

# ALPINE NEWSLINE

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## CITY COUNCILMAN MESSAGE

By LON LOTT



When Mayor Merrill asked me to write an article for the Newsline I decided to look back on some of the past articles that were posted. I reread articles written by the Mayor and other Council members and was again impressed by the thoughts and insights they each have to offer. Here is a quote from the first article written by Carla Merrill as she filled her new position as Mayor:

“I would also like to ask for each of you to be actively involved in our community. While we may not be able to settle the issues that plague our country and the world, we can make a difference right here at home... Alpine is not like other cities. We are fortunate to be a city of interested and caring residents who take the time to participate in local government. I sincerely hope that in the next year we will continue, as a community of volunteers, to address our problems and to make Alpine an even better place to live...”

Mayor Merrill asked the community for participation to serve on Citizen Committees. Many have stepped up and are now serving this community to help make it a better place. We have such wonderful citizens; some who have lived here all their lives and some who have recently chosen to move into this beautiful place. I feel richly blessed by the association I have with those of you I've had contact with.

It is important to take frequent inventory on how we are doing as a city. Here is a question that should be answered to take that inventory. Why do cities exist?

**Local government exists to make life better.** It brings clean water to homes and takes dirty water away. It builds streets, cleans streets, and then makes them safe.

**First** and foremost, the purpose of local government is to **provide services**. Clean running water, garbage, sewer, parks, snow plowing, Police and Fire Protection, etc.

**Second** and often overlooked is **developing and preserving a sense of community**. People like to belong. Everyone needs a place to be from, a place to call home. Everyone deserves to have a hometown.

The **third** reason a city exists is to **have local control**. While this is important it sometimes seems to be the most overemphasized. Local control is important if it is used to further the first two purposes.

The emphasis should always be on providing needed services at a reasonable cost and building and preserving a welcoming place to live.

Over the years it has been a privilege for me to serve with many good people. The current Mayor, City Council, Planning Commission, and City Staff are doing a tremendous job at making Alpine a great place to belong and to call home. There are times we receive soft to brutal criticism about our decisions and direction. We listen, then do our best to apply all the laws, ordinances, and use wisdom as we manage City government. Please become more involved and informed about the variety of issues we deal with daily.

Now is a good time to start thinking about your involvement in the community and local government. Learn more about Alpine, start coming to Planning Commission and City Council meetings to see how the processes work. Of course, first and foremost be a good neighbor to help provide a sense of community, a place of belonging.



## License Plate Readers to Protect Alpine

By Chief Brian Gwilliam & Councilman Greg Gordon

While Alpine is an exceptionally safe place to live, crimes still occur here. For example, several vehicles have been stolen from Alpine in recent years. And last fall, a home's front door was broken through during the night; although the perpetrators' vehicle was seen on multiple doorbell cameras, there was no means to identify the license plate number.

To assist in preventing, deterring and resolving crimes, the Lone Peak Police department in conjunction with Alpine City will employ Automated License Plate Readers near the city boundaries. Since 7 out of 10 crimes are committed with a vehicle, this capability will help police stop criminals and protect Alpine.

Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR) have helped law enforcement solve crimes for many years. ALPRs capture images of license plates and allow law enforcement to compare them against those of stolen cars or cars driven by individuals involved in criminal activities.

Because the license plate readers do not collect information on who is driving or riding in the vehicle, it is not Personally Identifiable Information. The technology does not capture images of pedestrians or passersby. The ALPR camera takes still images (not video) of passing cars which are automatically deleted later, and cannot follow or track vehicles. The technology will never record names, phone numbers, or addresses and doesn't mark where people have been. It will not, and cannot, be used to enforce traffic laws.

Finally, the technology is built for transparency with several features that create robust audit capabilities. Law enforcement users must enter a reason for each search made in the system; that search history is recorded to review how the system has been used at any time and cannot be deleted. A transparency portal will be posted on the city website for public review at any time.

HIGHLAND CITY  
LIBRARY

*February*

**\*Storytime - 3-5**

T, W, TH @ 11AM  
Every week Miss Sheridan will teach a letter of the Alphabet!

**\*Grandparent Storytime - 0-5**

Feb 13 @ 11AM  
Bring your Grandkids to a Valentine Storytime!

**Book Babies - 0-2**

Fridays @ 11AM  
Sing, Read, and Play with your Baby!

**\*Tween Writers Group - 9-12**

Tuesdays @ 4PM  
Join our new young writers group!

**\*Teen Writers Group - 12+**

Thursdays @ 4PM  
Learn creative writing skills & eat snacks with friends!

**Teen Corps - 12+**

Feb 11 & 25 @ 1PM  
Get some volunteer experience for Job/College applications!

**\*Paws to Read - All Ages**

Ends Feb 28  
Have fun with a winter reading incentive program for all ages!

**\*For the Love of Slime - 6-11**

Feb 18 @ 1PM  
Do you love slime? So do we! Join us for a slime making event!

**\*Valentine Boxes - 6-11**

Feb 4 @ 1PM  
Make a box to collect Valentine's goodies!  
Registration required.

**Friends of the Library Booksale**

Feb 25 @ 12PM-1PM **Members only**  
Feb 25 @ 1PM-4PM  
Feb 27 @ 10AM-7PM

**Blind Date with a Book**

All Month!

\*Highland City Library Card Required

*Submission of Information  
to the Newslines*

**Due: 15th of the month**

Email to [bcooper@alpinecity.org](mailto:bcooper@alpinecity.org)



UTAH VALLEY

**JOB FAIR**



Tuesday

**March 21, 2023**

**2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

Utah Valley  
Convention Center  
220 W. Center St.  
Provo, UT

• Like our Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/UtahValleyJobFair>

• RSVP that you're attending and to win prizes on our events page at: <https://fb.me/e/27zhxninN>

[UtahValleyJobFair.com](https://UtahValleyJobFair.com)

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# “LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR” SERVICE OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH  
10 AM - NOON  
HIGH BENCH LDS CHURCH  
[910 SOUTH HIGH BENCH ROAD, ALPINE]

LOVE \* SERVE \* VOLUNTEER \* DONATE

HANDS-ON SERVICE PROJECTS AND INFO BOOTHS BY LUNCH512,  
ALPINE CITY, LIFTING HANDS INTERNATIONAL,  
UTAH VALLEY REFUGEES, WRAP UKRAINE WITH QUILTS AND MORE.

\* ALPINESERVE@GMAIL.COM \*



You love your community, **RIGHT?**  
Then **WRITE!**

**Due Date March 16th**

Participate in the Utah League of Cities and Towns  
**“Why I Like My Community”  
2023 Essay Contest**

You can win a cash prize for your school... and yourself!  
 Check out [ulct.org](http://ulct.org) for contest guidelines

**ulct.org**

## Westfield Elementary Kindergarten Registration

Westfield Elementary has now opened up their Kindergarten Registration. It is on the Westfield Elementary website under “New Student Registration.” Track requests will be sent out at a later date.



### Historical Committee

The City of Alpine has one of the best documented histories of pioneer tenacity, perseverance and dedication of any city in Utah County.

Starting in 2023 Alpine City mayor Carla Merrill has asked us to renew our efforts to push forward efforts to re-establish a well functioning “Historical” committee to 1- document past Alpine City history 2- preserve the rich heritage of structures, museums that makes Alpine a treasure to the state and 3- create a plan to maintain the committee’s mission going forward.

We are looking to select 5-7 individuals that will contribute to the committees success. If you are interested in being considered please email Ralph Reyes at [reyes.ralph@yahoo.com](mailto:reyes.ralph@yahoo.com). Please include a short bio and the best way to respond to you. Thank you so much for your willingness to help Alpine.

### ALPINE YOUTH COUNCIL



Alpine Youth Council applications are being accepted for the 2023-2024 year. Applications are due by March 9th. Interviews will be held on March 16th. You will NOT be reminded of the interviews. For more information and to submit an application visit [Alpinecity.org](http://Alpinecity.org) or call Niki Christensen with any question. (801) 367-7261.

Alpine Youth Council is hosting our annual Community Event on February 9th at Timberline middle school at 7 pm. This year our speakers are Spencer and Ellis Brown. Spencer was involved in a serious accident that left him an incomplete quadriplegic. They have an amazing story of love, community support and lessons in overcoming challenges. We invite the entire community to attend.

### Reminder



Alpine Ordinance requires dogs in parks to be on a leash. The only exception is Lambert Park where the dog must respond to voice command. Please pick up your dog’s waste. Each park has a dog station with disposable plastic bags for your dog’s waste. Other park users will thank you for complying with the ordinance.

**City Hall will be closed  
on Monday  
February 20, 2023  
for President’s Day.**

# Community Patrol Request



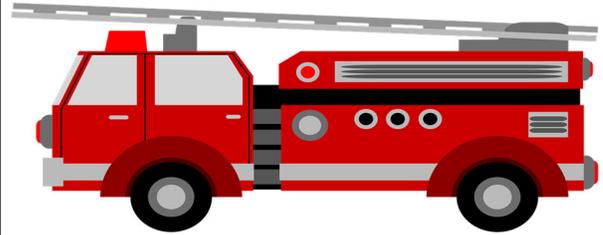
Lone Peak Police are launching a new program called - *Community Patrols* - which will put them in direct communication with community members to assist in locating areas that are in need of proactive police enforcement.

They will be conducting extra patrols of areas with speeding problems, troubled intersections and crosswalks, neighborhood patrols, and vacation checks.

To request an extra patrol go to [lonepeakpolice.com](http://lonepeakpolice.com) and complete the online form. The request will be forwarded to a supervisor and assigned to our patrol officers.

*By working together we can identify problems and find resolutions that will continue to keep Alpine a safe and amazing place to live and raise our families.*

## GOOD NEWS!!!



The Lone Peak Fire Department has earned a Class 2 rating by the Insurance Services Office (ISO) - the second highest possible rating for fire protection services. This places Lone Peak Fire Department in the top 4% of all fire departments throughout the United States. The department's new rating, which is an improvement from its previous Class 4 designation, went into effect January 2023. Moving up from a Class 4 to a Class 2 is extremely significant. Lone Peak Fire Chief Brian Patten said, "This isn't just a fire department rating, it is a community rating. I want to thank everyone involved in the ISO process. Without the group effort, we could have not achieved this goal."

An ISO score calculates how well-equipped fire departments are to put out fires in the community. ISO provides this score, often called the "ISO fire score," to homeowners insurance companies. Insurers then use it to help set insurance rates. The better equipped the fire department is to put out a fire, the less likely your house is to burn down. That makes your home less risky, and therefore less expensive to insure.

The impact an ISO rating has on our homeowners insurance premium varies by insurer, and it's often only one of many factors it considers with regards to fire safety. For example, some companies ask about your home's proximity to a fire station or fire hydrant, as well as whether you have a fire alarm or sprinkler system. And some insurers do not use ISO's score to set homeowners premiums at all.

Highland and Alpine City residents can call their insurance companies and ask them to reevaluate their fire insurance based on the department's new ISO rating. This new rating has the potential to save residents some money.



Remember that there is no overnight parking on the streets between **December 1 and March 31** (between midnight and 8:00 a.m.) Also, you cannot park on the street when snow is present, because this interferes with our plows.

The City ordinance requires residents to remove snow on their sidewalks within a reasonable time after a snowfall. If it snows between 5 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. the next day, the sidewalks should be cleared before 9 a.m. The ordinance also states that snow from the sidewalk cannot be pushed into the gutter. Please pile the snow on your lawn.

(See Ordinance 11.060.00 of the Municipal Code.)