

ALPINE NEWSLINE

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

By Mayor Troy Stout



First, a big thank you to all those who've taken seriously the need for true social distancing. It has led to the relative low curve that Utah and Alpine have enjoyed so far. It's no secret that this comes at enormous sacrifice by each of us, but it is so important. Graduations will be missed, wedding celebrations are postponed (my family included), and sporting events are on hold. Heck, some of us haven't been able to hold our new grand babies for many weeks now! These are real sacrifices.

We ask that more of you take social distancing seriously. Our city parks have remained open because we feel it's important for our people to have an outlet, and to remain physically active. Our tennis, basketball and pickle ball courts have remained open for these reasons, while other Utah County cities have closed theirs down. Unfortunately, there are daily gatherings of people in our parks who are not respecting the 6' personal distance rule, or the 10 person max group directive. This could lead to the closure of our parks, if state and local directives continue to be ignored by the minority. You may have noticed that the volleyball net was removed from Creekside Park, because it was the site of frequent group violations.

Covid-19 has arrived in Alpine, and it is affecting families in our community. It will continue to spread here, if we don't respect it as a true danger to ourselves and/or those whom we love. Just a reminder that you may feel little or no symptoms, but you could easily pass it to someone who may suffer serious illness or loss of life.

As I write, I'm aware that the governor is loosening restrictions to allow businesses to start the recovery process. My fear is that lighter restrictions will be taken to the extreme by less cautious individuals, which will push us right back into crisis mode. We must remain diligent and act responsibly.

Adults, please speak with your children and young adults, and please lead by example when it comes to social distancing and gathering in groups, whether it be in public places or in our own homes. It will save lives.

Pressurized Irrigation Billing

Alpine residents are currently billed for pressurized irrigation based on their lot size, pro-rated over 12 months. We are finishing the installation of the last few PI meters this spring.

The City Council has commissioned a PI rate study. The study is very complex for various reasons, including our agreement with the Alpine Irrigation Company, and will take some time to complete. We are planning a rate structure with residents paying similar to what they pay now, assuming their usage is reasonable for the landscape they have, with an average rate for water above that amount.

We anticipate that residents who are watering conservatively on the 3-days-a-week schedule will not see a large change in their PI bill. Please watch City Council agendas and your monthly Newsline for updates on the new PI billing structure.

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.

New City Council Member

Jessica Smuin from our City Planning Commission was appointed as our newest member of our City Council on April 28, 2020. She is filling the seat left by Judi Pickell. She will hold this position until the next election in 2022. She will be a great asset to our City Council. She loves Alpine and has lived here with her family for the past 14 years.

HIGHLAND CITY LIBRARY MAY 2020

CURBSIDE PICKUP OF LIBRARY HOLDS

Pickup days are Thursdays 10:00am-5:00pm
Holds must be placed by Monday of each week (subject to change). More information is on our website. www.highlandcitylibrary.org

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Story Time, Jr Explorers Club and Tween STEM are all online with a new program each week. Links to these programs are also on our website.

SUMMER READING 2020

July 1—July 31

Register online starting May 28th. Print off all your reading charts from our website.

Prizes each week for ages 0-11.

Choose from a variety of books for your end-of-the-summer reading prize.!

Awesome gift cards for ages 12-99 for your end-of-summer reading prize!

Story Time Explorers Club and Tween STEM will also be held each week in June and July with more fun activities (Curbside delivery or at a park). Online registration required and Jr. and Tween summer programs starting May 28th. Find more details on our website and social media as we get closer to registration.

HARRY POTTER END-OF-SUMMER READING PARTY WILL BE JULY 29TH!



Highland City Library
54 Civic Drive
Highland, UT

Leaving Alpine City After 29 Years



Charmayne Warnock

In 1991, Mayor Elaine Barnes stopped me in the Alpine Market and asked if I liked to write. She said she'd read a short article that I'd recently written for a little publication that the Alpine Arts Council put out a couple of times a year. I told her I'd graduated from BYU in English and so yes, I liked to write.

A few days later, I got a call from the City Recorder asking me if I'd like to take the minutes for the Planning Commission meetings. And they would pay me! I was surprised and pleased about the prospect of actually making money for writing. The joke was that art majors and English majors usually ended up flipping burgers. So, when I was in college, to be practical, I also majored in chemistry and ended up working as a chemist at U.S. Steel Geneva Works shortly after graduating. I was the first female chemist to work there since WWII. When I started having babies (six beautiful, smart, and independent daughters), I decided to go home and be a full-time mom.

Working for Alpine City was the perfect job at that time in my life. I attended the meetings on Tuesday nights and worked on the minutes at home. Since I still had young kids, it worked out really well.

After a while, Elaine Devey told me they needed another person to work in the office, so I started working two days a week, then three days a week when the City Administrator, Ted Stillman, decided it was past time to update the city codes and get them into electronic format. At the time, the Development Code was a paper document and it was increasingly difficult and messy to update when the Council adopted a new ordinance. So, I began the year-long process of converting the Development Code and the Municipal Code into an electronic form, and then updating the code with all the ordinances that had been adopted for the last twenty years. It was very educational.

When the woman who was working in the Building Department, left for another job, Ted Stillman asked me if I'd take over that job in addition to what I was already doing. He said it would dovetail nicely with Planning and Zoning.

A few years later when Janis Williams retired as the City Recorder, I added that job to my list of responsibilities. A few years after that, the new City Administrator, Rich Nelson, asked me to take over as Cemetery Sexton and handed the Building Department over to Marla Fox.

This job has never been boring. It was always changing, always new people. Lots of interesting people have walked into City Hall over the years and stopped to visit. It's been fun. I will miss all the kind and amazing people I work with, but it is time to move on. I prefer to think of this as graduating into a new phase of life rather than retiring.

Welcome to our NEW City Recorder, Bonnie Cooper.

**Submissions for the Newline
due by the 15th of the month.
Email to: bcooper@alpinecity.org**

MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

Due to COVID-19, our traditional Memorial Day program will be cancelled. Depending on what kind of progress has been made, we will consider holding a program on Veterans Day in November.

Since we cannot honor our members of the Military in person, we still want to express our gratitude to those brave men and women who have served our nation over the year and those who continue to serve. **THANK YOU!!!**



ALPINE CITY CEMETERY POLICIES

HOURS OF OPERATION

The Alpine City Cemetery closes at 9:00 PM each evening until dawn the following morning.

HEADSTONE (MONUMENT) POLICY

All monuments in Plats "C" and "E" in the Cemetery are limited to flat monuments that must be placed level with the ground. All other existing plats in the Cemetery permit raised monuments. Please refer to the Alpine City Cemetery Ordinance for more details regarding monuments.

DECORATION POLICY

- April 1 - October 31: Floral pieces, decorations, and displays may be left on any monument. Any items left on the grass and any items that obstruct maintenance will be removed and disposed of without prior notice. Shepherd's hooks, wire, and wire trellises are prohibited from April 1 to October 31.
- November 1 - March 31: Floral pieces, decorations, and displays may be placed anywhere on the grave site. Interments: Floral pieces, decorations, and displays may be placed anywhere on the grave site and left for up to one (1) week after interment.
- Memorial Day: Floral pieces, decorations, and displays may be placed anywhere on the grave site starting the Wednesday before Memorial Day and may be left for up to one (1) week after Memorial Day.
- Flowers and similar decorations should be placed in a non-breakable container. Glass or ceramic ornaments, vases, jars, etc. are prohibited and should not be used to decorate any grave site.
- The Cemetery Superintendent has the authority to remove anything objectionable that may have been placed on a grave site contrary to the rules and regulations of the Cemetery.
- No rocks, bark, chips, statues, bird baths, benches, etc. shall be permitted on grave sites and will be removed and disposed of without prior notice.
- All flowers and other items left in the Cemetery shall become the property of Alpine City.

Note: It is unlawful for anyone to

- (1) erect or maintain any fence, corner post, or boundary of any kind;
- (2) plant any vegetation on any grave, street, alley or walk; or
- (3) grade the ground or land in the Cemetery.

ADDITIONAL POLICIES

Traffic Rules:

1. The speed limit within the Cemetery is 10 miles per hour.
2. No one may drive, move, or park any vehicle within the Cemetery except on a road open to vehicular traffic.
3. No one may intentionally obstruct any road in the Cemetery that is open to vehicular traffic.
4. No one may use the Cemetery or any road in the Cemetery as a public thoroughfare.

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 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.
- 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.

We will try to keep you informed with changes and keep you updated as we formalize our plans. Stay safe!

-Elections Coordinator, Utah County Clerk Auditor’s Office

City Council & Planning Commission Electronic Meetings

The public may participate in both meetings by watching via livestream on YouTube. Go to www.alpynecity.org scroll down on the left hand side you will see Alpine YouTube Channel. Just click on the link. You may also submit comments via email to admin@alpynecity.org. Public comments may be submitted up until 5 pm the day of the meeting.

SHORT TERM RENTAL ORDINANCE

Ordinance No. 2020-02 prohibiting short term rentals was passed 3 to 1 by the City Council at their meeting of April 14, 2020. Rentals of less than 30 days are prohibited. That means that Airbnbs are not allowed in Alpine City.

If you have questions, you may contact Austin Roy at Alpine City at 801-766-6347 x 6 or review the minutes of the meeting on the Alpine City website at www.alpynecity.org.

CODE COMPLIANCE CORNER

By Ted Stillman, Code Compliance Officer

Weeds: As the weather warms and things begin to grow, weeds are one of the items that become a problem. Every summer the City faces the proliferation of weeds and people call about their neighbors’ weeds. Basically, it is the responsibility of the property owner to keep their property clean and free from weeds.

What is a weed? A weed is defined as “any vegetation commonly referred to as a weed, or which shall have been designated a noxious weed by the Utah Commissioner of Agriculture.”

Standards of weed control: Weeds constitute a nuisance when they “Create a fire hazard, a source of contamination, or pollution of the water, air, or property, a danger to health, a breeding place or habitation for insects or rodents or other forms of life deleterious to humans or are unsightly or deleterious to humans or are unsightly or deleterious to their surroundings.” Weeds that are cut shall be removed from the premises within 72 hours after the cutting.

If weeds are not taken care of by the property owner, the City may hire a contractor to remove the weeds and then bill the property owner for the cost to remove the weeds. The City may also issue a citation to the property owner for weeds on a lot if the weeds are not cut and removed.