



For What It's Worth

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The next issue of FWIW will be on Friday, January 22nd, 2021. Please email any articles to judyengel66@gmail.com by Wednesday, January 20th.

**ALPOA
Virtual**

**board
meeting**

**Saturday,
January 16th
@ 9 am**



ALPOA Board Meeting-Open Session 1/16/2021
Sat, Jan 16, 2021 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (EST)

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BOARD OF
DIRECTORS



by Dennis Uhler

As we begin 2021 please review our mission statement below. It is the foundation of everything we do here at Alpine Lake Resort.

Alpine Lake Mission Statement

Alpine Lake Resort, located in West Virginia's beautiful high country, provides a unique array of residential and recreational opportunities for its homeowners, property owners and visitors.



NOMINATION AND ELECTION COMMITTEE *by Terry McArthur*

2021 Board of Directors Positions

Two (2) ALPOA Board of Directors positions will be up for re-election in June 2021 at the annual meeting. Any interested Alpine Lake property owner in good standing* is eligible to run for these positions. Each position entails a term of three (3) years. All interested candidates are encouraged to contact me in any of three ways:

1. Via Mail: Terry McArthur, Chair, Nominations & Elections Committee, 4423 Urbana Pike, Frederick, MD 21704
2. Via Telephone: (240) 446-7809
3. Via E-Mail: terry.mcarthur09@yahoo.com

Please remember the deadline for submission of your intention to be an ALPOA Board of Director candidate is 5pm, Monday, March 15, 2021. However, nominations from the floor will be accepted at the May 2021 Board of Directors meeting. If you have any questions regarding the nominations process, please contact me as indicated above.

* Good standing means ((a)) association dues are up-to-date and ((b)) have not been declared to be in violation of restrictive covenants of ALPOA.



ALPUC NEWS by *Kim Mayne, GM*



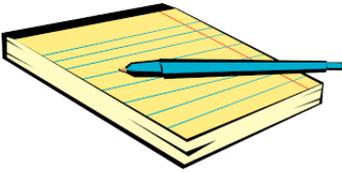
In 2020 I started highlighting each ALPUC employee's anniversary date/month in FWIW and their contribution to the ALPUC team. We had one employee who celebrated an anniversary in December.



Meet **Audra Sypolt, better known as "Syp"**. Syp is the most seasoned employee on staff here at Alpine Lake Public Utilities Company. In December, **Syp celebrated his 29th, yes 29th year, with ALPUC!** He is ALPUC's Chief Wastewater Operator. Syp holds his Class II Wastewater and Class C Wastewater Operator Licenses as well as his Class II Water Operator License. Each licensed employee at ALPUC is required to obtain continuing education hours to maintain their licenses.

Syp's primary role as Chief Wastewater Operator is to ensure that we meet all requirements of our permit for our wastewater plant issued by the West Virginia DEP. He is responsible for the proper function of the wastewater plant as well as various lift stations throughout our service area. There is an immense amount of testing, logging, sampling, and reporting that is done daily and monthly. While responsible for the wastewater side of the operation, Syp is also instrumental on the water side of our operation as well. He assists in everything from reading meters to responding when there are water main breaks that result in an outage. His experience and time with the company is invaluable and makes him instrumental not only to ALPUC but to the customers we serve, as he has in most cases said, "been there done that". With being part of such a small staff there is no chore too big or too small that Syp doesn't assist with, from cutting grass to snow removal, to routine maintenance and much larger projects such as line replacements and upgrades to the wastewater plant and lift stations.

Time is one of the most valuable teachers and the good thing about Syp is that he has lots of it here at ALPUC and that makes him a knowledgeable teacher as well. I know he likes to say when he hears he's been here 29 years, "Yeah, but I started when I was 12!"



A note from our office manager: *Heather Jones*

Postal Service Delays

I would like to bring up online bill pay checks. If I understand the process correctly; when you, the customer, initiates a payment through your banks online service, that payment is promptly deducted from your account balance. So, how would you know that payment might take 3 weeks or more to reach its destination, when your bank advertises 7 to 10 business days? I received in the mail, Monday, December 28th, batches of payments with starting dates of December 1st. Same thing on January 4, 2021, I received 9 checks in a batch dated December 7 to December 14, 2020. Accounts have been assessed late fees when clearly the effort was made to make payment on time. I ask you to give me a call to discuss your account as it is everyday practice at ALPUC that all payments are posted and processed on the day in which they are received. I routinely have these calls with customers and will do all I can to assist. I also ask that when your payment doesn't reach our office on time that you reach out to your bank, as they offer the service and have a responsibility to their customers to ensure prompt payment.

I don't write this in an effort to blame the postal service or the banks or to debate the why. I do write this to ask folks to reconsider their payment methods. Online bill pay checks have historically had issues with arriving on time; it seems to be only getting worse. I routinely hear, "I'll instruct it to be sent earlier." In theory, that should take care of the issue, it's not. This is frustrating for us all. I'm not in the business of telling any customer how to pay their ALPUC bill, only trying to offer solutions to an ongoing problem. ALPUC can't allow for continued refunds of fees and for late payments to become the norm, so I ask for your help. ALPUC offers automatic payments on the 7th of each month, there is no extra fee for signing up and that service ensures your payment is taken care of on time.



Meet the Candidates Night *by Terry McArthur*

June may seem like a long way off, but it will be here before you know it. I recently asked the Board to consider moving the Meet the Candidates Night to the first Friday in June and they have agreed to this change.



So, mark your calendars -- Meet the Candidates Night will be held **Friday, June 4 from 7:00pm – 9:00pm**. It's too early to know if we will be able to meet in person or if it will be held virtually. Keep watching future issues of FWIW for more information.



2021 Annual Alpine Lake New Year's Day Polar Bear Plunge *by Jim Hoadley*

A great crowd of around 60 masked people turned out at the beach to celebrate the New Year with the annual Alpine Lake Polar Bear Plunge. There may have been a few folks who got cold feet and did not go into the water. However, the dozen folks who did get into the water were the ones with really cold feet. More than \$3,000 in contributions to the Terra Alta Ambulance Squad, Volunteer Fire Department, and Food Pantry were made in conjunction with this event. I received another \$150 towards our Dunk total: now \$3310.09 plus one anonymous donation. It is not divided quite equally among the three as some checks were written specifically to one of the three. What a surprise and generous event for the community! Special thanks to Everett Fisher and Amanda Trusler for organizing go-fund-me pages which made a significant impact on the fundraising effort. Also, our thanks to Sheila & Tony Amato for being our emergency medical standby; to Robin Turner for sustenance (i.e., Bloody Mary fixings), and to Winston Cumberland for clearing ice with his kayak. If you missed the New Year's Day Plunge this year, there will be a make-up date on July 4th.







Christmas Tree Recycling by Jim Hoadley



We will again be submerging Christmas trees in the lake to provide fish habitat. If you have a Christmas tree to dispose of, please drop it off next to the boat ramp. Thanks – Jim Hoadley



Vegetable Container Gardening by Jim Hoadley

Growing your own veggies is a challenge within Alpine Lake – rocks, trees and deer are 3 strikes against us. However, growing veggies in containers on your deck is a solution to all 3 of the major obstacles. Heavy duty plastic totes make inexpensive containers. If your gardening experiences are limited, the WVU Agriculture Extension Service (extension.wvu.edu) has information and recommendations for successful container gardening in West Virginia – search for 'container gardening' on the WVU extension website. This year WVU Extension also has a called *Grow This!* program to encourage vegetable gardening and support for new gardeners. By registering in the WVU *Grow This!* program (on the extension.wvu.edu website) you will receive free veggie seeds selected as best for our area and the type of gardening you are doing (e.g., container).

There are 15 garden plots in the Alpine Lake community garden. These plots are all spoken for in the 2021 season. There is little turnover of garden plots from year-to-year. But, if someone is interested in having a garden plot, you can ask to be added to the wait list.

Terra Alta Recycling



by Norleen Hoadley

Open 8-3 pm Monday-Friday and the first Saturday of each month 8-noon. Accepting newspaper, magazines, white paper, cardboard, aluminum, and steel cans. If the door is locked to the recycling center during their workday 7 a.m. – 3 p.m., you can leave your recyclables at the door. However, only do this if the weather is clear/dry. They have less employees and the employees work in town also.



by Norleen Hoadley



The January dates for the Food Pantry are January 12 and 26. They can always use personal care products. Our dunk has provided a generous Alpine donation to the food pantry.

Also, as the two notes in the box state - no one is accepting magazines because of COVID. Please recycle them appropriately.

Checks can be sent to Terra Alta Food Pantry, P O Box 442, Terra Alta, WV 26764. The pantry is always in need of personal care and household cleaning products.

Alpine Lake Resort Opening Information, Updates & Policies

UPDATE: January 4, 2021

FACE COVERINGS REQUIRED All West Virginians age (9) nine and older are required to wear a face-covering at all indoor public places where six feet of social distancing cannot be maintained.

For children ages (2) two years old through (8) eight years old, face coverings are not required. However, it is recommended that parents or guardians use their best judgment as to when to assist their children, ages 2 through 8, with wearing a face covering. Face shields are an acceptable substitute for those with physical conditions that may cause them to be unable to wear a face-covering properly."

For additional information on COVID-19 and protecting yourself and your family, visit the West Virginia DHHR COVID-19 Resources [website](#) or call 1-800-887-4304. To reach Alpine Lake Security staff at any time 24/7 call 304-789-2382.

RESORT HOURS:

(Updated as of JANUARY 4, 2021)



Front Desk

Open Daily: 8 AM – 6 PM

[View Details](#)



Hotel

Open and accepting reservations.

[BOOK A ROOM](#)



Dining Room (Restaurant)

Sunday: Closed

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: 4 PM – 8 PM

Thursday: 4 PM – 8 PM

Friday: 4 PM – 9 PM

Saturday: 4 PM – 9 PM

(Hours subject to change)

[View Details](#)



Golf Course

Closed for the 2020 Season

Estimated Reopening

April 2021

[View Details](#)



Cabin Rentals

Open and accepting reservations.

[BOOK A CABIN](#)

Call Security for After-Hours Check-In:

304-789-2382

Restrictions & Details

Front Desk

OPEN DAILY 8 am – 6 pm

- No sitting or congregating permitted
- Rack cards and flyers are not available for display at this time

Pool, Fitness Center & Locker Rooms

Pool

SUNDAY – TUESDAY: 8 AM – 6 PM

WEDNESDAY – SATURDAY: 8 AM – 8 PM

- Strict social distancing of 6 feet is required. Guests who are not comfortable while others are using the facility and / or are not following best practices should leave.
- Available only for Members, Hotel and Rental guests.
- Limited hours are due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Fitness Center

SUNDAY – TUESDAY: 8 AM – 6 PM

WEDNESDAY – SATURDAY: 8 AM – 8 PM

- Strict social distancing of 6 feet is required. Guests who are not comfortable while others are using the facility and / or are not following best practices should leave.
- Towels will not be provided at this time
- Guests are requested to wipe down machine and equipment after each use
- Available only for Members, Hotel and Rental guests.
- Limited hours are due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Locker-Rooms

SUNDAY – TUESDAY: 8 AM – 6 PM

WEDNESDAY – SATURDAY: 8 AM – 8 PM

- Strict social distancing of 6 feet is required. Guests who are not comfortable while others are using the facility and / or are not following best practices should leave.
- Towels will not be provided at this time
- Available only for Members, Hotel and Rental guests.
- Limited hours are due to COVID-19 restrictions.

GRAB-N-GO Breakfast Bar

OPEN DAILY FOR HOTEL GUESTS FROM 8 AM – 11 AM (IN THE LODGE)

Dining Room (Restaurant)

[Click here for the Current Menu](#)

Takeout – Call 304-789-2481 and dial 8

- The Evergreen Room is open for indoor dining. The Lakers Lounge is closed until further notice due to COVID-19.
- Hours and availability are subject to change
- Face coverings required when entering or leaving the restaurant and can only be removed when seated at a table
- Tables of no more than eight people
- Tables must be members of the same household or those who arrive together in the same vehicle
- Waiting areas inside the lodge are closed and live music, DJ's, and dancing are currently suspended due to COVID-19

Fishing / Boat & Kayak Launch

OPEN DAILY, 30 MINUTES BEFORE SUNRISE TO THIRTY MINUTES BEFORE SUNDOWN

- Fishing is permitted in the designated areas only; walking on the lake when ice is present is dangerous and not permitted.
- Public Fishing permits are available at purchase with Security
- Available for Members, Hotel and Rental guests at no charge

Playground, Dog Park & Trails

OPEN DAILY, 30 MINUTES AFTER SUNRISE TO THIRTY MINUTES BEFORE SUNDOWN

- Visitors are encouraged to bring personal hand sanitizer and other cleaning materials to practice proper hand hygiene
- Available only for Members, Hotel and Rental guests only

Tennis & Basketball Courts

- Visitors are encouraged to bring personal hand sanitizer and other cleaning materials to practice proper hand hygiene
- Available only for Members, Hotel and Rental guests only

Beach

Swim Platform and Buoys Removed for the 2020 season

OPEN DAILY, 30 MINUTES BEFORE SUNRISE TO THIRTY MINUTES BEFORE SUNDOWN

- Swimming is permitted from 30 minutes before sunrise to thirty minutes before sundown
- Available only for Members, Hotel and Rental guests only

Boathouse Gazebo, Beach Pavilion & Ski Slope Pavilion

- Casual access available for Members, Hotel and Rental guests only.me

Weddings, Conferences & Banquets

Restrictions Apply

- Available only for essential functions as defined by the State of WV
- [Click here](#) to request more information about booking private functions

Rhododendron Room

LENDING LIBRARY OPEN DAILY 8 AM – 6 PM

- No gathering, sitting or congregating permitted
- Closed for all other functions except essential functions as defined by the State of WV

Golf Course

- Closed for the season; the golf course can be accessed for those who wish to play by walking the course.
- Golf carts are not permitted.

Please consider the 2020 Season **PARK AND PLAY GUIDELINES** for walking play

Mini-Golf

CLOSED FOR THE SEASON

Kayak Rentals

Suspended Until Further Notice

Allegheny Room

CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

- Available only for essential functions as defined by the State of WV
- [Click here](#) to request more information about booking private functions



4 Alpine Lake Lots for Sale! Austrian Section, lots #73, 74, 75, 59. Buildable Lots and near Beach. \$400 for each, or best offer. Contact John O'Brien, jfobrien6@gmail.com or 703 772 3226. (1-8)

For Sale: Lakeview lot for sale on Bluebell Drive! Beautiful lake views from ready to build on lot in prime location on Bluebell Dr! (IN135) Take a look and contact Clark Sharpless at (304) 789-5972. Listed FSBO @ \$37,500. (12-11)

COMING SOON: Lakeview 2BR/2BA cottage at 622 Bluebell Dr (next to above listed lot).

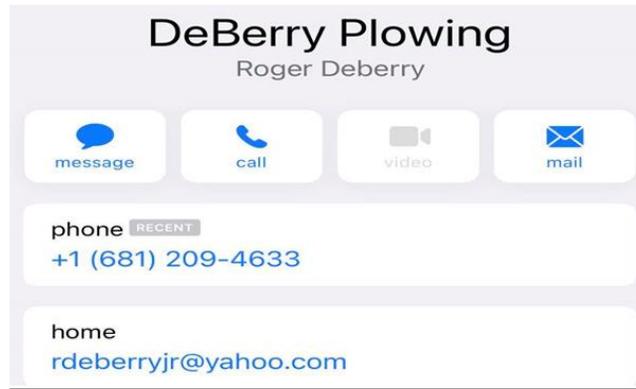


Snow Plowing, exterior painting, yard & leaf clean up, & pressure washing
Albert "Boots" Dewitt - 301-616-6436

Snow Removal B&L's Services

We do snow removal as well as all your other late fall and winter needs.
Our contact information is 304-698-5138 & britnerbrett77@gmail.com

Snow Removal: If you'd like Roger DeBerry to clear your driveway, preferably **text** him at this number. If you don't have cash, you can pay him via PayPal using this email address.



Snow Removal, yard work and painting: Call Chris Hart (304) 698-5356.

Snow Blowing, shoveling and more: Josh Rennie: cell-1-910-985-0990 home: 304-789-0889

I have started a new small business trying to keep the prices low for the people here inside Alpine Lake. I am a retired Army vet and just trying to keep myself busy.

A green rectangular advertisement for Precision Design Lawn Care and More LLC. The title "PRECISION DESIGN LAWN CARE AND MORE LLC" is in large, white, bold, sans-serif font at the top. Below the title, in smaller white text, is a list of services: "Lawn Mowing, Weed Eating, Wood Splitting (Wood Stacking/ Pellet Stacking), Smaller Tree Limb Removal, Leaf Removal, Snow Removal, Fire Pit Building to Owners Design, Sheds/Wood Sheds built On-site to Owners Design, Trash Bin Built to Owners Design, All Your Other Outdoor Needs, Will Do Indoor Projects Also: Clean Out Garages, Flooring, Pressure Washing House/Decks, and Many Other Things. Call Ask for Josh To Set A Free Estimate! 100% Satisfaction Guaranteed Offering Discounts for Military/First Responders and Senior Citizens". At the bottom left, it says "Cell 910-985-0990" and at the bottom right, "Home 304-789-0889". In the center, at the bottom, it says "ASK FOR JOSH RENNIE" in white, spaced-out, all-caps font.

A business card for G & A Services. The card has a light blue background with a photograph of a red tractor in a field of green grass at the bottom. The text "G & A Services" is in a large, black, serif font at the top. Below it, in a smaller black font, are the services: "Landscaping, Lawn Care Service, Hauling, Snow Plowing & Firewood". At the bottom left, it says "Anything we do is done right!" and at the bottom right, "Call for Free Estimates Grayson & Ally". At the very bottom, in a black box, it says "Phone: 301-616-6515".

G & A Services: **Snow Removal and Firewood**--I can supply a regular pick-up bed for \$75 or three pick-up loads for \$200. I get wood stocked and could get the load delivered more than likely the day you call. Call Grayson at 301-616-6515

Residential Cleaning – Alivia Walters, 304-276-7145 or AliviaWalters01@gmail.com

Pet Sitting Service: Will pet sit in homes Fridays, weekends, and school holidays. Have references. Call for Evan at 304-290-6589.

All Exterior Projects: Looking for reliable, dependable, hard-working crew to handle all your home exterior projects? We do it all! From yard work/maintenance/landscaping to pressure washing decks & homes/gutter cleaning to tree removal/hauling debris and all junk from site. Alpine Lake residents. Satisfaction guaranteed! Call Bob Bayer for a free estimate today: 304-288-1981.

Pet sitting and house checks: Call Kay Bayer (304) 789-2111.

Tax services: Dorinda Kisner, CPA, and staff providing professional services for individuals, businesses, estates and trusts. Tax planning, compliance, estimated payments, consulting and accounting services locally in Terra Alta. Contact us at (304) 789-6082 or email at questions@kisnercpa.com

Insurance: Carrie See Insurance is located on Alpine Lake Road. We love working with Alpine residents, the homes are so beautiful and well maintained! We offer great rates on homeowners and automobile insurance, annuities and investments, life insurance, and business operations coverage. Give us a call for a free quote! (304) 789-5585 or email us at carrieseinsurance@gmail.com

Window Treatments: Pam Gough, Creative Drapery & Décor, 443-904-7100. Personal service with custom-made draperies, valances, cornices, roman shades, bedding and pillows. A selection of fabrics available. Name brand wood blinds and shades (screen, sheer or honeycomb). Alpine homeowner.