

# ALPINE NEWSLINE

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## Mayor's Message - Mid-year Progress Report

by Mayor Troy Stout



### Canyon Crest SR-92 Intersection

As you've probably noticed by now, we're nearing completion of the right-hand turning lane leaving Alpine toward LPHS. While some of you may miss the extra time you've always had to allow your body to age while waiting for the light, this comes as excellent news to those of us heading west to start our day. After years of lobbying for this change, Alpine's financial contribution was limited to only \$11,000, while Highland and UDOT picked up the remaining balance. Our morning commute should be a lot less frustrating from now on.

### Lone Peak Fire Dept

Since the first of the year, the LPSD Board has been working with our new Chief, Reed Thompson, to implement a 3/3/3 staffing strategy. That means that each of the three stations (Alpine, Cedar Hills and Highland) will be staffed with at least three firefighters, 24/7/365. I'm happy to report that we are there! From now on, all of our fire stations will be fully staffed, full-time. We're fortunate to have such outstanding women and men serving our community.

### Lawsuit Update

Some time ago, a local developer filed a suit against the city and one of our former mayors, which went to trial this summer. After more than two weeks of arguing both sides in front of a nine-member jury, the ruling came against the city on several counts. The dollar amount awarded to the plaintiff was \$1,696,000 and some attorney fees. The extent of the attorney fees is yet to be determined by the judge, who is expected to rule by sometime in September. Of the awarded amount, up to \$240,000 will likely be covered by insurance. An offer for settlement was made by the developer mid-trial, but the majority of City Council and legal council felt it was not equitable for Alpine. This was because it included unknown future expenses and water to future projects, in addition to an upfront dollar amount which in total was close to the final judgement against the city. One of the key points of the trial remains undecided by the judge, whether or not he will require the city to pave the road through Lambert Park. This road is currently designated as "emergency access only", which is supported by the mayor and majority of City Council. But the plaintiff made it clear that they wanted the road paved for common access and everyday use. More information will be coming in the near future.

### Good Tax News

Alpine residents continue to enjoy a lower local tax burden than neighboring cities, and it's still among the lowest in Utah County. Thanks to an efficient city staff and strong leadership by past and present City Councils, both with a small appetite for spending, your tax dollars stretch further than most cities. See page 2 for a tax graph showing how we compare to other northern Utah County cities, using Highland as the medium.

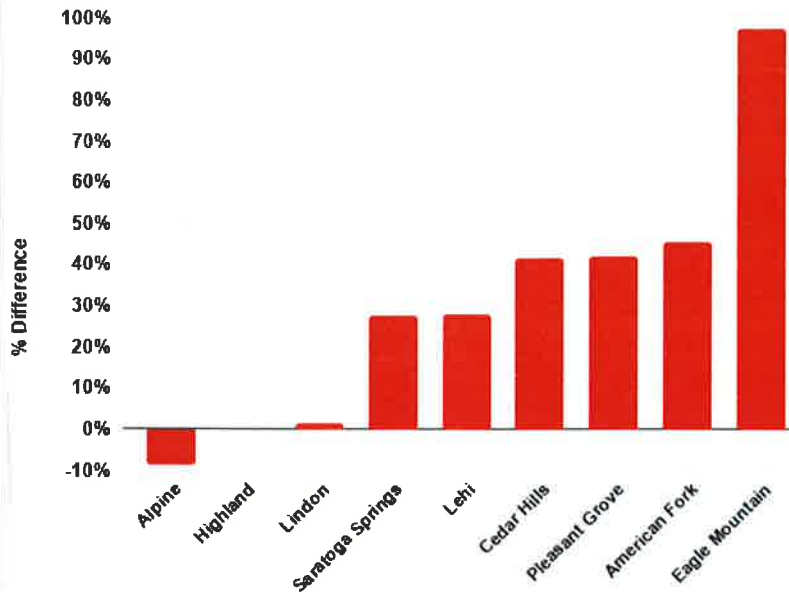
### Deer Management

The plan outlined earlier this year is in full swing! Volunteers from the Utah Mule Deer Foundation have contributed enormously in this effort as a mutual partner in our goal to create a humane, yet effective solution to the growing resident deer herd. The UMDF has contributed in both time and financial support. They've helped us purchase and plant the 1500 seedlings in the Lambert Park burn restoration, and also donated the labor to install two "gusher" watering tanks on the east and northern hillsides. These naturally filled water resources should help keep deer up higher in the dry season, where they naturally belong. Live trapping will begin very soon, targeting deer that refuse to migrate in the summer months. Be careful not to wander into suspicious cages, no matter how attractive the bait looks, or you may find yourself regaining consciousness in a sagebrush patch near Vernal!

### Shooting Above Lambert Park

We have filed a formal request for emergency closure to all shooting on federal land that borders Alpine. This is necessary to protect the safety of our residents who live within close range, as well as those of us who use the trails in the immediate area. It's a clear cut safety issue, but also needed to protect public property from fires like the one started last summer by a .50 caliber bullet. I will continue working with the USFS and our congressional delegation in Washington to bring a permanent closure to shooting in this area, so we can enjoy safety and security in our neighborhoods.

**2017 Tax Rate Difference Between Highland & Other N. County Cities**



## Alpine Nature Center



Announcing a new series to the Alpine Nature Center -- Nature Tales! We hope to have a planned activity each month where we experience nature stories and have an extension into nature activity. The location will be at the Lambert Park bowery. Mark your calendars for our very first activity on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 9 am for 'Nature Tales -- I Love Trees' activity. There will be an engaging story, nature activity and a special prize at the end. We can't wait to see you all there!! (Activities are geared toward children, but all are welcome) [alpinenaturecenter.org/activities](http://alpinenaturecenter.org/activities).

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

## DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR BOOKMOBILE CAN DO FOR YOU?

The bookmobile is more than just a cute little truck full of books for children, teens, adults. It also carries books on CD, DVDs, and PlayAways.

The truck also provides:

- Free Wi-Fi access
- Laptops and iPads for customer usage.
- Inter-library loan services. If there is a book you want and the only print copy happens to be in a university library in Wisconsin, they can get it for you.
- Reference assistance.

Your FREE bookmobile card also gives you access to Utah's Online Library with access to premium research data bases. Plus:

- Downloadable audio books and eBooks
- Free online practice tests for the ACT, SAT, MCAT, LSAT, etc. You can take the test multiple times and be prepared to take the actual test.
- Homework help for kids and teens
- Services for the blind and disabled
- Health and medical information
- Auto repair instructions for your specific make and model of car.
- Utah and local history
- Magazines and newspapers

Get your free bookmobile card at the bookmobile. You will need to fill out the application and provide proof of residency in Alpine.



Trash service will continue as usual for Labor Day.

## BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

The bookmobile visits Alpine every other Tuesday.

September 4th and 18th  
 October 2nd, 16th, 30th  
 November 13th and 27th  
 December 11th

Hours	Locations
10:30—12:00	River Meadows Senior Living, 137 Red Pine Drive
12:30—2:30	Creekside Park, 450 E. 100 S.
3:00—5:00	LDS Church, 100 N. Main (red church)

You can use the bookmobile at any of its locations, even when it is in another city. Mapleton is headquarters for the Utah County bookmobile at 125 W. 400 N. Phone # 801-489-4833.

The online library can be accessed anytime at [www.onlinelibrary.utah.gov](http://www.onlinelibrary.utah.gov)

### Submission of Information to the Newline

**Due: 15th of the month**

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

**THANK YOU!** Alpine citizens for your willingness to **COMMIT TO THE LIMIT** and obey speed ordinances in our city. By doing so, you show how much you value and respect our community.

At **Alpine Days** nearly 300 of you received a piece of homemade pie when you signed a pledge card. More of you signed up at **Back to School** nights! You can sign the online honor roll at [committothelimit.com](http://committothelimit.com).

If you would like to display a lawn sign, obtain a wallet commit card, or a car window cling, email [committothelimit@gmail.com](mailto:committothelimit@gmail.com).

**COMMIT to the speed LIMIT Because Alpine CARES**

**FREE Shred Day!!!**

**By ACE Disposal and Recycling**

Saturday, September 15th  
9 am to 11 am


Alpine City Hall parking lot  
20 N. Main in Alpine

**Do Bring:**

- Cell phones
- Computers
- Keyboards
- Tablets, iPods
- Hard drives, Printers
- Stereos, Laptops
- Fax machines
- Flat screen TVs

**Don't Bring:**

- CRT TVs (the old, boxy kind)
- Batteries
- Light bulbs






— TO THE SPEED —

**COMMIT  
TO THE SPEED  
LIMIT**

Pledge online at [committothelimit.com](http://committothelimit.com)

**HIT BY A VEHICLE TRAVELING AT:**

<b>20 MPH</b>	 <small>9 out of 10 Pedestrians Survive</small>
<b>30 MPH</b>	 <small>5 out of 10 Pedestrians Survive</small>
<b>40 MPH</b>	 <small>1 out of 10 Pedestrians Survive</small>

**Business Spotlight—PURPLE**

Sitting in the old candy factory off of main street is a company that produces not sweet treats, but sweet dreams. Purple, a mattress manufacturer, invents, designs and produces comfort products to be sold online. Purple was homegrown in Utah, started by brothers Tony and Terry Pearce who have called Alpine home for most of their lives.

Purple launched in 2016 and found quick success. The company has been recognized as number 12 on Utah Business's list of Utah's fastest growing companies. Since launching, they've brought nearly 400 jobs to Alpine and over 500 to their factory in Tooele.

Early in 2018, Purple merged with GPAC to become a publicly traded company and received a \$500 million valuation. The deal has helped Purple continue to grow and bring top talent to beautiful Alpine to design, manufacture and sell Purple's comfort products.

Purple loves making their products in the USA and bringing jobs to Utah towns. When Purple employees aren't making beds, they enjoy playing community softball or grabbing a bite at a food truck. Being in Alpine makes Purple unique and gives employees the chance to work with majestic Mt Timpanogos in the background.



Why the name Purple? Well, why not? It is an awesome color and it signifies treating everyone like royalty, which is a motto Purple lives by. If you want to learn more, stop by the Purple showroom at 123 East 200 North and meet the Purple team!

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***“Creating a defensible space around our homes may help reduce the risk to our lives, properties, community, and firefighters.” Lone Peak Fire Department***

Open spaces are valued for their nature and beauty; if we choose to live within these areas 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. As a resident and/ or owner of property near or adjacent to wildland areas, completing these items increases the chances that your home will survive a wildfire, and will reduce the danger to firefighters, neighbors, and surrounding natural resources. .

**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 his or her building or structure or to the property line, whichever is less, and limited to their land.

**Guidelines for Creating a Defensible Space**



**1'-30' from Structure**

1. Remove all dead or dying leaves, needles, grass.
2. Maintain any tree, adjacent to or overhanging any building, free of dead or dying wood.
3. Maintain the roof and gutters of all buildings free of leaves, needles, or other vegetation.
4. Remove all limbs within 10 feet of any chimney or stovepipe opening.
5. Remove limbs from above roof and decking.
6. Cover all chimney or stovepipe openings with a metal screen having openings no larger than 1/2 inch in size.
7. Clear 10 feet around woodpile(s); maintain free of needles, leaves, and other flammable debris. During fire season, store firewood as far as possible from structures, and protect woodpiles with fire resistant covering..

**Guidelines for Reducing Fuel in Both Zones**

In the 1'-100' perimeter around your home or structure, remove all DEAD/DYING vegetation or non-vegetative debris:

1. Remove all dead or dying brush, trees, limbs and branches within 15 feet of the ground. This includes dead material within dense plants such as juniper or rosemary.
2. Logs or stumps embedded in the soil must either be removed or isolated from other vegetation and structures.
3. Remove, or clear around and cover with fire-resistant covering, all flammable non-vegetative material or household debris so that wind-driven firebrands or embers cannot land on or in this material and start a fire.

Thin, prune and remove LIVE vegetation:

1. Prune trees (remove limbs), up to at least 6 feet, (or 1/3 - 1/2 the tree height for small trees), more on slopes.
2. Create vertical spacing between tops of short plants and any limbs above them, or 3 times the height of the lower plant.
3. If possible, break up continuous masses of vegetation by separating trees, bushes, and clumps of ground-cover vegetation with cleared areas. For privacy, consider spacing plants in a checkerboard pattern rather than a solid row.
4. You may keep well-maintained and appropriately-watered lawns, ground cover plants, ornamental shrubbery, and trees that are well-spaced, well-pruned, free of all dead material, and which will not spread fire to structures or other vegetation.

You may keep ornamental trees or shrubs which have branches down to the ground, but please remove all dead material within, beneath, and surrounding the area.

**For more details and information, visit the Alpine City webpage at [www.alpinecity.org](http://www.alpinecity.org)**