

# ALPINE NEWSLINE

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## Utah's Low Risk Phase

What does it mean and what can you do?



### Moving to yellow

Utah's efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19 have been working. Finding a new normal won't be instant, like flipping a switch, it'll be more like gradually moving a dial.

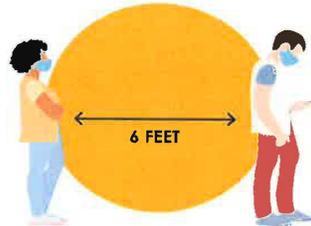
Continue to follow the public health protocols for Low Risk (yellow) to keep the dial moving forward and to prevent it from turning back.

**High-risk individuals operate under stricter instructions because they are more likely to suffer severe illness from COVID-19.**

### General guidelines:



Social gatherings in groups of 50.



Maintain social distancing in public settings.



Face coverings worn when social distancing is difficult to maintain.



Symptom check prior to team sport competitions or practices.



K-12 schools reopening anticipated for 2020/2021 school year.



Pools open with social distancing.



6-foot distance between household groups at events & entertainment venues.



Spacing between household groups, multiple meeting schedules for smaller gatherings and stream services if preferred.



## HIGHLAND CITY LIBRARY JUNE 2020

**Summer Reading  
Registration (all ages)**  
Registration and reading  
charts on our website.  
[www. Higlandcitylibrary.org](http://www.Higlandcitylibrary.org)

**Weekly Programs  
June 3 - July 29**  
We have planned some  
incredible weekly programs!  
Storytime, Jr. Explorer's  
Club, and Tween STEM are  
getting ready for you!  
Information on our social  
media and website.

**Weekly Prizes**  
Wednesdays June 3 - July 29  
Ages 0-11  
Information on our website

**Details on final prizes will  
be announced soon!**

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## BOOKMOBILE DRIVEN TO READ

The Bookmobile has been providing public library service to people in much of rural Utah since 1947, for those who do not have access to a "brick and mortar" library. Nearly 5,000 items are available to check out. Items are rotated frequently. They carry a range of items including: picture books, easy readers, non-fiction, mysteries, classics, best sellers, general fictions, DVDs, CDs etc. The Bookmobile stops throughout Alpine City at three different locations on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday: River Meadows 10:30, Creekside Park 12:20, and LDS (red brick) Church 3:00. They offer public Wi-Fi and your Bookmobile has a librarian that has expertise and can give help and instruction. They have story times and children's actives, summer reading, public computers, printing and study spaces available. You can apply for a library card on the Bookmobile. Please check their Facebook page for updates.



## ALPINE DAYS UPDATE



After careful consideration of the circumstances due to COVID-19, Alpine City has decided to cancel Alpine Days, including the rodeo, for the year 2020. We will continue to monitor the situation and may have a few select events. We will post more information in the future. Look for Alpine Days to return in 2021!

## PRIMARY ELECTIONS JUNE 30TH

- **Every eligible voter will receive a ballot by mail.**
- Ballots will be mailed the week of June 15th
- If voters do not receive their ballot by mail they should contact the County Elections office at [elections@utahcounty.gov](mailto:elections@utahcounty.gov) or call (801)851-8128 the week of June 22nd for a replacement ballot.
- **THERE WILL BE NO IN PERSON VOTING.**
- **No** early voting.
- **No** in person voting on Election Day.
- There will be **No** same day registration .
- Deadline for all voter record updates/changes/affiliations is 11 days before Election Day. Go to [www.vote.utah.gov](http://www.vote.utah.gov) and click on find my voter registration information to make any address or affiliation changes.
- We will be enforcing strict COVID-19 social distancing and sanitation standards.
- Election Night first report will not post until 10:00 PM.
- Canvass will be 21 days after Election Day.
- Utah County offers several voting options for voters with disabilities and their caregivers. Please call (801)851-8128 for more information.



## City Council & Planning Commission Electronic Meetings

The public may participate in both meetings by watching via livestream on YouTube. Go to [www.alpinecity.org](http://www.alpinecity.org) scroll down on the left hand side and you will see Alpine YouTube Channel. Just click on the link. You may also submit comments via email to [admin@alpinecity.org](mailto:admin@alpinecity.org).

Public comments may be submitted up until 5 pm the day of the meeting.

## Watering Schedule

The watering schedule for Alpine will be the same as it has been for the last few years.

If your address ends in an **odd** number, your watering days are **M/W/F**.

If your address ends in an **even** number, your watering days are **T/TH/S**.

You may start watering at 7 pm and must end by 7 am.



People have asked why we adhere to this schedule and why the City waters the parks during the day when residents water at night. It is to balance the pressure. If everyone waters at the same time, the water pressure will be reduced.

## Solicitors

We are now in the season where we will be seeing more solicitors in our neighborhoods. Not all solicitors have licenses and respect City ordinances. We encourage residents who are worried about solicitors to take proper precautions and to be judicious when deciding whether to answer the door, especially if you do not recognize the individual. If you are approached by a solicitor, you may ask to see their City-issued license. You may consider posting a "No Solicitors" sign; however, these are not always respected. If they are unable to show you a license please report them to the Lone Peak Police Department. (801)756-9800.

## DUMP PASSES

We are sorry that dump passes are not available at this time. Our contracted facility closed suddenly, so the closest option is:  
North Point Solid Waste at  
2000 West 200 South in Lindon  
(801-225-8538).  
You will need to pay the non-participant fee  
(~ \$22.00 for a pickup load).

## Appointment of two Planning Commission Members

The City would like to thank Bryce Higbee for his years of service on our Planning Commission. Also thanks to Jessica Smuin who now will be serving on our City Council. We would like to welcome Ed Bush and Troy Slade, and look forward to working with them both. A big thanks to the Members currently serving on the Planning Commission:

Jane Griener  
Ethan Allen  
Sylvia Christiansen  
Alan Mac Donald  
and  
John MacKay

## CODE COMPLIANCE CORNER

By Ted Stillman, Code Compliance Officer

The purpose of this article is to discuss the City's sign ordinance and answer questions regarding the sign ordinance. The purpose of the sign ordinance is to preserve and improve the appearance of the City, allow each business to clearly identify itself, and to safeguard and enhance property values. The sign ordinance is located online at [alpinecity.org](http://alpinecity.org) (Section 3.25 of the Development Code). Common questions asked about signs include:

**Do I need a permit for a business sign?** Yes, a permit is required. The application for a permit is online at [alpinecity.org/planning-and-zoning](http://alpinecity.org/planning-and-zoning). The application fee for a sign is \$25.00. Sign permits are administered by City Planner, Austin Roy. His email is [aroy@alpinecity.org](mailto:aroy@alpinecity.org), and his phone number is (801)756-6347 ext. 6.

**What about election and political signs?** Temporary election and political signs shall not exceed 12 square feet in area and shall not exceed a height of six feet. They shall be placed only on private property, with permission of the property owner. A permit is not required for temporary political or election signs.

**What about home occupation signs?** Home occupation signs are limited to one nameplate not larger than two square feet and one sign not larger than one square foot fastened to the side of the mailbox. No off-site advertising sign shall be permitted.

**What about real estate signs?** For residential lots a sign permit is not required, and the sign may be erected to advertise the sale, rent or lease of property on which the sign is located. Two signs shall be allowed per lot and they shall not exceed eight square feet per sign.

**What about church & homeowners association signs?** A permit shall not be required, and the sign shall be permitted for no more than 14 days and shall be placed on private property.

**Submissions for the Newline  
due by the 15th of the month.  
Email to: [bcooper@alpinecity.org](mailto:bcooper@alpinecity.org)**

## FIRE FUEL REDUCTION GUIDE and INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Open spaces in Alpine and Highland are valued for their nature and beauty. Living within these areas means we must do our part to protect our homes and our community. Living within the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) provides us with a sense of nature, yet there are dangers that must be mitigated and each of us should do our part.

### Wildland Urban Interface (WUI):

The wildland urban interface is any location where a fire can spread from vegetation (wildland fuels) to buildings (urban fuels), resulting in multiple house fires that overwhelm fire protection efforts. We may not be able to stop wildfires but we can mitigate that risk by planning and proper fuel management. Creating a defensible space around our homes may help to reduce risk to our lives, properties, community, and firefighters. As a resident and/or owner of property near or adjacent to wildland areas, completing the following items increases the chances that your home will survive a wildfire, and will reduce the danger to firefighters, neigh, and surrounding natural resources. The attached Defensible Space Checklist will help you determine what you need to do to reduce your vulnerability to the threat of wildfire.



### TWO ZONES MAKE UP THE REQUIRED 100 FEET OF DEFENSIBLE SPACE:

#### ZONE 1: 30 feet of Lean, Clean & Green

- 1 Remove all dead plants, grass and weeds.
- 2 Remove dead or dry leaves and pine needles from your yard, roof and rain gutters.
- 3 Keep tree branches 10 feet away from your chimney and other trees.

#### ZONE 2: 30-100 feet of Reduced Fuel

- 4 Cut or mow annual grass down to a maximum height of 4 inches.
- 5 Create horizontal spacing between shrubs and trees.
- 6 Create vertical spacing between grass, shrubs and trees.

#### Use Equipment Properly to Keep from Sparking a Wildfire

- 7 Mow before 10 a.m., and never on a hot or windy day. String trimmers are a safer option (vs. lawnmowers) for clearing vegetation.



#### VERTICAL SPACING

Large trees do not have to be cut and removed as long as all of the plants beneath them are removed. This eliminates a vertical "fire ladder."



#### HORIZONTAL SPACING

Create horizontal and vertical spacing between plants, the amount of spacing will depend on how steep the slope is and the size of the plants.

What is Defensible Space? Defensible Space is a perimeter created around a structure where vegetation is treated, cleared or reduced to slow the spread of wildfire towards a structure, reduce the chance of a structure fire burning to the surrounding area, and provides a safe perimeter for firefighters to protect a structure. A homeowner's clearing responsibility is limited to 100 feet away from their structure(s) or to the property line, whichever is less, and limited to their land. While individual property owners are not required to clear beyond 100 feet, groups of property owners are encouraged to extend clearances beyond the 100-foot requirement in order to create community-wide defensible spaces. Here are seven important steps:

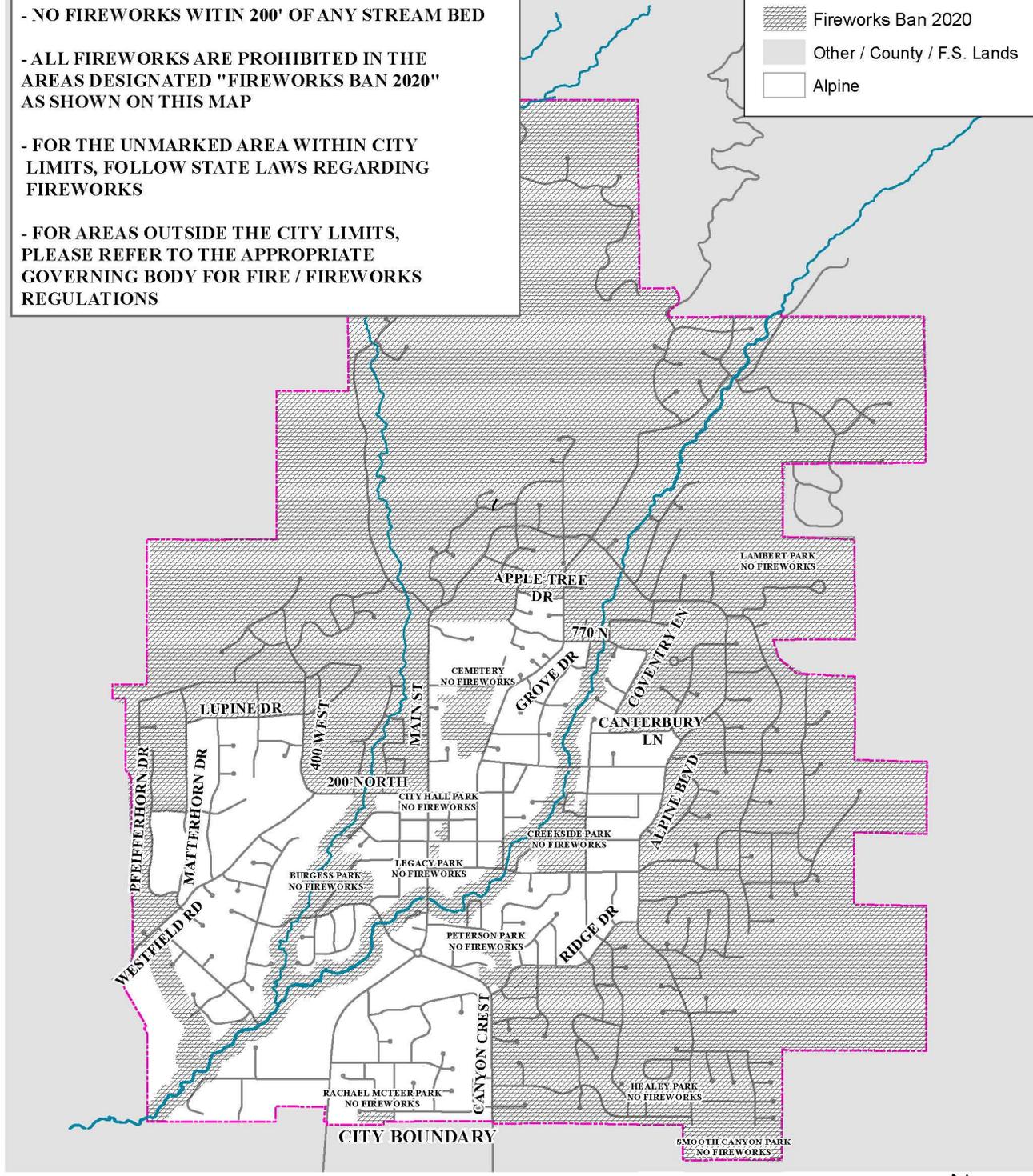
Once you have completed your assessment, you will have a better idea of the scope of your project, and you can prioritize your next steps. Don't be overly concerned if the size of the project seems daunting. The goal is to take this one step at a time. Your priorities should focus on making the most impact with the least amount of effort. Removing dead and dying vegetation including dry leaves, pine needles, limbs and small branches, brush parts, dead materials on the ground, unused timber, and debris piles.

**FIRE RESTRICTIONS EFFECTIVE 6/9/20:**

- NO FIREWORKS IN CITY PARKS
- NO FIREWORKS WITHIN 200' OF ANY STREAM BED
- ALL FIREWORKS ARE PROHIBITED IN THE AREAS DESIGNATED "FIREWORKS BAN 2020" AS SHOWN ON THIS MAP
- FOR THE UNMARKED AREA WITHIN CITY LIMITS, FOLLOW STATE LAWS REGARDING FIREWORKS
- FOR AREAS OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS, PLEASE REFER TO THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNING BODY FOR FIRE / FIREWORKS REGULATIONS

**Legend**

-  Fort Creek & Dry Creek
-  Fireworks Ban 2020
-  Other / County / F.S. Lands
-  Alpine



**Alpine City  
FIRE RESTRICTIONS 2020**



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