Fight the Bite—Help reduce the Mosquito Population

Its that time of year again and we need your donations to help control a dangerous health threat in our recreational area.

Currently, no vaccine against WNV infection is available. The best method to reduce the rates of WNV infection is mosquito control on the part of municipalities, businesses and individual citizens. West Nile virus (WNV) is most commonly transmitted to humans by mosquitoes. WNV has been detected in every county in Wyoming, so it is important to reduce your risk of being infected with WNV by using insect repellent and wearing protective clothing to prevent mosquito bites. There are no medications to treat or vaccines to prevent WNV infection. Fortunately, most people infected with WNV will have no symptoms. About 1 in 5 people who are infected will develop a fever with other symptoms. Less than 1% of infected people develop a serious, sometimes fatal, neurologic illness.

We are beginning the season where **Alpine Recreation Development Association (ARDA)** has the mosquitos by the lake and surrounding areas baited and trapped for disposal. We need your help! If you enjoy the lake and don't want to be bitten, get infected or sick, then please donate to this worthwhile cause. All donations are greatly appreciated and ALL DONATIONS spent on this project are in order to keep our area free from these pesky and dangerous insects.

Vector Mosquitos can cause people to become sick and they carry the West Nile Virus. Everyone needs to be vigilant by staying indoors and covered as much as they can during the dawn & dusk hours between 5—7:30 p.m. Although mosquitoes are most active at dusk or dawn, some bite during the day. Mosquitoes will bite if you enter an area where they are resting, such as high grass or heavy underbrush. While it is not necessary to limit outdoor activity (unless there is evidence of mosquito-borne disease in the area), you can and should reduce your risk of being bitten by mosquitoes.

Common sense steps you can take to minimize the probability of infection include remembering the

5 D's of West Nile Virus prevention:

1. **DAWN** &

2. **DUSK** – When possible, avoid spending time outside at dawn and dusk.

3. **DRESS**– Wear shoes, socks, long pants, and a long-sleeved shirt when outdoors for long periods of time or when mosquitoes are most active. Clothing should be light colored and made of tightly woven materials to keep mosquitoes away from the skin.

4. **DRAIN** – Reduce the amount of standing water in or near your property by draining and/or removing it. Mosquitoes may lay eggs in areas with standing water.

5. **DEET** – For additional protection from mosquitoes, use an insect repellent containing DEET (N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide) or picaridin (KBR 3023). Other insect repellents such as oil of lemon eucalyptus and IR3535 are also registered by the EPA but may be less effective than products containing DEET. It is important to follow the product guidelines when using insect repellent.

If you enjoy summer activities on or near the area water ways, please help make it safer. Vector Mosquitoes carry West Nile Virus and can transmit other dangerous infections.

All donations to ARDA go to mosquito control efforts. Mosquitos are most active at dusk. Egg laying females primarily feast on blood. This isn't your average ordinary wood Mosquito—this is your evil nasty vengeful water mosquito!

Mail your donation and check payable to

A.R.D.A PO BOX 3070 ~ ALPINE, WY 83128

Recommended Donations:

Individual $35.00

Small Business $100.00   **Large Business $ 150.00**

Additional Resources:

For more information about WNV, please visit the CDC website at
https://www.cdc.gov/westnile/
For information about **human** WNV testing, please visit the Wyoming Public Health Lab website https://health.wyo.gov/phsd/lab/microbiology_section.html

For information about **animal** WNV testing, please visit the Wyoming State Veterinary Laboratory https://wyovet.uwyo.edu/

Alpine Town Council has set a work session schedule for 2023

Work Sessions - Use by Legislative Bodies
Introduction
Work sessions must be posted and fall under the definition of a meeting in the Open Meetings Act. Also, they must be open to the public except for those issues that by law are permitted to be addressed in closed session. Several common issues or questions are addressed below and addressed not as "legal" issues but
rather as policy or decision-making issues.

When should work sessions be scheduled?

Work sessions can be scheduled at any time. If scheduled immediately prior to regular sessions, items on the agenda are also placed on the work session agenda. If there are any questions on issues, they can be addressed in the work session. If scheduled on the off week, work sessions mean more meetings, more staff preparation and potentially greater public perception problems if work sessions are not well-attended or televised. If the public isn't aware of work sessions, it may appear that decisions have already been made by the time council acts in a regular meeting.

What purposes do they serve?
Work sessions can be vehicles for addressing major issues more effectively. They can also provide opportunities for members to focus on long-term decisions rather than the day-to-day management issues that confront the town. Presumably they also make regular sessions more productive and shorter. Work sessions can also help members relate better to one another because of the greater informality of such sessions.

What kinds of items should be on the agenda of work sessions?
An alternative approach to duplicating regular meeting agendas is to reserve work sessions for "blue sky" issues or major projects only. Goal-setting, budget review or major development proposals are examples. If every issue is on both the work and regular session agenda, it may become repetitive.

Must the public be allowed to participate?
Work sessions are intended to provide opportunities for council/board members to study difficult issues, gather and analyze information, and clarify problems. The public must be given an opportunity to address the council/board. If council is going to have a meeting, and it is a posted public meeting, then people must have an opportunity to speak under the Open Meetings Act. That is perfectly fine, but rules governing public participation ought to be enforced, and those in attendance should be made aware of the purpose of the meeting—to study issues, not to take action.

- February 7, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.
- March 7, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.
- April 4, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.
- May 2, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.
- June 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.
- August 1, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.
- September 5, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.
- October 3, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.
- November 7, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.
- December 5, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

STAY INFORMED We now have four ways to stay informed. Submit your email address on the Town of Alpine website–When you go to the Town of Alpine website a pop up box will appear within a minute and you subscribe there. Like us on Facebook. Sign up for text messages We now offer a text messaging option to notify you about alerts, meetings, & events. Sign up to receive all messaging or pick and choose the ones that interest you. Text Alpine to 41372 or sign up on our website. And lastly Frequent the Town of Alpine website.

2023 Alpines Annual Easter Egg Hunt

April 8th 10:00 a.m. Marge Grover Park.

Though the years we have had very generous community members head up our Easter egg hunt event. We want to recognize **Alana Carpenter** as she is hanging up her bunny ears and this year will be her last. As we continue this fun filled event we will always remember the time, energy and efforts of our volunteers. If you are interested in helping with this event or to make a donation please call the Town Hall @ 307-654-7757.

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LINCOLN COUNTY CodeRED HOW TO SIGN UP

Lincoln County Emergency Management is encouraging area residents to take advantage of its CodeRED notification system. With this program, emergency messages can be sent out geographically within moments. The CodeRED system allows for public notification by phone, email, and text message. All landline information is automatically updated annually. However, if you would like notifications by cell phone, text, or email, you must fill out this online form located at the county website. For more information on the CodeRED system please visit the Emergency Management page of the Lincoln County Website: www.lincolncountywy.gov

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR CAT OR DOG LICENSE

For the month of May animal licenses will be 1/2 off.

All dogs or cats shall be licensed within thirty (30) days of taking residence in the Town of Alpine. Each dog or cat license expires on May 31st of each year and pets need to be licensed annually. License fees are $10 for an altered dog or cat and $50 for an unaltered dog or cat. . A copy of a current rabies vaccination from a certified veterinarian is required for licenses.

Did YOU Know?
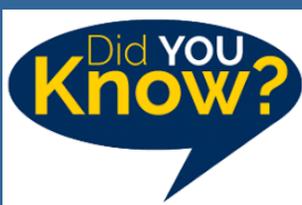
Town of Alpine Offices will be closed May 29th & July 4th

Alpine Council Meetings Take place the 3rd Tuesday of the each month - Town Council Chambers 250 River Circle, Alpine, WY.

Planning & Zoning Meetings Take place the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month between the Months of **May—October** and the 2nd Tuesday of the month November—April.

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.

Wyoming 811

ALPINE'S ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN UP

Each spring, the Town of Alpine hosts a Spring Clean up to keep our town looking beautiful and shows the pride we have in our community.

This year's Spring Clean up has been scheduled for

Date: May 6th 2023

Time: 7:30 a.m. donuts/water provided.

8:00 a.m. Clean up will begin

Location: Donn Wooden Alpine Civic Center

Location Assignments will be given out at 8:00 a.m.

Please bring gloves for your safety. Dumpsters will be provided for the Town Clean up and will be located at 250 River Circle. Please be respectful of the limitations that are placed on the town for these dumpsters so we can continue to do these yearly clean ups.

ALPINE DECLARES War on Weeds

The Town of Alpine has declared a War on Weeds. Noxious weeds are non-native, invasive plants that have negative impacts on agriculture, native vegetation, wildlife, public health, recreation and other natural resources.

You can help keep our state natural and safe from destructive weeds and pests.

The rich varieties of habitats found throughout the State are treasured by residents and visitors alike. Hunting, fishing, recreation, tourism, mining and agriculture are integral to our livelihood. All of us depend on healthy livestock, soils and wildlife which require healthy native plant communities. These native communities are threatened by invasive noxious weeds and pests and if left unchecked could transform an entire ecosystem and everything that depends on it. Future generations are counting on us to protect and preserve our natural resources. Learn more and help us keep Wyoming naturally beautiful!

For more information on identifying weeds and applying an effective control strategy contact: Lincoln County Weed & Pest @ 307-885-3394.

In addition the following link provide good information on Identifying noxious weeds found in our area:

https://www.blm.gov/programs/natural-resources/weeds-and-invasives/blm-control-strategies/wyoming

wyoweeds.org

www.invasive.org

Alpine Noxious Weed Committee (ANWAC)   stoptheweeds@gmail.com

Calendar of Events

Alpine's Annual Easter Egg Hunt

April 8th @ 10:00 a.m.

Alpine's Annual Spring Clean up

May 6th

Elk Antler Rendezvous

May 17th—18th—19th

Alpine Mountain Man Days

June 23th—25th

Town Hall Office Hours

Monday—Thursday

9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

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Alpine Municipal Court Clerk 4

Events Coordinator Press 5

Visitor Center or Civic Center Rentals Press 6

Planning & Zoning/ Deputy Clerk Press 7

Public Works Director Press 8

Residential Building Inspector/ Municipal Code Enforcement Officer Press 9

For all other questions or to make a payment Press 0

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