County Clerk's Office is accepted until October 19, 2009.

Election Day Info. The general election will be held November 3rd at the Goldminer's Daughter Lodge. Please note the change from the "normal" location. The polls will be open from 7am—8pm.

Out of town on the election? The application for an absentee ballot is available on the Town website:

http://www.townofalta.com/about_new.shtml

Please fill out the application and return to Kate or Piper in the Town Office as soon as possible.

Still have questions? Please visit www.clerk.slco.org for more information or call (801) GOT-VOTE (468-8683).



Municipal News (...continued from p.1)

At the October 8th Town Council meeting, a representative from the State will be present to discuss proactive measures being considered to pre-empt a possible spruce bark beetle infestation. The effect on private property owners, and possible resources available will be discussed. We encourage all to attend to gather information and ask questions. Additional and detailed info will be available in upcoming newsletters.

OSV stickers and renewals will be available at the Marshal's Office starting Monday, October 12. As noted in earlier editions, the OSV registration process has changed and all existing and new OSV's must register. Please refer to the new OSV ordinance on the Town's website under the "Government" tab.

The U.S. Forest Service will be

holding a second open house regarding the Albion Basin Transportation Feasibility Study on October 28th, from 4-6pm at Our Lady of the Snows. Details will be forthcoming, but it is anticipated that alternative transportation management scenarios will be discussed. Information will be posted on our website as it becomes available.

Newsletter Changes. After this issue, the newsletter will come out about a week after the Town Council meeting instead of the beginning of the month in hopes this will make information more timely.

Have ideas for the newsletter?

Our newsletter editor will happily consider any suggestions for future newsletters. Photos of town events and landscapes are welcome as well, and credit will be given!

Please email CER@townofalta.com

If you know anyone who would like to be added to our email distribution list please have them email CER@townofalta.com

BELOW: Onno (right) speaks to members of the Planning Commission and the public on the Peruvian Ridge gunmount. The Pfeifferhorn looms in the background.



Alta Events Calendar

October

6	6pm	ACE Event: Soup and Salsa Competition, Our Lady of the Snows, \$5 to taste, free if entering food. There will be judging for 2 categories; vegetarian and non-vegetarian soup and salsa. Soup entries must be at least 5 quarts. Please bring your own warmer (if needed). ACE will provide chips and bread. Cash prizes for winners!
8	10am	Town Council meeting, Alta Community Center
8	6:30pm	ACE Event: Movie Night, Our Lady of the Snows, FREE! ACE will be showing "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory." There will be popcorn and candy for sale, so bring your roll of quarters.
13	6pm	ACE Event: Craft night, Our Lady of the Snows, FREE! ACE is doing another round of bottle cap magnets for your fridge and bulletin board. Bring your own pictures and/or magazine cutouts that fit in a 1-inch frame.
19	5:30pm	ACE Event: Yoga, Our Lady of the Snows, FREE!
22	6:30pm	ACE Event: Pumpkin Carving Competition, Our Lady of the Snows, FREE! Bring your own pumpkin or carve one of ours. This is an all ages event. Paints will be available for the little ones. We will light candles after dark.
28	4-6pm	United States Forest Service Open House to review preliminary alternatives for transportation management. Look for more information on the Town's website in the upcoming weeks.

November

3	7am-8pm	Town of Alta General Election, <u><i>Goldminer's Daughter Lodge</i></u> . Additional information on voting can be found on p.3
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All events are subject to change. For Alta Community Enrichment (ACE) events please check: www.altarts.org or call 801.742.0830. Changes to Town of Alta events will be posted on the Town's website under "Breaking News."



Upper end of the Town of Alta from the gun mount on Peruvian Ridge.

H1N1 Information and Resources

FLU INFORMATION

There is an overwhelming amount of information about the H1N1 flu. The information here only scratches the surface, but we hope this will be helpful in educating our community and pointing out additional resources for further education. (All links to referenced websites can be found at the end of the article). The following information was taken from the CDC website.

What is the H1N1 flu?

H1N1 (referred to as “swine flu” early on) is a new influenza virus causing illness in people. This new virus was first detected in people in the United States in April 2009. This virus is spreading from person-to-person worldwide, probably in much the same way that regular seasonal influenza viruses spread. On June 11, 2009, the World Health Organization (WHO) signaled that a pandemic of 2009 H1N1 flu was underway.

Why was it called the swine flu?

CDC notes that “this virus was originally referred to as “swine flu” because laboratory testing showed that many of the genes in this new virus were very similar to influenza viruses that normally occur in pigs (swine) in North America. But further study has shown that this new virus is very different from what normally circulates in North American pigs. It has two genes from flu viruses that normally circulate in pigs in Europe and Asia and bird (avian) genes and human genes. Scientists call this a ‘quadruple reassortant’ virus.”

How can I take steps for prevention?

Spread of 2009 H1N1 virus is thought to occur in the same way that seasonal flu spreads. Flu viruses are spread mainly from person to person through coughing or sneezing by people with influenza.

Sometimes people may become infected by touching something – such as a surface or object – with flu viruses on it and then touching their mouth or nose. Take these everyday steps to protect your health:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- Follow public health advice regarding school closures, avoiding crowds and other social distancing measures.
- Be prepared in case you get sick and need to stay home for a week or so

What are the symptoms?

The symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea. People may be infected with the flu, including 2009 H1N1 and have respiratory symptoms without a fever. Severe illnesses and death has occurred as a result of illness associated with this virus. If you are sick with flu-like illness, CDC recommends that you stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities.

What is the Town of Alta doing?

H1N1 educational posters will be made available to interested businesses. Updated H1N1 information will be posted on the Town website under “Breaking News.”

VACCINE INFORMATION

The following is from the Utah Immunization Center (Utah Dept. of Health):

The novel H1N1 influenza vaccine is not currently available in Utah. No clinics provide the novel H1N1 influenza vaccine at this time. The H1N1 vaccine is most likely available mid to late October.

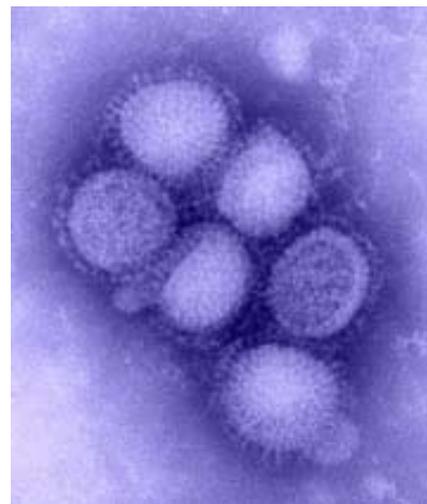
More information from the Salt Lake Valley Health Department (SLVHD) website: The first doses of the vaccine received will be reserved for the following priority groups:

- Healthy persons 2-24 years old
- Healthy healthcare, paramedics or EMT’s up to 49 years old
- Healthy adults through 49 years old who care for children less than 6 months old

If I’m eligible, where can I get the first shipment of the vaccine?

SLVHD’s four major clinics and select private providers (contact your healthcare provider for more info). The closest major clinic to Alta is:

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<http://www.slvhealth.org/h1n1/>

H1N1 Information and Resources (cont'd...)

Southeast Public Health Center
 9340 S 700 E
 Sandy, UT 84070
 (801) 255-7114

Visit the Utah Flu Vaccine Locator for locations throughout the state (currently none are listed since the vaccine is not yet available in Utah):

<http://www.immunize-utah.org/>
 Updated vaccine distribution information will be posted on:
<http://www.slvhealth.org/h1n1/vaccine.html>

Who should get the vaccine?

The vaccine target groups are:

- Pregnant women,
- People who live with or care for children younger than 6 months of age,
- Health care and emergency services personnel ,
- People between the ages of 6 months and 24 years,
- People ages 25 through 64

years with chronic health disorders such as asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), diabetes, chronic cardiovascular disease and those with compromised immune systems.

Will there be enough vaccine for everyone?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) do not project a serious shortfall in vaccine availability. However, it is possible that the first supply of vaccine delivered will have to be prioritized among the vaccine target groups listed above.

Can I get both the seasonal flu vaccine and the H1N1 vaccine?

Yes. The H1N1 vaccine is not intended to replace the seasonal flu vaccine. They are intended to be used alongside each other to protect people from both types of flu. The seasonal flu vaccine is unlikely to provide protection against H1N1.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

These links and phone numbers will also be posted on the Town Website under "Breaking News." The links will be "live" and more easily accessible.

Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):

<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/>
 1.800.CDC.INFO

Salt Lake Valley Health Dept. (SLVHD)

<http://www.slvhealth.org/h1n1/>
 Call 2-1-1 or 801.468.2750

Utah Department of Health Immunization Program (Vaccine Locator feature available on this website)

<http://www.immunize-utah.org/>
 1.800.275.0659 (Immunization Hotline)

FDA H1N1 Vaccine Resources:

<http://www.fda.gov/BiologicsBloodVaccines/Vaccines/ApprovedProducts/>

Worried about **H1N1 SWINE FLU**?
 What you should do.

IF YOU ARE	AND YOU HAVE	YOU SHOULD
Not at High Risk	Fever (100.4) plus cough or sore throat	<u>Stay home</u> until you've felt completely well for a day. Don't go to a hospital.
* High Risk	→ Fever (100.4) plus cough or sore throat	→ <u>Call your doctor</u> to discuss whether you need medicine for flu. Don't go to a hospital.
Anybody with severe illness like difficulty breathing	Fever (100.4) plus cough or sore throat	<u>Get to a hospital</u> right away. If you call 911, say you may have severe influenza.

* PEOPLE AT HIGHER RISK OF FLU COMPLICATIONS INCLUDE:

Babies under 2 | Seniors | Pregnant women | People with asthma, diabetes or other conditions affecting the heart, lungs, blood, liver or kidneys | People with weakened immune systems | People under 18 on long-term aspirin therapy

DO YOU HAVE A FEVER? A reading of 100.4 or higher is a fever.



Graphic provided by Salt Lake Valley Health Department