

THE ALTA VIEW

NEWSLETTER

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If you haven't been receiving Texcaster texts from the City of Alta, try signing up again! We have found that sometimes unsubscribing from one text group will unsubscribe you from others without you knowing it!

<https://my.textcaster.com/asa/3035>

Did You Know?

The City of Alta actively pursues grant funding to make projects happen for our community. Here are some examples of the projects we have completed in our community through grants!

ALA Libraries Transforming Communities Grant

In the spring of 2025, we received a \$10,000 grant to improve accessibility of the VFW area of the Community Center where the library is now located. Parking was updated and the entry was upgraded with automatic door openers and a new door.

Buena Vista County Community Foundation Grant

In the spring of 2024, we received a nearly \$15,000 grant for Community Center improvements. We replaced the main entry doors, installed automatic door openers, and repainted the exterior of the building.



Trees Forever/Alliant Energy Community Tree Planting Program

We have received this grant several times to help rebuild our tree canopy. In 2024 and 2025, we were awarded \$5000 each year for tree planting in our community.



Taylor Family Farms Foundation Grant

In the spring of 2025, we received a \$10,000 grant for additional park improvements. As part of this grant, we have added timed locks to the restrooms outside the pool, installed air conditioning in the shelter house, and purchased new picnic tables. Handicap accessible parking will be added near the playground this spring.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



The Alta Hometown Pride group is creating a new “Adopt-a-Planter” program for our planters on Main Street. We are inviting volunteers to “adopt” a planter and help plant, water, and care for the planter throughout the season.

We are looking for volunteers for this spring/summer, starting in early May. Each planter will be provided with a taller “centerpiece” plant. Volunteers who adopt a planter will be asked to add additional flowers or plants and take care of the planter for the season, including watering and weeding.

If you are interested in adopting a planter for this spring/summer or want more information, please contact us!



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ALTA KIWANIS



ANNUAL PANCAKE FUNDRAISER

Sunday, March 29

9:00am-12:30pm

Alta Community Center

Free Will Donation

Free will donations will be put towards Alta City Park Basketball Court improvements.



Alta's

Touch of Broadway

will perform 12:00-12:30

ALTA CITY COUNCIL **MEMBER SPOTLIGHT**

PEG HINKELDEY

Peg Hinkeldey is a relatively new member of the council. She was elected to the council in November, 2025 to fill a vacancy. Her term is two years, ending in December of 2027. Prior to the election, Peg was a member of the Friends of Alta Community Foundation Board.

Peg recently retired after serving in the health field in Buena Vista County for the last 43 years as a Registered Nurse. She was also a business owner from 2013-2019, making sweet treats at White House 220 Cupcakery.

Peg is married to Bruce, and they have 2 children, Deidre and Tyler Aube, and Mallory and Jason Richter. They also have five grandchildren. They are kept busy following their grandchildren's activities.

Peg said, “I am looking forward to promoting growth and prosperity for our town.”

Contact Information:

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CODE OFFICER CORNER

Spring is coming, which means the grass (and weeds) will soon start growing. Here are some spring code reminders from our Code Officer:



- Grass must be mowed regularly to reduce pests and improve safety and visibility.
- Grass clippings CANNOT be discharged into the street. Discharging grass into the road creates a safety hazard for walkers and bikers and can clog storm sewers.



- Driveways and off-street parking are required to be hard-surfaced materials.
- Off-street parking areas shall be weed-free, graded, and drained to dispose of all surface water within the property.

THE RESULTS ARE IN!

The results are in! The 2025 survey released by Alta Hometown Pride has been tallied! We heard from 166 people who want to see improved downtown buildings, trails, parks, streetscape amenities, events, and more! Most respondents are proud to live in Alta, but we want ALL respondents to be proud of our community! So we're working hard to build on what makes Alta special.

If you're interested in learning more about the results or partnering on an initiative, email us at altahometownpride@gmail.com or follow us on Facebook (Alta Hometown Pride). OR join us at our next meeting – the third Wednesday of each month at 4:00 in City Hall. At these meetings, we prioritize and discuss action items for moving our community betterment projects forward! We look forward to hearing from you!



ALTA COMMUNITY LIBRARY

UPDATE

Members of the newly formed Alta Community Library Steering Committee met on February 19 with Tim Moerman from Beck Engineering. Tim advised the group on government finance options and strategies for grants and private funding.

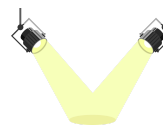
The Alta Community Library Steering Committee is hard at work to make a new library a reality. All are welcome to participate. Watch for more announcements on the Alta Community Library Facebook page



SAVE THE DATE

CITYWIDE CLEAN-UP WILL BE JUNE 9TH AND 10TH

More details coming soon!



BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



22 SUSHI SHACK

22 Sushi Shack opened in downtown Alta in August of 2024. Located at 211 S. Main Street, **22 Sushi Shack** is passionate about creating delicious sushi dishes, but that's not all they do!

22 Sushi Shack serves up a wide variety of cooked and raw made-to-order sushi rolls as well as fried rice, lo mein, and Thai-inspired dishes. They also have boba smoothies!

22 Sushi Shack is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 8 pm. They offer free delivery to Storm Lake, Alta, and Aurelia, and you can even order online! Order today at 22sushishack.com.

22 Sushi Shack invites you to swing by whenever you can!



UPCOMING EVENTS

March

- 24th– Park Board Meeting– 6pm
- P&Z Meeting– 7:30pm
- 29th– Kiwanis Pancake Fundraiser 9 am–12:30 pm

April

- 5th– Easter Sunday
- 6th– Max Levy Public Hearing– 4:30 pm
- Alta City Council Meeting– 6pm
- 8th– Alta Kiwanis Meeting– 7am

April (continued)

- 9th– Alta Community Library Board Meeting 5:15pm
- 14th– AMU Board Meeting– 4:30pm
- 15th– Hometown Pride Meeting– 4:00pm
- 22nd– Alta Kiwanis Meeting– 7am
- 28th– Park Board Meeting– 6pm

May

- 4th– Alta City Council Meeting– 6pm
- 6th– Alta Kiwanis Meeting– 7am