

# ALMA IS FOR YOU

## CITY OF ALMA

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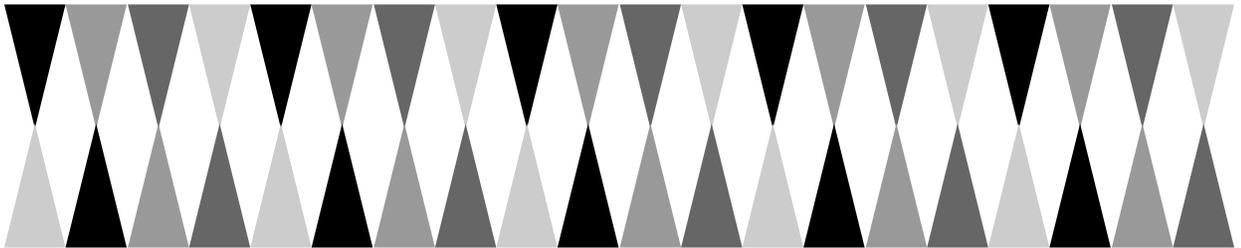
May 30th–  
Memorial  
Day

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The Taxiway is completed for The Alma Municipal Airport. The Lighting Project is in progress for the Taxiway and bids will be opened in March.



### Well Pump

The City of Alma has repaired two wells this past year. Well #4 was only pumping around 190 gal/min and after being replaced with a submersible pump, it is now pumping around 400 gal/min. One of two northeast wells was leaking and repairs were made to the column pipe with numerous other replacement parts. It is back in operation and working like new. At this time the City only has one well that is still inoperable with hopes to budget those repairs next fiscal year.

# Alma Boards and Committee Members

## Alma Planning Commission

Nick Simonson  
 Kristen Molzahn  
 Zeb Swink  
 Dale Harsin  
 Jim Miller  
 Jon Borden

## Airport Advisory Committee

Ron Hawley  
 Bryan Lubeck  
 Doug Walker  
 Paul Waggoner  
 Roger Tischner

## Community Redevelopment Authority

Mark Bennett  
 Rick Calkins  
 Jesse Adams  
 Paul Waggoner  
 Cody Simmons

## Golf Board

Dillon Kauk  
 Jason Bach  
 Craig Hammond  
 Mike Plate  
 Mike Stemper  
 Todd Christensen

## Board of Health

Hal Haeker  
 Jon Davis  
 Shannon Lynch  
 Chris Becker

## Hiking/Biking Committee

Jason Bach  
 Krista Cox  
 Joe Torrey  
 Mildred Calkins  
 Lonny Hanna  
 Nate Waggoner

## City Housing Agency

Roger Cox  
 Ron Boston  
 Joyce Holloway  
 Norm Noren  
 Alice Miller

Kristi Heft

## Housing Rehab

Doug Walker  
 Krista Cox  
 Jeff Wilhelm  
 Karon Christensen  
 Audra Klotthor  
 VACANCY

## Library Board

Doris Brandon  
 Don Jardon  
 Pam Miller  
 Bryan Lubeck  
 Betty Adkins

## Tree Board

Jacque Harsin  
 Bryan Lubeck  
 John Nelsen  
 Dusti Torrey  
 Bryson Hellmuth

## Board of Zoning Adjustment

Kate Hopkins  
 James Bowen  
 Lavon Olson  
 Al Hohlfeld  
 Zeb Swink  
 David Bantam

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEER BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

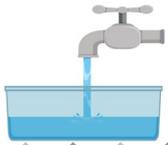
WE APPRECIATE ALL YOU DO!!

We have a vacancy on our Housing Rehab board mentioned above. If being part of a committee interests you, please contact Jessica at the City office for more information. If you are looking for information about the City, please call the office at 928-2242 or go to our website [www.almacity.com](http://www.almacity.com).



## HOW CAN I PROTECT MY FAMILY FROM CROSS CONTAMINATION?

1. Check your water softener or other in-home treatment device to insure that any drain lines have proper air gap prior to entering the sewer line. The floor drain is considered a sewer line and there should be an air gap if the drain line runs into the floor drain.
2. Check all faucets where a hose might be connected and install a hose bib vacuum breaker to protect these connections.
3. Install a Pressure Vacuum Breaker on your underground sprinklers and have it tested annually when the sprinklers are turned on for the season.
4. If you have a boiler for home heating, make sure to fill them so the water level is higher than the fill spout.



## PROTECTING OUR WATER IS A JOB FOR EVERYONE

### CITY WIDE CLEAN UP

The Alma Community Clean Up is on Saturday, April 23, 2022. The pickup crews will make one pass per street beginning at 8 am. You must have your items out on the curb before 8 am. If you need help getting an item to the curb, please call the school at 928-2131.

The volunteers of the Community Clean Up will NOT pick up the following items: paint, concrete, batteries, remodeling castoff materials, tires, and shingles. We wish to remind residents – if it fits in your trash toter, Please throw it away. The community cleanup is meant to be for those larger items that you cannot fit into your toter and do not have a means to take to the landfill on your own.

Anyone who would like to volunteer their time or supply a truck or trailer to help the Community Clean Up is welcome and may call the school and leave a message for Chris Mahalek.

The Community Clean Up was initiated in 1996 by Jon Davis as part of his American Government community service project. Throughout the years, the project has continued under the direction of various teachers and the help of the Alma Student Council, Senior Government class, students, public organizations, community members, and businesses. The City of Alma and Alma Public Schools sponsor this event.



## ALMA MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE



### HELP WANTED:

Bar Manager

Pickup Applications at the City Office

If you have any questions call Kristi at 991-6213

Thinking about joining the Alma Golf Course? **Now is your time!**

**Rates after April 1st**

Single Membership: \$451.50

Family Membership: \$526.75

## PAYING UTILITY BILL **On-Line & Other Options**

Want to pay your Utility Bill online? Please check it out at [almacity.com](http://almacity.com) Click on **Departments** then **On-Line Utility eBill**. You will need to register first. After you register, the next day an email will be sent to you for verification and further instructions. It takes a couple days to complete the registration so don't wait till the 13th or 14th to register. The City pay's the transaction fee when paying your bill on-line!

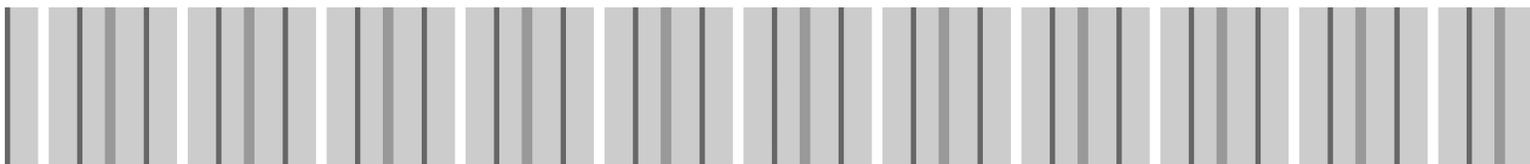
The City also offers an automatic Draft taken from your checking account. The day your account is debited is the absolute last day possible to pay before it becomes delinquent! No check needs to be written, actually all you have to do is write the amount in your check register :-). In order to activate this option, an automatic ACH form must be completed and a voided check provided. The form is available at the City Office and is also available on the City's website [almacity.com](http://almacity.com).

The City also has a drop box right outside the front door. Your payment can be dropped off 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Also a reminder to everyone - the last possible time to get your payment in before the late fee is added is by close of business on the 15th of the month. If the 15th falls on a Monday, Wednesday, or Friday, that time is 4pm. If the 15th lands on a Tuesday or Thursday, that time is 3pm. Should the 15th land on a Saturday, Sunday, or Holiday, payment must be received by the close of business on the next day.

The City will also take your credit card information over the phone if you can't pay on-line and can't make it down to pay. And of course, you can always mail your payment to PO Box 468. Once again, it must be here by the 15th or late fees will be assessed. The late fee is 10%!!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the City Office @ 308-928-2242.  
We will be glad to assist you!

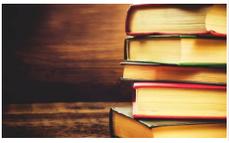


The City of Alma has a Fair Housing Ordinance that is designed to prohibit discrimination in housing. It is the declared policy of the City of Alma that all persons shall have an equal opportunity for housing, regardless of sex, race, color, handicap, religion, national origin, sex or marital status of the person maintaining a household, lawful source of income, age or ancestry. The ordinance is deemed an exercise of the police powers of the City for the protection of the welfare, health, peace, dignity and human rights of the people of this City. For more information regarding Fair Housing, please visit [https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/fair\\_housing\\_equal\\_opp/online-complaint](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp/online-complaint).



If a water, sewer, or gas emergency occurs,  
Please remember to call

920-1047



# HOESCH MEMORIAL LIBRARY

## A NEW LIBRARY SYSTEM AT THE END OF JANUARY...

means some things have changed. Our catalog can now be found at <https://alma-pioneer.bywatersolutions.com/>. By typing in what item you are searching for you should be able to see what is available. By signing in (using your 14-digit library card number, and your password is your last name in all lower case letters - unless you changed it previously) you can see what you have checked out, what you have a hold on, if anything is overdue, etc.

New policies include that all DVDs now check out for 7 days, new adult fiction and non-fiction books check out for the 2 weeks like before, but all other books for adults, young adults and children check out for 3 weeks. All except the new adult books and DVDs are set up for auto-renewal unless they have a Hold on them.

## NEW BOOKS FOR YOUR READING PLEASURE...

include “Radar Girls: a Novel of WWII” by Sara Ackerman, “Steal” by James Patterson & Howard Roughan, Elizabeth George’s “Something to Hide”, “One Step Too Far” by Lisa Gardner, “The Saloon Lawyer” by C.J. Petit, and “Invisible” by Danielle Steel. Some new adult non-fiction books include “The Dressmakers of Auschwitz: the True Story of the Women Who Sewed to Survive” by Lucy Adlington, “Nobody Will Tell You This But Me: A True (As Told to Me) Story” by Bess Kalb, “Modern Warriors: Real Stories from Real Heroes” by Pete Hegseth. Soon we hope to add a couple of Air Fryer cookbooks, also. Come in and check out our books, both for you and your children and grandchildren. There is a great selection of children’s and young adult books!

And while you are here, be sure to check out DVDs for your entertainment. Even though there aren’t a lot of new ones being released, some of the newest include Cry Macho, The Last Champion, Black Widow, God’s Not Dead: We the People, Jungle Cruise, Spirit Untamed, and The Addams Family 2.

If it is too cold to get out (or you are traveling, or just anytime) remember you can read/listen to books on OverDrive/Libby. If you haven’t tried it yet, call the library as you need your 14-digit library card number, and our library’s password to get on.

## WATCH FOR OUR UPCOMING PROGRAMS. . .

on posters in downtown Alma stores, as well as in our library window. Once in a while we promote upcoming events on the Johnson Center marquee, through the Harlan County Journal and through social media (Hoesch Memorial Library Facebook page).

If you haven’t seen the Facebook page, just type in Hoesch Memorial Library-Alma at the top search section of your Facebook page, and see what we are posting. Like our Facebook page, and be sure and share our posts with your family and friends.

## SUMMER READING. . .

will be here in the blink of an eye! This year the theme is “Oceans of Possibilities”. Keep an eye out for more details as it gets closer to May. Let your pre-teens/teenagers know that plans are being made to have some type of Summer Reading for them this year – maybe a BINGO card. Sign-up starts the day after Alma school dismisses for the summer.





# SUMMER HELP WANTED



**WANTED**-Alma Swimming Pool Manager, Assistant Manager, Swim Team Coach, and Assistant Swim Team Coach:

The City of Alma is accepting applications for the positions of Pool Manager, Assistant Manager, Swim Team Coach and Assistant Swim Team Coach until filled. The

applicant(s) should be trained and certified in aquatics and water safety. The Pool Manager will be responsible for managing the Pool's employees and finances, keeping records of pool attendance, and properly maintaining and operating the pool to ensure compliance with all public health regulations. The Swim Team Coach will coach the team and attend all swim meets and events. For an application visit [www.almacity.com](http://www.almacity.com) (under **Government/Human Resources/Application Process/Relevant Documents**) or stop by City Hall at 614 Main Street, Alma, NE 68920. EOE.

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## HELP WANTED – Lifeguards for Alma City Pool

The City of Alma is accepting applications for the positions of lifeguard. The positions are open until filled. The lifeguard applicant must be or be able to become certified in CPR, First Aid, and Life Guarding. Wages are based on experience. For an application visit [www.almacity.com](http://www.almacity.com) (under Government/Human Resources/Application Process/Relevant Documents) or stop by City Hall-614 Main St., P.O. Box 468, Alma, NE 68920, or call 928-2242. EOE.



**City Council Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 5:30pm at City Hall. These meetings are open to the public and the public are encouraged to attend. Agendas are posted each Friday prior to the meeting at City Hall, Hogeland's Market, Alma Post Office, and Trustworthy Hardware. If there is an agenda item of particular interest to you, the Mayor, City Council and City Staff encourage you to attend the meeting.**



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## City of Alma—Contact Information

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Visit us online at:  
[www.almacity.com](http://www.almacity.com)

**After Hours On-call Cell**  
308.920.1047

**City Hall**  
308.928.2242

**City Hall Hours**  
Mon-Wed-Fri  
9am-4pm

Tues & Thurs  
9am-3pm

### **Golf Course**

928.2341

### **Library**

928.2600

### **Sheriff**

928.2147

### **School**

928.2131

### **Hospital**

928.2151

### **Compost Site Hours**

Wednesday  
9-3:30

Saturday 9am-3:30

### **Library Hours**

Tues-Wed-Fri  
10am-5pm

Thurs. 11am— 6:00pm

Sat— Closed

Sun & Mon - Closed

### **Council Members**

#### **East Ward**

*Dyann Collins 999-0070*

*Tom Moulton 920-1105*

#### **West Ward**

*Chris Tripe 920-1417*

*Larry Casper 512-484-4377*

#### **Mayor**

*Hal Haeker 928-2900*

#### **Administrator**

*Lorri Bantam*

#### **Treasurer**

*CeeAnn Affolter*

#### **Clerk**

*Jessica Nash*

#### **Utility Superintendent**

*Russ Pfeil*

#### **Water Superintendent**

*Scott Kuhl*

#### **Waste Water & Street Superintendent**

*Travis Dunse*

#### **Sanitation Superintendent**

*Bowde Johnson*

#### **Utility Floater**

*Kent Fleischmann*

#### **Library Director**

*Keri Anderson*

#### **Golf Course Super.**

*Jordy Slocum*