

The Town of Alpine, Alpine Recreation Board, Kaboom, and most importantly the donor to this project, Rob Hagedorn, would like to present to you our new playground equipment coming to Ferry Peak Park on September 14th...

We are still in need of volunteers so please be sure to check your calendars and if you are available to help with this project go to the link below. All volunteers need to register and there will be the option to register on the day of the playground build however pre-registration is preferred. This link is also available on the Town of Alpine's Facebook page and on the Town of Alpine Website www.alpinewy.org under News and Events.

http://alpinebuildsaplaygroung.eventbrite.com

ALPINE MOUNTAIN DAYS

As the summer comes to a close we wanted to acknowledge this year marked the 29th year of Alpine Mountain Days. With the help of volunteers, the generosity of many businesses and individuals, and the participation of craftsmen, vendors, and those who attend, this event has grown year by year into one of the largest weekend festivals in the area. As always, we are extremely grateful for our dedicated volunteers and could not have such a successful event without them. We look forward to next year's event.

ALPINE CAR SHOW 2019 SPONSORED BY TOP OF THE ROCKIES

Top of the Rockies Snowmobile Club sponsors the Alpine Car Show each year. This much anticipated event in Alpine is very popular with car enthusiasts. This years event was held August 17th. If you would like more information about the Top of the Rockies visit their website at **ridealpine.com**.











OUR TOWN

GOT KNAPWEED?

This article was previously published in September 2018 and with the recent passing Of Emergency 269 Ord. 2019-06 An Ordinance to Regulate, Prevent or Eradicate Noxious Weeds in the Town of Alpine and Weed Control in the Town of Alpine, we felt it is worth sharing again. Alpine currently has the worst case of spotted knapweed in the State of Wyoming. It is a requirement by state law to control noxious weeds. We have to work together as a community to get this under control.

Citizens of Alpine unite to fight back against spotted knapweed

If you live in Alpine, it is very likely that you have been a host to the foreign invader called spotted knapweed. If it has not yet taken root on your property, you surely have seen it inhabiting road easements, vacant lots, and untended yards throughout Alpine.

This thistle-like flowering plant is native to Asia. It was accidentally introduced into the U.S. in 1900 in a contaminated shipment of alfalfa seeds. It has since spread throughout the country, significantly reducing the economic and ecological value of the land it invades.

Spotted knapweed was first discovered in western Wyoming in 1974 on ranchland bordering the Gros Ventre river. Its seeds had likely hitchhiked to the ranch in a shipment of hay. By 1999, it was evident that this infestation had spread, following the river corridors throughout Teton County and down to Alpine. Spotted knapweed is now so widespread in Alpine, realtors have given it the name "Alpine Grass." But don't let the euphemism fool you – **spotted knapweed and other noxious weeds decrease our property values**!

Spotted knapweed exudes a chemical from its roots that inhibits the germination of other plants around it, turning your yard into a solid stand of knapweed. This makes gardening and landscaping difficult because nothing else will readily grow in a knapweed stand. It eventually costs landowners a lot of money to let these plants grow unchecked. According to the Wyoming Weed and Pest Control Act of 1973, we are legally re-quired to eradicate these and other listed noxious weed species from our properties. The longer we let them grow unchecked, the more expensive and time-consuming it will be to remove them.

A group of Alpine residents have decided to take a stand against this noxious weed invasion that threatens our property values and the integrity of our natural areas. We have formed the **Alpine Noxious Weed Advisory Committee (ANWAC)** with a mission to educate the government and residents of Alpine on how to identify and treat noxious weeds on their property. ANWAC members include Lincoln County Weed and Pest District Supervisor Travis Osmond, Teton County Weed and Pest District Educator and Alpine resident Meta Dittmer, Town Council Member Jeremy Larsen, and Alpine residents Sam Dowd, Jan Hansen and Bryan Lane. Our master plan involves reaching out to Alpine landowners and offering free weed inspections, consultations, and treatment plans for their properties, free use of a hand sprayer loaded with Milestone herbicide, and educational events throughout the year.

- Look for ANWAC members at upcoming Alpine farmers' markets and other town events.
- Contact us at <u>Stoptheweeds@gmail.com</u> for a free inspection, consultation and treatment plan for your property
- Make your property noxious weed free, get a sign in your yard, and encourage your neighbors to do the same.
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We live in Alpine because we share a love for the mountains, forests, waters, and wildlife that surround us. Let's work together to protect this special place from the irreversible threat of noxious weed invasion.

Thank you! Meta Dittmer—ANWAC



Spotted knapweed is closely related to thistle, but its leaves have no spines. The black "spots" on its bracts distinguish it from other knapweed species.

Spotted knapweed easily outcompetes native plants, allowing it to spread and form dense monocultures. The allelopathic chemicals released by its roots make the land inhospitable to other plants, decreasing the value of the land.

DID YOU KNOW

BUILDING Permits are required within the incorporated boundaries of the Town of Alpine. If you are unsure if your project requires

a permit please call our office for clarification.

CREDIT CARDS The Town of Alpine will now be accepting credit cards for all services/licenses/permits. There will be a 3% charge for all payments unrelated to water/sewer.

OFFICE CLOSURES Town of Alpine offices will be closed on the following dates September 2nd., October 14th, November 28th & 29th.

SNOW REMOVAL just a reminder for upcoming months we will soon have snow. No person shall park, place or leave any vehicle or trailer on any public street, alley or Town of Alpine right-of-way between the hours of **7:00** p.m.—**7:00** a.m. during the months of Nov.—April.





CALENDAR

Star Valley Farmers Market

Thursdays—Sept 26th 4:30—7:00 p.m.

Alpine Builds a Park Sept. 12th, 13th & 14th— Volunteers needed please go to the www.alpinewy.org for more information on dates—times and how to register.

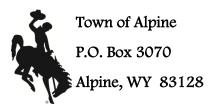
Pumpkin Patch October

19th Visit the website for more information on this event.

Trunk or Treat— October 31, 2019 in the Alpine Town Hall Parking Lot. (This is a move of location) Visit the website for more information on this event.

Thanksgiving Sponsored by the Top of The Rockies November 28, 2019—Visit the website for more details on this event.





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