



## Town of Alpine Meter Replacement Notification

In mid to late summer 2024 the Town of Alpine will be deploying a mass water meter changeout. The town has been replacing meters on an as-needed basis. This long-anticipated program will fully upgrade and/or replace all remaining commercial and residential water meters throughout the system to be compatible with our new AMI system. The purpose of this effort is to upgrade and improve the city's aging Automated Metering Reading Infrastructure (AMR) and hardware in the water distribution system to improve accuracy in tracking individual water usage. Upgrading the infrastructure and improving the accuracy in tracking individual water usage will allow us to effectively monitor and assess community demands.

The following is an overview of the project including public outreach, benefits of the project and frequently asked questions.

### OVERVIEW

The installation and implementation of the new metering system will allow the Town of Alpine to identify and resolve water-related issues in a timely manner, helping us to improve operations and support customers more effectively.

### PUBLIC OUTREACH

The initial notification of this program was sent out with the March utility billing. In addition to these notifications a reminder notification will be provided through a post-installation door hanger following your meter replacement. Installers will perform a courtesy "knock-on-the-door" notification at the time of installation.

### COMMERCIAL ACCOUNTS

All commercial accounts will be contacted personally by a representative from the town to schedule a convenient time to complete your meter replacement. We are sensitive to your water needs and we will do everything possible to minimize any potential service disruptions.

### BENEFITS OF THE PROJECT

- Improve accuracy and efficiency
- Reduce manual reads
- Optimize personnel time and fuel costs
- Leak and backflow detection

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this upcoming project, please feel free to contact the Alpine Town Hall @ 307-654-7757

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### ***Q: Are the new meters the same as the ones being replaced?***

**A:** No, the meters are being replaced to be compatible with an upgraded AMI system, improve the accuracy in meter reading and to replace meters that have served beyond their useful lives.

### ***Q: Who will install the meters?***

**A:** This project will go out for bid. If the Town of Alpine staff is not performing the meter swap, then a company will be chosen to complete the meter swap. Each crew member working on the meter replacement project for the Town of Alpine will have a marked vehicle and a company shirt on.

### ***Q: Will my water service be interrupted during the installation?***

**A:** Yes, there will be a temporary service interruption, typically about 15 to 30 minutes, while the meter is replaced. Customers that are present at the time of the changeout will be notified in person prior to the installation of the new meter. Town workers will perform a courtesy "knock-on-the-door" notification at the time of installation. Customers that are not present at the time of the changeout will receive a post-installation door hanger on their front door.

### ***Q: Do I need to be home for the meter replacement work?***

**A:** Depending on meter location. If the meter resides in your home then yes one person over the age of 18 must be present. The work will be performed during normal business hours Monday - Friday. However, crews might work on additional days to expedite the installation of the meters.

### ***Q: Is there anything I need to do after my meter is installed?***

**A:** Yes, prior to using your water, we recommend that you flush your lines by turning on your bathtub's **Cold**-water faucet for 3 to 5 minutes or use an outside faucet. Avoid flushing faucets that have aerator attachments or hot water faucets that may draw sediment into your water tank. A post installation door hanger will be left on your front door following your meter installation.

### ***Q: How much will the meter cost me?***

**A:** Nothing - the Town of Alpine has received a SLIB Grant that will cover 60% of the project costs, while the town is responsible for the remaining 40%.

### ***Q: Will my water bill increase?***

**A:** Potentially; Depending on the age and accuracy of your water meter, your bill may increase when your meter is replaced. As meters age, they tend to run slower and lose ac-

curacy over time. The current meters will be replaced to be compatible with an upgraded AMI system and improve the accuracy of the meter reading.

The Town of Alpine is currently in the process of a water master plan study. Water master planning is a forward-thinking strategy that outlines the long-term vision and actions necessary to manage a community's water resources. It serves as a roadmap for asset owners and utilities to ensure the sustainable use and protection of water sources.

***Q: What if there is a leak at the meter, or problems arise following meter replacement?***

A: Please call Public Works at **307-654-7757 Ext. 8**. After hours, holidays, or weekends please contact Craig Leseberg at 307-880-2869 for any concerns.

## The Town of Alpine Launches New Website!

The Town of Alpine is excited to announce the launch of its newly re-designed website!

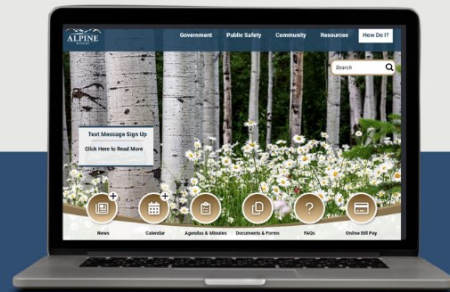
The website has been re-designed to be user-centric, intuitive, and more modern and visually engaging. The updated layout of the website will allow visitors to vertically scroll through the pages and feature visible links to commonly requested services such as news and announcements, online payment services, permitting, town council, board, and committee meeting information and more. In addition to the new layout, the website features beautiful, original photographs provided by local photographers.

The website is now live. Please be patient as we continue to get all the documents loaded onto this new website.

The website redesign project is part of a broader focus on enhancing communication from the Town of Alpine. In addition to the new website the town has launched a new text messaging notification opt-in option as well as the email notification opt in option. You will find those links on our new website.

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## Alpine Education Committee : Our Commitment



The Alpine Education Committee is comprised of local and respected educators and parents who are dedicated to championing and advocating for the establishment of a robust and inclusive school in or near the Alpine community. Our mission is to collaboratively engage with residents, local authorities, and educational stakeholders to address the pressing need for accessible and high-quality education for the children of the North Valley.

We are committed to fostering a *child-driven, community-driven* approach that values the well-being of every student. This can only be achieved through a collective endeavor where parents, educators, and community members collaborate to provide a nurturing and enriching educational experience for EVERY child. Through diligent research, effective communication, and community mobilization, we strive to overcome the unique challenges that Alpine and surrounding towns face and bring a quality, sustainable, and equitable education experience to our community.

Since our appointment by the town, we have set up multiple meetings with our education consultant, sent out initial surveys to residents to gauge educational needs, presented our goals and viable remedies to the Lincoln County School Board, and hosted a School Board Workshop to open discussion on restructuring Etna and Thayne schools. As a committee, it is imperative that we investigate all viable options to improve education in Alpine, whether that comes in the form of a reconfigured district or a charter school. As charter schools present significant financial and logistical obstacles, and as our valley already contributes the majority of property taxes to the Lincoln County School District to fund education, our primary and most expedient goal is to foster a better relationship with our district and incentivize them to join in advocating for all students of the valley.

Alpine has been patiently waiting for a solution for years, and now is the time to solve prohibitively long bus commutes, difficult and unnecessary grade school transitions, lack of structure and productive routines, and too few hours of our children spending quality time with their families.

A neighborhood school would create a stronger sense of community and culture, curriculum collaboration and alignment, better relationships between teachers and students and families, and higher academic achievement.

We invite all of our community members to reach out to our committee and Lincoln County School Board members directly, and attend all public meetings in Alpine and with the School Board so that we can hear all of your feedback and concerns.

For more information, please contact Councilwoman Emily Castillo at

[ecastillo@alpinewy.gov](mailto:ecastillo@alpinewy.gov)

## Music In the Mountains - 2nd Annual Summer Music Series in Alpine

Let's create COMMUNITY, one event at a time!

Tell your friends to grab their lawn chairs, blankets, kids, relatives and come enjoy some

music, dinner and refreshments at the park in Alpine (under the Gazebo). Brought to you by Alpine Tourism Board and local sponsorship.

### **DATES COMING SOON - THURSDAYS 7 TO 9PM**

Shop the Alpine Farmer's Market 4 to 7pm and STAY for LIVE MUSIC in the Gazebo at the Alpine Marge Grover Park from 7 to 8:30/9pm.

This is the perfect opportunity to take that much needed night off from cooking and enjoy LOCAL FOOD TRUCK DINING & refreshments.

This is **NOT** just for Alpine folks...Star Valley and beyond, please come support music so the tradition can continue year after year. We are hoping to make this a staple of the summer so that we don't have to drive far and wide to enjoy incredible music by local talent while carving out time with friends.

Please contact Shay Scaffide for input and/or information.

[shayscaffide@gmail.com](mailto:shayscaffide@gmail.com)

Brought to you by the Alpine Special Events Committee and paid for by the Alpine Travel and Tourism Board and other local sponsorships.




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## Star Valley Farmers Market

The Star Valley Farmers Market is a weekly gather at Marge Grover Memorial Park. Find Fruits and vegetables, wild-crafted and hand crafted jams, jellies, sauces, free range chicken, range fed beef and pork, eggs, baked goods, on-site dinners, artisanal products and crafts.

The tentative start date is June 27th and will continue through mid September.







## Meet Alpine's New Code Enforcement Officer

The Town of Alpine would like to welcome the newest member to our team - Steve Gilcrease. Be sure to say hello to Steve and help us Welcome Steve to Alpine.

"Hi my name is Steve Gilcrease and I'm the Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Alpine.

I was born and raised in Nacogdoches, Texas and spent 27 years as a police officer before retiring in November 2023, so that my wife and I could move to Alpine. My family has owned property on the Hoback river since 1921 and I have been coming here all my life. My wife and I were married on the town square in Jackson in 2000 and we have three grown daughters. I'm an avid outdoorsman and love to hunt and fish. Alpine was our choice to live because of the laid back attitude and great people here. I hope to continue to be an active member of the community for a long time. Alpine is a great place to live and work."

## TOWN OF ALPINE ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN UP



**Please Join Us  
Saturday May 4th**

**Donn Wooden Civic Center**

**121 US Hwy 89  
9 A.M.**

Refreshments provided at 8:45 A.M.

We supply the bags, please bring gloves for your safety. Once you have filled your bag(s) please leave them on the sides of the road and staff will come around to pick them up.

## State Property Tax Refund Program - Now open for Applications

Wyoming Department of Revenue announced that the property tax refund program for home owners is now open for applications. To find out more information about this new refund program please visit the Department of Revenues website under Property Tax Refund Program. Lincoln County Treasurer Jerry Greenfield and staff will be available on May 23rd from 2 pm—5 pm at the Alpine Civic Center located at 121 US Hwy 89, Alpine, WY to assist with the application process.



**811 – Call Before You Dig BEFORE YOU DIG...** Calling 811 is the most important step! Wyoming law requires that you call at least 2 business days before you intend to dig. Call 811 (or if you are calling from out-of-state 1-800-849- 2476) Whether you are planning to do it yourself or hire a professional, smart digging means calling 811 before each job.