

# ALPINE NEWSLINE

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## Mayor's Message

by Mayor Troy Stout



Over the past 10 years that I've been involved with Alpine City government, one issue has remained constant, the deer population. In at least half my conversations with residents, I'm asked one of two questions: "What are you doing to protect the deer?" or "What are you going to do to get rid of the deer?"

With two surveys conducted over the past few years, there appears to be an even 50/50 split between those who'd like to reduce our resident herd, and those who want to leave things just the way they are. I think we can all agree that the deer were here first and they still have a place here, at least to some degree. Visitors and many residents alike love to see the deer in our neighborhoods. However, anyone who's lost a few rose bushes (or a bunch), tomatoes, tulips or budding trees has probably uttered a less-than flattering adjective about our hooved friends.

I remember planting a "fedge" (a hedge, which serves as a fence - it's a word!) along my property line, consisting of large, "deer proof" bushes. Over \$1800 and 30 hours of work were reduced to pathetic little twigs almost overnight! I've often wondered if we should provide funding for a support group in town for those who've been traumatized by similar events.

The fact is, the resident deer population has grown steadily, and they're becoming very comfortable in our yards and on our streets throughout the year. Many don't migrate with the seasons.

With the help of the DNR, we've developed a humane, three step solution which will be implemented over the next several months:

1. Habitat restoration - cheatgrass is an aggressive, non-native plant which deer do not eat and dries early in summer, increasing fire risk. Some large areas of cheatgrass will be cleared this spring, and replanted with native grasses which will feed deer and resist fire. Also, 1500 native shrubs will be planted in Lambert Park. This will help restore the area to its original state, while providing attractive forage for the deer.
2. Relocation of "problem deer" - live trapping of a few deer will occur this year. The City and DNR will experiment with some summer trapping, which will target animals that won't migrate to the high country as the weather warms. These animals will have their passports stamped by the Duchesne County immigration officials, where they'll make friends and start new families.
3. Water sources - naturally replenished reservoirs known as "guzzlers" will be placed on the east and north foothills, to provide summer water for deer.

This is not a comprehensive plan, but one that should help lure some deer away from our yards and mitigate the growing resident herd in a humane and cost effective manner. The financial burden on the city will be minimal as the state is funding the first phases of habitat restoration and assisting with the live trapping and water sources.

We hope the final result will be a more healthy and manageable deer herd in the Alpine area.

### **PRESSURIZED IRRIGATION WATER WILL BE AVAILABLE BY APRIL 15th**

Please make sure all of your pressurized irrigation system valves are closed by **April 1st** to prevent leaking due to possible broken pipes that the cold weather may have caused.

### **Seasonal Employment in Alpine**

Alpine City is hiring seasonal full-time employees to work in the parks. The wage is \$9.50 to \$10.50 per hour depending on experience. For more information or to fill out an application, go to the city website at [alpinecity.org](http://alpinecity.org) or contact the front office at Alpine City Hall at 20 N. Main in Alpine.

### **Watering Schedule for 2018**

Odd numbered addresses—Mon, Wed, Fri \*  
Even numbered addresses—Tue, Thu, Sat\*

Hours to water are between 7 pm to 7 am. Odd addresses may begin watering at 7 pm on Monday. Even addresses may begin watering at 7 pm on Tuesday. And so on.

City parks, schools, churches, and agricultural users will be on a different schedule. In order to balance the use, they may be watering during the day.

\* You are not obligated to water 3 times a week. Some have found better results watering 2 times a week for longer periods.

## Alpine Nature Center

We want to thank those volunteers that came for Planting Day on April 7th!!

Over the next 6 months, we have planned Alpine hikes that you can take at your leisure. Check out the link here – [alpinenaturecenter.org/alpine-nature-hikes](http://alpinenaturecenter.org/alpine-nature-hikes). Once a month there will be a new hike and details of what you will find on the trail. The challenge is for you to find those plants each month and then you will receive a special Alpine Nature Center pin for completing the challenge. **To receive your pin, tag us on Facebook, by writing @alpinenaturecenter or hashtag us on Instagram (#alpinenaturecenter).** Please accompany it with a photo of either the flowers or your group, that would be great! Happy Hiking!



Special note for birders in Alpine -- We are asking for individuals that would be willing to head up the birding group. We already have people signed up. The anticipated meetings would be once a quarter. If interested to lead the group, please contact us at the email below.

Please contact us with any questions at [alpinenaturecenter@gmail.com](mailto:alpinenaturecenter@gmail.com). We invite you to like and share our Facebook page. A great way to stay updated - <https://www.facebook.com/alpinenaturecenter/>.

## Storm Water

The weather has been playing tricks on us this year so I wanted to send out some information that should help us with our water quality here in Alpine City. I wanted to talk about pesticides and fertilizer for cleaner water.

Any water that enters a storm drain does not get treated like the sewer system. Instead, it flows directly into Utah lake via one of three creeks (Fort Creek, Hog Hollow and Dry Creek). This untreated water can harm aquatic life and habitats, contaminate drinking water supplies and recreational waterways, and lessen aesthetic value.

Here are some tips to help keep our waterways looking their best. Apply pesticides and fertilizers in dry weather without a lot of wind. Try to apply insecticides during breeding months. Use dry methods to clean up after a spill (i.e. – don't spray it off, sweep it up). Mix and load sprayers where any spilled product will not be washed down a storm drain. Keep fertilizer off paved areas and sidewalks. Do not over apply pesticides and fertilizers. By incorporating these methods we can all help in keeping our water protected and clean.

Jason Struchen  
Alpine City SWPPP Inspector

### *Submission of Information to the Newsline*

**Due: 15th of the month**

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

## WHAT: Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

**BRIEF:** Utah County residents with household hazardous waste items such as old gasoline, paint, fluorescent light bulbs, batteries and unused medications will be offered safe disposal of these items at a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, April 14th, 2018 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The collection will take place in the west parking lot of the Provo Towne Centre Mall in Provo. For details, including a list of what will or will not be collected, please visit <http://www.utahcountyonline.org/dept/Health/HHW/> or call 801-225-8538 (north county) or 801-489-3027 (south county).

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 14th, 2018 - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**WHERE:** Provo Towne Centre Mall, west parking lot.

## HIGHLAND CITY LIBRARY ACTIVITIES & CLASSES APRIL 2018

### CHESS CLUB & GAME NIGHT

Monday, April 2nd @ 7 pm

### UTAH VALLEY WRITERS

Critique Group

Thursday, April 5th & 19th @ 6 pm

### LAPTIME STORIES– Baby Bookworms

Every Friday @ 10:00 a.m.

### ROBOTICS

Monday, April 9th @ 6:30 pm

### MEET THE HIGHLAND MAYOR

Thursday, April 11th @ 7:00 pm

### ASTRONOMY

Wednesday, April 18th @ 6:30 pm

### FAMILY SEARCH CLASS

Wednesday, April 11, 18, 25 @ 1:00 pm

### SUPER SMASH BROS BRAWL

Wednesday, April 25th @ 4:30 pm

### PROM EYES

Thursday, April 26th @ 4 pm

### APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS

All month long in the Story Room.

*The Highland City Library is located at 5400 Civic Center Dr. in Highland, UT. Alpine City reimburses Alpine residents up to \$40 for a library card at the Highland library or the library of your choice.*