

THE ALTA VIEW

NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2026



En español en www.altaiowa.org o en City Hall.



The handicap accessible parking area near the playground has now been poured! Pavement markings and signage are coming soon! We received grants to fund this project. Thank you to Taylor Family Farms Foundation and the Iowa Foundation for Parks and Recreation for their generosity!



Did You Know?

There are bathrooms available at the park!

The bathrooms on the outside of the pool house are open during park hours (7am-10pm). They are outfitted with a keypad lock that makes them accessible during these hours.

POOL



MANAGERS



Jaci



Olivia

MEET THE POOL STAFF



Admission

Daily: \$3 per person

Family Season Pass: \$100

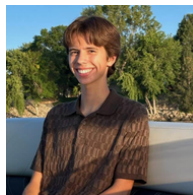
Individual Season Pass: \$55

Babysitter Season Pass: \$35

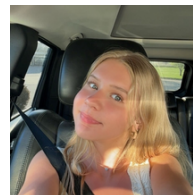
*Family Season Pass only includes family members that can be claimed on the same tax return. Does not include babysitters, cousins, or grandparents.

*Babysitter Pass can only be used when the children you are babysitting are with you.

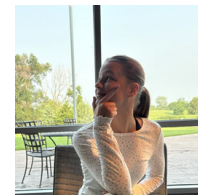
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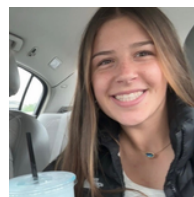
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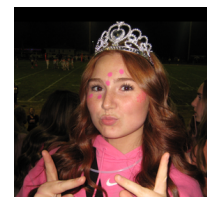
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SHELTER HOUSE

Rental:

Available: April 1- October 31

\$100 Rental Fee

\$100 Security Deposit

Call 712-200-2105 or email cityclerk@alta-tec.net to make your reservation!

The Shelter House is now AIR CONDITIONED!

YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

The youth baseball and softball season is already going strong. Stop by the ballfields and check out a game or two. Don't forget to stop by the concession stand for supper!



For safety reasons, we request that there be no skateboarding, bicycle riding, rollerblading, or scooter riding in the ball complex. Parents, please discuss this rule with your children!



ALTA CITY COUNCIL MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

PAM HENDERSON

Alta City Council member Pam Henderson has served a total of 18.5 years on the Council. Pam has worked with five different mayors and several different council members. Her current term ends in December 2027.

Pam says, "I have enjoyed working with everyone in our city government because we all have different ideas, concerns, and accomplishments that are needed to move our growing community forward into the future. I have learned that communication, respect, and civility, along with empathy, are the key components in being a successful city council member."

After working as a custodian for 43 years for the Alta and Alta-Aurelia School Districts, Pam has now

been retired for over six years. Pam grew up in Alta and graduated from Alta High School. Pam and her husband, John, will celebrate 47 years of marriage in June. Pam has three siblings currently living in Alta. She is a member of the Alta Hometown Pride Committee and the Alta Kiwanis Club. She is the Kiwanis Lt. Governor of Division 4, which represents nine area Kiwanis Clubs. Pam is also a past president and board member of the Northwest Iowa League of Cities.

Contact Information:

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712-299-7067

CODE OFFICER CORNER

City Wide Clean Up is June 9th and 10th.
This is a great opportunity to clean up your property!



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- All other items must be brought to the dumpsters located at the City Shop (209 E. 1st Street) at the following times:
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 - Wednesday, June 10 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

For more details, see the flyer at the end of the newsletter!



Alta Hometown Pride is proof that every great community effort starts somewhere – and thanks to the dedication of volunteers, students, businesses, organizations, and city staff, exciting progress is taking shape in Alta.

Community Garden

One of the newest projects is the Community Garden, made possible through a \$2,680 grant from Farm Credit Services of America. Jamie Nahnsen's Connections Class at Alta-Aurelia High School helped build and plant the garden, with Tom Lane and Peg Hinkeldey donating plants. Alta-Aurelia FFA students will oversee maintenance and help donate produce to organizations and individuals in need. Community members needing produce when harvest season arrives are encouraged to contact Alta City Hall or email altahometownpride@gmail.com



**Farm Credit
Services
of America**



Downtown Planters

Alta Hometown Pride also extends a huge thank you to Bri and Ross of Ross Parcel Landscapes for their time and donations for both the Community Garden and downtown planters. Alta Hometown Pride received a Plant Iowa Beautiful grant from Keep Iowa Beautiful to off-set some costs for the downtown planters, and all eight planters have been adopted by community members and organizations, including Lorina Peterson and Paula Radke with Caring Paws, Toni Hammer of Buffalo Ridge, Colleen Schwanz, Mallory Richter of United Bank of Iowa, Brooke Lange, Hillary Bailey, and Alta City Hall. We thank these volunteers for bringing color and vibrancy to downtown Alta.

Farmer's Market

The committee is working on a Farmers Market effort, but we are taking the time to ensure the proper planning and systems are in place to create a successful and sustainable market. The committee is hopeful an announcement can be made soon. Special thanks go to Peg Hinkeldey, Sally Van Houten, Joanne Hirschman, and Tom Lane for helping with this effort.

SAVE THE DATE: ALTA HOMETOWN DAYS

Last, but not least – residents are also encouraged to SAVE THE DATE for Alta Hometown Days, tentatively planned for the weekend of October 3. Follow Alta Hometown Pride on Facebook for updates and opportunities to get involved!

Get involved!

If you're interested in learning more about our projects, 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. We look forward to hearing from you!



WE ARE INVITING YOU TO

The Cullen Trio



Mark your calendar and plan to attend The Cullen Trio music performance in the City Park.

Tuesday, June 9th
7:00pm - 9:00pm
Alta City Park Shelter House

GODFATHER'S PIZZA FOOD TRUCK AVAILABLE
STARTING AT 6:00PM



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THE ALTA COMMUNITY LIBRARY:
A PORTAL TO POSSIBILITIES AND
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



ALTA COMMUNITY
LIBRARY

Updates from the Alta Friends of
the Library Steering Committee-

The Alta Friends of the Library Steering Committee meets once a month on the 3rd Thursday at 6:30pm at the library. Check out our Facebook page (coming soon) and help us build our new library by making a donation today through the Friends of Alta Community Foundation. Be sure to specify that your donation is for the LIBRARY.

Fundraising events are being planned. Everyone is welcome at our meetings!

Check out the Library website (www.alta.lib.ia.us)

and the Library Facebook Page ([Alta Community Library](#))

for information on all the FUN and EXCITING things we have planned for the summer!



If you ordered a "Pray 4 Ray" shirt in support of Ray Hansen, a date has been set for you to pick them up.

Sunday, June 14
3:00pm-7:00pm
Summit Church Parking Lot
Alta, IA



FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

The City of Alta has a 28E Agreement with Alta-Aurelia Schools governing the sharing of the football field/track complex and the baseball complex. This agreement, originating in 1962, outlines provisions for the school to use the football field and track on city property, and the city to use the ball field complex on school property. Recently, Alta-Aurelia Schools decided to move high school football games and track meets to Aurelia. The City has concerns about the future of the 28E agreement. Below is an abbreviated version of a letter from Mayor Desi Suter to the members of the Alta-Aurelia School Board. The letter was abbreviated for space, the full letter is available upon request.

To the Members of the Alta Aurelia School Board,

I am saddened by the response I have received regarding our request for a sit down meeting to discuss the use of the track and football field in Alta, along with the future of the 28E agreement, which remains in effect until 2032. The communities of Alta and Aurelia, and most importantly, our students, deserve better from the elected officials chosen to represent them.

I truly do not understand why two entities, both entrusted with looking out for what is best for our communities and school district, cannot sit down together and have a conversation about an agreement that has existed since 1962. I understand that times change, and that this decision now affects two communities rather than one. However, it seems unreasonable that a respectful and civil discussion cannot take place.

I personally reached out to Denny Olhausen in March, requesting a joint board meeting with the public invited so questions and concerns could be discussed openly before any decision was made. At that time, I was told he had spoken with some of you, but the Board was not interested in meeting with us.

The Council asked our City Attorney to reach out one final time to request a meeting to discuss this issue and see whether there was any possibility of continuing to play one or two games each year in Alta, as has been done in Aurelia in the past. The response we received came from Connor Wasson, an attorney from Des Moines, who stated: "I relayed to the District both of your settlement offer of one game per year in Alta and your request to meet directly with the Board President. The District is firm in its decision to relocate its football games and is not interested in negotiating the matter further. Any future communications regarding this matter need to go through counsel." Do you truly believe this response is necessary when all we are asking for is an opportunity to talk and get questions answered?

We need to understand what will happen in 2032 regarding an agreement that may no longer be necessary for the school district, but will still be vital to the City and our little league programs. Our concerns are legitimate. A similar agreement between the school and the City library was not renewed, and Alta taxpayers are now facing an estimated cost of over one million dollars to replace the library. We have been told we have nothing to worry about regarding the ballfields, but can we realistically be expected to simply trust that assurance without discussion?

I personally have nothing to gain or lose from this issue. This decision belongs to the School District, not the City. I am speaking from my heart and on behalf of the citizens I represent as Mayor. I believe the lack of communication, along with what appears to be a rushed administrative decision rather than a transparent Board led discussion, has been unfair to the citizens of this district.

Our community deserves to hear from the School Board members themselves following the concerns raised by patrons at recent board meetings. We deserve more than simply hearing, "We support the administrators' decision," with little to no visible discussion among the Board. Administrators were hired to manage the district, but Board members were elected by the people to represent the students, families, and communities within it.

Please reconsider and agree to meet with us and members of the Alta community so we can better understand your reasoning and openly discuss the future of this decision.

Respectfully submitted,
Desi Suter, Mayor

UPCOMING EVENTS

June

- 5th & 6th- City Wide Garage Sales
- 9th- City Wide Clean Up- Appliance/TV/Tire Pick-up
City Wide Clean Up- Dumpsters at City Shed 8am-8pm
AMU Board Meeting- 4:30pm
- 10th- City Wide Clean Up- Dumpsters at City Shed 8am-8pm
- 15th- City Council Meeting- 4:30pm
- 16th- Park Board Meeting- 6pm
- 17th- Alta Hometown Pride Meeting- 4pm
- 18th- AMU Special Board Meeting- 3:30pm

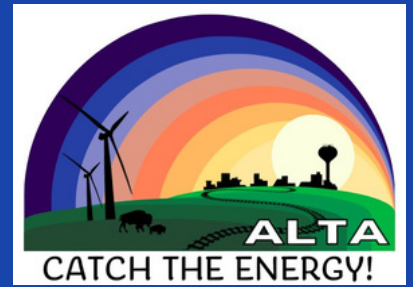
July

- 2nd- Recycle Pick-up due to 4th of July Holiday
- 3rd- City Hall Closed for 4th of July
- 6th- City Council Meeting- 6:00pm
- 14th- AMU Board Meeting- 4:30pm
- 15th- Hometown Pride Meeting- 4:00pm
- 20th- City Council Meeting- 4:30pm

August

- 3rd- City Council Meeting- 6:00pm
- 17th- City Council Meeting- 4:30pm

CITY OF ALTA CITY-WIDE CLEAN UP 2026



CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALES

JUNE 5TH & 6TH

To have your sale listed on the flyer, please fill out the form and return it with the \$5 fee to City Hall by 4:30 on Thursday, May 28.

Forms are available at City Hall, Casey's, and the Country Store.
Maps will be available at the same places starting Tuesday, June 2.

CITY-WIDE CLEAN UP JUNE 9TH & 10TH



All APPLIANCES, TIRES, and TVs/MONITORS will be PICKED UP on Tuesday, June 9. (MUST HAVE STICKERS!)

No other items will be picked up!

All other items to be disposed of must be brought to the dumpsters located at the City Shop (209 E. 1st Street) at the following times:

Tuesday, June 9
Wednesday, June 10

8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

APPLIANCES, TVS/MONITORS, TIRES

These items will be PICKED UP on TUESDAY, JUNE 9.

These items REQUIRE CITY STICKERS. If there is no sticker, they will not be picked up.

Stickers must be purchased at City Hall from Thursday, May 28, to Monday, June 8.

Appliances: \$15 each
TVs/Monitors: \$25 each
Tires: \$5 each

ALL STICKERS SOLD ARE NONREFUNDABLE!!

2026 CITY WIDE CLEAN-UP

June 9th & 10th

Notice: Same procedures as 2025!

ONLY APPLIANCES, TIRES, AND TVs/MONITORS WILL BE PICKED UP!

No other items will be picked up!

- All **APPLIANCES, TIRES, and TVs/MONITORS** will be **PICKED UP** on **Tuesday, June 9**. These items **MUST** have a city sticker on them. If there is no sticker, they will **NOT** be picked up. Stickers **MUST** be purchased at Alta City Hall ahead of time. **Stickers will be sold from May 28th to June 8th.**
- **No other items will be picked up!**
- All other items to be disposed of must **be brought to the dumpsters located at the City Shop** (209 E. 1st Street) at the following times:

Tuesday, June 9	8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 10	8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

- **Dumpsters will be monitored. The following items will NOT be allowed in the dumpsters:** fluorescent light bulbs, paint, oil, hazardous household waste, construction materials (insulation, lath, sheetrock, carpet, padding, etc). Homeowners must unload their own materials into the roll-off dumpsters.
- **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE:** The BV County Recycling Center can accept hazardous waste anytime throughout the year. Call them at 732-7171 to make an appointment to drop off hazardous waste materials at their location.
- **Need help?** If you are 65 and older or have a disability and need assistance transporting your items, please call City Hall. We have a list of volunteers who will transport it for you for a free-will donation.
- If you are willing to volunteer to help transport items for citizens who need assistance, please contact City Hall. This is not a paid position, but you may keep any free-will donations that you receive.

Any questions, please call the City Clerk at 200-2105

ITEMS FOR DROP OFF

These items must be **DROPPED OFF** and **PLACED IN THE DUMPSTERS**.
Dumpsters will be located at the City Maintenance Shop (209 E. 1st St.).

Tuesday, June 9	8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 10	8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Dumpsters are **ONLY AVAILABLE** and items may **ONLY** be dropped off at these times!

Accepted items

Auto Batteries

Metals: Pipe, wire, bed frames, swing sets, rain gutters and downspouts, bicycles, metal shelving, vacuums, metal window frames without glass, small household appliances (toasters, coffee pots, etc.), humidifiers, computer towers, residential copiers/printers, small auto parts, and other related items.

Miscellaneous: Mattress and box springs, upholstered furniture (chairs, couches, and other related items), wooden furniture, scrap wood, boards, plywood

ITEMS THAT WILL BE PICKED UP

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Appliances	\$15 each	Refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers, dishwashers, water heaters, microwaves, AC units, commercial copiers/printers, dehumidifiers, and other related items.
TVs/Monitors	\$25 each	All televisions and computer monitors (including laptops)
Tires	\$5 each	Auto and light truck only – MUST BE OFF RIM

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