



# September Newsline

## A message from our Mayor Carla Merrill

My favorite thing about Alpine Days is how it brings our entire community together. I had the pleasure of interacting with the kids at the new children's market. As the children's market was coming to a close, I especially loved watching the kids begin to barter with other child vendors for their goods. Please join me in thanking all the volunteers who put in countless hours to organize the events:



**Committee Chair: Kami Burgess**  
**Co-Chair: Kiarsen Belnap**  
**Co-Chair: Angelica Nash**  
**Parade: Kristin Eberting**  
**Food Trucks: Joe Taylor**  
**Auto Show: Mike Ball**  
**Senior dinner: Alpine Stake**  
**5K & Toddler Trot: Erica Hartshorn & Jessica Bybee**  
**Pet Show: Shelly & Lauren Butterfield**  
**Pickleball: Whitey Anson & Chris Thackery**  
**Mountain Bike: Breezy Anson & Natalie Slemkowski**  
**Bake Off: Carly Robbins**  
**Chalk the Walk: Tomi Ann Hill**  
**Talent Manager: Dylan Ence**  
**Stage Manager: Shara Pack**  
**Quilt Show: Paula McKinley & Sherry Borren**  
**Water Day: Alpine Youth Council**  
**Photographer: John Nash**

If you would like to help in next year's Alpine Days, please email me at [cmerrill@alpinecity.org](mailto:cmerrill@alpinecity.org)

## SEPTEMBER EVENTS

9/4 Labor Day  
 9/4 City Hall closed  
 9/5 Planning Commission  
 9/9 Community Day of Service  
 9/12 City Council

9/14 ALL Workshop  
 9/19 Planning Commission  
 9/23 Shredding Day/E-Recycle  
 9/26 City Council  
 9/28 ALL Workshop



# ALPINE COMMUNITY DAY OF SERVICE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9  
9AM-NOON  
TIMBERLINE MIDDLE SCHOOL

## COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Work side-by-side with your family, friends and neighbors and choose one of several outdoor projects such as painting structures, clearing debris, improving bridges along Alpine trails, or other city projects to make our community more beautiful and a safer place to live. Meet at Timberline Middle School to sign up and select your project for the day. Supplies will be provided, but work gloves would be advised.

## SERVICE FAIR

Individuals and families of all ages and abilities can participate with any one of several local charitable organizations. Some activities include assembling hygiene kits from donated items, tying quilts for families in need, weaving sleeping mats from clean grocery bags, making lunch kits and more. This is also a perfect time to connect with other charitable organizations that you, your family or organization may choose to work with in the future.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE THIS POSSIBLE. THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS ARE NEEDED

**Hygiene kit supplies:** may be donated using the QR code



The following may be new or very gently used and may be **dropped off** in bins beginning August 30, at Meiers, Macey's, or Alpine City Hall.

**Clean grocery bags:** any color, used/clean

**Warm winter clothing:** long sleeve shirts, sweaters, pants, boots, coats, gloves, knit hats

**Household items including:** baking dishes, mixing bowls, drinking glasses, pots/pans, mops/brooms, and pillows

QUESTIONS?  
Mike  
Bradshaw  
801-361-2580

## Culinary Drinking Water



Alpine City obtains its culinary drinking water from ground water via high-quality wells and springs. The City believes this source of drinking water is very valuable and has developed a plan to protect it from contamination. Part of this plan is to educate residents on ways to better protect the ground water. We believe it is in everyone's best interest to protect the ground water from contamination. Alpine City will periodically send informational materials and requests to help protect our sources of drinking water.

The City requests residents follow several safeguards including:

Store chemicals indoors on shelves over an impervious floor.

Use chemicals, pesticides, and fertilizers in accordance with manufacturer's directions and dosages.

Use a State approved business for waste disposal.

Notify the City in the event of a leak or spill that enters the stormwater system.

For those with private septic sewer systems, the City has a sewer system in almost all areas of the city and encourages connection to it. Until connection to the city system can occur, please review the proper care and maintenance procedures for septic systems as recommended by the EPA. This document can be found at [www.alpinecity.org](http://www.alpinecity.org) under Departments/Engineer & Public Works/Informational Flyers/Private Septic System Care.

We sincerely appreciate your efforts in protecting the ground water supply that we all utilize.

## **CODE COMPLIANCE CORNER**

**By Don Quigley**



This past spring and early summer have been a true gift from nature. With a higher amount of snowfall this past winter, our water resources were considerably replenished. Yet there is still a need to conserve our water usage. The wet spring and mild early summer temperatures gentled the snow melt and lessened the threat of flooding here in Alpine. It also extended the greenery of our open space and mountainsides.

With the higher temperatures we have had this summer, those tall green grasses and natural weeds on our vacant lots have turned brown and can pose a fire threat. We recognize that the natural growth of vegetation in our open areas, including on our undeveloped lots, is an integral piece of our Alpine natural beauty. But that tall grass on vacant lots, which are intermingled within our established homes, can pose a fire risk to the neighboring homes. We ask that those who own a vacant lot in Alpine, please keep these lots mowed down where feasible and especially mow down the parking strips and on the property side of the sidewalk to cut back any vegetation to a depth of at least 6 feet. We remind you that the obstruction of sidewalks with the overgrowth of weeds and sagebrush is a code violation and it is the property owner's duty to keep their sidewalk clear. Even if the lot is undeveloped. Doing so is not only just being a good neighbor, it is the law.

We'd also like to remind all our Alpine residents that dumping any yard waste or tree trimmings on a vacant lot or open space is a code violation. This refuse needs to be disposed of properly, either by placing it in your weekly trash bin or taken independently to the dump. It is a falsehood that placing lawn trimmings on a vacant lot acts as a fire deterrent. It does not and it is illegal to do so. Neither is it good for the environment to allow this material to naturally decompose. Piled-up grass and tree trimmings can attract insect infestations, invite rodent burrowing, and oftentimes can cause unpleasant odors.

Here's wishing you all a safe and fire-free rest of the summer. We appreciate all that you do to enhance our community and to keep Alpine looking beautiful.

## WATERING SCHEDULE

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.

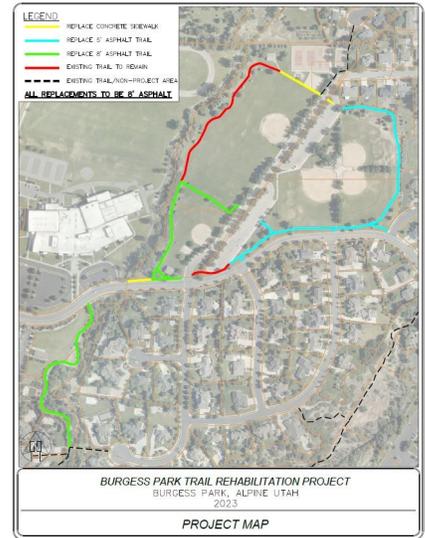
City parks, schools, churches, and agricultural users will be on a different schedule. In order to balance the use, they may be watering during the day.

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



## Burgess Trails Project

Alpine City has contracted with SMM Excavation to replace most of the trails at Burgess Park with new, wider trails. We are excited to see these trails repaired and widened. The trails will be closed during construction. Construction is planned for September and most of October. If you have children that use these trails to get to and from school, please plan accordingly. The parking lots may also be closed temporarily throughout the project. We thank you for your patience while the project is constructed.



## Is Our Irrigation Water Safe?

Recently, a neighboring city has had some cases of sickness due to E. coli linked to their irrigation water. While it is common for E. coli to be present in untreated water, it is uncommon for residents to get sick through normal use of irrigation water. The Alpine City pressurized irrigation system has been in operation since 2002. For a good portion of the irrigation season, surface water from Dry Creek and Fort Creek are major sources of water for the system. This is raw, non-potable, untreated water that comes out of the mountains. The water has never been tested for any water quality parameters. Water from the irrigation system should not be used for drinking water under any circumstances. Using the water for recreational purposes, such as swimming pools and slip-n-slides, is not recommended. Conversely, the city's culinary water supply is tested on a regular basis for multiple parameters as per state requirements. In addition, the water is chlorinated to provide disinfection and to make sure the water is safe.





Join us at The Workshop for FREE classes!

Through the Association for Lifelong Learning (ALL) we grow as individuals and as a community, and in the process create a stellar Alpine-inspired quality of life along the way!

We meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays from 10:30am-noon at The Workshop, 180 East 200 North in Alpine

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS:

- Sept. 14th *The Miracle of Service: There IS Time in This Rat-Racy World*, Taught by Bethany Sorensen
- Sept 28th *Create Order Out of Chaos: Effective Routines & Sensible Habits*, Taught by Chrisann Patch & Alice Osborne, Part 1 of 2

All classes listed above are open to EVERYONE! For more info on these workshops & more, head to [www.alpineworkshop.co](http://www.alpineworkshop.co) or call Alice Osborne 801-636-1793



Are you following us on Social Media?



FREE!

Paper shredding & Electronics Recycling

Saturday, September 23rd 9-11 am

Alpine City Hall 20 N. Main Street

Recyclable Electronics:

cell phones, computers, laptops, keyboards, tablets, iPods, hard drives, printers, stereos, fax machines, flat screen TVs.

Unacceptable:

batteries, light bulbs, CRT TVs (the old, boxy kind)

Paper:

Please take paper out of 3-ring binders and remove metal binder clips. Staples & paper clips are okay.

**\*\*LIMIT OF 3 BOXES PER HOUSEHOLD\*\***



**THE ALPINE CITY SPLASH PAD**

will be closed  
Tuesday, September 5th  
for the season

## Job Opportunity at Alpine City

## UTILITY BILLING/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CLERK

**Job Title:** Utility Billing/Accounts Payable Clerk  
**Department:** Finance  
**Reports to:** City Administrator  
**Status:** Full-Time, benefitted position (non-exempt, hourly)  
**Wage:** Up to \$20.00 per hour, DOQ  
**Close Date:** Open until filled  
**Hours:** 40 hours per week

### **Position Summary:**

This position performs a variety of technical clerical and accounting duties under the general supervision of the City Administrator, including overseeing accounts payable; management of existing, new and closing utility accounts; and customer service in the front office. This is a full-time, benefitted position which includes health insurance; paid vacation, sick and holiday time; and excellent retirement benefits.

Please see our website [alpinecity.com](http://alpinecity.com) for more information!

## PARC TAX INFORMATION

Alpine Residents,

On the upcoming November 2023 ballot, Alpine City residents will have the opportunity to vote for or against the PARC tax that would be used to fund projects associated with parks, arts, rec, and culture (PARC). In order for residents to have the most information possible, we've included a brief introduction regarding what the PARC tax is and how it would impact Alpine residents and the parks, trails, and other recreational opportunities within the city if approved. This article is not meant to persuade one way or another, but rather to simply give the information necessary to make a knowledgeable decision.

- Utah Code (Section 59-12-1401, et seq.) authorizes a city to submit an opinion question to its voters as to whether or not the city should impose a 10-year local sales and use tax of 0.1% (1 penny for every \$10 spent or 10 cents for every \$100 spent) to fund "PARC" -parks, arts, recreation, and culture- tax. Every 10 years this tax will expire unless the residents again vote to reinstate the tax. Projects eligible for PARC Tax funding must fall under one of the categories listed.
- At least 13 cities in Utah County impose this tax including American Fork, Lehi, Lindon, Orem, Payson, Pleasant Grove, Provo, Santaquin, Highland, Spanish Fork, Springville, Vineyard, and Cedar Hills. Every retail purchase made in these cities includes money going towards the PARC tax and funds their parks and other eligible programs and facilities.
- Based on sales tax revenues provided by the Utah State Tax Commission, a PARC Tax in Alpine would have generated \$116,021 in 2022. This is not based entirely on sales tax generated solely in Alpine. If a city approves the PARC tax they become eligible to receive funds distributed by the State of funds collected by other participating entities. Every time someone spends money in a city that has enacted a PARC tax, that goes towards the money collected by the State to be reimbursed to all other participating communities.
- Anyone who spends money in Alpine regardless of residency would pay this tax. This is not a property tax or a monthly utility bill increase for our residents. This is a sales tax collected at the register and its impact is not only on Alpine residents, but it is shared by all who pay sales tax on retail purchases in the city.

More information will be coming soon including a voter information pamphlet. You can also contact the city hall with additional questions.

