

# ALPINE NEWSLINE

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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

by Troy Stout



**Next month, we'll be saying goodbye to two of our City Council members and welcoming two new ones to the bench. I'd like to take the opportunity to thank both Kimberly Bryant and Ramon Beck for their outstanding service to Alpine and wish them well as they continue to be great members of our community.**

Ramon served one term in the late 1980's, and another which ends this month, totaling eight years. Along with his City Council responsibilities, Ramon served on the board of the Timpanogos Special Service District, was the Councilman over Pressurized Irrigation and Water Conservation, approved Eagle Scout projects, and was an alternate for the Lone Peak PSD. He was always an asset to the Council with his insights and humor.

Kimberly served four terms (16 years) on the City Council, representing our neighborhoods with passion and compassion. To my knowledge, this is the longest tenure of any City Council member in our history. Enduring personal challenges, many of which remain unknown to the public, she played key roles in shaping the Alpine Youth Council, and served on the Cemetery and North Pointe Solid Waste committees. She was Mayor Pro Tem for a period of time, she created the annual children's Easter egg hunt, organized the firemen's Memorial Day Breakfast, and was a member for the Lone Peak Public Safety executive board. She did this all with the positive outlook and enthusiasm for which she's known.

I'm happy to report that we have great, respectful relationships between Council members, even though we sometimes have very strong opposing views on certain issues. It is my pleasure as Mayor to work with every single person on our Council and city staff, as I know that each of them is personally invested with their service to our city.

For me, it's very sad to see the political climate in Washington decline to the point where personal insults and disrespect are unleashed between those who disagree on policy. Great lessons can be learned from people like Ronald Reagan & Tip O'Neil, Orrin Hatch & Ted Kennedy, who were diametrically opposed in their views, but remained respectful (and even great friends) after their fiery public debates.

Sadly, we saw some "modern" political antics in our local November election with disrespectful, inaccurate mailers sent from anonymous sources, followed by online attacks from fictional people claiming to live in Alpine. I'm confident that none of our candidates had anything to do with this, but unfortunately, those anonymous sources cast a negative light on our election and our great community. Several people have since told me that they would never run for office because they fear being publicly attacked. The good people of Alpine should be above this. We have too many charitable people and positive things to talk about. I hope we can commit as a city to vet out the real issues with "enthusiasm," but eliminate negativity and personal criticisms. Above all, Alpine must have a political environment that ENCOURAGES good people to run for office. Our future depends on it!

Dear Fellow Alpiners,



A couple of weeks ago I got an email from DeAnn with Alpine City saying that my culinary water usage had spiked dramatically, along with my water bill. She recommended I find and fix the leaks that were causing it. She also recommended I set up an account on the **EyeOnWater app** so I could get early warnings on future leaks.

The next day I hired a plumber and signed up for **EyeOnWater**. Now I'll receive an email or text on any day my water usage exceeds an average of one gallon per hour over 24 hours.

It's quick and easy to sign up at [www.eyeonwater.com](http://www.eyeonwater.com). Not only can it save your home from potential damage and save you money, but it conserves a precious resource in the second-driest state in the nation.

Larry Brown

**You can automatically receive City Council and Planning Commission agendas, packets, and meeting minutes by email.**

Just go to [utah.gov/pmn](http://utah.gov/pmn) and click *Cities* as the Government, *Alpine* as the Entity, and *City Council or Planning Commission* as the Body.

Click the '*Subscribe to this Body*' button, below that enter your name and email address, and click the Send button. It's that easy--and only takes 30 seconds.

Greg Gordon

***Submission of Information to the Newsline  
Due: 15th of the month***

Email to [cwarnock@alpinecity.org](mailto:cwarnock@alpinecity.org)

## *Light the Way*

We all have our time machines, don't we  
Those that take us back are memories...  
And those that carry us forward are dreams.  
H.G. Wells



How many times have we at one point or another wished for a time machine? If given the opportunity to change some past decisions, would we? I've thought about this at length and realized that if I changed my past, I most likely would not be the very person that I am today.

My decision to become a part of Alpine's "Light the Way" project has been one of my most rewarding decisions to date. While there have been some challenges along the way, i.e. candles stuck in Wyoming in a blizzard. The sight of thousands of candles glowing on a cold winter night stirs a warm feeling deep in my soul. The willingness of so many residents to support this worthwhile project is very heart warming. Your support for so many years has helped so many youth earn the necessary funds to participate in extra curricular activities at school that without your continued support would not be possible.

Luminaire kits are now available for pre-order through December 14<sup>th</sup>. Each kits consists of 20 long-burning candles (8-10 hours), 20 weather resistant sacks, and enough sand to weigh them down. The cost per kit is \$23.00, with all profits from the sales of the kits benefiting members of the Lone Peak Color Guard. Without their help this project would not be possible. Kits can be reserved online at [alpinelights.org](http://alpinelights.org), beginning November 15<sup>th</sup>, by signing the guest book. Please be sure to include your name, address, contact information and how many kits you would like to reserve. please be advised that that we cannot accept online payments through our website. You may also pay for and reserve your kits by mailing a check made out to **Luminaires** to:

Luminaires  
88 North 200 East  
Alpine, Utah 84004

All pre-sold and reserved kits will be available for pick up at the Alpine City Hall (20 North Main) during the following dates and times:

December 17<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> 4-6 pm  
December 21<sup>st</sup> 10-2 pm  
December 23 4-6 pm

Questions? Call Joni Wootton at 801-787-7110

***JOYFUL CHRISTMAS SOUNDS!***  
***AN ALPINE TRADITION FOR FORTY-ONE YEARS!***

**7:30 PM SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15,  
AT THE STAKE CENTER BY THE ROUNDABOUT**

(THE PERFORMANCE IS MOST LIKELY TO BE ENJOYED BY ALPINERS 8 YEARS OLD AND OLDER.)

***A RICH CHOIR, GLORIOUS SOLOISTS, FUN ENSEMBLES, AND CAROL SINGING BY EVERYBODY!***

## SNOW REMOVAL

Please, no parking on any street from December 1 to March 31 between midnight and 8:00 AM and **any time there is snow in the street**. Vehicles may be towed/removed at the owner's expense. Cul-de-sacs with vehicles parked in them will not be plowed.

Alpine City Municipal Code 11-346

## FREE HOLIDAY MOVIE NIGHT

Mountainville Academy, a free (no tuition) Public K-9 Charter school located in Alpine, will be hosting a free Holiday Family Movie Night at the school. Bring blankets, pillows and chairs to watch *The Grinch* with your family!



Mountainville Academy, will be accepting open enrollment applications starting Nov 1- Feb 15th for the 2020-2021 school year at [www.mountainvilleacademy.org](http://www.mountainvilleacademy.org) Please visit the website to fill out a lottery application.

## Mountainland RSVP Sock Fest

Last year our sock drive received more than 22,000 pairs of socks that were donated to 24 local non-profit organizations.

Our "Sock Fest" campaign this year will focus on **NEW socks in all styles, sizes and colors** to donate to some of these same local organizations.



**SOCK FEST**  
spread warmth

DONATE NEW SOCKS  
in all sizes, styles & colors

Socks may be donated at the Pleasant Grove Library  
30 E. Center St. in PG

December 2 through December 31.

For more information and other donation sites, go to [mountainland.org/SockFest](http://mountainland.org/SockFest) or call 801-229-3820.

## Noted Author, R. William Bennett Pens Holiday Stories That Stir the Soul

By Joan Evans

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!" This popular lyric is evident throughout Alpine, which is where R. William (Bill) Bennett resides with his wife, Loree. Glittering lights and decor, people hurrying to shop and gather families together, there are holiday events to attend, memories to share as we celebrate the Savior's birth. And what better way than to sit in front of a cozy fireplace and read one of Bill Bennett's three Christmas books!



"My love of books began when I was in grade school," Bennett stated. "My mother started me in a book-of-the-month program when I was five, and when I finished a book I had a discussion with her about it. This happened for many years. Then in the sixth grade", he continued, "my teacher surprised the class with a visit from a science fiction author named Lester Del Ray. I had never thought you could actually make a living from writing books! I sat at my desk and thought, that's what I am going to do someday."

Fifty years later, he began to do just that. Bennett's first book, The Christmas Gift, was actually from a story he told to his children. One day, his daughter asked him if he might consider self-publishing. That was a new, fresh idea to him, and that is what he did. He sold a thousand copies, then the book went to reprint again and again on Amazon - a huge success! This book has actually been read many times by schoolteachers to their students, parents to their young children, and many others, because it tells a valuable story about bullying, which unfortunately continues to be prevalent in our society.

The author quips "With the success of the first book, I decided to write a second book titled: Jacob T. Marley." This is a spin-off from A Christmas Carol and the stingy character, Scrooge, so popularly recognized in the story. Marley is the restless ghost that continually haunts Scrooge, and cannot rest in peace until he convinces Scrooge to change, to be more remorseful and to have a more loving heart toward others. The reader comes to know Marley through Bennett's creative interpretation of him.

Bennett's latest book, The Last Man at the Inn, involved extensive research of the Jewish culture and all the different elements and events during the time of Jesus Christ on the earth, beginning with His birth and throughout His ministry. The main character is Simon, a family man and merchant who is actually at the Inn when Mary and Joseph arrive and there is no space for them. Simon considers the idea that he should give them his room, but he decides not to because he is tired and needs his rest. The story covers his journey of spiritual growth as he wrestles with sorrow and anger for not giving up his room to this special couple in great need. The book takes the reader through Simon's quest to believe in something greater than himself.

With Bennett's three books now available at bookstores, he's working on a fourth book which will be released December of 2020. Entitled The Third Greatest Christmas Story Ever Told, it is a nonfiction story about the author Charles Dickens.

*To Whom It May Concern,*

I am Kofi Johnson. I grew up in orphanages in Ghana, West Africa. I was adopted by a family in Alpine when I was 15 but I have not forgotten my childhood and the children who are not as fortunate as me. I want to help the orphans in the same orphanages I grew up in feel remembered and give them some hope.

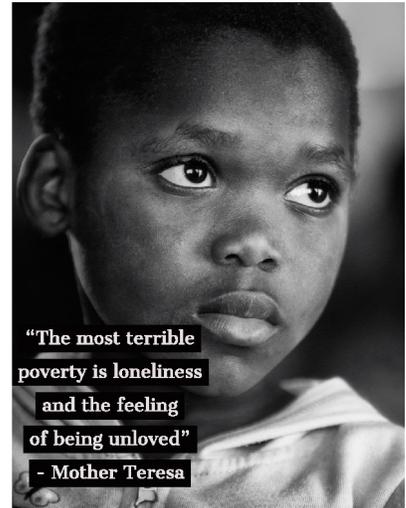
In Ghana we play soccer all the time, so I am collecting soccer gear and other supplies to take with me. The kinds of basics I always wished I had. But their needs are beyond what I can meet alone, so I am raising money to help the cost of some of the needs at the orphanages. The financial support I receive will be used to benefit the orphans in the following ways:

- Food
- Mosquito Nets
- Paint
- Beds
- School Materials
- Soccer Balls
- Soccer Goals

I would appreciate your support and I know firsthand just how much it will mean to the children who will benefit from any help you are able to give.

If you have questions or would like to make a donation, please reach out to me. I would love to hear from you.

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**"The most terrible  
 poverty is loneliness  
 and the feeling  
 of being unloved"**  
 - Mother Teresa

